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Pritzker campaigns for Smart Start preschool plan

EARLY CHILDHOOD | Peter Hancock, Capitol News Illinois

One day after delivering his budget address last week, Gov. JB Pritzker took to the road Feb. 16 to rally support for his proposed “Smart Start” program to expand access to preschool and child care throughout the state. “It is important for us to make sure that every 3- and 4-year-old in Illinois can go to preschool and has child care available to them,” Pritzker said at The Early Learning Center preschool, 2501 S. First St. in Springfield. “We’re going to put more money into the hands of providers to expand their programs, raise quality and hire more staff.”

The multiyear plan calls for spending \$250 million next year to increase state funding for child care providers and for early childhood block grants administered by the Illinois State Board of Education. It also includes additional funding for early intervention programs and the Department of Human Services’ home visitation program. Additional funding would be required in subsequent years.

Pritzker said the funding would create 5,000 new preschool spots in the first year, with the ultimate goal of creating 20,000 spots over the next four years.

In addition to the \$250 million, Pritzker is also seeking another \$100 million to expand existing child care facilities and build new ones; a \$70 million increase in funding for the Child Care Assistance Program for



Gov. JB Pritzker speaks at The Early Learning Center preschool in Springfield in favor of his budget proposal to increase early childhood education program spending by \$250 million. CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS PHOTO BY PETER HANCOCK

lower-income families; \$12 million for scholarships and apprenticeships to expand the child care workforce; and \$1.6 million to launch a partnership with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, an initiative to send free books to children under age 5.

“This program will help provide more equitable access to our child care system and allow for more equitable compensation for early childhood educators, regardless of the

setting in which they work,” Pritzker said.

Pritzker also made stops Thursday at child care and pre-K facilities in East St. Louis and Mt. Vernon to rally support for his budget plan.

In Springfield, he was joined by local officials and lawmakers, including Sen. Cristina Pacione-Zayas, D-Chicago, who chairs the Senate’s newly formed Early Childhood Education Committee.

“In this, we can actually change life trajectories. We are going to make generational impact,” she said. “And that’s what is so exciting about this because we’re going to ensure equity. We’re going to do this through early care and education so that everyone can thrive.”

Although early childhood education and child care have popular support, Republican lawmakers raised concerns that launching new programs could lead to tax increases or cuts to other essential services in future budget years as spending pressures increase.

Pritzker, however, said the state is in a vastly improved financial condition compared to when he first entered office because Democrats who control the budgeting process have used surpluses in recent years to pay the state’s debts and pension obligations.

“(It’s) very important to note that every budget that I’ve put forward has had a revenue estimate associated with it that has been conservative and that we have carefully watched throughout the year,” he said.

He noted that in Fiscal Year 2021, at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, his administration cut more than \$700 million in spending in response to a decrease in revenue. □

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Historic facades on the south side of 600-626 East Washington. SANGAMON VALLEY COLLECTION PHOTO

Editor’s note

Planners working on a new master plan for downtown Springfield have asked the public for ideas. Here are a couple: Don’t tear down historic buildings to build surface parking lots. And don’t provide public subsidies for wealthy corporations, or anyone else for that matter, to demolish buildings for surface parking.

Horace Mann Educators Corp. applied for tax increment financing to purchase and demolish buildings to provide parking just west of a building it is restoring for residential apartments. Though the City Council approved TIF funding for the project Tuesday, Landmarks Illinois, a statewide historic preservation advocate, has sent the council a letter stating that using TIF funds for demolition of 618 E. Washington would violate state law because the building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing structure to the downtown historic district. Also, the Downtown Springfield Heritage Foundation has strongly opposed the planned demolition of 618 and 622 E. Washington, saying that the \$600,000 in TIF money the City Council approved would be better spent to stabilize the buildings, and that original historic upper story facades of the buildings remain intact and can be restored.

The city center has sufficient parking. Demolition of a third of a city block just east of the Old State Capitol would an irretrievable loss, and would send the message that Springfield doesn’t care about preserving its historic fabric. There are preservation alternatives, and better places to park. The Heritage Foundation is right in urging Horace Mann to “pause” their project, so these options can be explored. — Fletcher Farrar, editor

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NEWS



Crews can be seen pouring foundations in a photo taken from the top of one of the power plant's massive boilers. PHOTO BY DON HOWARD

CWLP testing the latest carbon capture technology

ENERGY | Don Howard

Construction crews have been working through winter weather on a new \$67 million project on the site of the Dallman power generating station on the north end of Lake Springfield. City Water, Light and Power broke ground Dec. 8, 2022 on a carbon capture system funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and the state of Illinois, and managed in collaboration with the Prairie Research Institute (PRI) at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

The project is a public-private partnership using technology developed by Linde Gas North America and BASF. The carbon capture technology is expected to remove about 95% of the carbon emissions currently produced by the coal-fired plant. It could also be applied to gas- and oil-powered plants. The pilot program is the last phase of testing before the technology is to be made generally available around the world.

Even at a time when the state of Illinois is committed to electric generation using renewable energy sources like wind and solar, CWLP engineers recognize that some electricity producers will be obliged to burn coal for a while, so it makes sense to invest in technologies to make it cleaner. "We have to recognize that no matter how much we want to wean ourselves from fossil fuels, we are going to rely upon them to some degree until cleaner technologies are available at scale," said

CWLP Chief Utility Engineer Doug Brown.

CWLP beat out about 30 other applicants in the competition for the pilot project because of the performance and reputation of Dallman 4. In fact, this is not the first time that Dallman 4 has been recognized by the industry. The year it was built, 2009, two trade publications presented it with their highest awards – Plant of the Year, and Best Coal-Fired Project – while *Midwest Construction* magazine recognized it as one of the top five project completions for 2009.

In awarding Dallman 4 Plant of the Year in 2009, *Power* magazine noted that CWLP negotiated an agreement with the Sierra Club before the plant – at \$515 million the largest ever for the city of Springfield – was given its operating permit. It was, according to the judges, the first time that a utility in the United States agreed to comply with the standards of the Kyoto Protocol for emissions. Part of that agreement included quadrupling its purchase of electricity from renewable sources like wind and solar.

Anyone who lives in Springfield has seen the plant along the curve on Interstate 72/55, with its enormous profile of Lincoln and an invitation to visit the town. But it is hard to imagine the scale of the facility without seeing it up close. The chimney is 440 feet tall and required a continuous concrete pour of 28 days, 24 hours a day, to complete. The boilers

are 18 stories tall, and expand a full 12 inches in length when hot.

In addition to the prestige of having world-class technology installed for the first time in Springfield, the carbon capture project is an economic boost for the community. According to a CWLP press release, PRI estimates that the pilot program at Dallman 4 "will have a regional economic impact of \$47.1 million and will generate tax revenue of \$5.6 million."

Once the carbon is captured, the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center at the University of Illinois will partner with CWLP to find ways that the material extracted from flue gas can be reused or recycled. For instance, experiments are already planned for using the fly ash in the manufacture of plastics and using the carbon dioxide to feed algae while heat from the gases can be used to keep the algae ponds warm during Illinois winters.

The construction phase of the project is expected to be complete sometime in 2024, then the testing of the carbon capture technology will last for two years, allowing it to come to market in 2026 at the earliest. □

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COVID May be on the Decline, But Study Says Children's Weight is Not

By Dr. Derek Robinson, Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois

The Covid pandemic disrupted our lives, but many kids were hit harder than others. Attending school online meant isolation from friends and limited social interaction. For many, it reduced physical activity and proper nutrition, increasing the rate of obesity in children to alarming levels.

Obesity is a health disorder, and children with the condition are more likely to develop Type 2 diabetes and increase their risk of heart disease, high blood pressure and cholesterol, muscle and joint problems, and fatty liver disease.

A study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) concludes that obesity affects 22% of children ages 2 to 19. Illinois ranks 16 among the 50 states with 17.4% of

youth ages 10 to 17 having obesity – a condition that is preventable and curable.

Excessive body fat damages our health, lowers our workplace productivity, and costs our health care system about \$173 billion annually. Our battle with obesity also has national security implications. The CDC estimates that only two in five young adults are weight-eligible and physically prepared for basic military training.

Obesity can result from genetics, unhealthy eating habits, lack of physical activity, medications, mental health conditions, and other difficulties. Our kids' health is important. Make a wellness checkup for your child if you're concerned.



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UIS Chancellor Janet Gooch presents the 2022 UIS Student Laureate award to Nicolette Owens, November 2022. Owens is from Springfield, majoring in elementary education and psychology. She earned an associate's degree from Young Americans College of the Performing Arts in California, after which she traveled the world with the group while performing and teaching children. This experience inspired her to pursue being an elementary school teacher. PHOTO COURTESY OF UIS Right, 2019 Student Laureate convocation, Old State Capitol PHOTO COURTESY OF THE LINCOLN ACADEMY

Honoring outstanding citizens of today, celebrating great citizens of tomorrow

The Lincoln Academy names this year's laureates

HONORS | Karen Ackerman Witter

Six new Lincoln Laureates will be honored at the 59th Annual Lincoln Academy Convocation and Investiture on April 29 in Springfield at the Illinois State Capitol. Laureates are individuals who have made significant contributions to Illinois or whose achievements have brought honor to the state. "Their life stories are inspiring and show the obstacles and challenges that come with seeking great achievement," said Ron Spears, chancellor of the Lincoln Academy. Since its founding in 1964, the Lincoln Academy has named more than 350 Lincoln Laureates. This is Illinois' highest civilian award for professional and public service.

Ed Curtis (2019 laureate and CEO of Memorial Health) and Dr. Janet Gooch (UIS chancellor and Lincoln Academy academic trustee) are the convocation co-chairs. Claire Manning (Lincoln Academy trustee) and Diane Rutledge are co-chairs of the 2023 Convocation Host Committee.

Individuals are nominated in 10 categories:

agriculture; the arts and performance arts; business, industry and communications; education; government and law; labor; medicine and science; religion; social services; and sports. Honorees are selected annually by the Lincoln Academy and awarded the Order of Lincoln at a convocation and investiture.

The first convocation was Feb. 12, 1965, at the Chicago Historical Society with Governor Otto Kerner presiding. The 1964 New York World's Fair was the impetus for creating a program to honor Illinoisans. The Illinois Land of Lincoln Pavilion, featuring Walt

Disney's audio-animatronic figure of Abraham Lincoln, attracted worldwide attention. On Illinois Day, Kerner hosted a reception with some of Illinois' most celebrated individuals, including Lincoln's great-grandson, Robert Todd Lincoln Beckwith. This gave birth to establishing the Order of Lincoln to recognize distinguished Illinoisans. The governor of Illinois is president of the Lincoln Academy. In 1992 Gov. Jim Edgar initiated a Hall of Fame of Historic Illinoisans whose achievements preceded the establishment of the Lincoln Academy.

Student laureates

A Student Laureate program was created in 1975. To date, over 2,000 graduating seniors have been honored. One student from every four-year nonprofit degree-granting institution in Illinois, and one community college student, are recognized annually. These 56 Student Laureates are selected by their college presidents based on exemplary leadership and service. They receive the Abraham Lincoln Civic Engagement Award (currently \$1,000) and the Lincoln Medallion. The student convocation is in Springfield, historically at the Old State Capitol. The Oct. 14, 2023, ceremony will be the first in-person convocation since 2019.

Students benefit from the recognition and the opportunity to learn about the life experiences of Lincoln Laureates as inspiration for their own future. Stephanie Pace Marshall is a champion for developing a more robust and vibrant student laureate program. She is the founding director of the Illinois Math

59th Annual Lincoln Academy Convocation and Investiture

Sat. April 29, 5:30 – 7 p.m. Illinois State Capitol, House of Representatives Reception and dinner, 7:15 p.m. – Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum For reservations, sponsorships, to hear podcasts with Lincoln Laureates and for more information, go to www.TheLincolnAcademyofIllinois.org.

Karen Ackerman Witter is a member of the 2023 Convocation Host Committee.

and Science Academy and a Lincoln Laureate recognized for her lifelong work in education. As Lincoln Academy chancellor (2016-2019), she led a strategic planning initiative, and the academy launched a Spirit of Lincoln Fund at the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln to provide sustainable funding. The Lincoln Academy is considering opportunities such as engaging students in exploring leadership attributes of Lincoln in the context of contemporary issues.

Chuck Davis is managing partner at the Springfield law firm of Brown, Hay and Stephens, LLP. He can see the Old State Capitol from his office. The first time he visited this historic building was 22 years ago as a 2001 Quincy University Student Laureate attending the student convocation. Davis says it was



Charles Davis is holding framed memorabilia from his years in college, including his Lincoln Academy Student Laureate Medallion, upper right. Davis is a partner at Brown, Hay & Stephens law firm in Springfield. Behind him are portraits of the firm's past partners, including Abraham Lincoln. PHOTOS BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

humbling to be recognized at a young age. Being a Student Laureate provided him access to outstanding leaders and helped him stand out when applying for law school and future employment. He considers the award a source of encouragement. "It reminded me of the importance of perseverance and hard work, and it motivated me to keep pushing myself to try to reach new heights," said Davis.

Proceeds from the annual convocation help fund the student laureate program. Davis, Nicolette Owens (UIS Student Laureate) and Emily Bone (Illinois College Student Laureate) will speak briefly on behalf of student laureates at the dinner following this year's ceremony.

Karen Ackerman Witter is a member of the 2023 Convocation Host Committee.

Presenting the 2023 Lincoln Laureates

Jayne Carr Thompson is a distinguished attorney, business consultant and public speaker. She argued cases before the Illinois and U.S. Supreme Courts and authored legal articles. As Illinois' First Lady, she was engaged with issues relating to women, child health care and education while also continuing her legal career and speaking on behalf of her husband, the late James R. Thompson, who was Illinois governor from 1977 to 1991. She founded a business consulting firm to apply her extensive experience to provide management strategies and litigation support services.

His Eminence Wilton Cardinal Gregory, a Chicago native, is seventh Archbishop of Washington. He served as auxiliary bishop, bishop and archbishop in Chicago, Belleville and Atlanta, respectively. In 2020 Pope Francis named him Cardinal. He is the first African American Cardinal. Cardinal Gregory has written extensively, including pastoral statements on the death penalty and euthanasia/physician-assisted suicide. Under his leadership as president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the bishops implemented the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

Karen Hasara entered politics in 1975 when few women were involved in government. A lifelong Springfield resident and former teacher, she's worked to better the community as a county board member, state representative, state senator, two-term Springfield mayor and community volunteer. She was the impetus to create the Women for Women Fund at the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln. She's a former University of Illinois trustee, chair of the Illinois Equal Justice Commission and member of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission. She continues to be involved in projects to build international cooperation and goodwill.

John W. Rogers, Jr. is chairman, co-CEO and chief investment officer of Ariel Investments, America's largest Black-owned asset management firm. His passion for investing began at age 12. Rogers founded Ariel in 1983 to invest in undervalued small and medium-sized companies. He has been a regular contributor to *Forbes* magazine. Rogers was named Mutual Fund Manager of the Year by Sylvia Porter's *Personal Finance* magazine, an All-Star Mutual



Above, Karen Hasara in her office at the Illinois State Capitol, 1980s.

Left, Karen Hasara, lifelong Springfield resident, is one of six 2023 Lincoln Laureates

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KAREN HASARA

Fund Manager by *USA TODAY*, and was highlighted in the book, *The World's 99 Greatest Investors*. He serves on numerous boards of corporations and civic organizations.

Thomas E. Skilling III is the longtime chief meteorologist on WGN-TV and *Chicago Tribune* daily weather columnist. Skilling's successful career in broadcasting started at the age of 14 when he was hired by WKKD radio in his hometown of Aurora. Skilling celebrated his 40th anniversary with Chicago's WGN in 2018. He is known for his in-depth weather reports and enthusiasm, and for his special programs on weather phenomena, one of

which won him an Emmy Award.

Paula Wolff is currently policy adviser of the Illinois Justice Project. Her 50-year career includes leadership positions at the highest levels of state government, higher education and the nonprofit sector. Wolff was Gov. James Thompson's director of policy and planning during his entire administration. Elected officials at all levels have called upon Wolff to address complicated issues. She assisted with transition teams for multiple governors. She was president of Governors State University for eight years. Wolff serves on numerous civic, foundation and corporate boards.

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OPINION



For decades, Dickson Mounds Museum in Illinois displayed the open graves of more than 200 Indigenous people. Thirty years after a federal law required museums to begin returning remains, the statewide museum system still holds thousands. PHOTO BY SKY HOPINKA FOR PROPUBLICA

travel poem #6

in Dublin you can buy a T shirt
printed with the entire first page
of Ulysses. I want one! I also
want one with Molly Bloom's
forty-page first sentence which
may be too much to ask of a T shirt:
where, for instance, can you breathe?

2022 Jacqueline Jackson

LETTERS

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SPECIAL INTERESTS

What a slanted article ("The
museum built on Native
American burial mounds,"
Feb. 9). I was the Illinois
state representative in the
early 1990s representing
Fulton County, including the
Dickson Mounds facility. This
article is nothing more than
a shakedown operation by
special-interest groups. A few
weeks ago, I visited Dickson
Mounds and was shocked
by the dilapidated condition
of a once-educational state
museum.

The "Native Americans"
claiming a connection to the
Mississippian culture may
have, through their ancestors,
been the reason for the
Mississippians' destruction.
Now they want control over
modern scientific research
by substituting their own
superstitions.

Bill Edley
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

IT'S GREED

It is amazing to me that whites
of this land take what they

want, do what they want and
expect no one to question them
when they do it. How would
they feel if someone went and
dug up their family members
and took whatever is on their
physical bodies? I know that
to be stealing from the dead.
They would be furious. But it
is OK to do to Indian burial
grounds? Indian burial grounds
have always been known to be
sacred. And yet, whites think
the Indians are savages.

To say the Indians have
no rights to their ancestors'
remains and the state is holding
their belongings for proper
storage is rubbish. They just
want to keep the artifacts
because they are worth money.
The Sac Fox Tribe are my
ancestors. This hits a personal
chord for me. I resent anyone
digging up the dead, no matter
who they are, but especially
when done for greed.

Karen Le Seure
Springfield

DICKSON DESCENDENT

I grew up in Lewistown and
am actually a descendant of
the Dicksons. Growing up, I
remember when we would go
on class trips. As for not seeing
the remains as being human,
that is far from the truth. It was
always done in a respectful and
educational manner. I left after

high school to join the military.
I retired in 2009 and was
shocked to see how run-down
it had become.

Joe Wilcox
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

ENOUGH

How many millions of taxpayer
dollars has Horace Mann
already received ("Downtown
demolitions," Feb. 16)? When
will the city say enough is
enough? The taxpayers should
be part owners of that business
by now. The TIF program
has been seriously abused in
Springfield.

Rob Bell
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

NO BLIGHT

This doesn't qualify under
the definition of a TIF: "The
original intent of a TIF
program is to stimulate private
investment in a blighted area
that has been designated
to be in need of economic
revitalization." I don't see
the blight. Am I missing
something?

Aaron Graves
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

MORE HOLES

Less buildings, more holes. Just
what we need.

Tim Moore
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

Pritzker proposes increase to base state budget

Human services, education, health care targeted for increased spending

POLITICS | Rich Miller

After taking a pandemic-induced hiatus from proposing large, permanent base spending increases and instead using most revenue increases for one-time expenditures, Gov. JB Pritzker's recently proposed Fiscal Year 2024 state budget appears to increase base operational spending by at least \$2.75 billion, or 7.9%.

Annual pension payments will also rise by a relatively modest \$201 million, which ups the total base spending increase to \$2.95 billion.

The Republicans warned that Pritzker was setting the state up for a massive tax hike if revenues plummet. But Pritzker and his people repeatedly pointed out that their revenue projections actually factor in a recession later this calendar year. Their projections are, the Pritzker folks say, "conservative."

After raising the current (2023) fiscal year's revenue projections by \$1.24 billion, to \$51.36 billion, revenues are projected to fall by \$1.4 billion in the coming fiscal year.

Net individual income taxes are projected to rise in Fiscal Year 2024 by \$778 million, or about 3.3%. But corporate income taxes are projected to fall by \$175 million, or about 3%. Sales tax revenue will be relatively flat, rising by just \$25 million.

The governor's budget director said one factor in the sales tax projection is the gradual shift of sales taxes on motor fuel purchases from General Funds to the Road Fund which was negotiated when the capital bill was passed in 2019. She didn't say, but another aspect of the flat growth is likely the projected recession. Transfers in will fall by about \$1.3 billion below the current fiscal year, which the governor's budget office has been assuming since last year.

Even Comptroller Susana Mendoza, who spent the past couple of years warning legislators and the governor not to increase permanent spending programs, backed off, depriving Republicans and conservative pundits of a Democratic champion who they had already been using as a cudgel against Pritzker and the super-majority party.

After the governor's budget address, for example, Senate Republican Leader John Curran issued a statement saying, "We must heed the warnings of Comptroller Mendoza and be disciplined in our fiscal approach at a time when we are likely to experience a recession."

Instead, Mendoza deemed the large base spending hike as, "careful, strategic, and necessary investments."

Human services will receive the largest spending increase at \$912 million. Education, including higher education, will receive the next largest increase at \$791 million. Health care costs will rise by \$709 million and public safety expenditures will go up by \$224 million.

To some, particularly progressives and social service providers, the governor's proposed increase is a floor, not a ceiling. "The proposed budget's lack of investment in the home care workers who make it possible for seniors to stay in their homes may force some to forgo needed care or be forced into nursing homes," claimed an SEIU Healthcare leader.

"We now ask the General Assembly to build on this proposed budget and advance our legislation to increase the wage rate for Direct Support Professionals by \$4 an hour to help address the workforce crisis Gov. Pritzker discussed today," said an IARF official.

The Illinois Education Association wants vision and dental insurance coverage for retirees, and several groups are pushing a

\$500-plus million annual state child tax credit.

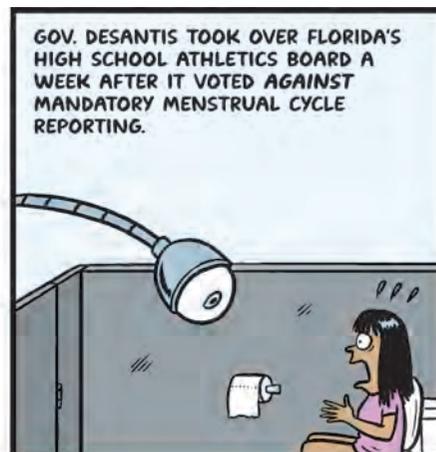
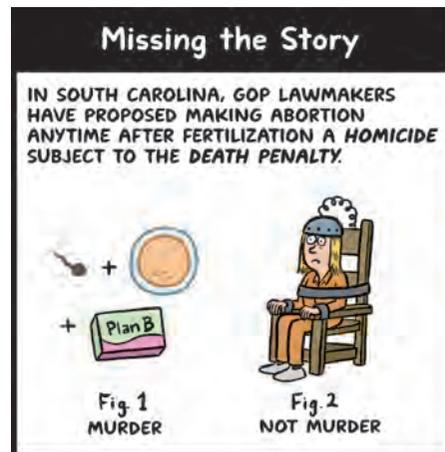
The governor's people say their proposed increases are a hard ceiling. Any new funding proposals will have to come from within the proposed budget framework and forecasts. However, revenue forecasts have been known to change in the past. Often, even.

The governor's budget director Alexis Sturm pointed out some other good news.

"For the four years before the governor came into office, the average interest payment was about \$400 million," Sturm told reporters. "We're running nearly \$300 million, if not more, below that average now," she said.

And Ralph Martire at the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability said the revenue this fiscal year is high enough, "to create true balance at the end of FY 2023, with no accumulated deficit carrying forward into FY 2024." He also claimed that the deficit at the end of the coming fiscal year will be the lowest "in nominal, non-inflation-adjusted dollars that it has been in 25 years."

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OPINION

Blowing up balloons

The Bottlecap Brigade lost its \$12 balloon over Alaska. What happened to it?

WEEKLY REEDER | Scott Reeder

The Northern Illinois Bottlecap Balloon Brigade is a hobby club with a couple dozen members – some adults, some children – who like to watch balloons circle the globe.

For \$12 apiece, they buy balloons from a California manufacturer, rig them with radio transmitters and send them skyward, *Aviation Week* reported. One of their projects has circled the globe seven times.

But the U.S. Air Force may have this group of Land of Lincoln nerds in its crosshairs.

It seems one of the club's projects disappeared off the coast of Alaska, the same day the U.S. government announced shooting down an unknown object in the same area.

Pentagon spokesman Brig. Gen. Pat Ryder told reporters that the object had been traveling at an altitude of 40,000 feet and was about the size of a car.

But they didn't know what the object was, its origin or purpose. President Joe Biden ordered it shot down.

So, a \$216 million F22 jet loaded with \$433,000 missiles was sent to intercept the object and send it crashing to the earth.

When I read this, I couldn't help but wonder, "Why are we shooting at things if we don't know what they are?" It would be like if I saw something running across my backyard in the middle of the night and I pulled out my gun and started blasting away.

I could be arrested – and rightly so. After all, it's stupid to shoot at something if you don't know what it is. But our government didn't do it just once. It did it three times – in a week's time – in the airspace over Alaska and Canada.

Each time the Pentagon reported not knowing what it destroyed. If you are going to fire a \$430,000 missile at something, shouldn't you at least find out what it is first?

For the price of those three missiles, we could have bought more than 338,000 school lunches, 75,882 library books or provided a year's tuition for 258 community college students. Talk about money going up in smoke.

A White House spokesperson felt the need to say that none of the unidentified flying objects, UFOs, are believed to be extraterrestrial in origin.

Of course, what launched this stratospheric level of stupidity is the previous week a Chinese balloon carrying a payload the size of two school buses was allowed to drift across the continental United States. The Pentagon said it was a spy balloon. China says it was an off-



Gary Willis, head of the Northern Illinois Bottlecap Balloon Brigade

course weather balloon.

Republicans in Congress were quick to condemn Biden for allowing China to violate our "national sovereignty." The president responded to the ballooning controversy by ordering it shot down – after it had already crossed the entire country. Back on the farm, we'd call that shutting the gate after the hog ran out.

Our nation sends spy satellites over China and they send them over our country. Is a balloon in the upper reaches of the atmosphere all that different? And even if it were, does it justify shooting down three other objects that don't appear to pose any military threat? In fact, one may well be from Illinois.

If that is indeed the case, no Illinois balloon has conjured so much attention since Lauren Staab stabbed the giant inflatable rat outside her family's Springfield funeral home last year.

But what of the Illinois youngsters who launched their balloon aloft? Instead of learning about wind currents and radio waves, these junior scientists got a lesson in international politics. If they want their \$12 back, they should send a bill to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. □

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SIU and hospitals dive deep into antiracism

The 2023 Kenniebrew Community Forum

TIMES | Fletcher Farrar

The conference on “The Hope and Promise of Co-liberation Work” began with a celebration on Friday, Feb. 17. It was followed by two days of lectures, panel discussions and breakout sessions that together showed how far the Springfield medical community has come on the road to racial and ethnic inclusion, diversity and equity. And how far it has to go.

Dr. Jerry Kruse, dean and provost of SIU School of Medicine, announced at the opening session that Dr. Wendi Wills El-Amin, who is associate dean for SIU’s Office for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and professor of family and community medicine, has been promoted to the rank of full professor. A video tribute to El-Amin featured dozens of students and coworkers, many of them Black, some Asian, each giving testimony to how she has helped them negotiate the difficulties of medical school and career. In her speech accepting the promotion, El-Amin said it feels like “freedom,” at least for a moment. Out of 40,213 full professors of medicine in the United States, only 374 are black women. SIU School of Medicine has been seriously engaged in systemic antiracism efforts for about eight years now. Dr. Kemia Sarraf, a codirector of the conference, commented, “The school of medicine became unstuck, like it had needed to be unstuck for many years.”

During a panel discussion on Saturday, El-Amin said leading the EDI office is “the hardest job I have ever had. I have to walk a fine line. It is exhausting.” Others on the panel of powerful women with years of experience in antiracism work spoke about the tension that accompanies their jobs, and the need for self-care. Dr. Sheila Caldwell, chief diversity officer for the Southern Illinois University system, spoke of sometimes feeling “only and lonely,” then added, “You may



A panel of professionals involved in antiracism work spoke about the importance of self-care. They are, from left, Dr. Maiysha Clairborne, Dr. Sheila Caldwell, Dr. Wendi Wills El-Amin and Dr. Ann-Gel Palermo.

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be the only one in the room who recognizes what harm is being done.” An audience member said some powerful men in medicine don’t even try to follow established diversity and inclusion protocols. A panelist replied, “Without accountability and enforcement, that’s why we’re still where we are. We need hearts and minds, but also policies and laws.”

This was the annual Kenniebrew lecture, conference and forum, sponsored by SIU School of Medicine, Memorial Health and HSHS St. John’s Hospital to shed light on health disparities. The event is named for Dr. Alonzo Kenniebrew, a physician who opened a surgical hospital in Jacksonville in 1909, the first African American in the U.S. to do so. Kenniebrew founded the hospital because he could not obtain medical privileges at area hospitals.

Conference sessions included both

corporate systemic efforts to address racism in health care, and training in personal skills to deal with difficult everyday conversations. The latter was led by Kelly Hurst, a Ph.D. candidate and former elementary school teacher who now instructs medical students. “Be an active bystander,” she urges those who might otherwise be inclined to keep quiet when they hear a racist joke or a misogynist comment. “State you are uncomfortable with what was just said. Or you can say, ‘That’s unacceptable.’ Ask for clarification or invite discussion.” More than once, attendees said the conference was “preaching to the choir,” implying that others need this education more than they do. “Yes,” Hurst would reply, “but this choir needs to go to rehearsal.” Nobody is ever fully ready to perform.

Three physicians who work in SIU’s Office

of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion – Vidhya Prakash, Chris Smyre and Shreepada Tripathy – led their breakout room in an exercise about getting health care to where it’s needed most. With detailed mapping from electronic health records, they identified the two Springfield census tracts where Type 2 diabetes is the worst. Then the group tried to help these doctors figure out how to get these people the medical care they need. “They may have a car but no money for gas,” we were told. One idea was to take doctors to them. Then it turns out SIU has already set up a Health DEPOTS program that takes health screening and monitoring to churches, schools and other community centers in neighborhoods rife with diabetes.

“Co-liberation” in the conference title was amplified with a quotation from Lilla Watson, an Australian activist and artist: “If you have come here to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up in mine, then let us work together.” Leaders emphasized that everybody is harmed by systems of oppression, and when some are unbound, everybody is less bound.

Also, there are different levels of joining the struggle. “Standing in solidarity” and being an “ally” are OK, but they don’t follow a strategy. Being a “co-conspirator” is a stronger commitment, but it implies following a Black leader. Being a “co-liberator” is the strongest commitment “because it gives everybody agency to carry their own water.” Co-liberators can say, “I will join in a legacy of non-Black antiracists and abolitionists who challenged racist structure in their own families, in their careers and in their communities.” □

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More ideas for the beautiful Shawnee Hills

A big national park is not the only option

GUESTWORK | Stephen Soltys

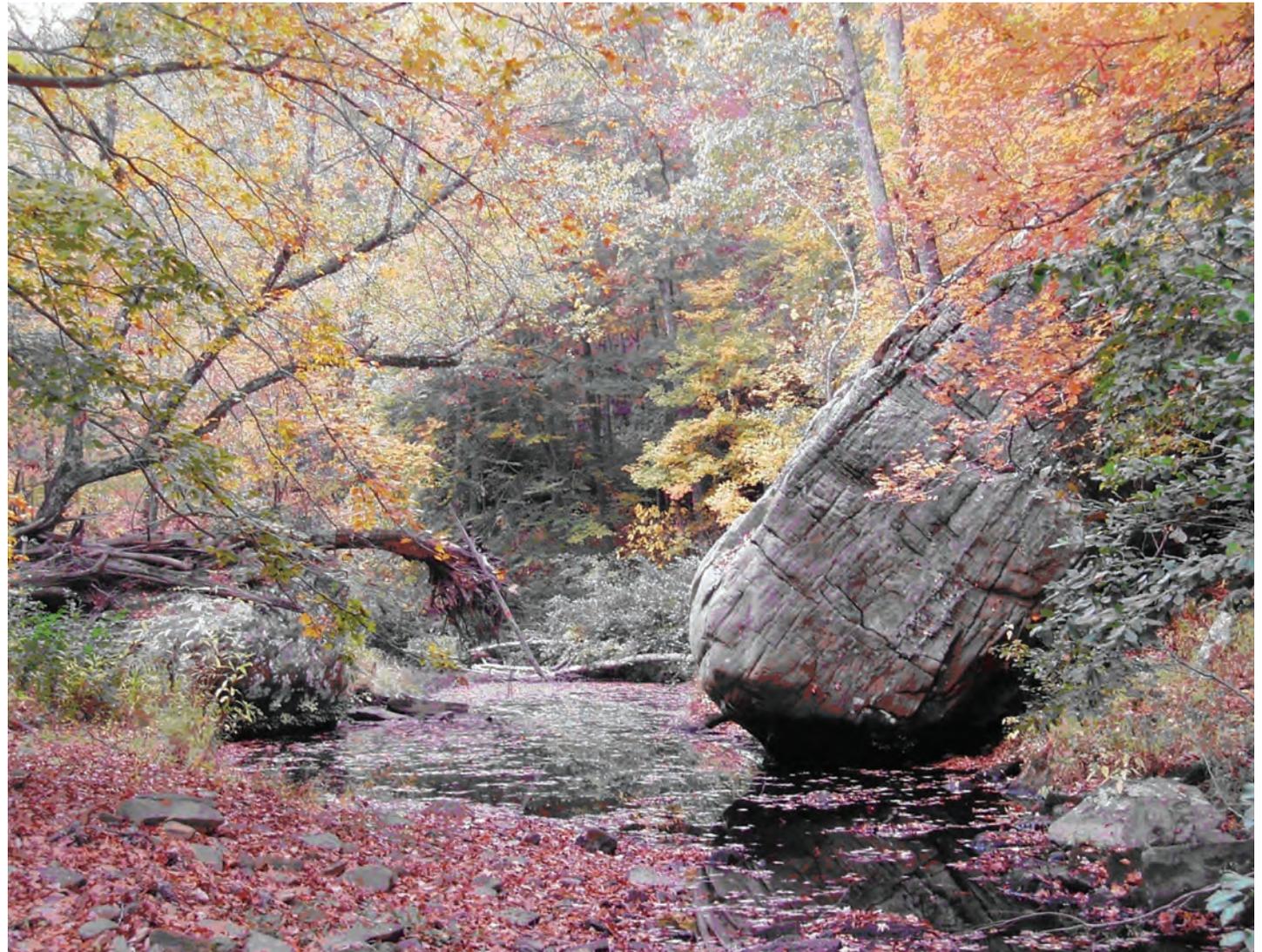
I am an avid hiker and believe that there may be room for more U.S. national parks. However, in the story (*Illinois Times* Feb. 2) on a proposed Shawnee National Park, I noticed some points that need clarifying.

The area now in Shawnee was not all a pristine, untouched area in the 1920-30s. Intensive farming on land not suitable for row crops spurred by the demand for food in World War I resulted in erosion of the hilly terrain, with depleted fields. Franklin Roosevelt promoted the creation of eastern “New Deal Forests” to restore such damaged environments. In 1934 the government began acquiring land from willing sellers and Shawnee National Forest was born. There was no mention in the article that the beautiful forest we have today is the result of just under 90 years of U.S. Forest Service management of a damaged environment. They have not been perfect but they have not been terrible at it either.

The article does not mention the fact that the best 10% of Shawnee (seven areas of about 28,000 acres) has been designated federally protected wilderness under the Wilderness Act of 1964. Federally designated wilderness (whether in a national park, forest, wildlife refuge or Bureau of Land Management land is protected from development. In addition, there are 80 other designated areas in the forest that protect significant natural and cultural resources. Becoming a national park may not enhance protection of these areas.

The article presents some arguments by the U.S. Forest Service that a national park designation would result in less land management and a takeover by invasive species. In reality most national parks, national forests, wildlife refuges and many Bureau of Land Management areas have invasive species management plans.

The park proponents are focused on the term “national park” as though any lesser designation is insignificant. I lived for one year 12 miles north of the Buffalo National River in Arkansas. This part of the U.S. National Park system preserves 135 miles of the most beautiful river in the Ozarks. With the third largest wilderness east of the Rockies, it is perhaps my favorite national park area, but it does not have the name national park. So if parts of the Shawnee Hills are named a “national monument” or “national preserve,” I am fine. By the way,



Lusk Creek Wilderness Area in Shawnee National Forest. CREDIT: ENJOYILLINOIS.COM

the U.S. Forest Service manages five national monuments.

The article alluded to but did not make clear that while there are some large tracts of forest land owned by the government, much land in the national forest boundaries is still privately owned with smaller government-owned tracts interspersed among them. These small tracts would not necessarily be appropriate for national park designation and continued management of these areas by the U.S. Forest Service may be the best option.

All this being said, I think some portions of the Shawnee Hills merit study as a potential part of the national park system. It

is likely that the best model for consideration would be a multi-unit park, like Saguaro in Arizona and Theodore Roosevelt in North Dakota. Both parks preserve the best natural, non-contiguous areas in a region under one park administration.

For a Shawnee Hills National Park, a feasible western unit would include the Bald Knob and Clear Spring Wilderness, La Rue Pine Hills Natural Area, Little Grand Canyon and Pomona Natural Bridge and the government-owned property connecting them.

There are three potential eastern units. One would be the Burden Falls and Bay Creek Wilderness to Bell Smith Springs and

adjoining Forest Service property. Another could be the Lusk Creek Wilderness area and adjacent Forest Service property. Finally there is the Garden of the Gods Wilderness and the Forest Service property extending to the Pounds Hollow/Camp Cadiz area.

I encourage your readers to make some time to visit these areas, form their own opinions regarding the future of the Shawnee Hills and let their federal representatives and senators know your opinion. □

Stephen Soltys of Springfield is a retired physician who loves to hike and canoe (he wore a hole in a Coleman canoe after 30 years) and encourages you to vacation in southern Illinois.

Emergency response under scrutiny

Fallout from death of Earl Moore Jr. leads to proposed changes for EMS workers

EMS | Dean Olsen

Poor people and Black people who live in the Springfield area have told Teresa Haley they will be “more cautious” in the future after calling 911 in medical emergencies.

Haley, who is president of the Springfield NAACP chapter and the group’s statewide leader, said she is glad if residents are more vigilant and willing to speak up or refuse care if they detect a lack of respect or rough treatment from emergency medical services workers.

Haley said she would rather promote caution and skepticism than see more needless suffering. “We want our community to call for help when they need help,” she said.

The added assertiveness is only one ramification of the Dec. 18 early morning death of Springfield resident Earl Moore Jr. Ruled a homicide from “compressional and positional asphyxia” at the hands of two white LifeStar Ambulance Service workers, the death of Moore, 35, a Black McDonald’s shift manager, has put a nationwide spotlight on Springfield in terms of racial disparities and EMS care.

The tragedy resulted in first-degree murder charges against LifeStar paramedic Peggy Finley, 45, and emergency medical technician Peter Cadigan, 50, and made police body camera videos of the incident go viral.

The videos showed what some characterized as rude and insensitive treatment and Moore’s placement on a LifeStar ambulance gurney face-down, or prone, position by Cadigan, contrary to medical recommendations and local policies that either discourage or prohibit the prone position because of the risk of suffocation. Moore was pronounced dead soon after being transported to HSHS St. John’s Hospital.

The case attracted civil rights lawyer Ben Crump, who was contacted by Moore’s family and filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the workers and LifeStar on behalf of the family. Crump said the Moore case may be the first such homicide in the United States allegedly caused by EMS workers.

Even before the criminal and civil cases are resolved, a change in Springfield EMS procedures directly tied to the case is likely to take effect.

And local officials already are reacting to a bill introduced in the General Assembly by state Sen. Doris Turner, a Springfield Democrat, to require that all EMS workers in Illinois wear body cameras.

The case also dovetails with an ongoing examination of the area’s EMS system and a recently completed analysis of fire department



Robert Bajier, director of operations for America Ambulance Service, and his mother-in-law, America owner and president Susan Zappa, say there’s a local and national shortage of paramedics and emergency medical technicians. PHOTO BY JOSH CATALANO.

operations by the nonprofit Center for Public Safety Management. The report said city code contains “no provisions for performance evaluations, metric reporting, cost sharing or any other requirements” for LifeStar and the other two private ambulance services transporting Springfield residents to hospitals – America Ambulance and nonprofit MedicsFirst.

The three services are overseen by Springfield-based Memorial Health, the nonprofit health system that operates the 500-bed Springfield Memorial Hospital and hospitals in Jacksonville, Taylorville, Lincoln and Decatur. Memorial Health is part of Illinois’ decentralized system of “resource hospitals” that provide training and oversight to ambulance providers.

But as a nonprofit, Memorial is not subject to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act or Open Meetings Act. HSHS St. John’s Hospital, also a nonprofit, oversees other ambulance providers in the region, including those operated by the Chatham Fire Protection District, Pawnee and Litchfield fire departments and Dunn’s Ambulance Service in

Taylorville.

One downstate EMS source, who asked not to be named because he still works in the industry, said EMS workers who are fired by one employer often have few problems being hired by another because of a staffing shortage, and resource hospitals can be reticent to report bad workers to the state.

The Illinois Department of Public Health, which has the power to fine and impose other sanctions on EMS providers and resource hospitals, didn’t respond to repeated requests for interviews by press time.

IDPH also didn’t answer written questions about how residents can be assured there is adequate state regulation of an EMS system overseen by private, nonprofit hospitals that don’t have to answer questions from the public about the quality and training of paramedics, EMTs and ambulance services.

Both Memorial and St. John’s declined interview requests from *Illinois Times* for this story. LifeStar has declined comment in the past, and both LifeStar and MedicsFirst didn’t respond to recent interview requests. Only America Ambulance spoke up.

New emergency response protocol

Springfield Police Chief Kenneth Scarlette and Fire Chief Brandon Blough are working with the 911 dispatch center, operated by Sangamon County government, to test out a new policy in which fire department paramedics and EMTs may be dispatched to accompany private ambulance crews whenever police call for an ambulance.

As sometimes occurs, only an ambulance crew was dispatched after police called for medical help from Moore’s home shortly after 2 a.m. Dec. 18 in the 1100 block of North 11th Street.

Police – rather than ambulance and fire department crews – were the first to be dispatched to the home because Moore called 911 and incorrectly told a 911 operator that there were people inside his home with guns, Scarlette said.

In reality, Moore was hallucinating during withdrawal from alcohol, police said.

Scarlette said the new policy will take effect in the next month or two and last for at least three to six months to gauge how much strain it puts on fire department resources. The

change could be made permanent after that.

“To me, that adds just one level of oversight for patient care,” Scarlette said. “If there’s anything to be gained from this tragedy, it’s to prevent it from happening again.”

Added Blough, “I’ve given my blessing that we are willing to do this in the short term.”

Springfield firefighters, all of whom are certified as EMTs or paramedics, drive fire trucks or engines and provide care associated with more than 13,500 EMS calls each year, representing more than 60% of all requests to the fire department for help, Blough said.

EMS calls to the fire department in 2022 represented an 8.5% increase compared with 2021, he said.

Fire personnel routinely are dispatched with ambulance services to EMS calls when police aren’t involved, and firefighters often get to the scene first because of their proximity in 12 firehouses throughout the city, Blough said.

It’s unclear how often ambulances respond alongside firefighters or on their own when Springfield police call for medical aid, according to Blough and Christopher Mueller, 911 center executive director.

The fire department and ambulances also handle EMS and fire calls in the pocket communities surrounded by Springfield, including Jerome, Leland Grove, Grandview and Southern View.

The fire chief said that the way Earl Moore was allegedly treated was an “anomaly” in his more than 20 years with the fire department.

“The level of field care that people get in Springfield is really good,” Blough said. “I’ve been on hundreds, if not thousands, of medical scenes during the course of my career and never seen anything like this. ... This was an outlier. This is not how our private ambulance companies generally perform.”

However, Blough said that if fire department personnel were present Dec. 18, “our people would not have put Mr. Moore face-down on that cot. And if they saw it

happen, they would have rectified it. That probably would have made all the difference in the world.”

Scarlette said Springfield police will receive additional basic training on emergency medical procedures in coming weeks to give them more confidence to question EMS providers if they witness care that worries them.

Haley said she supports sending fire personnel along with private ambulances when police are the ones initiating the call. “Had that happened, I believe Earl would still be here,” she said.

Haley said EMS workers in central Illinois have told her this isn’t the first time a Black patient has received less-than-respectful treatment, though this may be the first time the situation ended in death.

Challenges faced by EMS

Officials at Springfield’s Southern Illinois University School of Medicine said in a statement Jan. 17 they fear “the trauma experienced by people in our community as they hear of this tragedy and watch the bodycam footage will erode trust and likely challenge the progress that has been made” in improving relationships with “those who have been historically marginalized, displaced and oppressed by health systems and health care organizations.”

Robert Bajier, director of operations for America Ambulance, which employs about 70 people and is the largest ambulance provider in Springfield, said the alleged conduct of ambulance workers in the Moore case is unusual and “a poor representation of EMS.”

“We don’t agree with some of the things that happened during that call,” he said.

America Ambulance owner and president, Susan Zappa, said the actions of “poor providers” in the Moore case threaten to undermine trust in EMS providers. “That’s the sad thing,” she said.

The Moore case is only the latest challenge



Nationally known civil rights lawyer Ben Crump speaks at a Jan. 19 news conference in Springfield NAACP headquarters with Rosaena Washington, the mother of Earl Moore Jr., and Moore’s niece, Astarr Wright. Crump is representing Moore’s family in a wrongful-death civil lawsuit against LifeStar Ambulance Service and a LifeStar paramedic and emergency medical technician. The two LifeStar workers have been charged with first-degree murder in connection with Moore’s Dec. 18 suffocation death. PHOTO BY 1221 PHOTOGRAPHY

facing EMS locally and nationally. Enrollment at the EMS training program at Lincoln Land Community College dropped during the COVID-19 pandemic. And there’s a “significant and profound” shortage of ambulance personnel due to local and national issues related to pay and working conditions, according to Trevor Smith, director of the EMS program at Richland Community College in Decatur.

Officials at Lincoln Land, including those in the president’s office, public relations and the emergency medical services program, either didn’t return calls and emails or refused to be interviewed.

The threat of contracting COVID-19 scared some students away from the Lincoln Land program, Bajier said, though numbers have risen more recently with help from Memorial Health, HSHS and SIU.

Memorial Health donated \$6.1 million to the community college to expand slots in Lincoln Land’s nurse training program and renovate the wing of a campus building for a new Nursing Education Center that opened in 2021. Both Memorial and St. John’s officials sit on the college’s EMS program advisory board.

A Lincoln Land student can become a basic EMT after one semester of instruction, but becoming a paramedic, who is allowed to perform more medical procedures, requires two years of “intense work,” Bajier said.

The dropout rate in paramedic training programs is high because of the difficulty, he said. And many people who become EMTs don’t end up working for ambulance providers and instead use the training as a step toward becoming a nursing technician, registered nurse or physician, he said.

Many EMTs and paramedics who end up staffing ambulance services enjoy the autonomy, the excitement and the ability to help people outside the walls of a hospital,

Smith said.

But it can be difficult to attract and retain people in the field because of pay – a national average of \$20 per hour for paramedics and salaries close to the minimum wage for EMTs – as well as a lack of upward mobility, Smith said.

Bajier said America’s pay ends up being higher than that when built-in overtime is included. Average annual pay for America paramedics ranges from \$60,000 to \$80,000, and average pay for EMTs ranges from \$50,000 to \$70,000 per year, he said.

The 2022 national survey by the National Association of EMTs indicated the COVID-19 pandemic “further exacerbated” an exodus of workers from EMS and increased the annual turnover rate to as high as 20% to 30%.

The survey reported 77% of EMTs make less than \$40,000 per year and 68% of paramedics make between \$42,000 and \$80,000 per year.

The survey said it’s common for EMS practitioners to work more than one job. Sixty percent said they worked two or more jobs: 34% held a second job in EMS, and 26% worked a second job in another industry.

EMS working conditions can be challenging, with paramedics and EMTs working 24-hour shifts with 48 hours in between shifts, Smith said. Other difficulties include inclement weather, the need to lift increasingly obese patients, and rising call volumes connected with the aging of the population and patients who use 911 as their primary form of health care, he said.

The national survey indicated 45% of respondents planned to leave the profession within six years. Of those, 47% said they would leave for better pay and benefits, and 50% said they were leaving for a better work-life balance.

Zappa said ambulance services face financial challenges, as well. Reimbursements from



LifeStar paramedic Peggy Finley and EMT Robert Cadigan have pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder in the Dec. 18 death of Earl Moore Jr. of Springfield. They are being held at the Sangamon County Jail on \$1 million bond apiece while their criminal cases proceed in court.

Medicare and Medicaid aren't generous, and ambulance companies aren't paid for services they render in the community when patients aren't brought to the hospital, she said. Ambulance providers also receive little or no pay from uninsured patients, she said.

Arthur Workman, executive director of the Illinois EMS Association, declined an interview request but wrote in response to questions about the Moore case: "We do not feel that this case represents proper patient care, basic decency, nor proper protocol when it comes to patient handling and scene assessment. EMS, as an industry, is struggling with crisis-level staffing challenges that are pushing the demand on EMS providers beyond limits, with individuals working longer shifts, facing massive burnout, and facing challenges beyond those that other industries face. This is not an excuse for what happened, and we hope the public sees that this is not a representation of EMS in Illinois."

Body camera bill proposed

State Sen. Doris Turner said her bill, requiring body cameras for EMS workers and dashboard cameras for ambulances, is designed to prevent more cases such as Moore's, though she said she has no idea whether the way Moore allegedly was treated is common.

"Had it not been for the body cameras that the police were wearing at the time, we would never know what actually took place during that interaction with the emergency personnel," she said.

Turner said she was involved in getting body cameras for police officers when she served on the Springfield City Council. Body cameras for police across the state will be required by 2025. Springfield police began wearing body cameras in 2016.

Turner said she didn't know how much the purchase of body cameras, video storage capacity and related services would cost EMS agencies and fire departments throughout the state or how the cost would be paid. It's still early in the legislative process, she said.

Senate Bill 1306 says EMS body camera recordings would be exempt from disclosure except when they are requested by the person who made the service call, the person's attorney or personal representative, or a law enforcement official.

Several EMS officials said the bill may be a good idea, but they had concerns related to cost and preserving patient privacy.

But Haley said she supports the proposal and wants to see it expand to a national requirement for EMS.

"We believe that bodycams save lives," she said. Smith, the EMS training program director at Richland Community College, said he hopes the attention EMS is receiving because of the Moore case will have a "positive impact on our profession. We need to be truthful. We take care of patients at their most vulnerable times." □

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Firefighters push for municipal ambulance service

The union representing Springfield firefighters wants to see the city move into the ambulance business, transporting patients to the hospital in the most urgent situations to reduce waits for care.

"We'd like to grow our department," said Kainan Rinaberger, president of Springfield Fire Fighters Local 37. "We have the resources. We have the people. We have the paramedics on the job, and we want to provide that service because that's what people expect of us."

City officials are studying a fully or partially municipally operated ambulance service as one option for improving emergency medical services. The concept was discussed in a January analysis of fire department operations done by the nonprofit Center for Public Safety Management in Washington, D.C.

Since 1996, Springfield code has restricted the transport of patients to hospitals to up to three state-licensed, private organizations. The current three are for-profit America Ambulance and LifeStar Ambulance and nonprofit MedicsFirst.

The Dec. 18 death of Springfield resident Earl Moore Jr., allegedly related to improper treatment by a LifeStar paramedic and an emergency medical technician, has prompted more public discussion of potential improvements in EMS.

Mayor Jim Langfelder has appointed an advisory group to study all the issues raised in the center's 219-page report regarding EMS, firefighting and other fire department services and report back to the City Council. No timeline has been set.

Municipally operated ambulance services in the state include those in Chatham, Rockford, Bloomington and Chicago.

City Treasurer Misty Buscher, who is challenging Langfelder's reelection bid in the April 4 election, said she supports a fire department-operated service that would handle only the most dire EMS calls and supplement services provided by the three private ambulance providers.

The firefighters' union would like to discuss a potential municipally operated service as part of talks to resolve a complaint filed by the union. The complaint came after the city in December 2021, in consultation with local ambulance providers and hospitals, began to require fire personnel, rather than ambulance employees, to act as chief medical providers in certain circumstances when private ambulances transport patients to hospitals.



America Ambulance Service emergency medical technicians Vincent Eazelle (left) and Grace Pasbrig load a gurney into one of the Springfield company's vehicles.. PHOTO BY JOSH CATALANO

The city isn't paid for medical services performed by its firefighters.

Firefighters, all of whom are either EMTs or paramedics, have ridden in the back of ambulances for years to assist private ambulance paramedics when the need arose, Rinaberger said.

The new ride-along requirement to become the chief care provider for certain patients was related to ambulance service staffing challenges and an ongoing growth in requests for emergency medical services, according to Robert Bajier, operations director for America Ambulance.

The city doesn't believe it needs to bargain over the new requirement, but the union disagrees. The Illinois Labor Relations Board has sided with the union thus far, but Springfield Corporation Counsel James Zerkle said the dispute is "currently on review" with the board.

"These issues will be fully addressed through the regular hearing process or by mutual settlement of the parties," Zerkle said.

Firefighters want extra pay and the right to bargain other details associated with the new requirement, such as a startup of a city-operated ambulance service to improve responses, Rinaberger said.

"There have been times that people have died on-scene, or their condition got worse, because we didn't have an ambulance available to take them to the hospital," he said.

However, Susan Zappa, owner and president of America Ambulance, said, "We don't know of any of those cases."

Firefighters ride in the back of a private ambulance at least once a day now, Rinaberger said, though Bajier and Zappa said information America has received indicates the frequency is less than half of the union's estimate.

Fire Chief Brandon Blough said more data need to be collected, and the issue needs to be studied in-depth, before the city decides whether to operate an ambulance service.

The study estimated such a service could cost \$2 million to \$2.8 million in startup expenses for ambulances and equipment, and between \$3 million and \$4.5 million per year in base personnel costs, not including pension liabilities.

Rinaberger said bills to patients, as well as state and federal grants, could be used to pay for a municipally operated ambulance service, but the study didn't make such a conclusion.

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FOOD

See *The Mousetrap* in London, New York or Springfield

Longest-running play has a lot of life left

THEATER | Phil Funkenbusch

“Murder isn’t all fun and games – or is it?” says a character in Agatha Christie’s play *The Mousetrap*, currently receiving a sprightly, elegant production by Spencer Theatre Company at the Hoogland Center for the Arts in downtown Springfield.

The fact that this 70-year-old play is being performed here isn’t out of the ordinary, but *The Mousetrap* is a 70-year-old play that is still running in London after its premiere in 1952. It holds the *Guinness Book of Records* for the world’s longest-running play, and Queen Elizabeth II saw the 50th anniversary performance in 2002. The London production was forced to stop performing in March 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic, but it reopened in May of 2021 and is still going strong with bigger box office numbers than before. And a Broadway production has been announced for this year.

When the play opened in London in 1952, Agatha Christie predicted it might run for eight months.

Joe-Michael Jackson and Ginny Racette directed this production – considered the granddaddy of “whodunnits” – and if you’ve never seen *The Mousetrap*, you’ve certainly seen many plays and movies that were inspired by Christie’s twists-and-turns plot contrivances, from Peter Falk’s *Columbo* to Angela Lansbury in *Murder She Wrote*. Jackson and Racette lavish style in their productions and they work well with their actors, guiding and letting them play, finding all the hijinks throughout.

The Mousetrap may be the world’s longest-running play, but after talking to several audience members last weekend, it became apparent that many were seeing it for the first time. The reaction to the final twist at the end was a surprise the audience responded to just as the author hoped. One audience-member said to me “I had no idea what was going to happen, until about two-thirds of the play and I started to wonder if . . .”

By today’s standards, the plot might seem creaky, but the audience ate it up.

Put a group of strangers together in an old English manor house during a blizzard with the questions of “Is there a murderer in the house?” and “Will one of the guests be the next victim?” offers a tried-and-true plot filled with possibilities. It is also very funny.



The cast, from left to right: Mark Anderson as Major Metcalf, Ginny Racette as Mrs. Boyle, Thomas Phinney as Detective Sergeant Trotter, Samantha Fletcher as Miss Casewell, Luke Peterson as Christopher Wren, Keith Wilson as Mr. Paravicini, Michael S. Krcil as Giles Ralston and Alyssa Shultz as Mollie Ralston. PHOTO BY RON RT MCDONALD

The actors are obviously having a heck of a good time playing these roles:

Alyssa Shultz and Michael S. Krcil as the young couple who have just opened the house for guests are perfect as they handle the demands of the guests who’ve appeared on their doorstep at the same time as a murder has occurred nearby. Ginny Racette mines each line of her dialogue to great hilarity; Luke Peterson chews up the scenery with glee as an eccentric character; Mark Anderson is perfectly gruff as a Major from the military; Keith Wilson has fun as a mysterious guest from another country; Samantha Fletcher – born to be on stage – has a glorious time as Miss Casewell; and Thomas Finney has the audience in the palm of his hand from the moment he appears at the manor house in the blizzard on skis.

They all maneuver around David Parker’s set, which encompasses not only the stage, but also the floor space out in the audience in the Peggy Ryder Theatre, creating a great sense of the immense house, and also helping the audience make themselves at home. Rene Blank costumes each character in great period style; fine lighting by Gene Hinckley, sound by Aaron Duncan, makeup by Judy McEvoy and props by Melody Sheehan. Stage manager Bridget Ratz obviously keeps all the pieces moving backstage for an enjoyable

night out at the theater in this beautiful production.

Side note: you can currently see on Netflix the backstage mystery *See How They Run*, set at the London theater and environs of *The Mousetrap* in 1953, starring Adrian Brody, Sam Rockwell and Saoirse Ronin.

Spencer Theatre Company will produce *Nightfall With Edgar Allan Poe* here in the fall, playing Oct. 12-15.

The Mousetrap finishes its run this weekend, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m. Tickets can be obtained online at www.hcfta.org.

I also witnessed a stunning production last week of James Still’s drama *And Then They Came For Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank* in the Studio Theatre at UIS Performing Arts Center. Carly Shank directed an ensemble that could not have been better. The play gave public performances last weekend, and this week has given school students were given this opportunity to learn about history. □

Phil Funkenbusch loves the theater and its inhabitants. He is directing The Christians by Lucas Hnath for Springfield Theatre Centre at the Hoogland, March 24-26 and 31-April 2. He can be reached at funkenbuschp@gmail.com.

Martinis better than Bond's

Find the formula that's right for you

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

After a long day fighting spies in the service of Her Majesty's Secret Service, there is apparently nothing more relaxing than ordering a vodka martini dry, shaken not stirred. James Bond's iconic cocktail recipe has become so ubiquitous that it's become the standard formula served at most bars and restaurants. Generally it is made with as little vermouth as possible, to the point that many bartenders will pour a small amount of vermouth on ice, shake it, then pour out the vermouth so there is just a light coating of vermouth on the ice. Consequently, most martinis are little more than chilled gin. This style of dry martini with the tiniest hint of vermouth can likely be traced to a quote from English playwright Noel Coward who said, "A perfect martini should be made by filling a glass with gin, then waving it in the general direction of Italy." And while Noel can order his martini any way he likes, there's more to this drink than simply shaken vodka with a couple of olives in a poorly designed glass that spills too easily and does a poor job of keeping the drink cold.

The basic components of a martini are gin or vodka, dry vermouth and a garnish. It's possible that the reason most folks want only a minuscule amount of vermouth in their martini is because the vermouth that is most commonly used is not very good and has likely been unrefrigerated and oxidized. Vermouth, unlike spirits like gin and bourbon, does not keep indefinitely once opened. Once a bottle of vermouth is opened it should be stored in the fridge and used within three to four months. A fortified wine that has been aromatized is wine that has been steeped in botanicals; vermouth was initially used for medicinal purposes. Today it is an essential ingredient in a range of classic cocktails in addition to martinis, such as negronis, Manhattans and Gibsons. Vermouth can also be drunk on its own over ice as an aperitif and no two brands are the same. Each has its own proprietary blend of different botanicals and therefore a different flavor profile.

The next component to consider is the spirit. Like vermouth, gin is aromatized with botanicals and each different brand of gin is a different blend of different botanicals giving different flavors to the gin. Juniper is one of the primary aromas in gin, however there is a huge range of flavor profiles to consider. Some gins are very juniper-forward, in others it plays more of a supporting role. This is especially important when mixing a martini



because the flavors in the gin should pair well with the flavors in your chosen vermouth. Forthave Blue Gin is distilled in Brooklyn, New York, with classic botanicals like juniper, mint and angelica. An unfiltered gin, Forthave Blue Gin will display a pearlescent sheen when poured over ice. Vodka is also a popular choice of spirit (it was Bond's go-to after all). Because vodka is a neutral spirit without the botanical aroma of gin, vodka is a good choice if you're looking to highlight the flavors in the vermouth.

Choice of garnish is another important consideration. Pimento-stuffed olives are classic, though today olive options abound, stuffed with a range of ingredients from almonds to garlic to blue cheese to anchovies. Pour a little bit of the olive brine in the cocktail and it becomes a dirty martini (a little bit of brine goes a long way so use a light hand). Olives are certainly not the only

garnish options available. An orange or lemon twist pairs well with gins that have citrusy botanicals. Many martini variations have a dash or two of orange bitters added as well. My favorite martini formulation is technically a Gibson – a martini with a pickled cocktail onion as a garnish.

The final consideration is proportions of gin and vermouth and the technique used to blend them. A well-matched pairing of vermouth and gin such as Noilly Prat Dry Vermouth and Plymouth Gin is delicious made with equal parts of each. For a particularly interesting or high-end gin a two-to-one gin to vermouth ratio may be more appropriate. As noted above, a vodka martini will highlight the vermouth, so equal proportions of vodka and vermouth strikes a good balance. These ratios are just a starting point and adjustments can be made based on your personal palate.

To stir or not to stir is a controversial question. Some may criticize Bond for his request that his drink be shaken, not stirred, as it ends up diluting the drink. This is partially true, however when a drink is shaken as opposed to stirred it aerates the drink, infusing tiny bubbles into it, which allows the aromatic to shine through. Stirring keeps the botanicals in the drink. Both methods dilute the cocktail – the goal is not to keep the cocktail as strong as possible but rather dilute it the right amount, which is based on your personal preference. A third option often used in specialty craft cocktail bars is a "thrown" cocktail. The cocktail is poured between two vessels, one containing ice, so that the content free-falls as far as possible in the air in order to aerate it. It takes some time and experimentation to find the cocktail formula that's right for you, but if you're enjoying your drink, you made it right. □

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MUSIC

February finish

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Well that one just flew by, as February comes to its final weekend for 2023. I do hope you enjoyed your Fat Tuesday and are working your way through the week afterward and onward toward the end of Lent. Let's see what we can hear out there.

Before moving on to the happenings, we report the sad and tragic passing of Eric Welch this past weekend from natural causes. Eric, perhaps best known as the guy behind the SOHO Music Festival and getting the privately run downtown music fest thing going, also hosted several important open mics, played in many bands and managed to give a lot of love (and great hugs) during his time here on earth. He sure liked being in the middle of it all and usually was. Eric will be missed on lots of levels, and our heartfelt condolences go out to the many who knew and loved him. According to his family's wishes, plans are to have a celebration of life with live music in a party style that Eric would appreciate and approve of later in the year.

On Friday night, along with familiar local acts playing, we have a few out-of-towners to welcome back to our club scene. Denise La Grassa, a bluesy singing and songwriting keyboardist from up Chicago way brings her full rockin' blues band to the Friday Night Jazz at Boones. She's doing mostly, if not all, original songs, while keeping busy in the Windy City and that says a lot about her quality of music. The Friday night series sponsored by our Springfield Area Arts Council now regularly includes blues bands with the jazz groups to keep the music flowing fine.

Out at the Curve Inn, please welcome Wreckless Whiskey, a Decatur-based, cool country, acoustic duo featuring Blake Harned and Josh Davis. These guys know how to put on a show and have shared stages with plenty of well-known acts while keeping themselves busy making music all over the place.

Carl Bopp makes his way here fairly regularly from his home base near Peoria and hence is known to many music fans in Springfield. The lifelong musician and entertainer (and wonderful photographer as well) drops into Lime Street Cafe this weekend for a Friday and Saturday night run.

How about we try a couple of events going on this weekend outside of the bars for a change? Presented by the Soular SiStars, there's the Last Friday Black Love Open Mic happening at the Hoogland's



Denise La Grassa and band play Boones this Friday evening for the Springfield Area Arts Council's Friday Night Jazz music series.

intimate Club Room on Friday (\$15 cover, 7-11 p.m.) with vendors and a food and cash bar, plus an onsite photographer there to make the night just right.

Saturday in New Berlin from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Sangamon County Fairgrounds, UNCHAINED gets loose for the fifth annual Sangamon County Pre-Fair Party. Your cover price (\$5 or free with a canned food donation) benefits the Island Grove and Loami food pantries, plus, along with the killer live music, you can purchase food, hit the cash bar and participate in a silent auction while getting exclusive discounts on 2023 county fair season and carnival ride passes.

On Sunday, I spy a benefit for Kevin Walsh at Mowie's Cue from 2 to 8 p.m. Kevin, an employee of Mowie's, recently underwent a kidney transplant and could use some help while recovering. Featuring live music by Joel Honey and BuK, the fundraiser includes a silent auction and other ways of raising the dough for a good cause, along with a heart full of grateful thanks from Kevin.

Please check the listings for other wild and wonderful things going on in our music world this week.. □

MUSIC



Josh Holland plays Whiskey Jack's Friday night.



Off The Wall plays Curve Inn Saturday night.

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

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

Thursday Feb 23

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

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

Friday Feb 24

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

Denise La Grassa Quartet
Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

Wreckless Whiskey
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Thomas J Beverly
Goodfellas Pub, 6-9pm

The Red Ribbon Revue
Hand of Fate Brewing Company,
Petersburg, 7-9pm

Black Love open mic
Hoogland Center for the Arts Club
Room, 7-11pm

Carl Bopp
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm and Feb.
25, 7-10pm

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

Grounded
Mowie's Cue, 8-11pm

**Friday Night Karaoke with
DJ Dan Suter**
Pier 55 Lounge, 8pm

Roxschool
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-11pm

Josh Holland
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar,
8-11pm

Saturday Feb 25

Off the Wall
Curve Inn, 6:30-9:30pm

Carl Bopp
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

Joel Honey
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8-11pm

Wowie Zowie
Mowie's Cue, 8pm-12am

UNCHAINED
Sangamon County Fairgrounds,
New Berlin, 6-11pm

Acoustic open mic
Stella Coffee & Tea, 10am-12:30pm

Wolf Crick Boys
Triangle Pub, Stonington, 7:30-11pm

Tom Irwin & Amy Battles
The Winery, Decatur, 8-11pm

Sunday Feb 26

Curt Smith
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Keith Dunlap
Jamie's Route 66, Southern View,
2-5pm

Wolf Crick Boys
Mama Lee's Sandbar, 4-7pm

BUK and Joel Honey
Mowie's Cue, 2-8pm

Open mic
Piper Glen Golf Club, 1-5pm

The Tangents
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 4-7pm

Monday Feb 27

Rich McDonough
The Alamo, 7pm

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

Tuesday Feb 28

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

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

Tim Duggan & Geoff Open Mic
George Rank's, 8-11pm

**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

Wednesday Mar 1

Open mic
Boone's, 7-10pm

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

After School Special
Coz's Pizza and Pub, 7:30-9:30pm

Karaoke at Crows Mills Pub
Crows Mill Pub, 8-11pm

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

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

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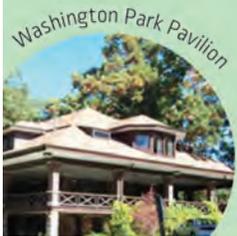


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"Art for the Ages"

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ART | Student art display at museum

it A gallery of more than 90 colorful pieces of art created by District 186 students has opened at the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum (SCIAAHM). This is the second year for the "Art for the Ages" exhibit, which opened Saturday. Students in kindergarten through 12th grade created the pieces, which include paintings, drawings and three-dimensional figures. The gallery provides a showcase for students' art in general as well as art about African American life and culture. Just like last year, the pieces have been framed and mounted thanks to grant funds received by the museum. The exhibit will run through March 31. The museum is open from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and there is no admission fee. Donations are accepted. Meanwhile, coming up fast is a related event – the 2023 Black History Bowl competition between the high schools. The museum created the bowl in 2019. It is set for 2 p.m. Feb. 26 at Southeast High School. "The student art exhibit and the Black History Bowl are two of the AAHM Black History Month programs where the museum focuses on our youth," said Carolyn Farrar, board president of the museum.

of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-503-4643.

"Art for the Ages"

Tuesdays-Saturdays, 12-4pm. This exhibit by Springfield District 186 students celebrates Black history with framed drawings, paintings in tempera, oil, watercolor and three-dimensional figures. AAHM has framed the pieces for the display. Free. African American History Museum Springfield, 1440 Monument Ave., 217-391-6323.

Drawing studio

Tuesdays, 6:30-9:30pm. An opportunity to improve drawing skills, hand-eye coordination and analytical skills in a studio setting. Work in the medium of your choice. All skill levels are welcome. Donations are welcome. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 801-810-9278.

"Embracing Light"

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-5pm. The show features pastel paintings by Tracey Maras and ceramics by Colleen Halford. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

Group gallery show and fundraiser

Through March 3. Open call for art created from actual APL adoptable pets. Proceeds split between the artists and organizations. APL will be on hand for the day of event with pets and information. Meet your muse. Deadline is March 3. Event is March 18, 2023. Free. DIM Art House, 319 Chatham Road.

Film & Television

The Lost Leonardo

Sun., Feb. 26, 1, 4pm and Tue., Feb. 28, 7pm. In 2005, two art dealers spent \$1,175 for a painting on sale in New Orleans. After a restoration, the painting sold for millions. Was it a real Leonardo? Part of the annual Molly Schlich International & Independent Film Series presented by the Springfield Art Association. Adults \$10, students with ID \$5. AMC Classic Springfield 12, 3141 Mercantile Dr. 217-523-2631.

Auditions

Have You Scene It auditions

Fri., Feb. 24, 6:30-8:30pm and Sat., Feb. 25, 10am-12pm. Have You Scene It Productions is planning auditions for three original comedies and satire. Become a part of a new and different type of

theatrical experience. For details, contact Jack Dunn, writer and director. Grant Conservatory of Music and Dance, 501 W. Elliott Ave., 217-553-8282.

History

"Martin Luther King Jr.: A Commemoration"

Tuesdays-Saturdays, 12-4pm. A celebration of the life and legacy of King. Visitors will learn details about King's childhood and his efforts to fight for racial and social equity. It can be viewed until April 15. Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, 1440 Monument Ave., 217-391-6323.

AAHM African American History Bowl Competition

Sun., Feb. 26, 2pm. Students from the city's three public high schools will compete in the AAHM African American History Bowl Competition for the Rudy Davenport Trophy on their knowledge of Black history. Southeast High School, 2350 E. Ash St., 217-525-3130.

Black History Hike

Sat., Feb. 25, 10-11:30am, 1:30-3pm. African American history in Springfield through the lives of those buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Some of the graves are in Block 5, originally the "colored" section. Hot chocolate will be available at the end. Involves walking up and down hills, using stairs and crossing uneven and unpaved surfaces; good shoes are recommended. May be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. Reservations are required. Free. Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site, 1500 Monument Ave., 217-782-2717.

Free speech for engaged citizenship: On campus and beyond

Wed., March 1, 6-7:30pm. This presentation and discussion will teach students about First Amendment rights, both how to use theirs, and how to respect them for others they disagree with, on campus and beyond. The presenter will encourage and answer tough questions on this topic. Free. UIS Brookens Auditorium, One University Plaza, 217-206-6245.

"Growing Up X"

Through May 13. Gen X, the often overlooked Forgotten Generation, lies between Boomers and Millennials. Learn about the cultural touchstones that shaped this generation's youth, the last generation to have had an analog childhood. illinoisstatemuseum.

Special Music Events

Date Night - Jazz

Thu., Feb. 23, 6:30-8:30pm. "The Ride of Springfield" by the Gobbo/Stark Quartet in association with UIS Music. Jose Gobbo on guitar, Brian Stark on saxophone, Drew Cox on drums and Andrew Binder on bass. \$15. UIS Studio Theatre, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

IC Fine Arts Series: Jan Kraybill, Organist

Fri., Feb. 24, 7:30pm. A Grammy-nominated organist. Adult \$15, students free. Illinois College Rammelkamp Chapel, Jacksonville, 1101 W. College Ave., 217-245-3192.

Mark Gifford and Damien Kaplan

Wed., March 1, 12:15-12:45pm. Dual Piano, Mark Gifford and

Damien Kaplan, perform this week. 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. Participants won't get to know what their book is until they purchase. Don't worry though, clues will be given such as genre and the first line from the first chapter to give you an idea of what the book is. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Theater & Comedy

The Good Ole Boys of Comedy Tour

Sat., Feb. 25, 8-10pm. Headlined

by Tim Loss who has opened up for comics from radio, television and movies. \$5. Main Gate Bar & Grill, 2143 N. 11th St., 217-528-8940.

Heathers the Musical

Through Feb. 25, 7:30pm and Sun., Feb. 26, 2pm. A hilarious, heartfelt and homicidal cult classic based on one of the greatest teen comedy movies of all time. \$20.00. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

The Mousetrap

Feb. 25, 8pm and Sun., Feb. 26, 4pm. As news spreads of a murder in London, a group of seven strangers find themselves snowed in at a remote countryside guesthouse. Where the guests discover that a killer is in their midst. Presented by Spencer Theatre Company. hcfta.

org. \$18-\$20. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St.

Dance

Snow White

Sat., Feb. 25, 2-3, 6-7pm and Sun., Feb. 26, 2pm. Snow White is banished to the forest by her wicked stepmother, but is welcomed into the cottage of seven eccentric but lovable friends. sypgfoundation.org. \$10-\$15. Sacred Heart Griffin Theater, 1200 W. Washington, 217-553-4475.

Art & Architecture

Art as Relaxation

Fri., Feb. 24, 10am-12pm. Watercolor 101, presented by Amy High. Call for reservations as seating is limited. Senior Services



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THE CALENDAR

org. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-7386.

"Here I Have Lived: Home in Illinois"

Feb. 23-Jan. 21. New exhibit invites visitors to explore stories of home. Visitors can connect through artifacts, videos and interactive features about how people have imagined, created and found home in Illinois. Free with admission. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Maid of All Work

Wed., March 1, 7-8pm. Mary Lincoln relied on hired help to manage her household. These women worked and sometimes lived in her house, cleaning, cooking and caring for the children. Presented by Anne E. Moseley, UIS Sangamon Experience director and curator on Looking for Lincoln's Facebook page and Youtube channel. 217-492-8366.

Ranger Series panel discussion

Fri., Feb. 24, 7pm. Visiting National Park Service rangers Lucreasea Horne of Nicodemus National Historic Site, Rich Condon of Reconstruction Era National Historical Park and Jorge Hernandez of Zion National Park will present a final panel discussion as part of African American History Month. The event will be moderated by Dr. Brian Mitchell. African-American History Museum Springfield, 1440 Monument Ave., 217-391-6323.

Small Beginnings

Thu., Feb. 23, 2pm and Fri., Feb. 24, 1pm. A short play about Robert Smalls who was enslaved from birth, commandeered a Confederate ship in Charleston, South Carolina and used it to take family and friends to freedom. The performances are followed by Q&A sessions. Free with admission. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Woodlawn Farm Museum Open House

Sat., Feb. 25, 10am-3pm. This great opportunity will provide you with the chance to learn the role Woodlawn Farm played in the Underground Railroad movement in the mid-1800s. Learn about the pioneers who settled the farm, and their efforts to assist slaves in gaining their freedom. Adults \$5, students \$3. Woodlawn Farm, Jacksonville, 1463 Gierke Lane,

three miles east of Jacksonville. 309-678-7716.

Politics

Springfield Mayoral Forum

Fri., Feb. 24, 8-9am. Candidates Misty Buscher and Jim Langfelder meet for a second time in a forum. Sean Crawford and Angie Muhs will moderate the one-hour event. Suggest questions at forum@nprillinois.org. The debate is sponsored by AARP Springfield and the Citizens Club of Springfield and NPR Illinois are hosting. Free. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Holiday Happenings

Mardi Gras Masquerade Gala

Sat., Feb. 25, 6pm. "Beads & Blings. It's a Mardi Gras Thing." Silent auction, Cajun dinner and music by deejay Troy Armstrong. Hosted by AgeLinc. agelinc.org. \$60 per person. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-529-7777.

Fairs & Festivals

March Senior Crafty Creations

Wed., March 1, 10:30-11:30am. Take part in casual crafty meetups. Connect, create and relax with other people in an easygoing environment. All supplies for simple crafts will be provided - please consider a donation of \$5 per day. Presented by the Chatham Area Public Library. Free. Ball-Chatham Senior Center, Chatham, 111 W. Mulberry St., 217-483-2713.

Fundraisers and Galas

2023 Fight For Air Climb

Sun., Feb. 26, 8am. Our Fight For Air Climb is designed for every type of climber, from beginners to competitive climbers. How you climb is up to you: race to the top or take it at your own speed. Wyndham at Springfield City Centre, 700 E. Adams St., 217-789-1530.

Black History Ball

Sat., Feb. 25, 6-11pm. The event will feature a dinner, band, awards presentation and vendors. Hosted by One In A Million, a nonprofit organization. Smooth Times will perform. Cost is \$40 per individual and \$75 per couple. For more information, call 217-502-3701 or 217-891-7635. \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S.

Dirksen Pkwy., 217-529-7777.

Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery Trivia Night

Sat., Feb. 25, 6-9pm. Test your knowledge in a trivia night to benefit the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery. \$150 / table. Firefighters-Postal Lake Club, 940 W. Lake Shore Dr., 2175256800.

Children's Corner

Come and Play

Thursdays, 10:30am-12pm. On Thursday mornings throughout February, the Youth Services staff invites children and their grownups to come for fun and socializing. Activities will vary week to week. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900 x 5612.

Little Lincoln's Fireside Tales: Birthdays

Tue., Feb. 28, 10-11am. In February, Little Lincoln's Fireside Tales comes together to celebrate the 214th birthday of Abraham Lincoln. Advance registration is required. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-785-7943.

Nature, Science & Environment

Maple syrup time

Feb. 25-26, 1, 2:30pm. Join a garden naturalist for the annual maple tree tapping. Demonstrations will show the entire syrup making process from tapping to boiling the sap down into syrup. Free. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

Bulletin Board

The Boat Show in Springfield

Fri., Feb. 24, 2-9pm, Sat., Feb. 25, 10am-7pm and Sun., Feb. 26, 10am-5pm. Lots of exhibitors from across central Illinois. Fiberglass and aluminum fishing boats, inboards, runabouts, pontoons and more. Concessions. \$5 at the door. Ages 12 and younger are free. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-341-1730.

Cat adoptions

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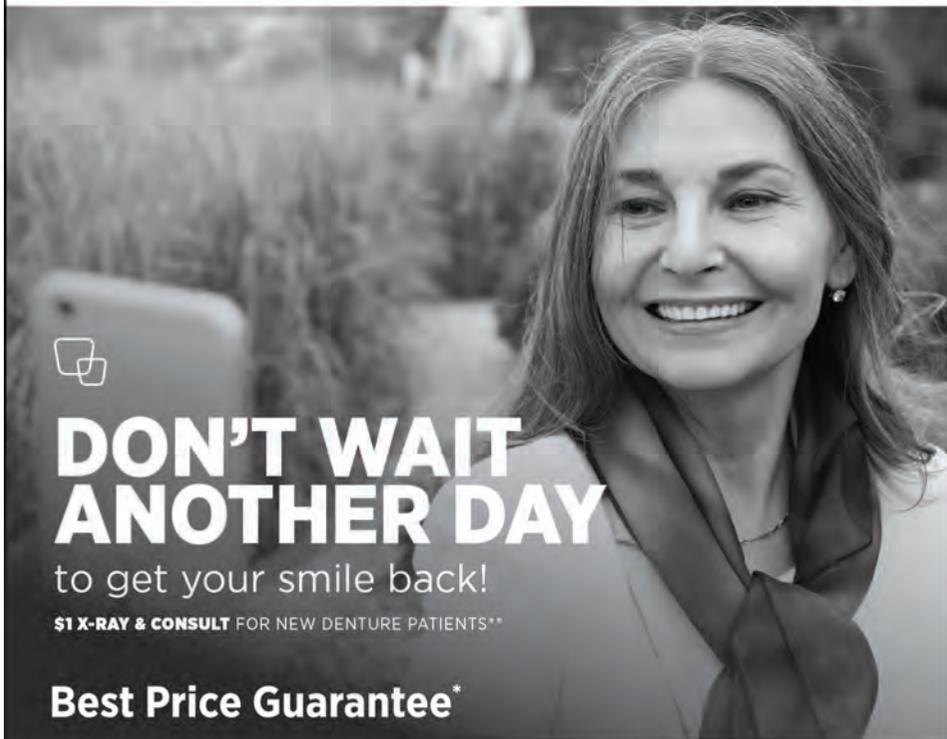
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Real Estate Foreclosure

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

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Plaintiff,

vs.

Marvin E. Johnson, AKA Marvin Johnson, AKA Marvin Earl Johnson; Sabrina Johnson, AKA Sabrina Diane Johnson, AKA Sabrina Diane Chaudoin; The United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants.

Case No. 2022FC000162

932 West Edwards Street, Springfield, IL 62704

Judge Patrick J. Londrigan

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on December 21, 2022, Jack Campbell will on March 28, 2023, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Second Floor, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 932 West Edwards Street, Springfield, IL 62704

Parcel Number(s): 14-33-0-179-004

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

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

The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.

The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 22-026506.

Zachariah L. Manchester
MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC

Attorneys for Plaintiff

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff,

-v.-

VALERIE A OLLIS

Defendant

2022 FC 000080

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 7, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on March 24, 2023, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 1312 E REYNOLDS ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

Property Index No. 14-27-0-477-006

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$82,893.93.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation.

No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours.

No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

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

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For information, contact CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 22-020523.

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Attorney File No. 22-020523

Attorney ARDC No. 6306439

Case Number: 2022 FC 000080

TJSC#: 43-472

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Case # 2022 FC 000080

I3214023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 2022-FC-194

JOHN J. LONG aka JOHN JAMES LONG, and UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

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

Suzanna Scherf

BANK OF SPRINGFIELD

3400 Wabash Avenue

Springfield, IL 62711

Telephone: (217) 529-5555

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

221 West Hawkeye Way, Springfield, Illinois 62707

(C) Parcel Number:

14-09-0-278-006

(D) Description of the improvement on the real estate is as follows:

Single Family Residence

(E) The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale.

(F) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 AM on March 7, 2023 in the County Board Chambers Room on the 2nd Floor at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois.

(G) The terms of the sale are cash or certified funds at time of sale.

(H) The subject property is sold subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, all general real estate taxes which have not yet become due and payable, with special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record, and existing leases, if any, applicable zoning laws; property is sold "AS IS, WHERE IS, and with no warranties", and without any representation as to quality or quantity of the title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff

By: /s/ Brian D. Jones

One of its Attorneys

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL WELLER, ALEXANDER SCOTT WELLER, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No.: 2022FC000147

NOTICE OF COURT SALE

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

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

Timothy J. Rigby

Hart, Southworth & Witsman

Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza

Springfield, Illinois 62701

Telephone: (217) 753-0055

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

1236 Bengel Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702

(C) Tax ID Number: 14-23-383-024

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

One story residence with 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, containing approximately 1,232 square feet, and including a 3 car attached garage.

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

real estate prior to sale.

(F) The time and place of the sale are: Time: 9:00 a.m. on March 7, 2023. Place: Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South Ninth Street 2nd Floor Boardroom Springfield, Illinois 62701

(G) The terms of the sale are: Twenty-five percent (25%) of sale price at time of sale and balance within twenty-four (24) hours.

(H) Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances prior to the mortgage

of INB, National Association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank, all general real estate taxes, special assessments if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all encroachments, if any.

INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank, Plaintiff

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS TOWN AND COUNTRY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 2019-CH-342

REAL ESTATE SERVICE AND CONSULTATION, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, THOMAS L. MINOR, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

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

Steve Gnuse

TOWN & COUNTRY BANK

1925 South MacArthur Blvd.

Springfield, IL 62704

Telephone: (217) 321-3619

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

538 West Miller Street, 542 West Miller Street, 546 West Miller Street, and 550 West Miller Street, Springfield, IL 62702

(C) Permanent Index Number: 14-28-0-401-013

Permanent Index Number: 14-28-0-401-015

Permanent Index Numbers: 14-28-0-401-017 and 14-28-0-401-016

(D) Description of the improvement on the real estate is as follows: Apartment Complex

(E) The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale.

(F) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 AM on March 7, 2023 in the County Board Chambers Room on the 2nd Floor at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois.

(G) The terms of the sale are cash or certified funds at time of sale.

(H) The subject property is sold subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, all general real estate taxes which have not yet become due and payable, with special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record, and existing leases, if any, applicable zoning laws; property is sold "AS IS, WHERE IS, and with no warranties", and without any representation as to quality or quantity of the title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

TOWN & COUNTRY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff

By: /s/ Brian D. Jones

One of its Attorneys

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

vs.

RUBIN L. BROOKS, III AKA RUBIN BROOKS; THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 2022FC000170

Property Address: 1904 E. PINE STREET

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on

January 11, 2023, I, Sheriff Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on March 28, 2023, commencing at 9:00AM, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701 ROOM TBA, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit:

Commonly known as: 1904 E. PINE STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 P.I.N.: 22-02.0-104-002

First Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$29,495.87 IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g)-1 OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT.

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

The person to contact for information regarding this property is:

Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale.

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NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS TOWN AND COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

MARY JANE V LOGAN AND PERSONAL FINANCE COMPANY, LLC, Defendants.

CASE NO. 22-FC-140

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 803 N. OSBURN AVE. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on October 12, 2022, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Permanent Index Number: 14-28-0-177-026 fka 14-28-177-026

Commonly known as: 803 N. Osburn Ave., Springfield, IL 62702

will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on March 7, 2023, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$42,763.62. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not

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to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1). If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. TOWN AND COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff,

Dated Feb. 23, 2023

By
Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549), Its Attorney
Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC
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COMBINED DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE AND NOTICE TO CHARLOTTE SALAMON AND UNKNOWN OR UNNAMED HEIRS
CLAIMS: Notice is given of the death of DAN CARRIGER on August 21, 2022. Letters testamentary for supervised administration were issued February 01, 2023, to the executor, Steven B. Burrus, 1618 W. Jefferson, Lot 39, Springfield, IL 62702, and whose attorney is Val C. Simhauser, 25 Oakmont Dr., Springfield, IL 62704. Claims against the estate, Case 2023PR000050, may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or with the executor, or both, by close of business on August 10, 2023, which is 6 months (plus 1 day) from the date of first publication of this notice. Any claim not so filed within that time period is barred. Please mail a copy of any claim filed only with the circuit clerk to the executor's attorney within 10 days of filing.

HEIRS: In compliance with Section 6-10 of the Illinois Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-10), notice is given to CHARLOTTE SALAMON (or Salomon), whose address is unknown, and UNKNOWN OR UNNAMED HEIRS OF DAN CARRIGER. On February 01, 2023, the Circuit Court of Sangamon County entered an order admitting the will of Dan Carriger to probate and appointing Steven B. Burrus as executor. Within 42 days of February 01, 2023, the effective date of the order admitting the will of Dan Carriger to probate, you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will, by testimony of witnesses to the appropriate document in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Illinois Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21).

You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Illinois Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within six months of February 01, 2023, the date of the order admitting the will of Dan Carriger to probate. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in cases such as this, with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

IMOGENE A. McCORMICK

Case No. 2023-PR-43

Deceased.

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE DEATH OF IMOGENE A. McCORMICK of 4101 W. Iles Ave., Springfield, Illinois, on December 27, 2022. Letters of Office were issued on the 26th day of January, A.D., 2023, to LISA ANN MOLLISON, 2230 Mt. Curve Avenue, Saint Joseph, Michigan, 49085, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Sangamon County Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Spring-

field, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed. DATED this 2nd day of February, A.D., 2023.

Estate of IMOGENE A. MCCORMICK, Deceased,

BY: /s/ Pamela E. Hart

Pamela E. Hart, one of her Attorneys

PREPARED BY:

Pamela E. Hart (6299974)

SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.

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Springfield, IL 62701

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

MICHAEL D. TONG,

Case No. 23-PR-000046

Deceased.

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of MICHAEL D. TONG, Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on February 2, 2023, to Jeffrey A. Tong, c/o Kevin R.

Hancock, 1730 Chapel Hills Dr., Suite 10, Colorado Springs, CO 80920 as

Administrator of the Estate, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan,

Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims

against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court,

Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the

Representative, or both, on or before the 1st of August, 2023 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 2nd day of February, 2023.

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
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY,
ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

JOSEPH R. BUCKLES,

Case No.: 2023-PR-54

Deceased.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF WILL AND CLAIMS

Notice is hereby given of the death of Joseph R. Buckles. Letters of Office

were issued. The name and address of the Executor is EDWARD W. BUCKLES II,

3374 Roby Road, Mechanicsburg, Illinois, 62545. James W. Ackerman is counsel

for the Executor. 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 16, 2023. Any claim not filed on or before August 16, 2023, 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 8th day of February, 2023.

Edward W. Buckles II, Executor

By: /s/ James W. Ackerman

James W. Ackerman,

Attorney for Executor

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
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of:

Louella Hughes,

No.: 2023-PR-59

Deceased.

NOTICE TO HEIRS AND

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given of the death of Louella Hughes of Springfield, Illinois. Letters

Testamentary were issued on February 6, 2023, to Pamela Jachino, 3250 Hilltop

Road, Springfield, Illinois 62712, as

Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One South-

east Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Louella Hughes of the entry of the

Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Deborah Faye Ven-

able, Cynthia Ann Miller, James Richard Estes, Sheila Irene Farris and Pamela

Jachino as the heirs of Louella Hughes. The estate will be administered without

court supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act, 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any

interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or

delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court,

Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the

representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published,

and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed

with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney

within 10 days after it has been filed. Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Sarah Delano Pavlik – 6269250

DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC

Attorneys for Executor

One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza

Springfield, Illinois 62701

Telephone: 217-544-2703

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

In the matter of the estate of:

Michael Lodge, Deceased

Case No. 23-PR-34

Claim Notice

Notice is given of the death of Michael Lodge. Letters of Office were issued on

Feb. 6, 2023 to Elaine Lodge of 1640 W. Adams St., Springfield, Ill. 62704 as

Executor. 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. 23, 2023. 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 Executor within 10 days after it has been filed. Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

Estate of:

MARILYN LOUISE VESPA

Deceased.

NO. 2023-PR-58

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Marilyn Louise Vespa of Sangamon County, Illinois.

Letters of Office were issued on February 6, 2023, to William D. Vespa, 4 Shearwater

Court., Savannah, GA 31411, 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, 2023, 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 2023.

Randall W. Segatto - 06193211

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

Estate of:

MARY BELL SOMMER,

Deceased.

NO. 2023-PR-36

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Mary Bell Sommer of Sangamon County, Illinois.

Letters of Office were issued on February 2, 2023, to Rose Marie Schumacher, 15

Treecourt, 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 9, 2023, 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: January 27, 2023

GERALD W. POWELL, Administrator

BY: /s/ James P. Baker

His Attorney

Prepared by:

James P. Baker

Baker, Baker & Krajewski LLC

415 South Seventh Street

Springfield, Illinois 62701

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

EMORY E. NEWBY,

Case No. 2023-PR-000057

Deceased.

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of EMORY E. NEWBY, Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on February 08, 2023, to STEPHANIE L. STONE, 301

Five Forks Dr., Springfield, IL 62711, as Independent Administrator, whose

attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street,

Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of

MARY M. BLAIR, Deceased.

NO. 2023-PR-48

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Mary M. Blair of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters

of Office were issued on February 1, 2023, to Michael J. Blair, 246 Kilmer Court

Springfield, IL 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 8, 2023, 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 2 day of February 2023.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

BETTY J. POWELL, deceased.

Case No. 2022 PR 000473

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given in the death of Betty J. Powell of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of

office were issued to Gerald W. Powell, whose address is 1800 Georgia Avenue, Springfield,

Illinois 62703

on January 12, 2023.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the

Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth

Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, within 6

months from the date of this publication and any claim not filed within that period

is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the

representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

DATED: January 27, 2023

GERALD W. POWELL, Administrator

BY: /s/ James P. Baker

His Attorney

Prepared by:

James P. Baker

Baker, Baker & Krajewski LLC

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 09, 2023 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 08th day of February 2023.

Alex B. Rabin
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP

1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN re the Estate of HAROLD L. UNLAND, Case No. 2023-PR-60 Deceased.

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Harold L. Unland. Letters of office have been issued to Tammie M. Milburn, 21 N. John Wayne Rd., Dawson, IL 62520, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is R. Phillip Reed, Attorney at Law, 1129 S. Seventh St., Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Executor, or both, on or before August 23, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. R. PHILLIP REED
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ARDC No. 2300478

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CECELIA LORINE UPSHAW, Deceased NO. 2023-PR-44

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Cecelia Lorine Upshaw, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on January 31, 2023 to Karen L. Stapleton-Crump, 1800 S. Cog Mill Court, Springfield, IL 62704, as Executor, 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 10th day of August, 2023, 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 31st day of January, 2023.

Gregory P. Sgro
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP
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Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BERWYN THOMPSON, DECEASED. NO. 2023-PR-55

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS Notice is given of the death of BERWYN THOMPSON, of Sherman, Illinois. Letters of Independent Administration were issued on February 6, 2023 to GARY THOMPSON of 5660 S Williamsville Rd, Sherman, IL 62684-8086<IF (Executor 2/ Full Name) Exists () THEN>> and <Executor/Administrator 2/Full Name>> of <Executor/Administrator 2/Street Address (formatted across)>>,<ELSE>><END IF>> whose attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; 2160 South Sixth Street, Suite D-1, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th St., Room 405, Springfield, IL 62701 or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the ____ day of February, 2023, being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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BY: DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
By: /s/ Anthony J DelGiorno, Attorney Attorneys for Estate:
Anthony J DelGiorno (ARDC 6277358) DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
2160 South Sixth Street, Suite D-1 Springfield, IL 62703
Tel: (217) 773-5337
Service: service@delgiornolawoffice.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPHINE M. SIMS, DECEASED. NO. 2023-PR-53

NOTICE TO HEIR AND LEGATEES Notice is given of the death of JOSEPHINE M. SIMS, of Chatham, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 6, 2023 to EDWARD A SIMS of 2701 Cider Mill Lane, Springfield, IL 62702<IF (Executor 2/Full Name) Exists () THEN>> and MARY KAY SIMS of 7 Kathy Court, Saint Peters, MO 63376,<ELSE>><END IF>> whose attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; 2160

South Sixth Street, Suite D-1, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th St., Room 405, Springfield, IL 62701 or with the representatives, or both, within 6 months from the ____ day of February, 2023, being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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Dated this 6th day of February, 2023.

EDWARD A SIMS AND MARY KAY SIMS, <IF (Executor 2/Full Name) Exists () THEN>>Co-<ELSE>><END IF>>Executors of the Estate of JOSEPHINE SIMS, Deceased
BY: DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
By: /s/ Anthony J DelGiorno, Attorney Attorneys for Estate:
Anthony J DelGiorno (IRDC 6277358) DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
2160 South Sixth Street, Suite D-1 Springfield, IL 62703
Tel: (217) 773-5337
Service: service@delgiornolawoffice.com

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EARL LYNN MOORE, JR., DECEASED Case #2023-PR-29
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of EARL LYNN MOORE, JR. Letters of Office have been issued to ROSENA M. WASHINGTON, 1207 East Jackson, Springfield, IL 62703, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Administrator, or both, on or before August 17, 2023, 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 27th day of January, 2023. Patrick J. Sheehan, III
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LADONNA K. RUDE, deceased. 2023 PR 38

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of LADONNA K. RUDE, of Pawnee, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 31, 2023, to ALYSSA N. RUDE, 28 Cahokia Drive Pawnee, Illinois 62558, as Independent Administrator of the Estate, whose attorney is Stephanie I. Williams, of SHAY & ASSOCIATES, 1030 Durkin Drive, Springfield, IL 62704. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Sangamon County, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701 or with a representative or both within six months from the date of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a Claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

The Estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 (755 ILCS 5/28-4) of the Probate Act any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition to terminate to the Clerk.
Shay & Associates 1030 Durkin Drive Springfield, IL 62704
Phone (217) 523-5900
Email: swilliams@shayandassociates.com

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

NO. 2023-PR-61
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

DOLLIE W. BERRY, DECEASED.
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS Notice is given of the death of DOLLIE W. BERRY, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 14, 2023, to PATRICIA JOHNSON of 4890 Leah Drive, Springfield, IL 62711. The attorney for the Independent Administrator is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC, 2160 S. 6th Street, Suite D-1, Springfield, IL 62703. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of the Court.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Building Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the ____ day of February, 2023, 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 14th day of February, 2023. PATRICIA JOHNSON, Independent Administrator of the Estate of DOLLIE W. BERRY, Deceased

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Divorce

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of Howard L. Baca, Petitioner

And Doni F. Baca, Respondent
Case No. 2022-DC-290
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Doni F. Baca, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 16th day of March, 2023, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Paul Palazzolo
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of Wyteaia Chatman Petitioner

And Dorian V Chatman Respondent
Case No. 23-DC-9
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Dorian V. Chatman, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 14th day of March, 2023, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Paul Palazzolo
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of Lori Lynn Black Petitioner

And Michael Andrew Black Respondent
Case No. 23-DN-000035
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Michael Andrew Black, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 14th day of March, 2023, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Paul Palazzolo
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of Kasondra Marie McClanahan, Petitioner

And Ronald Lowell Talerico, Respondent
Case No. 2022-DN-115

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Ronald Lowell Talerico, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 23rd day of March, 2023, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Paul Palazzolo
Circuit Clerk

Name Change

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of SARAH A. BAKER

For change of name to Sarah Ann Santana
Case No.: 2023-MR-38
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on April 4, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Sarah A. Baker to Sarah Ann Santana, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Feb. 2, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Aldo Andree Garcia-Ruiz

For change of name to Ashley Andi Garcia-Ruiz
Case No.: 2023-MR-000010
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on April 18, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Aldo Andree Garcia-Ruiz to Ashley Andi Garcia-Ruiz, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: February 23, 2023

Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-BC2 PLAINTIFF

Vs. Robert Grogan; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Patrick D. Grogan; U.S. Bank National Associations individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of NRZ Recovery Trust; Jeff Sutton; Adam Grogan; Alexa Grogan; Aubrey Grogan; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Dan Way, as Special Representative for Patrick D. Grogan (deceased)
DEFENDANTS
No. 2022FC000221
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Patrick D. Grogan
Aubrey Grogan
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:
11854 Catholic Cemetery Road
Glenarm, IL 62536
and which said Mortgage was made by: Patrick D. Grogan
the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for EquiFirst Corporation, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2006R29472; 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,
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Sangamon County Courthouse
200 South Ninth Street, Room 405
Springfield, IL 62701
on or before March 20, 2023, 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. 14-22-08198
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
I3213730

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD
ILLINOIS
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Plaintiff,
vs.
Marvin E. Johnson, AKA Marvin Johnson, AKA Marvin Earl Johnson; Sabrina Johnson, AKA Sabrina Diane Johnson, AKA Sabrina Diane Chaudoin; The United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants
Defendants.
Case No. 2022FC000162
932 West Edwards Street, Springfield, IL 62704
Judge Patrick J. Londrigan
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on December 21, 2022, Jack Campbell will on March 28, 2023, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Second Floor, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
The East 40 feet of the North 140 feet of Lot 6 in Block 1 in Ledlie's Addition to the City of Springfield.
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.
Situating in Sangamon County, Illinois. Commonly known as 932 West Edwards Street, Springfield, IL 62704
Parcel Number(s): 14-33-0-179-004
The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.
Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the

time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 22-026506.
Zachariah L. Manchester
MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC
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I3213881

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Plaintiff,
-v-
VALERIE A OLLIS
Defendant
2022 FC 000080
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 7, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on March 24, 2023, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN
BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
LOT 3 IN BLOCK 3 ALL AS SET FORTH IN THE FINAL PLAT, MADISON PARK PLACE, BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 27 AND PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS AS RECORDED WITH THE RECORDER OF DEEDS ON MAY 11, 1999 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 1999R22724.
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as 1312 E REYNOLDS ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
Property Index No. 14-27.0-477-006
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$82,893.93. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee

acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, contact CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 22-020523.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
CHAD LEWIS
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561-241-6901
E-Mail: ILMAIL@RASLG.COM
Attorney File No. 22-020523
Attorney ARDC No. 6306439
Case Number: 2022 FC 000080
T.JSC#: 43-472
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 2022 FC 000080
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation,
Plaintiff,

v.
Case No. 2022-FC-194
JOHN J. LONG aka JOHN JAMES LONG, and UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.
(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Suzanna Scherf
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD
3400 Wabash Avenue
Springfield, IL 62711
Telephone: (217) 529-5555
(B) The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate is:
221 West Hawkeye Way, Springfield, Illinois 62707
(C) The legal description of the real estate is as follows:
Lot 6 in Walnut Valley Addition, according to the plat thereof recorded August 17, 1977 in Book 23 at Page10 as Document Number 390150.
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.
Situating in Sangamon County, Illinois.
Parcel Number:
14-09.0-278-006
(D) Description of the improvement on the real estate is as follows:
Single Family Residence
(E) The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale.
(F) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 AM on March 7, 2023 in the County Board Chambers Room on the 2nd Floor at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois.
(G) The terms of the sale are cash or certified funds at time of sale.
(H) The subject property is sold subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, all general real estate taxes which have not yet become due and payable, with special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record, and existing leases, if any, applicable zoning laws; property is sold "AS IS, WHERE IS, and with no warranties", and without any representation as to quality or quantity of the title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff
By: /s/ Brian D. Jones
One of Its Attorneys
SORLING NORTHROP
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, f/k/a Illinois National

Bank,
Plaintiff,
v.
MICHAEL WELLER, ALEXANDER SCOTT WELLER, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
No.: 2022FC000147
NOTICE OF COURT SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. The sale shall be subject to Court approval. Buyer will be entitled to possession 30 days after the sale is confirmed by the Court.
(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Timothy J. Rigby
Hart, Southworth & Witsman
Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Telephone: (217) 753-0055
(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is:
1236 Bengel Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702
(C) The legal description of the real estate is:
Lot 5 and the North Half of Lot 6 in Bengel's Subdivision of part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian.
Situating in Sangamon County, Illinois.
Tax ID Number: 14-23-383-024
(D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is:
One story residence with 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, containing approximately 1,232 square feet, and including a 3 car attached garage.
(E) No times have been specified in the judgment of foreclosure for inspection of the real estate prior to sale.
(F) The time and place of the sale are: Time: 9:00 a.m. on March 7, 2023.
Place: Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South Ninth Street
2nd Floor Boardroom
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(G) The terms of the sale are: Twenty-five percent (25%) of sale price at time of sale and balance within twenty-four (24) hours.
(H) Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances prior to the mortgage of INB, National Association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank, all general real estate taxes, special assessments if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all encroachments, if any.
INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank,
Plaintiff
Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930)
Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535)
Hart, Southworth & Witsman
Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62701
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NOTE: This communication is made for the purpose of collecting a debt. Any information obtained in response to this communication may be used for that purpose.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
TOWN AND COUNTRY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
v.
Case No. 2019-CH-342
REAL ESTATE SERVICE AND CONSULTATION, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, THOMAS L. MINOR, and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.
(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Steve Gnuse
TOWN & COUNTRY BANK
1925 South MacArthur Blvd.
Springfield, IL 62704
Telephone: (217) 321-3619
(B) The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate is:
538 West Miller Street, 542 West Miller Street, 546 West Miller Street, and 550 West Miller Street, Springfield, IL 62702
(C) The legal description of the real estate is as follows:
Parcel 1:
The East 170 feet of the North 176 feet of Block 2 in J. Bunn's Addition to the City of Springfield, Illinois, except the East 105 feet thereof, except all coal and other minerals underlying said lands, together with the right to mine and remove same.
Permanent Index Number: 14-28.0-401-013
Parcel 2:
The East 235 feet of North 176 feet of Block 2 in J. Bunn's Addition to the City of Springfield, Illinois, except the East 170 feet thereof, except all coal and other minerals underlying said lands together with the right to mine and remove same.
Permanent Index Number: 14-28.0-401-015
Parcel 3:
Part of the North 176.00 feet of Block 2 in J. Bunn's Addition to the City of Springfield, Illinois, more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Block 2; thence Easterly along the North line of said Block 2, 122 feet to the true point of beginning; thence continuing Easterly along said North line 63.67 feet; thence deflecting to the right 89 degrees 51 minutes 29 seconds, 176.00 feet; thence deflecting to the right 90 degrees 08 minutes 31 seconds, 63.70 feet; thence deflecting to the right 89 degrees 52 minutes 37 seconds, 176 feet to the point of beginning;
Also, the East 298.50 feet of the North 176 feet of Block 2 in J. Bunn's Addition to the City of Springfield, Illinois, except the East 235 feet thereof.
Except all coal, minerals, and mining rights heretofore conveyed or reserved of record.
All situated in the County of Sangamon and State of Illinois.
Permanent Index Numbers: 14-28.0-401-017 and 14-28.0-401-016

(D) Description of the improvement on the real estate is as follows: Apartment Complex

(E) The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale.

(F) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 AM on March 7, 2023 in the County Board Chambers Room on the 2nd Floor at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois.

(G) The terms of the sale are cash or certified funds at time of sale.

(H) The subject property is sold subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, all general real estate taxes which have not yet become due and payable, with special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record, and existing leases, if any, applicable zoning laws; property is sold "AS IS, WHERE IS, and with no warranties", and without any representation as to quality or quantity of the title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. TOWN & COUNTRY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff

By: /s/ Brian D. Jones

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

vs.

THOMAS R. BURGESS, JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, F. S. B., MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC., KIMBERLY LEVERING AND STEPHEN M. HALFORD,
Defendants.

CASE NO. 22-FC-219

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

1968 E. CONVERSE ST.

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

1812 N. 9TH ST.

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

10729 DARNELL RD.

DAWSON, IL 62520

1816 & 1820 N. 9TH ST.

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

812 N STEPHENS AVE.

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Kimberly Levering, Defendant, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 1968 E. Converse St., Springfield, IL 62702, more particularly described as:

1968 E. Converse St.

LOT 149 AND THE WEST 10 FEET OF LOT 148 IN SPAULDING'S SECOND ILLINOIS WATCH FACTORY ADDITION. EXCEPTING ALL COAL AND MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LOT OR LOTS WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME.

1812 N. 9th St.

(TRACT 1)

THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 5 OF CATHERINE WOOD'S SECOND SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER

OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPTING THEREFROM:

A PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 5 OF CATHERINE WOOD'S SECOND SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST

ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 2; A DISTANCE OF 29.94 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST, 151.87 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 2, THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 28 SECONDS EAST

ALONG SAID LINE 29.96 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID LINE, 151.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.104 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER RIGHTS UNDERLYING SAID PREMISES.

(TRACT 2)

THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 5 OF CATHERINE WOOD'S SECOND SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER RIGHTS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID PREMISES.

ALL SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

10729 Darnell Rd.

PARCEL 1:

PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIN MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 5; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 178.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 18 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST, 82.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 27 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST, 95.07 FEET; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 175.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST, 359.15 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 5; THENCE SOUTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 360.69 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 2.248 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SET FORTH ON THE PLAT OF SURVEY MADE BY PAUL D. NICKEL, LICENSED SURVEYOR, ATTACHED TO DEED RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 94-02308.

PARCEL 2:

PART OF THE FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST ALONG

THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 957.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING: THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 248.61 FEET; THENCE NORTH 21 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 174.01 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 804.15 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 323.30 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST HALF OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 551.33 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 66.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL WITH SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 660.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 66.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST HALF OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 19 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 359.15 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 175.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 27 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 95.07 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 82.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 178.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 22.95 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALL SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

1816 & 1820 N. 9th St.

THE SOUTH 55 FEET OF LOT 3 IN BLOCK 5 OF CATHERINE WOOD'S SECOND SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.

EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERAL RIGHTS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID PREMISES.

SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

812 N. Stephens Ave.

LOTS 405, 406 AND 407 IN SPAULDING'S CAPITAL PARK ADDITION. EXCEPTING THE NORTH 20 FEET OF LOT 405. EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Permanent Index Number: 14-23.0-379-011 aka 14-23-379-011

Permanent Index Number: 14-22.0-256-018 aka 14-22-256-018 fka 14-22-256-006 & 14-22-256-005

Permanent Index Number: 24-05.0-200-011

Permanent Index Number: 14-22.0-256-004

Permanent Index Number: 14-22.0-256-016

Permanent Index Number: 14.25.0-157-006

Permanent Index Number: 14-25.0-157-007

Commonly known as: 1968 E. Converse St., Springfield, IL 62702

Commonly known as: 1812 N. 9th St.,

Springfield, IL 62702

Commonly known as: 10729 Darnell Rd., Dawson, IL 62520

Commonly known as: 1816 & 1820 N. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62702

Commonly known as: 812 N Stephens Ave., Springfield, IL 62702

UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701-1629 on or before March 13, 2023, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE.

CLERK OF THE COURT

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Commonly known as: 812 N Stephens Ave., Springfield, IL 62702

HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC

Attorneys at Law

P.O. Box 740

Decatur, IL 62525

Send Notice/Pleadings to:

Veronika J. Miles (#6313161)

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8051-929939

NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY OF SANGAMON

SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

TOWN AND COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MARY JANE V LOGAN AND PERSONAL FINANCE COMPANY, LLC,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 22-FC-140

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

803 N. OSBURN AVE.

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on October 12, 2022, the following described real estate, to-wit:

The North 49 feet, 11 inches of Lot Seven (7) in Block Six (6) of Frank Osburn's Addition to the City of Springfield, as per Plat recorded August 24, 1881 in Deed Book 68, Page 620. 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.

Permanent Index Number: 14-28.0-177-026 fka 14-28-177-026

Commonly known as: 803 N. Osburn Ave., Springfield, IL 62702

will be offered for sale and sold at public venue on March 7, 2023, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$42,763.62.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser

not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

TOWN AND COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.,

Plaintiff,

Dated Nov. Feb. 9, 2023

By Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549), Its Attorney

Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC

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8051-928290

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

IN THE MATTER OF Kamron Canty

No. 2019-P-490

To: Eric & Ilene Canty at address unknown: Please be notified that Debbie Maple has filed a Petition for Successor Guardianship of Kamron Canty, minor child. You are required to answer said Petition By March 27, 2023 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF

Case No: 2022-CP-003712

RHONDA MCKINLEY

Division: Probate

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Rex Ray McKinley—address unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Petition for Administration has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Jeffrey S. Perlow, Esq., the personal representative's attorney, whose address is 5425 Park Central Court, Naples, FL 34109 on or before 3/17/23 and file the original of the written defenses with the clerk of this court either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition, without further notice.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RUBIN L. BROOKS, III AKA RUBIN BROOKS; THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 2022FC000170

Property Address: 1904 E. PINE STREET

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on January 11, 2023, I, Sheriff Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on March 28, 2023, commencing at 9:00AM, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701 ROOM TBA, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit:

LOT TEN (10) IN JEFFERSON STATE BANK ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 1904 E. PINE STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703

P.I.N.: 22-02.0-104-002

First Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$29,495.87

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-

1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT. Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County. The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 453-6960 midwestpleadings@dallegal.com 8051-930257

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO ACCEPT PUBLIC COMMENT

On the draft update to the Sangamon County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Monday, February 27, 2023 5:30 p.m. Sangamon County Board Chamber 200 S. 9th Street, 2nd Floor, Springfield The plan assesses the risks to the County and its municipalities from natural hazard events and includes projects that will lessen the impact of natural hazard events on the communities participating in the planning process. The communities involved in this Plan update are: Auburn, Buffalo, Chatham, Curran, Dawson, Divernon, Grandview, Illiopolis, Jerome, Leland Grove, Mechanicsburg, New Berlin, Pawnee, Pleasant Plains, Riverton, Rochester, Sherman, Southern View, Spaulding, Springfield, Williamsburg, Sangamon County, and the Sangamon County Water Reclamation District. The draft update to the plan is available on the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan website <https://co.sangamon.il.us/departments/m-r/regional-planning-commission/natural-hazards-mitigation-plan> and can also be reviewed at the office of the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission in the County Building, 200 S. 9th Street, Rm 212, from 8:00 – 4:30, Monday through Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the Regional Planning Commission, 200 S. 9th Street, Rm 212, Springfield, IL 62701 or by email at Steve.Keenan@sangamonil.gov until February 24, 2023. Each community also has an electronic copy of the draft plan. Please contact the Planning Commission at (217) 535-3110 or visit our website above for more information.

Publication notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. The Margaret Elaine Irvine Revocable Living Trust dated September 19, 2022,

UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 22-MR-521 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, The Margaret Elaine Irvine Revocable Living Trust dated September 19, 2022, Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on December 6, 2022 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 1130 Reservoir Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as: The East 37 Feet of the West 77 Feet of Lot 1 in Block 2 of Reservoir Addition. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 14-27.0-229-002); and for other relief. UNLESS The Margaret Elaine Irvine Revocable Living Trust dated September 19, 2022, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before March 20, 2023, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT. /s/ Paul Palazzolo Clerk of Court James K. Zerkle Corporation Counsel Kateah McMasters Assistant Corporation Counsel Attorneys for Plaintiff 800 E. Monroe, Room 327 Springfield, IL 62701-1653 (217) 789-2375

Sangamon County Circuit Clerk Video Solution 2023 The Sangamon County Circuit Clerk is accepting RFP (Request for Proposal) for courtroom video. The bid document is available in PDF format on the Circuit Clerks Website: sangamoncounty-circuitclerk.org

TAKE NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN OWNERS OCCUPANTS PERSONS INTERESTED, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK, c. SANGAMON CO AS TRUSTEE C/O JOSEPH E. MEYER, IL CORP SERVICE CO AS RA FOR US MORTGAGE RESOLUTION, LLC TAX DEED NO.:2023TX13 FILED: 02/03/2023 County of Sangamon Date Premises Sold November 13, 2020 Certificate No. 140-396-7 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. NA Inst. No NA THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 204 S Glenwood Ave, Springfield, IL 62704 Legal Description or Property Index No. 14-33.0-128-036 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 02, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the

county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 02, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Springfield Illinois, on June 08, 2023 at 10:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 02, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk, Sangamon County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Springfield, Illinois, 62701. For further information contact the Sangamon County Clerk at 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, 217-753-6800. Petitioner: Antler Bay LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. 8051-930203

TAKE NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN OWNERS OCCUPANTS PERSONS INTERESTED, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK, CAROL L MCGUAR, VICKY L MCGUAR, BARB SIDNER, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD C/O CITY CLERK, NICOLE HATCH AS RA FOR REALTAX DEVELOPERS LTD TAX DEED NO.:2023TX11 FILED: 02/03/2023 County of Sangamon Date Premises Sold November 13, 2020 Certificate No. 140-380-1 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. NA Inst. No NA THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1130 Patton St, Springfield, IL 62702 Legal Description or Property Index No. 14-28.0-127-013 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 02, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 02, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Springfield Illinois, on June 08, 2023 at 10:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 02, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk, Sangamon County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Springfield, Illinois, 62701. For further information contact the Sangamon County Clerk at 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, 217-753-6800. Petitioner: Antler Bay LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. 8051-930208

TAKE NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN OWNERS OCCUPANTS

PERSONS INTERESTED, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK, EDR DAUBARD, ERICA DAUBARD, DEREK A. SCHRIVER AS RA FOR IVY JACK, INC., WILLIAM BERNETT AS RA FOR NR DEED, LLC TAX DEED NO.:2023TX3 FILED: 02/03/2023 County of Sangamon Date Premises Sold November 13, 2020 Certificate No. 140-20-1 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. NA Inst. No NA THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 212 N Stephen Ave, Springfield, IL 62702 Legal Description or Property Index No. 14-25.0-357-006 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 02, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 02, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Springfield Illinois, on June 08, 2023 at 10:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 02, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk, Sangamon County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Springfield, Illinois, 62701. For further information contact the Sangamon County Clerk at 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, 217-753-6800. Petitioner: Antler Bay LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. 8051-930204

TAKE NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN OWNERS OCCUPANTS PERSONS INTERESTED, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK, JAMIE ADAIRE, KENNETH D HILL TAX DEED NO.:2023TX14 FILED: 02/03/2023 County of Sangamon Date Premises Sold November 13, 2020 Certificate No. 140-438-2 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. NA Inst. No NA THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2109 S 14th St, Springfield, IL 62703 Legal Description or Property Index No. 22-03.0-405-026 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 02, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments

to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 02, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Springfield Illinois, on June 08, 2023 at 10:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 02, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk, Sangamon County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Springfield, Illinois, 62701. For further information contact the Sangamon County Clerk at 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, 217-753-6800. Petitioner: Integrity Investment Fund LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. 8051-930207

TAKE NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN OWNERS OCCUPANTS PERSONS INTERESTED, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK, JEREMY CHARLES BARTH, BRENDA LEE ELEM TAX DEED NO.:2023TX12 FILED: 02/03/2023 County of Sangamon Date Premises Sold November 13, 2020 Certificate No. 140-382-3 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. NA Inst. No NA THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 923 W Washington St, Springfield, IL 62702 Legal Description or Property Index No. 14-28.0-380-016 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 02, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 02, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Springfield Illinois, on June 08, 2023 at 10:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 02, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk, Sangamon County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Springfield, Illinois, 62701. For further information contact the Sangamon County Clerk at 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, 217-753-6800. Petitioner: Antler Bay LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. 8051-930215

TAKE NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN OWNERS OCCUPANTS PERSONS INTERESTED, SANGAMON

COUNTY CLERK, JIMMY DALE SUNDERLAND JR, BEVERLY M SUNDERLAND, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD C/O CITY CLERK, SANGAMON CO AS TRUSTEE C/O JOSEPH E. MEYERS TAX DEED NO.:2023TX6 FILED: 02/03/2023 County of Sangamon Date Premises Sold November 13, 2020 Certificate No. 140-362-4 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. NA Inst. No NA THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1211 Converse Ave, Springfield, IL 62702 Legal Description or Property Index No. 14-22.0-477-014 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 02, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 02, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Springfield Illinois, on June 08, 2023 at 10:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 02, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk, Sangamon County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Springfield, Illinois, 62701. For further information contact the Sangamon County Clerk at 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, 217-753-6800. Petitioner: Antler Bay LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. 8051-930209

TAKE NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN OWNERS OCCUPANTS PERSONS INTERESTED, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK, JJ4 PROPERTIES LLC, JASON E. BROKAW AS RA FOR JJ4 PROPERTIES LLC TAX DEED NO.:2023TX7 FILED: 02/03/2023 County of Sangamon Date Premises Sold November 13, 2020 Certificate No. 140-364-5 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. NA Inst. No NA THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1936 Watch Ave, Springfield, IL 62702 Legal Description or Property Index No. 14-23.0-332-022 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 02, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently

accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 02, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Springfield Illinois, on June 08, 2023 at 10:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 02, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk, Sangamon County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk at 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, 217-753-6800. Petitioner: Antler Bay LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. 8051-930212

TAKE NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN OWNERS OCCUPANTS PERSONS INTERESTED, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK, JOHN G CONWAY, DEREK A. SCHRYER AS RA FOR IVY JACK, INC., HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOHN G. CONWAY, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
TAX DEED NO.:2023TX2
FILED: 02/03/2023
County of Sangamon
Date Premises Sold November 13, 2020
Certificate No. 140-7-6
Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)
and special assessment number N/A
Warrant No. NA Inst. No NA
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property located at 2909 S 12th St, Springfield, IL 62703
Legal Description or Property Index No. 22-10.0-405-018

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 02, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 02, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in

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TAKE NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN OWNERS OCCUPANTS PERSONS INTERESTED, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK, KERRY HILL, SANGAMON CO AS TRUSTEE C/O JOSEPH E. MEYER, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD C/O CITY CLERK
TAX DEED NO.:2023TX10
FILED: 02/03/2023
County of Sangamon
Date Premises Sold November 13, 2020
Certificate No. 140-370-2
Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)
and special assessment number N/A
Warrant No. NA Inst. No NA
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR

DELINQUENT TAXES

Property located at 1132 N 03rd St, Springfield, IL 62702
Legal Description or Property Index No. 14-27.0-103-014
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 02, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 02, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Springfield Illinois, on June 08, 2023 at 10:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 02, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk, Sangamon County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Springfield, Illinois, 62701. For further information contact the Sangamon County Clerk at 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, 217-753-6800. Petitioner: Antler Bay LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. 8051-930205

TAKE NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN OWNERS OCCUPANTS PERSONS INTERESTED, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK, LEO A. ROMANOTTO, LEO THOMAS ROMANOTTO, DOROTHY ROMANOTTO, MICHAEL LEO ROMANOTTO, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD C/O CITY CLERK, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LEO A. ROMANOTTO, SANGAMON CO AS TRUSTEE C/O JOSEPH E MEYER, IL IRS (CLAIM NO. 2012R19935 AND 2015R10349)
TAX DEED NO.:2023TX8
FILED: 02/03/2023
County of Sangamon
Date Premises Sold November 13, 2020
Certificate No. 140-365-3
Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)
and special assessment number N/A
Warrant No. NA Inst. No NA
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property located at 2310 Ramsey Ave, Springfield, IL 62702-
Legal Description or Property Index No. 14-23.0-436-004
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 02, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June

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TAKE NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN OWNERS OCCUPANTS PERSONS INTERESTED, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK, NICOLE B CHANDLER, BEVERLY G THOMAS, STEVEN W JOHNSON
TAX DEED NO.:2023TX9
FILED: 02/03/2023
County of Sangamon
Date Premises Sold November 13, 2020
Certificate No. 140-368-5
Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)
and special assessment number N/A
Warrant No. NA Inst. No NA
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property located at 608 N 15th St, Springfield, IL 62702
Legal Description or Property Index No. 14-26.0-304-002
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 02, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 02, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Springfield Illinois, on June 08, 2023 at 10:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 02, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk, Sangamon County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Springfield, Illinois, 62701. For further information contact the Sangamon County Clerk at 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, 217-753-6800. Petitioner: Antler Bay LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. 8051-930214

TAKE NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN OWNERS OCCUPANTS PERSONS INTERESTED, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK, ROBERTA J MILLER, WILLIAM BERNETT AS RA FOR NR DEED LLC, DEREK A. SCHRYER AS RA FOR IVY JACK, INC.
TAX DEED NO.:2023TX5
FILED: 02/03/2023
County of Sangamon
Date Premises Sold November 13, 2020
Certificate No. 140-360-3
Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)
and special assessment number N/A
Warrant No. NA Inst. No NA
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property located at 620 Black Ave, Springfield, IL 62702
Legal Description or Property Index No. 14-22.0-330-006
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 02, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed

TAKE NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN OWNERS OCCUPANTS PERSONS INTERESTED, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK, RETA M BATTERTON, JANE I WHITESIDE, CITIZENS EQUITY FIRST CREDIT UNION
TAX DEED NO.:2023TX15
FILED: 02/03/2023
County of Sangamon
Date Premises Sold November 13, 2020

Certificate No. 140-436-7
Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)
and special assessment number N/A
Warrant No. NA Inst. No NA
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property located at 2332 S 07th St, Springfield, IL 62703
Legal Description or Property Index No. 22-03.0-354-009
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 02, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 02, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Springfield Illinois, on June 08, 2023 at 10:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 02, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk, Sangamon County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Springfield, Illinois, 62701. For further information contact the Sangamon County Clerk at 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, 217-753-6800. Petitioner: Antler Bay LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. 8051-930214

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FILED: 02/03/2023
County of Sangamon
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Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)
and special assessment number N/A
Warrant No. NA Inst. No NA
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VACANT LOT OWNERS PUBLIC NOTICE



TO ALL OWNERS AND PERSONS IN CONTROL OF ANY VACANT LOT OR LOT WITH AN UNOCCUPIED STRUCTURE IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

You are hereby notified that all rank growth of weeds ten (10) inches or greater in height is a violation of Section 170.17.15(a) of the Springfield City Code, 1988, as amended.

You are hereby notified that in accordance with Section 170.17.15(a) of the Springfield City Code, 1988, as amended that should the rank growth of weeds grow to more than ten inches in height on a vacant lot or a lot with an unoccupied structure located in Springfield, Illinois, the City of Springfield may cut the weeds without further notice and the owner or person in control of the property shall be liable to the City of Springfield for the costs, and a lien for the costs of the weed removal may be filed against the property.

The public notice shall be final notice to all owners and persons in control of vacant lots and lots with an unoccupied structure.

Department of Building and Zoning
Housing Division
City of Springfield
789-2167

for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 02, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Springfield Illinois, on June 08, 2023 at 10:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 02, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk, Sangamon County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Springfield, Illinois, 62701. For further information contact the Sangamon County Clerk at 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, 217-753-6800. Petitioner: Antler Bay LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. 8051-930211

TAKE NOTICE
 TO: UNKNOWN OWNERS OCCUPANTS PERSONS INTERESTED, SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK, RUTH E TARR, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD C/O CITY CLERK, JUANITA MORRIS
 TAX DEED NO.: 2023TX4
 FILED: 02/03/2023
 County of Sangamon
 Date Premises Sold November 13, 2020 Certificate No. 140-355-2
 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019
 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A
 Warrant No. NA Inst. No NA
 THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
 Property located at 15 Lilac Ln, Springfield, IL 62702
 Legal Description or Property Index No. 14-20.0-451-007
 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 02, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 02, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Springfield Illinois, on June 08, 2023 at 10:30 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 02, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk, Sangamon County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Springfield, Illinois, 62701. For further information contact the Sangamon County Clerk at 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, 217-753-6800. Petitioner: Antler Bay LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. 8051-930206

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation,
 Plaintiff,

vs.
 ASHLEY R. PRICE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF ILLINOIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
 Case No. 2023-FC-30
 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
 Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is April 6, 2023.

Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on February 16, 2023.

- The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; 2023-FC-30.
- The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois
- The name of the title holder of record is: Ashley R. Price
- A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: LOT 20 IN MORNINGSIDE PLACE, EXCEPT ALL COAL AND MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LOT, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
- A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 33 Windsor Road, Springfield, Illinois 62702
- The Tax Identification Number(s) for the real estate is/are as follows: 14-29.0-105-014
- An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Name of Mortgagor: Ashley R. Price Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank

Date of Mortgage: May 28, 2010
 Date of recording: June 1, 2010
 County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois
 Recording document identification: Document No. 2010R17525
 /s/ Paul Palazzolo
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
 Emmet A. Fairfield
 Registration No. 6180505
 205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000
 P.O. Box 2459
 Springfield, IL 62705
 (217) 544-8491
 efairfield@bhsllaw.com
 8051-930365

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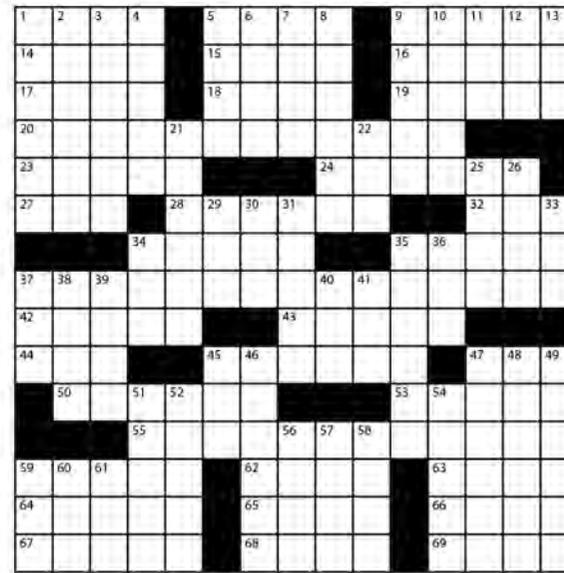
Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 778

Across

- Cheese in a ball
- Sink or swim, e.g.
- Barbaric
- April or May
- "I had no ___!"
- Vital vessel
- Soon, to poets
- Clothing line
- Eat nachos, say
- Bedroom basics?
- Minimal
- Gawkers
- Building add-on
- Not digital
- Dr. Seuss's Sam

- Europe's "boot"
- Kind of queen
- "The Greatest Show on Earth" purveyors
- Go after
- New York politico Andrew
- Gear tooth
- Broom closet item
- Bro, for one
- Words on a shoppe sign
- Related on mom's side
- Like a bruise
- Tiny part
- ___ account (never)
- ___ Misbehavin'"
- Part of a simple bouquet
- Have to have
- Stuntman
- Like some furniture

- Moistens, in a way
- Level, in London



- Moistens, in a way
- Level, in London

Down

- Allow
- Book after Ezekiel
- Unprincipled
- Patches up
- Discover alternative
- First family's home
- Go through volumes
- Cane material
- Desert beast
- Get up
- Mantel piece
- And so forth

- "Well, ___-di-dah!"
- Lady Liberty, for example

- McMuffin
- Iranian money
- Ditto
- "Platoon" setting
- ___ king
- "Eraserhead" director
- Word of possibility
- ___ and outs
- Ill-fated
- ___ Grande
- Abbr. on top of some e-mails
- Cry from a deck
- Road ___
- Clone: Abbr.
- ___ constrictor

- Toothpaste tube letters
- Time division
- Slobber
- Online music mart
- Retro car
- Way too weighty
- Bridges in movies
- Buck or Bull, briefly
- On bended ___
- From square one
- Nonverbal O.K.'s
- Public health agey.
- "___ approved" (motel sign)
- Sixty 46-downs: Abbr.

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #777

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

Sudoku answers from #777

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

JoshJosh answers from #777

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 778

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

4+		2-		2÷	60x
10+		7+			
	20x	1-	2÷	5+	
					3÷
72x		30x			
6		4-		2-	

Difficulty medium

Sudoku No. 778

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

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

Difficulty hard



Hy-Vee RED HOT WEEKEND



Fri - Sun | Feb. 24 - 26 ONLY!

BUY THIS, GET THAT



buy one, get one
FREE
Hy-Vee orange
or apple juice
select varieties 64 fl. oz. **2.88ea.**



buy one, get one
FREE
7UP products
select varieties 6 pack mini cans
7.5 fl. oz. or bottles 16.9 fl. oz.
(limit 2) **4.99ea.**



buy two, get one
FREE MIA ITALIAN
MIA Italian large
single-topping pizza
select varieties 26 to 38 oz.



buy one, get one
FREE
HyChi 2 entrée meal
entrée, rice, appetizer
& fortune cookie **9.99ea.**



buy one, get one
FREE
Hy-Vee Choice Reserve
center cut beef sirloin filet
8 oz. **5.99ea.**



buy one, get one
FREE
Dole chopped
or premium salad kit
select varieties
10.2 to 14.4 oz. pkg. **4.99ea.**



buy two, get one
FREE
Frito-Lays Ruffles
select varieties 5.5 to 9 oz.
3.99ea.



buy two, get one
FREE
Post cereal
select varieties 6 to 18 oz.
3.58ea.

While supplies last! Some exclusions apply. See store for details. Valid at your Springfield, IL Hy-Vee store February 24 - 26, 2023.

WEEK 4
LU# 17680



Basket & Bushel
Strawberries
16 oz.

2.48

Limit 1 total with coupon.
Limit 1 coupon per customer.
Good February 24 - 26, 2023



WEEK 4
LU# 17690



Hy-Vee
Bar Cheese
select varieties
8 oz.

.99

Limit 1 total with coupon.
Limit 1 coupon per customer
Good February 24 - 26, 2023



WEEK 4
LU# 17700



Hy-Vee
Potato Chips
select varieties
7.8 or 8 oz.

.99

Limit 1 total with coupon.
Limit 1 coupon per customer.
Good February 24 - 26, 2023



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FRENZY!**

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WITH A MINIMUM \$50 PURCHASE

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USE PROMO CODE FUELSOSPRING WHEN SHOPPING ONLINE

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