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Crime on the rise in Sangamon County

Local law enforcement blame the end of cash bail for an increase in crime rates

CRIME | Dean Olsen

The end of cash bail that took effect five months ago in Illinois is contributing to a rise in crime rates in Springfield and the rest of Sangamon County, law enforcement officials say.

It may not be conclusive proof, but Springfield Police Chief Kenneth Scarlette pointed to a 21.5% increase in reports of serious crimes in the city as another indication that people being released rather than detained – especially repeat offenders – are committing more crimes while they await trial.

Serious crimes are categorized as “Group A” offenses and can range from murder and aggravated assault to retail theft, burglary and drug crimes.

The increase covered the last four months of 2023 and was computed based on the same period in 2022. The Pretrial Fairness Act, the part of a broader criminal-justice reform law called the Safety, Accountability, Fairness and Equity-Today (SAFE-T) Act, took effect on Sept. 18, 2023.

The increase seen in late 2023 contrasted with the 0.69% drop in the number of Group A offenses reported in Springfield the first eight months of 2023 compared to the same period in 2022.

Scarlette said the increase was “one of the unintended consequences” of the SAFE-T Act and evidence that the act, which has been tweaked by the Democratic-controlled General Assembly several times since it was first passed in January 2021, needs to be amended again to give judges more leeway so more people can be kept in jail.

“My thing right now is that career criminals are walking out the door of the county jail without any immediate consequences as to their actions and feel emboldened and empowered to repeat the process,” Scarlette said.

“That’s the part that concerns me – not the individuals who may have made a mistake one time and are released from jail. Arrests and jail experience can be a learning opportunity, and oftentimes people learn from their mistakes and move on, and I can appreciate that.

“It’s the people who are career criminals, repeat offenders, that we see routinely driving these numbers up. One person responsible for multiple retail thefts – that’s a problem. That person should be held in a facility where they can no longer go out and prey upon the businesses of Springfield.”

The data, which Scarlette acknowledges was a relatively small sample, reflected a trend reported by some other police agencies in Illinois but not others. It is also not reflected in statewide totals reviewed by *Illinois Times*.

The data were part of crime statistics that the department, like other police agencies nationwide, reports monthly to the FBI as part of the National Incident-Based Reporting System.

Crime data is only starting to be collected and analyzed since the Pretrial Fairness Act made Illinois the first state in the nation to completely eliminate cash bail.

The act created a system in which people who are arrested and charged with crimes are evaluated by state’s attorneys and judges for risks of reoffending and their likelihood of returning to court, and then either held in jail or released while their cases proceed.

Both opponents and supporters of the act said it will take at least a year, and perhaps years, before accurate conclusions can be drawn.

“A lot of it is so nebulous now,” said Jim Kaitschuk, executive director of the Illinois Sheriffs’ Association.

Daniel Olson, professor of criminal justice at Loyola University Chicago, said the FBI data are

unaudited and can reflect variations in the quality of reporting by police departments. The data also don’t indicate whether the elimination of cash bail has resulted in certain defendants being released pretrial any earlier than they would have under the previous bail system.

But Sangamon County Sheriff Jack Campbell, a Republican and fervent critic of the elimination of cash bail, said he has no doubt that there are “more criminals on the street” committing crimes because of the Pretrial Fairness Act.

The Sangamon County Jail population, which was 308 inmates on Sept. 17, was down by 95 people, or 31%, on Dec. 31, and that reduction has remained consistent since then, Campbell said. Reductions at various levels have been reported at county jails throughout the state.

Of the 1,147 arrests that the Springfield Police Department made between Sept. 18 and Dec. 31, 71 detentions were requested by State’s Attorney John Milhiser. Judges granted 44 of them, or 62%.

A more reasonable number granted would be 90% to 100%, Scarlette said. The defendants recommended for detention by police and prosecutors are “the worst of the worst,” he said.

Milhiser said 73% of the detentions he has requested from Sept. 18 to now have been granted, which includes people arrested by other law enforcement agencies in addition to SPD arrests. He declined to comment on judges’ decisions but said the percentage is similar to the success of detention requests by prosecutors across Illinois.

“I think it’s too early to tell the long-term effect of the SAFE-T Act,” Milhiser, a Republican, said.

The Illinois State’s Attorney’s Association is considering pushing for legislation to give judges more discretion on detention decisions, Milhiser said.

“If there was more discretion given to judges, I feel public safety would benefit from that discretion,” he said.

The Sangamon County Sheriff’s Department, the primary policing agency in unincorporated parts of the county and in many municipalities outside Springfield, reported a 12.7% increase in Group A offenses in the last four months of 2023 compared with the same period in 2022. The data reflected a 118% increase in burglaries during the period, with 72 in 2022 and 157 in 2023.

And in Springfield, the 21.5% increase in Group A offenses the last four months of 2023 included an 88% increase in burglaries, with 358 in the 2022 period and 676 in the 2023 period.

Motor vehicle thefts were up 62%, with 154 in 2022 and 249 in 2023.

The Rockford Police Department reported a 6% increase in Group A offenses in late 2023 compared with a 4.5% drop in the first eight months. Peoria saw a 17.7% increase in the last four months of 2023 versus a 12% increase in the first eight months of 2023, and Decatur reported a 16% jump in the last four months of the year compared with a 4% drop the first eight months.

However, police agencies in the counties of McLean, DuPage, Kane, Morgan, Lake and Will reported trends either opposite or different from the trend seen in Sangamon County.

State totals for Group A offenses were up 5.34% in the last four months of 2023, but the totals for the first eight months of 2023 increased almost 17% from the same period in 2022.

Some of Springfield’s increases in theft were the result of police encouraging retail establishments to report all thefts to police, and some of the increase in motor vehicle theft reports represented more juveniles committing crimes, Scarlette said.

But the chief said anecdotal evidence of the negative effects of the elimination of cash bail is unmistakable.

He pointed to cases involving Springfield residents Keyannya L. Simpson, 42, and Christian Halberstadt, 26.

Simpson has been arrested more than 60 times for offenses including larceny, assault, forgery and obstruction of justice and served time in Illinois and Tennessee prisons, Deputy Police Chief Sara Pickford said.

Simpson was arrested most recently for alleged retail theft and forgery. Police and the state’s attorney requested she be detained because of her criminal history, but a judge released her and required she wear an ankle monitor.

Simpson was arrested Feb. 8 and detained in the county jail, where she remains, after she removed the device without authorization that morning.

Halberstadt, who served time in the Illinois Department of Corrections for robbery, burglary and aggravated battery of a police officer, was arrested by Springfield police and charged with burglarizing a car and possessing methamphetamine on Feb. 26.

But the alleged parole violation wasn’t enough to get a judge to agree with a request to detain him in jail, Pickford said. Halberstadt was released and ordered to submit to electronic monitoring.

“What is going to stop him from continuing to commit crimes?” Pickford asked. □

Editor’s note

Several at the graveside service said they were surprised at the size of the crowd, 50 or so, that assembled at Oak Ridge Cemetery that sunny morning last week. They didn’t know “Cowboy” Bob McClure, who was 68 when he died Feb. 12, had so many friends. I knew him as a neighbor who would patrol the block and the park, a loner looking out for trouble or for people he could help with yard work. He was a window washer by trade, but the occupation he talked about was walking the mile to visit the Oak Ridge grave of his wife, Bobbie Jean, who died in 2002. He visited her almost daily, and lately when he could no longer walk there, friends would drive him to the cemetery. The hospice chaplain who conducted the service highlighted his work ethic, because during her visits with him he wanted to wash windows, even though he no longer could. She speculated that when Bob got to heaven the first thing he would do is ask what work needs done. “No,” a neighbor whispered to me, “the first thing he’ll do is go see Bobbie Jean.” —*Fletcher Farrar, editor*

Memorial Health to bring back valet parking

Parking attendants eliminated in August as part of 300 systemwide layoffs

MEMORIAL | Dean Olsen

Memorial Health says it will restore valet parking services at the entrance to Springfield Memorial Hospital sometime this spring.

The Springfield-based health system laid off about a dozen parking attendants in early August in a move that resulted in public criticism and was part of about 300 layoffs designed to save the nonprofit system an estimated \$40 million a year.

Illinois Times requested an interview with a system official on the planned restoration but instead received a three-sentence reply by email on Feb. 26.

“Springfield Memorial Hospital will provide entrance attendant services at its main lobby entrance starting in spring 2024,” the email from spokesperson Anne Davis said. “This service will provide parking and hospital access support for patients and visitors with accessibility needs. Entrance attendants will be available Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.”

When an *IT* reporter left a voicemail with follow-up questions – such as the reason for the change, when valet parking will start back up and the status of Memorial’s finances – Davis replied by email on Feb. 27, saying, “The exact start date isn’t finalized, and no one is available for an interview.”

It’s unclear whether the resumption of free valet parking will mark a reversal of any other cuts, though a former employee of Memorial Health said the other cuts apparently will remain in effect.

The time period when valet parking will be offered is shorter than what was provided previously. For years, the service operated weekdays as early as 4:30 a.m. and as late as 9 p.m., and for limited hours on Saturdays, according to David Kissick, one of the attendants who was laid off.

Kissick, a Springfield resident and retired state corrections officer, now is working part time for Springfield Clinic’s valet parking service at the Springfield Clinic First – 800 Building at 800 N. First St., immediately east of Springfield Memorial Hospital.

He said he was glad to hear valet parking is returning to Springfield Memorial. “There’s a definite need for it,” he said.

Springfield resident Elaine Boardman, 76, a retired state worker, said she was grateful for valet parking at Springfield Memorial in the past because it gave her the freedom to use the



David Kissick pictured in 2023, when he was laid off as a valet parking attendant at Springfield Memorial Hospital. The Springfield man later became a valet parking attendant for Springfield Clinic.

PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

hospital so she wouldn’t have to bring along friends or relatives to help her park and make her way inside safely.

When told of Memorial Health’s decision, she said: “Thank God. I’m so happy to hear that. There are people that really need help.”

Boardman said she is planning to undergo knee replacement surgery at Springfield Memorial in April, and she hopes valet parking is restored so she can drive herself if she needs follow-up care at the 500-bed hospital after the surgery.

Both before and since Memorial’s initial decision to cut valet parking, HSHS St. John’s Hospital has continued to offer it at the main lobby entrance from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and at Prairie Heart Institute

between 5 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays, St. John’s spokesperson Jennifer Snopko said.

The approximately 300 layoffs at Memorial Health, which operates five central Illinois hospitals, a mental health affiliate, a durable medical equipment affiliate and a physician group, included 120 people in leadership, system officials said at the time.

The layoffs were expected to reduce the system’s salary and benefit costs by 5% and eliminate one in every five leadership positions.

Memorial Health’s president and chief executive officer, Ed Curtis, told *Illinois Times* for a story published Sept. 7 that the cuts, mostly to administrative and support positions and mostly avoiding frontline care staff, were a “last resort” after other cost-trimming

measures.

The cuts included part-time staff in Springfield Memorial’s pastoral care department, layoffs of the president and several other staff members at Memorial Behavioral Health and the elimination of the hospital’s three-person Clinical Ethics Center.

Curtis said the cuts were needed to preserve core services and help return the system to “break-even” status by fall 2024.

He said the financial situation leading to the cuts was related to the COVID-19 pandemic. He pointed to severe labor shortages locally and nationwide as burned-out workers left health care.

Memorial experienced a 40% increase in labor costs since August 2020 because of the extra money the system and other health care employers nationwide had to pay for traveling nurses and other clinical staff, and the higher pay they had to provide to attract permanent employees, Curtis said.

Memorial experienced a record loss of almost \$107 million on operations and a \$227.5 million loss when counting investment losses related to the downturn in the stock market for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, 2022.

Finances improved somewhat in the fiscal year that ended in September 2023. The total loss for the system was \$74 million, with a \$143 million loss when counting investment losses.

Total operating revenues improved from \$1.32 billion in fiscal 2022 to \$1.4 billion in fiscal 2023, according to Memorial’s consolidated financial statements.

Springfield Memorial, the system’s flagship institution, posted \$807.4 million in revenues and a \$31.5 million loss in fiscal 2022. Decatur Memorial, the system’s second-largest hospital, posted \$306.9 million in revenues that year and a \$49.7 million loss.

In fiscal 2023, Springfield Memorial was back in the black, posting a net gain of \$5.8 million and \$805.3 million in total revenues. Decatur Memorial’s loss that year was \$75 million based on \$290.2 million in total revenues. □

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NPR facing financial challenges

Reduced funding from UIS, federal grant, impacts annual budget

NPR | Dean Olsen

A one-time 25% cut in federal funding to NPR Illinois will create one more challenge for the public radio station at University of Illinois Springfield.

“Combined with the other cuts, it doesn’t help,” General Manager Randy Eccles said. “We will get through it.”

The nonprofit Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which receives money from Congress to help support more than 1,500 locally owned public radio and television stations across the United States, confirmed the \$50,015 cut to *Illinois Times*.

The reduction in CPB funding for WUIS (91.9 FM), which does business as NPR Illinois and operates with an annual \$1.7 million budget, means the station’s 2024 grant will be \$151,494, CPB spokesperson Tracey Briggs said in an email.

“Public media stations must meet a variety of legal, managerial, staffing and operational criteria to receive annual Community Service Grant funding,” Briggs said. “WUIS-FM was late filing its annual financial report, so its 2024 Community Service Grant has been reduced.”

An unspecified illness that put a WUIS employee tasked with filing financial reports out of commission resulted in the station missing a February 2023 filing deadline by seven months, Eccles said.

Since then, the station has worked with UIS, which holds the station’s license, to “put multiple pieces in place to make sure this doesn’t happen again,” he said. “This is a one-time event. ... As a small operation, we’re one deep in most positions.”

The news of the CPB grant funding reduction comes as the station tries to offset a five-year wind-down period of direct cash support from UIS for the 49-year-old station.

Direct funding from UIS peaked at \$500,000 in 2015, and remained at that level for a few years after NPR Illinois’ merger with *Illinois Issues* magazine.

Funding from UIS amounted to about \$351,000 in the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2023, according to the station’s audited financial statements.

UIS funding for the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2024, will total about \$220,000. And during the next fiscal year – the end of the five-year ramp-down – UIS funding is expected to total about \$150,000, Eccles said.

The Springfield campus of University of Illinois announced in 2021 the eventual end of direct funding for the station, with then-Interim Chancellor Karen Whitney in charge, as part



NPR Illinois staff members in this 2023 photograph include (back row, from left) Account Executive Brady Cummings, Managing Editor Sean Crawford, Chief Engineer Tim Boll, General Manager Randy Eccles, Development Director Kate McKenzie and (first row, from left) student reporter Cole Longcor, reporter Maureen McKinney, Community Voices Editor Bea Bonner and Community Voices Producer Vanessa Ferguson. Not pictured is Office Manager Audrey Bellot. PHOTO COURTESY NPR ILLINOIS.

of a multi-year plan to address a multimillion-dollar structural deficit that stood at almost \$8.8 million in fiscal 2023.

A 2021 memo from Whitney and an interim vice chancellor said: “UIS has had mixed financial performance over the last seven years, resulting in two surpluses and five deficits. ... UIS leadership is committed to addressing the reasons for these unacceptable financial results and is developing a five-year financial plan to return the campus to financial stability.”

Components of the plan included growing enrollment. At the time, UIS had seen an undergraduate enrollment drop of 9.6% and a graduate enrollment drop of 39.5% between 2015 and 2020.

Other components of the financial stability plan, according to the memo, included “expense control,” merging academic departments and launching a new College of Health, Science and Technology “while realigning the remaining colleges to preserve a four-year structure.”

UIS reported in October 2023 that enrollment had increased for the second year in a row. After the first 10 days of classes, a total of 4,661 students were enrolled in the fall 2023 semester, an increase of 11% from the 4,198 students enrolled in fall 2022.

The campus has a new chancellor, Janet Gooch, but UIS spokesperson Blake Wood said campus leadership “does not intend” to change

course on funding for the radio station.

“The decision to ramp down funding for NPR Illinois was in alignment with UIS’ strategic priorities to focus our limited fiscal resources on our core academic mission,” Wood said.

UIS does provide in-kind support to the station in the form of rent-free space and utilities.

The funding reduction has taken place as the number of NPR Illinois employees dropped through attrition, Eccles said.

The station had as many as 16 full-time employees – five of them news reporters – in 2017. There are now nine full-time employees, with two of them full-time reporters, as well as one part-time reporter, Eccles said.

NPR Illinois is trying to increase individual contributions and membership income to expand beyond the 10% of listeners who financially support the station, he said. That income is the largest single source of funding and totaled \$538,693 in fiscal 2023 – an increase of about \$39,000, or 7.8%, compared with the previous year.

The station saw business and industry contributions rise from \$53,173 in fiscal 2022 to \$88,546 in fiscal 2023, an increase of 66.5%. “We think that can continue to grow,” Eccles said.

The station plans to hire another news reporter in the coming months, he said, adding

that station listeners benefit from the state government news provided by Statehouse reporters Alex Degman and Mawa Iqbal. Degman and Iqbal are managed by Chicago-based NPR station WBEZ and are funded by payments from public radio stations across Illinois, including NPR Illinois, Eccles said.

NPR Illinois’ financial situation isn’t jeopardizing its ability to give listeners access to national NPR reporting, he said. Fees for that national programming are paid to several organizations and represent 20% of the station’s operating expenses, he said.

Eccles, who grew up in Chicago’s south suburbs and has worked at NPR Illinois for 15 years, said he is looking into potential philanthropic support and other alternatives to preserve and possibly increase what NPR Illinois offers.

But NPR Illinois continues to lose ground financially amid the funding reductions from UIS, Eccles said. The situation creates a quandary when local news outlets such as *The State Journal-Register* have undergone massive downsizing in recent years, he said.

“More and more, people are asking public media to fill that gap,” he said. □

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UIS alumnus Kyle Simpson, left, moderates a panel discussion with the past and current directors of the Capital Scholars Honors Program, Karen Moranski and Marc Klingshirn, during a reunion breakfast Feb. 24.
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Pioneers on the UIS Prairie

The first freshmen gather to honor their mentor

EDUCATION | Ed Wojcicki

About 100 people who helped to transform University of Illinois Springfield into a four-year university held their first reunion Saturday, Feb. 24, at a breakfast on the campus.

That visible display of support for UIS was a testimony to the impact felt by those first freshmen classes starting in the fall of 2001, with many of them becoming the first to graduate from the Capital Scholars Honors Program a few years later. They call themselves “Cappies” and returned to campus from many places in Illinois and from widespread locations including California, Washington, D.C., and even New Zealand, where alum Ryan Morrison has settled.

The hook that attracted them was that the architect of the Capital Scholars program, Karen Moranski, was honored the night before with the University of Illinois’ Distinguished Service Award. Before the Cap Scholars program was launched, UIS and its predecessor, Sangamon State University, was an upper-division school that admitted only juniors,

seniors and graduate students. UIS became part of the U of I system in 1995.

When the alumni learned of Moranski’s award last fall, they organized a reunion as a show of support to a popular mentor and administrator and as an opportunity to see old friends again.

Moranski recalled during a panel discussion at the breakfast that getting the Cap Scholars program approved became politically dicey with the Illinois Board of Higher Education because other regional public universities considered the admission of freshmen at UIS a threat, as competition. Cap Scholars was eventually approved in 1999 with the requirement that it have limited enrollment. The first cohort in 2001 had 113 students, but that honors-only provision was relaxed a few years later when UIS got approval to admit other freshmen in addition to those in the honors program.

The honors program was innovative with team-teaching by up to five faculty members from different academic disciplines and a strong

emphasis on the liberal arts.

Moranski fondly recalled the foundational courses nicknamed “Questions Courses” because they have such titles as “Who Am I?” and “What is Power?” While the course titles remain in the curriculum, the content fluctuates because different faculty with different perspectives teach them, and the times change, too, said the current Cap Scholars director, Marc Klingshirn. He observed that such questions for students remain pertinent in a world threatened by events in the Middle East and other places.

One of the lessons of UIS being a place for a full university experience was evident at my breakfast table, which included five of the original Capital Scholars. All still live in Illinois, but none in Springfield. They still feel a bond with each other as “pioneers on the Prairie” and that drew them to the reunion.

They have the same fondness for the campus and for Springfield that many people have of their undergraduate alma maters.

Their social media accounts over the weekend beamed with favorable comments about being together, partaking of horseshoes at local restaurants and beverages at Floyd’s and other places.

“My heart is full and my singular ab is sore from laughter after three days celebrating the #moranskieffect with #capitalscholars,” Morrison from New Zealand posted, adding it was “a reminder of the people who helped shape us into #whowere (a question many are still answering) ... from #campusantics to #adulthood it was so easy to pick up where we left off. Special shout out @krmoranski for being the guiding star in our UIS constellation of Prairie Stars.”

After spending 21 years at UIS, Moranski left in 2016 for Sonoma State University in California, where she is now provost and vice president for academic affairs. □

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A SPRINGFIELD TREASURE

This past week was a flurry of Black History Month celebrations and commemorations. Among the most exciting and engaging was The Florence B. Price Festival, “Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight.” This was a collaboration among the Springfield Choral Society, Music UIS, Illinois Symphony Orchestra, Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum and the Vachel Lindsay Home.

It was wonderful to see and experience these events with large, engaged audiences at each of the venues. Every organization stepped up to bring light to the life of Florence Price and her tremendous influence on music history and her connection to Illinois and our town of Springfield. Her struggle continues to be our struggle, both Black and white. It is with great pride that all of these organizations offered these events as a gift to the community. It helped shine a bright light on our rich history and our place in the world of literature and music.

There is one unsung hero in all of the events in the festival:

Jacobsen Woolen. He serves as music director of the Springfield Choral Society, the Illinois Youth Symphony Orchestra and the University of Illinois Springfield Orchestra, along with associate conductor of the Illinois Symphony Orchestra.

The Florence Price Festival was born of his vision, and he coordinated collaboration of these diverse organizations. This was driven by his desire to make the vision come to life. For anyone that attended or participated in any of the events, each was painstakingly choreographed and scripted with exciting facts and details that enhanced the audience’s experience and drew them into the mind and life and times of Florence Price. These were all solely put together by Jake. It took time, dedication and research that few would ever attempt to undertake. This was all done while he prepared all of the music ensembles to participate.

Jake’s passion for his craft is boundless. His attention to detail enriches the experience of any audience privileged enough to be in attendance and those participating on the other side of the podium.

Yet, he did not take any credit for his incredible vision or the work and time invested in making it all come to life.



Jennifer Flack portrays Florence B. Price during the Feb. 22 performance of *Don't Tell Me No: The Life of Florence Price in Story and Song* at First Presbyterian Church. The Springfield Choral Society held a four-part festival inspired by a long-lost cantata by Price, based on the Vachel Lindsay poem *Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight*. PHOTO COURTESY OF JAMES KONTIO

Jake is a Springfield treasure who improves the life of his adopted community immeasurably.

*James Kontio, vice president
Springfield Choral Society*

NO STATE MONEY

The state should not be giving any funds to a private entity (“Lutheran High School plans to rebuild near Cherry Hills Church,” Feb. 8). Lutheran High is a private school. Let the churches pay for it, they don’t pay taxes.

I’m also not looking forward to yet another religious organization developing rural property outside of the city. There is plenty of underdeveloped land in the city to build on.

*Dennis Sklenka
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes*

TAXPAYERS SUFFER

Good for Ald. Jennifer Notariano for standing up for not just her constituents, but the residents of Springfield that are getting squeezed by high costs (“City council passes budget,” Feb. 22). Interesting that Ald. Larry Rockford said, “I’m just tired of

kicking the can down the road.” Well, he needs to look around that horseshoe and question Ald. Jim Donelan, who served under Mayor Tim Davlin starting in 2005 and has been on the council for three terms, and Ald. Chuck Redpath, who has served as an alderman for seven terms. Between those two aldermen, they have been the issue with kicking the can down the road, and now we, the taxpayers, have to pay for their poor decisions.

*James Patton
Via illinoistimes.com*

OUT OF MONEY

How many increases does the city have to have, promising replaced sewer drains, cleaner water, etc. and still nothing comes through? I lived in the city for 38 years and never saw it happen. Now I’ve been out of the city for 16 years and still nothing has been corrected, and they still want more money.

To add insult to injury, if one lives in the county we have no voting rights as to what is to be done, what needs to be done and who should be running the city.

We finally get a Republican mayor and the first thing that happens is a 32% water rate increase with another 32% water rate increase in 2026. Can’t people understand we are out of money?

*Karen LeSure
Via illinoistimes.com*

DON'T FORGET RELIGIOUS VENUES

While the wedding issue of *Illinois Times* provides a helpful service for couples planning to get married, there was a glaring omission of any reference to churches, synagogues or mosques in the article on wedding venues (Feb. 15). Many people of religious faith still desire to have their wedding ceremony in a religious venue such as our beautiful Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at Sixth Street and Lawrence Avenue in Springfield, where any Catholic who resides in our diocese may inquire about having their wedding ceremony. For more information, go to spicathedral.org/matrimony/.

*Bishop Thomas John Paprocki
Diocese of Springfield in Illinois*

Turtle Township Mound

I grew up on a farm in Turtle Township. Often we played with kids downtown on the Beloit College campus. One day during hide-and-seek I wandered to a seldom traveled bluff beyond the observatory overlooking Rock River. I noticed the grass made a large low mound. I saw the mound had grassy mound feet, a head, a tail: it was an immense grassy turtle! Why had no one shown anyone this? Indians must have sculpted it; the whole campus was an Indian burial ground and we often sat on the mounds. Was this where Turtle Township got its name? Many years later I walked back to look at the turtle and found some college gardener had planted bushes around its feet, totally spoiling the image. I never mentioned this gigantic turtle to anyone; it must still be there but minus, I hope, the bushes.

2024 Jacqueline Jackson

Black and Latino caucuses exert influence

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Two press conferences held after Gov. JB Pritzker's budget address last week didn't receive much news media attention. As the saying goes, coverage follows conflict, and the two pressers were far more subtle and polite in their criticisms of the governor's plan than those held by Republicans, so they were mostly overlooked.

But clear undercurrents were visible during both events, one held by the Legislative Black Caucus and the other by the Legislative Latino Caucus. And, unlike the Republicans, those two caucuses actually have considerable sway over the state's law-making process.

While mostly couched in supportive language of the governor and the majority party leaders, the messages were distinct: Even after years of Democratic control, not nearly enough is still being done to help people in Black and Latino communities on every level. Poverty, violence, childcare, health care, education, economic development, trade union membership, homelessness. You name it, the services and opportunities are lacking.

So, the two caucuses did a bit of flexing. "This year, we will be negotiating from a position of strength," declared Black Caucus Chair Rep. Carol Ammons. "Our community and our members are the value-add in the General Assembly and nothing can be passed without our members." Not counting the House Speaker, there are 19 Black members in the House and 13 in the Senate, according to the caucus' website. That's enough to block a majority vote in both chambers, if they can stick together.

Rep. Ammons, D-Urbana, revealed during the press conference that the caucus plans to release a document in the coming weeks entitled "Leveling the playing field," which will focus on how to spend state dollars to "invest in building an equitable state and eliminating structural racism." Dollar figures will be attached to each proposal, Ammons said. If it's done well, the report could have a significant impact, not only this year, but in years to come.

The Legislative Latino Caucus does not yet have nearly the same numerical strength as the Black Caucus. But the joint caucus now has 16 members, which is higher than ever before. And Sen. Celina Villanueva, D-Chicago, firmly declared, "Latino families must benefit equitably from the investments that the state is making."

Villanueva claimed that the Latino population was undercounted in the

2020 US Census, but, she said, "I want everyone to know as they're hearing this, our community is only growing and our community is young. We aren't going anywhere. We will be here." She's definitely right about that.

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning noted a few years ago that while the Black population declined in Northeastern Illinois by a few percentage points over 30 years, the Northeastern Illinois Hispanic population had grown to 24.2% of the region's population, up from 11.5% in 1990. A study last year by the UCLA Latino Policy and Politics Institute found that the average age of Illinois Latinos was 28, compared to 38 for Illinoisans overall. Indeed, a significant number of legislative districts were drawn in 2021 with the anticipation that large numbers of young Latinos would eventually reach an age where they could elect one of their own before the next Census.

On the policy side, Rep. Lilian Jiménez, D-Chicago, echoed criticisms of the budget by groups like the Illinois Partners for

Human Service, which decried the lack of adequate funding for community care workers. SEIU Healthcare has a strong presence in the Latino community and some former union staffers are serving in the General Assembly. The union sharply criticized the budget for its lack of funding "to address the cause of the state's care crisis — the fact is that the crucial jobs that provide home care and childcare services are not good and stable jobs."

What I laid out above is not a complete picture by any means whatsoever. But I've been saying for years and years that the news media here, myself included, needs to focus much more on the internal debates within the super-majority party and its allies because that is where almost all policymaking decisions actually happen in the Illinois General Assembly. The Republicans (which have their own internal divisions and debates) shouldn't be cut out of the coverage by any means, but the stark reality on the ground is not being conveyed and valid perspectives are too often ignored. □



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When kids can't read

Three out of four fourth graders are not proficient in reading. District 186 is reevaluating its controversial curriculum.

LITERACY | Scott Reeder

Makyla Jackson is a Springfield mother who worries that her children are not learning to read.

"My children have a struggle with reading. I have a family history of having trouble with reading as well," Jackson said. "One of my kids is getting better at reading. And one of them is still down there struggling. I just feel all of our kids deserve to learn how to read for their future success."

Jackson's school-age children, who are 9 and 12, are not alone.

In fact, three out of four Springfield Public Schools District 186 fourth graders are not proficient in reading and writing, according to the Illinois State Board of Education. The 2023 Illinois Report Card, released last fall, is an annual report that ISBE prepares to show how schools and districts across the state are performing.

The union representing teachers, the Springfield Education Association, blames administrators for saddling their members with a curriculum that has proven ineffective.

It's a charge for which administrators have a practiced response: "Our teachers don't teach curriculum, they teach children." Among the administrators who shared this response was Assistant Principal Simon Wilson of Harvard Park Elementary School.

At issue is a method of instruction developed by Columbia University professor Lucy Calkins, which is used in Springfield classrooms and about 25% of the nation's elementary schools. Many others nationwide use curriculums influenced by Units of Study, Calkins' "balanced literacy" curriculum that emphasizes learning words through context rather than by sounding out words.

In a typical Calkins classroom, instructors read aloud from children's literature; students then choose books which fit their interests and ability. The focus is on stories – theme, character, plot – less on sounding out words.

A controversial curriculum

In recent years, the curriculum has come under fire nationally from both parents and educators who advocate for the "science of reading." They cite 50 years of research that shows phonics – sound it out exercises – is the most effective way to teach reading, along with books that develop vocabulary and depth.

Ben McKinney, a third-grade teacher at Fairview Elementary School, was blunt in his criticism of the district's reading curriculum.

"I'm pretty sure it is garbage," he said. "I'm



Stacey, a Club Compass site coordinator, works with Kevin, a first grader from Graham Elementary, on his All About Me poster. Compass for Kids has partnered with District 186 to provide summertime and after-school mentoring in reading and other subjects. PHOTO COURTESY COMPASS FOR KIDS

trying to be nice about it. It wasn't well-written in the first place, and it left out a lot of things that our district specifically needs, such as an early focus on phonics. That was a big piece that it didn't have. Four or five years after we started using it, they came out with a phonics unit, but by that time we'd already had four or five years' worth of kids go through without as much explicit phonics as we think they needed."

The appeal of the Calkins curriculum often

has more to do with educator enjoyment than pupil learning, said Anne Brewster, executive director of the Dyslexia Center of Springfield.

"The whole-language approach (that Calkins advocates) makes an erroneous assumption that reading is acquired sort of the same way oral language is acquired, where with enough exposure, you just will naturally become a reader," Brewster said. "You fairly naturally learn how to speak and how to understand oral

language, because we've been doing that for so long as a species that our brains have evolved these language centers that are primed when we're born to acquire language.

"And so there was an assumption made that that must be true of reading and writing as well. This assumption dates back to the 1960s – and that turns out to be false. But a lot of instructional methods were built up around this idea, because teaching phonics is very boring," she said.

Ever since the book *Why Johnny Can't Read* was published in 1954, the education community has been engaging in an ongoing tug-of-war between those advocating for a phonics-based curriculum and those embracing memorization or "sight words."

But the Calkins curriculum has poured gasoline onto an already blazing fire.

The popular podcast "Sold a Story" and the documentary *Right to Read* condemn this teaching approach. In response, Calkins has recently added more phonics instruction into her curriculum.

"It's not like Springfield is doing this worse than everybody," said Jessica Handy, executive director for Stand for Children Illinois. The grassroots advocacy group, based in Springfield, works to pass education reforms, and literacy efforts are one of the organization's focus areas.

"Many people have been doing this poorly, and there's somewhat of a collective understanding that we need to be more thoughtful about how we're teaching kids to read," she said. "You want reading to expose them to other cultures and ideas, but if they can't pull the words off the page, they can't do any of that."

Indeed, Springfield Public Schools is doing many things right. Reading specialists give individual attention to some students who struggle. A reinvigorated Real Men Read program is filling District 186 schools with male role models who read books to youngsters. Programs such as Compass for Kids have partnered with the public schools to provide summertime and after-school mentoring in reading and other subjects.

But the district's adherence to the Calkins curriculum remains an albatross around the neck when it comes to reading proficiency. District 186 – and other Illinois school districts – are now moving away from this teaching approach.

"We're on the journey for a new curriculum resource to support our teaching practices," said Dr. Nicole Nash Moody, assistant superintendent of teaching for District 186. "I



Scott Jones of the United Way of Central Illinois reads to Mrs. Britton's class at Sandburg Elementary School. District 186 has recently revived the Real Men Read program and is recruiting male volunteers to spend an hour a month reading to a third-grade class. Each student receives a copy of the book that was read.

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Carter, an eighth grader from Grant Middle School who is part of Compass for Kids Youth Leadership Development Program, mentors Xander, a second grader from McClelland Elementary, at Club Compass.

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will tell you that this transformation, or what the field calls 'shifts in reading,' has been fundamental to us as leaders of literacy as well as teachers in (that the methods) which we thought children were learning how to read were not working for all children.

"And that's difficult for me, as an educator, to say out of my mouth. I thought that what I was doing (was beneficial). I went to school and went to classes and did all of these things that I thought would be helpful to my students. I still had students who were not reading. And I, as a teacher, didn't really understand why," she said.

Stand for Children successfully lobbied the General Assembly last year to have legislators pass a measure geared toward guiding school districts away from the Calkins curriculum.

"It required the State Board of Education to create a comprehensive literacy plan by January of 2024," Handy said.

But the plan developed by the state board is only advisory – no mandates are placed on any local school districts to adopt a particular curriculum.

"We couldn't pass a mandate. We tried the year before to do something that would have required ISBE to create a curriculum list, sort of like Colorado does," Handy said. "But it was universally opposed by almost everybody. It became really clear that we weren't going to be able to get strong mandates, but what we wanted to do was see the State Board of Education taking a leadership role in raising Illinois literacy rates."

Handy said the ISBE document favors phonics instruction as well as oral language development, fluent expressive reading, vocabulary, comprehension and writing.

District 186 is in the process of moving away from the Calkins method. In fact, the school board is expected to vote in March on a new reading curriculum.

Learning a new way to teach reading

Just how the district finds itself on the cusp of change is a story of the politics of pressure. It began with the SEA creating a task force to address the literacy problem in the district.

"The task force just had to exist to put the pressure on the school district to do what they should be doing," SEA President Aaron Graves said. "Through some collective and some awkward conversations, the school district has taken the lead to explore other curriculums. The district is doing a noble job in both the elementary and the middle school rounds, where they've assembled teams of very diverse educators across grade levels and across all four corners of town to really look carefully at five or six different curriculums," he said.

"The other thing they are doing is they are starting the process of professionally developing all of the teachers who teach reading as to what the research actually says. We missed that in our teacher prep programs," Graves said.

College teacher preparatory programs have

largely embraced the Calkins approach during the past several decades.

"It's a really delicate topic to talk about without making teachers feel criticized," Kenni Alden, co-founder of the California-based Right to Read project, told *Illinois Times*. "It's not the teachers' fault. They don't choose their curriculum and also, they're reliant on what they've been taught in their teacher training programs.

"They were taught a literacy philosophy. This belief system has a mystique to it. It feels magical. It feels warm. It feels good to adults. It feels particularly good to privileged adults who already know how to read," she said.

Rather than pushing youngsters through the tedious process of sounding out syllables, the Calkins approach contends that learning to read comes naturally to children, in part through exposure to quality literature, Alden said.

While an appealing notion, it has proven to be an erroneous approach, she said. Alden said this methodology has been particularly devastating to children growing up in poverty.

"Families with resources will remediate, whatever's happening or not happening in school," she said. "They may hire tutors. And they are more likely to have books to read to their children. But kids in lower (socio-economic strata) schools are relying on school to teach them to read. That's the only way they're going to learn how to read."

"Enormous disparities in resources"

Springfield mom Jackson added, "I'm a good parent even though I don't read with my kids every day. I feel like it takes a community to teach children how to read. It is not all on parents. I feel like it's a parent and a teacher's job to teach children how to read. I'm not an expert on reading. I count on the school to teach my children to read."

Her children attend Matheny-Withrow Elementary School, where 74% of students are from racial minorities and 76% are from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

While 76% of all District 186 fourth graders lack proficiency in reading and writing, the story for Black fourth graders in the district is even worse, with 86% lacking proficiency.

"Sometimes people will try to say children growing up in poverty are just naturally less likely to learn to read. That's a load of crap," Alden said. She added it is about how a child is taught.

However, within Springfield there is "enormous disparity in resources devoted to students," Graves said.

Twelve years ago, in a round of cost-cutting moves, District 186 eliminated librarian positions in all of its elementary schools. For many schools, such as Harvard Park Elementary School, this meant the school would no longer have a library.

Some schools, disproportionately in the city's more affluent neighborhoods, have maintained their libraries through fundraisers and having

parent volunteers staff them, Graves said.

"I'm aware that teachers try to meet our students where they are and move them up," Assistant Principal Simon Wilson said. "Using the resources and tools that we have available from the district and following their protocols, we've made some gains. That's been a celebration for us here at Harvard Park in the area of literacy, but we still have got a long way to go."

While progress has been made, 97% of fourth graders in the high-poverty, majority Black school are not proficient in reading and writing, according to the Illinois State Board of Education.

"I'm a huge advocate of a school library," Wilson said. "I think it's the center of information. But we don't have a school library. We don't have a school librarian. That's a struggle that is real. Yes, we do have classroom libraries. It seems like that's been the new trend. But I think libraries are crucial in schools, especially since in the community libraries have been shut down," he said.

"I'm a product of Springfield as well; I remember when there was a library on each side of town. There no longer is anymore," Wilson said.

Between 2005 and 2010, the city of Springfield closed all three of its branch libraries, citing financial considerations. Educators say

children's lack of access to books is a factor in why so many are not learning to read well.

There is a need for urgent change in the way reading is taught in Springfield schools, said Melissa Hostetter, a teacher at Franklin Middle School. While she currently teaches seventh-grade science, she previously taught middle school language arts and has also taught at the elementary level.

"I don't think a lot of parents even realize the crisis their kids are in," she said. "We don't want a parent to feel like their child can never get turned around. But we have to be sincere about the gaps in a child's education. If it's not turned around by grades two or three, the odds of getting there become less and less every year. It's scientific. We talk about test scores, but these kids leave our school district and become adults."

"So, this is about having a literate society, a literate community of people who can write in a way that they can advocate for themselves. They can read a job application. They can read their mail. They can read a menu. They can just live in society and be able to read everything that they come across," Hostetter said. "I don't really care so much about test scores. I care about what is going to happen to these kids when they're adults." □

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Melissa Hostetter, a teacher at Franklin Middle School who has also taught at the elementary level, says there is a need for an urgent change in the way reading is taught in Springfield schools. PHOTO COURTESY MELISSA HOSTETTER



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Sheri Ramsey, right, of the Illinois Prairie Pastel Society, presents original painting to Crystal Blissett, at her new Habitat for Humanity home.

Pastel Society gives back

Illinois Prairie Pastel Society exhibition March 1-30

PAINTING | Karen Ackerman Witter

The Illinois Prairie Pastel Society (IPPS) will present an exhibition of paintings by members at the Springfield Art Association (SAA) March 1-30, with a public reception on Friday, March 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The show will be judged by Aline Ordman, a nationally known pastel artist from Vermont, who will also conduct a three-day workshop for artists in conjunction with her visit. Ribbons will be awarded at the March 15 reception. The exhibit at the Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., Springfield, will be open to the public 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturdays during March.

Betsy Dollar, SAA executive director, says she is amazed by the number of pastelists in central Illinois. She attributes the large number of pastel artists to Sheri Ramsey who has been teaching pastel at the SAA for nearly 40 years.

The IPPS was founded in 2006 by six Springfield pastel artists. Now there are 52 members from throughout central Illinois. Members of the IPPS are eligible to participate in all the exhibit opportunities, which typically average four per year. In a 2013 interview with NPR Illinois, George King, one of the founding members, described what makes pastel painting unique. He explains that it involves painting with pure pigment, a dry medium that is forgiving because one can brush it out and start over. Pastel painting has its origins in the caves of France, where mud and charcoal were used to paint on the cave walls.

IPPS members are also devoted to giving back to the community and sharing their love of art with others. For more than 15 years, the IPPS has created an original work of art for every new family receiving a home

built by Habitat for Humanity. Each year there are typically three or four new Habitat houses. The art is a special gift for the families, presented at the dedication ceremony for the new home. "Never have they owned an original piece of art – something that is beautiful and valuable," said Colleen Stone, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County. "Each family is asked what their color scheme is and the art work is made with that color scheme in mind."

King, who was the first IPPS president, started the partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Current IPPS president Rita Williams explains that each painting is created as a group effort with multiple artists contributing to the final painting. One member takes the lead and finds out the interests of the homeowner – a favorite color or scene – and then comes up with the general

design. Groups of pastel artists paint together on a regular basis. At these gatherings, multiple individuals add to the painting so that it is a collaborative endeavor. Sheri Ramsey is the IPPS Habitat Coordinator. The IPPS also pays to have the paintings framed. The longstanding partnership is rewarding for both the new homeowners and the pastel artists.

The IPPS welcomes new members. Individuals interested in learning to paint with soft pastels have several options. Mandy Roeing (www.roeingarts.com) teaches at her studio in Bloomington. Tracey Maras (tracey@tracymaras.com) teaches at Tranquility Art Studio in Springfield. Sheri Ramsey teaches an intermediate class at the SAA (217-523-2631) where spring classes begin on March 25. For more information about the Illinois Prairie Pastel Society, go to ipps-il.org. □



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The mystery and romance of the rice cooker

FOOD | Peter Glatz

The late Roger Ebert was an unlikely enthusiast of the electric rice cooker.

A Pulitzer Prize-winning film critic for the *Chicago Sun-Times* (and Urbana native), Ebert had a true passion for food and cooking. My wife's cousin, Carolyn, who knew Ebert well, shares fond memories of how he loved going to restaurants with a big group and ordering family-style for the table, especially Greek and northern Chinese cuisine. But when he cooked at home, he was a big fan of the rice cooker. He used it not only for cooking rice but also to create entire meals in this humble appliance.

Ebert's culinary adventures with the rice cooker didn't stop at home. He would bring his rice cooker to the Sundance Film Festival where he would use it to prepare his meals during his busy movie-viewing schedule. According to his wife: "We used to take the rice cooker almost everywhere we went."

After the loss of his lower jaw from cancer surgery left him unable to speak or eat solid foods, Ebert turned to the internet and started a blog. His post about rice cookers prompted hundreds of readers' comments, including recipe submissions. The response inspired him to write *The Pot and How to Use It: The Mystery and Romance of the Rice Cooker*, with his recipes and insights on using the appliance to its fullest potential. More than just a cookbook, Ebert shared his insights and observations on why and how he enjoyed cooking, and what it was like for him to lose his jaw to cancer.

Ebert begins simply: "First, get the Pot. You need the simplest rice cooker made. It comes with two speeds: Cook and Warm. Not expensive. Now you're all set to cook meals for the rest of your life on two square feet of counter space, plus a chopping block." He expresses his wonderment for the Pot: "How does it know? There are no dials and settings on the Pot. As far as you can tell, there is only a heating element beneath. There doesn't look like room for anything else to hide. How does the Pot know how long to cook the rice? It is a mystery of the Orient. Don't ask questions you don't need the answers to. The point here is to save you some time and money."

For the curious, the basic rice cooker consists of a plastic and metal container with a heat source on the bottom and a removable, nonstick metal pot. When water comes to a boil and turns to steam, the temperature in the pot will begin to rise. The built-in thermostat with a magnetic switch tracks the



Salmon takikomi gohan in the rice cooker. PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ.

temperature of the bubbling mixture of rice and water. When the temperature reaches a certain point, known as the magnet's Curie point, the magnet ceases to be magnetic, which releases the switch and signals the cooker to switch to "keep warm." The rice cooking process takes 20-35 minutes and any ingredient that will be fully steam-cooked within that time range can be included in the rice cooker – foods with cooking times longer than rice require precooking.

Expanding the boundaries of the rice cooker wasn't unique to Ebert. In Japan, takikomi gohan is a popular one-pot dish made by cooking rice in a seasoned dashi broth in a rice cooker with vegetables and meat or fish. In Japanese, takikomi means "boiled with" and "gohan" means "rice." The rice absorbs the flavor of the ingredients and becomes moist and tender. Takikomi gohan is essentially a Japanese pilaf.

Takikomi gohan with salmon

This dish is traditionally made in a rice cooker but can also be made on the stovetop. Takikomi gohan is a delicious and versatile dish and is a perfect meal for a busy weeknight. It is a great way to use up leftover vegetables and meat.

Serves 2

Ingredients:

- 1 cup of medium or short-grain rice
- 1-2 salmon filets
- 2 tablespoons white (shiro) miso
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce or tamari
- 1 tablespoon mirin
- 2 teaspoons maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon fresh ginger, grated
- 1 package enoki mushrooms
- 1 package beech mushrooms (Shimeji or buna-shimeji)

Baby bok choy or baby broccoli

1 tablespoon unsalted butter

Garnishes - any or all of the following:

Sesame seeds

Furikake

Sliced scallions

Chili crisp

Preparation:

Wash the rice in a fine mesh strainer until the water runs clear.

Inspect the salmon for pin bones. Gently run your fingers over the flesh. If you feel pin bones, firmly grasp them with tweezers and pull them straight out. Then remove the skin: place the salmon skin-side down on your cutting board and with a broad, flexible knife, make a small downward cut through the flesh, but not through the skin. Holding down the end of the fish with your other hand, turn your knife horizontally and carefully slice away from you between the flesh and the skin. If you have trouble holding onto the end of the skin, dip your fingers in water, then salt. This will keep your fingers from slipping. If you don't feel comfortable removing the salmon skin with a knife, you can use boiling water. On a wire rack over your sink, place your salmon skin-side up. Pour some boiling water over the salmon skin until it starts to release from the edges. Try not to cook the flesh too much. Wait a few seconds, then peel off the skin.

Prepare the marinade: In a small bowl, thoroughly combine the miso, soy sauce or tamari, mirin, maple syrup, sesame oil and grated ginger. Thoroughly coat the salmon filet and marinate for 30 minutes.

Make the dashi: Bring 1 ½ cups of water to a boil, reduce to a simmer, and add 1 ½ teaspoons of Hondashi Instant Dashi. Simmer for 3 minutes and set aside.

Prepare the vegetables: Trim off the root ends from the mushrooms and cut the bok choy or broccoli into manageable pieces.

To the rice cooker, add the rinsed rice and dashi. Arrange the mushrooms and greens in neat piles on top of the rice. Remove the salmon from the marinade and drizzle the marinade over the mushrooms and greens. Place the salmon on top of the vegetables. Place the butter on top of the salmon. Close the rice cooker, and push down the "cook" switch. When the cooking cycle is finished, and the rice cooker switches to "warm," open the rice cooker, fluff the rice with a fork and add the garnishes: sesame seeds, furikake, sliced scallions and chili crisp. □

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Leap into March music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

I've been writing this column (and very thankful to do so) since August of 2000, but I don't remember an *Illinois Times* issue appearing in the stands (let alone online) on a leap day, but here we are in 2024 doing just that. We have a good selection of fine music for you to experience in this first weekend of March, so let's look at what is there.

Thursday evenings are fun, especially hanging out with Samba Llamas at Pease's at BUNN Gourmet (5-7 p.m.). Buzz and the band have gone through several configurations over the decades, but this current lineup wins the Llamas longevity award, and for good reason.

In a nice companion show, Date Night at UIS and UIS Music presents A World of Percussion as performed, narrated and demonstrated by Brant Roberts. The obvious percussionist will "showcase a range of styles and sounds that can only come from percussion instruments, featuring music from around the world" all the while "telling the stories of different locations through sound" at the UIS Studio Theatre (6:30-8), and that sounds amazing to me.

Friday night is, per usual, off to the races starting when the Liz Fitz Band, joined by guitarist Joel Gragg, lands at Boone's as part of Friday Night Jazz & Blues (5:30-7:30) sponsored by the Springfield Area Arts Council. Devin Williams, an excellent performer of Delta blues fingerpicking songs, stops by the Bird Tavern (6-9), while Kentucky native, singer and songwriter Chris Knight hits Boondocks for his rescheduled performance from earlier this year, with special guest Cody Lee Moomey.

Without getting into all the other wonderful Friday music, let's move to Saturday beginning early with Kevin Aldrich doing "lovely, heartfelt coffee shop music" at Stella Coffee & Tea (10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.).

The big show of the day must be the annual Illinois Central Blues Club Birthday Bash, as one of the oldest and most active blues clubs around celebrates 38 years of spreading the blues news with an event at Knights of Columbus Hall on Meadowbrook Road. All year long the ICBC brings in world-class and top-notch local blues music at The Alamo's weekly Blue Monday show. Now for its own party the ICBC has outdone itself and will feature a real-deal zydeco heritage group and Grammy nominee, Dwayne Dopsie & The Zydeco Hellraisers. Along with them is The Chris O'Leary Band, a group newly signed



Chris O'Leary, newly signed Alligator Records artist, brings his band to Knights of Columbus Hall on Meadowbrook for the 38th Birthday Bash of the Illinois Central Blues Club.

to famed Alligator Records whose namesake is a longtime performer, songwriter and harmonica player who worked with Levon Helm of The Band for years. Saturday looks to be quite extraordinary. You can get tickets or a table in advance at the Facebook event page or buy tickets at the door. Those doors open at 5:45 p.m. with the music kicking off at 6:15.

In another Saturday celebration, Terra Ferment (downtown on Sixth Street in the old Andiamo location) whoops it up for a four-year anniversary by opening up the downstairs space for "A SubTERRanean Show" with Jay and Kimberly Larson playing at 5 and Kate Laine at 8. It's a neat space down below and a unique upstairs bar featuring many interesting styles of beers.

Sunday contains a bunch of the usual awesome Funday shows, along with a phenomenal concert out at Danenberger Family Vineyards featuring Black Joe Lewis & The Honeybears with Shane Guerrette as the support act. This is one of those shows where, if you know who they are you're thrilled, and if you don't know, you can look up both artists and get ready for a spectacular night of music. Doors open at 5, the show starts at 7 and tickets are available online at the Facebook event page.

Let's march on through the month, shall we? □

MUSIC

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 29

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

Samba Llamas
BUNN Gourmet, 5-7pm

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

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

Karaoke
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm.

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

Open mic
The Railyard, 4-6pm

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

Friday
Mar 1

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

Chris Knight
Boondocks Pub, 8:30pm

Liz Fitz Band with Joel Gragg
Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

Matt Eck
Crown Plaza Springfield, 6:30-10pm

Kapital Sound
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Queen Nation
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Millikin Jazz Combo Night
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 7-9:30pm

Broken Stone
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

Micah Walk
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Ricarda Rosalina
La Fiesta Grande, 6-9pm

Chris Camp and His Blues Ambassadors
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

JackAsh
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7-10pm

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

Doug Brant
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 5-7pm

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

Devin Williams
The Bird Tavern, 6-9pm

John Drake
Town Hall Pub, Loami, 7-10pm

Isaiah Case
Twisted Tree Music Hall, Jacksonville, 7-9pm

The Kitchens
VFW Post #755, 7-10pm

Grounded
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-10pm

Saturday
Mar 2

Matt Combs
1st and 3rd Boutique and Wine Bar, Petersburg, 3-5pm

Midwest Revival
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

Off the Wall
Coghlan's Hideout LLC, Bulpitt, 7pm

Chris O'Leary Band
Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 6:15-8pm

Dwyane Dopsie & Zydeco Hellraisers Band
Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 8:30-10:30pm

Josh Holland Band
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

The Spazmatics
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8-11pm

Here Come The Mummies
Decatur Indoor Sports Center, Decatur, 7pm

Curt Smith
Docs Just Off 66, Girard, 5-8pm

Bustin' Loose
The Funky Monkey, Taylorville, 3-6pm

Joel Gragg and the Filaments
George Rank's, 8-11pm

The Grand Moff
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Exit 52
Kuhl Tyme Korner, Jacksonville, 8pm-12am

Chris Camp and His Blues Ambassadors
Lime Street Cafe, March 1-2, 7-10:30pm

it Gage McCoy
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 7-10pm

Thomas J Beverly
Mowie's Cue, 7-10pm

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

Nick & Noah
Pop's Place, Decatur, 8pm

Devin Williams
The Range Bourbon & Brew, Chatham, 3-6pm

Backseat Radio
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex,

Kevin Aldrich
Stella Coffee & Tea, 10am-12:30pm

Jay and Kimberly Larson, Kate Laine
Terra Ferment, 5-9pm

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

The Red Ribbon Revue
Twisted Fork, 11am-2pm

Jason McKenzie
VFW Post #755, 7-10pm

West End Boogie Project
VFW Post 99, Decatur, 7:30-10:30pm

The Cocktails
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-10pm

Sunday
Mar 3

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

Star 6 Nine
Curve Inn, 4-8pm

Black Joe Lewis & The Honeybears, Shane Guerrette
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7pm

Roger Whitsell
Harvest Market Coffee Bar, 10am-1pm

Jason McKenzie
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

Johnnie Owens
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Bruce Baise
Lucky's on the Square, Petersburg, 3-6pm

Susan Williams
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

The Tangents
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

it Triple Threat
Twisted Tree Music Hall, Jacksonville, 3-6pm

Monday
Mar 4

Blues Deacons
The Alamo, 7pm

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

Tuesday
Mar 5

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

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

Open jam with Casey Cantrall
George Rank's, 8-11pm

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

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

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

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

Wednesday
Mar 6

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

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

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

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

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

Open mic
Crows Mill Pub, 7-10pm

Karaoke with Debbie Cakes
The Filling Station, Rochester, 7pm

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

Open mic hosted by Zach Landes
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 7-10pm

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

Karaoke
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 7:30-11:30pm



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Sat., March 2, 10am-5pm, and
Sun., March 3, 10am-3pm
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FOOD | Annual event celebrates 25th year with giveaways, contest

it This weekend is a milestone for the Illinois Product Expo. The Expo, a family-friendly event showcasing Illinois food and agriculture industries, is marking its 25th year. State officials say the event is going to be as big as ever, too, with more than 70 vendors offering samples and products including cheese, baked goods, sauces, meats, salsa, craft beer and more. So this weekend might be the perfect time to explore the state by sampling its various products, stocking up on some longtime favorites and relaxing in the Illinois Wine Garden. More than 5,000 shoppers attended last year. This year, the first 25 attendees will receive a special commemorative cup and the first 250 people buying the popular apple cider slushies will each get one, too. Plus, shoppers once again can take advantage of the “\$5 for 5” promotion in which \$5 in Expo dollars are given with the purchase of five products. And new this year, the event’s vendors and patrons are invited to vote in various categories including best booth design, people’s choice product, best salsa, best condiment and best sweet. Patrons will be eligible for prizes and vendors will win plaques. Admission is \$5 per person with children 10 and younger admitted free of charge.

■ Special Music Events

Chris Knight with Cody Lee Moomey

Fri., March 1, 7pm. Singer-Songwriter Chris Knight, raised in Kentucky, plays country, rock and Americana. He has several studio albums. Cody Lee Moomey will open the show. \$25. Boondocks, 2909 N. Dirksen Pkwy.

Chris O’Leary and Dwayne Dopsie

Sat., March 2, 6:15pm. Illinois Central Blues Club’s 38th birthday party. Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-787-2360.

Disney Princess: The Concert

Wed., March 6, 7-9pm. The songs of Disney’s princesses come alive on stage. Larger-than-life animation and theatrical effects immerse the audience as powerhouse talents sing your favorite princess, hero and villain songs, and share behind-the-scenes stories from their time on the stage and screen.

Attend in royal attire. uispac.com. \$39.50-\$79.50. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

First Friday Concert Series

Fri., March 1, 7pm. Featuring a performance by baritone Justin Johnson. spicathedral.org. Free. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-522-3342.

Lincoln Land String Trio

Wed., March 6, 12:15-12:45pm. Part of the Brown Bag Concert Series. Brown bag lunches available for \$5 or bring your own lunch to enjoy. lincolnschurch.org. Free. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

The World of Percussion

Thu., Feb. 29, 6:30-8pm. Percussionist Brant Roberts will showcase a range of styles and sounds that can only come from percussion instruments, featuring music from around the world and telling the stories of different locations through sound.

In partnership with UIS Music and part of the Date Night series. uispac.com. \$15. UIS Studio Theatre, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

■ Books & Authors

Blind Date with a Book

Mondays-Fridays, 9am-5pm. Through Feb. 29. The genre and the first line of each book will be the only clues you will receive before purchasing, but every date will have a sweet ending with your choice of milk or dark chocolates by Cocoa Blue Chocolates. Adult and young adult books available. springfieldart.org. \$12 members, \$15 nonmembers. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Blind Date with a Book - Last Chance

Thu., Feb. 29, 5:30-7:30pm. Don’t miss this last chance to participate in Blind Date with a Book. The inventory has been restocked with more award-

winning and best-selling titles. springfieldart.org. \$12 SAA members, \$15 nonmembers. Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 406 E. Adams St., 217-523-2631.

■ Theater & Comedy

Harvest Market Comedy on the Mezz

Thu., Feb. 29, 7am-8:30pm. Celebrate Leap Year with the premiere of NERD Girl (Never Ever Really Dirty) Performers include headliner Chris Spreyer, owner of Mason City Comedy Limits comedy club, and Ryne Thorson, Jeff Govednik and Kathy Brennan. Harvest Market, 3001 Veterans Pkwy., 217-698-8767.

Lilacs and Letters

Thu., Feb. 29, 1:15pm. This one-act play features a single actor portraying Walt Whitman, one of America’s most influential poets, as Whitman processes the assassination of Abraham Lincoln and tends to wounded Civil War soldiers. Free with admission. Abraham Lincoln Presidential

Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

On Your Feet

Tue., March 5, 7:30pm. “The Story of Emilio and Gloria Estefan.” The inspiring true story about heart, heritage and two people who believed in their talent—and each other—to become an international sensation. uispac.com. \$34-\$99. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

■ Art & Architecture

“Water, Sky, Stone, Clay”

Fridays, Saturdays, 12-6pm. Through April 27. Enjoy the works of more than 20 gallery members. On the first Friday of each month gallery is open until 8pm. pharmacygallery.com. Free. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 217 622 7903.

Art Tour: Behind the Ropes

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

Celebration of SAA Campus

Sat., March 2, 2-4pm. See the additions and renovations that have taken place on the SAA campus and Historic Edwards Place over the past few years. Includes demonstrations in the Prairie Earth and Fire Ceramics Studio, Baima Glass Studio, Smith+Nickelson Metals Studio, Condell Studio and the SAA’s mixed media studio. springfieldart.org. Free. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Senior Crafty Creations

First Wednesday of every month, 10:30-11:30am. Through March 6. A series of casual craft meetups for seniors on the first Wednesday of each month. Connect, create and relax with other people in an easygoing environment. All supplies provided. To help with supplies, consider donating \$5 per session. Free. Ball-Chatham Senior Center, Chatham, 111 W. Mulberry St., 217-483-2713.

■ Film & Television

Mystery Movie Monday

First Monday of every month, 7pm. Through May 6. You won’t know the title of the film until

the red velvet curtain opens on the grand screen. Movies from across the spectrum of genres will be shown -- comedy, drama, suspense, musical, romance, western -- everything but horror. Free popcorn. atthelegacy.com. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 800-838-3006.

Revoir Paris

Sun., March 3, 1, 4pm and Tue., March 5, 7pm. Months after surviving a terrorist attack, Mia is still unable to recall the events of that night. To move forward, she investigates her memories and retraces her steps. Part of the Molly Schlich Independent International Film Series presented by the Springfield Art Association. springfieldart.org. \$10; students with ID \$5. AMC Classic Springfield 12, 3141 Mercantile Dr., 217-523-2631.

■ Food & Drink

African-American Food and Vendor Day

Thu., Feb. 29, 10am-2pm. Enjoy free samples of African-American food, displays on the wares of African-American entrepreneurs and music by DJ Yinka. llcc.edu. Free. Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

■ History

Abe For All: World Hearing Day

Sun., March 3, 4-6pm. “Abe for All” is a series of learning experiences that support and promote diversity and inclusion as the ALPLM works to make President Lincoln’s legacy more accessible. Sign language interpreters will be present, including inside the theater productions. A series of QR codes to present closed captioned videos for permanent content inside our museum will be provided. Bring your own devices to view this content. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Regular admission. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Book sale to benefit Illinois State Military Museum

Sat., March 2, 9am-4:30pm, Tue., March 5, 1-4:30pm and Wed., March 6, 1-4:30pm. Check out hundreds of used military books from a wide variety of eras in this benefit for the military museum. See the Facebook page for more info. Free admission. Illinois State Military Museum, 1301 N. MacArthur Blvd., 217-761-3910.

■ Holiday Observances

Weekday Lenten Services

Mondays-Fridays, 12:15-

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

■ Fairs & Festivals

Springfield PrideFest
Fri., March 1. The gayest of days embracing diversity and celebrating the local LGBTQ community. Great entertainment, drag show, food and drinks, a fun-filled family area, youth and teen talent shows, vendors and pride merchandise. Organized by the Phoenix Center. springfieldpride.org. Downtown Springfield, Downtown.

■ Fundraisers and Galas

Spaghetti Supper Youth Fundraiser
Sun., March 3, 4-6pm. Support a great cause and enjoy some delicious food at the Spaghetti Supper of DAUMC's Youth Group! Your ticket includes an all-you-care-to-eat meal with spaghetti, salad, breadsticks, dessert and drink (gluten free options). Take-out meals are available. Proceeds benefit the Youth Mission Trip to Mountain TOP in Tennessee. \$10 adults / \$6 kids 5-plus. Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church, 501 S. Douglas Ave., 217-546-4631.

■ Children's Corner

Sensory-Friendly Visit Times
First Sunday of every month, 9-11am. Through Dec. 1. Lights and noises are turned down to make the museum more comfortable for visitors with sensory differences so they can explore and discover the galleries at their own pace. Headphones are available for loan at the admissions desk. kidzeum.org. Admission. Kidzeum of Health and Science Children's Museum, 412 E. Adams St., 217-971-4435.

Springfield Area Fifth Grade Rube Goldberg Competition
Sat., March 2, 9am-3pm. "Outlandish machines" designed to insert and remove a piece of toast from a toaster in at least 10 steps will be on display. Event introduces children to pursuing a career in engineering or STEM-related field. ilcc.edu. Free. Lincoln

Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-4918.

■ Nature, Science & Environment

Maple Syrup Time Demonstration
Saturdays, Sundays, 1, 2:30pm. Through March 10. Join a naturalist for the annual maple tree tapping. Demonstrations will show the syrup making process from tree tapping to boiling the sap down into syrup. Dress for the weather as this program is hands-on, and will involve a trek. lincolnmemorygarden.org. Free. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

■ Lectures & Meetings

Al-Anon District 19 of Greater Springfield
Mondays-Saturdays. Ten meetings are held in the local area each week. Five are in-person and four are hybrid of in-person and via Zoom. One meeting is Zoom only. Visit spi-alanon.weebly.com or call for more information. Various locations, Springfield, 217-891-2981.

Overeaters Anonymous
Mondays, 5:30pm. The only requirement is a desire to stop eating compulsively. Unity Church, 417 E. Cordelia St., 217-416-1648.

Overeaters Anonymous
Saturdays, 10am. Springfield First United Methodist Church, 2941 S. Koke Mill Road, 217-416-1648.

Women's History Month:
Wed., March 6, 6-7:30pm. "Gloria E. Anzaldúa's public drawing." Dr. Margaret Galvan examines Anzaldúa as a visual queer theorist and shows how drawing was an important part of her theorizing across her career and how she illustrated these concepts when she gave public talks about her scholarship. uis.edu. Free. UIS Brookens Auditorium, One University Plaza, 217-206-6245.

■ Bulletin Board

2024 Springfield RV and Camping Show
March 1-3. See the latest in campers and RVs. centralilrvshow.com. \$8, ages 12 and under free. BOS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 800-745-3000.

Aging Mastery Program

Registration deadline is Feb. 23. A fun and innovative 10-week program that empowers seniors to improve their well-being, add stability to their life and strengthen ties to their community. Meets weekly March 6 through May 8. Registration fee is \$65. A \$60 refund is issued at graduation upon completion of 80% of the program. Call for info. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

Illinois Product Expo
March 2-3, 10am-5pm and Sun., March 3, 10am-3pm. Bringing together Illinois food companies and consumers. Discover new locally-made products, talking directly with the producers and restocking those long-time favorites. Plus, sample wine from the Illinois Wine Garden. agr.illinois.gov. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-725-8047.

Lincoln Land Depression Era Glass & Pottery club
Mon., March 4, 2-4pm. Learn about Depression era glass and pottery. Includes show and tell time and informative lectures. Call for more information. Free. Hope Presbyterian Church, 2211 Wabash Ave., 217-529-3055.

Winter Old Capitol Farmers Market
The market is open on the first and third Saturday of each month, from 8am-12pm. Find locally grown food, handcrafted items, local honey, baked goods and more. Link accepted and matched. downtownspringfield.org. Free admission. Union Station, 500 E. Madison, 217-557-4588.

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Derek Reveron is the chair of the National Security Affairs Department at the US Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. He is a Faculty Affiliate of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, and Lecturer in Extension at Harvard University. He specializes in strategy development, national security challenges, and US defense policy. Reveron will discuss technological, policy, and ethical ways to protect cyberspace, using an interdisciplinary approach which makes a complex subject accessible to a general audience.


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Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff,
vs.
TONYA L KRELL; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants,
21 CH 125
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., Harvatin Law Office, 1100 South Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 22-05.0-277-051.
Commonly known as 1825 DIAL CT., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. Chad Lewis at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 205 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 21-114552 IJSC XOME
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. PLAINTIFF,
-vs-
Lawrence T. White a/k/a Lawrence Todd White;
DEFENDANTS NO. 23 FC 107
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on August 16, 2023; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on March 19, 2024 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building, Sangamon County Board Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.
Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court. Commonly known as 3229 East Enos Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702
Permanent Index No.: 14-25.0-401-018
Improvements: Single Family Residential
The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.
The judgment amount was \$40,989.18. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION

FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For Bid Amount contact:
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2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301
Bannockburn, IL 60015
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(847) 291-1717
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
One of Plaintiff's Attorneys
LOGS Legal Group LLP
Attorney for Plaintiff
2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301
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NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO TOWN & COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
MARY JANE V. LOGAN AND PERSONAL FINANCE COMPANY, LLC, Defendants.
CASE NO. 23-FC-166
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 December 6, 2023, 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 April 2, 2024, at 9:00 AM, in the the Auditorium on the 2nd Floor, 300 South 9th St, Springfield, Illinois.
The Judgment amount is \$39,789.17.
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 mort-

gatee 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.

HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO TOWN & COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff,

Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC

Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549)

HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH DANIEL MYERS, DECEASED

Case #2024-PR-84

DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of JOSEPH DANIEL MYERS. Letters of Office have been issued to PEGGY MYERS, 1512 Dubois, Lawrenceville, IL 62439, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before September 5, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2024.

William P. Sheehan

SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.

1215 South 4th Street

Springfield, IL 62703

(217) 544-0701

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

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: TERRY W. CAMPBELL, No. 2024-PR-76

Deceased.

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Terry W. Campbell. Letters Testamentary were issued on February 22, 2024, to Edward D. Bass of 3520 N. Catalina Way, Tucson, AZ 85749, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Dan E. Way, WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before September 4, 2024, which is not less than six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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

Dated this 22nd day of February 2024

Dan E. Way, #6204735

WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC

1100 S. Fifth Street

Springfield, IL 62703

(217) 525-7003

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY M. FIFER, Deceased

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Case No. 2024-PR-073

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of SHIRLEY M. FIFER, Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on February 21, 2024, to Dawn Fifer, 1612 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before August 22, 2024 or six (6) months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 21st day of February, 2024.

Alex B. Rabin

Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin, & Reinbold, LLP

1119 S. Sixth Street

Springfield, IL 62703

217-789-1200

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

Estate of: LESLIE A. HUGHES, Deceased.

NO. 2024-PR-82

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Leslie A. Hughes of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 21, 2024 to Michael Ray Hughes, 2731 W. Fountaindale Dr., Peoria, Illinois 61614, 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 28, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 21st day of February, 2024.

Randall W. Segatto - 06193211

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

Estate of: LINDA L. BREWER, Deceased.

NO. 2024-PR-78

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Linda L. Brewer of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 21, 2024, to Vernon Michael Brewer, 2813 Wordsworth Drive, 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 28, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 21st day of February, 2024.

Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753

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

In the matter of the estate of: John Joseph Owens, Deceased

Case No. 2024-PR-000019

Claim Notice

Notice is given of the death of John Joseph Owens. Letters of Office were issued on Jan. 29, 2024 to Jean Marie Owens as Representative, 2531 Arrowhead Drive, Springfield IL 62702. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the Representative, on or before, Aug. 29, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative within 10 days after it has been filed.

Joseph B. Roesch

Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

IN THE ESTATE OF: FRED J. MANSHIP, Deceased.

Case No.: 2024-PR-63

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF WILL AND CLAIMS

Notice is hereby given of the death of Fred J. Manship. Letters of Office were issued. The name and address of the Administrator is Alice L. Bettis, 390 West Prairie, Waverly, Illinois, 62692. James Ackerman is counsel for the Administrator. His address is Ackerman Law Office, P.C., 2601 South Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before September 20, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before September 20, 2024, is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated this 20th day of February 2024.

Alice L. Bettis, Administrator,

By: /s/ James W. Ackerman

James W. Ackerman,

Attorney for Administrator

PREPARED BY:

James W. Ackerman 06192795

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of: ROBERT C. LANPHIER, III, deceased

CASE NO: 2024-PR-51

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of ROBERT C. LANPHIER III, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on February 6, 2024, to Jonathan M. Lanphier, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Jeffery M. Wilday, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 26th day of August 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2024.

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Springfield, IL 62701

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

In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT W. FURMAN, Deceased.

IN PROBATE

NO. 2024-PR-0042

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE – NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Notice is given of the death of ROBERT W. FURMAN. Letters of office Under Independent Administration were issued on February 15, 2024 to Kari K. Christine, whose attorney of record is Brown, Hay & Stephens, 1000 US Bank Building, P. O. Box 2459, Springfield, Illinois. Notice is given to unknown heirs who are named in a Petition filed in the above proceeding to probate a Will and whose names or addresses are not stated in the Petition, that an Order was entered by the Court on February 15, 2024 admitting the Will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of

Admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701 or with the representative of the estate, or both on or before August 29, 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.

Joseph B. Roesch, Circuit Clerk

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

In the Matter of the Estate of MARY LOU OWEN, Deceased

IN PROBATE

NO: 2024-PR-40

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of Mary Lou Owen, deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on February 6, 2024, to Kacy Wallsmith, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Jeffery M. Wilday, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 26th day of August, 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 15th day of February, 2024.

BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP

Jeffery M. Wilday

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205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000

Springfield, IL 62701

Telephone: 217-544-8491

jwilday@bhslaw.com

Legal Deadline, Thursdays at 4pm



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of JAMES EDWARD SCHUH, Deceased. NO. 2024-PR-66 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of James Edward Schuh of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 15, 2024, to Samuel Schuh, 2132 Dunwich St., Springfield, Illinois 62702, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Matthew J. Cate, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before August 22, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 15th day of February, 2024. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com 350505

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: FRANCES VANBEBBER, Deceased. NO. 2024-PR-69 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Frances VanBebber of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 15, 2024, to Lindy Kay Roggenkamp, P.O. Box 86, Eureka, South Dakota 57437, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before August 22, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 15th day of February, 2024. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com 350620

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF NICHOLAS T. GIBERSON, DECEASED. NO. 2024-PR-000035 NOTICE OF CLAIM DATE Notice is given of the death of NICHOLAS T. GIBERSON of Riverton, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 7, 2024, to Gage Giberson, 208 N. Glen Ave., Roodhouse, Illinois, 62082, whose attorney is Gillingham Law Office, 220 Sixth Street, Carrollton, Illinois, 62016.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Administrator, or both, on or before August 27, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 13th day of February, 2024. William P. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217)544-0701

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

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

Circuit Clerk Sangamon County Courthouse 200 S 9th Street Springfield, Illinois 62701 Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com 348157

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: BRADLEY PASFIELD KREIDER, Deceased. NO. 2024-PR-43 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Bradley Pasfield Kreider of Cameron County, Texas. Letters of Office were issued on February 8, 2024, to Mike Z. Kreider, 33840 S. Garcia #856, Port Isabel, Texas 78578, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before August 15, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 8th day of February, 2024. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com 348157

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of TIMOTHY J. SCHMELZLE, Deceased. NO. 2024-PR-50 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Timothy J. Schmelzle of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 8, 2024, to Renee Mitchell, 4607 Quail Creek Drive, Quincy, Illinois 62305, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Matthew J. Cate, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before August 15, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 8th day of February, 2024. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com 350120

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of PATRICIA J. CROSS, Deceased.

IN PROBATE No. 2024-PR-55 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Patricia J. Cross, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on February 7, 2024, to Roland Robert Cross, III and James David Cross, as Co-Executors Under Independent Administration, whose attorney is Brandon R. Clark, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 12th day of August, 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 9th day of February, 2024. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Brandon R. Clark Registration No. 6329553 205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705-2459 (217) 544-8491 bclark@bhsllaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of SANDRA DURNING BAUER, Deceased. IN PROBATE NO. 2024-PR-0054 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of SANDRA DURNING BAUER, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on February 6, 2024, to Elizabeth Bauer Peach and Gwendolyn Bauer Rudolph, Co-Executors, whose attorney is Dwight O'Keefe, Brown, Hay & Stephens, 1000 US Bank Building, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Clerk, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representatives, or both, on or before August 20, 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Dated this 7th day of February, 2024. Dwight O'Keefe Brown, Hay & Stephens 1000 US Bank Building P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62701 (217) 544-8491

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY I. KIEFFER, DECEASED. NO. 2024-PR-58 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION – CLAIMS Notice is given of the death of SHIRLEY I. KIEFFER, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on February 8th, 2024, to DENIS KIEFFER (a/k/a Dennis Kieffer) and BRUCE KIEFFER of 10751 Cardinal Hill Rd., Pawnee, IL 62558 and 1711 Wiedman Rd., Cazenovia, IL 62712, as Independent Co-Executors. Their attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; 2160 S. 6th Street, Suite D1, Springfield, Illinois 62703.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois or with the representatives, or both, within 6 months from the 15th day of February 2024 being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Dated this 8th day of February 2024 DENIS KIEFFER and BRUCE KIEFFER, Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of SHIRLEY I. KEIFFER, Deceased BY: DeGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC By: /s/ Anthony J. DeGiorno, Attorney

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: KATHY CARUSO, Deceased. NO. 2024-PR-56 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Kathy Caruso of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 7, 2024 to Jeffrey Atterberry, 3212 Red Oak Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62712, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both,

on or before August 14, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 7th day of February, 2024. Randall W. Segatto - 06193211 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 rsegatto@barberlaw.com 350444

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF MICHAEL JAMES GAITHER, Deceased. No. 2024PR000016 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of MICHAEL JAMES GAITHER. Letters of Office were issued on January 18, 2024 to JOHN PATRICK GAITHER of 130 Woodcutter Lane, Palm Harbor, Florida, as Independent Administrator, whose attorneys are Sorling Northrup, Michael G. Horstman Jr., of Counsel, 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois 62701. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28 4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 15, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To efile, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. DATED this 6th day of February, 2024. Attorneys for Independent Administrator: Sorling Northrup Michael G. Horstman Jr., of Counsel (6243141) 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200 P.O. Box 5131 Springfield, IL 62705 Telephone: 217-544 1144 Fax: 217-522-3173 E-mail: mghorstman@sorlinglaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF: TO ADOPT BRANDON CHARLES-LEE RAY, a minor, v. ELIZABETH RAY, Natural Mother, and ALL UNKNOWN FATHERS, Respondents. Case No. 23-AD-25 ADOPTION NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, ALL UNKNOWN

FATHERS, that a Petition for Adoption has been filed against you. The Petitioners seek an order terminating your parental rights and leave to adopt the minor child, BRANDON CHARLES-LEE RAY, and any other relief the Court deems appropriate. UNLESS you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of this Court, Sangamon County Complex, Room 405, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, on or before the 2nd day of April, 2024, an order or decree by default may be entered against you for the relief in accordance with the prayer of said Petition. Dated: February 22, 2024 Joseph B. Roesch, Circuit Clerk Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP Roland R. Cross Registration No. 6274757 205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705-2459 (217) 544-8491 rcross@bhslaw.com

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Nicole Marie Kirk For change of name to Nicole Marie Hudson Case No. 2024MR000039 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on April 23, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Nicole Marie Kirk to Nicole Marie Hudson pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: Feb. 29, 2024

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

In the matter of the Petition of Derick Wayne Brisco For change of name to Derick Wayne Briscoe Case No. 2024MR000090 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on April 23, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Derick Wayne Brisco to Derick Wayne Briscoe pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: Feb. 29, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Charles Henry Ware For change of name to Charles Mack Williams Case No. 2024MR000089 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on April 23, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Charles Henry Ware to Charles Mack Williams pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: Feb. 29, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Baby Boy Watson For change of name to Josiah Junior Shaw Case No. 2024MR000042 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on April 23, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Baby Boy Watson to Josiah Junior Shaw pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: Feb. 29, 2024

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Shyanne Marie Jackson For change of name to Shyanne Marie Ellenwood Case No. 2024MR000082 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on March 12, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Shyanne Marie Jackson to Shyanne Marie Ellenwood pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: Feb. 22, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Eliana Gleeann Kleinkort For change of name to

North Gleeann Kleinkort Case No. 2024MR000060 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on April 23, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Eliana Gleeann Kleinkort to North Gleeann Kleinkort pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: Feb. 22, 2024

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Morton Community Bank PLAINTIFF Vs. Ryan Carls; Heather Holmes; Kristie Newman; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Janet M. Hanselman; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Dan Way, as Special Representative for Janet M. Hanselman (deceased) DEFENDANTS No. 2024FC000003 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: Kristie Newman Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Janet M. Hanselman Unknown Owners and Nonrecord 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: 2322 S. 9th Street Springfield, IL 62703 and which said Mortgage was made by: Janet M. Hanselman the Mortgagor(s), to Marine Bank, Springfield, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2010R06317; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending. NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405 Springfield, IL 62701 on or before March 25, 2024, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 DuPage # 15170 Winnebago # 531 Our File No. 14-23-07653

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff, vs. TONYA L. KRELL; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 21 CH 125 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., Harvatin Law Office, 1100 South Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF SANGAMON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE SOUTH 10 FEET OF LOT 16 AND ALL OF LOT 17 OF WANLESS' DIAL COURT ADDITION. EXCEPT ANY 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. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY AS TRANSFERRED BY DEED DATED 03/20/1987, RECORDED 03/30/1993, FROM CHARLOTTE C. LORDEN, A WIDOW NOT SINCE REMARRIED, BY LORRAINE F. CUSICK, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT UNDER GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY DATED JUNE 30, 1986, TO PATRICK M. FITZGERALD AND JANICE K. FITZGERALD, HUSBAND AND WIFE, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, NOT AS TENANTS IN COMMON, BUT AS JOINT TENANTS, WITH THE RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP AS AT COMMON LAW, RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT#: 1993R1149. BEING FURTHER CONVEYED BY DEED DATED 09/08/2014, RECORDED 09/16/2014, FROM PATRICK M. FITZGERALD AND JANICE K. FITZGERALD, HUSBAND AND WIFE, TO TONYA L. KRELL, A SINGLE PERSON. RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT #: 2014R24441. P.I.N. 22-05-0-277-051. Commonly known as 1825 DIAL CT., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Chad Lewis at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 205 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 21-114552 IJSC XOME INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com I3238306

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

Plaintiff,
v.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF NITA JANE BLUE; CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; TRAVON BLUE; VONCELLE BLUE; FATIMA BLUE; WILLIAM L. BLUE; REGINALD C. BLUE; ANGELICA BLUE, Defendants,
Case No. 2023FC000202
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Nita Jane Blue, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Travon Blue, Fatima Blue, William L. Blue, Reginald C. Blue, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:
Lot 55 and the South Half of Lot 54 of Spaulding's East Monroe Heights a Subdivision of the West three-quarters of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 35, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Except the coal and other minerals underlying the surface of said land and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal and minerals.
225 White City Boulevard, Springfield, IL 62703
14-35.0-232-022
Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown

Heirs and Legatees of Nita Jane Blue, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Travon Blue, Fatima Blue, William L. Blue, Reginald C. Blue, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, on or before April 8, 2024, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court.
Jenna M. Rogers (6308109)
MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC
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One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601
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One of Plaintiff's Attorneys
File Number: 23-008512
I3238174

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

ILLINOIS
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
PLAINTIFF,
-vs-
Lawrence T. White a/k/a Lawrence Todd White;
DEFENDANTS NO. 23 FC 107
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on August 16, 2023; Jack L. Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on March 19, 2024 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building, Sangamon County Board Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.
Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court. Said property is legally described as follows:
THE SOUTH 310 FEET OF THE WEST 48

FEET OF LOT 10 IN WANLESS' BERGEN PARK ADDITION.
EXCEPTING ALL COAL AND MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LOT, WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME.
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as 3229 East Enos Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702
Permanent Index No.: 14-25.0-401-018
Improvements: Single Family Residential
The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.
The judgment amount was \$40,989.18.
Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For Bid Amount contact:
Sale Clerk
LOGS Legal Group LLP
2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301
Bannockburn, IL 60015
ILNOTICES@logs.com
(847) 291-1717
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
One of Plaintiff's Attorneys
LOGS Legal Group LLP
Attorney for Plaintiff
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ILNOTICES@logs.com Randal S. Berg (6277119)
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Laura J. Anderson (6224385)
Mallory Snyderman (6306039)
Thomas Belczak (6193705)
Debra Miller (6205477)
Amy Aronson (6206512)
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.
8051-939730

NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO TOWN & COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
MARY JANE V. LOGAN AND PERSONAL FINANCE COMPANY, LLC, Defendants.
CASE NO. 23-FC-166
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 December 6, 2023, 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 vendue on April 2, 2024, at 9:00 AM, in the Auditorium on the 2nd Floor, 300 South 9th St, Springfield, Illinois.
The Judgment amount is \$39,789.17.
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 & Mihar, 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 (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO TOWN & COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff,
Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihar, LLC
Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549)
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC
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8051-938840

Advertisement for Bid
Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) invites qualified GENERAL CONTRACTORS to submit sealed bids to furnish all labor & material to complete requirements of bidding for renovation of Sangamon South to create a new CONSTRUCTION TRAINING LAB.
Sealed bids must be delivered to the attention of MR. TIM ERVIN, Director of Construction & EHS, Lincoln Land Community College, Construction & EHS Office – Mason Hall, 5250 Shepherd Road, Springfield, IL 62794-9256 (Southeast corner of the LLCC Main Campus), on or before TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024, at 2:00 PM Central Standard Time (CST), at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Faxed or e-mailed bids will not be accepted. Vendors are responsible for ensuring that bids are received by the above office prior to the deadline. Bids received after the deadline will not be considered. Contractors who have submitted a bid are invited, but not required, to attend the bid opening.
All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/) and the Drug Free Workplace Act (30 ILCS 580/). All contractors and subcontractors shall demonstrate experience on projects of similar size and type. While this project is not administered by the Capital Development Board all contractors and subcontractors must be pre-qualified with the CDB for a minimum of 45 days.
All contractor contact and questions regarding any matter concerning this Invitation to Bid must be submitted in writing to LISA EMIG, JOHN SHAFER & ASSOCIATES, INC., 1230 S. 6TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703, BY THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024. Submittals of questions may be emailed to LISA@SHAFER-ARCH.COM, please put "CONSTRUCTION TRAINING LAB" in the subject line.) No questions will be addressed after 2:00 PM (CST), on THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024.
Other questions regarding the bid documents will be addressed at a mandatory pre bid meeting/site visit for contractors, which shall begin promptly at 10:00 AM, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024, at MASON HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM, on the LLCC

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

main campus. Failure to be present when the meeting begins may result in the bidder being disqualified. Contractors should have any sub-contractors present at the mandatory pre-bid meeting who may wish to view the site. Further information concerning the specifications of this invitation to bid resulting from questions submitted, either in writing or resulting from the pre bid meeting/site visit, will be communicated in the form of an addendum. E-mail or verbal responses to questions are not a part of the bid documents and only formal addendum will govern.

Bid Documents will be available to qualified contractors from the offices of JOHN SHAFER & ASSOCIATES, INC. on or after MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024. Qualified contractors may obtain documents by depositing \$50 per set, refundable upon return of documents in good condition within one week of Bid Due Date. The Central Illinois Builders' Non-Cash Security Method for request of documents will be accepted on this project, as well. The bidder shall furnish a bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the amount bid in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond, made payable to Lincoln Land Community College.

The Lincoln Land Community College, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, all contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of the owner's race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, income-level, or LEP in consideration for an award.

LLCC reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received, or to permit timely correction of minor deficiencies in bids whenever such rejection or waiver is in the interest of LLCC and to accept the bid or bids being most favorable to LLCC after all bids have been examined and evaluated.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: LESLIE A. HUGHES, Deceased. NO. 2024-PR-82 NOTICE TO HEIRS To: Todd Michael Hughes, whose address is unknown: Notice is given to the above who is an heir in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose name or address is not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, that an order was entered by the Court on the 21st day of February, 2024, admitting the will to probate.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission any heir or legatee may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in 755 ILCS 5/6-21 of the Probate Act.

You also have the right under 755 ILCS 5/8-1 of the Probate Act to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within six months after admission of the will to probate.

Michael Ray Hughes Independent Representative Filings are to be made with: Circuit Clerk Sangamon County Courthouse 200 S. 9th Street Springfield, Illinois 62701 Randall W. Segatto - 06193211

Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 rsegatto@barberlaw.com 350758

To enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent a private auction will be held on Saturday March 16, 2024, at 9:00a.m. Northend Storage is located at 1907 North Grand East, Springfield, IL. 62702 This is a private auction. In order to attend you must call 217-544-4521 a week prior to the auction date. Please leave your name, telephone number and an email address. Cash is the only form of payment accepted for the auction. Any individual wanting to retain their unit will need to pay their entire balance on or before March 13, 2024. No personal checks will be accepted for storage units that are in lien. NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION

Charon James Unit# 1-8 Amy Goble-Billick Unit# 7-1 William Richard Unit# 10-2 Kamariet Reynolds Unit# 1-24 Alicia Kunz Unit# 1-38 Bertha Day Unit# 4-39 Qiana Harris Unit# 4-41 Andrea Ware Unit#7-22 Terry Byrd Unit# 9-33 Delmer Flournoy Unit# 10-20

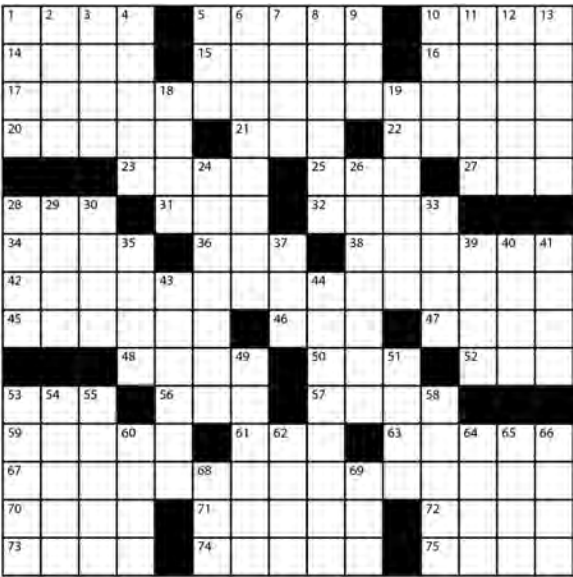
CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF LYDIA DUBREY, MINOR CHILD No. 2023-GR-245 To: Alicia Dubrey and Unknown fathers at addresses unknown: Please be notified that Joseph Smith has filed a Petition for Guardianship of Lydia Dubrey, minor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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of R. P. ARMSTRONG, Deceased. IN PROBATE NO. 2011-P-249 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of R. P. ARMSTRONG, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on February 21, 2024, to FRANCES A. ARMSTRONG, Administrator, 1725 Lamont St N.W. Washington, D.C. 20010-2601, whose attorney is ROBERT A. STUART, JR., Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th Street, Ste. 1000, Springfield, Illinois 62701. 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 September 5, 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Dated this 22nd day of February, 2024. Robert A. Stuart, Jr. Registration No. 2761122 Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP 205 S. 5th Street, Ste. 1000 Springfield, IL 62701 (217) 544-8491 rstuart@bhsllaw.com

It can be thrown

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- Across
1. Chemical endings
5. Lug
10. Soccer icon Mia
14. The "C" in U.P.C.
15. Shades of blue
16. Jai _____
17. *** Benefit of a steady job
20. _____ hammer on (pound)
21. AOL, e.g.
22. Sandwich order
23. Parking place
25. Walmart's Walton
27. CIA forerunner
28. Invoice fig.
31. Kind of fingerprint
32. Annual athletic award
34. Swabs
36. Freudian topic
38. Piled up
42. *** Store something away.
45. Boxing combo
46. Resistance unit
47. Bingo relative
48. Gather on a surface
50. Sales pro
52. "Gee whiz!"
53. Meadow
56. Mauna _____ (Hawaiian volcano)
57. Cut, maybe
59. "Well, _____!"
61. Casual attire
63. Rhino relative
67. *** "Bye Bye Birdie" song



70. "Am _____ early?"
71. Electrical pioneer Nikola
72. Disaster
73. Work station
74. Emulates raptors
75. Cravings
12. Big Parade organizer
13. Karaoke equipment
18. "Dragnet" org.
19. Drive
24. "Encore!"
26. Red-faced
28. Bullets, e.g.
29. Complain
30. Toll rd.
33. A-Rod, for one
35. Tennis units
37. Lennon's lady
39. Ode or haiku
40. It's active in Sicily
41. "The Cosby Show" actor
43. Gotten up
44. Like some facial tissue
49. One in a pool
51. Feel sorry for
53. Fat compound
54. Remove by dissolving
55. Choir voices
58. It may be pulled
60. Word that can follow the last word of the starred clues
62. Lighten
64. Not too bright
65. Computer image
66. Gym set
68. Muscle contraction chem.
69. Faux _____

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 830

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

1-	54x	8+			3-
			2÷		
2-	12+	2-		17+	180x
3÷	24x			30x	

Difficulty hard

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #829

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

Sudoku answers from #829

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

JoshJosh answers from #829

Sudoku No. 830

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

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