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# Sound the alarm

Fiscal sanity hits the fire department

UPON FURTHER REVIEW | Bruce Rushton

When it comes to fire departments, I have street cred.

I am junior fire chief emeritus for Elmhurst Elementary School. My yearlong reign, won by virtue of writing an essay on how to survive house fires, stretched from 1973 to 1974.

For a solid week, a fire engine, siren blaring, picked me up at home and delivered me to school each day. Before that, I was a victim, having stuck my leg down a drainpipe at a demolished laundromat after wandering from the mobile home where I spent formative years. It took the better part of an afternoon, and a jackhammer, to extricate me. Firefighters were there the whole time – while I bawled, they gave me candy and let me wear one of their hats, but it was way too big.

That's the thing about the fire department: They always show up, no matter what, no matter the time, whether it's a homeowner with house ablaze or a mom who can't think of anyone else to summon when her kid gets trapped in a drainpipe or the upper reaches of an oak tree. This is why firefighters, no matter the town, are popular. They're heroes without guns or body cams.

Times change, though, and that happened last week when the Springfield City Council trimmed the fire department's budget by \$1.4 million. As cuts go, this one was itty-bitty, considering the department still will have \$40 million to spend during the next year. Nonetheless, fire chief Brandon Blough warned afterward that layoffs might be coming.

As is often the case, another city showed Springfield the way. This time, it was Peoria, where the city council last fall eliminated 17 firefighting jobs, plus two engines, plus a firehouse. Up north, a pandemic-fueled budget crisis forced the city's hand. Here, it was a matter of common sense,



recognition that, if we built a fire department from scratch, it wouldn't look like the fire department we have.

Fires these days are rare. Since 2015, we've had about 500 each year, roughly half of those involving structures, but only a half-dozen or so are considered large. The fire department, though, is built as if towering infernos are weekly events. During the past year, the fire department responded to 19,974 calls (including 2,181 false alarms and 11,023 medical aid dispatches). It works out to fewer than five calls per day for each of the city's 12

firehouses.

The union has too much control under a contract that requires at least 49 people to be on duty around the clock. The late Frank Edwards, a former Springfield fire chief, knew that was too many and tried cutting back during his brief stint as mayor a decade ago. An arbitrator ruled in favor of the union. If a fire chief existed who knew how to cut budgets or hire minorities – a dozen of the fire department's 221 employees aren't white – we couldn't bring that person to Springfield because the contract doesn't allow the city to hire a chief from outside the department. Twenty people in the fire department make six figures; including benefits, each fire department job costs taxpayers \$172,600. We employ 87 firefighters, 48 driver/engineers, 64 captains, nine battalion chiefs, three division chiefs and a pair of deputy division chiefs.

"It just seems like we're over-brassed," Ward 7 Ald. Joe McMenamin observed during a budget hearing last month. "We've got nine battalion chiefs. They're ready for a fire that might happen once a week."

That the fire department drains coffers isn't news. For years, Bob Gray, president of the Citizens Club of Springfield, has argued that ever-rising costs in the police and fire departments are dragging Springfield down: We're spending so much on cops and firefighters that we can't afford to patch potholes or revive downtown or do a lot of other things that need doing.

This year, as in past years, Gray sent an email to council members as they crafted a municipal budget: On a per capita basis, we spend more on fire protection than similar Illinois cities where disaster hasn't happened. His message finally resonated, but Gray says that a \$10 million trim would be better than the council-approved haircut.

"My position for the past five years has been, we need this conversation to start," Gray says. "And it has, a little bit."

Ward 1 Ald. Chuck Redpath tells me that he doesn't want deep, sudden cuts, like what happened in Peoria. But we can't keep going on like we have been, he says, even if it means assigning brass to fire trucks.

"We have to rethink this," Redpath says. "Our trends and directions are going in the wrong direction." □

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# Feeding the many forms of hunger

GUESTWORK | Brian C. Blasco

For nearly 30 years, I have served the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, a community of religious women whose ministry is health care. For the first part of my association with them, I served at HSHS St. Mary's Hospital in Streator, and in this present chapter of my life I serve at their motherhouse here in Springfield. I have been a communicator of their health care mission and, more importantly, the deeper purpose of the sisters' legacy to those who continue their ministry through Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS).

Today I share information about the upcoming observance of Catholic Sisters Week (CSW). I am honored to speak on behalf of our local communities of women religious who will participate in the annual observance to remind us of their unique ways of serving others, along with acknowledgment of an issue of the present time, namely hunger. Furthermore, I am honored to be the bearer of an invitation from the sisters to you.

The Catholic Sisters Week national organizers have found a fitting way to describe the observance. Fifty-two weeks a year, women religious throughout the United States see the face of Jesus in those they serve by being united with people who are impoverished and immigrant. Sisters teach children, fight injustice, heal the sick, share spirituality, empower women, defend the planet, promote peace, create community and offer hope. During one week – March 8-14 – these same women religious take the opportunity to bring forth an awareness of their ministries in the communities they serve in a unique way. I am pleased to share that here in Sangamon and Christian counties the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Ad Gentes, Sisters of St. Francis of the Immaculate

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## Editor's note

I made a mistake last week by publishing in our print edition an early version of a story about the blight that is dragging Springfield down. The final version, posted online, gives the Illinois Housing Development Authority its say on the disaster that is Poplar Place. So for the complete story read "Blight fight" at [illinoistimes.com](http://illinoistimes.com). Print is exacting. There are deadlines, and mistakes become indelible. Print holds us to a high standard, and we'll keep on trying to meet it. —Fletcher Farrar, editor and CEO

# Making a fairer map

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Illinois House Speaker Chris Welch gave his standard reply to a question about redistricting reform last week when queried at the Chicago Economic Club, saying different people have different opinions about what a “fair map” actually is.

But then the new House Speaker leaned a bit harder into the concept of protecting minority rights when redrawing the new legislative district maps than I’ve heard him do in the past.

“I think a fair map is a map that reflects the diversity of our state,” Welch said. “Diversity is the strength of Illinois. Look at the Democratic Caucus, for instance. Diversity is the strength of our caucus. If you look at a map and it doesn’t reflect the diversity of the state, I don’t know how anyone can call that a fair map.”

While former House Speaker Michael Madigan’s folks often talked about that very issue, the media tended to ignore their argument because it was emanating from the widely proclaimed Gerrymanderer in Chief. Illinois now has its first-ever Black House Speaker with Welch, and that will likely mean much more focus on this particular topic.

The House Black Caucus did quite well with the 2011 remap, considering Black population loss the previous decade, and will undoubtedly do whatever it can to hold onto its position during the coming map-drawing process, whatever that process entails. The chamber’s Latinx Caucus made some gains a decade ago, but it and the Asian American/Pacific Islander/Native American demographic still have a long way to go before they reach any sort of parity with their Census numbers.

As a whole, the Illinois House is somewhat more diverse than the state. The House is 69.5% white, while the state is 76.8% white. The House is 18.6% Black, which is more than the state’s 14.6% Black population. But the House is just 8.5% Latino, including yesterday’s addition of new Rep. Angie Guerrero Cuellar, which is less than half of Illinois’ 18.5%. And though 6.6% of Illinois is AAPI/Native American, just 3.4% of House members are in that demographic.

And since Welch mentioned the diversity of his caucus, it’s now 50.7% white, while the 2016 demographic Census estimates of House districts his Democrats represent shows 48% of those residents are white. That’s pretty close.

However, 30.1% of the House Democratic Caucus is Black, even though Black residents make up just 20% of the population in districts represented by HDems, according to

Census estimates.

Compare that to the 13.7% of the HDem Caucus which is Latino - much less than the actual Latino population of 23% in House districts represented by Democrats. And while 5.5% of the House Democratic Caucus is AAPI/Native American, that demographic comprises 9% of the population in HDem districts.

To be fair, making nearly a quarter of House Democratic seats into Latino-led districts and almost one in ten AAPI/Native American-led districts will probably not be possible because of population concentration or the lack thereof. But whatever the final number, Speaker Welch has quite a delicate balancing act ahead of him.

While we’re on the topic of reform, Speaker Welch also said last week that the required economic interest disclosure statement for legislators and others in government is “a worthless piece of document.”

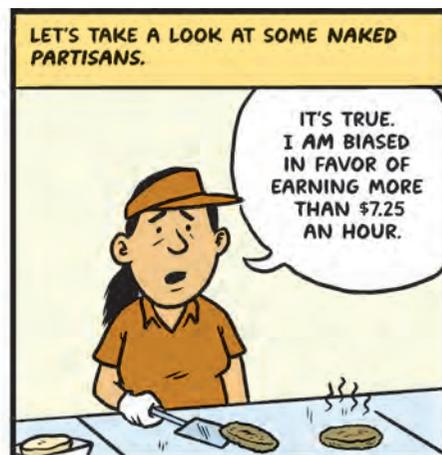
Responding to a question about ethics reforms he supports, the new House Speaker said the legislature’s Commission on Ethics

Reform was a “good start,” even though the group barely got started. He also said Gov. JB Pritzker’s proposals were a “good start,” adding, “We need to take a look at many of those things and go from there.”

That’s when he mentioned the Statement of Economic Interest. “You know, it confuses us,” Welch said of those who have to file the statement every year disclosing some forms of outside income. “So imagine what it does to the layperson.”

Some legislators have claimed to have been confused about what they should disclose after stories were written about income they didn’t disclose. While some of that was just excuse-making, there are some legitimate gripes about the vagueness of the law. And, on the other hand, the public might wonder why the recently retired Senate Republican Leader didn’t legally have to disclose an interest in a video gaming company.

Welch also said the General Assembly should take a look at other things like legislators as lobbyists and revolving-door prohibitions. We’ll see if he pulls any of this off. □



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Nearly two years after the Illinois Housing Development Authority announced financing to fix Poplar Place, the east side development remains a mess.

PHOTO BY BRUCE RUSHTON

## Feeding the many forms of hunger

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Conception, Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph and Ursuline Sisters of the Roman Union are collaborating in this annual observance with an initiative of Feeding Hungers.

The year of 2021 makes clear there are many among us who need all kinds of nourishment for physical and spiritual hungers. The sisters in our region respond to those hungers every day. They recognize and often partner with others who do the same. During Catholic Sisters Week, they invite you to do so, too. During this week-long observance, the sisters encourage you to join them in feeding the hungers of our world. You can do so by supporting a local or area breadline, food pantry or micropantry with monetary donations or food. This feeds the obvious hunger and need for food that people are facing in these challenging times.

The second step is an invitation to acknowledge other types of hunger people face amid the pandemic – unemployment and other hardships. Can you join the sisters by feeding hunger through emotional support for the lonely, spiritual support for the lost, financial support for the unemployed, or physical support for those challenged by circumstance? In feeding these hungers, together we can bring a sense of hope to those who are in need and, in turn, practice the sacred gift of compassion. While we do these deeds because we care, we must acknowledge that the deeper reason we respond is because we are called by the gospel to show love to others. Yes, it's all about love.

While the effects of 2020 remain with us in 2021, there is light ahead on the path and we can be bearers of that light. Let us make a difference. Let us build a better world. Let us do our part in feeding hungers. □

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### bible story #1 (king james)

once upon a time when the children of Israel were slogging around the desert Moses left them for forty days to climb Mount Sinai fetch the stone tablets hewn with the ten commandments when he returned bedazzled he found his apostolic tribe at worship before a golden calf (middle-ages paintings suggest much carefree carousing accompanied these religious rituals) last week a floridian group – I doubt a single Hebrew amongst them – worshipped a golden male clothed decorously in a biz suit you couldn't tell if he was gold head to toe or maybe even gold plate but there must have been present at least a few Bible-tote'n fundas who might have explicated the implications of Exodus 32

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### LETTERS

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### DON'T DEMOLISH

Poplar Place buildings were originally designed to open up at the base and top of the stairs to make one four-bedroom apartment ("Blight fight," Feb. 25). Quite a few were just that when it was originally built as Garden Court. They are also very well-built with plaster walls and poured concrete basement foundations. This so-called plan to tear many of them down is unnecessary. There is a need for four-bedroom apartments. The city needs to start enforcing its own building codes.

Paul Barker  
Via [illinoistimes.com](mailto:illinoistimes.com)

### POPE TO VISIT IRAQ

Pope Francis has chosen Iraq, the ancestral land of the Abrahamic faiths, for his first international trip in more than 16 months. The ancient city of Ur, Abraham's birthplace, is on his itinerary, as are the country's largest cities. He will also visit Qaraqosh, the center of Christian Iraq – and most hopefully – Najaf, an Islamic pilgrimage site, where he is scheduled to meet privately with 90-year-old Grand

Ayatollah al-Sistani, arguably the world's most influential Shia cleric.

We invite your readers to turn their attention to Iraq as well, March 5-8, as a way of holding hope for a better future for this nation and these people whose painful history was written, in part, by the United States' strategic failures, and whose precarious future is in great measure still tied to the willingness of the United States to support growth of nonsectarian leadership within the country.

We rejoice with our Iraqi Dominican family and friends in Iraq and throughout the diaspora at this moment of celebration. The people of Springfield, many of them *Illinois Times* readers, have stood in solidarity with us in our concern for the people of Iraq since we began building bridges between our nations in 1999. We invite them now to share our hope that Pope Francis' message of peaceful dialogue, reconciliation and respect for human dignity will bear fruit for a just and promising future for Iraq's children.

Sister Marcelline Koch, OP  
Dominican Sisters of Springfield

### AN ATTACK ON ALL

American democracy is everyone's concern. Our democracy values all our

citizens, equally. An attack on one is an attack on all. When some of us are attacked based on race or religion, the rest of us should stand up, defend American values and condemn the attacker.

Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene's statements alleging that Jewish space lasers have caused California's wildfires may seem so absurd that we should simply ignore them as the ravings of a lunatic, from a part of the country far from Springfield, Illinois.

So why talk about it at all?

As Americans, we should call out prejudice and bigotry in all its forms – whenever and wherever it raises its ugly head. We stand against anti-Semitism from any source in any form.

We hope that everyone in Springfield will join us in condemning Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene and her hateful remarks, in thanking members of the House of Representatives for removing her from committees and in taking a stand against anti-Semitism.

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# Code violations pile up

City slow to act

NEIGHBORHOODS | Bruce Rushton

Eyesores can last years in Springfield.

Consider 2809 Poplar Avenue.

In lieu of shingles, a sheet of plastic is nailed to part of the roof. A green notice posted by city inspectors who declared the building unsafe has faded from the sun. Roxana Talley, who has lived next door for two decades, said that the last resident moved a couple years ago after spending the last year or so living in a shed in the backyard because the house wasn't habitable. When he turned 62, Talley says, he moved into a high-rise apartment in another part of town.

No one appeared in administrative court in July 2019, after the city found scores of problems and issued a citation. "Roof is tarped over," a building inspector wrote. "Shingles have failed gutter is falling off need to be repaired and tree growing on north side into roof system." When the city sued in Sangamon County in hopes of collecting \$1,600 in fines and forcing repairs, a man at the premises told the process server that the owner of record had died in 1964.

That was in September 2019. Because the defendant was dead, the city dismissed its circuit court lawsuit in May of last year. No legal action is currently pending, although corporation counsel Jim Zerkle says that the city plans to start over again with a new administrative court case.

The house is across the street from Poplar Place, a troubled housing project dominated by boarded-up duplexes, overflowing garbage containers and private roads cratered by potholes. The city in 2014 cited the project's owner for dangerous streets. Seven years later, the case is pending in administrative court while an Iowa developer's plan to rejuvenate Poplar Place has fallen apart.

Tarah Cooper Wright, chief executive officer of a Chicago public relations firm that responded to queries posed to The Related Companies, owner of Poplar Place, said that the project's owner is "dedicated to providing affordable housing" and is working with Mayor Jim Langfelder, residents and community leaders. "We are in contact with the city and there are no outstanding building code violations," Wright, a former press secretary for former Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, wrote in an email. "All past building code violations have been immediately addressed."

Nearly three miles west of Poplar Place, a tree has fallen through the roof of a vacant home near the intersection of First and Vine



When the city sued two years ago to force fixes to this house, it discovered that the owner had died in 1964.

PHOTO BY BRUCE RUSHTON

streets – Ward 7 Ald. Joe McMenamain says that he noticed it two months ago while delivering food to the needy. On Feb. 25, McMenamain asked deputy public works director Darryl Harris for a status report. "Please summarize any inspection reports and their timeline," the alderman wrote in an email. "Is the building on the registered list (of vacant structures with two or more code violations)?" After hearing nothing for four days, the alderman inquired again. This time, Harris wrote that he was waiting for "an updated response from our legal unit."

It's not clear why the public works department would need a lawyer to tell an alderman, or anyone else, the results of inspections or whether a problem building has been registered with the city, which has the power to force demolition if fixes aren't made within three years of initial registration. Activists with Inner City Older Neighborhoods complain that the city requires Freedom of Information Act requests to get inspection reports; they say that the city should put a searchable database on its website, with links to inspection reports, so that neighbors can quickly determine what the city is doing about houses no one wants on their block.

Demolitions have plummeted. In 2014, the city demolished more than 100 buildings; in 2019, the number fell to six. Harris has blamed lack of money. We'll do it for free, says Bret Scaggs, business manager for International Union of Operating Engineers Local 965, which once supplied heavy equipment and operators to tear down

dilapidated houses before they collapsed on their own. "It's a seeded lot when we leave," Scaggs says. The union sees it as a training opportunity for apprentices.

In 2018, Scaggs says, the union, gratis, tore down 22 of the 23 buildings under demolition orders from the city, which pays such costs as disposal fees and asbestos abatement. The union remains willing to provide free labor and equipment, Scaggs says – there's a deal in the works for apprentices to tear down the former west branch city library on Washington Street, which is owned by Sacred Heart-Griffin High School. But the city, Scaggs says, hasn't lately asked for union help. "We just don't have a relationship with this administration," he says. "They don't reach out to us. They don't ask us for help."

Demolitions skyrocketed under former Mayor Mike Houston, who made revitalization of neighborhoods a linchpin of his campaign and his administration. He recalls or-else propositions with property owners: Either fix it or lose it, and it'll be cheaper in the long run for you to fix it. "We didn't want these properties just sitting there and continuing to deteriorate," Houston says. Part of the strategy, he recalls, was making Mark Mahoney, a former alderman, head of the public works department – after listening to constituents complain, Mahoney knew what folks cared about.

"We really needed to take the public works department apart and put it back together again," Houston says. "He did just that." □

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## MORE DOSES

**CAP CITY** On Tuesday, March 2, President Biden promised enough COVID-19 vaccines for the entire U.S. adult population by the end of May. Also on Tuesday, Sangamon County announced the mass vaccination site on the Illinois State Fairgrounds now plans to distribute up to 1,100 doses daily, nearly double its previous daily capacity. Hours have been expanded to 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. The site operates only by appointment. Individuals in phase 1a, 1b or 1b+ qualify. That includes health care personnel, long-term care residents and staff, essential workers such as those who work in factories or grocery stores, teachers, people aged 65 and older and those 16 and older who have disabilities or underlying high-risk conditions that aren't covered in previous categories. A county spokesperson told *The State Journal-Register* that as of 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, "about 3,300 first-dose appointments had been booked out of the 10,000 additional first-dose appointments made available" by a vaccine shipment on Monday. Registration for appointments, when available, at either the fairgrounds site or the Sangamon County Department of Public Health clinic, 2833 S. Grand Ave. E., can be made at [scdph.org](http://scdph.org) or by calling 217-210-8801.



The Rev. Silas Johnson implores the city council to appoint Roy Williams, Jr., left.

## POLITICS?

**CAP CITY** Roy Williams, Jr., would-be replacement for former Ward 3 Ald. Doris Turner, was voted down 6-3 on Tuesday, March 2, by the Springfield City Council. Afterward, he said he's not withdrawing his candidacy, and so the council is expected to take another shot on March 16, when a simple majority vote will be needed to install him as the replacement for Turner, who has moved on to the state Senate. Mayor Jim Langfelder, whose choice must be confirmed by the council, picked Williams last week; Turner's preference isn't clear – she wasn't present Tuesday, when seven votes were required to install Williams as an emergency measure. But a half-dozen east side residents urged the council to appoint Williams, who is president of the Faith Coalition for the Common Good. The council balked on the premise that Williams won't promise not to run for the position in 2023; two must flip for Williams to get on the council, and he isn't giving up. "My hat is still in the ring," he says. "We'll come back in two weeks and see what happens."

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# School board candidates square off

A town hall featured five candidates vying for two spots

**EDUCATION | Rachel Otwell**

Response to the pandemic and how to address equity issues were hot topics during a virtual forum for Springfield school board candidates. The Feb. 25 event was hosted by the Faith Coalition for the Common Good and League of Women Voters. Two of seven seats will be up for grabs during the April 6 election. Judith Johnson will not run to retain her seat in Subdistrict 6, and there are three candidates to fill the spot. Subdistrict 5 will have two candidates on the ballot, including an incumbent. Anthony Mares, the current board president, is running unopposed in Subdistrict 1. Michael Zimmers is also running unopposed in Subdistrict 4.

## The contenders

Tiffany Mathis hopes to retain her position as board member for Subdistrict 5. She was appointed to the position in 2019. Mathis is CEO for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Illinois. Mathis is challenged by Buffy Lael-Wolf, who has three decades of experience in pediatric nursing and works for St. John's Hospital. Her daughter, diagnosed with autism, attends school in District 186.

Running to represent Subdistrict 6 is Erica Austin, a doctoral student at Ohio State University, earning a degree in higher education administration. She works at SIU School of Medicine. Also running is Michael Washington. He has a daughter who attends District 186 and has formerly worked in and coached volleyball in the district. Tom Shafer is also running. He's a former firefighter and perennial candidate for various local positions, including school board and city council.

## COVID response

About 44% of students have returned to in-person school part time under the hybrid plan enacted at the beginning of the year. Mathis has been a proponent of getting kids back in school buildings. On Jan. 4, she voted along with a majority of the board, in a 4-3 vote, to begin hybrid, even though previously adopted public health metrics had not been met. "It's definitely no mystery how I feel on this issue," Mathis said. She said schools are not "super-spreader events." Mathis said she trusts the guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health on how to safely conduct school in Phase Four, the phase of the governor's plan that Springfield is currently in. Lael-Wolf said she wanted kids back in the classroom, though metrics from IDPH should be followed.

Shafer said students should return as soon as possible, safely. He asserted that "children do not seem to spread this disease" though the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention note children and teens can get and spread the virus. Williams said he has seen a number of emails from his child's school about positive cases in buildings and that public health metrics should be followed. Austin said precautions should be taken and vaccination awareness should be prioritized to ensure a safe return. As of Feb. 26, the district had recorded 150 positive cases of students and staff in buildings since Aug. 31. Positive cases in school buildings do not necessarily indicate outbreaks.

## Equity

Candidates agreed that school curriculum should be focused on inclusive and accurate

history. They also agreed the recruitment and retention of diverse teachers should be prioritized. The majority of District 186 students are Black but less than one in 10 teachers are Black. Mathis said the city as a whole needs to be accountable for making the community more inclusive. Lael-Wolf said an educator pipeline should be further developed, "so that when they (students) leave the community they want to come back and teach in our schools."

Austin, a native of the east side of Springfield, said resources are not equitably distributed across the district. "We get phenomenal [diverse] teachers here all the time, we just cannot keep them. Part of that is because we're not recognizing what we have," Austin said. She created a social media campaign to highlight Black district employees. Williams agreed there is an unfair distribution of resources. He said, "achievement begins at home," and "we need to work with our parents," in answering a question about the achievement gap. Shafer asserted there is a "scarcity of minority graduates" who choose education degrees. He pondered whether the district could "explore a contract clause that would give an incentive to minority teachers to begin their teaching career in Springfield."

The school board members who win election will be seated for two-year terms. View the forum in full at: [tinyurl.com/5f5j6sep](https://tinyurl.com/5f5j6sep) and see a map of subdistricts with this story online at [illinoistimes.com](https://illinoistimes.com). □

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# The toll on youth

Coronavirus hasn't been as deadly for kids, but they face challenges

HEALTH | Madison Angell

Illinois ranks second in the nation for the cumulative number of children and youth diagnosed with COVID-19. Illinois youth, 19 years old and under, make up 15% of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Illinois as of Feb. 11. That's according to figures from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Children's Hospital Association. Only 2.3% of children with COVID-19 end up hospitalized, but some deal with lasting health effects. And there are indirect impacts as well – academic progress and social and emotional enrichment are taking a hit.

Experts say indirect impacts of COVID-19 disproportionately affect Black and brown families as well as low-income households. Researchers are also concerned with the growing number of kids who contract the virus and deal with medical symptoms weeks later. Vaccine trials for youth are underway, but shots are not expected to reach most young people until 2022.

For most of 2020, “the proportion of mental health-related visits for children aged 5-11 and 12-17 years increased approximately 24% and 31%, respectively,” according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. During a Feb. 19 panel hosted by University of Illinois Springfield about the impacts of COVID-19 on youth, experts said the childhood poverty rate in Illinois was between 15% and 20% before the pandemic, but has likely gotten worse. For some children, schools provide stability – food and safe spaces to socialize with peers. The pandemic has made it harder for students to readily access resources commonly provided in school buildings, according to Sameer Vohra, founding chair of the Department of Population Science and Policy at SIU School of Medicine. He said being out of school places a “deep mental health burden” on children and their families.

Vohra also said an increasing number of children are experiencing multi-system inflammatory syndrome (MIS-C) after having COVID-19. Several weeks after contracting the virus, some children experience fevers, rashes and full-body inflammation. This is “very rare,” but Vohra said there have been cases of MIS-C in Springfield. Nationally, the CDC shows 35% of youth diagnosed with MIS identified as Hispanic or Latino and 32% identified as Black or African American. In myriad ways, the pandemic has magnified gaps in access to quality health care, education and support



services.

Astrid Suarez is director of education at Enlace Chicago in Little Village. The organization offers youth and adult outreach and education services, as well as legal aid. Suarez told the Illinois State Board of Education at a December hearing, “Our students have been losing their families, their families are losing their jobs, their houses.” Suarez said existing inequities are exacerbated by the pandemic and communities need additional funding to support low-income families and youth. Without this, “the social, emotional and mental health impacts” of COVID-19 “will last for many more years, and it will deepen the inequities in our community,” said Suarez. Congressional research and data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics shows unemployment rates for white people at the end of 2020 dropped to 6% compared to an unemployment rate of 9.9% for Black and African American people and 9.2% for Hispanic and Latino people.

Equity does not mean giving everyone the same thing, according to Superintendent

of Springfield Public Schools Jennifer Gill. “It’s giving each individual student the things that they need and then also removing the barriers that are in front of them,” Gill said during the UIS virtual panel. Gill said the district plans to use federal funds from the CARES Act to increase summer learning opportunities for students with learning loss. Gill said three times the number of students received failing grades at the end of the school year’s first semester compared to the previous one. There are students at home competing for WiFi and electrical outlets or struggling with broadband connections. Gill said others find it hard to participate online.

Experts say the impacts of COVID-19 should not be reduced to infection rates and adult deaths. Inequities do not stop at access to health care. Historically marginalized communities are financially struggling and their children are academically and emotionally overburdened by the pandemic. □

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Part of plans to combine Laketown and Hazel Dell elementary schools. ILLUSTRATION COURTESY DISTRICT 186 SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# Springfield's new elementary school

Laketown and Hazel Dell to get a \$22.6 million replacement

EDUCATION | Rachel Otwell

Two elementary schools in Springfield are to be replaced by a new school, according to plans obtained by *Illinois Times*. The new school would mean the shuttering of Hazel Dell and Laketown K-5 schools. Hazel Dell, at 850 W. Lake Shore Dr., was built in 1948, according to the October 2020 document. Laketown, at 1825 Lee St., was built in 1957. Both have about 165 students. The new building would be able to serve 500 students, according to the plans. Hazel Dell and Laketown are slated to be demolished. Certain jobs, such as principal, will no longer need to be duplicated. "Things like that will be reduced," said Springfield Public Schools Superintendent Jennifer Gill. She said she does not anticipate a reduction in the number of teachers.

The site for the new building is not yet decided. Gill confirmed that Melotte

Morse Leonatti Parker, Ltd. is the design firm selected for the project. The plans include a budget line of more than \$1.3 million for architect and engineering fees. Construction had originally been planned for April of this year to June 2022. Gill said plans to break ground have been pushed back due to the pandemic. "A brand new facility takes a long time to develop," she said. "It does depend on the land that you get, and how much prep needs to go into the land." Gill said multiple sites are being considered. A potential option is property owned by H.D. Smith Co. near its former offices at 3063 Fiat Ave. Gill said the land is already cleared and the property is well located.

Part of the \$22,628,775 projected budget would be around \$500,000 to demolish both schools. The new elementary school is slated to be two stories tall and nearly 60,000 square feet,

with a regulation-size gym, auditorium and separate classroom space to teach reading, literacy and English as a second language. "We're just at the preliminary stages of letting the designers do their work," Gill said.

Gill said one priority of the facilities master plan for buildings throughout District 186 over the coming years is to get rid of about 25 mobile units. "For instance, when you go to Hazel Dell now, there's a series of five mobile units that students have to walk inside and outside to get to." Gill said Hazel Dell and Laketown are the only elementary schools slated for consolidation so far, but others, including Sandburg, Fairview and Butler, have additions being built that will eliminate the need for the mobile units. □

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# Library reaches out

Lincoln Library hosts online events and plans for future

COMMUNITY | Madison Angell

"I will not talk. I want my lawyer. Am I free to go?" These are "magic words," according to Belleville attorney Alex Enyart. On Feb. 23, Lincoln Library, Illinois Access to Justice and Illinois Legal Aid Online teamed up to talk virtually about individual rights when coming into contact with law enforcement. About a year ago, Lincoln Library, Springfield's public library, struggled to move services online. Now it hosts weekly webinars and wants to increase virtual participation. The library is also trying to get more books out into the community.

When Lincoln Library temporarily closed due to the shutdown that began last March, it designed a more user-friendly website, said Rochelle Hartman, library director. This has helped promote event visibility and attract new community members. "We've had an increase in program participation," since moving events online, said Hartman. "A lot of people who wouldn't want to leave the house in the winter" logged in to participate from home. The library offers weekly webinars on how to apply for jobs and navigate word programs. "The Stitch-uation" is also bi-weekly and encourages crafters to virtually gather while working on projects.

Last week, the library had Enyart share ways to access court resources and exercise rights when encountering police. "So let's talk some magic words," said Enyart during the event. "Number one is, 'Am I free to go?'" If the officer says no or doesn't offer a clear confirmation, "assume you're in custody," he said. Enyart gave virtual attendees a tour of Illinois Legal Aid Online, a free website with information on court processes and state laws.

Aside from transitioning online, the library is trying to increase the reach of its services and

programs. Hartman said Lincoln Library needs additional funding, although it did not ask

Springfield and Peoria libraries serve roughly the same number of people, but Lincoln Library spends \$2.5 million less on services and community programming, according to Hartman. This is closer to the budget spent by the Decatur Public Library, which serves approximately 40,000 fewer people. "I think we can do better," but it will take investments, Hartman said.

The library reopened Jan. 27, and now offers limited in-person capacity for community members to check out books and use computers. Lincoln Library operates Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. If the rate of newly confirmed COVID-19 cases stays relatively low, Lincoln Library plans to host indoor events with limited capacity. Staff are also exploring the option of outdoor programming.

Other plans could include installing book lockers around town, which would make it easier for people to check out and return books. Leaders at the library are also in the early stages of considering what would be needed to staff and maintain a small-scale bookmobile. Hartman said the vehicle would be an outreach tool "so we can get out in the community and do some smaller checkout events." Lincoln Library will also continue to offer curbside services for community members. Information on upcoming events can be found at facebook.com/LincolnLibrary. □

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# Springfield's man on Capitol Hill

U.S. Senator Richard Durbin, a top-ranking Democrat, reflects on 40 years in Congress

PROFILE David Blanchette

When he first arrived in Congress after defeating incumbent Representative Paul Findley in the 1982 election, Richard J. Durbin wasn't sure how long he'd be there.

"Congressional staff wanted to talk to me about my retirement system choice. I said, 'If I think I'm going to lose the next election, what should my choice be?'" Durbin said. "I began my congressional career really aware of the fact that I had defeated a 22-year Republican incumbent in a conservative part of the state, and the likelihood of reelection was always a question mark."

Nearly 40 years later the 76-year-old Durbin, a Democrat, has won every subsequent election, first for 20<sup>th</sup> District House of Representatives and then from 1996 onward for U.S. Senate. He's among the top Democratic leaders in the Senate, chairs the Senate Judiciary Committee, and is interviewed regularly by the national news media, including Chuck Todd on "Meet the Press."

But Durbin still comes back to Springfield nearly every week to the home that he and his wife, Loretta, have shared for four decades. Durbin is proud of the changes to the capital city landscape that he has brought about during his time in elected office. And he's not shy about being in the forefront on some of the more contentious issues of our time, which has often put him at odds with his own congressman.

## "It's my job to see that it passes"

Durbin is one of the key people making sure that President Joe Biden's agenda makes it through the Senate. He's the Senate Majority Whip, which takes on a special responsibility when the president is from the same political party.

"Counting noses is THE job. My opinions on what votes we are going to get on the roll call are important," Durbin said. "When a bill that's important to the administration hits the floor, it's my job to see that it passes."

"That is not an easy assignment. With a 50-50 Senate we can't afford to lose anybody," Durbin said. "If we get no Republican support we need every single Democrat and Kamala Harris with the visiting vote. That means keeping people together."



Richard Durbin now chairs the powerful Senate Judiciary Committee. PHOTO COURTESY U.S. SENATE

Durbin had been the Minority Whip for several years while the Republican Party controlled the Senate, so he's no stranger to the job. It may sound like he's the Democrats' Arm-Twister-in-Chief, but Durbin said it doesn't work that way in the Senate, and the key is understanding each senator's concerns about a particular vote.

"If you need to go up the ladder and talk about changing the bill to get their vote, you have to consider that possibility," Durbin

said. "It does occasionally reach the point of horse trading. Members may say, 'This may be hard to explain back home, but it would help if I had X-Y-Z from the president,' a certain project or something important to them. That happens with presidents of both parties."

Speaking of the president, Durbin is impressed so far with the Biden administration and the people he has brought to his White House team.

"I think he has his priorities right, certainly starting with the pandemic, and of course getting the economy back on its feet and the kids back in school," Durbin said. "A new president's most effective period is their first year. Biden has the thinnest possible majority in the Senate and a scant majority in the House. But I think he has set out on a course that will define the early stages of his presidency, and I think he has a good chance to achieve it."

Durbin said he will continue to push Biden's pandemic initiatives regarding COVID-19 vaccine production and distribution, unemployment benefit extensions and stimulus payments.

Durbin is also the new chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, a group of which he has been a longtime member. His first official action as chair came on Feb. 22 with the committee hearing into Biden's appointment of Merrick Garland for attorney general. Durbin anticipates that domestic terrorism, immigration, antitrust laws and privacy concerns with Google and Facebook will be among the issues the Judiciary Committee will tackle in the months ahead.

The Judiciary Committee is evenly split between Democrats and Republicans, with what Durbin characterizes as "star players" on the Democratic side, like veterans Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Dianne Feinstein of California, as well as talented younger senators. On the Republican side, Durbin has a good working relationship with committee members Chuck Grassley of Iowa and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina but "things get a little rough" with some of the other conservative GOP Senators such as Ted Cruz of Texas, Tom Cotton of Arkansas and Josh Hawley of Missouri.

"It's a 50-50 committee, which means if we're going to report a bill out of committee, it has to get support from both sides of the table," Durbin said. "That's a challenge."

## "We've got to be honest with history"

Durbin was in session at the Capitol on Jan. 6 when a mob attempted to disrupt the official certification of the 2020 election results. Durbin was not directly attacked and did not fear for his life, but what he witnessed was surreal.

“The Secret Service came in and yanked the vice president off the podium into a separate room and within minutes we were being evacuated and told to move as quickly as we could,” Durbin said. “It was a real concern, not just for that day, but for what it said about our country, that we had reached a point where a mob would overrun the United States Capitol to interrupt the constitutional business we were conducting.”

That incident convinced Durbin that a second impeachment proceeding against Donald Trump was necessary. Impeachment required a two-thirds vote in the Senate, something Majority Whip Durbin knew he couldn't deliver, but he disputed those who characterized the impeachment as a waste of time.

“Forty percent of his most loyal supporters do not believe that those were Trump supporters overrunning the Capitol,” Durbin said. “They believe they were Antifa, left-wingers, Black Lives Matter, the list goes on and on. It's that kind of Soviet-style revisionism that this trial addressed.”

“The House managers put on the record videotapes and other evidence that can't be denied. It's there, in living color,” Durbin said. “We've got to be honest with history and those people who want to deny it or rewrite it have to be challenged directly.”

The insurrection and second impeachment proceeding are among the latest symptoms of the extreme polarization of American politics. As a top Democratic leader in the Senate, Durbin is often at the center of that partisan maelstrom. Durbin said it's the nature of a diverse democracy that we go through periods of division, and coming together again won't be quick or easy.

“Race is still a major dividing point



Senator Durbin and other local, state and federal elected officials at the Sixth Street railroad overpass project groundbreaking.

among Americans, and I naively believed that the election of Barack Obama marked a turning point,” Durbin said. “In some ways it did, but it also tended to solidify opposition, which we are now seeing.”

But there are reasons for hope, Durbin said, as evidenced by the way he has formed lasting friendships with key Republican Senate leaders such as Chuck Grassley and Lindsey Graham.

“I have a special friendship with Lindsey Graham that has endured through the years and people in Springfield cannot even understand why I say that,” Durbin said. “But he has helped me and I've tried to help him if something's right. When I reintroduced the Dream Act I had one lead Republican cosponsor and it was Lindsey Graham. He told me he would do it and he did it.”

#### “It's simply a matter of justice”

The Dream Act of 2021, cosponsored by senators Durbin and Graham, is one of the main pieces of legislation that Durbin hopes to get passed during the current session of Congress. The Dream Act would allow nearly two million people living in this country who were brought here as infants and children the opportunity to earn their way to the legal status of citizenship.

“I believe there are enough Republicans in the Senate to help me pass it. It's simply a matter of justice,” Durbin said. “Our immigration system is a disaster, it is a broken contraption that has been patched together for decades. The problem the Dream Act tries to solve is a clear illustration that it's unfair.”

Durbin has also worked both sides of the political aisle to get several justice initiatives passed. The First Step Act, which Durbin cosponsored with Republican senators

Chuck Grassley and Mike Lee, focused on correcting mandatory minimum sentencing. It passed and was signed into law by President Trump.

“The worst vote I ever cast as a member of Congress was when we passed a crime bill which really hit crack cocaine sentencing hard,” Durbin said. “The net result was we filled the American prison system in a way we'd never seen before. The numbers were unimaginable, and by and large they were African Americans who engaged in crack cocaine trafficking.”

The Fair Sentencing Act, signed by President Obama, corrected a mistake that Durbin and his colleagues made nearly 25 years ago.

“What I'm trying to do is establish a standard of justice that reflects the values of this country,” Durbin said. “When we go overboard, and we do, we have to be prepared to admit it and try to make it better.”

Durbin is committed to making the refugee crisis better and alleviating the ordeals suffered by families who “are begging for the chance to come to this country.”

“My mother was an immigrant to this country, brought here at the age of two. I know my grandmother brought along a couple of things with her and the three kids, including a Catholic prayer book written in Lithuanian, which had been banned in



Durbin with host Chuck Todd on NBC's “Meet the Press.” PHOTO COURTESY NBC.

that country,” Durbin said. “She knew she had the freedom in this country to exercise her religious beliefs without the government dictating it.”

For-profit schools are another issue about which Durbin has strong feelings, calling them “the biggest ripoff of education in America.”

“Eight percent of high school graduates go to for-profit colleges and universities, but 30 percent of student loan defaults are from students at for-profit schools because those schools charge too much and offer too little,” Durbin said. “Students who don’t know any better wind up signing up after some flashy ad campaign for one of these schools and end up wasting their time and money at the expense of U.S. taxpayers. I think they are an outrage.”

**“I’ve got my fingerprints on it”**

Durbin has avoided living full time in Washington, D.C., and has returned home to Illinois nearly every weekend while Congress is in session. He maintains constituent offices in Chicago, Carbondale, Rock Island and Springfield, but during the COVID-19 pandemic Durbin has primarily worked from the Springfield office, in the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, and done business via Zoom calls.

Durbin is proud of the federally funded projects that he’s been able to bring to Illinois, including the railroad

reconstruction and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield.

“If you see it in this town, most times I’ve got my fingerprints on it,” Durbin said.

Durbin’s fellow U.S. Senator from Illinois is Tammy Duckworth.

“As both a friend and a mentor to me, working alongside Senator Durbin in the U.S. Senate is an honor,” said Duckworth, a Democrat. “I’m inspired by his dedication to the people of Illinois and could ask for no better partner in the Senate to support all Illinoisans.”

Republican federal elected officials from Illinois are not always so complimentary. Durbin is a constituent of 13<sup>th</sup> District Congressman Rodney Davis, whose history with the Durbin team stretches back to Davis’ tenure as a staff member for Congressman John Shimkus.

“In my four terms in Congress I would have hoped that we worked together on more issues than we have,” Davis said. “But even in spite of that, we’ve seen some successes in two different presidential administrations keeping projects in Springfield moving forward that we both support.”

Davis said he remembers attending a 2012 orientation for new members of Congress during which Durbin told him, “Rodney, we’ll work together when we can, but there will be times that politics gets in



Chuck Grassley and Dick Durbin at Judiciary Committee hearings in 2018. PHOTO BY JACQUELYN MARTIN

the way.”

“Boy, that was an understatement,” Davis said. “Over the last eight years it’s always been a fight, and it’s unfortunate. He’s tried to beat me every time I’ve had my name on the ballot. He’s been very, very partisan on issues that are important to all of us.”

“Although I’ve been disappointed at our relationship over the last eight years, I’m hoping it will improve if the senator shows a willingness that he hasn’t shown in the past,” Davis said.

**“Two people that ran against one another could ultimately be friends”**

Richard and Loretta Durbin have been married for 53 years. They have had two daughters and one son – one daughter died several years ago – and six grandchildren. The Durbins have lived in the same Springfield residence from which he launched his first run for office, the 1982 race for 20<sup>th</sup> District Congress.

That 1982 campaign was hard-fought, close and expensive. Durbin and incumbent Republican Paul Findley each spent a fortune at the time, \$800,000 apiece, in a race decided by less than 2,000 votes.

The two men had almost no contact after the election until several years later when Findley reached out to Durbin to express an opinion on an issue.

“We struck up a friendship, which deepened and grew stronger over the years. He invited me to come to his alma mater, Illinois College in Jacksonville, and give a speech to the student body in 2012, and he introduced me,” Durbin said. “I got up on stage and said the last time Congressman Findley and I were on stage was a debate at Sangamon State University in 1982, and it was an honor to come back at his invitation to Illinois College.”

That spirit of friendship between former rivals is what Durbin hopes will frame American political discourse in the future.

“I think that’s a good story for people to hear when you consider the divisions in politics today,” Durbin said. “That two people who ran against one another could ultimately be friends.” □

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Durbin met with members of the Illinois National Guard Jan. 19 when they were in Washington, D.C., as part of the security team ahead of the inauguration. PHOTO COURTESY U.S. SENATE.

# The library that Dolly built

Promoting literacy for all children

**BOOKS** Cinda Ackerman Klickna

For several years there has been a waiting list in Sangamon County for children to receive free books through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL), a program that helps get children ready for kindergarten, beginning at birth. This week United Way, which administers the program, announces that an anonymous donor has come forward with a donation of \$70,000 to pay for the current waiting list of 781 children and add a cushion for new enrollees.

A committee is now working to help get the program sustained so that no child needs to be put on another waiting list. Reading is the key to learning, and if every child could be exposed to books and reading from birth, success in kindergarten and beyond will be more likely.

The DPIL was the dream of Dolly Parton to help foster a love of reading. Parton has always acknowledged she grew up poor. She launched the program in 1995, in Sevier County, Tennessee, her home area. On the DPIL website, her statement reads, "I started this as a tribute to my Daddy. He was the smartest man I have ever known, but I know in my heart his inability to read probably kept him from fulfilling all of his dreams. Inspiring kids to read became my mission."

The program provides a book a month free to children from birth to age five. It is open to all children, no matter the economic status of their family.

In 2000 a national effort began to spread the program beyond one county in Tennessee. By 2004 the state of Tennessee had pledged statewide coverage for all children ages birth to five, and the program expanded to other countries in following years: Canada (2006), United Kingdom (2007), Australia (2013) and Ireland (2019). There are now books available



in audio and Braille.

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Some people have a mistaken view that the program is only open to children in need. Although child care centers and organizations that serve the most at-risk children are targeted, no child is turned away. The view that more affluent families should not enroll since they can afford to buy books misses the point that the program promotes literacy, which is needed for all children.

Memphis, Tennessee, serves as an example. There, the program is viewed as an equalizer; every child born is enrolled. When they enter kindergarten, they have been exposed to the

same books, characters and themes. This gives them a shared experience and puts them on a more even playing field. This benefits teachers, also, as they can build upon an already general understanding and help students develop their reading. Students may come from very different economic backgrounds, but through books, they find common ground.

The first book always given is *The Little Engine That Could*, and the month a child turns five, the book received is *Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come*. Each book throughout the five years is carefully selected to fit a child's age and development. Included are activities for the caregiver or parent to use with children. This is another way that the program helps; parents and caregivers, too, have a

common understanding of books.

If funds are sufficient, books will begin appearing soon after the enrollment is completed. If funds are not sufficient, children are put on a waiting list and will receive books when funds become available. That has sometimes meant that a child might be 3, 4 or even close to 5 before receiving a book.

In Sangamon County, the program began in 2011, administered through United Way. More than 6,800 children have been served. Currently, more than 1,500 children are enrolled. But that does not begin to reach all eligible children, as around 2,500 children are born in the county each year, according to Memorial and St. John's Hospitals. It is estimated that there are over 11,000 children aged 5 and under in the county.

Work is now underway to increase the funding, expand the number of students enrolled and build sustainability. It only costs \$130 to sponsor one child for a book each month from birth to age 5 – that is \$10 a month.

Businesses, organizations, foundations and individuals can help, through a one-time or an ongoing donation on the United Way website <http://springfieldunitedway.org/dpil>. Click on donate and indicate your donation goes to the Dolly Parton's Library. Checks can be mailed to United Way of Central Illinois, 1999 Wabash Ave, Suite 107, Springfield, Illinois 62704. □

*Cinda Ackerman Klickna of Rochester, a former teacher, learned about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library a few years ago and hopes more children can be enrolled. She knows that reading to children, starting at birth, translates into success in kindergarten and beyond.*

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# It's time for corned beef and cabbage

Nothing says St. Patrick's Day better. Unless you're Irish.

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

Nothing says St. Patrick's Day like corned beef and cabbage, unless of course you're actually Irish. Although the dish has become synonymous with the Ides of March around much of the world, the Irish aren't traditionally a beef-eating culture. In Gaelic Ireland, cattle were sacred creatures and an important symbol of prosperity, used as work animals and as a source of dairy, but rarely raised for meat production. The invading British brought with them their lust for beef, eventually outsourcing much of their cattle production to the neighboring countries under their occupation. The origins of what we think of as "corned beef" begin with the Cattle Acts of 1663 and 1667, which prohibited the export of live cattle into England and flooded the Irish meat market, drastically dropping the price of beef.

Salt, as it has often done throughout history, also drives the story of this dish. The term "corned beef" actually refers to the large salt crystals about the size of a kernel of corn that were used to cure the beef. Salt was not taxed as heavily in Ireland at this time and was therefore relatively inexpensive and available. Thanks to the sudden abundance of beef and availability of salt, Irish corned beef quickly became a valuable commodity and was exported to much of Europe and the Americas through the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Irish corned beef was vital to both the British and French navies during this period and was consumed throughout every corner of their shifting empires.

The Irish people, however, were generally not able to afford meat of any kind during this time, let alone beef. The occupying English seized Irish lands, established feudal plantations and imposed onerous laws against the native Irish Catholic people. Potatoes, also introduced to Ireland by the British, were what the persecuted Irish survived on until a potato blight began in 1845, decimating the country's crop and much of the population. The famine that ensued killed a million Irish people, and another million fled on the "coffin ships" that brought them to America.

The Irish immigrants who sought refuge in the United States faced painful racism and prejudice upon their arrival. Many settled together for support and safety in tight-knit urban communities, the largest of which was in New York. Corned beef was inexpensive and widely available in Jewish butcher shops throughout New York City and, for the first time, many of these Irish immigrants were able to enjoy the dish for which their forebears had been famous. Boiled bacon with cabbage



and potatoes is a traditional dish to this day in Ireland, and it's likely that the first Irish Americans simply substituted with what they had available – Jewish corned beef. But unlike the beef that their ancestors had corned, the corned beef that the Jewish butcher shops sold was made from brisket, a kosher cut from the chest of the animal. Cooked long and slow, the tough brisket becomes meltingly tender and flavorful – a far cry from the tough, salty corned beef that sustained the Royal Navy.

Corned beef's specific connection to St. Patrick's Day is murky. Many Irish Americans

prospered in spite of the bigotry they faced, and by the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, St. Patrick's Day celebrations had become more prevalent across the United States. However, in true American fashion, the traditionally somber saint's day had morphed into a proud celebration of Irish heritage. And what better way to celebrate than with a big, festive cut of beef from your neighborhood Jewish butcher shop, boiled up with potatoes and fresh spring cabbage? Thus a uniquely American culinary custom was born and, before long, corned beef and cabbage became synonymous throughout the United

States with St. Patrick's Day and Irish culture generally. So prevalent was this association that one has to wonder if it played a role in President Lincoln's choice to serve corned beef with cabbage and potatoes for his Inauguration dinner menu on March 4, 1861.

## Corned beef

2 quarts cold water  
1 cup kosher salt  
1/3 c brown sugar  
2 tsp. pink salt, optional (Also known as saltpeter, it gives the meat a distinctive red color. Buy it locally at Humphrey's Market.)  
10 garlic cloves, minced  
1 onion, sliced  
2 tablespoons pickling spice  
1 5-lb. well-marbled beef brisket

## To cook:

2 tablespoons pickling spice  
5 cloves garlic, minced  
1 sliced onion  
2 stalks celery  
1 fresh green cabbage, washed and cut into wedges  
2 pounds new potatoes, scrubbed  
1 pound carrots, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces (Turnips are good too.)

Place the beef, pickling spice, garlic and onion in a large nonreactive container with a tight lid. (You can also use a 2 gallon zip-close bag.) Dissolve the salt, sugar and saltpeter in the cold water and pour it over the meat in the bag. Squeeze out as much air as possible, then seal the bag and refrigerate for 10 days. (If you're in a rush you can cut the brisket into smaller pieces to reduce the surface area and reduce the necessary curing time by a few days.)

When you're ready to cook the brisket, remove it from the bag and rinse it off. Place it in a large pot, along with the additional pickling spice (Tie it up in a cheesecloth or spice ball.), onion, garlic and celery. Add cold water to cover and then place the pot on the stove over high heat. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer and cover. Cook for 2-3 hours, or until the meat is fork tender. Remove the meat from the pot and set it aside to rest. Add the potatoes, cabbage and carrots to the pot and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to a hearty simmer and continue to cook until vegetables are tender, about 20 minutes. Slice the beef across the grain and arrange on a platter with the boiled vegetables. Serve with creamy horseradish sauce and hearty mustard. □

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**MUSIC**

# March is on

**NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin**

Hello folks, and come on into the first weekend of March 2021 as we continue to work toward reopening our world in a hopefully hope-filled post-pandemic place and time. Little by little, we are seeing the signs of a safe society beginning to bloom, and boy howdy, is this guy ready for that to happen.

I played my first gig of the year last Friday at Harvest Market Farmhouse bar and restaurant to a nice crowd of family, friends and fans. I can't even begin to describe how good that felt, and it really made me realize just how much I missed playing out live. Thank goodness for the fun online streams (I'll continue to do those), but as we said all along, nothing beats the feel of live music seen, heard and experienced as it's meant to be and has always been done, in person, happening in real time. As we move forward, let's all do our best to keep the safeguards up to prevent any backsliding toward those nebulous but necessary days of lockdowns and quarantines we all lived through only weeks and months ago.

Let's take a moment for a shout out here to Hurricane Ruth, a blues singer and songwriter extraordinaire, as well as a riveting performer who's been at this entertainment experience of personal expression for a lifetime. After recording her latest album, "Good Life," (American Showplace, produced by Ben Elliot) and preparing for touring and promotion, 2020's pandemic hit, and as with most all musical artists, Ruth's career plans came to a screeching halt. But the Beardstown native persevered and she released the album in July, which then got her on many Best of 2020 radio lists with accolades and broadcast plays flowing in from literally all over the world. You should keep your eye and ear on this hurricane and be sure to soak up Ruth's latest single, an on-fire remake of "Put a Little Love in Your Heart."

Friends of the local scene may remember Jason and the Nashville Scorchers playing at Crows Mill School back in the mid-80s. Jason was a native of southern Illinois who grew up on a farm and attended SIU in Carbondale before relocating to Nashville, Tennessee, in the early 80s. He became the ringleader of the Scorchers, who are generally regarded as the originators of "cow-punk," which is officially a genre associated with the melding of country music and punk rock. You may also know



**Rickey Meredith presents his 70s Solo Acoustic Show at the Slaughterhouse Brewing Company in Auburn this Sunday afternoon.**

him as Farmer Jason, the Emmy-award winning children's entertainer, as his outstanding work in that field has kept him busy farming the kid market for decades. On March 5, his second solo record in recent years under his full given name of Jason RIngenberg hits the streets and it's called Rhinestoned. Consider yourself forewarned, and as Jason says, "Everyone must get Rhinestoned!" and he means it.

As our live music scene continues to rebound, another staple venue opens up as the venerable George Ranks, popularly known as "the round bar," presents Tom Beverly and Geoff Ryan this Friday night when the songs will swirl around the classic watering hole once again. For a Sunday Funday afternoon, the Slaughterhouse Brewing Company, just off the square in Auburn, hosts Rickey Meredith's 70s Solo Acoustic Show starting at noon.

The long-running Blue Monday gigs at the Alamo, hosted by our Illinois Central Blues Club, are back in action with Champaign-Urbana-based, longtime local favorites Blues Deacons, featuring Billy Galt plus Dan Rivero on for this week, and Jack Whittle Band, Johnny Rawls and Studebaker John booked through the rest of the month.

See you next week as the good news continues. □

# THE CALENDAR



**Art exhibitions**  
Ongoing shows  
Various locations  
Free

## ART | Around town

**it** This warm weather is teasing us – making us wonder if perhaps winter is over and spring has made an early arrival. So, while the weather holds, this might be a good time to get out and enjoy a self-mapped gallery hop to explore the fresh new work of local artists. At Dim Art House you can see members' works from their recent show, "Self-Serving." Juried artist members of the SAA Collective are displaying their work in "Contemplative Expressions" at its new downtown location. The Illinois Prairie Pastel Society members are holding their annual exhibition at the M. G. Nelson Gallery at the Springfield Art Association. This weekend will see the opening of The Pharmacy's show, "Life in the Abstract," and an exhibit of the work of UIS visual arts faculty will be on display at the campus gallery. Check out the galleries' individual *IT* calendar listings, jot down their addresses, then hit the bright, sunlit streets to experience the art around town.

**"Life in the Abstract" opening**  
March 5-6, 6-9pm. New work of artists members. Plus a \$5 raffle of four artist-designed and painted chairs. Masks are required and directional arrows will be in place for social distancing. Free. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 801-810-9278.

**Light catcher glass workshop**  
Mon., March 8, 1-4pm. Learn some hot glass basics with the resident glassblower. [springfieldart.org](http://springfieldart.org). Members \$45 and \$55 non-members. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

**"Pastel Perspectives"**  
Mondays-Fridays, 9am-5pm and Saturdays, 10am-3pm. A display of the works of the talented members of the Illinois Prairie Pastel Society from across central Illinois. [springfieldart.org](http://springfieldart.org). M.G. Nelson Family Gallery, 700 N. Fourth St., 523-2631.

**Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition**  
March 8-April 15. Featuring Brytton Bjorngaard, Shane Harris, Mike Miller and collaborator Brian Gillis and Jeff Robinson. Appointments to see the exhibition are recommended. [uis.edu/visualarts](http://uis.edu/visualarts). UIS Visual Arts Gallery, HSB 201, One University Plaza, 217-206-6506.

**"Self-Serving"**  
Joe Wallace, Jeff Williams and Christy Freeman have come out of hibernation with new work. Dim Art House, 1613 S. MacArthur Blvd. 773-235-5600.

## History

**Illinois History Forum: Lewis and Clark**  
Wed., March 10, 7-8pm. Jacob K. Friefeld and Brad Winn will explore the role Illinois played in the launch of the Lewis and Clark expedition, as well as the impact the Louisiana Purchase had on westward expansion. View live on the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum Facebook page. Free. 217-558-8844.

**Tales from the Vault: Pandemics Through the Ages**  
Thu., March 4, 12-1:30pm. Ian Hunt takes a closer look at past pandemics, epidemics and other major health crisis and will show rare items to tell the story of how health issues of the past impacted Illinois, the nation and the world. Visit [presidentlincoln.illinois.gov](http://presidentlincoln.illinois.gov) for the link. Free. 217-558-8844.

**Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott**  
Tue., March 9, 6:30pm. Learn the story of Rosa Parks who refused to give up her seat on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama, an act that ultimately led to an end to segregation on public transportation. Email [ssnyder@jaxpl.org](mailto:ssnyder@jaxpl.org) or call to receive Zoom information. Free. 217-243-5435.

## Faith & Philosophy

**Cor Unum First Sundays**  
First Sunday of every month, 8pm. Reflection, discussion and prayer presented for, and led by, women in early adulthood. Meets the first Sunday of each month. Call for more information or message the Cor Unum House Facebook page for the registration link. 217-679-6644.

## Fairs & Festivals

**Springfield Watch & Clock Show**  
Sat., March 6, 11am-2pm. A great opportunity to buy, sell or simply look and learn about mechanical clocks and watches. Bring a clock, wristwatch or pocket watch that you want to learn more about it. Free. Casey's Pub, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 309-643-5241.

## Children's Corner

**Virtual Junior Collector's Day**  
Sat., March 6 and Sun., March 7. Youth collections will be featured on the museum's social media and Family Fun website. [illinoisstatemuseum.org](http://illinoisstatemuseum.org). Free.

## Bulletin Board

**APL pet adoptions**  
Saturdays, 11am-4pm and Sundays, 12-4pm. All animals will be spayed or neutered, microchipped and will have received all age-appropriate vaccinations by the time of their adoption. [apl-shelter.org](http://apl-shelter.org). PetSmart, 3183 S. Veterans Pkwy., 217-544-7387.

**Ball-Chatham school board candidate forum**  
Thu., March 4, 6:30-8pm. View the live event on the BCSD5 YouTube channel. Call for the address to email questions for the candidates. [chathamschools.org](http://chathamschools.org). 217-483-2416.

**Career Connections Expo - Virtual Career Fair**  
Thu., March 4, 11am-4pm. Hosted by University of Illinois Springfield and Lincoln Land Community College. [uis.edu/](http://uis.edu/)

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**Virtual Lunch and Learn Series**  
Tue., March 9, 12pm. The Future is Now: Business and Social Innovation in a Post-Pandemic World, presented by Katie Davison, Dr. Ranjan Karri and Bruce Sommer. Moderated by Dr. Somnath Bhattacharya. Via Zoom. [uis.edu/advancement](http://uis.edu/advancement). Free. 217-206-6058.

## Live Music

**Michael Burnett & Joe Dawkins acoustic**  
Thu., Mar. 4, 6-9pm. Sky Lounge.

**Unchained**  
Fri., Mar. 5, 6-10pm. Curve Inn.

**Curt Smith**  
Fri., Mar. 5, 6-8pm. Springfield Carriage Co.

**The Grand Moff Band**  
Fri., Mar. 5, 6-9pm. Harvest Market.

**Tom Beverly and Geoff Ryan**  
Fri., Mar. 5, 7-9pm. George Rank's.

**Mary Jo Curry**  
Fri., Mar. 5, 7-10pm. Long Bridge Golf Course.

**The Big Suns**  
Fri., Mar. 5, 7-11pm. Weebles Bar & Grill.

**Percy Avenue**  
Sat., Mar. 6, 7:30-10:30pm. Boar's Nest, Athens.

**Hat Trick**  
Sat., Mar. 6, 8pm-12am. Main Gate Bar & Grill.

**Positively 4th Street**  
Sat., Mar. 6, 6-9pm. Slaughterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn.

**Dyllan Martin**  
Sat., Mar. 6, 8pm. Locals, Pawnee.

**Joel Honey**  
Sat., Mar. 6, 8-11pm. Mowie's Cue.

**70s Solo Acoustic Show**  
Sun., Mar. 7, 12-3pm. Slaughterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn.

**Blues Deacons**  
Mon., Mar. 8, 7pm. The Alamo.

**Tom's Turtle Tank Tuesdays**  
Tue., Mar. 9, 8:30pm. Facebook with Tom Irwin.

## THE CALENDAR

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

## Special Music Events

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Wed., March 10, 12-12:30pm. Sopranos Diane Dietz and Becky Kemp and pianist Angela Pryer. Go to [LincolnsChurch.org](http://LincolnsChurch.org) for the Zoom link. Free. 217-528-4311.

**Jazz guitar hour**  
Wednesdays, 6pm. Jose Gobbo discusses jazz guitar techniques and styles. UIS Music YouTube channel. Free. 217-206-6240.

**Wood, metal and skins**  
Sat., March 6, 7pm. Percussion recital with UIS percussion

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## Theater & Comedy

**Character building with Reggie Guyton**  
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**Chris "Boom Boom" Johnson**  
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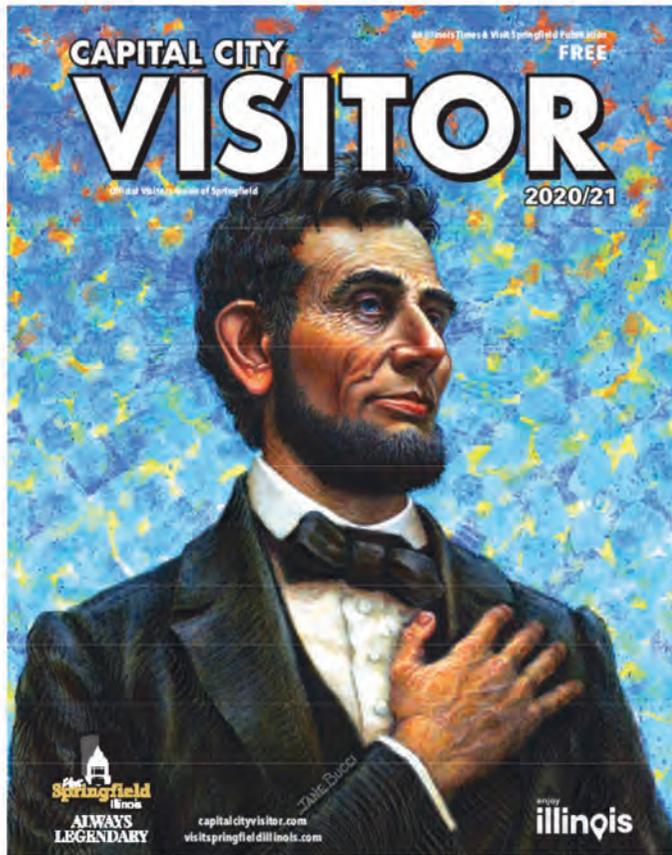
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(g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSES-  
MENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED  
BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION  
18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM  
PROPERTY ACT  
Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down  
at the time of sale and the balance  
due within 24 hours of the sale. All  
payments for the amount bid shall be  
in certified funds payable to the of  
Sangamon County.  
The person to contact for information  
regarding this property is:  
Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo  
Lindberg, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road,  
Suite 120, Naperville, IL, 60563, (630)  
453-6960. For bidding instructions,  
visit [www.dallegal.com](http://www.dallegal.com) 24 hours prior  
to sale.  
This communication is an attempt to  
collect a debt and any information  
obtained will be used for that purpose.  
Diaz Anselmo Lindberg, LLC  
1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120  
Naperville, IL 60563-4947  
630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-  
428-4620 (fax)  
Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage  
293191, Kane 031-26104,  
Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL  
03126232  
MidwestPleadings@dallegal.com  
THIS FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A  
DEBT COLLECTOR.  
20 CH 148

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEV-  
ENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD,  
ILLINOIS  
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,  
PLAINTIFF,  
VS.  
SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT; ROBERT BAKER; ME-  
LINDA ROBERTS; UNKNOWN OWNERS  
AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,  
DEFENDANTS.  
NO. 19 CH 000320  
221 EASTDALE AVENUE SPRINGFIELD,  
IL 62703  
JUDGE  
PRESIDING JUDGE  
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDG-  
MENT OF FORECLOSURE  
UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLO-  
SURE ACT  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure  
and Sale entered by the Court in the  
above entitled cause on February 26,  
2020, Sheriff of Sangamon County will  
on 04/13/2021, in the boardroom of the  
Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St.,  
Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell  
at public auction and sale to the highest  
bidder for cash, all and singular, the fol-  
lowing described real estate mentioned  
in said Judgment, situated in the County  
of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so  
much thereof as shall be sufficient to  
satisfy said Judgment:  
TAX NO. 14-36-102-036, 14-36-102-  
037  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 221 Eastdale  
Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62703  
Description of Improvements: Yellow

vinyl siding, one story single family  
home, detached two car garage  
The Judgment amount was \$56,955.39.  
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for  
"CASH". The successful bidder must  
deposit 10% down by certified funds;  
balance, by certified funds, within 24  
hours. NO REFUNDS.  
The subject property is subject to  
general real estate taxes, special  
assessments or special taxes levied  
against said real estate, water bills,  
etc., and is offered for sale without any  
representation as to quality or quantity  
of title and without recourse to plaintiff.  
The sale is further subject to confirma-  
tion by the court.  
Upon payment in full of the bid amount,  
the purchaser shall receive a Certificate  
of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser  
to a Deed to the real estate after confir-  
mation of the sale.  
The property will NOT be open for  
inspection. Prospective bidders are  
admonished to check the court file to  
verify all information.  
The successful purchaser has the sole  
responsibility/expense of evicting any  
tenants or other individuals presently in  
possession of the subject premises.  
If this property is a condominium unit,  
the purchaser of the unit at the foreclo-  
sure sale, other than a mortgagee shall  
pay the assessments and the legal fees  
required by The Condominium Property  
Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).  
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR  
(HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT  
TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30  
DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF  
POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS  
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
For Information: Visit our website at  
<http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpilc.com>.  
Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only -  
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC,  
Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St.,  
Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No.  
(312) 346-9088. Please refer to file#  
20-044931L  
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLEC-  
TION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S  
ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT  
COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT  
A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE  
USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
Plaintiff's attorney is not required to  
provide additional information other  
than that set forth in this notice of sale.  
I3164795

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON  
TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSO-  
CIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK  
TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCES-  
SOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, AS  
TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET  
MORTGAGE PRODUCTS, INC., HOME  
EQUITY MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED  
PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES  
2004-KR2  
Plaintiff,  
-v.-  
JANET MORRIS A/K/A JANET CARR  
A/K/A JANET K. CARR, TOWER LOAN OF  
ILLINOIS, LLC D/B/A TOWER LOAN OF  
SPRINGFIELD, IL  
Defendant  
19 CH 000035  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure  
and Sale entered in the above cause  
on October 15, 2020, the Sheriff of  
Sangamon County will at 9:00 AM on  
March 16, 2021, at the Sangamon  
County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth

Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at  
public auction to the highest bidder for  
cash, as set forth below, the following  
described real estate:  
Commonly known as 92 COTTONWOOD  
DRIVE, CHATHAM, IL 62629  
Property Index No. 29-07.0-126-004  
The real estate is improved with a  
single family residence.  
The judgment amount was  
\$118,296.30.  
Sale terms: 10% down of the highest  
bid by certified funds at the close of the  
auction; the balance, including the Judi-  
cial sale fee for Abandoned Residential  
Property Municipality Relief Fund, which  
is calculated on residential real estate  
at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or  
fraction thereof of the amount paid by  
the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in  
certified funds, is due within twenty-  
four (24) hours. The subject property  
is subject to general real estate taxes,  
special assessments, or special taxes  
levied against said real estate and is  
offered for sale without any representa-  
tion as to quality or quantity of title and  
without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS  
IS" condition. The sale is further subject  
to confirmation by the court.  
Upon payment in full of the amount bid,  
the purchaser will receive a Certificate  
of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to  
a deed to the real estate after confirma-  
tion of the sale  
The property will NOT be open for  
inspection and plaintiff makes no  
representation as to the condition of  
the property. Prospective bidders are  
admonished to check the court file to  
verify all information. If this property is a  
condominium unit, the purchaser of the  
unit at the foreclosure sale, other than  
a mortgagee shall pay the assessments  
and the legal fees required by The  
Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS  
605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property  
is a condominium unit which is part  
of a common interest community, the  
purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure  
sale other than a mortgagee shall  
pay the assessments required by The  
Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS  
605/18.5(g-1).  
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR  
(HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT  
TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30  
DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF  
POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS  
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
For information, contact Plaintiff's attor-  
ney: Alexander Potestivo, POTESTIVO &  
ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON  
BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606,  
(312) 263-0003. Please refer to file  
number 308983. E-Mail: [ilpleadings@  
potestivolaw.com](mailto:ilpleadings@potestivolaw.com)  
Case # 19 CH 000035  
I3164296

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF  
ILLINOIS  
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MEL-  
LON AS TRUSTEE FOR CWABS, INC.  
ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES  
2005-17,  
Plaintiff(s),  
vs.  
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RONALD J.  
BALDER A/K/A RONALD JAMES  
BALDER, CHRISTOPHER T. BALDER,  
HEIR, GREGORY BALDER, HEIR, NATALIE  
NICHOLS A/K/A NATALIE BALDER, HEIR,  
JONATHAN WOMACK AS SPECIAL REP-  
RESENTATIVE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND  
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,  
Defendant(s).  
Case No. 19 CH 94

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORE-  
CLOSURE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant  
to a Judgment heretofore entered by the  
said Court in the above entitled cause,  
the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois,  
will on April 5, 2021, at the hour of 9:00  
AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER,  
2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COM-  
PLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD,  
IL 62701, sell at public auction to the  
highest and best bidder for cash, all  
and singular, the following described  
premises and real estate in the said  
Judgment mentioned, situated in the  
County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or  
so much thereof as shall be sufficient to  
satisfy said Judgment, to wit:  
THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTH SIXTY  
ACRES OF THE WEST HALF OF THE  
SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4,  
TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST  
OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERID-  
IAN, CONVEYING THE FOLLOWING  
DESCRIBED PARCEL:  
COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIN MARK-  
ING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF  
SAID NORTH SIXTY ACRES; THENCE  
EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF  
SAID NORTH SIXTY ACRES 208.71 FEET  
TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE  
DEFLECT 90 DEGREES TO THE LEFT TO  
THE RIGHT A DISTANCE OF 260.89 FEET  
TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE DEFLECT 90  
DEGREES TO THE RIGHT A DISTANCE  
OF 260.89 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE  
OF SAID NORTH SIXTY ACRES; THENCE  
DEFLECT 90 DEGREES TO THE RIGHT  
A DISTANCE OF 208.71 FEET ALONG  
THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTH SIXTY  
ACRES TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING  
CONTAINING 1.25 ACRES, MORE OR  
LESS  
Common Address: 1907 S. WAKE  
ROAD N/K/A 1779 S. WAKE ROAD, NEW  
BERLIN, IL 62670  
P.I.N. 20-04.0-300-024.  
Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL,  
LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201,  
Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125,  
for further information.  
The terms of the sale are: Ten percent  
(10%) due by cash or certified funds at  
the time of the sale and balance is due  
within 24 hours of the sale. The subject  
property is subject to real estate taxes,  
special assessments or special taxes  
levied against said real estate and is  
offered for sale without any representa-  
tion as to quality or quantity of title and  
without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as  
is" condition. The sale is further subject  
to confirmation by the Court.  
The property is improved by a Single  
Family Residence, together with all  
buildings and improvements thereon,  
and the tenements, hereditaments and  
appurtenants thereunto belonging and  
will not be available for inspection prior  
to sale.  
If this property is a condominium unit,  
the purchaser of the unit at the foreclo-  
sure sale, other than a mortgagee shall  
pay the assessments and the legal fees  
required by The Condominium Property  
Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).  
If this property is a condominium unit  
which is part of a common interest  
community, the purchaser of the unit  
at the foreclosure sale other than a  
mortgagee shall pay the assessments  
required by The Condominium Property  
Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).  
LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808  
Timothy R. Yueill - ARDC #6192172  
Greg Elsnic - ARDC #6242847  
Aaron Nevel - ARDC #6322724  
175 North Franklin St. Suite 201  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
(312) 357-1125  
Pleadings@nevellaw.com  
AC  
# 20-01340

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SL  
# 19-00105

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF  
ILLINOIS  
UMB BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT  
SOLELY AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR  
LVS TITLE TRUST 2018-3,  
Plaintiff(s),  
vs.  
WALTER W. PHELPS JR., SHARON L.  
PHELPS,  
Defendant(s).  
Case No. 20 CH 142  
NOTICE OF SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORE-  
CLOSURE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant  
to a Judgment heretofore entered by the  
said Court in the above entitled cause,  
Sangamon County, Illinois, will on March  
30, 2021, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the  
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR,  
SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S.  
9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701,  
sell at public auction to the highest and  
best bidder for cash, all and singular,  
the following described premises  
and real estate in the said Judgment  
mentioned, situated in the County of  
Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much  
thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy  
said Judgment, to wit:  
Common Address: 2429 MAYFAIR RD.,  
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703  
P.I.N. 22-11-0-256-010  
Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL,  
LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201,  
Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125,  
for further information.  
The terms of the sale are: Ten percent  
(10%) due by cash or certified funds at  
the time of the sale and balance is due  
within 24 hours of the sale. The subject  
property is subject to real estate taxes,  
special assessments or special taxes  
levied against said real estate and is  
offered for sale without any representa-  
tion as to quality or quantity of title and  
without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as  
is" condition. The sale is further subject  
to confirmation by the Court.  
The property is improved by a SINGLE  
FAMILY RESIDENCE, together with all  
buildings and improvements thereon,  
and the tenements, hereditaments and  
appurtenants thereunto belonging and  
will not be available for inspection prior  
to sale.  
If this property is a condominium unit,  
the purchaser of the unit at the foreclo-  
sure sale, other than a mortgagee shall  
pay the assessments and the legal fees  
required by The Condominium Property  
Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).  
If this property is a condominium unit  
which is part of a common interest  
community, the purchaser of the unit  
at the foreclosure sale other than a  
mortgagee shall pay the assessments  
required by The Condominium Property  
Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).  
LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808  
Timothy R. Yueill - ARDC #6192172  
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AC  
# 20-01340

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON  
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd Day of February, 2021 a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that  
Issac A. Lasley  
Intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit: Lasley Innovations!  
and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business; and that the principal place of said business is located at:  
1113 N. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62702

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

ESTATE OF  
CARRIE KENNEDY, DECEASED  
No. 2021 P 106  
CLAIMS NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Carrie Kennedy. Notice is given to all creditors that Letters of Office were issued on February 25, 2021, Linda Patton, 49 US Highway 150, Alpha, Illinois 61413, as Executor.  
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704, or with the Executor, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 25th day of February, 2021.  
Kevin N. McDermott  
Attorney for the Estate of Carrie Kennedy  
109 South Seventh Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
(217) 753-4070  
Ill. Reg. No. 6196497  
Kevin@KevinNMcDermott.com

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

In the Matter of the Estate of  
Randall L. West, deceased.  
No. 2021-P-000051  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Randall L. West of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office as Administrator were issued on February 3, 2021, to Austin L. West, 336 W. Wellington, #1003, Chicago, IL 60657, whose attorney is Betty H. Schaefer, Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C., 10 S. Broadway, Suite 2000, St. Louis, MO 63102.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk's Office, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of publication of this notice or, as to a claimant known to the representatives, within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of this notice to such claimant, if later, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the

Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Administrator 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 exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.html> 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>.  
Betty H. Schaefer #6230974  
Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C. Attorney for Petitioner Austin L. West 10 S. Broadway, Suite 2000  
St. Louis, MO 63102 1-314-241-9090 92228

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

In the Matter of the Estate of:  
Milton George Shaffer, Sr. Deceased.  
No. 2021-P-37  
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE  
Notice is given of the death of Milton George Shaffer, Sr., of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on February 10, 2021, to Milton George Shaffer, Jr., 2209 E. Reservoir, Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701. Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Milton George Shaffer, Sr., of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Milton George Shaffer, Jr., Lori B. Piepergerdes, Daniel E. Shaffer, and Mark W. Shaffer as the only heirs of Milton George Shaffer, Sr.

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the offices of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Sarah  
Delano Pavlik – 6269250  
DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC  
Attorney for Executor  
One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: 217-544-2703  
Fax: 217-544-4664  
sdpavlik@delanolaw.com

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

Estate of  
Raymond M. Gardiner, Deceased  
NO. 2021-P-101  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Raymond M. Gardiner of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 23, 2021, to Robert J. Gardiner, Sr., 5 Belridge, Sherman, Illinois

62684, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representatives or both, on or before August 30, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 23rd day of February, 2021.  
Randy S. Paswater - 06283705  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-4868  
paswater@barberlaw.com

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CASS COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
FRED W. REITHER, Deceased  
NO. 2020-P-26  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of FRED W. REITHER, Deceased.  
Letters of Office were issued on September 24, 2020 to Shelley Lydia Reither and Fred V. (Trey) Reither, 1420 S. Whittier Ave, Springfield, IL 62704 and 810 Beard St. Beardstown, IL 62618-1527 as Independent Administrators, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 09th day of July, 2021 or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 10th day of February, 2021.  
Alex B. Rabin  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-789-1200

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

IN RE:  
ESTATE OF JOHN A. MAVIS, Deceased.  
Case No.: 2021-P-069  
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of JOHN A. MAVIS. Letters of Office were issued on February 4, 2021, pursuant to an Order Admitting Will to Probate and Appointing Independent Executor entered on February 4, 2021, in Sangamon County Case No. 2021-P-069, to Bruce Mavis, 12892 Salisbury Road, Pleasant Plains, Illinois, 62677, whose attorney of record is Matthew J. Maddox, whose address is listed below. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under §28-4 of the Illinois Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's office, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the 30th day of August, 2021, or, if

mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by §18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. 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 representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.  
Matthew J. Maddox Attorney Reg. No.: 6185870  
QUINN JOHNSTON  
400 South Ninth Street, Ste. 102  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: 217/753-1133  
Facsimile: 217/753-1180

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

ANDREW D. HOMA, Deceased.  
No. 2021-P-000078  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of ANDREW D. HOMA. Letters of office were issued on February 9, 2021 to Elizabeth A. Pallante, 1275 Horse Farm Road, Divernon, Illinois, 62530, as Executor, whose attorney is Paul E. Presney, U. Presney & Gonzalez, 726 South Second Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62704.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. The representative reserves all statutory rights, including the right to require any claim be filed with the court pursuant to Section 18-11 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/18-11).  
Dated this 9th day of February, 2021.  
Paul E. Presney, II Reg. #6182986  
Presney & Gonzalez Attorneys for Executor 726 South Second Street Springfield, Illinois 62704  
Telephone: (217) 525-0016  
ppresney(a),presneygonzalez.com

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

ESTATE OF  
EUGENE C. SZERLETICH, Deceased  
Case No. 2021-P-62  
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of EUGENE C. SZERLETICH. Letters of Office were issued on February 10, 2021 to JOHN SZERLETICH, 1009 N 7th Street., Springfield, IL as Independent Executive whose attorney is Donald M. Craven, 1005 N. 7th Street, Springfield, IL, 62702.  
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first Publication of this Notice. Any Claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a Claim filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
/s/ Donald M. Craven  
Donald M. Craven (#6180492) Attorney for Independent Executor Donald M. Craven, P.C.  
1005 North Seventh Street Springfield, IL 62702  
Telephone: (217) 544-1777  
Facsimile: (217) 544-0713  
Case No. 2021-P-62

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

ESTATE OF JOHN B. BOLTON, DECEASED  
IN PROBATE  
2021P 000086  
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of JOHN B. BOLTON, 2801 Montaluma Dr., Apt. 212, Springfield, IL 62704. Letters of Administration were issued on February 11, 2021, to DANNY BARNES of 4116 Old Rte. 36, Springfield, IL 62707, whose attorney is Bill Nicholson.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Complex, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, which is August 19, 2021, or within three (3) months from the date of the mailing of this notice, whichever is later, 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(s) 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."

DANNY BARNES, Administrator  
Prepared by:  
Bill Nicholson #6237771 Attorney at Law 1330 N. Springfield St.  
P.O. Box 290 Virden, IL 62690 (217) 965-1400  
nicholsonlaw@gmail.com

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

In re the Estate of BERNICE D. RAPPEL, Deceased.  
Case No. 2021-P-49  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Bernice D. Rappel. Letters of office have been issued to Mary Jo Haven, 2109 Augusta Dr., Springfield, IL 62704, as Executor, whose attorney is R. Phillip Reed, Attorney at Law, 1129 S. Seventh St., Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Executor, or both, on or before August 25, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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

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

## ILLINOIS

In re the Estate of SHERYL F. HERCHY, Deceased.  
Case No. 2021-P-68  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Sheryl F. Herchy. Letters of office have been issued to Michelle H. Smith, 109 Rainier Estates Court, Rainier, WA 98576 and Jason L. Herchy, 1236 N. Oak Lane Rd., Lot 305, Springfield, IL 62707, as Executors, whose attorney is R. Phillip Reed, Attorney at Law, 1129 S. Seventh St., Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Executors, or both, on or before August 18, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executors and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
JUANITA ROSE GRATTON, Deceased  
NO. 2021-P-89  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Juanita Rose Gratton, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on February 11, 2021, to George W. Gratton, Jr., 32678 Route 4, Girard, IL 62640, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 23rd of August, 2021, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 11th day of February, 2021  
Gregory P. Sgro  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-1200

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
ANTHONY J. LEONE, JR., Deceased  
NO. 2021-P-000084  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Anthony J. Leone, Jr., Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on February 11, 2021, to Catherine L. Cragoe, 2031 S. Bates Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704,

as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 23rd of August, 2021, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 11th day of February, 2021 Gregory P. Sgro  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS - IN PROBATE  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SALLY ANN SUNDERLAND, Deceased.  
NO. 2021-P-32  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION – CLAIMS – INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVE  
Notice is given of the death of SALLY ANN SUNDERLAND, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 10, 2021, to Shelly R. Rice, c/o her attorney, John L. GreenLeaf, Jr., 2456 North Main, Decatur, Illinois 62526.

Notice is given to Michael Sunderland and all other unknown heirs of the decedent whose last known address is 4140 Hickory Knoll Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46203, as stated in the petition. An order was entered by the court on February 10, 2021, opening a probate estate. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under paragraph 5/28-4 of the Estates Act (75 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 Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th St #5, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within 3 months from date of mailing or delivery of 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.

Shelly R. Rice, Independent Administrator By:  
John L. GreenLeaf, Jr., Attorney for the Estate GreenLeaf Law Office, Ltd. 2456 North Main  
Decatur, IL 62526  
217-422-2771  
E-mail: Greenleaflaw@comcast.net

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNA M. DIXON, DECEASED.  
NO. 2021-P-76  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS  
Notice is given of the death of ANNA M. DIXON, of Auburn, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 16, 2021 to JAMES W. DIXON, 7 Homewood Ct., Springfield, Illinois 62704 whose attorney is Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C., 741 South Grand Avenue West, Springfield, Illinois

62704.  
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court of Sangamon County; 200 S. Ninth Street, 4th Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 25th day of February, 2021, being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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Dated this 17th day of February, 2021.  
JAMES W. DIXON, Executor of the Estate of ANNA M. DIXON, Deceased  
BY: RAMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C.  
By: Anthony J. DelGiorno Attorney  
Attorneys for Estate:  
Anthony J. DelGiorno (IARDC: 6277358)  
Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C.  
741 South Grand Avenue West  
Springfield, IL 62704  
Telephone: (217) 522-6000  
Email: Tony@rblawyers.net

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF SEVENTH  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
ELIZABETH ANN CARTWRIGHT, DECEASED.  
NO. 2021-P-41  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS  
Notice is given of the death of ELIZABETH ANN CARTWRIGHT, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 2, 2021, to DANIEL J. RACHFORD 2626 Delaware Dr., Springfield, IL 62702 and MICHAEL P. RACHFORD 12600 Town & Country Estates Ln., Town & Country, MO 63141. The attorney for the Independent Co-Administrators is Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C., 741 South Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62704.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of the Court. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Building Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 18th Day of February, 2021, being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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Dated this 11th day of February, 2021.

DAN RACHFORD and MIKE RACHFORD, as Independent Co-Administrators of the Estate of ELIZABETH ANN CARTWRIGHT, Deceased  
BY: RAMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C.  
By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno  
Anthony J. DelGiorno, of Counsel  
Attorneys for Estate:  
RAMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C.  
Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney  
IL ARDC No. 6277358  
741 South Grand Avenue West  
Springfield, IL 62704  
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Fax: 217) 522-6018  
E-mail: tony@rblawyers.net

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

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of MACKENZIE CENIZA  
For change of name to MACKENZIE WILD  
Case NO.: 2021-MR-115  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 30, 2021 I will petition in said

Court praying for the change of name from MACKENZIE CENIZA to MACKENZIE WILD pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: February 11, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of Letrice Markel Ware  
For change of name to Raaw'El Markel Ware  
Case NO.: 2021-MR-178  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on April 22, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Letrice Markel Ware to Raaw'El Markel Ware pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: March 4, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of Mackensie Marie Carwile  
For change of name to Mackensie Marie Perry  
Case NO.: 2020-MR-147  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on April 27, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Mackensie Marie Carwile to Mackensie Marie Perry pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: March 4, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of Darius Kentrell Florence  
For change of name to Darius Kentrell Dixon  
Case NO.: 2021-MR-239  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on April 27, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Darius Kentrell Florence to Darius Kentrell Dixon pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: March 4, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of Christopher Anthony Isaia  
For change of name to Kai Sergio Aprile  
Case NO.: 2020-MR-1253  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on April 27, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Christopher Anthony Isaia to Kai Sergio Aprile pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: March 4, 2021

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY—SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
PNC Bank, National Association, Plaintiff, vs.  
Zachery W. Cumberworth; Meghan Martinie aka Meghan D. Martinie aka Meghan D. Cumberworth aka Meghan Diana Cumberworth; Defendants.  
CASE NO. 20 CH 148  
1515S Pasfield Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE  
Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above entitled cause on December 30, 2020, I, Sheriff, Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on March 30, 2021, commencing at 9:00 AM, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to-wit:  
LOT 26 IN BLOCK 5 OF PAYNE'S GRAND AVENUE SUBDIVISION NO. 2.  
EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LANDS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME.  
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
Commonly known as: 1515S Pasfield Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704  
P.I.N.: 22-04.0-208-006  
First mortgage Lien Position; Single-Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$63,144.36  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY, OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT  
Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the of Sangamon County.  
The person to contact for information regarding this property is:  
Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo Lindberg, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL, 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit [www.dallegal.com](http://www.dallegal.com) 24 hours prior to sale. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
Diaz Anselmo Lindberg, LLC  
1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120  
Naperville, IL 60563-4947  
630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax)  
Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232  
MidwestPleadings@dallegal.com  
THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, vs.  
MARK CRITES, MARY CRITES, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
No. 2021CH000011  
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is April 5, 2021.

Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on February 18, 2021.  
1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 2021CH000011  
2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois  
3. The names of the title holders of record are: Mark Crites and Mary Crites  
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
Lot 23 of Southwinds, Plat 1, according to the plat thereof recorded September 28, 1989 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Sangamon County, Illinois in Plat Cabinet F-02 as Document Number 89H024386.  
Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed or reserved of record.  
Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 513 Mallard Drive, Chatham, Illinois.  
6. An identification of the mortgages sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Names of Mortgagors: Mark Crites and Mary Crites  
Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank  
Date of Mortgage: May 7, 2004  
Dates of recordings: May 27, 2004  
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois  
Recording document identification: Document Nos.: 2004R26563 and 2004R26564  
/s/ Paul Palazzolo  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Emmet A. Fairfield  
Registration No. 6180505  
205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62705  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., PLAINTIFF, VS.  
SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; ROBERT BAKER; MELINDA ROBERTS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.  
NO. 19 CH 000320  
221 EASTDALE AVENUE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703  
JUDGE  
PRESIDING JUDGE  
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on February 26, 2020, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 04/13/2021, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:  
THE SOUTH 70 FEET OF THE NORTH 140

FEET OF LOT SEVEN (7) IN BLOCK ONE (1) OF EASTDALE ADDITION AND THE SOUTH 117 FEET OF LOT SEVEN (7) IN BLOCK ONE (1) OF EASTDALE ADDITION. EXCEPTING ALL COAL AND MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LOT. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. TAX NO. 14-36-102-036, 14-36-102-037 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 221 Eastdale Avenue Springfield, IL 62703 Description of Improvements: Yellow vinyl siding, one story single family home, detached two car garage The Judgment amount was \$56,955.39. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, 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.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 20-04493IL

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3164795

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET MORTGAGE PRODUCTS, INC., HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-KR2 Plaintiff, -v.- JANET MORRIS A/K/A JANET CARR A/K/A JANET K. CARR, TOWER LOAN OF ILLINOIS, LLC D/B/A TOWER LOAN OF SPRINGFIELD, IL Defendant

19 CH 000035 NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 15, 2020, the Sheriff of Sangamon County will at 9:00 AM on March 16, 2021, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT FORTY-EIGHT (48) OF BIRCH GROVE ADDITION. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LANDS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 92 COTTONWOOD DRIVE, CHATHAM, IL 62629 Property Index No. 29-07.0-126-004 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$118,296.30. Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Alexander Potestivo, POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606, (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 308983. E-Mail: [ilpleadings@potestivolaw.com](mailto:ilpleadings@potestivolaw.com) Case # 19 CH 000035 I3164296

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS TRUSTEE FOR CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-17, Plaintiff(s),

vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RONALD J. BALDER A/K/A RONALD JAMES BALDER, CHRISTOPHER T. BALDER, HEIR, GREGORY BALDER, HEIR, NATALIE NICHOLS A/K/A NATALIE BALDER, HEIR, JONATHAN WOMACK AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s). Case No. 19 CH 94 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on April 5, 2021, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit: THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTH SIXTY ACRES OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, CONVEYING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL: COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIN MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTH SIXTY ACRES; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTH SIXTY ACRES 208.71 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE DEFLECT 90 DEGREES TO THE LEFT TO THE RIGHT A DISTANCE OF 260.89 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE DEFLECT 90 DEGREES TO THE RIGHT A DISTANCE OF 260.89 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTH SIXTY ACRES; THENCE DEFLECT 90 DEGREES TO THE RIGHT A DISTANCE OF 208.71 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTH SIXTY ACRES TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 1.25 ACRES, MORE OR LESS Common Address: 1907 S. WAKE ROAD N/K/A 1779 S. WAKE ROAD, NEW BERLIN, IL 62670 P.I.N. 20-04.0-300-024. Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.

The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS

605/18.5(g-1). LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808 Timothy R. Yueill - ARDC #6192172 Greg Elsnic - ARDC #6242847 Aaron Nevel - ARDC #6322724 175 North Franklin St. Suite 201 Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 357-1125 Pleadings@nevellaw.com SL # 19-00105

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS UMB BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR LVS TITLE TRUST 2018-3, Plaintiff(s), vs. WALTER W. PHELPS JR., SHARON L. PHELPS, Defendant(s). Case No. 20 CH 142 NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, Sangamon County, Illinois, will on March 30, 2021, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE IN COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS TO WIT: LOT SIXTEEN (16) IN STRATFORD PLACE, PLAT NUMBER 2. Common Address: 2429 MAYFAIR RD., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 P.I.N. 22-11-0-256-010 Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.

The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

The property is improved by a SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, v. CHRISTOPHER J. PASLAY, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. IN CHANCERY Case No. 2021CH000010 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of 735 ILCS 5/15-1218 and 15-1502 and Sec. 2-206 that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendants is April 1, 2021.

The Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on February 11, 2021: (i) The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are as follows: Bank of Springfield, an Illinois banking corporation - Case No. 2021CH000010 (ii) The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois (iii) The name of the title holder of record: Christopher J. Paslay (iv) Legal description and common address of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty are as follows: Lot Three (3) in Block Twenty-Three (23) in Payne's South Side Addition, Second Plat, as shown on Plat recorded August 11, 2015 in Plat Book 11, Page 20. 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; commonly known as 2009 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703-3447. Parcel Number: 22-04-429-007

(v) Identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Name of mortgagor: Christopher J. Paslay, Name of mortgagee: Bank of Springfield, an Illinois banking corporation. Date of mortgage: October 23, 2015 Date of recording: October 26, 2015 County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois Recording document identification: Document No. 2015R30426 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SORLING NORTHROP, Attorneys Stephen A. Tagge, of Counsel - ARDC #2793369 Brian D. Jones, of Counsel - ARDC #6286510 Attorneys for Plaintiff 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200 P.O. Box 5131 Springfield, Illinois 62705 Telephone: (217) 544-1144 E-Mail: [satagge@sorlinglaw.com](mailto:satagge@sorlinglaw.com); [bdjones@sorlinglaw.com](mailto:bdjones@sorlinglaw.com)

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

vs. HENRY J. HIBBS, SANDRA K. HIBBS, TRACY A. SMITH, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Property Address: 9075 Owl Road, Sherman, IL 62684 DEFENDANTS NO. 2020CH000199 PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you TRACY A. SMITH, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois by the plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage encumbering the premises described as follows to wit: PARCEL 1: WEST 168.33 OF EAST 568.33 LOT 2, 1.18 ACRES HUGHES ILLINOIS BLVD SUBDIVISION. PARCEL 2: LOT 3 5 ACRES HUGHES ILLINOIS BLVD SUBDIVISION, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS COMMON ADDRESS: 9075 OWL ROAD, SHERMAN, IL 62684 P.I.N.: 07-07-401-007 and which said mortgage was recorded in the Office of the Sangamon County Recorder of Deeds as Document No. 2001R65159; and for such other relief prayed; that summons was duly issued out of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the said above defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of this Court in Sangamon County at 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 on or before March 22, 2021, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. Noah Weinger ARDC #6280021 The Weinger Law Firm LLC 2 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1600 Chicago, Illinois 60602 (T) 312-796-8850 (F) 312-248-2250 [nweinger@weingerlawfirm.com](mailto:nweinger@weingerlawfirm.com) I3164286

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION to enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent will be held at 10:00AM, Saturday March 27, 2021 at NORTHEAST STORAGE 1907 North Grand East, Springfield IL Tenants must pay in full before this date. This is a PRIVATE AUCTION. YOU MUST NOTIFY OUR OFFICE 1 WEEK PRIOR TO AUCTION DATE TO ATTEND. 217-544-4521 Dottie Wilbur 7-5 Authur Thomas 2-20 and 2-20 Kendra Wartenbe 3-34 Lakeytra Frye 4-41 Patricia Russell 9-11 Bertha Bostic G-3 Jackie Mckown J-4 Melissa Wyzard 6-2 Brandon Trumbo 11-1 James Harris 3-6 Sarah Burke 10-13 Carrie Shafer B-9 Kristina Blissett H-2 James Harris 3-6 LaVenbree Dumas 3-8 Shane Yole 3-13 Levanona Vieg H-18 Justin Terrill H-25 Melissa Luster H-13 Vernon Devers 2-18 Robert Nein 5-7 Jennifer Knudson 6-1 Mark Schafer 4-4 Truman Turner 11-8 Tammy Feagans 4-22 Kimberly Staber 10-24 Latandra Wilmot 10-38

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Please take notice that the Sangamon Mass Transit District, an Illinois Municipal Corporation, has prepared a tentative AM-MENDED Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020. Copies of the tentative AM-MENDED Budget and Appropriation Ordinance have been placed on file for public inspection, Monday thru Friday each week, until 4:30 p.m. at the Sangamon Mass Transit District offices, at 928 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois. A public hearing on the AM-MENDED Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Sangamon Mass Transit District for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020 will be held at 928 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, on April 26, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. The final budget, along with amendments, will be adopted at the April 26, 2021 Board of Trustee Meeting at 4:30 p.m. held at the Sangamon Mass Transit District offices at 928 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois.  
SANGAMON MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT.

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Mary Suter, Petitioner  
vs.

Malcolm Suter, Respondent  
Case No: 2020-OP-1265  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Malcolm Suter, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before March 18, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Court  
Date: February 4, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Nixon C. Vicci, Petitioner  
vs.

Christopher Higgins, Respondent  
Case No: 2020-OP-2186  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Christopher Higgins, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before March 24, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Court  
Date: January 21, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Reginald Weatherspoon, Petitioner  
vs.

Nicole Clements, Respondent  
Case No: 2020-OP-1966  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Nicole Clements, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County,

Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before April 1, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Court  
Date: Oct. 19, 2020

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Reginald Weatherspoon, Petitioner  
vs.

Janie Bennet, Respondent  
Case No: 2020-OP-1965  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Janie Bennet, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before April 1, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Court  
Date: Oct. 19, 2020

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Sheila Nicholson, Petitioner  
vs.

Rosalinda Candiotti, Respondent  
Case No: 2020-OP-1965  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Rosalinda Candiotti, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before March 18, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Court  
Date: Feb. 11, 2021

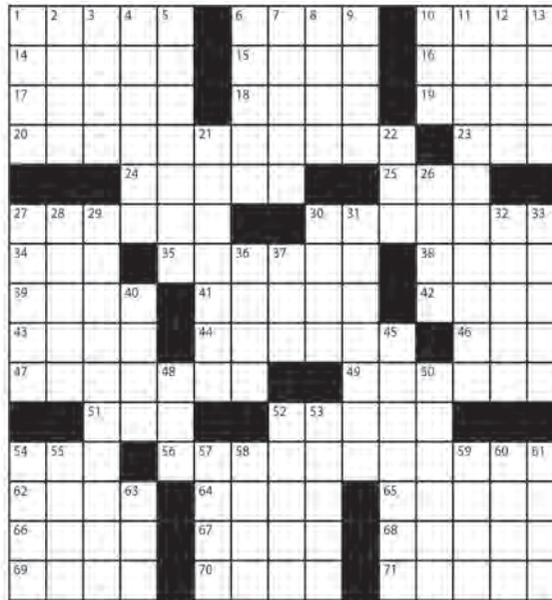
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Tiffany R. Reid, Petitioner  
vs.

Donavin R. Beanblossom, Respondent  
Case No: 2018-OP-2219  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Donavin R. Beanblossom, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before March 18, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Court  
Date: February 4, 2021

**For Pete's sake** Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 678

**Across**

- 1. Babe's family
- 6. Go across
- 10. Fresh talk
- 14. Nirvana attainer
- 15. Sea eagle
- 16. Troop group
- 17. Haggard of Nashville
- 18. \_\_\_ of the above
- 19. Small whirlpool
- 20. Peter...
- 23. Athletic supporter?
- 24. Come together
- 25. Bat wood
- 27. Scented pouch
- 30. Word connectors
- 34. Blood type letters
- 35. Putin's place
- 38. Missing from the Marines, say
- 39. Distribute
- 41. Fall tools
- 42. Mongolian desert
- 43. Matted cotton for stuffing
- 44. Biblical prophet
- 46. Had followers
- 47. Surrounded by
- 49. Reduce in volume
- 51. 60's war zone, briefly
- 52. In the know
- 54. Puns and such
- 56. Peter...
- 62. "By yesterday!"
- 64. Towel stitching
- 65. Tighten, perhaps
- 66. Hip bones
- 67. Encourage
- 68. "Gladiator" setting
- 69. Give away



- 70. Physicist Niels
- 71. Fragrant compound
- Down**
- 1. Freeway exit
- 2. Fertilizer chemical
- 3. Kind of traffic
- 4. Braided bread
- 5. Mississippi traveler
- 6. Transmits
- 7. Destinations for some limos
- 8. Tolstoy's Karenina
- 9. At no time, poetically
- 10. Take to court
- 11. Peter...
- 12. Pro or con
- 13. Eyelid problem
- 21. Dispositions
- 22. Go on and on
- 26. Carpet type
- 27. Latin dance
- 28. At right angles to a ship
- 29. Peter...
- 30. Scurries
- 31. A Turkish veil
- 32. TNT inventor
- 33. Trombone part
- 36. Shaker contents
- 37. Word with bum or bunny
- 40. European erupter
- 45. Northern lights
- 48. Clock std.
- 50. Hot conditions
- 52. Cry of frustration
- 53. More sagacious
- 54. "Just a see!"
- 55. Archipelago component
- 57. Great Lakes fish
- 58. Medal recipient
- 59. Editor's note
- 60. Cattle, to poets
- 61. Once around the sun
- 63. Good buddy

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



Crossword answers from #677

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

Sudoku answers from #677

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

JoshJosh answers from #677

**JoshJosh** by J. Reynolds - No. 678

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.

120x		3+		4	36x
		10x			
60x			8+		
3+		2-	30x	2+	
5-	9+			9+	3-

Difficulty medium

**Sudoku** No. 678

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

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

Difficulty hard



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March 8-14, 2021

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