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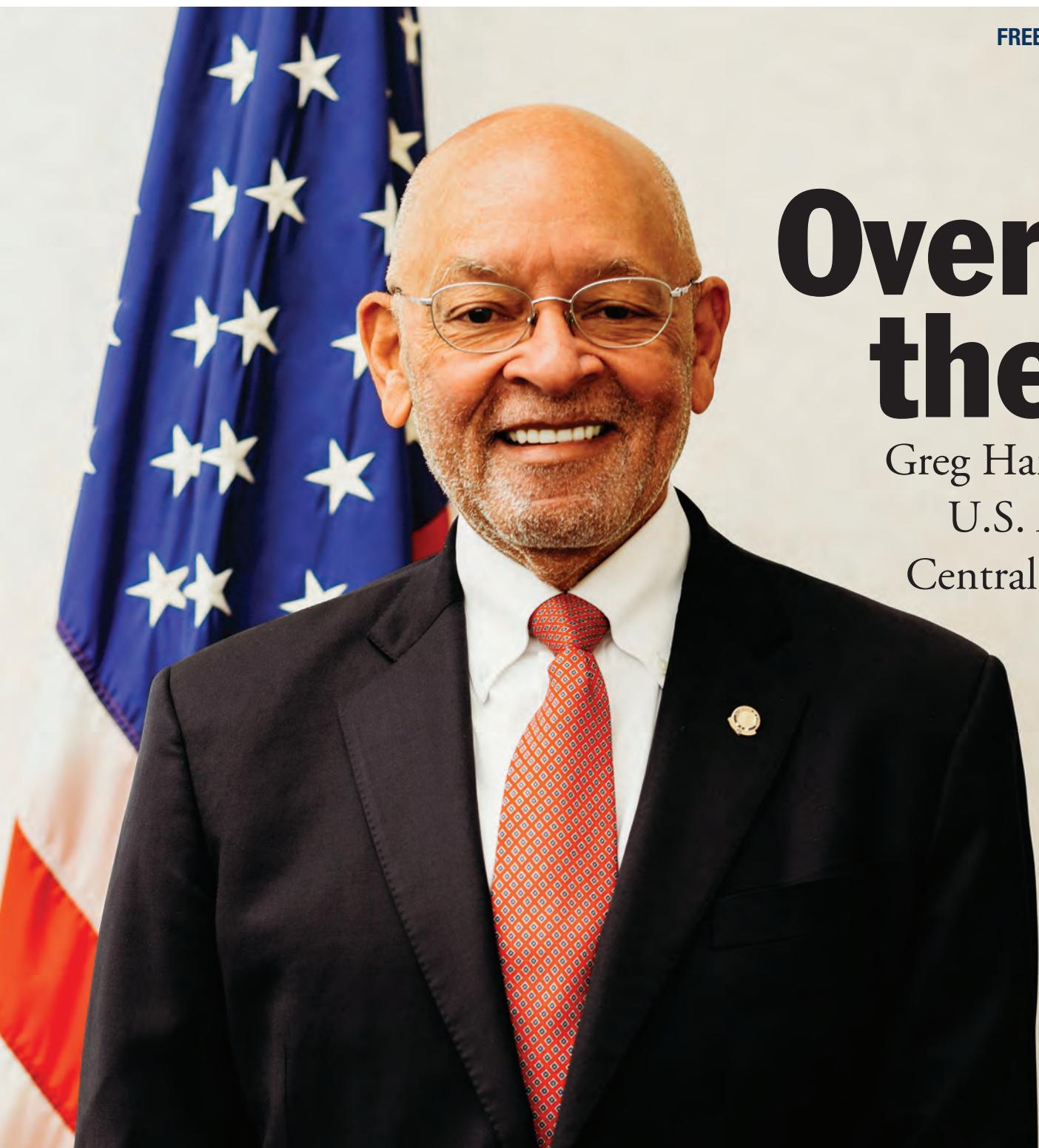
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End of an era

Lincoln Christian University shifts focus to maintain viability

HIGHER EDUCATION | Dean Olsen

Many students are in shock, while alumni and donors are expressing both sadness and hope, after Lincoln Christian University's Feb. 22 announcement that it will eliminate most bachelor's degree programs and focus on graduate-level and undergraduate ministry degrees.

The decision of the board of trustees for the 78-year-old college in Lincoln will mean the elimination of all competitive sports after this academic year, the closing of residence halls and the layoff of more than one-third of the staff.

LCU students take part in both in-person and online courses based at the university, founded by Earl Hargrove in 1944.

Lincoln Christian's attempt to ensure its long-term survival is rooted in financial struggles tied to declining enrollment over the past decade that worsened during the COVID-19 pandemic, university President Silas McCormick told *Illinois Times*.

"It's going to be an experiment," he said, adding that university officials should know sometime in 2023 whether partnering independent Christian churches, students, faculty, staff and donors will support the new concept.

"We have to do it now," McCormick said. "This is our last chance to do something. ... If our employees and donors stick with us for a year, it can be sustainable."

To avoid the financial pressures that closed MacMurray College in Jacksonville and contributed to the demise of several other small Bible colleges across the country, LCU officials outlined what they described in online documents as a "bold initiative to create a new model for Christian higher education that is responsive to a new era of

Kingdom work."

A few years ago, the university's annual budget was about \$9 million, with two-thirds coming from tuition, room and board that totals around \$20,000 per student per year, and one-third from donations from churches and individuals.

The current academic year's budget is about \$8 million, with half from donations. The operating deficit is \$1.4 million. Faculty and staff members haven't had across-the-board raises in 10 years.

The downsizing and new model is expected to reduce the budget to about \$4 million, with the majority of revenue coming from donations and other non-tuition sources, McCormick said. The faculty and staff of 80 would drop to about 30 after retirements and about 30 layoffs in late May, he said.

Graduates of LCU often go on to work as pastors or hold other ministry positions in independent Christian churches in Illinois and other Midwestern states. Many work for churches in Springfield, including at West Side Christian Church and South Side Christian Church.

Beginning with the fall 2022 semester, the university will narrow its educational programs to those directly tied to "vocational ministry." The new model includes an expansion of non-credit workshops, retreats, conferences and other educational opportunities led by faculty of the university.

Finally, the university plans to expand its work with churches to offer in-the-field training – with academic credit – to students who are on a path to become full-time ministers and counselors.

The university's doctorate in ministry

program, which doesn't attract many students, will be eliminated.

Seminary students and undergrads will receive instruction from LCU instructors at their workplaces and have the chance to immediately put what they are learning into practice, McCormick said.

The on-site training "adapts to the fact that more and more churches are developing their own leaders in their existing contexts," Lincoln Christian officials told alumni in a document posted on its Facebook page.

It's unclear whether the 130-acre campus, which will continue to operate on-campus apartments for undergrad and graduate students next year, will be sold in the long term.

Enrollment at the university has dropped more than 50% in 10 years, from 1,066 in 2012 – with undergraduates making up 678 students, or more than two-thirds of the total – to slightly more than 500 in fall 2021. Seminary students and undergrads as a group each make up about half of the current student body.

Enrollment doesn't seem to have dropped in response to the university's conservative theology and student conduct, McCormick said. Instead, the declines reflect the increasing challenges Bible colleges face in attracting students to education for ministry-related jobs, most of which don't come with high salaries, he said.

In addition, LCU's lack of funding for renovations over the past decade or more has made the campus less attractive for young students and their parents. As enrollment dwindled, LCU's on-campus enrollment made the school smaller than many rural downstate high schools.

McCormick also pointed to economic declines in Lincoln and Logan County as a whole, which he said have made it harder to attract faculty with spouses who would like to work close by.

Online comments from people connected with LCU have mostly reflected sadness but support for the trustees' decision, though some Twitter comments criticized a section of the administration's online memo about how changes in undergraduates threaten the sustainability of the status quo.

The memo said many current undergrad students seem "less committed to their faith," "listless," and lack emotional maturity.

Residential undergraduate students "often deal superficially with each other and their

faculty, choosing to leave rather than deal with conflict constructively," the memo said.

McCormick said today's LCU undergrads often hold different political views than their instructors and are less willing than in the past to discuss those views.

Students are mourning the impending changes, student body president Olivia Foster said. The 20-year-old psychology major from Louisville, Kentucky, said she will be allowed, as a current student in her junior year, to complete her bachelor's degree in psychology at LCU in May 2023.

Students have "mixed emotions" about the way administrators handled the announcement, she said, adding that some students wished they had been informed of the school's financial problems earlier.

Some students disagreed with the memo's statements about their maturity and faith, she said.

But when it comes to the overall change in direction, Foster said LCU officials are "handling it to the best of their ability."

McCormick said he has been "inundated" by requests from churches that want to participate and support the new model.

LCU officials said the additional support from churches and other donors could allow the university to eventually not depend on government financial aid for its students. That change, McCormick said, would allow LCU to avoid future complaints such as a Title IX complaint pending against the university by a transgender student.

The student, Kalie Hargrove, an Air Force veteran attending LCU on the GI Bill, used to identify as a male but withdrew from the seminary in 2021 when she was threatened with student discipline after she came out as transgender and began transitioning to live as a woman.

Board of Trustees Chairwoman Tamson Murray, an LCU alum who lives in Oklahoma, was matter-of-fact when explaining how trustees considered the uncertainty of setting the programmatic changes in motion.

"It's just the same mission, with a new model," she said. "For us, we felt like the risk of doing this was more manageable than the risk of doing nothing. Sometimes when you're at the bottom of a hole, you need to quit digging." □

An expanded version of this article is available online at illinoistimes.com.

Editor's note

Rhetoric may be the most important weapon of war. Ukrainian President Zelenskyy, looking tough in his military fatigue T-shirt, is already famous for "I don't need a ride. I need more ammunition" and "I'm not hiding. I'm not afraid of anyone." Now to the British Parliament he invoked Winston Churchill: "We will fight to the end, at sea, in the air. We will fight in the forests, in the fields, on the shores, in the streets." Can President Biden, committed to non-military weapons, likewise inspire the American people? "We shall endure pain at the gas pumps and in the stock markets, we shall fight with bank shutdowns, and internet disruption. We will kill your yachts not your youth, bomb your bullying not your buildings. We will defend freedom, whatever the cost may be." —Fletcher Farrar, editor

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Disability worker pay lags

Coalition campaign says, "They Deserve More"

STATE FUNDING | Dean Olsen

Increased state funding has helped Sparc bump up hourly pay rates for direct service providers (DSPs), those who care for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities at the Springfield nonprofit's group homes and in other settings.

But the increases in this chronically underfunded segment of Illinois' human services industry "don't go far enough yet," said Douglas McDonald, chief executive officer of Sparc.

"We are competing with fast food and the retail outlets for employees," he said.

The \$1-an-hour increase that is part of Gov. JB Pritzker's state budget proposal for the fiscal year that begins July 1 would help Sparc hire and retain DSPs, he said, "but just at the bare minimum level."

There's a push by advocates to appropriate more money to expand and improve services for people with disabilities and also whittle down the list of about 14,000 Illinoisans who, because of funding shortfalls, often wait years for state services.

The Democratic governor and Democrats who control the Illinois General Assembly last year passed a state budget for the current fiscal year that contained \$170 million more for disability services, a historically high increase.

The total included \$109 million to boost what are known as "benchmark" rates to provide adequate reimbursement for residential services and other supporting services.

But the \$109 million was more than \$220 million below the rate increase recommended for Illinois to comply with a consent decree issued by a federal court in 2011 as part of the Ligas v. Hamos federal lawsuit.

A federal judge found Illinois out of compliance with the consent decree in 2018, and lawmakers and advocates continue to call for full funding of recommendations contained in a rate study by the Guidehouse consulting firm.

The Illinois Department of Human Services' Division of Developmental Disabilities arranged for the Guidehouse study after the state was found out of compliance with Ligas. The study recommended increases from the current fiscal year through fiscal 2026.

Sparc and other organizations

throughout the state that serve people with disabilities were grateful for the fiscal 2022 funding increase, according to Joshua Evans, president and chief executive officer of the Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities.

IARF is part of the "They Deserve More" campaign by a coalition of nonprofit service providers, family members, statewide organizations and other groups advocating for full funding of the Guidehouse recommendations and other increases.

The coalition is calling for a \$151 million boost in the \$94.8 million Pritzker has proposed in new funding for reimbursement rates to disability service organizations.

The boost would bring the total rate increase to \$246.8 million, an amount that would make up for the state not meeting the full Guidehouse recommendation in the current fiscal year and fully funding the increase suggested for fiscal 2023, Evans said.

Senate Bill 4063, sponsored by Sen. Sara Feigenholtz, D-Chicago, and House Bill 4832, sponsored by Rep. Robyn Gabel, D-Evanston, would fully fund the rate recommendations. The legislation is expected to generate discussion among lawmakers and potentially culminate with extra funding being tucked in a final state budget deal this spring, Evans said.

The \$246.8 million proposal would increase DSP-wage rates for employers by \$3.50 an hour, rather than the \$1 increase proposed by Pritzker, he said.

"The governor did lead off with a strong proposal," Evans said, but the proposal is "substantially less than what is needed, and we would think parties to the Ligas consent decree would agree."

The higher reimbursement rates are needed to make sure the state has enough high-quality workers to serve new and existing clients, Evans said.

He noted that total state spending on disability services is proposed to be \$1.79 billion in the next fiscal year, or \$209 million more than in the current year, an amount that includes carryover costs from the current budget.

Just above half of the state's cost for most spending on disability services is reimbursed by the federal government through the

Medicaid program.

Separate from the spending on rates paid to service providers, Pritzker is proposing the state spend \$26 million to take 700 people with disabilities off the waiting list and offer them services.

Evans noted the state's finances are the healthiest in 20 years, in part because of an economic recovery during the COVID-19 pandemic and billions in federal COVID relief and recovery dollars.

Pritzker's budget also includes \$1 billion in one-time tax cuts for everyday citizens.

"Before we necessarily propose \$1 billion in tax breaks, can we try to live up to and meet the commitments that have been outlined for social services?" Evans asked. "Now we're in a budget situation where it seems we can."

Through Sparc, which is based at 232 Bruns Lane in Springfield, about 90 adults with disabilities live in group homes and receive Sparc services. The nonprofit posts annual revenues of about \$7 million and employs almost 180 people.

Sparc would like to serve more clients and provide a broader array of services, McDonald said. Paying employees more would be a start, he said.

The average pay for Sparc's DSPs is \$16 to \$17 per hour. McDonald said the demands of the job, and the 24-hour staffing Sparc must provide, can still make it hard to attract and retain these front-line workers and provide the care and guidance people with disabilities need in finding meaningful jobs and living as independently as possible.

"These are citizens like anybody else, and they deserve supports to be as successful as possible," he said.

Evans agreed.

"Almost all of us know someone or have a relative with an intellectual or developmental disability," he said.

"It's a broader humanity issue," he said. "What are we doing to support those who aren't in the best position – except for services and supports and state funding – to help themselves? It appeals to the angels amongst us." □

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Kidzeum picks up STEAM

Museum gets grant to build education center

CAP CITY | Karen Ackerman Witter

Kidzeum recently received good news. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources awarded Kidzeum a \$355,400 public museum capital grant to transform undeveloped space into a center for STEAM education (science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics). This is funded through DNR's allocation of \$27 million from the state's Rebuild Illinois capital program for grants to public museums.

Kidzeum owns the buildings adjacent to the current museum, which have been vacant for many years. These funds will be used to renovate two storefronts, adding 2,200 square feet of versatile space. The project includes masonry work, repairs to historic ceilings, restoration of hardwood floors, HVAC improvements, plumbing and electrical work, restoring passageways to connect with the existing museum and other infrastructure improvements. The result will be a "white box," which the Kidzeum will use for a range of programs.

In November 2021, Kidzeum and Springfield School District 186 launched a new partnership to bring second-graders to the Kidzeum for a two-week immersive STEAM Residency Program. Approximately 1,000 students will have this experience by the end of the school year. The initiative is designed to enhance science education in elementary grades and spark an interest in science at a young age. Kidzeum staff and school district personnel jointly developed the curriculum. Children are bused to the Kidzeum for their school day. Teachers have a designated museum classroom, and they use the Kidzeum's exhibits to provide STEAM-based learning sessions in collaboration with museum staff. Students enjoy a hands-on, immersive learning experience.

The renovated storefronts will become a STEAM lab for additional science learning. Kidzeum began as a traditional children's museum and is now working to expand its role as a vital partner in Springfield's education infrastructure. The new space, made possible through a state public museum capital grant, will help Kidzeum fulfill this objective. □

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Diversity curriculum still debated

UIS graduation requirement will remain in place

EDUCATION | Dean Olsen

A proposal to do away with University of Illinois Springfield's requirements that all students take classes on diversity, inequality and social responsibility may have been defeated, but disagreements remain over how the curriculum should be administered.

The March 25 online meeting of the Campus Senate will be the next opportunity for considering solutions to complaints about the process that decides which classes qualify for credit in UIS' Engaged Citizenship Common Experience (ECCE) curriculum.

"There's an attempt to find a compromise," said Celest Weuve, chairwoman of the senate who is an associate professor and chairs the Department of Allied Health.

The ECCE curriculum's concepts are important to retain as requirements for all undergraduates at UIS, she said, but the senate appears interested in broadening the types of courses students can take within their majors to qualify for ECCE credit.

The senate debated several proposals in recent months that would make changes in the curriculum, a three-course requirement that has been in place for more than a decade at UIS and is now being emulated at many universities across the country.

Some UIS faculty members say the faculty group deciding which classes qualify for ECCE credit has been biased in favor of liberal arts courses. These educators would like to see the faculty group broadened or the

system for awarding ECCE credit changed.

Additional classes that students must take outside their majors to satisfy the ECCE requirement can add costs and hinder UIS' efforts to recruit students to academic programs outside the humanities, ECCE critics say.

The Campus Senate decides on general education requirements, and a majority of campus senators voted to stop an early proposal that would have eliminated ECCE requirements.

The senate, made up of faculty and student members, then voted overwhelmingly Feb. 18 to halt progress on accounting professor Frank Nation's proposal to let individual colleges within UIS – rather than the campus-wide faculty group – decide which classes qualify for ECCE credit.

Nation's resolution was seen as diluting the program, Weuve said.

The senate now is considering other resolutions, one of which would create a broader campus-wide committee to rule on which courses receive ECCE accreditation. The panel would include representatives from all four UIS colleges – Business and Management; Education and Human Services; Liberal Arts and Sciences; and Public Affairs and Administration.

Nation said this proposal could work to reduce bias in granting ECCE credit. He said he doesn't favor a different proposal that

would send the issue to a campus committee for further consideration. That plan could delay progress toward a solution to a problem that began three years ago, he said.

Weuve said she would like to see the divisive matter resolved so the senate can move on to other issues.

Kristi Barnwell, a UIS associate professor of history and supporter of the ECCE program, said she is relieved that debate about eliminating the curriculum has subsided.

"There was definitely a will on campus to keep ECCE," she said.

Lilian Georgiou, a UIS history major in her junior year, told senators Feb. 18 that the ECCE curriculum should be retained and not weakened. She said the curriculum "is a major force encouraging students to become more engaged with the study of humanity and to cultivate community across disciplines."

At a time when societal divisions are rampant, she asked, "Should you really do away with a program which holds as its goals addressing racial bias and expanding students' understanding of international and global affairs? Surely, in the current world in which we live, any program that encourages critical thinking is necessary." □

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From here to Hollywood

Marissa Jo Cerar reflects on her journey

NEWS | Scott Reeder

She was once the only Black person living in Athens, Illinois, a village of 2,000; today she is a respected screenwriter in Hollywood with millions of people watching her work.

Marissa Jo Cerar's mini-series "Women of the Movement" focuses on Mamie Till, whose 14-year-old son, Emmett, was killed in Money, Mississippi, in August 1955.

Chicago native Emmett Till was visiting relatives in Mississippi when he spoke with Carolyn Bryant, the 21-year-old white co-owner of a local grocery store. Several nights later, Bryant's husband, Roy, and his half-brother, J. W. Milam, went to Till's great-uncle's house, forcefully took him and tortured him before shooting him in the head and throwing his body in the Tallahatchie River.

Till's mother, Mamie, insisted on an open-casket public funeral, with the image of the boy's mutilated body shocking the country. In September 1955, Bryant and Milam were acquitted of Till's kidnapping and murder, though they later admitted to killing him.

Following the funeral, Mamie toured the nation telling the story of her son. Many historians mark his death as the beginning of the modern civil rights movement.

Entertainment executives pitched Cerar on the idea of turning a book on Emmett Till into a mini-series.

"I was a writer-producer on season three of "The Handmaid's Tale." And I just wanted a break. It was going to be for a few months, and I just wanted to really spend the summer with my family," Cerar told *Illinois Times*. "But I went to a general meeting at Capitol Entertainment, the studio behind "Women of the Movement." ... I believed that I was the person who should write it because I really wanted to tell the story from the perspective of a mother who let her child go on vacation without her, right after he turned 14. There was that coming-of-age and that fear. And then the worst nightmare comes true."

Cerar kept a picture of Mamie and Emmett above her computer while she wrote, so she never forgot why she was doing what she was doing.

"Women of the Movement" is available on Hulu. When it first aired on ABC in January, about three million people watched each episode of the six-part series.

Marissa's parents, George and Rita Cerar,



Marissa Jo Cerar CREDIT MATT SAYLES/ABC

told *Illinois Times* their daughter always aspired to have a career in show business.

But she began life known only as Baby No. 3, her mother, Rita, recalled of her adoption.

"It was a Catholic children's home," she said. "And her parents were just young and the girl got pregnant. The girl and boy thought they wanted to try to keep their baby, and his minister and her priest and their families talked them into putting the baby up for adoption."

The birth mother was a white cheerleader from a Catholic high school, and the father was a Black quarterback from a rival school.

Marissa Jo is one of eight adopted children and the lone Black member of her family. Her mother said she has never met

her birth parents or expressed a desire to do so.

"I'm content," Marissa Jo said. "You never know who they are. And I have to protect my current family, and you know, that could change one day when we're all older. I feel like I am where I'm supposed to be and I have the right people surrounding me in my family now."

It was not always easy to be the only Black person in a small town, her father, George, the former mayor of Athens, said.

"Her older brother got suspended for five days. One of the boys on the bus called her a 'nigger' and he beat him up. They didn't do nothing to that boy, but my son got suspended for five days," George recalled.

But Rita said her daughter also had

good times, noting she swam competitively, played softball and was an excellent student.

Marissa Jo said she has no recollection of the incident on the bus but acknowledges sometimes feeling like an outsider.

"I can empathize with so many different types of people who may not have my same skin color or background or religion or gender identity. Because I was different, I think that's one of the reasons why I tell these kinds of stories of outsiders or people who were underestimated. I don't think it's a conscious thing. But it probably goes back to me being different."

Marissa Jo also wrote several episodes of "The Handmaid's Tale," a dystopian television series based on the 1985 novel of the same name by Canadian author Margaret Atwood.

George and Rita now live in Carlinville in a home their daughter purchased for their retirement. Ironically, it's bigger than their Athens home where they raised eight kids.

What motivated the Cerars to make a home for Marissa Jo and her seven siblings?

"We both are from big families," George said. "We wanted children. (Rita) had 14 miscarriages. Two of them were far enough along that they had to be buried. We were bound and determined that we were going to have some kids. So, we started adopting."

At age 11, Marissa Jo's parents bought her an electric typewriter that she could use to write. While enrolled in Athens High School, she took acting and modeling classes in Chicago and later earned a film degree from Columbia College in Chicago.

Growing up, Marissa Jo liked watching TV with her mother.

"I just loved TV," Rita said. "And I only really got to watch it in the evenings because I was so busy. But I remember we watched an award show and she was sitting on the floor. She was about 13. And she got up off the floor and she said, 'That's what I want to do. I want to get up there and say, 'And I thank my mentor and I thank my parents. I just want to say that I thank you so much for helping me in my career.'"

Rita noted that a couple of years ago, Marissa Jo's childhood dream came true. "She and other people she worked with won an Emmy for "The Handmaid's Tale."'" □

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OPINION



Mike, Aaron, Aiden and Amber Shipman are one of the families who have been impacted by the ongoing contractual dispute between Springfield Clinic and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois. They have put off routine medical care, incurred additional out-of-pocket costs and struggled to find new providers. PHOTO COURTESY AMBER SHIPMAN

first grade memory # 3

my final 1st grade memory: we lined up for recess my line against the wall by the door hanging from the wall were large placards one for each morning with dick-and-jane words to learn on that day you could see only the top card I already was a reader but I stood in that line waiting for it to move and stealthily peeked behind card after card to see the words to come I knew this wasn't really cheating yet somehow felt like it was: it's still a clear remembrance I smile that it retains its faint whiff of guilt

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LETTERS

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NO DOCTOR

I want to thank Dean Olsen for his article about the stand-off between Blue Cross Blue Shield and Springfield Clinic ("Doctor dilemmas," March 3). As I sit here typing this letter, I am trying to evaluate the minor chest pain I am experiencing to determine if I need to go to the emergency department, because Blue Cross has taken my Springfield Clinic cardiac specialist from me. I admit Springfield Clinic doctors are expensive, but that is because they are the best in the area. And yes, I have a "choice" to find a new doctor, but here is my choice: Either do what Blue Cross says, and abandon the doctors who have kept me alive, or keep those doctors and become ruined financially. That is no choice. That is an ultimatum.

I know I have to move on for now, so I got an appointment to go to a SIU School of Medicine cardiologist. Yet, 24 hours before my appointment, I got a phone call from SIU canceling the appointment because the doctor was not available. Then they

gave me a new appointment several weeks from then, with a totally different doctor.

So here I wait, trying to determine if I am in the midst of a life-threatening cardiac event, with no doctor. When it comes down to it, Blue Cross Blue Shield employees are paper pushers and Springfield Clinic doctors are saving lives and making lives better. Shame on you, Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Rick Wade
Springfield

NOT IMPORTANT

Why is knowing what the other driver was messaging at the time of the wreck important ("Fatal consequences," Feb. 24)? No matter what he was texting, he shouldn't have been doing it. When someone is drinking and driving, do you ask what was the last drink they had? I don't believe anyone does. Yes, the kid should be punished for what he did.

Crystal Craig
[Via illinoistimes.com](http://www.illinoistimes.com)

it. It's not that hard.

I hoped this article wouldn't diminish the usage of they/them as singular, but it did precisely that. There are suggested replacements, but it's hard enough to be respected when you're non-binary, let alone ask someone to use a new pronoun. They/them can be used in singular form.

Words do matter. When you're open to looking beyond the binary, your use of language will follow suit.

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Honestly, this doesn't sound hopeful at all ("A strategic plan to address homelessness," March 3). Most of the homeless I deal with downtown don't want our help; they don't want a house or an apartment or even a shelter. They want the freedom to live on the street doing as they please. Most of them are drug addicts with mental health issues. The city also enables the drug and alcohol addictions by allowing the street people to do as they please downtown; there is no enforcement of laws. All you people giving money to panhandlers on the corners, you're not helping – you're just giving them drug and alcohol money, they're not paying rent.

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Indictment could have been worse

POLITICS | Rich Miller

By the end of 2020, most people assumed there were only three ways to get House Speaker Michael Madigan out of office, and none were going to happen anytime soon.

Not one of those scenarios involved the Republican Party, the *Chicago Tribune* editorial board, the Illinois Policy Institute or their fellow travelers and funders of the coordinated effort to dethrone the state's Democratic king. Their constant attacks on Madigan only tightened the partisan and union support around him and strengthened his resolve to remain in office by any means necessary.

Either the feds were going to ensnare the longest-serving House Speaker in the nation, or Father Time would finally catch up with him or his members would somehow get up the nerve to revolt.

But even when a total of 19 House Democrats said they would not vote to reelect him as the weeks clicked away on that chaotic year and 2021 dawned, Madigan and his allies assured themselves that the man with millions of dollars in his campaign account -- which could also be used for legal defense -- his years of healthy living and his perfect record of dealing with his members for decades would allow him to get through this latest crisis, too.

It wasn't to be. The 19 couldn't be cajoled, they couldn't be bullied. They had more than enough votes to block his reelection and not a single one of them budged. ComEd's deferred prosecution agreement in the summer of 2020 included allegations of bribery by people close to Madigan in order to influence Madigan's decisions. And that set off their revolt, and there was no tamping it down.

In the end, folks like Rep. Costa Howard finally had enough of being on Team Bad Guy. No matter how brilliant their leader was, no matter how successful, no matter how much he protected and sheltered them from the consequences of their legislative (and personal) actions, he had to go. Yes, he was hurting some members politically, but people could also no longer stomach the thought of him staying after the stunning allegations made against his inner circle.

"Speaker Madigan has a duty to recognize that these allegations have cast a deep shadow on the reputation of our House," Rep. Costa Howard said in July of 2020. "He must take action now to avoid inflicting further damage on the members of the House and the Democratic Party."

"(T)he corruption and unethical behavior that have been revealed by this investigation make it impossible for Rep. Madigan to

continue in his leadership roles," Costa Howard continued back then. "I hope he will do the honorable thing and step down."

There was no joyous celebration during last week's Statehouse press conference by the 19. Costa Howard even appeared to tear up while speaking, maybe remembering the trauma of the ferocious push-back she and her colleagues endured as they were told over and over again by colleagues and union leaders and others that they were siding with chaos and defeat over continuity and victory and would be punished accordingly, no matter the outcome.

"The possibility that this day was coming and would distract us from our work on behalf of the people we serve was top of mind for many of us as we took this position, even as we faced intense pressure to maintain the status quo," the 19 said in a joint statement last week about their non-negotiable demand that Madigan step down.

If it hadn't been for Rep. Costa Howard and the rest of the 19, Madigan would've still likely been House Speaker when he was finally indicted by a federal grand jury on 22 corruption counts. So, if you think the

indictment news is politically bad for Illinois Democrats during a remap election year (and it truly is), just think how much worse it would've been if he was still in office right now.

One other thing. When Madigan's chief of staff not-so-subtly forced Rep. Kelly Cassidy to resign from her part-time job with the Cook County sheriff's office after her outspokenness on the House's very real problems with sexual harassment, I warned Madigan pal Mike McClain, as a friend, that he and Madigan needed to stop attacking her or they'd live to regret it. "Keep poking that little bear and she'll rip your head off," were, I believe, my exact words. He laughed and waved me off.

Well, Rep. Cassidy opened and closed last week's post-indictment press conference. "We are committed to continuing the work of restoring our constituents' faith in Illinois government," Cassidy told reporters. "And there's a lot of us." □

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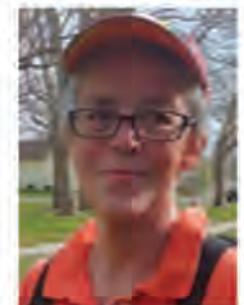
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Beth Ann Handshy-Booker of Knoxville, TN formerly of Springfield, IL died on Sunday January 23, 2022.

Beth was born April 19, 1958 in Springfield, IL the daughter of Marshall W and

Anna Mae Freigh Handshy. She married David Booker January 1, 1993. She graduated from Springfield High School and held Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Dietetics from U of T at Knoxville. She worked at Ft. Sanders Regional Medical Center for 24 years. She enjoyed family, visiting friends, gardening, cooking, baking & sharing and volunteering in her neighborhood. She is preceded in death by her sister Mary, her father, and father-in-law Kenneth Booker. She is survived by her husband David, daughter Lauren, mother Anna Mae Handshy, mother-in-law Karen Booker and a host of cousins, aunts and uncles.



A memorial gathering will be held Saturday March 19 in Old Knoxville Neighborhood Park.

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Dealing with dyslexia

WEEKLY REEDER | Scott Reeder

The tears still flow.

I met Chip Gass for lunch at a Springfield diner March 4. I hadn't seen him for decades, but we have something in common that places us in a unique community: those with dyslexia.

I first met Chip 30 years ago when I was a young reporter in the Quad-Cities and he was a political operative helping people get elected to city councils and the Rock Island County Board.

When we met at the diner, he left his Mercedes sedan in the restaurant's parking lot. He has a salary north of \$100,000 and a title of executive within a state agency. But he is still haunted by his childhood struggles in school.

The Springfield man said as he munched on his horseshoe that teachers didn't appreciate his struggle. Tears raced down his face as he recalled being held back in the second grade and the toll it took on his self-esteem.

But no one in Rock Island schools diagnosed or sought to address his dyslexia. The story was much the same for me. When I was in the third grade, I encountered a cruel teacher who would pick me up like a rag doll and shake me when I struggled to recognize a word. Never once did she offer any individual attention or help — only threats and punishment.

If I made a mistake I'd expect to be shaken. It was a pretty rough way to deal with a 7-year-old. Her mantra was continuous: "You're just not trying."

My mother didn't buy into this nonsense. She could see how much I tried. So, she spent

two hours a day reading with me all through the third grade. I would read one page of the library book and she'd read the next.

Then the teacher decided I would only be allowed to check out picture books from the school library. What a pedagogical gem she was.

My mother then hauled me weekly to the public library and within a year and a half, I was not only a proficient reader, but in love with it. Today, I read three or four newspapers a day and a book a week.

Other teachers had to know what was going on in that classroom, but they did nothing. The principal was aware, but he did little to alleviate the situation.

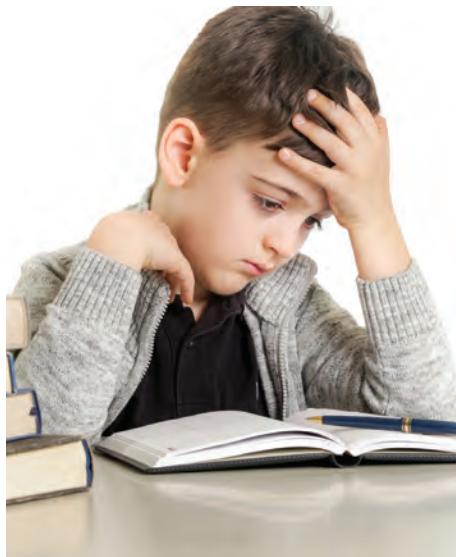
My parents took me for an evaluation at the University of Iowa Hospitals and came back with a diagnosis: dyslexia. Still, the school district did nothing. Their reasoning? My IQ was too high to receive special help.

Although I was diagnosed in the third grade, the first time one of my teachers discussed with me whether I was dyslexic was my junior year of college. And the professor had a degree in journalism — not education.

It's tempting to throw the same words back at teachers that they once threw at me: "You're just not trying."

But that would be unfair. Many do care, but they operate within systems that fail to equip them to recognize dyslexia or act upon it when they see it.

Anne Brewster is the director of the Children's Dyslexia Center in Springfield,



or made up or not real. Or they just think only rich people have dyslexia because a lot of people in schools don't get support for it. So, they seek private tutoring because it's not always acknowledged or addressed in schools as dyslexia."

I'm left thinking of a family friend, Larry Chadwick. He was a brilliant optometrist in my hometown of Galesburg and a friend of my father's. He died last month at the age of 90.

In his obituary, I read these words: "His education began in a one-room elementary school where he excelled in math and did not learn to read. His unconventional mother took matters into her own hands and began to search for a school that could teach her brilliant son how to read. She found a reading expert at Roosevelt Military Academy who taught dyslexic students how to read before dyslexia was even understood or diagnosed. At age 13, Larry boarded a train from Detroit to Aledo, Illinois, where he began the next stage of his life."

"Larry learned to read, then excelled in school."

I'd never realized that Dr. Chadwick and I had the same condition. It makes me admire him all the more.

But I can't help but wonder, if they were successfully treating kids with dyslexia in the 1930s, why do so many youngsters fail to get the help they need today? □

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Putin is at war with this own people

A Ukrainian-American from Chatham reflects on war. Putin is “so cruel and ruthless.”

GUESTWORK | Andrew Leonard

All too often technology and distance desensitizes us from overseas crises and conflicts, and the people suffering and dying in their midst. In unfortunate circumstances such as these, some individuals understand only the language of violence.

Ukrainian-American Lena Beneke knows this all too well. Beneke, a married mother of two boys, has lived in Chatham, Illinois, for the past 16 years but was born and raised in the northeastern town of Sumy, Ukraine, before the 1991 fall of the Soviet Union. She left Ukraine for the United States in 2003. In Ukraine she was a language arts/literature teacher, and has previously done substitute teaching in Chatham.

Having kept in daily contact with family back home since the start of the current war, she views the Russian invasion of Ukraine as completely unjustified and holds Russian President Vladimir Putin directly responsible.

“Absolutely no justification for Putin’s actions. So cruel and so ruthless. No justification at all,” she said.

As Russian military forces massed on the Ukrainian border in December and January, Americans were largely of the opinion that an invasion of Ukraine was imminent. But not so in Ukraine, maintains Beneke.

“A week ago, I think I was very naïve,” she said during our March 3 interview. Prior to the Feb. 24 invasion, most Ukrainians felt an invasion wasn’t in the cards, she said.

“It was hard for us to believe because the Russians are our brothers. We fought together in the Second World War. It’s just so unbelievable. To the very last minute nobody

believed. Even the first couple days nobody believed it. It is complete insanity what Putin is doing.”

Beneke believes Putin is duplicitous by nature and will say anything to bolster his government’s narrative.

“He has three masks that are pulled in and out. He can say one thing now, in five minutes he will say another thing. There is absolutely nothing he says that you can believe.”

The widespread perception of Russian military invincibility has been shattered since the initial invasion. Logistical constraints, low morale and overall disarray of the Russian military have frustrated the Kremlin’s plans.

“Russian tanks and military trucks are running out of gas or are having mechanical issues. Russian soldiers are surrendering, robbing and looting Ukrainian grocery stores,” noted Beneke.

“What’s appalling is that a lot of Russian soldiers are young boys 18-20 years old who are thrown onto the battlefield as meat.”

Despite an unfolding humanitarian crisis, the war hasn’t been without its bright spots. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy’s leadership has been unwavering during Ukraine’s darkest hour.

“He’s considered a hero. So heroic and so determined. He doesn’t give up,” said Beneke of Zelenskyy. “His patriotism and devotion are extreme.”

Beneke recalls that when the United States offered to extricate Zelenskyy from Kyiv, he responded, “I don’t need a ride, I need ammunition.”

Selfless leadership and inspiring actions



Lena Beneke during a 2011 family vacation in Italy.

“I don’t know why Putin thinks the world believes him,” she said. “It’s an absolute lie.”

She notes the irony underlying Russia’s rhetoric.

“Zelenskyy is a Jew. How can a Jew be a Nazi?”

Beneke views the war as an existential struggle for Ukrainians, and she may be right. There have been reports of indiscriminate attacks on Ukrainian civilian centers and Russian deployment of banned weapons.

“We have to defend ourselves. We don’t have a choice. If we surrender, that’s it. We’ll end up like North Korea. Putin will treat Ukrainians worse than his own people. That’s why the fight is so fierce. We don’t want anything to do with his regime.”

Many say Putin has already lost the war of Ukrainian public opinion. For all Putin’s talk of brotherly love and shared cultural and historical ties between the two states, Moscow’s unprovoked aggression against the Ukrainian populace has backfired. Nationalistic fervor and fierce revulsion to Moscow’s invasion have galvanized not only Ukrainians, but much of the world.

“We’re all Slavic people. How can Putin forget the history of brotherhood? We are all alike. He’s basically invading his own people,” said Beneke. □

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Overcoming the odds

Greg Harris is the first Black U.S. Attorney for the Central District of Illinois

LAW | Scott Reeder



Born into a world of legal segregation, Greg Harris has pushed to overcome; today at age 73, he is the new U.S. Attorney for the Central District of Illinois.

Harris, who was recently appointed to the job by President Joe Biden, is the first African American to hold the post that oversees federal law enforcement in the 46-county district that stretches from Indiana to Iowa.

He grew up in Washington, D.C., where his father was a U.S. Army officer and his mother a public-school teacher.

"My mother, who was an educator, told me and my brother, 'You guys are going to be professionals. You have to be either a doctor or a lawyer.' I hated blood. So, I thought, hmm, maybe I'll be a lawyer."

His neighborhood in D.C. was Black and middle class. When D.C. schools integrated, Harris was sent to a predominantly white high school. But school administrators excluded him from college preparatory classes.

"I was placed on a track that was designed for you to become a clerical person, not a professional. And my mother fought against that. She knew that I wasn't going to come out of high school with enough credits to go to a nice college.

"So, she met with the administrators and said, 'You know, my son is going to go to college. And they were like, 'No, he's staying in that track.' So, what my mother did, much to my chagrin, was say, 'OK, he'll stay in that track. But, in addition to those courses, he's going to take college preparatory courses.' So, I spent every summer in high school taking French and algebra and calculus and chemistry, in addition to those other general courses."

While schools were officially segregated early in Harris' life, they continued a pattern of unofficial segregation after the U.S. Supreme Court decision Brown vs. Board of Education. In the 1960s, the schools made a tepid move toward integration by having Black students from middle-class neighborhoods bused to predominantly white schools.

Greg's brother, Rick, described their neighborhood this way, "Relative to the Black experience, we were certainly a middle-class family. Although I must say that amongst the families in our neighborhood, you could almost say lower middle-class."

Rick describes his brother as a bit of a daredevil growing up. Greg had a Plymouth Road Runner and he liked to drag race, Rick recalled. While sometimes he raced at an official track in Maryland, he also liked to compete on a portion of the future D.C. Beltway in Maryland – before it opened to traffic.

"I sure hope they don't hold that against him 50 years after the fact," he said with a laugh. He added that Greg also enjoyed parachuting out of airplanes as a young man.

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College-bound

Washington's Howard University was considered the "Harvard of Historically Black Colleges and Universities," Rick said.

However, Greg Harris said it wasn't his first choice.

"I actually wanted to go to someplace like Georgetown or American or Catholic or George Washington (universities), someplace like that. Howard was my fallback school in case I didn't get in. I applied to a number of schools. I didn't get in. And so it was like, 'Oh, OK, I'll go to Howard.'

"And it turned out to be a wonderful experience for me. Because I grew up in a middle-class Black family and we thought we were doing pretty well, I didn't really appreciate the value in the historical significance of Howard University when I got around the campus. But there were a number of students who lived on campus, unlike me, because I lived at home. They were from the South, and they looked at Howard as Harvard. I mean, they took the educational experience that Howard offered very, very seriously."

The 1960s were a turbulent time to be on just about any college campus and Howard University was no exception. Militant Black Power activist Stokely Carmichael was a visible presence on campus.

"Martin Luther King was assassinated in '68. The place went up in flames," Greg Harris recalled. "Black Panthers were on campus all the time. They shut down the school, once bringing a machine gun on campus, and closed the place down. The administration buildings would be occupied by students. ... As all of these things were happening and I'm walking from one class to another class or going to the library or whatever, and I'm seeing these demonstrations and I'm seeing these articulate leaders ... So, I credit Howard University with saving my life in the sense of really getting me involved with the community."

During one summer in college, he worked as a copyboy at the *Washington Post* and met reporters Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward.

"The *Washington Post* was a huge operation, and I was at Howard, and so this was a summer job. Great job. Katharine Graham was probably in leadership, but she wasn't the publisher of the newspaper at the time. There was another guy who smoked a cigar (Ben Bradlee); he was the editor for a number of years. Anyway, I got to meet all those folks, not realizing the significance, of course, until years later when the story at Watergate broke."

After graduating from Howard, Harris applied to law school at Georgetown University and was rejected.

"My neighbor, who was a judge in the local superior court, said, 'I know you want to go to law school and that you're going to spend a year or so working. Why don't you come down to the courthouse and see what lawyers

do?' And I said, 'OK.' ... He was the father of my best friend at that time. Talk about Black mentors, you know, he must have seen something in me that he wanted to develop. We had a very good relationship.

"He said, 'Understand this, you're going to start at the bottom. Just like anybody else. You're not going to have any advantage in that regard.' What he was saying is my job was as a bailiff in the courtroom. Opening up the court, I'd say, 'All rise. The honorable judge so-and-so is here. Please be seated and come to order.' And I'd be pouring water for the judges and carrying their robes. I did that before I became a courtroom clerk."

His brother, Rick, said one prominent Black judge gave Greg a hard time.

"(Judge) Harry T. Alexander was quite a character. He was a wild cat. He admonished Greg for not wearing an Afro at a time when they were popular. He called him an 'Uncle Tom.'"

When Harris completed clerking in Washington, he attended John Marshall Law School in Chicago.

"The fear (of failure) drove me," said Harris, noting that his best grades during his whole academic career were in law school. "I had an aptitude for the stuff, too, but I think fear motivated me a great deal to excel in law school. ... I started branching out to doing other things, like I started the Black American Law Student Association at John Marshall, and I was very proud of that. And I got elected as the president."

He took the train to Springfield to interview for a job with the Illinois Appellate Defender's Office.

"I was interviewed by a guy named Bruce Stratton. ... You got to know he's a colorful guy. He's, very involved with the Republican Party. I've got my three-piece suit on and he's wearing a pair of jeans, and he's got his feet kicked up on the desk. I come in and the first thing out of his mouth was, 'I hope you don't think you're impressing anybody by wearing that three-piece suit.' And I was like, 'This interview is not going to go too well.'

That was his humor. That's his style. And then we talked about my interest in the office. I had also arranged to have an interview with the Macon County State's Attorney's Office the same day. I was going to take the bus from Springfield to Decatur after this interview. Stratton said, 'Be sure you sit in the back of the bus when you go there.' I'm not making this stuff up. And now Bruce and I are great friends. But back then, I had never met this guy before."

Life after law school

Harris accepted the offer from the appellate defender's office, which began a more than 40-year legal career in Springfield. He's been an assistant U.S. Attorney for about 30 of those years. Harris also was a partner in the

Springfield law firm Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes and served as chief legal counsel to two state agencies.

Harris met his wife, Hirut, while eating at The Pasta House. She was an Ethiopian immigrant and single mother working as a waitress at the restaurant. Hirut was living with her sister who was then a medical student at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

Hirut's father was a provincial governor in Ethiopia who was imprisoned after a coup.

"My parents lost all their resources. So, it was not a fun time for us. My brother was (in the United States). So, he invited me to come here," she said.

Hirut had lived in Washington for seven years before moving to Springfield. She said the first time Greg asked her out on a date she said "no."

"I'm here in school and I have a son, and this was not an ideal way for me to become involved in dating. But he insisted. I told him, 'If you want a date, can you come back in six months when school was out in the summer?' And he did."

She said she was concerned about the cultural differences, but her sister and son liked him. After a period of friendship, the two began dating and within six months wed.

"Twenty-two years ago, we got married," Greg Harris said. "I adopted her son and then we had two beautiful girls, and I was in my 50s when that happened. I was like, 'You're what?'"

Harris said that while he was married previously, he didn't have any children when he met Hirut and "was terrified that I wasn't going to be able to be a dad. But it was wonderful."

His daughter, Maya, is now 20 and

a junior at Illinois State University. His youngest daughter, Leah, is 19 and attending St. Louis Community College on a volleyball scholarship. Both girls graduated from Springfield High School.

His son, Fanuel "Ace," lives in Washington D.C. and works for Swisslog Logistics programming robots.

Hirut said of her husband, "He's so honest. I always tease him, 'If you added compassion on that, you will be the best human being.'

"He loves his job and he loves his country. Government and country are the same to him. He doesn't see politics. It is just the United States government. He thinks it is the best government ever created in the world. He's very much a public servant. He doesn't think of being a Democrat or Republican. His government is very, very important to him."

Greg Harris said he is a deep admirer of the late U.S. Senator Paul Simon, D-Illinois. Sangamon County Democratic Party Chairman Bill Houlihan said of Harris, "He probably is a more moderate Democrat. He's always been active in the party. ... He worked on candidate recruitment and working with folks."

Houlihan added Harris was active in the 1980s in working to change the Springfield form of government from commission to aldermanic.

Minorities in various cities objected to the commission form because commissioners were elected at-large, which often resulted in minority communities being underrepresented. The aldermanic form of government allows for the election of city council members from wards representing different parts of a city.

"Back then, all the commissioners were from right around Washington Park. So, there



Greg and Hirut Harris PHOTO BY SCOTT REEDER

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were a lot of parts of the city that were not represented," Houlihan recalled.

Former U.S. Attorney Rodger Heaton, who held the post during George W. Bush's time in office, said Greg Harris' devotion to the job is clear.

"I wrote a letter of support for Greg's appointment as U.S. Attorney before the president made the appointment," he said. "In the letter, I said that I thought that Greg was a great option for the president. ... Greg is a very thoughtful listener, including to people who express views that are different than his own. He has worked both as a defense attorney and as a prosecutor and understands both roles. And I think he believes in the importance and the value that both the defense side and the prosecution side bring so that justice is achieved. I also pointed out in the letter that he lives out his values in his family and his community."

One way he has lived out those values is by founding and participating in a tennis academy on Springfield's east side, Heaton noted.

"I don't remember when I got involved in the Springfield Tennis Academy. But it was fairly early on, and I've known Greg for more than 30 years. I'd guess it was in the 1990s. ... He was clearly the leader of the organization. The group basically serves children and youth in economically challenged parts of the Springfield community.

"They do it every summer. They have for many years, and I've always been impressed by Greg's commitment to that program. ... It grew to a point where there were really a lot of kids participating. When I first got involved, it was kids who probably would never even have been introduced to the sport of tennis. But he was finding rackets for families that didn't have tennis rackets," Heaton said.

Greg Harris took the oath of office in

December and said addressing gun violence is one of his top priorities.

"A small number of people commit most of the crime in the community," he said. "And if you can identify those individuals and try and persuade them to put the guns down or to not engage in violence or alternatively, if they don't, incarcerate them, you can reduce the crime level. ... We are in a period now nationally where crime is on the rise, and it's not just crimes against community members, but it's also violence against police officers. It's domestic violence. And I think one of the reasons that we're seeing such a rise in crime is because of the availability of illegal guns in the community."

Heaton said he was confident in recommending Greg Harris for the position. "First of all, the skills that Greg has are good. I also think we're at a point in our country's history where there's a lot of enhanced attention to ensuring that leaders come from all parts of our community. And I think it's producing some really important benefits, especially in the criminal justice system where a disproportionate number of people who end up incarcerated are people of color. I wouldn't have recommended that Greg be appointed solely, or even primarily, because he's African American. (I did recommend him because) I think that he's a person of integrity."

Heaton also said Greg Harris brings things to the job that are hard to measure.

"He knows the U.S. Attorney's office, its employees and the agencies that they work with. And he has personally conducted some of the difficult work of the office for many years with success. I can say he has treated everyone he has encountered with respect." □

Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com.



Greg Harris founded Springfield Tennis Academy, an organization that serves youth in economically challenged areas of Springfield. PHOTO COURTESY GREG HARRIS

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Shepherd's pie, classic Irish pub fare

A St. Patrick's Day alternative

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

Shepherd's pie is classic stick-to-your ribs pub fare. Its origins can be traced back to the pastry-topped Scottish meat pies, with the Irish supposedly swapping creamy mashed potatoes for the dough. One important, if slightly nerdy clarification, is that it's not really a shepherd's pie unless it is made with lamb. When made with beef or pork the dish is called a cottage pie, and it sometimes features a sliced potato topping as opposed to mashed. An infinitely variable recipe, the version I had most often growing up was actually made with the remnants of a roast lamb dinner. Cubes of garlic-and-rosemary-flecked lamb would be mixed with the leftover gravy and topped with day-old mashed potatoes for an efficient feast that was just as delicious as the original meal.

Shepherd's pie can easily be made gluten-free by substituting cornstarch for the flour and using broth instead of beer. A vegetarian version, which I like to call a gardener's pie, makes good use of protein-rich cannellini beans and savory vegetable broth. Just substitute a tablespoon of olive oil or butter for the bacon, then skip the meat and add the mushrooms to the pan straightaway. Add a can of drained beans along with a bag of frozen chopped spinach to the filling mixture for a satisfying and nutritionally complete vegetarian meal.

This recipe is easily doubled, so feel free to make an extra casserole to stash in the freezer. While still a hearty feed, my recipe for shepherd's pie has been lightened with the addition of cauliflower and mushrooms to the topping and filling. A crisp apple-and-arugula salad is a lovely complement to this dish's savory richness.

Shepherd's pie

1 ½ pounds potatoes, peeled and cut into cubes
2 cloves garlic
1 pound cauliflower florets
¼ cup butter
½ cup whole milk
1 egg
1 cup grated aged cheddar, plus more for top
2 slices bacon, chopped
1 pound ground lamb (or use roughly 2 cups diced leftover roast lamb)
1 ¼ teaspoons salt, divided
1 pound button mushrooms, chopped
2 onions, diced
2 carrots, diced



3 stalks celery, diced
4-5 cloves garlic, minced
2 tablespoons flour
3 tablespoons tomato paste
½ teaspoon dried thyme
1 12-ounce bottle stout beer such as Guinness
½ cup frozen peas
½ cup chopped parsley

Place the potatoes and garlic in a pot of heavily salted cold water and place on the stove over high heat. Bring to a boil, then add the cauliflower florets. Cook for an additional 8-10 minutes or until the vegetables can be easily pierced with a knife. Drain, add the butter and whole milk and mash. Let the mixture cool for about 10 minutes before thoroughly mixing in the beaten egg and cheese. Set aside.

While the potatoes are cooking, start on the lamb mixture. Place a large skillet over medium-high heat. When hot (Test this by

sprinkling some water in the skillet. If the water sizzles the pan is ready.) add the bacon. Cook the bacon until the fat has mostly rendered out and it is beginning to get crispy. Add the lamb and sprinkle it with about ½ teaspoon of the salt. Cook, breaking the lamb up into small crumbles with a wooden spoon, until well browned. Transfer the browned lamb to a bowl and set aside. Return the skillet to the heat and add the mushrooms and a pinch of the salt. Cook, stirring frequently until the liquid has evaporated and the mushrooms are brown. Add the onions, celery, carrots and garlic and another pinch of the salt and cook until the vegetables have softened and are just beginning to brown. Add the meat back into the pan and mix in the flour. Add the tomato paste, thyme and beer and stir well to incorporate. Bring the mixture to a bubbly simmer, stirring all the while, then reduce heat and cook for a further five minutes. Remove from heat, then

stir in the peas and parsley.

Thoroughly butter a deep-sided 9-inch by 13-inch baking dish (or you can just bake it right in the skillet). Transfer the lamb to the buttered dish and spread into an even layer. Top with the mashed potatoes, spreading them into an even layer with a spatula. Top with additional grated cheese if desired and cover with a piece of buttered foil. At this point the casserole can be refrigerated for 3-4 days or frozen for about a month.

When ready to bake, preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Place the casserole on a foil-lined baking sheet to catch any drips, then place in the preheated oven and bake for 35 minutes for a room-temperature casserole, or about an hour for a frozen casserole. Remove the foil and bake for a final 15 minutes before removing from the oven. The internal temperature of the casserole should read 160 degrees on a meat thermometer. Let rest for 15 minutes before serving. □

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NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

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Saturday was supposed to mark the return of the famed St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Springfield after a two-year, pandemic-forced absence, but organizers made the decision this past Tuesday to move the whole shebang to next Saturday, March 19, in search of better weather conditions. So this week there will be some remaining St. Pat's shows that couldn't be moved and others that are postponed until next week, with the majority of our Springfield scene not being affected much at all. I guess you could say we are using the luck of the Irish in getting three "St. Paddy's (don't say Patty's, the wags say) Day" celebrations this year, counting the actual March 17 date, which really is the only one that matters anyway.

So with that being said, all the Irish-influenced music I found this weekend is out at Danenberger's Family Vineyards when The Emerald Underground declares a "St. Pat's Uprising" happening Saturday evening from 7 to 10. TEU, most definitely the longest-running of the several groups that have been playing Irish-y tunes around town in the last decade or so, has gone even more Celtic-fusion lately, including songs from groups such as Flogging Molly, Enter the Haggis and Dropkick Murphys into the sizzling setlist that already included music from bands like Gaelic Storm and the Young Dubliners, plus an assortment of hopped-up traditional jigs and reels. So go get your green-on early at DFV, then also catch the kilt-clad group at

Third Base on Thursday, March 17 (7-10:30).

By the looks of our listings, there is plenty of music blasting all over town regardless of what holiday is being celebrated (or not), so let's take a peek at what we got.

Friday is becoming our consistently relentless night of live music and consider this for proof: Boone's hosts the weekly Friday Night Jazz series with the Mark Tonelli Trio on tap this Friday (5:30-7:30). Mark, a music educator and professor of guitar at Millikin University in Decatur, has accumulated an astounding performance resume over several years of travels, and the resulting talent will be there for you to experience up close and personal at this Springfield Area Arts Council-sponsored show. Then to continue with even more excellent and absolutely hip jazz guitar stylings, drift on over to Anchors Away as the House Trio (8-10) with Jose Gobbo just tear it up.

From here, Friday goes wild and crazy as Deja Voodoo do what they do at the Curve, Captain Geech lights it up at Casey's Pub, Kapital Sound brings it to Weebles and Blacktop South rolls into Motorheads. Then, Angel Brown's Smooth 'n' Blue Band does a Friday/Saturday at Lime Street while Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas take on Mowie's Cue with a mix-it-up jam night featuring multiple band combinations. Keep it coming as those Lucky Funks funk it up at the Keg, Sarah Schnieder Band gets down to it at George Ranks and Seattle traveler Domanic Rincones brings on his grunge-influenced, trap production show to Buzz Bomb.

And here's the part when I say, "Hey, there's lots more where that came from," and you discover all the other upcoming shows in our live music listings in print and online. □

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La Fiesta Chatham, 7-11pm

Brandon Santini Trio
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar,
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Friday Mar 11

it The House Trio
Anchors Away, 8-10pm

Friday Night Jazz - Mark Tonelli Trio
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Deja Voodoo
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Sarah Schneider Band
George Rank's, 8-11pm

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

Lucky Funks
The Keg, 8-11pm

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

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas
Mowie's Cue, 6pm-12am

Blacktop South
Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum, 8pm

Kapital Sound Live
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7:30-11:30pm

Saturday Mar 12

Gabe Marshall
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-10pm

Open mic with Silas Tockey
Boone's, 7-11pm

Lick Creek
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

The Emerald Underground
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7-10pm

The Tangents
JB's Hideout, Blue Mound, 2-5pm

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

Joel Honey Jams
Slaughterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn, 6-9pm

Wolf Creek Boys
The Taylorville Tap, Taylorville, 8pm

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas
The Crowbar, Decatur, 7-10pm

Lil Higgy and the House Reckers
The Uptown Saloon, Farmersville, 7pm

Tom Beverly
Walnut Street Winery, Rochester, 7-10pm

Broken Stone
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7pm

The Hangovers Debut
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 7-10pm

Sunday Mar 13

JackAsh
AJ's Corner, Chatham, 1-4pm

The Kitchens with Nino G
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 3:05pm

Tom Irwin and Hope McGregor
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Curt Smith
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The Tangents
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Tuesday Mar 15

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke
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Karaoke with Debbie Cakes
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-11pm

Open mic with Tim Duggan
George Rank's, 7:30-10pm

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

Wednesday Mar 16

Karaoke
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Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

Pollen Power

Thu., March 10, 6:30-7:30pm.
Horticulturalist Holly Frainer
explains her work collecting and
disseminating native plant seeds
with Pollinator Partnership which
promotes the health of butterflies,
bees and all pollinators through
conservation, education and
research. Hosted by the Illinois
Native Plant Society Central
Chapter. Illinois Audubon Society,
2315 Clear Lake Ave., 217-544-
2473.

Lectures & Meetings

Springfield Area Landlord Association

Tue., March 15, 7-8pm.
Learn how to avoid insurance
nightmares with agent John
Drum. Non-members are
welcome to attend this meeting
to learn about the landlord
association. VFW Post #755,
2211 Old Jacksonville Rd., 502-
682-6165.

Rochester Arbor Committee Meeting

Tue., March 15, 5pm. The public
is invited to a meeting to plan
spring tree planting workdays in
village parks, discuss memorial
tree policies, tree selection
guidelines and planting shade
trees near ball fields and bike
trails. The committee will later
make recommendations to the

Village Board. Rochester Village
Hall, Rochester, 1 Community Dr.,
217-498-7192.

Bulletin Board

Cancer support group for young adults

Mondays, 5:15-6:15pm. For
young adults ages 18-39. An
age-appropriate resource to
help navigate treatment and
survivorship, reduce feelings of
loneliness and ease the stress of
daily life, collaborate to find new
ways of coping with trauma and
become hopeful and empowered.
Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh
St., 618-977-9895.

"Edgewise"

Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10am-4pm.
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org. Illinois State Museum, 502 S.
Spring St., 217-782-7386.

PrideLinc Senior LBGT Connections

Thursdays, 11:30am. Weekly
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Call by Tuesday for a Thursday
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2731 S. MacArthur Blvd., 217-
787-9234.

Starting a small business in Illinois

Wed., March 16, 6-7:30pm. Learn
what it takes to get started in
your business. Get guidance on
a variety of topics, from planning
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it, and learn how to avoid many
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Real Estate Foreclosure

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SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NATIONAL LOAN INVESTORS, L.P., as assignee of U.S. Bank National Association, as successor by merger with Firststar Bank, N.A., Plaintiff,
v.

SMITH GENERAL CONTRACTING, INC., an Illinois corporation;
GARY R. SMITH, an Individual; UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

2021CH000096

Commercial Foreclosure

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Commonly known as: 3112 S. 12th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703

PIN: 22-10-0-455-005

The total Judgment on the Property is: \$231,116.50 as of February 16, 2022. The Property consists of a single-family home.

Terms of Sale: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of sale and the balance is due within 24 hours of the sale; plus, for residential real estate, a statutory judicial sale fee calculated at the rate of \$1.00 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser to the person conducting the sale, not to exceed \$300.00, for deposit into the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund. No judicial sale fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. All payments shall be made in cash or certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County. The subject Property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and are offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "As Is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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. For information regarding this sale, interested parties may contact: Kevin J. Purtill at Meltzer, Purtill & Stelle LLC, 1515 E. Woodfield Road, Second Floor, Schaumburg, IL 60173; telephone: (312) 4614323.

Dated: February 25, 2022 Jack Campbell Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois Kevin J. Purtill (A.R.D.C. No. 6300607)
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NATIONAL LOAN INVESTORS, L.P., as assignee of U.S. Bank National Association, as successor by merger with Firststar Bank, N.A., Plaintiff,
v.

SMITH GENERAL CONTRACTING, INC., an Illinois corporation; GARY R. SMITH, an Individual; UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

2021CH000096

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Commonly known as: 3381 W. Washington Street, Springfield, Illinois 62711

PIN: 13-25-0-451-024

The total Judgment on the Property is:

\$231,116.50 as of February 16, 2022.

The Property consists of a single-family home.

Terms of Sale: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of sale and the balance is due within 24 hours of the sale; plus, for residential real estate, a statutory judicial sale fee calculated at the rate of \$1.00 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser to the person conducting the sale, not to exceed \$300.00, for deposit into the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund. No judicial sale fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. All payments shall be made in cash or certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County. The subject Property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and are offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "As Is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

In the event the Property is a condominium,

in accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c) (l)(H-I) and (H2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-I, you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the unit, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(l) and (g)(4) of Section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act. Pursuant to Local Court Rule 11.03 (J) if there is a surplus following application of the proceeds of sale, then the plaintiff shall send written notice pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512(d) to all parties to the proceeding advising them of the amount of the surplus and that the surplus will be held until a party obtains a court order for its distribution or, in the absence of an order, until the surplus is forfeited to the State.

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Commonly known as: 1105 E. Cottonwood Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703

PIN: 22-10-0-451-015

The total Judgment on the Property is:

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PUBLIC NOTICES

("Property"):
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Commonly known as: 6 Starnes Drive,
Springfield, Illinois 62702
PIN: 14-24-0-326-010

The total Judgment on the Property is:
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SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NATIONAL LOAN INVESTORS, L.P., as assignee of U.S. Bank National Association, as successor by merger with Firststar Bank, N.A.,

Plaintiff,
v.
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Commonly known as: 1168 N. 3rd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702

PIN: 14-27.0-103-006

The total Judgment on the Property is:
\$231,116.50 as of February 16, 2022.

The Property consists of a single-family home.

Terms of Sale: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of sale and the balance is due within 24 hours of the sale; plus, for residential real estate, a statutory judicial sale fee calculated at the rate of \$1.00 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser to the person conducting the sale, not to exceed \$300.00, for deposit into the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund. No judicial sale fee shall be paid by the mortgagor acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. All payments shall be made in cash or certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County. The subject Property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and are offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "As Is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

In the event the Property is a condominium, in accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c) (l)(H-I) and (H2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-l), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the unit, other than a mortgagor, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(l) and (g)(4) of Section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act. Pursuant to Local Court Rule 11.03 (J) if there is a surplus following application of the proceeds of sale, then the plaintiff shall send written notice pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512(d) to all parties to the proceeding advising them of the amount of the surplus and that the surplus will be held until a party obtains a court order for its distribution or, in the absence of an order, until the surplus is forfeited to the State.

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

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. For information regarding this sale, interested parties may contact: Kevin J. Purtill at Meltzer, Purtill & Stelle LLC, 1515 E. Woodfield Road, Second

Floor, Schaumburg, IL 60173; telephone: (312) 4614323.
Dated: February 25, 2022 Jack Campbell Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois Kevin J. Purtill (A.R.D.C. No. 6300607) MELTZER, PURTILL & STELLE LLC 1515 E. Woodfield Road, Second Floor Schaumburg, Illinois 60173 (847) 461-4323 kpurtill@mpslaw.com i3188758

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DANIEL KAISER, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HOMER C.

KAISER, JR., deceased, AMY LYNN KAISER, THEODORE J. HARVATIN, Special Representative of Homer C. Kaiser, Jr., deceased, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.

No. 2020CH000044

NOTICE OF SALE

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

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: United Community Bank, Attn: Loss Mitigation, 1311 West Jefferson Street, Auburn, IL 62615; Telephone: (217) 438-5467

(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 1107 N. 5th Street, Pawnee, Illinois 62558

(C) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: Single family residence.

(D) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: Not applicable.

(E) The time and place of the sale are: At 9:00 AM on March 22, 2022 in the County Board Chambers Room on the 2nd floor of the County Building, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701

(F) The terms of the sale are: Cash in hand on day of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid at the sale. The successful bidder will receive a Certificate of Purchase following the sale and a Sheriff's Deed upon confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois.

(G) Title will be conveyed subject to real estate taxes for 2019 and subsequent years and special assessments, if any; to building restrictions and restrictive covenants of record; to easements of record or in place; to rights of way for roads, streets, and highways; to rights of tenants in possession, if any. Sale is subject to approval of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois. Any real estate transfer tax which may be due as a result of the sale shall be paid by the purchaser.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,
PLAINTIFF,

V.S.
GARY D DECKER; KIMBERLY A DECKER;
ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
DEFENDANTS.

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1601 FAIRFIELD DRIVE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

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 4/5/2022, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00am, 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:

TAX NO. 14-23.0-301-009

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1601 Fairfield Drive Springfield, IL 62702

Description of Improvements: Gray vinyl siding, one story single family home, detached one car garage

The Judgment amount was \$73,953.27.

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 mortgagor 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://iforeclosuresales.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# 20-04550IL

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.

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CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF

Carmelita Lopez,

Deceased.

Case No. 2021 P 423

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION OF ESTATE AND CLAIMS

INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Notice is given of the death of Carmelita Lopez. Letters of office were issued on July 29, 2021 to Rebecca Pucik as Independent Executor/Representative, whose attorney is Gary E. Kerr, 1020 S. 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703.

Notice is given to heirs of the decedent whose names or addresses were not stated in the petition that an order was entered by the court on July 29, 2021 admitting the will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate.

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

Claims against the estate may be filed within six months from the date of first publication. Any claim not filed within six months from the date of first publication or claims not filed within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to Creditor, whichever is later, shall be barred.

Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th St, Illinois, 62701 or with the representative, or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to her attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Dated: February 24, 2021

Law Office of Gary E. Kerr Ltd.

Attorney for the Estate

1020 South Seventh Street

Springfield, Illinois 62703

217/522-2244

kerritd@aol.com

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF

MARY E. ESELA,

Deceased

NO. 2022 PR 75

CLAIMS NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Mary E. Esela. Letters of Administration were issued on February 23, 2022, to Joseph E. Huddleston, 6338 Kate Court, Springfield, Illinois 62712.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, 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 representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 2022.
Kevin N. McDermott, Attorney
109 South Seventh Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 753-4070
www.KevinMcDermott.com
III. Reg. No. 6196497

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

Vicky Ellett,

Deceased.

Case No. 2021 P 581

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION OF ESTATE AND CLAIMS

INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Notice is given of the death of Vicky Ellett. Letters of office were issued on October 18, 2021, to Judy Reeves and Jeffrey Berry as Independent Executors/ Representatives, whose attorney is Gary E. Kerr, 1020 S. 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703.

Notice is given to heirs of the decedent whose names or addresses were not stated in the petition that an order was entered by the court on October 18, 2021 admitting the Will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate.

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

Claims against the estate may be filed within six months from the date of first publication or claims not filed within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to Creditor, whichever is later, shall be barred.

Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th St, Illinois, 62701 or with the representative, or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to their attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Dated: February 24, 2021

Law Office of Gary E. Kerr Ltd.

Attorney for the Estate

1020 South Seventh Street

Springfield, Illinois 62703

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Case No. 2022-PR-00033
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS
Notice is given in the death of Rita A. Mammen of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of office were issued to Robert W. Reich, Jr., whose address is 47 Prairie Lane, Leitchfield, Kentucky 42754 on February 10, 2022.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, within 6 months from the date of this publication and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

DATED February 23, 2022
Robert W. Reich, Jr., Executor
BY: /s/ James P. Baker
His Attorney
Prepared by:
James P. Baker
Baker, Baker & Krajewski LLC
415 South Seventh Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 522-3445
(217) 522-8234 facsimile

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**
In the Matter of the Estate of:
Sheryl L. Boelling,
Deceased.
No. 2022-PR-67
**NOTICE TO HEIRS AND
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE**
Notice is given of the death of Sheryl L. Boelling, of Pawnee, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on February 22, 2022, to Diane Eidman, 1201 W. Monroe St. Pawnee, IL 62558, as Administrator, 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 Sheryl L. Boelling of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Jennifer L. Sitze and Christopher M. Boelling as the only heirs of Sheryl L. Boelling. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act, 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Sarah Delano Pavlik - 6269250
Alan J. Jedlicka - 6291659
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of:
Gary Dean Rollen, Deceased
Case No. 2022-PR-44
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Gary Dean Rollen. Letters of Testamentary were issued to Larry Rollen, 11469 Olive Blvd., #177, Creve Coeur, Missouri 63141 as Executor. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, with the Executor, on or before, August 24, 2022. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor within 10 days after it has been filed.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**
In the Matter of the Estate of
HELEN MAE TRAEGER,
Deceased.
No. 2022-PR-38
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE DEATH OF HELEN MAE TRAEGER. Letters of office were issued on January 25, 2022 to KEVIN R. TRAEGER, 600 East Harpole Street, Williamsburg, Illinois 62693, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is James S. Dunn, 212 South Second Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Room 405, 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, being February 24, 2022. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

KEVIN R. TRAEGER, Independent Executor
February 10, 2022
By: /s/JAMES S. DUNN, Attorney for
Independent Executor
JAMES S. DUNN
Attorney at Law
212 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
217-528-2873 telephone
dunnandmcclaw@aol.com

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**
In the matter of the estate of:
Bobby G. Boring, Deceased
Case No. 2022-PR-17
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Bobby G. Boring. Letters of Testamentary were issued to Jerie E. Schussele, 29 ILLMO Drive, Springfield, Ill. 62711 as Executor. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, with the Executor, on or before, Sept. 3, 2022. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor within 10 days after it has been filed.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

**ESTATE OF
ELIJAH E. A. JAMES,
Deceased.
No. 2022PR000056**
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Elijah E. A. James, a resident of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, who died in Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on January 2, 2022. Todd L. James, whose post office address is 1616 South Willemore Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, was appointed independent administrator of his estate on February 16, 2022. The attorneys for the independent administrator are Hart, Southworth & Witsman, One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the administrator, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, of this notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the independent administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 16th day of February, 2022.
Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930)
Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535)
Hart, Southworth & Witsman
One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Telephone: (217) 753-0055
trigby@hswnet.com
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**
Estate of
BARBARA L. FREESEN,
Deceased.
No. 2022-PR-84
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Barbara L. Freesen of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 1, 2022, to Bonnie Miller, 6309 Kate Court, Springfield, Illinois 62712, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Bernard G. Segatto, III, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before September 8, 2022, 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 2nd day of March, 2022.
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate,
LLP
P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705-0079
(217) 544-4868
bsegatto@barberlaw.com

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**
Estate of:
FRED T. TINSLEY,
Deceased.
No. 2022-PR-65

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Fred T. Tinsley of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 17, 2022, to Kimberly M. Carver, 1037 Carver Road, Springfield, Illinois, 62707, and Fred C. Tinsley, 4823 Chestnut Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62711, as Co-Executors, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representatives or both, on or before August 29, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 21st day of February, 2022.
Randall W. Segatto - 06193211
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate,
LLP
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Springfield, IL 62705-0079
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rsegatto@barberlaw.com

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**
Estate of:
JOANNE M. MAURER,
Deceased.
No. 2022-PR-64
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Joanne M. Maurer of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 1, 2022, to George M. Gekas, 1045 West Vine, Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Executor, whose attorney is Edward D. McNamara, Jr., McNamara & Evans, P.O. Box 5039, 931 South Fourth Street, Springfield, IL 62705-5039.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before July 30, 2022, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.
Dated this 7th day of February, 2022.
Susan M Hartl, Independent Executor
Robert A. Stuart, Jr.
Registration No. 2761122
Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP
205 S. 5th Street, Ste. 1000
P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62705
(217) 544-8491

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**
Estate of:
JOSEPH W. JARVIS,
Deceased.
No.: 2022-PR-59
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Joseph W. Jarvis. Letters of office were issued on February 17, 2022 to Debbie Jarvis, 6817 Ninebark Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62712, as Executor, whose attorney is Edward D. McNamara, Jr., McNamara & Evans, P.O. Box 5039, 931 South Fourth Street, Springfield, IL 62705-5039.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before September 8, 2022, 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 1st day of March, 2022.
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**
IN THE MATTER OF:
MELINDA K. VIEHLAND, Deceased.
No. 2022-PR-85
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Melinda K. Viehland of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on March 1, 2022, to Debra Phillips whose address is 301 W. 3rd Street PO Box 232 Kinmundy, IL 62854, as Administrator, and whose attorney is JAMES R. ENLOW of GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL, 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL, 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 5, 2022, or three months from the date 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 5/8-1).

sentative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

DATED this 2nd day of March, 2022.
James R. Enlow (#6199891)
GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL
Attorneys at Law
1231 South Eighth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
Telephone: (217) 522-9010
Facsimile: (217) 522.9020
Email: jim@gwspc.com

Dated this 1st day of March, 2022
Paul E. Presney, II - Reg. #6182986
Presney & Gonzalez
Attorneys for Executor
726 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62704

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**
In the Matter of the Estate of
MARIE M. SCHEIDT, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
NO. 2022-PR-28
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of MARIE M. SCHEIDT, deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on January 20, 2022, to SUSAN M. HARTL, Executor, whose address is 1702 Tern Place, Springfield, IL 62711 and whose attorney is Robert A. Stuart, Jr. Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th Street, Suite 1000, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705.

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 July 30, 2022, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.
Dated this 7th day of February, 2022.
Susan M Hartl, Independent Executor
Robert A. Stuart, Jr.
Registration No. 2761122
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205 S. 5th Street, Ste. 1000
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Springfield, IL 62705
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**
In the Matter of the Estate of
JOSEPH PATRICK DOYLE, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
NO. 2022-PR-20
**DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE -
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**
Notice is given of the death of Joseph Patrick Doyle. Letters of office Under Independent Administration were issued on January 13, 2022 to Sandra S. Cavanagh, whose attorney of record is Brown, Hay & Stephens, 1000 US Bank Building, P. O. Box 2459, Springfield, Illinois.

Notice is given to unknown heirs who are named in a Petition filed in the above proceeding to probate a Will and whose names or addresses are not stated in the Petition, that an Order was entered by the Court on January 13, 2022 admitting the Will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of Admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701 or with the representative of the estate, or both on or before August 5, 2022, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed

Lot Twenty-Five (25) and the North 30 feet of Lot Twenty-Four (24) in Lewis Paper Subdivision being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 13 North Range 4 West of the Third Principal Meridian.

(D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: Single family residence.

(E) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: Not applicable.

(F) The time and place of the sale are: At 9:00 AM on March 22, 2022 in the County Board Chambers Room on the 2nd floor of the County Building, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701

(G) The terms of the sale are: Cash in hand on day of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid at the sale. The successful bidder will receive a Certificate of Purchase following the sale and a Sheriff's Deed upon confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois.

(H) Title will be conveyed subject to real estate taxes for 2019 and subsequent years and special assessments, if any; to building restrictions and restrictive covenants of record; to easements of record or in place; to rights of way for roads, streets, and highways; to rights of tenants in possession, if any. Sale is subject to approval of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois. Any real estate transfer tax which may be due as a result of the sale shall be paid by the purchaser.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
WEST CENTRAL BANK, an Illinois banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.

BREE-ANNA BEA, BRANDON G. BEA, and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.

Case No. 2022-FC-27

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 10, 2022.

Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on February 23, 2022.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: West Central Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; Case Number 2022-FC-27.

2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois

3. The name of the title holder of record is: Bree-Anna Bea

4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

The North 55 feet of Lots 5 and 6 in Block 2 of the Town of New Auburn, said

block being also known as Block 30 of the Town of Auburn, according to Ira Merchant's Survey now in and part of the City of Auburn.

Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed of record. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois 5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:

215 South 5th Street, Auburn, Illinois 62615

6. The Tax Identification Number for the real estate is as follows:

34-10-0-264-009

7. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

Name of Mortgagor: Bree-Anna Bea

Name of Mortgagee: West Central Bank

Date of Mortgage: February 15, 2019

Date of recording: February 20, 2019

County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois

Recording document identification: Document No. 2019R02906

/s/ PAUL PALAZZOLO

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.

GARY D DECKER; KIMBERLY A DECKER;
ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
DEFENDANTS.

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1601 FAIRFIELD DRIVE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

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 4/5/2022, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00am, 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 LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN IS SITUATED IN THE STATE OF IL, COUNTY OF SANGAMON, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOT SIXTY-EIGHT (68) IN FAIRVIEW PARK SECOND ADDITION.

EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS.

TAX NO. 14-23-0-301-009

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1601 Fairfield Drive

Springfield, IL 62702

Description of Improvements: Gray vinyl siding, one story single family home, detached one car garage

The Judgment amount was \$73,953.27.

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

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# 20-04550IL

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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.

PATRICK HAYES A/K/A PATRICK T HAYES; MIN YU HAYES; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

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705 SOUTH LINCOLN AVENUE

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

JUDGE

PRESIDING JUDGE

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU,

Min Yu Hayes

Unknown Owners and Non-Record

Claimants

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

Lot 25 in Block 1 of A.C. Brown's West

Springfield Subdivision.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: 705 South Lincoln Avenue

Springfield, IL 62704

and which said Mortgage was made by, Patrick Hayes a/k/a Patrick T Hayes Mortgagor(s), to

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Herget Bank, National Association

Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2013R11552; and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before April 4, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

E-filing is now mandatory with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoislegalaid.org. org. If you are unable to pay your court fees, you can apply for a fee waiver. For information about defending yourself in a court case (including filing an appearance or fee waiver), or to apply for free legal help, go to www.illinoislegalaid.org. You can also ask your local circuit clerk's office for a fee waiver application.

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.

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File No. 20-02815IL-601145

I3188542

Date of Sale: March 16, 2022, 1:00 P.M.

Location: Westside Storage, 3142 S

Douglas Ave., Springfield, IL 62704

Bid B #70 5x10

David Ashby

1812 S 8th Street

Springfield, IL 62703

Bid B #55 5x10

Nicole Lee-Dunn

1310 E Edwards

Springfield, IL 62703

Bid J #82 10x20

Danielle Lewis

2260 Concord Dr.

Springfield, IL 62704

Bid 3141 #E 10x20

Chad Scaife

2517 S College

Springfield, IL 62704

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS

SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS,

a Municipal Corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KALABUS PROPERTIES, LLC, FIRST

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, N.A., LINK

MEDIA SERVICES, LLC DBA LINK MEDIA

OUTDOOR, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-

RECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.

No. 22-MR-57

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Kalabus Properties,

LLC, First Bankers Trust Company, N.A.,

Link Media Services, LLC d/b/a Link

Media Outdoor, Unknown Owners and

Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint

has been filed in the above named court

on February 17, 2022 for demolition of

the structure located on the real estate

commonly known as 1808 W. Jefferson

Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally

described as:

Part of Lot 46 of COUNTY CLERK'S SUBDI-

VISION of part of Section 29, Township 16

North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal

Meridian, bounded as follows: Beginning

at the Northwest corner of said Lot 46,

thence East 190 feet along the North line

of said Lot 46 to a stake, thence South

220 feet parallel with the West line of said

Lot 46 to a stake, thence West 190 feet

parallel with the North line of said Lot 46

to a stake on the West line of said Lot 46;

thence North 220 feet along the West line

of said Lot 46 to the point of beginning;

ALSO, part of Lot 36 of said County Clerk's

Subdivision bounded as follows: Begin-

ning at the Southwest corner of said Lot

36, thence East 190 feet along the South

line of said Lot 36 to a stake, thence

North to the center of the Beardstown

Road, thence in a Northwesterly direction

along the center of said Beardstown

Road to a point in the West line of

Springfield, IL 62701-1653
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.

REBECCA R. SCHUMACHER AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE AND HEIR AT LAW OF MELVIN K. SCHUMACHER, JAZMINE LEWIS AS HEIR AT LAW OF MELVIN K. SCHUMACHER, MARTINA TEASLEY AS HEIR AT LAW OF MELVIN K. SCHUMACHER, DEJUAN ADAMS AS HEIR AT LAW OF MELVIN K. SCHUMACHER, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MELVIN K. SCHUMACHER, SANGAMON COUNTY AS TRUSTEE FOR TAXING DISTRICTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No. 22-MR-58

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Rebecca R. Schumacher as Administrator of the Estate and Heir at Law of Melvin K. Schumacher, Jazmine Lewis as Heir at Law of Melvin K. Schumacher, Martina Teasley as Heir at Law of Melvin K. Schumacher, DeJuan Adams as Heir at Law of Melvin K. Schumacher, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Melvin K. Schumacher, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on February 17, 2022 for demolition of the structures located on the real estate commonly known as 1824 Brian Lane, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as: Lot 55 in SUTTILL'S SUBDIVISION. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 22-02.0-180-005); and for other relief.

UNLESS Rebecca R. Schumacher as Administrator of the Estate and Heir at Law of Melvin K. Schumacher, Jazmine Lewis as Heir at Law of Melvin K. Schumacher, Martina Teasley as Heir at Law of Melvin K. Schumacher, DeJuan Adams as Heir at Law of Melvin K. Schumacher, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Melvin K. Schumacher, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before March 28, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.

/s/ Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of Court
James K. Zerkle
Corporation Counsel
Kateah McMasters ARDC #6309668
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Attorneys for Plaintiff
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Alicia Gieser, Petitioner
vs.
Mitchell Neece, Respondent
Case No: 2021-OP-1904
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Mitchell Neece, 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 7, 2022, 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: March 10, 2022

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Jamie White, Petitioner
vs.
Savannah Wolf, Respondent
Case No: 2022-OP-43
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Savannah Wolf, 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 17, 2022, 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: March 3, 2022

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Sherri Tate, Petitioner
vs.
Verona Motterchaw, Respondent
Case No: 2021-OP-2308
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Verona Motterchaw, 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 7, 2022, 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: March 10, 2022

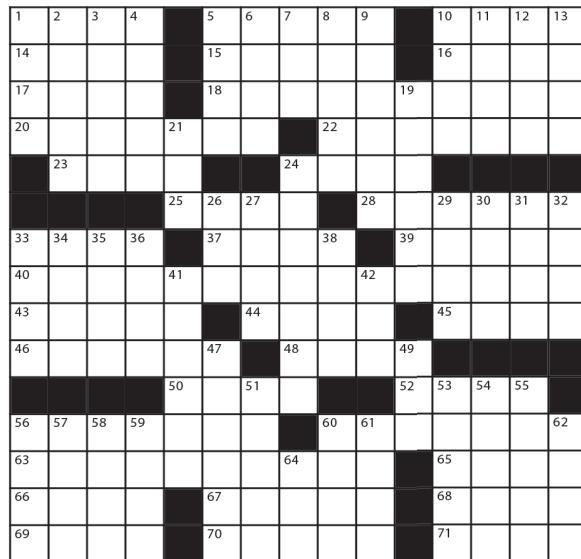
Notice of Publication to enforce self-storage lien in default of payment of past due rent will be executed March 18, 2022 by Dave's Space Station, Mini-Warehouse, P.O. Box 9035, Springfield, Ill. 62704. Tenant must pay in full by this date.
#21 Jacob A. Green

Future women

Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 731

Across

1. Metallica drummer Ulrich
5. North Dakota's largest city
10. " does it!"
14. Iridescent gem
15. the hole
16. Bum kin
17. Quick, in trade names
18. Shy person
20. Maze feature
22. Frank, e.g.
23. LBJ or RMN, e.g.
24. Math class, for short
25. Novelist Caleb
28. Makes aquatints
33. Andes capital
37. Creator of Oz
39. "As ___ and breathe"
40. Some cars and patio furniture have one
43. Football's ___ Bowl
44. "Baseball Tonight" channel
45. Kind of pool
46. Late bloomers
48. She, in Italy
50. "Ah, me!"
52. Bueno's opposite
56. Spun
60. Following
63. Mama Rose declaration in "Gypsy"
65. "The ___ Love"
66. Copter's forerunner
67. Bloated
68. Lab gel



Down

1. Lady's man
2. Even one word
3. Kind of screen
4. Trombone part
5. Babe in the woods
6. Mil. school
7. Bill of Rights subj.
8. Radner of "SNL"
9. In a card catalog
10. God with a hammer
11. " ___ Met Your Mother"
12. Copper heads?
13. Civil wrong
19. Milk-related
21. Computer key
24. Expensive trips
26. "20/20" network
27. Miles per hour, e.g.
29. Flow stopper
30. Queen's residence
31. 20-20, e.g.
32. Bone-dry
33. Kraft Nabisco Championship org.
34. Nest eggs, briefly
35. Street in New York's Chinatown
36. Stub ___
38. Game honorees, briefly
41. Slips
42. "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.
47. Heavy hammer
49. " ___ dreaming?"
51. Play to ___
53. Take ___ off
54. Vernacular
55. Actress Tatum
56. Fixes
57. Buckeye State
58. Canvas cover
59. Hubbubs
60. Something to do
61. Lowell and Tan
62. Word that could follow the end of the themed clues
64. " ___ Beso" (Paul Anka hit)

Puzzle answers
from this week
will appear here
next week

P	O	S	E	A	B	E	T	P	E	T	I	T
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Crossword answers from #730

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

Sudoku answers from #730

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

JoshJosh answers from #730

JoshJosh

by J. Reynolds - No. 731

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.

6	1-		3 ÷		10x
2 ÷		2-		1-	
3-		2			
8+	14+	1-		2-	
		7+		4-	2-
			5+		

Difficulty medium

Sudoku

No. 731

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

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

Difficulty hard

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