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Power and politics

Ray Long's new book chronicles a House speaker's rise. And the beginning of his fall.

BOOK REVIEW | Jason Piscia

My first in-person encounter with House Speaker Michael Madigan occurred in 1998, when I was a Copley News Service reporting intern covering a news conference of his at the Capitol.

I don't recall the topic, but I do remember how he spoke so calmly and softly, you had to lean toward the podium to make sure you caught every word. There were his icy stares and smirks, depending on his assessment of a reporter's question. And then there was his efficient and measured use of language – he never blathered on or raised his voice like many politicians with access to a microphone.

It was my first exposure to the “Madigan Mystique.”

The rise and – as we've read in detail over recent weeks – dramatic fall of the mystique is thoroughly chronicled in a new book, *The House That Madigan Built: The Record Run of Illinois' Velvet Hammer*, University of Illinois Press, by *Chicago Tribune* investigative reporter Ray Long.

Pulling together decades of his reporting – as well as previous work from *Tribune* colleagues and other journalists and experts who cover and study Illinois government – Long provides a greatest hits collection of Madigan's career-long quest to amass political power, Democratic seats in the House and legislative wins.

We get a recounting of only-in-Illinois stories such as how disabling the clock in the Madigan-led House chamber on June 30, 1988, allowed lawmakers to officially, but not actually, beat a midnight deadline to approve a new stadium plan to stop the Chicago White Sox from moving to Florida.

Using House transcripts and a recording of WMAQ-AM's Charlie McBarron's play-by-play of the action, Long takes us back to

the chaotic House chamber where Democrat Madigan and Republican Gov. Jim Thompson roamed the floor convincing members to vote for the legislation that gave us what's known today as Guaranteed Rate Field on Chicago's South Side.

the stoic, confident, unflappable “Velvet Hammer” I first saw in 1998.

As we saw this past year, legislative redistricting spikes the emotional temperature at the Statehouse, especially among those in the minority party. In 1981, Madigan led the

To top it off, Madigan told his foes there would be a “day of reckoning,” “your time is coming” and “you will regret it.”

I won't spoil how the issue was resolved, but the fact that Madigan began his record-setting reign as House Speaker in 1983 will give you a hint.

As we all know, Madigan's winning didn't last. A section of the book titled “Cracks in the System” gets into the #MeToo movement at the Capitol that took down men in Madigan's inner circle and raised questions about Madigan's handling of sexual harassment allegations. It also covers the tale of Madigan's organization taking an ethically questionable but not illegal sledgehammer (figurately speaking) to an unknown and poorly funded candidate who dared to run against the speaker for his House seat.

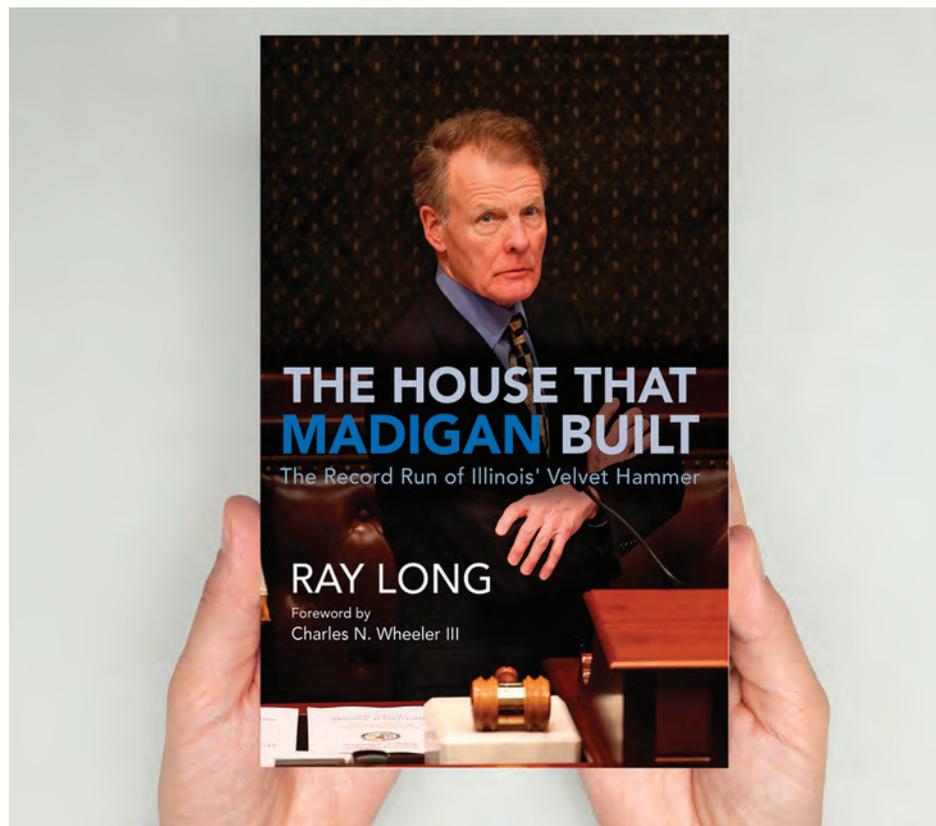
The book concludes with Madigan's thought-we'd-never-see-it fall from the speakership in January 2021. His support among House Democrats to remain speaker eroded after Commonwealth Edison admitted the previous summer that it gave jobs and contracts to Madigan political associates as the House considered ComEd-friendly legislation.

When the book went to press, Madigan hadn't been charged with wrongdoing. Of course, that changed March 2 when federal prosecutors handed down a 22-count indictment accusing Madigan of orchestrating an “enterprise” that used his roles as House speaker, state Democratic Party chairman, 13th Ward committeeman and a property tax appeals lawyer to reward himself and associates with money and jobs.

Madigan denies the allegations, saying “the government is attempting to criminalize a routine constituent service: job recommendations. That is not illegal, and these other charges are equally unfounded.”

This month's developments likely mean a second edition of Long's book will come out once Madigan's legal fate is determined. But with the chapters assembled so far, readers get a comprehensive look at a style of power and politics we may never see again. □

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The House that Madigan Built: The Record Run of Illinois' Velvet Hammer, by Ray Long. 304 pages, \$29.95. University of Illinois Press, publication date March 22, 2022.

We also get glimpses of a younger and more outspoken Madigan that contrasts

minority party while Republican George Ryan was House speaker.

Adding to the conflict, legislators needed to draw a map that implemented the “cutback amendment,” which reduced the size of the House from 177 to 118 members.

Using language that would fit right into a political debate happening today on Facebook, Madigan, then 39, called the Republicans' effort to slam through GOP-friendly boundaries “reminiscent of tactics used by the Nazis in Germany and by dictatorial regimes all over the world.”

He said the redistricting proceedings in the House “makes us all look like a pack of idiots.”

Editor's note

A new acquaintance was wondering why we hadn't met before, after having worked within blocks of each other for the past 20 years or so. “I don't get out much,” is what I told him, although I do, but it's to the same routine things, not much new. And for the past two years, nobody has gotten out much. Now it's spring, and here's my *Illinois Times* Spring Guide, so I plan to mark it up and go. To the quilt show at the fairgrounds this weekend (see p. 25). To the winter farmers market downtown Saturday. *Fiddler on the Roof* at UIS-PAC March 24. Jubilee Farm (p. 21). A Jr. Blues game. Boxing at the BoS. As we were all reminded when we changed our clocks, it's time to spring forward. – Fletcher Farrar, editor

COVER: By Dave Hinds - A colorful artwork filled with people celebrating in the historic downtown area of Springfield.

They're baaaacck

Lincoln foundation reinvents itself

LINCOLN | Bruce Rushton

One year after an acrimonious divorce from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, a private foundation that raised funds and supplied the state-owned institution with exhibits has established a partnership with the National Park Service.

“The Lincoln Presidential Foundation, formerly known as the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation, is taking on a new role – leading and supporting efforts across the nation and perhaps the world to share the story of Abraham Lincoln’s life, legacy and leadership,” the foundation announced in a March 7 press release. “As part of the relaunch, the foundation has changed its name and adopted a new brand, which will allow it to achieve its new, broader mission.”

Tim Good, superintendent of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, said that the National Park Service has entered into a five-year arrangement with the foundation aimed at raising funds for programs and perhaps capital improvements. Initially, he said, the foundation plans to seek grants to benefit the historic site.

Through a Chicago public relations firm, the foundation offered to make director Erin Carlson Mast available for interviews, but declined an interview request from *Illinois Times*. Sergio “Satch” Pecori, foundation board chairman and chief executive officer of Hanson Professional Services, did not return a phone call.

“The future of the foundation simply could not be brighter,” Pecori says in the press release.

The name change and plans to help the National Park Service come nearly a year after the ALPLM cut ties with the foundation, saying that the group had refused to share financial information, including how much money it had raised and how that money was spent. In a written statement, the foundation then said it was “shocked” at being evicted from state-owned office space and that the ALPLM had engaged in “heavy-handed and punitive tactics.”

In the recent press release, the foundation says that it has raised more than \$42 million for the presidential library and museum and to purchase a collection of Lincoln artifacts “which is on loan to the ALPLM through October, 2022.” It isn’t clear what might happen to the artifacts, known as the Taper Collection,



A year after being evicted from state-owned office space inside the ALPLM, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation has a new name and a new mission.

after that. In addition to a stovepipe hat with questionable provenance, the collection, purchased for \$23 million in 2007, includes gloves that Lincoln wore to Ford’s Theatre and a cipher book that the Great Emancipator used to learn math as a child. It has long been considered an anchor of the ALPLM’s artifact collection.

Chris Wills, ALPLM spokesman, says that there have been no talks between the institution and the foundation about the Taper Collection’s future since the state and the group parted ways a year ago. In a written statement, Wills said that the collection should remain at the ALPLM. Under an agreement with the state reached when the foundation borrowed money to buy the collection from a foundation board member, artifacts were supposed to be transferred to state ownership annually as debt was retired. The agreement never was enforced, and the state board that oversaw the ALPLM eliminated the unenforced requirement in 2012. The foundation once dubbed a fundraising effort to retire the debt The Permanent Home Campaign, Wills noted.

“We have no indication the foundation would contemplate breaking faith with the thousands of generous citizens who gave money to keep the collection at the Abraham

Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum,” Wills wrote. “How would any organization ever be able to raise money again if it misled past donors so badly?”

Some money came from museum visitors who gained free admission to the ALPLM by joining the foundation, which once solicited people as they entered the building. In an interview, Wills said the institution doesn’t know how much was raised via memberships sold at the ALPLM. “We could never get an accounting of that from the foundation,” Wills said. “We requested written reports on how much membership money they raised, and they declined to provide it.”

The ALPLM has replaced the foundation’s membership program with its own, offering free admission for one year as well as perks that include discounts at the museum store.

“The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum wishes the foundation well on its new mission,” Wills said in his written statement. “The end of the formal relationship between our organizations has certainly been healthy for the ALPLM, and we hope the same is true for the foundation.” □

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African American History Museum receives \$660,000

CAP CITY | Karen Ackerman Witter

Big improvements are in store for the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, thanks to a \$662,545 Public Museums Capital Grant from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Governor JB Pritzker recently announced that 36 Illinois museums will receive a total of \$19.7 million through the Rebuild Illinois capital program. Kidzeum is the only other recipient of a Public Museum Capital Grant in Sangamon County. (See March 10-16, 2022, *Illinois Times*).

The museum, located just outside the Oak Ridge Cemetery entrance on Monument Avenue, is dedicated to telling authentic stories about African-American life in central Illinois. The grant will be used to add two partitioned exhibit galleries, a meeting room which will be available to the community and exhibit storage. The project also includes capital improvements to the roof and other building infrastructure. The city of Springfield owns the land and the building which houses the museum and is the fiscal agent for the project.

“The renovation of the building with this grant will greatly improve the quality of the exhibits, programs and activities that can be offered by having the additional space,” said Carolyn Farrar, president of the museum’s board. “The community meeting room will allow multiple uses of the museum.”

Farrar says they are committed to expanding exhibits and programs and providing greater outreach to younger visitors. “We want to offer state-of-the-art digital exhibits,” said Farrar. The museum is working with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Illinois State Museum to plan a digital exhibit of the Springfield 1908 Race Riot. This grant will provide the necessary gallery space and configuration to make this exhibit possible. □

In-network doctors in decline

State reviewing whether Blue Cross still has “network-adequacy”

MEDICAL | Dean Olsen

State officials have asked Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois to prove that its central Illinois health care network remains adequate for meeting patients’ needs, despite the loss of more than 600 Springfield Clinic doctors and other providers from its network.

The Chicago-based insurer sent documents to the Illinois Department of Insurance after the department told Blue Cross and Blue Shield on Feb. 18 it must submit a “network-adequacy filing,” department spokeswoman Caron Brookens said.

It’s unclear when the department will make a decision. All of the potential ramifications of an unfavorable ruling for Blue Cross also are unclear.

“The network-adequacy filing is under review, and the department does not comment on filings that are under review,” Brookens said in an emailed response to questions from *Illinois Times*.

“If an insurer fails to provide an adequate network and the consumer makes a good-faith effort to access in-network care, the insurer must allow a consumer to access an out-of-network provider at an in-network rate,” she said.

Blue Cross, the largest health insurance company in the state, removed Springfield Clinic from its preferred-provider network in November as part of a contract renewal dispute over reimbursement rates.

Springfield Clinic officials have said the dispute has affected about 100,000 Blue Cross-insured patients. Blue Cross says 55,000 patients are affected.

The situation has forced patients and their employers to decide whether to switch insurance carriers – if that’s an option – or seek care from medical groups outside the for-profit clinic, which is based in Springfield and provides care at 90 locations in more than 20 downstate counties.

Employees and their family members still covered by Blue Cross have had to decide whether to pay higher out-of-pocket costs for sticking with clinic doctors now classified as out-of-network providers.

Blue Cross members being treated for a disability, acute condition, life-threatening illness or in the third trimester of pregnancy have been able to ask Blue Cross for “continuity of care” approval to pay in-network charges when seeing their clinic providers.

Both Blue Cross and Springfield Clinic say they have negotiated in good faith but haven’t been able to work out a deal that would put the clinic back in the Blue Cross network.

It’s unclear when or whether a resolution to the conflict will be reached, and insurance analysts in the area have said some Blue Cross members have postponed leaving the clinic and establishing relationships with other groups such as Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, HSHS Medical Group and Memorial Health.

“The reality is there aren’t enough in-network

options in this area, and BCBSIL’s decision to terminate Springfield Clinic from the PPO plan has forced countless people to forgo or delay care,” clinic spokesman Zach Kerker said in February.

Kerker said in an email on March 11 that clinic officials “applaud the Department of Insurance efforts to protect access to excellent health care for patients in central Illinois.”

Blue Cross spokeswoman Colleen Miller said in an email that “many members are finding and using care provided by the approximately 3,000 providers in our network in central Illinois.”

She said the insurer continues to increase the number of primary and specialty care providers in its network and “welcomes the opportunity to help



Illinois State Medical Society president Dr. Regan Thomas said the Illinois Department of Insurance should “enhance its enforcement” of a state law requiring insurers to keep their published physician networks up to date.

PHOTO COURTESY ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

members who are having a hard time finding an available provider.”

A recent WCIA-TV broadcast on the dispute said Blue Cross’ online directory of Illinois providers contains inaccuracies that could be frustrating to patients trying to find new doctors.

Illinois State Medical Society president Dr. Regan Thomas said the state insurance department should “enhance its enforcement” of a 2017 state law requiring insurers to keep their published physician networks up to date.

“Illinois doctors urge patients to file complaints with the Illinois Department of Insurance whenever they experience these ‘ghost network’ issues,” he said.

Miller said Blue Cross is updating its online provider listings daily “as we receive updates from providers on things such as their availability to take

new patients, and if we find errors, we work quickly to correct them.”

Blue Cross has 1,500 employees in the Springfield area who are among patients who may need to find new providers because of the departure of Springfield Clinic, she said.

“But it’s for those members/employees that we had to stand up to Springfield Clinic’s baseless demands for higher rates,” Miller said.

“The fact is, despite the lower cost of living in Springfield compared to Chicago, Springfield Clinic’s rates are 60% higher even than in Chicago – and the for-profit entity sought to raise them even more,” she said. “That burden would fall on all members and employer groups in central Illinois.”

Clinic officials have said financial demands by Blue Cross would harm the clinic’s ability to attract and retain doctors in the Springfield area.

Blue Cross at first contended the removal of clinic providers was not a “material change” that required the company to prove its network was adequate, Brookens said in an email.

“IDOI has been in communication with BCBS on this issue since the fall of 2021,” Brookens said. “After reviewing the matter, IDOI informed BCBS that it was a material change”

Based on the department’s “network adequacy checklist,” which is available at bit.ly/ILinsurancechecklist, network adequacy is based on a variety of factors. They include maximum travel distance or driving time for primary care and specialty care, the ratio of providers to enrollees and whether doctors are accepting new patients.

For example, the department says that in urban areas, the maximum recommended distance for patients to travel for primary care is 30 minutes or 30 miles, and in rural areas, 60 minutes or 60 miles.

Patients can file a complaint with the department if they believe an insurer isn’t honoring terms of their policy regarding charges for in-network versus out-of-network providers, Brookens said.

Information on how to file complaints is available online at bit.ly/DOIconplaint or by calling 877-527-9431.

Miller, the Blue Cross spokeswoman, said, “Upon hearing concerns about how continuity of care claims are being processed, we will be reviewing the claims of all 1,400-plus members receiving continuity of care at Springfield Clinic.

“If we find any errors, we will make them right,” she said. “Those members don’t have to take any final action. We’ll be reaching out with letters and phone calls explaining the additional review.” □

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The Black valedictorian who never received the title

EDUCATION | Scott Reeder

In 1984, Tracey Meares had the highest grade-point average in her class and was prepared to be her class' valedictorian. It was of particular significance to her because she would be the first Black person to claim the title in Springfield High School's history.

But the title was denied to Meares, leaving a Springfield documentary filmmaker decades later to piece together a story of systemic racism. The film, *No Title for Tracey*, premieres April 16 at the Hoogland Center for the Arts.

Today, Meares is a professor at Yale Law School. She is the first Black woman to hold a tenured professorship there.

Despite decades of academic accomplishments, closets full of awards and recognitions and a long and fulfilling career, the pain she experienced at age 17 is still evident. In fact, she says the experience spoiled her relationship with her hometown.

"There are lots of reasons to have a kind of sour relationship with the city. I come home because I love my parents, my family, and I have really close friends. But I've always thought that Springfield was backwards," Meares said. "I couldn't wait to get the hell out. ... From the time I was 17 years old, I did not even spend a summer in Springfield."

She is quick to point out the documentary is not her idea.

The project is being spearheaded by her sister, Dr. Nicole Florence, a Springfield physician, and Maria Ansley, a photographer for Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

"The documentary is important to my sister," Meares said. "I put this whole thing behind me a long time ago. I do think accountability is important. But nothing is going to make me think differently about these people."

She said the denial of the title was calculated and systemic.

Strange things began happening in the months leading up to graduation, she said. A white assistant principal was caught in Meares' school counselor's office removing her file from a file cabinet.

"I was called to my counselor's office and she told me what had happened. She said she put a lock on the file cabinet to keep anyone from getting in there again and tampering with my school record," Meares said.

Meares said she had previously been told by her counselor that she was No. 1 in her class.

But in the time leading up to graduation, school administrators began introducing a white student, Heather Russell, to various service clubs as Springfield High's top graduating senior, recalled Meares' father, Robert Blackwell.

The controversy was well known in Springfield's Black community at the time, he said. But it was not reported in local media, and Robert Blackwell chose not to fan the flames.

"How do you protect your children



Tracey Meares became the first Black woman to hold a tenured professorship at Yale Law School. PHOTO COURTESY YALE LAW SCHOOL

when there's so much harm that will come based on their race, and only their race? She was an athlete. She did community service. You know, she was loved by all and was just brilliant. Who would deny that? Who would deny that she wasn't a mean girl? So, why wouldn't one have thought about trying to protect that child in a circumstance like that? I mean, she's golden, right? But, quite frankly, we have to protect all of our girls."

Robert Blackwell and his wife, Carolyn, feared that if they made a fuss about how Tracey was being treated, school officials might retaliate against her two younger sisters.

Robert added, "You understand that this

is going to happen in society. What you do is try to manage through these things. It didn't change our lives. We still had goals that we had always had. The girls had their goals. And Tracey just kind of flipped that and kept learning, kept achieving, and we didn't spend time commiserating about the situation."

Heather Russell Shura, the white student whose academic accomplishments school officials touted in the 1980s, told *Illinois Times* on March 14 that she did not know enough about the matter to comment on it. She now lives in Naperville.

Nicole Florence said it is unclear whether Shura was aware of the controversy swirling around her.

"I don't necessarily view her as a bad person in all of this. We don't know if she knew. That is really something for her to discuss. From talking to my sister, I think the objection is to how the system operated," she said.

But Springfield School District 186 Superintendent Jennifer Gill said of the matter, "Obviously, it's very difficult to go back in time and do too much research because many of the individuals who were working at the time, in an official capacity, are deceased. She had the No. 1 spot. And the No. 1 spot in any graduating class is the valedictorian. So why they chose not to name a specific valedictorian or salutatorian that year, I cannot go back and justify that.

"I can only learn from the realities that Tracey and her family experienced during that time. But one way that we can make amends is to call her and give her the name that she deserved. And that is the No. 1 valedictorian spot of the class of 1984," said Gill.

Maria Ansley is the photographer producing the documentary. During the day she works for SIU School of Medicine, but she is producing the film on her own time.

"I'm a white girl who grew up in Lincoln. I was in high school about the same time this happened. When I heard about this my first reaction was, 'I thought this sort of thing stopped happening in the 1960s.' So why am I doing this? Well, I'm trying to relate to the white community and make us understand better." □

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Concerns over CO₂

Landowners, environmentalists and farmers voice concerns about proposed pipeline project

ENVIRONMENT | Dean Olsen

Kathleen Campbell doesn't want to see a pipeline carrying pressurized, liquid carbon dioxide – which can cause suffocation – installed underground less than a football field away from her home in rural Sangamon County.

“How do you go to bed at night knowing you might not wake up in the morning?” Campbell, a Glenarm resident, asked. “If the pipeline ruptures, we're dead in a minute.”

The 70-year-old retired research scientist is among a growing number of landowners, environmentalists and farmers voicing concerns and organizing to oppose the \$3 billion Heartland Greenway pipeline.

The 1,300-mile pipeline, proposed by Texas-based Navigator CO₂ Ventures to run through five Midwestern states – including a 240-mile section in Illinois – hasn't been built.

But Navigator spokeswoman Elizabeth Burns-Thompson said the company, backed by the Blackstone global investment firm, is preparing to file applications with state regulatory bodies and intends to file with the Illinois Commerce Commission by May. A decision from the ICC could come in 2023, and pipeline construction could begin in 2024, she said.

The steel pipeline, ranging in diameter from six to 24 inches and five feet underground, would receive CO₂ emitted by ethanol and fertilizer plants in South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois. The CO₂ would be dehydrated, liquified and put under pressure before entering the pipeline.

It would be the first major project of its type in Illinois and would pass through 13 counties in the state – Sangamon, Hancock, Adams, McDonough, Henry, Knox, Fulton, Schuyler, Brown, Pike, Scott, Morgan and Christian.

All of the pipeline's branches would converge to bring the CO₂ to Christian County, where it would be injected more than a mile underground and below layers of limestone, dolomite and sandstone for 30 years in a 30,000-acre area north of Taylorville. The CO₂ would be permanently stored there at the culmination of a process known as “carbon capture,” Burns-Thompson said.

Navigator, which has held informational meetings in communities potentially affected by the project since fall 2021, contends the pipeline and the CO₂ sequestration site would be safe, wouldn't harm underground water supplies and would be a boon for the environment.

The company says the up to 15 million metric tons of CO₂ to be captured annually would be equivalent to the carbon-dioxide emissions from 1.8 million homes' energy use or the consumption of 34.7 million barrels of oil.

Burns-Thompson said the company would take care not to damage croplands and would reimburse farms for between 60% and 100% of any crop losses over a three-year period in exchange for paid easements.

But Champaign resident Lan Richart, co-director of the Eco-Justice Collaborative, an Illinois-based nonprofit, said the installation of pipelines always causes damage to croplands, “much of it permanent, due to the mixing of topsoil and subsoil ... and unavoidable compaction by heavy equipment.”

Burns-Thompson said Navigator would serve ethanol and fertilizer companies wanting to reduce

Mississippi in 2020 that sickened dozens of people.

They say the project would be riskier than the oil and natural-gas pipelines upon which many pipeline safety guidelines are based, and rural emergency responders aren't equipped to handle a rupture.

Reducing dependence on fossil fuels and increasing work on clean-energy alternatives such as wind and solar power would be better than focusing on the unclear value of CO₂ pipelines for the environment, pipeline opponents say.

They also don't like the pro-pipeline argument that CO₂ sequestration and its related federal incentives for ethanol producers to reduce their

of the farmers we work with are proud of.”

ICC spokeswoman Vicki Crawford said in an email, “From what we know, this project would appear to be a first-of-its-kind project for the commission, but nothing has been filed with the agency, so there is not much for us to share.”

Richart said he is “concerned that the Heartland Greenway pipeline is but one link in what is destined to be an extensive network of pipelines connecting the Midwest to other points south to Texas and the Gulf Coast, where CO₂ can and will be used for ‘enhanced oil recovery.’”

If that happens, he said, any carbon reduction in the air would be offset by the production of more fossil fuel.

Burns-Thompson said in an email that the Heartland Greenway project “will not coincide with any area where EOR (enhanced oil recovery) is taking place.”

She said Navigator's customers have contracted with the company only for the permanent sequestration of CO₂, and those customers would qualify for federal tax credits only if the CO₂ they produce is permanently sequestered.

Education of the public about the project is just beginning, Richart said.

Opponents may try to persuade the General Assembly to rescind the section of state law that declares CO₂ pipelines to be a “public use and service,” “in the public interest” and “a benefit to the welfare of Illinois,” he said.

The current statutory language automatically grants pipeline developers authority to take land without requiring any showing of need related to a specific parcel, according to John Albers, a lawyer who previously worked as an ICC administrative law judge.

It's not clear whether such a broad, general grant of eminent domain authority is constitutional, because the statute has never been challenged in court, he said.

It's also unclear whether state law would give businesses developing a CO₂ pipeline eminent domain authority to seize land for the storage of CO₂, Albers said.

Christian County farmer Mark Roth, whose home and land sit over the CO₂ sequestration site, said he opposes the project because of the safety concerns and the potential long-term damage to farmland.

He also believes there are better uses for federal tax dollars to protect the environment than by promoting CO₂ pipelines.

“The taxpayers are basically funding this operation,” he said. □



A proposed section of the Heartland Greenway CO₂ pipeline in Illinois and four nearby states.

PHOTO COURTESY NAVIGATOR CO₂ VENTURES

the amount of climate-changing CO₂ they put into the atmosphere.

“Heartland Greenway is a pro-farmer project that supports the intersection of agriculture and energy that will help our customers,” Navigator says in promotional materials. “As currently planned, the storage field for Heartland Greenway will utilize up to five injection wells spaced one to two miles apart that would support storage of 5 million tons of CO₂ per year,” the company says. “There is the potential for the project to expand up to 15 million metric tons. Above ground, landowners will continue to use their land as they always have.”

The Illinois Farm Bureau hasn't taken a position on the proposed project.

But opponents say the project and ongoing operations of a pipeline carrying CO₂ – which settles along the ground in concentrated form, doesn't disperse immediately when released and can cause suffocation – would be riskier for the land and people than Navigator is portraying.

They pointed to the rupture of a CO₂ pipeline in

carbon footprint would benefit farmers through higher corn prices.

Opponents worry that a 2011 state law enacted to spur the now-defunct FutureGen project in Morgan County would clear a legal path for Navigator to seize property for the pipeline through eminent domain if the ICC grants a pipeline permit.

“We're going to be like the garbage can for the other states,” said Joyce Blumenshine, a Peoria resident who is a member of the Illinois-based Coalition to Stop CO₂ Pipelines.

“Right now, the answer is not carbon capture,” she said. “It is deflecting the public's attention ... from the change that we need to make.”

Blumenshine and other pipeline opponents are encouraging landowners not to grant voluntary easements. Navigator is prohibited by law from making easement offers until a permit application is filed.

Burns-Thompson said eminent domain is “not something that anyone wants to be utilized. We want a project that not only we are proud of, but all

Hotels seek help from state

Legislature considering one-time grants

HOTELS | Dean Olsen

High gasoline prices and inflation worry Marianne Zarndt as the Springfield hotel she runs sees more customers during the latest lull in the COVID-19 pandemic but the traditionally busy summer season approaches.

The uncertainty over whether the latest economic factors will depress local tourism is all the more reason lawmakers should support a proposed \$250 million infusion for Illinois' hotel industry from the federal American Rescue Plan Act., she said.

"It would help us keep up with payroll," Zarndt said from her office as general manager of Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference Center at 3280 Northfield Drive.

"We're not back up to full staff," she said. "We're still struggling with people not showing up for job interviews."

The Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association says two bills pending in the General Assembly to enact the Hotel Jobs Recovery Plan would set aside the money for one-time grants of \$1,500 per room for every hotel in the state.

The money would represent 3% of total ARPA funds received by state government, and 80% of the grants would have to be used for payroll costs such as wages and benefits for employees, according to association president and chief executive officer Michael Jacobson.

The grants would supplement funds many Illinois hotels received through the federal Paycheck Protection Program. But many of the state's largest hotels didn't qualify for PPP money because of their size, Jacobson said.

The \$25 million previously allocated for hotels in Gov. JB Pritzker's pandemic-related Back to Business grant program was appreciated but didn't go far enough in addressing hotels' needs, Jacobson said.

Hotels are still suffering financially because the pandemic caused conventions and other events to be canceled around the state for two years, he said. According to Jacobson, the hotel industry in Illinois and nationwide isn't expected to return to pre-pandemic levels until 2025.

Hotels need cash flow to afford bricks-and-mortar improvements and higher salaries to attract workers in the competitive hospitality industry as consumer demand begins to rebound, Jacobson said. The Hotel Jobs Recovery Plan would help with those tasks, he said.



Supporters of a \$250 million allocation of federal funds to help Illinois hotels recover from the COVID-19 pandemic explain legislation to carry out the proposal at a March 8 Capitol news conference. They included, from left, state Rep. Kam Buckner, D-Chicago; Sen. Sara Feigenholtz, D-Chicago; Michael Jacobson, CEO of the Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association; Darin Dame, general manager of Springhill Suites by Marriott in Springfield; and Anwar Martin, general manager of DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Bloomington. PHOTO BY LEE MILNER.

"No industry in Illinois has been hit as hard during the pandemic as the state's hotels," Jacobson said. "With most hotels owned by franchisees who live and work in the communities they serve, they cannot afford these sustained losses even as operating costs continue to grow due to inflation."

Hotel industry officials don't expect votes on the specific bills in the state House and Senate. Instead, they hope support for the legislation results in funding for the plan to be included in the Legislature's negotiations this spring to finalize the state's fiscal 2023 budget.

The association says the state lost 40% of hotel jobs between 2019 and 2021, and the average hotel occupancy rate in 2021 was 47%.

Throughout the state's hotel industry, there was a total loss of \$5.4 billion in room revenue in 2020 and 2021 – including more than \$1 billion that would have gone to state and local governments, according to the association.

State Rep. Kam Buckner, D-Chicago, said at a news conference March 8 on the legislative push for funding that hotels

generate \$4 billion a year in state and local taxes.

Hotels also account for more than 290,000 jobs, a majority of which are held by Black and Hispanic workers. Hotels generate \$16 billion a year in wages and salaries, making the industry the largest private-sector employer in the state, Buckner said.

He said the proposed \$250 million in financial assistance is "a measured, strategic response to help one of the state's most important industries."

"There is no economic recovery in Chicago and Illinois and the Metro East and DuPage County if there is no recovery of this industry, so we all have to come together to find a way to arrive at a better place," he said.

Darin Dame, general manager and co-owner of Springfield Suites by Marriott at 3921 S. MacArthur Blvd. in Springfield, said the recovery plan, which would generate \$120,000 for the 80-room hotel, would help provide training and bonuses for his workers.

Springfield Suites, which opened in fall 2019, had 35 employees before the pandemic and got down to 12 at one point but now has 30 employees, he said.

Dame, who also is president of the Springfield Hotel and Lodging Association, said: "It is very difficult to understand just how challenging the last two years have been for our hotel, as well as for the hospitality industry as a whole in Springfield. Not only has the Legislature been mostly remote for the last two years, limiting a key source of business, leisure travel and business travel have been majorly distressed."

Several local hotels were forced to close temporarily and lay off workers, he said.

"As franchise owners, we have had to dig into our own pockets to make sure we met payroll, met our mortgage payments, and we've barely, barely kept our heads above water," Dame said.

"While it will be impossible to make up for the losses over the last two years," he said, "the support called for in this proposal will help bring some much-needed stability to our hotel and our industry. ... Most importantly, it will help us weather the unknown." □

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

second grade poem

my one clear pictorial memory of that class other than my teacher's sweet kindly face is that on may day I was given so many may baskets they wouldn't all fit in my raise-top desk although I crammed the lid as hard as I could: miss kelly suggested gently that I put them on the floor beneath my chair I squatted to obey neatly lining up the dainty (or rough homemade) candy and flower filled tributes. this is remembered from my acute embarrassment: also, in retrospect, feeling that nobody, nobody deserved so many

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LETTERS

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WORTH THE COST

UIS's Engaged Citizenship Common Experience curriculum is a very small requirement and I found it to be a valuable experience ("Diversity curriculum still debated," March 10). I think the perspectives and information you are exposed to make people think beyond themselves as well as challenging ideas about the world.

I don't always agree with the choices made at UIS about curriculum or policy, but the ECCE requirement is a very small but valuable part of the degree. Faculty should have input, but it is too easy for the colleges to undermine the purpose of the requirement if they are allowed to just designate courses within their own college as satisfying the requirement. If anything, colleges should be allowed to propose courses that could fulfill aspects of the requirement and a committee could evaluate the curriculum

and decide what courses meet the bar for ECCE.

Rebecca Jo Luke
Via [Facebook.com/illinoistimes](https://www.facebook.com/illinoistimes)

BIG EXPENSE

Assuming these nine hours of ECCE are standard tuition rate, I would prefer studying nine hours in my major. Per the UIS website, 2022 tuition, fees and assessments are \$332.25 per hour, or \$2,990.25 for nine hours. I would call that a substantial expense.

Val Ross
Via [Facebook.com/illinoistimes](https://www.facebook.com/illinoistimes)

A TRUE STAR

We were so pleased and surprised to see the article on Marissa Jo Cerar ("From here to Hollywood," March 10). My husband Don's mother was the oldest child in the Cerar family, and Marissa's father, George, was the youngest.

The article was very well written. I have been notifying everyone I can think of to tell them about the article. I picked up several copies of the issue.

Besides being very talented, Marissa Jo is full of energy and very good to her parents.
Carole Walton
Springfield

PROUD PARENTS

Congratulations to Marissa! I know her parents, George and Rita, are so proud.
Stacey Hollis Stufflebeam
Via [Facebook.com/illinoistimes](https://www.facebook.com/illinoistimes)

NICE TRIBUTE

Thank you to Scott Reeder for sharing a loving tribute about his brother, Danny ("Why I weep when I hear 'Danny Boy,'" March 3). I always look forward to and enjoy reading his columns.
Sara Lopinski
Springfield

HELP STUDENTS

I'm not sure what the answer is, but my grandmother and other family members in Wayne County, Illinois, supported Lincoln Christian when it was a college ("End of an era: Lincoln Christian University shifts focus to maintain viability," March 10). I just hope the curriculum is set to make it easy for students to transfer to other schools and complete degrees that those schools specialize in.
Nancy Stephens Daugherty
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OPINION

Both sides dealing with Madigan issue

POLITICS | Rich Miller

For decades, House Speaker Michael Madigan and everyone around him insisted that the man was always very scrupulous and extremely careful about not only the language that he used, but the language he allowed to be used in his presence.

For instance, if a property tax client of his law firm began to speak about legislation they were interested in, Madigan insisted he would immediately stop the conversation in its tracks and inform the client that he could do nothing for them. And nobody else ever said otherwise.

And that's why these new Chinatown revelations in Madigan's indictment are so startling to so many.

For instance: "On or about June 23, 2017, after [Ald. Danny Solis] informed MADIGAN that: (i) representatives of Company C would meet with MADIGAN so that MADIGAN could seek legal work for his private firm; (ii) Company C still needed to deal with [Solis] 'in terms of zoning' for the [Chinatown] Apartment project; and (iii) 'I think they understand how this works, you know, the quid pro quo, the quid pro quo,' MADIGAN said, 'Okay. . . Very good.'"

The Madigan of legend would've immediately stopped all dealings with Solis when he mentioned "quid pro quo."

But the Madigan portrayed in the indictment kept right on meeting with Solis for more than a year and allegedly conspired to pass state legislation to clear the way for a Chinatown real estate project and obtain a state position for Solis, all in order to obtain legal fees for his law firm and perhaps a contract for his son's insurance firm.

Those Chinatown property tax legal fees, by the way, wouldn't have generated nearly the same income as any of Madigan's prestigious Loop skyscraper clients. Madigan comes off as a common legislative grifter, eagerly and relentlessly using his power to chase after small potatoes.

The venality of the former House Speaker was one of the primary focuses of the Ken Griffin-backed slate of statewide Republican candidates which began its public roll-out last week.

All of the candidates did their best to blast Madigan and connect their opponents to the indicted former pol. The Republicans say the "Madigan issue" still polls quite well and it must (at least in the GOP primary), because the man was most certainly front and center last week. By my count, his name was mentioned 27 times, not including the press conference.

For instance, comptroller hopeful Shannon Teresi pointed out that incumbent Susana Mendoza began her career in the ward

organization controlled by Ald. Danny Solis and once referred to Madigan as her "mentor."

Steve Kim highlighted Attorney General Kwame Raoul's acceptance of Madigan campaign money.

Secretary of state candidate John Milhiser claimed that as a former US Attorney he "worked closely with the FBI, with the Northern District of Illinois in these investigations.

"There'll be more prosecutions, more indictments coming down," Milhiser predicted.

Rep. Tom Demmer, the slate's candidate for treasurer, claimed House Republicans "created an environment where it became ... impossible for [House Democrats] to refuse to hold their leader accountable. And by the time the next term rolled around, Mike Madigan didn't have enough support to remain Speaker of the House."

And gubernatorial candidate Richard Irvin said the state needs a governor who will "fight the Madigan Pritzker corruption that has plagued our state for decades." His running mate, Rep. Avery Bourne, said she fought against Madigan's "income tax hikes."

They're hardly the only Republicans who use the Madigan name to blast the other party. The

state party and all the other candidates for governor all frequently recite the name like he never left the stage. And, for their purposes, he hasn't.

And even some Democrats are quick to cite Madigan. "Everything that is tied to Madigan is called into question," Rep. Ann Williams (D-Chicago) told the Better Government Association last week.

Williams made her statement after she and a group of her colleagues requested that Gov. JB Pritzker temporarily freeze funding for some state construction projects that the BGA found were requested by Madigan. Pritzker quickly agreed to the freeze, but members of the Latino Caucus pointed out that they had actually requested the projects. After a quick double-check, the governor un-froze the funding.

I think Williams' statement was right. Madigan's involvement should be checked out whenever warranted.

But, as celebrated Madigan foe Rep. Kelly Cassidy (D-Chicago) told Ben Joravsky at the Chicago Reader: "All the best and worst things that have occurred in this state have his fingers on them." □



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Capitol News Illinois to expand investigations

Nonprofit, nonpartisan news bureau launched in January 2019

GUESTWORK | Jerry Nowicki, Capitol News Illinois

When Capitol News Illinois launched in January 2019, Gov. JB Pritzker had just been sworn in, Michael Madigan was elected to his 18th term as House speaker and the Senate's president was Chicago's John Cullerton.

Now, as our fourth year is well underway, Pritzker is battling a wide field of Republican challengers in hopes of securing a second term, Madigan has been indicted, Cullerton is retired and none of the four legislative leaders are from Chicago.

It turns out January 2019 was a momentous time to launch a news bureau that feeds State Capitol coverage to Illinois' 400-plus newspapers and several of its public radio stations.

Since its beginning, Capitol News Illinois has had more than 2,100 stories published in nearly every daily and nondaily newspaper in the state. There have been more than 65,000 instances of our stories appearing in 457 newspapers with a combined circulation of 2 million.

Our nonprofit, nonpartisan bureau has covered Madigan's indictment among those of other "smaller fish," the legalization of marijuana and sports gambling, state budgets and countless committee hearings, and we've published a few investigative and enterprise stories along the way as well.

And, of course, we've followed all the developments of the COVID-19 pandemic.

While you have likely seen our bylines, here's bit more about CNI: We're funded primarily by the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, the Illinois Press Foundation and a variety of other contributors. We have no agenda, other than

covering state government from our offices in the Capitol basement.

We were launched by the Illinois Press Foundation as an effort to supplement the access to Statehouse news for the state's newspapers, many of which had closed Capitol bureaus or lost other access due to financial pressures in the runup to our founding.

Our full-time reporters – Peter Hancock, Beth Hundsdorfer and me – stand side-by-side with the rest of the Statehouse press corps in news conferences and other state government functions, and we send out stories nearly every day to the state's editors.

We also host reporters from University of Illinois Springfield's prestigious Public Affairs Reporting program, which prepares the next generation of journalists for reporting impactful news. Right now, our PAR contributor is Grace Kinnicutt.

I share all this to note that we have even bigger plans ahead for our fourth year, including offering regular news and analysis columns to our readers. It won't be a space for opining, prognosticating or picking winners or losers.

But it will offer our reporting staff another avenue for going deeper on the issues – another goal for our organization as we progress in year four.

That includes producing more enterprise and investigative work regarding state agencies and state government administration. Often we pay less attention to state laws and issues once they leave the legislature, and we'd like to improve upon that.

Hundsdorfer, who joined CNI in November, bringing an award-winning investigative past from her time at the *Belleville News-Democrat*, has already helped us in that regard.

Her stories on the governor's pardon of



confessed arsonist Jerame Simmons (see *Illinois Times* Feb. 24) drove conversation at the Statehouse for days, and she was among the first reporters at the Capitol to score an interview with new Legislative Inspector General Michael McCuskey.

She complements Hancock, whose steady drumbeat of coverage of Statehouse happenings has helped anchor CNI since its inception. From deep dives into education funding, analysis of nursing home reforms and coverage of the little-known but important administrative rulemaking process, he's written many stories that have improved Illinoisans' understanding of state government.

Kinnicutt is working on impactful stories as well, including on the state's recently enacted criminal justice reform law, which should be published in the coming weeks.

We're now heading down the final stretch of an abbreviated legislative session that's aimed at getting lawmakers out of Springfield by April 8, plenty of time before the belated June 28 primary for the year. Petition filing for that election began March 7.

Also, the final one-month push of the 2022 session comes as a wide-ranging public corruption investigation that snared the ex-speaker remains "active," according to U.S. Attorney John Lausch, of the Northern District of Illinois.

The CNI team will be watching and reporting, so keep an eye out for our coverage and analysis. □

Jerry Nowicki is the bureau chief of Capitol News Illinois, a news service covering state government that is distributed to more than 400 newspapers statewide. It is funded primarily by the Illinois Press Foundation and the Robert R. McCormick Foundation. Contact him at jnowicki@capitolnewsillinois.com.

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Guilty by association

WEEKLY READER | Scott Reeder

I always feel bad for the spouses.

When politicians get charged with a crime, the political powers that be go after their mates too.

Early this month, Gov. JB Pritzker booted Shirley Madigan from her position as chair of the Illinois Arts Council. It's a position that she served well and ably in for 37 years.

When she took that role, Ronald Reagan was president, JB Pritzker was in high school and House Speaker Chris Welch was in the third grade.

In the decades I covered state government, I've never heard a bad word about her. Ever.

She has done remarkable work on behalf of the people of Illinois bringing art programs throughout the Land of Lincoln. For example, last month my oldest daughter competed in a poetry recital sponsored by the Arts Council.

And she has developed partnerships with public television to educate viewers about Illinois artists. The job is voluntary. She has never received a dime for her work but has contributed mightily.

But this month Pritzker said he wants to take the council in a new direction and fired her. No one believes the governor. He gave her the boot because her husband, former Speaker Mike Madigan, is in trouble and Pritzker

wants to distance himself.

So, a few hours before Mike Madigan was indicted on corruption charges, Pritzker picked up the phone and called him to let him know his wife was fired. Oh, they dressed it up a bit and let her submit her resignation. But you get the idea.

The implications of the conversation were clear: a powerful man was talking to a once-powerful man and letting him know his wife's fate. She wasn't a part of the conversation. She was treated as an appendage, not someone contributing in her own right, not even worthy of being spoken to directly when being let go.

It smacks of sexism.

Now, I'll be the first to say that the governor has every right to put whoever he wants into that job. And no one owns a job forever. But one has to ask if this is a gracious way to cut someone loose. Her only transgression would appear to be that she is married to the wrong fellow.

No doubt, some will say she almost certainly wouldn't have received the position if it weren't for her husband. I won't argue that. But I'll also point out that anyone who gets elected to high office in Illinois or serves in a prestigious post like heading the Arts Council is there because they have the backing of

powerful, influential people.

A few years ago, I heard similar sentiments expressed against Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Anne Burke.

"Illinois voters should be appalled that Justice Burke has been named chief justice in the wake of her husband being under federal investigation. It's scandalous that we would have a couple like that, the wife of an indicted alderman sitting as the chief justice of our Supreme Court. In Illinois, you just can't make it up," former state Rep. Jeanne Ives told the *DuPage Policy Journal*.

Anne's husband, Ed Burke, is Chicago's longest-serving alderman. He now faces 14 federal corruption charges.

And let me emphasize this: Both Ed Burke and Mike Madigan are merely accused of breaking the law. They have not stood trial or been convicted of a crime. In the United States of America, a person is innocent until proven guilty.

Regular readers of this column know my strong libertarian sentiments. I'm skeptical of government. I'm not a fan of either Mike Madigan's or Ed Burke's political philosophies.

That's OK. In a democracy, we want diverse points of view in the public forum. While I admire the work and intellect of Anne Burke and Shirley Madigan, I haven't always agreed

with their positions, either. But this isn't a defense or an endorsement of either person's policy positions.

It's merely an observation that in the American legal system, relatives of those accused of crimes are not punished simply for their kinship. And the American sense of fair play would seem to command that should be the case for public life as well.

Even after her husband, former Gov. George Ryan, went to prison, his wife, Lura Lynn, continued to serve on the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. She was instrumental in helping make the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum a reality.

President Barack Obama sought her out when he spoke in Springfield to honor our 16th president.

That was a kindness that spoke well of the man. He gained nothing by talking to the wife of a convicted politician. But that didn't stop him from according her the dignity and respect she deserved.

It sets an example of graciousness worthy of emulation. □

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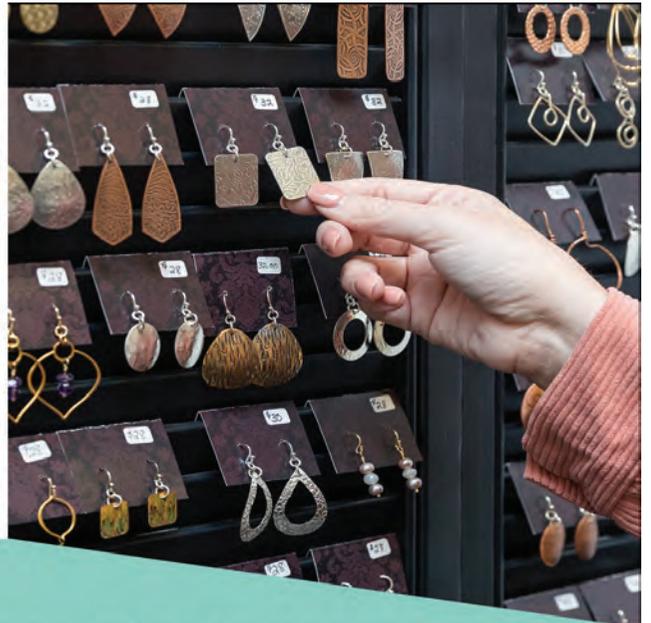
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Gathering to garden

Many options for community gardens in Springfield

SPRING GUIDE | Carey Smith

When we think of community gardens, what usually comes to mind is a juicy strawberry or a tomato plucked fresh from the vine. While home-grown local produce is delightful, also keep in mind that community gardens function as a nexus of community. They are places to meet and get to know others with similar interests, to make connections and get involved in other community groups and events.

Community gardens are sprinkled throughout Springfield. Some are communal style, which means that volunteers help maintain and harvest a garden shared by all. Others provide personal plots for rent so gardeners can plant and harvest the garden of their dreams. Many gardens provide access to tools and water. If you do not have a sunny yard in which to garden, or if you seek to find camaraderie, look no further.

Butler Elementary School Community Garden

1701 S. MacArthur Blvd.
Contact: Alana Reynolds, 217-528-1563, alana@ilstewards.org

[facebook.com/ButlerSchoolCommunityGarden](https://www.facebook.com/ButlerSchoolCommunityGarden)
Raised beds, containers and in-ground plots located throughout the school grounds grow a variety of vegetables, herbs and annual and perennial flowers. On the front lawn is a blackberry patch and monarch waystation. Garden leaders, volunteers, students and teachers maintain the gardens during the school year, and the produce is used during nutrition and cooking lessons.

The gardens are used as outdoor classrooms and all students and teachers participate in lessons aligned with learning standards. During the summer months, the garden is maintained with the help of volunteers, and produce is harvested and taken home by many families in the community.

Enos Park Neighborhood Gardens

1022 N. Fifth St.
Contact: Carey Smith, 217-747-8337, info@epnia.com

[facebook.com/enosparkcommunitygarden](https://www.facebook.com/enosparkcommunitygarden)
[epnia.com/partners/neighborhood-gardens/](https://www.epnia.com/partners/neighborhood-gardens/)
Thirty raised beds plus three wheelchair-accessible beds make up the communal garden, where volunteers share in the work and share in the harvest. Volunteers meet three times weekly: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9-11 a.m. from May through September. Anyone can volunteer and take home fresh, organic produce.

The personal plots garden consists of 21 raised

beds plus two wheelchair-accessible beds available to rent for \$10/year (no one turned away for lack of funds). The rental fee provides access to tools, water, seeds, mulch and gardening assistance upon request. Personal plot gardeners may come at any time, but garden staff and volunteers will be on hand Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m. for mentoring.

The Neighborhood Gardens also contain a U-pick strawberry patch, free and open to the public in season, as well as a variety of newly-planted

Iles School/Living Water Christian Ministries Garden

1405 E. Laurel St.
Contact: Noël Scott at Iles School, 217-525-3226

This communal garden is tended by Iles School students during the school year, and is also open to the public. There are 10 raised beds, two wheelchair-accessible beds and a smaller strawberry patch. Across the street at Iles School, a monarch garden has been planted.

This nearly 1-acre garden is located at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. Water, garden tools and compost are available on site for gardeners. Local residents of Springfield and the surrounding area may rent plots for the season. The garden consists of 175 individual 12' x 12' plots, and each plot costs \$20. Tilling is available for an additional \$10. Gardeners grow their own produce and care for their plots. Only the gardeners renting plots can harvest from the garden. Space is limited. Season began March 13.

Jefferson Park Community Garden

Jefferson Park, 300 N. Oxford Rd.
Contact: Sean Dickerson, 217-544-1751 ext 1012, sdickerson@springfieldparks.org

This small community garden located at Jefferson Park consists of individual 10' x 20' plots, which cost \$10 per plot. Water is available on site. Space is limited. Season runs April 1–Nov. 1.

Lincoln Land Community College

Green Center - Community Garden
5250 Shepherd Rd.
Contact: Thomas Spears, 217-786-3675, thomas.spears@llcc.edu

llcc.edu/about-llcc/green-center/llcc-garden
LLCC's Community Garden consists of one-third acre with 42 raised beds. Water is available on site. The cost is \$25 for the first bed and \$15 for each additional bed with a maximum of four beds per individual. Open to all.

Motherland Gardens Community Project

815 S. 15th St.
Contact: Yves Doumen, 217-502-0718, motherland.gcp@gmail.com
[motherlandgardenscommunityproject.org/](https://www.motherlandgardenscommunityproject.org/)
[facebook.com/Motherland-Gardens-Community-Project-127150209534158](https://www.facebook.com/Motherland-Gardens-Community-Project-127150209534158)

This communal garden is open by appointment. Beehives will be installed in 2022, with private plots available for rent anticipated beginning in 2023. Gardening classes offered on-site.

Project Southtown

1310 S. 11th St.
Contact: George Sinclair, 217-553-2243
This communal-style garden has been on public hiatus with the pandemic, but is open to volunteers this year. Chickens and bees provide for educational opportunities, as well as fresh eggs and honey. Gardens include various beds plus a large asparagus patch.



Enos Park Neighborhood Gardens is also a gathering place for events and cookouts. PHOTO BY BETHANY PAYNE

fruit trees, vines and bushes. A 1,600-square-foot prairie in two parcels was planted in early 2022.

Free educational classes and social events are offered throughout the season. A free farmers market will be held on site Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 10-11 a.m. once harvesting begins later in May.

Illinois Department of Agriculture Community Garden

801 E. Sangamon Ave.
Contact: Chuck Cawley or Doug Rathbun
chuck.cawley@illinois.gov, 217-558-7041
[illinois.gov/sites/agri/Consumers/CommunityGarden/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.illinois.gov/sites/agri/Consumers/CommunityGarden/Pages/default.aspx)





In the early days of the pandemic, Lynn Ehmen led an effort to create a garden at Washington Middle School that is open to the public to harvest and also provides fresh food for the micropantries around town. PHOTO BY BRANDON TURLEY

The Spartan Garden at Southeast High School

2350 E. Ash St.

Contact: Kayla Morrison, kworker1988@gmail.com or [The Spartan Garden Facebook page](#).

Southeast High School students and staff manage this garden, which consists of raised garden beds and is located in the field between the school and the football/track field. Seeds, tools and instructions are provided by staff and volunteers. Plants are grown by Southeast's own biology teacher, Andy Heck.

This garden provides produce to the culinary arts and nutrition programs at Southeast, but also functions as a community garden from April/May until October. Neighbors and community members are welcome and encouraged to come learn about gardening and take home free, fresh produce. A micropantry, little free library and small orchard are also located on site.



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build relationships and work to make our food system more sustainable. Barbecues, social events and weekly work days are offered during the gardening season.

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This large communal garden is free and open to the public to harvest. Any leftover produce is used to stock micropantries throughout Springfield.

If you are a new gardener, the world is filled with opportunities to learn. In addition to the endless opportunities the internet provides, Lincoln Library is offering free gardening classes via Zoom, and the University of Illinois Extension office provides many resources to gardeners. □

Carey Smith manages the Enos Park Neighborhood Gardens, and is thrilled to have a job that marries her favorite interests: community and gardening.

If your garden was omitted from this list, or if you have additions or corrections, please contact her at info@epnia.com.

University of Illinois at Springfield

Campus Community Garden
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Contact: Dr. Megan Styles, UIS Garden Faculty Adviser, mstyl2@uis.edu
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The UIS Campus Community Garden provides hands-on learning opportunities for UIS students, faculty and staff, as well as members of the surrounding community. The garden demonstrates the school's commitment to sustainability and "leadership lived." The UIS garden is a true communal garden; the students plant and tend everything, and community members are welcome to help and harvest at any time.

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Cherry blossoms usually emerge in central Illinois around the end of March and into several weeks of April, depending on the weather. PHOTO COURTESY OF JAPAN HOUSE, UIUC

Cherry blossom time

SPRING GUIDE | Mary Bohlen

Rows and rows of blooming cherry trees are a happy sign of spring, but if you can't make it to Japan or even Washington, D.C., to take in the stunning sight, don't despair. Three spots within a few hours of Springfield can provide petal magic.

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis and Jackson Park on Chicago's south side all offer substantial plantings of Japanese cherry trees. Peak blossom time ranges from March to May, depending on the location and weather.

UIUC

Japan House on campus hosts three varieties of

cherry trees, donated by a prominent Japanese tea school headmaster. Each spring thousands of visitors flock to see and walk under the 50 blooming trees, says Diana Lao, Japan House's education associate.

The donation by Dr. Genshitsu Sen came after he attended the house's tenth anniversary in 2008. He suggested cherry trees would enhance the tranquil setting and sent his gardener to help create the Sen Cherry Tree Allee. Some 35 of the trees are along the walkway, with others scattered throughout the grounds.

Most of the trees are Yoshino cherry, which is the same variety common in D.C. The others are Sargent and weeping cherry trees.

"They've come a long way since their planting

and are quite large now," says Lao. But Illinois' unpredictable winters can be rough on the trees, including one year when they did not bloom.

The next year, however, blooms abounded.

Diane Anderson, horticulturist at the university's arboretum, agrees the non-native trees struggle in the Midwestern climate. "They're not in great condition and are not long-lived, but we do have plans to start replacing them."

In the meantime, visitors can check the Japan House website for peak blooming, which usually happens in late March and throughout April.

"When they are blooming, there are people all over the place," says Anderson. "They are beautiful and Japan House does a fantastic job of publicizing them."

For more information and to check blossom progress, go to japanhouse.illinois.edu.

Missouri Botanical Garden

The Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis claims to have the best cherry blossom display in the Midwest with more than 150 trees of 20 different species, cultivars and hybrids. Ben Chu, horticultural supervisor for the Japanese and south gardens, says cherry blossoms can last five to six weeks there, starting in March.

The biggest concentration is in the Japanese garden, where the first planting began in 1976. Typically, cherry trees live 20-30 years in the St. Louis area, so some trees are third generation, he explains.

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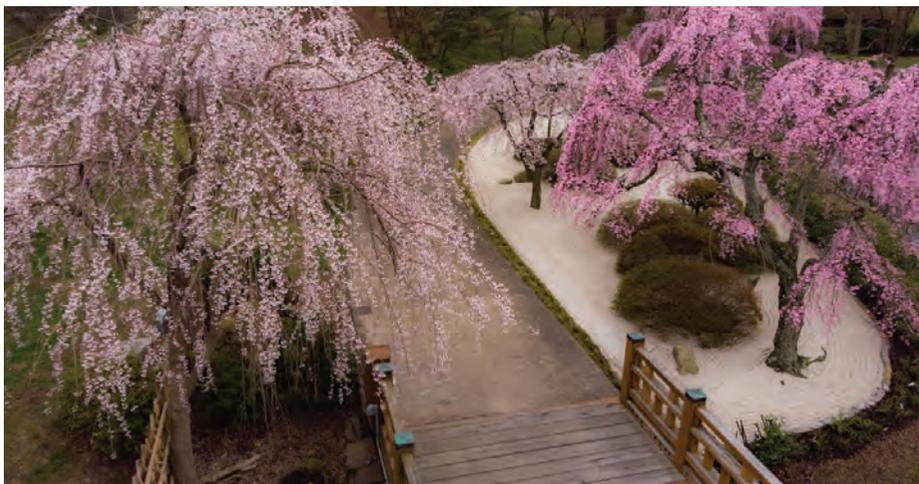
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(Top) The Sen Cherry Tree Allee leads to Japan House on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus. PHOTO COURTESY OF JAPAN HOUSE, UIUC (Bottom) Cherry blossoms abound in the Japanese Garden at the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis in early spring. PHOTO BY CASSIDY MOODY

Of the garden's 50 Yoshino cherries, 20 of them can trace lineage to the D.C. trees, according to the garden's website. Other varieties include weeping Higan, double-flowered Kanzan and cherry plum.

The garden hosts special viewing hours during peak bloom, which is considered to be when 70% of the flowers are open. That can start as early as March 23 and last as late as April 17.

Chu says crowds can be heavy that time of year and the trees' placement in the garden makes them popular. "With the Yoshinos on the hillside, you get this massive display of the trees that really draws people."

This interest mirrors what happens in Japan, Chu says. "The people there follow blooms closely and there is a lot of excitement around cherry blossoms."

For information and this year's schedule, go to missouribotanicalgarden.org.

Jackson Park

Chicago's south-side Jackson Park offers a cherry blossom paradise with 160 trees, the largest collection in the Chicago area. Many of the trees are on the park's Wooded Island in its Japanese garden. Also called the Garden of the

Phoenix or the Osaka Garden, the site honors Chicago's long-standing relationship with its sister city, Osaka, Japan.

Newer trees line the park's Columbia Basin, behind the Museum of Science and Industry. The white to deep pink blossoms are usually at their peak the first two weeks of May and last six to 10 days.

For more information, go to chicagoparkdistrict.com/cherry-blossoms.

Washington, D.C./Japan

In case you feel like traveling to the nation's capital to take in the stunning sight of cherry trees by the Tidal Basin, you should know the annual National Cherry Blossom Festival is March 20 until April 17 this year. And if you are lucky enough to see and smell the cherry blossoms in Japan, you can be part of an ancient tradition known as hanami, where people celebrate new beginnings and enjoy the beauty of the flowers.

By visiting Urbana, St. Louis or Chicago, you can celebrate hanami much closer to home as well.

Mary Bohlen is a Springfield travel writer who looks forward to all kinds of spring blossoms.

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Monday, April 18 • 7pm

Sustainable Architecture

Aaron Brakke, B.S., B.Arch, M.Arch

Assistant Professor in the Department of Architecture & Interior Design. Dr. Brakke will describe his experiences of urban interventions, participatory design projects, and sustainable architecture.



Monday, May 2 • 7pm

Closing Chapter in Afghanistan

Ross Wilson, B.A., M.I.A., M.A.

American Diplomat who has served as the acting U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan. Mr. Wilson, will discuss the messy evacuation of US embassy staff, American citizens, representatives of other countries, and Afghans of interest to the United States and Coalition member countries followed.

SPRING GUIDE

Getting away from it all

Jubilee Farm has many offerings for individuals and families

SPRING GUIDE | Pamela Savage

The 164-acre eco-center Jubilee Farm in New Berlin sits just a handful of miles away from Springfield and has been a peaceful destination for many since its original opening in 2000. Jubilee Farm is run by the Dominican Sisters of Springfield and features outdoor walking trails, an outdoor labyrinth, indoor meeting spaces for retreats or groups, programs for children and adults and a Creative Arts Center where patrons can take classes in, or purchase, homemade crafts such as woven textiles and hand-thrown pottery.

Sister Sharon Zayac and Sister Anita Cleary have been living and ministering on the grounds at Jubilee Farm since its inception, and Sister Rose Marie Riley moved into the property's 120-year-old farmhouse in 2018. I had the occasion to spend some time with the sisters learning more about their experiences on the farm, as well as their hopes for the space in the future.

The first time I visited Jubilee Farm, it was on the recommendation of a friend who said it was a fun place to bring young children. Indeed, to this day, my young sons love seeing Jubilee's chickens and alpacas and are enamored by the outdoor cats on the premises. We have spent many lovely mornings winding through the hiking paths, picking up rocks and visiting the pond. In the spring and summer of 2020, Jubilee was a haven from worry and, quite frankly, an exciting and easy day of homeschool. Sister Rose Marie, the director of Jubilee Farm, explained to me that many Springfield residents flocked to the site during COVID, citing the crowds in Washington Park and the desire to be someplace quiet and in nature.

This spring, Jubilee Farm is offering a series of events designed to invite individuals, groups and families to enjoy the wonders of nature and the beauty of the farm and of the Jubilee community. Some key events in the coming months include Spring Fling, a family-friendly outdoor concert with musician and storyteller Tom Irwin on April 30, a bird banding event with a presentation and children's activities in conjunction with the Illinois State Museum on May 14 and a seedling sale, featuring chemical-free herb, flower and vegetable seedlings, between April and July. Additional details about these events and others can be found in the *Illinois Times* Spring Guide calendar.

Additionally, should you have an idea for a small group activity, the sisters at Jubilee Farm would be happy to arrange a personalized workshop. Choices to consider include weaving,



pottery, a vegetarian cooking class or a bread-making workshop, but the sisters are happy to work through any and all ideas you may have. I had the privilege of touring the Creative Arts Center and was impressed by the beautiful looms on site, as well as by Sister Anita's ability to turn thread into beautiful tapestries and shrouds. Her expertise and craft are certainly stunning, and I have no doubt that she would be a patient and wise teacher in all things.

Two years after many of us were forced to slow down, we are now faced with the decision to get back to it all right away – vacations, outings, activities, events. I have to imagine that I am not the only person who is hesitant to give up long, meandering walks or quiet, meditative space. Jubilee Farm offers precisely the sense of peace and calm that we all crave.

According to Sister Sharon, most of all, living on the land at Jubilee has taught her that the nature of life isn't linear, it's cyclical. Just as this spring brings with it new life, another still and stark winter will always follow. It is our job not to try to control nature or our lives, but to weather the storms and accept life's gifts and shortcomings. It is this contemplative theme that brings so many to Jubilee Farm to find time, space and sanctuary. □

Pamela Savage is a freelance writer from Springfield who appreciates the area's many outdoor opportunities.



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SPRING GUIDE



Starting kids in sports

SPRING GUIDE | Pamela Savage

For many of us, the start of warm weather means the return of beloved outdoor activities like walking, running, biking or hiking. For families with young children, finally getting outside to play can feel like a breath of (literal) fresh air after a winter spent cooped up indoors.

Many families choose to enroll their little ones in recreational sports in part to keep their children busy, but recreational sports do more for kids than simply keeping them occupied. The benefits of recreational sports for children include developing or strengthening fine motor and kinesthetic skills, learning to work with others as a part of a team and being exposed to different games and activities. When you factor in the added benefits of being outdoors and being able to socialize with other parents on the sidelines, youth sports are a very attractive option for young families looking to fill their longer springtime evenings. But with so many options, how does a family go about choosing the best sport or league for their child? And once a family has picked an activity, what things should they expect as they enter the wide world of youth sports here in the Springfield area?

One question that many families have when they decide to enroll their children in sports programming is: Which sport should I choose? Alexis Richie, director of youth and adult recreational soccer for the Springfield Area Soccer Association (SASA), explained that some families have an easier time with this question than others. Richie said the home environment is really important to kids' decisions. "If kids take to a sport, it's usually because a parent or an older sibling takes to a sport."

For example, as a lifelong soccer player herself, it made sense to Richie that her children would also try youth soccer. But what about for families for whom involvement in sports ended decades ago, or for parents whose preferred leisure activities aren't team sports, such as biking or running? Richie explained that, for some fami-

lies, trial and error is key to thriving in youth sports. Just because your child starts their sports career on a baseball team doesn't mean they won't eventually pivot to soccer or basketball or gymnastics. Every sport uses and develops a different motor skill, so it's always worth exposing your child to something new if your first attempt doesn't stick.

Many families, especially those with toddlers, will recognize the quandary of what to do if your child doesn't seem to want to participate in sports right away. We have all either been or seen the parent whose child presented varying degrees of stubbornness, difficulty or flat-out refusal to leave the sidelines. This can be super frustrating and confusing for families, particularly if this is your child's first team or activity.

Playpen Sports, which is new to the Springfield area as of March, works with toddlers ages 2 to 5 years old to acclimate children to their sport, team and coaches slowly. Meg Brewer, marketing manager, explained that the pandemic has definitely affected toddlers' social skills, and that their coaching staff is completely prepared to handle everything from shyness to tantrums. Says Brewer, "Our coaches are well-trained to know how toddlers work. We like to keep it light and fun, and we want kids' first experiences with sports to be fun."

Richie agreed that for many families just starting out with youth sports, separation anxiety will happen. Richie advises parents to be patient as their child gets used to this new environment. The smallest SASA athletes are learning to play the game, but coaches will equally emphasize fun.

Says Richie, "It will look like the basics, so patience is a virtue. The kids should be having fun, most of all!" □

Pamela Savage is a freelance writer in Springfield who has signed both of her children up for their first soccer teams this spring.

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Springfield Area Quilt Guild show at fairgrounds March 18-19

CRAFTS | Karen Ackerman Witter



These quilts pieced by and photographed by Neil Thompson.

Nearly 500 creative and colorful quilts will fill the Orr Building at the Illinois State Fairgrounds March 18 and 19. This biennial event features quilts made by members of the Springfield Area Quilt Guild. It is one of the largest quilt shows in the Midwest and is not just for quilters. These aren't your grandmother's quilts.

The quilts showcase the creativity and artistry of today's quilters. Patterns cover the gamut, from traditional geometric shapes to highly abstract and everything in between. Some are a modern representation of a traditional design. Better instruments to cut fabrics, highly sophisticated quilting machines and new quilting techniques are tools talented quilters use to create quilts which are works of art.

The Springfield Area Quilt Guild was established in 1984. Guild members call themselves Q.U.I.L.T.S – Quilters United In Learning, Teaching and Self-Improvement. This is the 23rd quilt show. Tammie Klein and Linda

Tinkham are this year's co-chairs.

The show will feature over 400 quilts made by guild members within the past two years, including full-sized bed quilts, baby quilts, table runners and decorative quilts to hang on a wall. "Challenge quilts" will also be displayed. Typically challenge quilts must all use a certain fabric. Due to the pandemic, this year the challenge quilts are based on a theme, "My Happy Is...". Quilters found creative ways to take on this challenge and memorialize in a quilt design something that makes them happy.

For each show, one member is selected to feature with a wide selection of their quilts. This year's honoree is Neil Thompson, a retired nurse anesthetist. He will also receive the guild's Marian Brockschmidt award, named for a renowned local quilter who helped found Q.U.I.L.T.S. Thompson is the first male recipient. He also donated a quilt he made for the guild's quilt raffle. The drawing will be 2:45 p.m.

March 19.

Judy Martin, from Grinnell, Iowa, is a nationally known quilter and author of quilting books. She has designed and published more original patterns than anyone. She will give a bed-turning demonstration, showing a selection of her quilts from the past 42 years, while sharing the stories the quilts represent. (Demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. both days.) She will also have her new book available, *Red, White and Blue Star Quilts*.

As a member of the Quilts of Valor Foundation, the Springfield guild donates quilts to people who have been touched by war. Five veterans will receive quilts, which will be presented at 1 p.m. on both days.

The show is not just an opportunity to view beautiful quilts, but also support community organizations. Proceeds from the sale of small quilted items made by guild members will be donated to Girls on the Run of Central Illinois

and Wooden It Be Lovely. Other handcrafted items will also be for sale, including jewelry, woodwork, handbags, batik and apparel, in addition to fabrics and quilt-related items. Thirty vendors will be on hand.

This is a child-friendly event. Organizers have designed a scavenger hunt for children to earn a prize by finding things in the quilts' designs. □

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March 19, 2-4pm and 7-9pm. "Getting Out of Town," presented by the Springfield Figure Skating Club. On-ice condensed versions of Seussical, Beauty and the Beast, Under the Sea and Chicago, and other musical numbers. Featuring 70 local skaters. Check the Facebook page for ticket information. Adults \$12, children 12 and under \$7. Nelson Center Ice Arena, Lincoln Park, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-753-2800.

Winter Farmers Market

March 19. Third Saturday of every month, 8am-12pm. Find fresh, local produce, meats, cheeses and baked goods. EBT accepted and SNAP recipients can receive a Health Ways card that spends like SNAP benefits. Union Station, 500 E. Madison, 217-557-4588.

WWE Road to WrestleMania

March 19, 7:30pm. WWE Champion, Big E vs Kevin Owens vs Seth Rollins vs Bobby Lashley - Fatal Four Way Match for the WWE Championship. RAW Women's Champion Becky Lynch vs. Bianca Belair. Many more including RAW tag team champions, RK-BRO. \$20-\$115. BoS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 800-745-3000.

Springfield Flea Market

March 20, 8:30am-3:30pm. Antiques, vintage, collectibles, crafts, new and used. Illinois State Fairgrounds Illinois Building, 801 Sangamon Ave., 782-6661.

Do I know you?

Tue., March 22, 6:30-7:30pm. Women have been an integral part of Illinois' history as activists, artists, scientists and aviators and have excelled both in and outside traditional gender roles. Learn about some of these women including Bessie Coleman, Francis Glessner Lee and Laura Slobe. Via Zoom. illinoisstatemuseum.org. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-6044.

History Happy Hour

Wed., March 23, 5:30-6:30pm. Invasion of the body snatchers. It was a comedy of errors when incompetent robbers tried to steal Abraham Lincoln's body and bumbling officials almost let them get away with it. In person at Anvil & Forge or virtual via the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum Facebook page. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

It's a disaster!

Wed., March 23, 11am-3pm. Tornadoes, earthquakes and floods, oh my! Learn how a tornado is formed or what straight-line winds feel like, what causes a river to flood or a house can withstand an earthquake. An exciting come-and-go event with hands-on science experiments and more. illinoisstatemuseum.org. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-7386.

Fiddler on the Roof

March 24, 7:30pm. A wonderful cast and a lavish orchestra tell this heartwarming story of fathers and daughters, husbands and wives, and the timeless traditions that define faith and family. \$24-\$89. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Joseph Hall: Elvis Rock 'n' Remember

March 25. An award-winning tribute show. \$25 in advance, \$30 day of and \$35 VIP. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 800-838-3006.

Open house and grand reopening

March 25-26, Fri., 5:30-8pm and Sat., 12-4pm. Stop by and check out DIM's new digs, chat with the art house artists and peruse their recent work. DIM Art House, 319 Chatham Road, 773-235-5600.

Springfield Jr. Blues vs. Minnesota Magicians

March 25-26, Fri., 7pm and Sat. 6pm. Adults \$10-\$12. Children 12 and under \$6-\$8. Nelson Center, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-525-2589.

Springfield RV & Camping Show

March 25-March 27. Featuring the very latest makes and models of recreational vehicles. Industry vendors, campgrounds, tow vehicles and everything you may need for your next RV vacation. \$8.00. Children 12 and under are free. BoS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 217-788-8800.

The Ritz

March 26, 5:30pm. A three-course dinner, an evening of dancing and a celebration of the progress made by the LGBT community during the past two years. The Coalition of Rainbow Alliances is puttin' it on. springfieldcoral.org. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-741-4603.

Spring Floral Show

March 26-April 17. Just in time for the flowers to push themselves up through the dirt and shake their petals free. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

Brown Bag Concert

March 30, 12:15-12:45pm. Featuring pianist Pei-I Wang and Dr. Troy Castle, baritone. Bring your lunch or purchase a brown bag lunch for \$5. Free. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

APRIL

Friday Nights at DIM

Every Friday, 6-8pm, beginning April 1. First Friday receive professional art critiques, on the second Friday try live model drawing, hang out with the artists on the third Friday, and the fourth and fifth Fridays are for projects on which you want to work. DIM Art House, 319 Chatham Road, 773-235-5600.

Carillon concerts

April through December. Master carillonneur Carlo van Uft and local assistant carillonneurs play a variety of music from original carillon compositions to arrangements of popular classics and pop music. Enjoy the beauty of the park and gardens with the unique accompaniment of carillon music. Visit the website or call for performance times. Free. carillon-rees.org. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, Washington Park, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-306-1838.

A Doll's House, Part 2

April 1 and 2, 7:30pm, April 3, 2pm and April 7, 8 and 9, 7:30pm. Written by Lucas Hnath. Visit the website or call to learn about COVID requirements. Ages 17 and under \$6, 18-64 \$14, 65 and older \$12. Discounts available for UIS staff and students. uis.edu. \$6-\$14. UIS Studio Theatre, One University Plaza, 217-206-7529.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella

April 1-2, 7pm, April 3, 2pm, April 8-9, 7pm and April 10, 2pm. The pumpkin! The glass slipper! This Tony Award-winning family fun musical delights audiences with its contemporary take on the classic tale. Jaw-dropping transformations, stunning costumes and a bit of magic. \$18. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Lincoln Presidential Half Marathon

April 2, 7:30am. Run through history in Abraham Lincoln's hometown, including past his law office, his tomb and the only home he ever owned. USATF certified course. Go Abe! Downtown, Old State Capitol Plaza. srcc.net.

Abe for all: Sensory-free night

April 2, 4-7pm. A series of learning experiences supporting and promoting diversity and inclusion. Intentional activities to engage guests and make Lincoln's legacy accessible to

all. Modifications to lights and sounds, quiet places and new activities will be offered. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Upscale Collectible Sale

April 8, 12-8pm and April 9, 8am-12pm and 12:30-2:30pm. Proceeds benefit the Animal Protective League. Furniture, antiques, jewelry, tools, books, home goods, and décor. Lots of children's items, including clothes and toys. Mobile Adoption Unit will be on site (call for hours). \$8. White Oaks Mall, 2501 W. Wabash Ave., in the upper level of the former Bergner's. apl-shelter.org. 217-544-7387.

Second Saturday Open Studio

April 9 and the second Saturday of every month, 12-4pm. Watch Pharmacy member artists at work and ask questions to learn about their methods and mediums. Masks and social distancing are required. Free. pharmacygallery.com. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 801-810-9278.

Spring Seedling Sale

Mondays-Saturdays, 9am-2pm, beginning April 18. Vegetable, herb and flower seedlings grown from organic seeds and no chemicals. Sale continues while seedlings last. Jubilee Farm, 6760 Old Jacksonville Road, 217-787-6927.

USA Boxing

April 16, 7:30pm. Springfield Cobras Boxing presents USA Olympic-style amateur boxing. theboscenter.com. \$20-\$60. BoS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 800-745-3000.

Club LaCage Drag Show

April 22-23, 7pm. Presented by the Phoenix Center. Two evenings of song, dance and comedy. The queens and personalities that grace the stage will keep you wildly entertained. The theme is the 70s, so dress the part and enjoy the fun. Admission includes snacks and swag. Tickets available at hcfta.org. \$25-\$35. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-528-5253.

Lady Windermere's Fan

April 22-23, 7pm and April 24, 2pm. Affairs, confrontation, denial, retribution. An examination of the gender politics within marriage and society, and the ambiguous idea of morality among the upper classes. springfieldart.org. \$15. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Moana Jr.

April 22-23, 7pm. April 24, 2pm. This thrilling and heartwarming coming-of-age story follows the strong-willed Moana as she sets sail across the Pacific to save her village and discover the truth about her heritage. Presented by the Springfield Theatre Centre. hcfta.org. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

AIWO Color Me Holi 5K Run/Walk

April 23, 9am-2pm. Holi is India's festival of colors that celebrates spring. Even if you don't want to run or walk, you can still join the fun with color play, high-energy dance moves to Bollywood music and delicious Indian treats. This Asian Indian Women's Organization (AIWO) event will benefit local Girls on the Run. \$30. Washington Park, 1501 S. Grand Ave. W., 217-544-1751.

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Billy Gilman

April 23, 8pm. Gilman made the *Guinness Book of World Records* as the youngest singer to reach #1 on the Billboard Top Country Album charts. \$35 in advance, \$40 day of and \$50 VIP. \$50 add on for meet and greet. The Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 800-838-3006.

Family Pops: Jeans & Classics

April 23, 7:30pm. The music of Queen and Journey by the Illinois Symphony Orchestra. ilsymphony.org. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Spring Lawn and Garden Sale

April 23-24. Find flowers, plants, mowers, garden art and more. Visit the wine and beer garden, Butterfly Encounter and Let's Talk Lawn & Garden educational series and over 30 vendors. Free parking in the ramp. BoS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 800-745-3000.

Earth Awareness Fair

April 23, 10am-4pm. A family friendly event with exhibitors, animals, hands-on activities, art, music, workshops, games, contests and food. Tree huggers welcome. Hosted by the City of Springfield. Free. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-789-2255.

Ron White

April 28, 7:30pm. Tater Salad in person. \$39-\$95. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

UIS Chorus Concert

April 29, 7pm. Tsai Chan, director. Also viewable online. uis.edu/music. UIS Studio Theatre, One University Plaza, 217-206-7529.

Jubilee Farm Spring Fling

April 30, 2-6pm. Enjoy the music of local songwriter and storyteller Tom Irwin, children's crafts, seedling sale for gardeners, gift shop and the beautiful atmosphere of the Farm. jubileefarm.info. Suggested \$5.00 and \$20.00 per family. Jubilee Farm, 6760 Old Jacksonville Road, 217-787-6927.

MAY

National Inventors Month

May 1 through May 31, Tue.-Fri., 12-4pm and Sat., 10am-5pm. An exhibit of some of the many inventions of African Americans. spiaahm.org. Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, 1440 Monument Ave., 217-391-6323.

Moonlight Market

May through September, first and third Wednesdays of every month, 6-9pm. Highlighting local crafters, farmers, artists and artisans from around the central Illinois area, plus live music. On Jackson Street between Fifth and Sixth streets. 217-670-0627.

The British Invasion

May 1. Featuring songs from The Rolling Stones, Dave Clark 5, The Animals, The Kinks and Dusty Springfield, this immersive multimedia show will place the audience front and center of pop culture history. uispac.com. \$20-\$69.50. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Dr. Dolittle Day

May 1. Learn even more about the zoo residents, watch animal care demonstrations and join in lots of fun activities. \$7 adults, \$5 ages 3-12. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-585-1821.

Artsy: An Art Fair for Kids in Care

May 1, 1-4pm. Amazing art, hands-on experiences, balloon animals and arm painting. Fancy Nancy activities. Benefits The James Project, a nonprofit foster care and adoption ministry. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 801-810-9278.

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May 4, 10am. A concert for kids by the Illinois Symphony Orchestra. ilsymphony.org. UIS Performing

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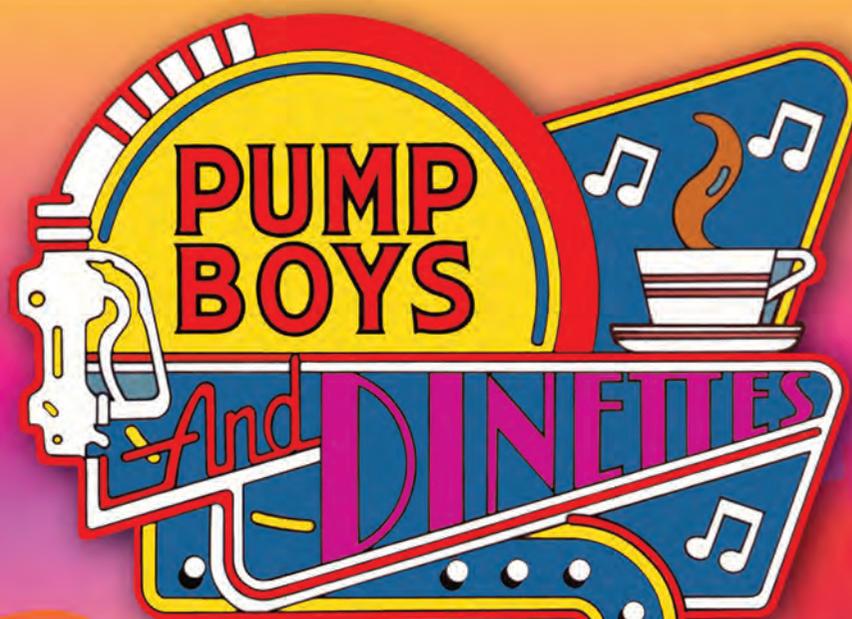
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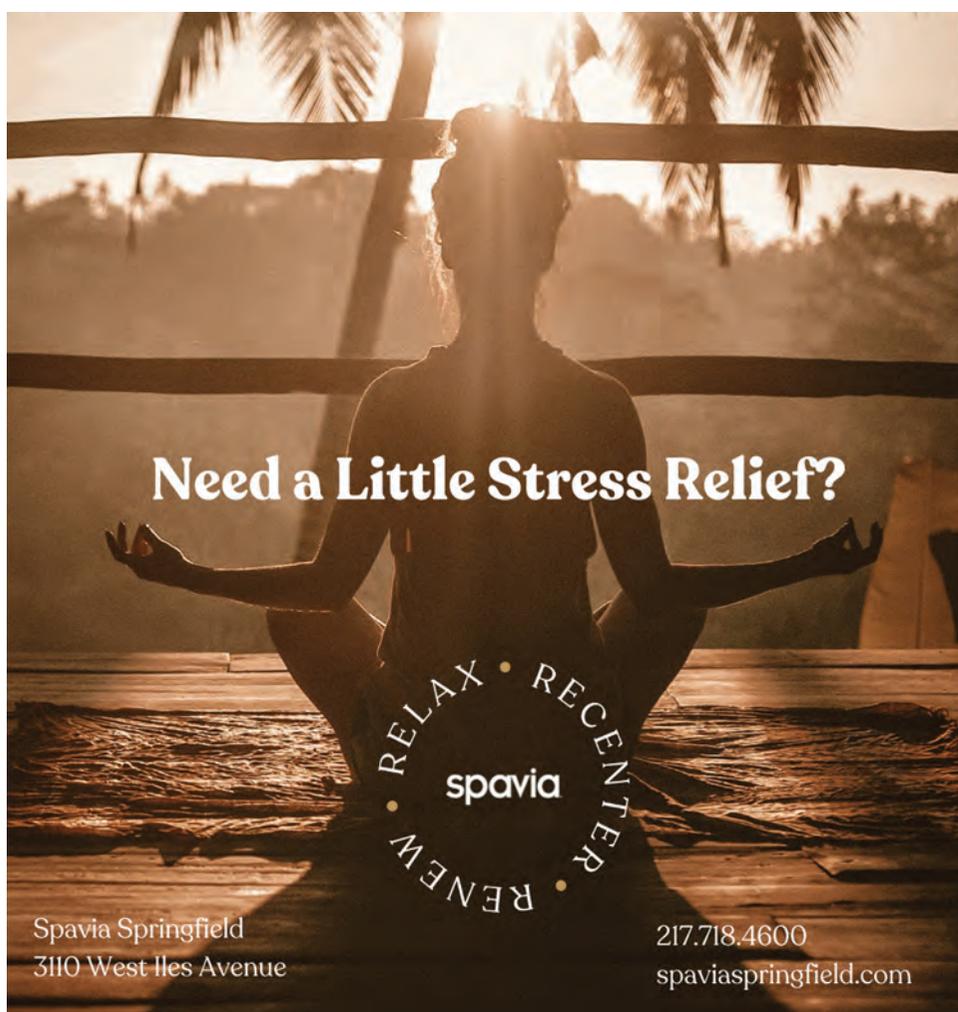


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Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Styx

May 5, 7:30pm. The band draws from over four decades of barn-burning chart hits, joyous singalongs and hard-driving deep cuts. \$54-\$149. uispac.com. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Illinois Quarter Horse Show

May 5-8. One of the oldest recognized horse breeds in the U.S. that originated ca. 1660 as a cross between native horses of Spanish origin and English horses imported to Virginia. They excel at sprinting short, quarter-mile distances. Free. Coliseum, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 E. Sangamon Ave.

Make Our Garden Grow

May 6, 7pm. UIS and Illinois Symphony Youth Orchestras. Directed by Logan Campbell. Viewing also available online. uis.edu/music. Sangamon Auditorium, UIS, 1 University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Fat Ass 5K and Street Party for Charity

May 7, 10am. This race has generated over \$1.5 million for charity since 2008. Includes stops for beer, corn dogs, donuts and ice cream, because why not? Live music and entertainment throughout the race route, followed by a street party that includes drinks, barbecue and more live music. fatass5k.com. Downtown Springfield, Sixth and Adams streets, 217-525-1111.

UIS Chamber Music Concert

May 7, 7pm. University of Illinois Springfield and Illinois Symphony Orchestra musicians. Also, viewable online. uis.edu/music. UIS Studio Theatre, One University Plaza, 217-206-7529.

Abe's Mini Triathlon

May 7, 8:30am. 100-yard swim, 5-mile bike ride and 1-mile run. triharderpromotions.com. Porta High School, Petersburg, 17651 Bluejay Road, 217-341-1309.

Mother's Day Remembrance Tribute

May 7, 10-11am. Honoring all mothers and the important roles they have played in our lives. The brief ceremony will be led by a certified celebrant. CDC guidelines will be followed. Roselawn Memorial Park, 1735 S. Camp Butler Road, 217-525-1661.

Color and Light/Reading Light

May 9, 6-8pm. Sacred art and architecture lecture by Anthony Rubano. Part of the biennial Liturgical Arts Festival of Springfield. lafspringfield.org. Free. Sacred Heart Convent Chapel, 1237 W. Monroe. 217-523-5212.

To Love and to Cherish

May 10, 6-8pm. A concert of wedding music, and a wedding arts and apparel display. Part of the biennial Liturgical Arts Festival of Springfield. lafspringfield.org. Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 815 S. Second St., 217-544-5135.

Spring Trivia Fundraiser

May 13, 7pm. Proceeds benefit the Animal Protective League of Springfield and Sangamon County. VIP tables \$250, regular tables \$150 or \$20 at the door. Decorate Your Own Table contest, raffle prizes and silent auction prizes. Reserve a table by emailing trivia@apl-shelter.org. apl-shelter.org. 217-544-7387.

In the Blink of an Eye

May 13, 6pm. Celebrating life's journey through the spoken word and music. An original performance work by Leigh Steiner and Phil Funkenbusch. Part of the Liturgical Arts Festival of Springfield. lafspringfield.org. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

Miscast Cabaret

May 13-14, 8pm and May 15, 2pm. What happens when things get mixed up a bit and some of your favorite musical theater songs are gender swapped? The result is certain to be humorous, breathtaking and spectacular. \$20. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.



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Gustave "Gus" Charles Pflugmacher, III, 85, was born on February 26, 1937, and passed on to be with the Lord on March 12, 2022, at 7:30 a.m. at Springfield Memorial Hospital.

He was the son of Gustave II and Eugenia Pflugmacher, and was raised in Belleville, IL. As a young boy, they called him Buddy. At that age, they could already tell he was going to be a great athlete and entertainer.

Gus graduated from Belleville Cathedral High School. He received a full ride at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, TX, with a basketball and music scholarship. Gus graduated from the accounting program and received several professional basketball offers. He was married to Sharon Lynn Erb and chose to accept a position at Price Waterhouse and moved back to Belleville, IL. He was later inducted into the St. Mary's University Hall of Fame for basketball. Gus then accepted a position with the State of Illinois Treasurer's Office and moved to Springfield. This started his career in state government and he retired after 30 years of service. He started a private tax practice in 1960. Gus was a man for all seasons. He had tax season; he played fast pitch for Quality Furniture; played basketball for Lincoln Cab; and later played golf year-round. Gus lived on Lake Springfield and loved to boat and ski. He belonged to the Springfield Ski and Boat Club, where he was an active member and coached his wife and daughter on the women's softball team. He was a democratic Precinct Committee man. Gus was a member of the Elk's Club and Springfield Motor Boat Club. For many years, he managed the Salt and Pepper band that has entertained many people in Sangamon County through weddings, fundraisers, and at the Illinois State Fair. He was a great saxophone player and singer. Gus played in the big band, jazz band, pep band and the UIS band during basketball games. He was a member of Church of the Little Flower and loved being part of the choir and singing at funerals. He loved being with family and attending his grandchildren's sporting events and activities. There was always a large presence when Gus walked into the room at 6'4" with those blue eyes, smile, and charisma. Also, let's not forget all his quotes and jokes.

He married Janice Spears in October of 2007. They spent a lot of time supporting the University of Illinois athletic program and providing two scholarships for young athletes. They enjoyed boating, sitting on the deck, watching the lake, golfing, and attending family functions.

Gus was preceded in death by his first wife, Sharon Lynn Erb; parents, Gus II and Jean Pflugmacher; brother, Wayne Pflugmacher; sister, Jean Lanter; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He is survived by his second wife, Janice Spears; daughter, Michelle (Larry) Sergent of Springfield; sons, Gustave IV "Chuck" of St. Louis, MO and Scott of Auburn; grandchildren, Mike (Danielle) Pflugmacher, Breanne Sergent, Jarrod (Chelsea) Sergent, Sam Sergent, Chloe Pflugmacher, and Shelby, Aidan, and Ronan Pflugmacher; and great-grandchildren, Leightyn, Grayson, Brenlynn, Jaxson, Owen, and Noah.

Gus was a huge spotlight on life and he lived his life to the fullest. That light has dimmed but we have all been shined upon during his life. God has received a great man. His daughter will carry on the Pflugmacher & Sergent Tax practice.



Visitation and Funeral Mass: Family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. on Friday, March 18, 2022, at Church of the Little Flower, 800 Adlai Stevenson Dr., Springfield, followed by Mass at 11:30 a.m. with Rev. Allen M. Kemme officiating.

Cremation will be provided by Butler Cremation Tribute Center.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Church of the Little Flower, 800 Adlai Stevenson Dr., Springfield, IL, 62703.

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Wrought Iron Hammer-In

May 14, 9am-4pm. A bunch of blacksmiths sharing stories and making metal parts the old-fashioned way. The historic buildings will be open for small, socially distanced tours. Beverage service and popcorn available. clayville.org. Clayville Historic Site, 12828 State Route 125, Pleasant Plains, 217-481-4430.

Bird banding

May 14, 8am-2pm. A family friendly event with Lincoln Land Community College and the Illinois State Museum. Learn how and why birds are banded with licensed bander Tony Rothering. Experience the variety and beauty of the diverse bird population in this area. Children's activities provided by the Illinois State Museum. Donations welcome. Jubilee Farm, 6760 Old Jacksonville Road, 217-787-6927.

Native plant sale

May 14, 9am-1pm. Native trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants, multiple milkweed species and a great selection of plants for pollinators and wildlife. Hosted by the Illinois Native Plant society. Illinois State Fairgrounds Commodities Pavilion, 801 E. Sangamon Ave., 217-243-6055.

American Journey

May 14, 7:30pm. \$21-\$63. Be sure to catch this exciting musical journey across America presented by the Illinois Symphony Orchestra and featuring violinist William Hagen. ilsymphony.org. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Springfield Area Highland Games and Celtic Festival

May 14, 9am-10pm. Caber toss, stone put and tug o'war. Bagpipe bands, food, storytelling and Scottish goods. \$8-\$15. Children under 5 are free. Tickets are available online only. centralillinoiscelts.com. Sangamon County Fairgrounds, 318 W. Birch. 217-488-2685.

When Night Falls

May 14, 7-9pm. Celebrations of life and death. Part of the biennial Liturgical Arts Festival of Springfield.

lafspringfield.org. Free. Staab Funeral Home, 1109 S. Fifth St., 217-528-6461.

Nothing to Be Afraid Of

May 15, 6pm. Jazz funeral, brass band parade and concert. Part of the biennial Liturgical Arts Festival of Springfield. lafspringfield.org. Free. First Christian Church Springfield, 700 S. Sixth St., 528-3407.

King Richard

May 20. A look at how tennis superstars Venus and Serena Williams became who they are after getting coached by their father, Richard Williams. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Part of the Movies in the Park series. Begins at sunset. Free. Velasco Tennis Center, 2500 S. Grand Ave. W., 217-753-6225.

Springfield PrideFest

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When “the sky is a hazy shade of winter”

Cheer up with a citrus salad

FOOD | Peter Glatz

I love browsing through seed catalogs. They arrive just in time to nudge me out of my winter doldrums. By now I've grown bored with my off-season romaine salads and I'm longing for farmers market salads made with local spinach or leaf lettuce, spring onions, green garlic and tiny radishes. But springtime starts, and then it stops, and the salads that I'm craving are still many weeks away.

When “the sky is a hazy shade of winter,” (song by Paul Simon, 1966) I try to cheer myself up by adding some bright colors into my menu planning. Florida citrus is at its peak so I've been constructing salads around oranges, tangerines and grapefruits.

The origin of citrus goes back 7 million years to the southeast foothills of the Himalayas. From there it spread throughout Southeast Asia. Citrus is among the oldest crops to be domesticated – for at least 3,300 years. In addition to its home continent of Asia, citrus flourishes in the semitropical climates of the Mediterranean and the Americas.

Citrus was brought to Northern Africa and Southern Europe by early Muslim traders who controlled the commerce routes from India to the Mediterranean. Oranges were introduced to Florida by the Spanish colonists in the mid-1500s. Ponce de Leon is believed to have planted the first orange trees around St. Augustine.

For menu-planning inspiration, I look to the food traditions of regions where citrus thrives: Southeast Asia, Old World Mediterranean and New World Americas. These three citrus salads are sure to bring color to a grey day.

Vietnamese-style Pomelo and Shrimp Salad

A pomelo is a non-hybrid citrus fruit native to Southeast Asia, the grandfather to our grapefruit. It is about the size of a cantaloupe and weighs from 2 to 4 pounds. It tastes similar to grapefruit but is slightly less bitter and a little peppery. Look for pomelos at Asian or Latin markets. If you can't find a pomelo, you can substitute grapefruit.

Serves 2-4

Ingredients

For the dressing:

2 tablespoons fish sauce
2 tablespoons lime juice
¼ cup water

1 tablespoon sugar
1 Thai bird chile, thinly sliced (or other hot chile, minced- to taste)

1 clove garlic, minced

For the salad:

1/2 pound medium-sized shrimp, peeled and deveined
Pulp from 1 pomelo or grapefruit

1 cucumber, cut into matchsticks
1 carrot, cut into matchsticks
1/4 cup fresh mint leaves, roughly chopped or torn
2 tablespoons fresh cilantro leaves, roughly chopped or torn

2 tablespoons Thai basil leaves, roughly chopped or torn

Leaf lettuce

2 tablespoons roasted peanuts, chopped

Preparation

Make the dressing: in a small bowl, combine the fish

Citrus salads can be served at the beginning or at the end of a meal.

Serves 2-4

Ingredients

For the dressing:

1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
2 tablespoons sherry or wine vinegar
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 tablespoon finely chopped shallot

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper



Sicilian-Style Citrus Salad PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

sauce, lime juice and water. Whisk in the sugar until dissolved. Add the chile and garlic.

Cook the shrimp in salted water. Be careful not to overcook. Set aside to cool.

Prepare the pomelo: trim away the thick skin with a knife, and cut into each segment with kitchen scissors to remove the membrane. Then use your fingers to separate the pulp and break it into small segments. In a bowl, gently toss together the pomelo, cucumber, carrot, mint, cilantro and basil.

Place a lettuce leaf on each salad plate. Spoon the pomelo mixture onto the lettuce. Arrange shrimp on top. Drizzle with the dressing and garnish with the peanuts.

Sicilian-Style Citrus Salad

Blood oranges thrive in the fertile land around the Mount Etna volcano on the east coast of Sicily.

For the salad:

4-6 assorted oranges, tangerines, clementines or mandarins

1 head radicchio, leaves separated

1 small red onion, very thinly sliced

1 small fennel bulb, very thinly sliced

Oil-cured olives, pitted

2 tablespoons coarsely chopped fennel fronds (or substitute Italian parsley)

Preparation

Make the dressing: In a small jar with a lid, combine the mustard and vinegar. Add the olive oil, shallot, salt and pepper. Shake vigorously until emulsified.

Using a sharp knife, cut off and discard thin slices from the top and bottom of the oranges. Standing the orange upright on your cutting board, trim away the peel and pith in strips, following the contour of

the fruit, going from top to bottom. Turn the orange on its side and cut crosswise into ¼-inch slices. Peel and separate tangerines, clementines and mandarins, into segments. Remove any seeds from the fruit.

Layer a serving platter with radicchio leaves. Arrange the citrus in a single layer on top of the radicchio. Scatter the onion and fennel slices over the citrus. Top with the olives.

Spoon the vinaigrette evenly over the salad and garnish with fennel fronds or parsley leaves.

Orange, Jicama, and Avocado Salad

Crunchy jicama contrasts nicely with creamy avocado

Serves 4

Ingredients

For the dressing:

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

Zest of 1 lime

2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

1 tablespoon white wine or sherry vinegar

4 tablespoons avocado or extra-virgin olive oil

1/4 teaspoon ground cumin

Sea salt, to taste

1 teaspoon honey

For the salad:

3 oranges

1 small jicama

2 medium avocados

2 dozen baby spinach leaves

1/2 cup crumbled queso fresco or crumbled feta

1/2 cup slivered toasted almonds

Preparation

Make the dressing:

In a small bowl, combine the mustard, lime juice and zest, vinegar and cumin. Whisk in the olive oil until emulsified. Season to taste with salt and honey.

Prepare the oranges as described in the previous recipe. Peel the jicama and cut into thin strips about ½-inch wide and 1-inch long. Cut the avocado in half lengthwise, remove the peel, discard the pit and cut into ½-inch cubes.

Arrange the spinach on a platter and top with the oranges, jicama and avocado. Spoon on the dressing and garnish with the crumbled cheese and slivered almonds. □

Peter Glatz travels and lives in a converted school bus with his wife and dog, exploring regional foodways.



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Come on in folks, and see what's happening this week. We have a parade and a birthday party, with lots of live music covering Celtic, blues, rock, Latin and other goodies. Shall we?

After our annual St. Patrick's Day parade was postponed over the last two years due to pandemic issues, and again last week when the weather temporarily halted the wearing of the green, we're back on track now. The big shebang happens this Saturday, featuring middle and high school marching bands, floats of many shades of green, politicians of all designs, temporary legal libation locations and lots of fun times for everyone.

The Irish celebration begins Thursday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day proper, when long-time local, Celtic and world music group, Skibbireen, featuring the talents of Hank Helton, Rachel Helton, Colin Helton, Tom Myers and Bill Steele, waltz, rock and jig their way into Boone's from 4 to 7. Later on, The Emerald Underground bring their Celtic-fusion styled tunes to Third Base from 7 to 10:30. In between, the Irish duo of McKinney & Hennessey, (Rick Dunham and I borrowing surnames from our great-grandfathers) will do mostly Clancy Brothers songs with a few standard Irish-American classics at Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews from 6 to 9. We will also be at George Ranks from 2-5 on Saturday afternoon after the parade. And of course, the glorious sounds of the Saint Andrew's Society Central Illinois Pipes & Drums will be ringing all over town this year at various venues (see their website for details) in all kinds of configurations on both Thursday and Saturday. So be sure to keep your eyes and ears wide open for the bagpipes a-calling and the drums a-beating.

Green goings on or not, the music scene continues unabated with a bunch of great music happening here, there and everywhere. Friday is exceptional, starting with the Craig Russo Latin Jazz Project at Boone's Friday Night Jazz, presented by our Springfield Area Arts Council, featuring Craig and Jeff Magby on the drums and congas, joined by Matt Hughes (bass), Jonny Beckett (saxophone and flute) and Whitney Ashe (piano) in the group's first public performance in over two years.

Friday rocks on with such area staples as Bustin' Loose and the Harris Family Band at Motorheads, Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas at Danenbergs, the Collective at the Blue



Altered Five Blues Band plays the Illinois Central Blues Club birthday party celebration this Saturday at Knights of Columbus Hall on Meadowbrook Road.

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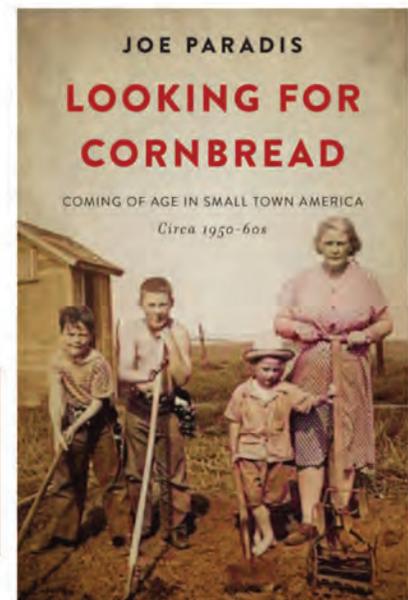
Grouch and X-Krush at the Curve. Drew Cagle and the Reputation kick off their "Bare Bones" tour promoting their October 2021 release of *Haunted*, with a "stripped down but still loaded" performance at George Ranks.

Saturday night, John Drake, a singer-songwriter, blues guitarist, Americana artist and constant performer, hosts a CD release party at Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews from 6 to 9. Done at FreQuincy Recording in February 2022, *Play On* features Rob Ross (drums), Mike Viles (congas) and Mark Kowal (harmonica), with John playing and singing everything else on the eight-song CD of his original material. The party continues on Sunday morning when John plays the HM Coffeehouse area at 10. Congrats to you, John.

While we're in the congratulatory mood and mode, let's shout out a happy 36th birthday to the Illinois Central Blues Club as they celebrate with a big party Saturday night at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Meadowbrook Road, featuring Ghost Town Blues Band and Altered Five Blues Band. All pertinent info is on the group's website and Facebook page, plus the birthday celebration goes on when the one-and-only Groove Daddies play Monday at the Alamo. Happy birthday to you, ICBC. And many more...

See you next week as we all march on together. □

About the author: Joe Paradis was born in Galesburg, IL, 1947, raised in Avon IL, 1952-1970; obtained a BA English SIU 1973 and a MS Commerce & Legal Studies Gonzaga U. 1975; worked in DC area from 1977-2016; currently lives in Cary, NC.



About the book: Winner of Illinois State Historical Society's 2022 ISHS "Best of Illinois History" award to be presented at the Hoogland Center for the Arts in Springfield, on April 9, 2022. In sum, the book is a richly detailed account of small town life in the 1950-60s wrapped around a gritty, funny, sometimes shocking story of a boy coming of age.

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Curve Inn, 7-11pm

McKinney & Hennessy

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Joel Honey Jams

Hickory River Smokehouse, 5:30-8pm

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke

La Fiesta Chatham, 7-11pm

The Art of Jazz

The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 7-9pm

The Emerald Underground

Third Base Sports Bar, 7pm

Friday Mar 18

The Tangents

Anchors Away, 8-10pm

The Collective

The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-11pm

Friday Night Jazz - Craig Russo Latin Jazz Project

Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

Jon Wolfe

Boonedock's, 7-11:30pm

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke

Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 8pm-1am

X-Krush

Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas

Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7-10pm

Karaoke

Dew Chilli Parlor Pub and Grill, 7-11pm

it Drew Cagle and The Reputation

George Rank's, 8-11pm

Joel Honey Jams

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Ghost Town Blues Band

Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30-10:30pm

Bustin Loose and The Harris Family Band

Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum, 8pm

Saturday Mar 19

The Tangents

1905 Brewing Co., Assumption, 7-9pm

Open mic with Silas Tockey

Boone's, 7-11pm

Frank Parker's Jambalaya Jazz

Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

Ghost Town Blues Band

Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 6-9pm

Altered FiveBlues Band

Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 9pm-12am

it Wolf Crick Boys

Coyote Den, Salisbury, 8pm

No Back Up Plans

Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Off the Wall

Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7pm

McKinney & Hennessy

George Rank's, 2-5pm

John Drake

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

BoomBox all 80's Band

Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8pm-12am

Tom Beverly and Geoff Ryan

Pier 55 Lounge, 8-11pm

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas

Triangle Bar and Grill, Woodson, 4-8pm

Joel Gragg

Walnut Street Winery, Rochester, 7-10pm

Elderly Brothers

Waters Edge Winery & Bistro, Jacksonville, 7-10pm

The Groove Daddies

Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-11pm

The Get Down

Y-Zoe's Bar, Taylorville, 8pm

Sunday Mar 20

Fantastical Folk Jam

Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 6-9pm



Wolf Crick Boys

Chris Camp and His Blues Ambassadors

Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 2-5pm

John Drake

Harvest Market, 10am-1pm

AI Kitchen

Trails End Saloon, Curran, 4-7pm

Monday Mar 21

Groove Daddies

The Alamo, 7pm

AI Kitchen

The Stadium Bar & Grill, 6-9pm

Open mic with Silas Tockey

Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 8-11pm

Tuesday Mar 22

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke

The Alibi, Rochester, 8pm-12am

Karaoke with Debbie Cakes

The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-11pm

Open jam with the Risky Rooster Band

George Rank's, 8-11pm

Songwriter open mic with Tom Irwin

It's All About Wine, 6-9pm

Wednesday Mar 23

Karaoke

Crows Mill Pub, 8pm

The Kitchens with Nino G

Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum, 6-9pm

Karaoke with Debbie Cakes

Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-11pm

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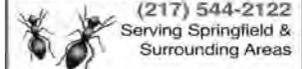
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v. SMITH GENERAL CONTRACTING, INC., an Illinois corporation; GARY R. SMITH, an Individual; UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. 2021CH000096 Commercial Foreclosure NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S FORECLOSURE SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above-entitled cause on February 16, 2022, Jack Campbell, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, or his deputy, will on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., in the Sangamon County Board Chambers, 1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder(s) for cash, the following described real estate ("Property"):

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Dated: February 25, 2022 Jack Campbell Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois Kevin J. Purtil (A.R.D.C. No. 6300607) MELTZER, PURTILL & STELLE LLC 1515 E. Woodfield Road, Second Floor Schaumburg, Illinois 60173 (847) 461-4323 kpurtil@mpslaw.com I3188754

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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-l), 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. 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. Purtil at Meltzer, Purtil & 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. Purtil (A.R.D.C. No. 6300607) MELTZER, PURTILL & STELLE LLC 1515 E. Woodfield Road, Second Floor Schaumburg, Illinois 60173 (847) 461-4323 kpurtil@mpslaw.com I3188755

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

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

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Commonly known as: 1168 N. 3rd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702
 PIN: 14-27.0-103-006

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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 Ninth 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.KevinNMcDermott.com Ill. Reg. No. 6196497

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RITA A. MAMMEN, deceased. 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 FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ERIKA B. ALTMAN, deceased. Case No. 2022-PR-00088 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS Notice is given in the death of Erika B. Altman of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of office were issued to Scott Altman, whose address is 1413 36th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20007 on March 3, 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: March 9, 2022 SCOTT ALTMAN, 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 JPB@bbklegal.com

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 DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC Attorneys for Administrator One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: 217-544-2703 Fax: 217-544-4664 sdpavlik@delanolaw.com ajedlicka@delanolaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF 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 attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before 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 ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated this 1st day of March, 2022. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com 317870

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 BARBARA L. FREENSEN, Deceased. NO. 2022-PR-84 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Barbara L. Freenesen 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: 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 attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before 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 ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated this 1st day of March, 2022. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com 317870

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 Kinnmundy, 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, 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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, 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, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated this 22nd day of February, 2022. Edward D. McNamara, Jr. Attorney for Executor McNamara & Evans P.O. Box 5039 931 South Fourth Street Springfield, Illinois 62705-5039 (217) 528-8476 Fax: (217) 528-8480

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF JAMES J. FISHER, Deceased. No. 2022P000097 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of James J. Fisher, a resident of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, who died in Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on June 29, 2021. Virginia L. Fisher, whose post office address is 2533 South 4th

Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, was appointed executor of his estate on March 7, 2022. The attorneys for the executor 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 executor, 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 executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 8th day of March, 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 aprillaman@hswnet.com 8051-921580

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF: MARY CELINE SESTAK, Deceased. No. 2022PR000087 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of MARY CELINE SESTAK. Letters of office were issued on March 1, 2022, to Veronica Stalcup, 2624 Lemont Dr., Springfield, Illinois, 62704, as Executor, whose attorney is Paul E. Presney, II, Presney & Gonzalez, 726 South Second Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62704. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. The representative reserves all statutory rights, including the right to require any claim be filed with the court pursuant to Section 18-11 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/18-11). Dated this 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 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 within that period is barred. Paul Palazzolo, Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CARL A. GIGANTI, Deceased NO. 2022-PR-94 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Carl A. Giganti, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on March 8, 2022 to Nino T. Giganti, 1557 Santa Cruz Drive, Apt. 2, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121 and Carmyn A. Giganti, 1012 N. 5th Street, Riverton, IL 62561, as Co-Administrators, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 19th of September, 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. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 8th day of March, 2022 Gregory P. Sgro Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP 1119 S. Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC, f/k/a QUICKEN LOANS, LLC, and f/k/a QUICKEN LOANS INC., Plaintiff, VS. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF EDWARD P. O'BRIEN JR; et. al., Defendants. No. 2022-FC-0016 NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF EDWARD P. O'BRIEN, Deceased Notice is given of the death of Edward P. O'Brien. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Edward P. O'Brien, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 906 N. 15th St, Springfield, IL 62702.

The address of the Special Representative is: WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit 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 www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. /s/ Dan E. Way, #6204735 Special Representative for Edward P. O'Brien, deceased. WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC 1100 S. Fifth Street Springfield, IL 62703 Tel. 217-525-7003 Fax. 217-525-7012 dan@danwaylaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS WINTRUST MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF BARRINGTON BANK & TRUST Co., N.A., Plaintiff, Vs JOSHUA BANKSTON, et. al., Defendants. Re: Estate of Jesse B. Boose, Deceased. No. 2022-FC-0006 NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JESSE B. BOOSE: Notice is given of the death of Jesse B. Boose. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Jesse B. Boose, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 3505 Damyan Ct., Springfield, IL 62704. The address of the Special Representative is: WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To efile, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit 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 www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. /s/ Dan E. Way Special Representative for Jesse B. Boose, deceased Dan E. Way, #6204735 WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC 1100 S. Fifth Street Springfield, IL 62703 Ph. 217-525-7003 Fax. 217-525-7012 dan@danwaylaw.com

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD F. WEEKS, DECEASED. NO. 2022-PR-92 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS Notice is given of the death of DONALD F. WEEKS, of Sherman, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 3, 2022

to LINDA J. CAIN (31027 W. Weldon Ave., Buckeye, AZ 85396) and CONNIE DRUIEN (9922 136th St. Ct. West, Taylor Ridge, IL 61284) as Independent Co-Executors, and whose attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; 2160 S. 6th Street, Suite E, Springfield, Illinois 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th St., room 405, Springfield, IL 62701 or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 17th day of March, 2022, being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Dated this 3rd day of March, 2022. LINDA J. CAIN and CONNIE DRUIEN, Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of DONALD F. WEEKS, Deceased BY: DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney Atorneys for Estate: Anthony J. DelGiorno (IARDC 6277358) DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC 2160 S. Sixth St., Ste. E Springfield, IL 62703 Tel: (217) 773-5337 Service: service@delgiornolawoffice.com

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MARSHA MORGAN AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF KAITLIN ELIZABETH CHRISTY, Deceased. Case No. 22-PR-60 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of KAITLIN ELIZABETH CHRISTY, Deceased, Letters of Office were issued on February 24, 2022, to Marsha Morgan, whose address is 9 Oak Wood Drive, Springfield, IL 62711 as Personal Representative. The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1979, Ch. 110 ½ par. 28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Personal Representative or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the personal representative within ten (10) days after it has been filed. DATED this 7th day of March, 2022. MARSHA MORGAN, Personal Representative of the Estate of KAITLIN ELIZABETH CHRISTY, Deceased.

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MARSHA MORGAN AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF

KAITLIN ELIZABETH CHRISTY, Deceased. Case No. 22-PR-60 PROOF OF SERVICE The undersigned, under penalties as provided by law pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/1-109, certify that I serve one copy of the foregoing by placing the same in the United States Mail, Springfield, Illinois, proper postage fully prepared on the 7th day of March, 2022, plainly addressed to: Illinois Times, 1320 South State, Springfield, Illinois 62704. Also sent via e-mail: bmatheis@illinois-times.com Patricia M. Crawford Patricia M. Crawford Greg W. Sronce (# 6304062) STRATTON, MORAN, SRONCE, REICHERT & APPLETON 725 South Fourth Street Springfield, Illinois 62703 (217) 528-2183

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of Erma Nimely, Petitioner And Abraham Nimely, Respondent Case No. 2022-DN-22 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you Abraham Nimely, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 3rd day of April, 2022, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition. Paul Palazzolo Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of Christina C. Rum, Petitioner And Ryan M. Connelly, Respondent Case No. 2020-D-317 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you Ryan M. Connelly, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 10th day of April, 2022, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition. Paul Palazzolo Circuit Clerk

Name Change IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Jesse William Cody For change of name to Jesse Isaac Morgan Case No.: 21-MR-1176 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on April 19, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Jesse William Cody to Jesse Isaac Morgan,

pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: Mar. 3, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Bryanna Rea Hea For change of name to Bree Kovac Case No.: 22-MR-84 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on May 3, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Bryanna Rea Hea to Bree Kovac, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: March 10, 2022

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 Commercial Foreclosure NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S FORECLOSURE SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above-entitled cause on February 16, 2022, Jack Campbell, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, or his deputy, will on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., in the Sangamon County Board Chambers, 1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder(s) for cash, the following described real estate ("Property"): THE NORTH 20 FEET OF LOT 24 AND ALL OF LOT 25 AND THE SOUTH 20 FEET OF LOT 26 IN BLOCK 11 OF THE TOWN OF MILDRED. EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD. 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. In the event the Property is a condominium, in accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) and (H2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), 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)(1) 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. Purtil at Meltzer, Purtil & 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. Purtil (A.R.D.C. No. 6300607) MELTZER, PURTILL & STELLE LLC 1515 E. Woodfield Road, Second Floor Schaumburg, Illinois 60173 (847) 461-4323 kpurtill@mpsllaw.com 13188754

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 Commercial Foreclosure NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S FORECLOSURE SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above-entitled cause on February 16, 2022, Jack Campbell, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, or his deputy, will on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., in the Sangamon County Board Chambers, 1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder(s) for cash, the following described real estate ("Property"): PARCEL 1: THAT PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN IN THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION, 667 FEET EAST OF A STONE IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE WST HALF

OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER, 871.2 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE WEST 100 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 871.2 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION; THENCE EAST 100 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND:
TRACT 1: A PART OF PARCEL "C" LOCATED IN THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY RECORDED IN BOOK 492, PAGE 61 IN THE SANGAMON COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS OFFICE, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 25; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 25, A DISTANCE OF 566.89 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID PARCEL "C"; THENCE NORTH 03 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID LINE, 503.49 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 4 OF FOREST GREEN SUBDIVISION; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 03 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID PARCEL "C"; A DISTANCE OF 145.26 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 4; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 4, A DISTANCE OF 101.79 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID PARCEL "C"; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID LINE, 146.33 FEET TO THE EASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 4 OF FOREST GREEN SUBDIVISION; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID LINE, A DISTANCE OF 101.44 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND

TRACT 2: A PART OF PARCEL "C" LOCATED IN THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY RECORDED IN BOOK 492, PAGE 61 IN THE SANGAMON COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS OFFICE, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 25; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 25, A DISTANCE OF 566.89 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID PARCEL "C"; THENCE NORTH 03 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID LINE, 648.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 5 OF FOREST GREEN SUBDIVISION; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 03 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID PARCEL "C"; A DISTANCE OF 145.33 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 5; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 5, A DISTANCE OF 102.13 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID PARCEL "C"; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID LINE, 145.57 FEET TO THE EASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 5 OF FOREST GREEN SUBDIVISION; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID LINE, A DISTANCE OF 101.79 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND

TRACT 3: A PART OF PARCEL "C" LOCATED IN THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY RECORDED IN BOOK 492, PAGE 61 IN THE SANGAMON COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS OFFICE, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 25; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 25, A DISTANCE OF 566.89 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID PARCEL "C"; THENCE NORTH 03 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID LINE, 794.08 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 6 OF FOREST GREEN SUBDIVISION; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 03 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID PARCEL "C" A DISTANCE OF 77.59 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID PARCEL "C"; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID PARCEL "C" A DISTANCE OF 102.32 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID PARCEL "C"; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SAID LINE, 75.77 FEET TO THE EASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 6 OF FOREST GREEN SUBDIVISION; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID LINE, A DISTANCE OF 102.13 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

PARCEL 2:
THE WEST 56.22 FEET OF THE SOUTH 156 FEET OF LOT 28 OF THE EAST HALF OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A TABLE FOUND AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 25, THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 25, A DISTANCE OF 666.88 FEET TO A DRILL HOLE SET AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 28; THENCE NORTH 3 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST, 156.04 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 28 TO AN IRON PIN SET, THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST, 56.22 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET, THENCE SOUTH 3 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST 156.04 FEET TO A DRILL HOLE SET ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 25, THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID LINE, 56.22 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

ALL SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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 ac-

quiring 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)(1)(H-I) and (H2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), 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)(1) 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. Purtil at Meltzer, Purtil & 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
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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.
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Commercial Foreclosure
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S FORECLOSURE SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above-entitled cause on February 16, 2022, Jack Campbell, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, or his deputy, will on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., in the Sangamon County Board Chambers, 1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701, sell at public

auction to the highest and best bidder(s) for cash, the following described real estate ("Property"):
THE EAST 80 FEET OF LOTS 16 AND 17 IN BLOCK 9 IN THE TOWN OF MILDRED.
EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD.

Commonly known as: 1105 E. Cottonwood Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703
PIN: 22-10.0-451-015
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)(1)(H-I) and (H2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), 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)(1) 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. Purtil at Meltzer, Purtil & 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. Purtil (A.R.D.C. No. 6300607) MELTZER, PURTILL & STELLE LLC
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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
Commercial Foreclosure
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S FORECLOSURE SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above-entitled cause on February 16, 2022, Jack Campbell, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, or his deputy, will on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., in the Sangamon County Board Chambers, 1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder(s) for cash, the following described real estate ("Property"):
24, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:
BEGINNING AT A POINT 356 FEET EAST OF AND 20 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER SECTION, RUNNING THENCE EAST PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER SECTION 60 FPART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION EET; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER SECTION 80 FEET; THENCE WEST PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER SECTION 42 FEET; THENCE EAST PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER SECTION 20 FEET; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER SECTION 38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING R OF RECORD.
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: \$231,116.50 as of February 16, 2022. The Property consists of a single-family home.
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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.
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THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 32 OF RAFTER'S SUBDIVISION OF LOT 1 OF THE ASSESSOR'S SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 27, AND PART OF THE EAST HALF OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.
EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD.
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.

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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 Resurvey 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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8051-921331

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 file an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoislegalaid.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.

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff

1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200

Chicago, IL 60602

Ph. (312) 346-9088

File No. 20-02815IL-601145

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

–SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ROBERT JOE HOOVER; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HAROLD LEE HOOVER A/K/A HAROLD L. HOOVER;

CARLA LOUISE VAUGHN A/K/A CARLA L. VAUGHN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 2022FC000018

Property Address: 1920 E. Watch Ave.

Springfield, IL 62702

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ROBERT JOE HOOVER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HAROLD LEE HOOVER A/K/A HAROLD L. HOOVER, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT 34 OF SPAULDING'S SECOND ILLINOIS WATCH FACTORY ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. SITUATED IN COUNTY OF SANGAMON COUNTY, STATE OF ILLINOIS

P.I.N.: 14-23.0-332-018

Said property is commonly known as 1920 E. Watch Ave., Springfield, IL 62702 and which said mortgage(s) was/were made and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 2010R47354 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County on or before April 11, 2022, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.

This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff

1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120

Naperville, IL 60563

Telephone: (630) 453-6960

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8051-921429

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

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

v.

JULIE N. SMITH, n/k/a JULIE N. MOHAN, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No.: 2022FC000005

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Notice is given to defendants, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, of the following described real estate, that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action is now pending, and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said defendants is APRIL 18, 2022.

The Plaintiff has certified that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action was filed on January 11, 2022, and is now pending.

(i) The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.

(ii) The court in which said action was

brought is identified above.

(iii) The name of the title holder of record is:

Julie N. Smith, n/k/a Julie N. Mohan.

(iv) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

Parcel I: Lot 4 in Block 1 in Simpson's Addition to the Town of Mechanicsburg.

Parcel II:

Lot 9 in Block 1 in Simpson's Addition to the Town of Mechanicsburg.

Parcel III:

The East 10 feet of Lots 5 and 8 in Block 1 in Simpson's Addition to the Town of Mechanicsburg.

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. Tax ID Number:

Parcel I: 16-26-403-003

Parcel II 16-26-403-010

Parcel III: 16-26-403-015

(v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:

304 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg, Illinois 62545

(vi) An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

(A) Nature of instrument: Mortgage.

(B) Date of mortgage: July 6, 2015.

(C) Name of mortgagor: Julie N. Smith.

(D) Name of mortgagee: Illinois National Bank, N.A.

(E) Date and place of recording: July 13, 2015 in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Springfield County, Illinois.

(F) Identification of recording: Document No. 2015R19003

Paul Palozzolo

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930)

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY OF SANGAMON

ATHENS STATE BANK, n/k/a ALLIANCE COMMUNITY BANK, a state banking corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

LOIS VAN METER, or her successor in title, as Trustee of the LAV Trust dated May 14, 2013, or as amended and LOIS A. VAN METER, a/k/a LOIS VAN METER, BENEFICIARIES of the LAV Trust dated May 14, 2013, or as amended, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

CASE NO. 21-CH-73

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on the 1st day of December, 2021. Sheriff JACK CAMPBELL, of SANGAMON County, will on the 19th day of April, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 o'clock A.M. at the Sangamon County Courthouse, County Board Chambers Room, Sangamon County Building, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:

Legal Description

PARCEL 1: Lot 16 of St. Cabrini Subdivision, a Subdivision of Lots 88 and 96 and parts of Lots 93, 94, 95, 97 and 98 of Wanless' Capital Heights Addition, and Lots 1 and 2 of Wanless' Bergen Park Addition, as shown on Plat recorded September 22, 1953 as Document Number 252333. 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. Common Address of Property: 25 St. Cabrini Ct., Springfield, IL 62702

Tax Parcel No. 14-25.0-179-023

AND

PARCEL 2: Lot 11 of St. Cabrini Subdivision, a Subdivision of Lots 88 and 96 and parts of Lots 93, 94, 95, 97 and 98 of Wanless' Capital Heights Addition, and Lots 1 and 2 of Wanless' Bergen Park Addition, as shown on Plat recorded September 22, 1953 as Document Number 252333. 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. Common Address of Property: 15 St. Cabrini Ct., Springfield, IL 62702

Tax Parcel No. 14-25.0-179-018

AND

PARCEL 3: Lot 12 of St. Cabrini Subdivision, a Subdivision of Lots 88 and 96 and parts of Lots 93, 94, 95, 97 and 98 of Wanless' Capital Heights Addition, and Lots 1 and 2 of Wanless' Bergen Park Addition, as shown on Plat recorded September 22, 1953 as Document Number 252333. 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. Common Address of Property: 17 St. Cabrini Ct., Springfield, IL 62702

Tax Parcel No. 14-25.0-179-019

AND

PARCEL 4: Lot 119 of Spaulding's Illinois Watch Factory Addition, as shown on Plat recorded April 7, 1907 in Plat Book 4, Page 12. 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. Common Address of Property: 1819 Converse Street, Springfield, IL 62702

Tax Parcel No. 14-23.0-376-031.

The improvements on each of the parcels of property consist of a single family residence.

Sale Terms for each parcel: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments.

The properties WILL NOT be open for inspection.

Upon the sale being made as to each property, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information, contact the Plaintiff's Attorney, Charles K. Smith, 113 East

Douglas, Petersburg, Illinois 62675, (217) 632-7750, or Josh Gronewold, Alliance Community Bank, 321 N. 6th Street, Petersburg, Illinois 62675, (217) 632-3241 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., however under the Illinois law, Attorney and Bank are NOT required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
ATHENS STATE BANK,
n/k/a ALLIANCE COMMUNITY BANK,
a state banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
LOIS VAN METER, or her successor in title, as Trustee of the LAV Trust dated May 14, 2013, or as amended and
LOIS A. VAN METER, a/k/a
LOIS VAN METER,
BENEFICIARIES of the LAV Trust dated May 14, 2013, or as amended,
UNKNOWN OWNERS, and
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
CASE NO. 21-CH-73
PROOF OF MAILING
I, Charles K. Smith, certify that on March 7, 2022, I served a copy of the Notice of Foreclosure Sale, attached hereto, marked as Exhibit A and incorporated herein, via e-mail and by depositing in the United States mail, at the post office at Petersburg, Illinois, postage fully paid, addressed to the following persons:
LOIS VAN METER, a/k/a
LOIS A. VAN METER, Individually, and as Trustee of the LAV Trust dated May 14, 2013
25 St. Cabrini Court
Springfield, IL 62702
/s/CHARLES K. SMITH
CHARLES K. SMITH
Attorney At Law
Attorney for Plaintiff
113 East Douglas Street
Petersburg, IL 62675
Telephone: (217) 632-7750

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
ATHENS STATE BANK,
n/k/a ALLIANCE COMMUNITY BANK,
a state banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ALAN MCMULLIN, a/k/a
ALAN W. MCMULLIN,
UNKNOWN OWNERS, and
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
CASE NO. 21-CH-74
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on the 1st day of December, 2021. Sheriff JACK CAMPBELL, of SANGAMON County, will on the 19th day of April, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 o'clock A.M. at the Sangamon County Courthouse, County Board Chambers Room, Sangamon County Building, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises:
Legal Description
Lot 6 in Block 2 of LaFayette Smith's Subdivision of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian.
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. Common Address of Property: 705 S. English Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704 Tax Parcel No. 14-33.0-157-024
The improvements on the property consists of a single family residence.
Sale Terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments. The property WILL NOT be open for inspection.
Upon the sale being made, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.
For information, contact the Plaintiff's Attorney, Charles K. Smith, 113 East Douglas, Petersburg, Illinois 62675, (217) 632-7750, or Josh Gronewold, Alliance Community Bank, 321 N. 6th Street, Petersburg, Illinois 62675, (217) 632-3241 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., however under the Illinois law, Attorney and Bank are NOT required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
ATHENS STATE BANK,
n/k/a ALLIANCE COMMUNITY BANK,
a state banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ALAN MCMULLIN, a/k/a
ALAN W. MCMULLIN,
UNKNOWN OWNERS, and
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
CASE NO. 21-CH-74
PROOF OF MAILING
I, Charles K. Smith, certify that on March 7, 2022, I served a copy of the Notice of Foreclosure Sale, attached hereto, marked as Exhibit A and incorporated herein, via e-mail and by depositing in the United States mail, at the post office at Petersburg, Illinois, postage fully paid, addressed to the following persons:
ALAN MCMULLIN
a/k/a ALAN W. MCMULLIN
522 E. Cooke Street
Mt. Pulaski, Illinois 62548
ALAN MCMULLIN
a/k/a ALAN W. MCMULLIN
705 English Avenue
Springfield, Illinois 62704
ALAN MCMULLIN
a/k/a ALAN W. MCMULLIN
2137 Walnut Street
Springfield, Illinois 62704
/s/CHARLES K. SMITH
CHARLES K. SMITH
Attorney At Law
Attorney for Plaintiff
113 East Douglas Street
Petersburg, IL 62675
Telephone: (217) 632-7750

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM M. WELLS, Deceased
NO. 22-PR-11
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES
Attached to this Notice are copies of the Petition to Probate and the Order Admitting the Will to Probate. You are named in the Petition as an heir or legatee of the Decedent. Susan Wells was appointed Executor on January 13, 2022.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of Admission, any heir or legatee may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Last Will and Testament by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/6-21).
You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/6-1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate.
SUSAN WELLS, Executor under Independent Administration under the Last Will and Testament of William M. Wells, Deceased
By: /s/Alex B. Rabin
One of Her Attorneys
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
I hereby certify that on January 14, 2022, I did mail (1) a copy of the above Notice; (2) a copy of the Will; (3) a copy of the Petition to Admit to Probate the Will of the above named Decedent; (4) a copy of the Order entered thereon showing the date of entry; (5) a copy of Rights of Interested Persons During Independent Administration; and (6) a copy of the Death and Claim Notice to each of the testator's heirs and legatees whose names and post office addresses are stated in said Petition, except those who personally appeared before the Court at a hearing or have filed a waiver of notice, as provided by Section 6-10 of the Illinois Probate Act.
/s/ Alex B. Rabin
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP
Alex B. Rabin
Registration No. 6280907
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM M. WELLS, Deceased
NO. 22-PR-11
RIGHTS OF INTERESTED PERSONS DURING INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION; FORM OF PETITION TO TERMINATE ADMINISTRATION
A copy of an Order is enclosed granting Independent Administration of Decedent's Estate. This means that the Executor or Administrator will not have to obtain court orders or file estate papers in Court during probate. The Estate will be administered without court supervision, unless an interested person asks the Court to become involved.
Under section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/28-4), any interested person may terminate independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of the Court. However, if there is a Will which directs independent administration, the independent administration will be terminated only if the Court finds there is good cause to require supervised administration; and if the Petitioner is a creditor or non-residuary legatee, independent administration will be terminated only if the Court finds that termination is necessary to protect the petitioner's interest. A petition in substantially the following form may be used to terminate independent administration:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM M. WELLS, Deceased
NO. 22-PR-11

PETITION TO TERMINATE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION
_____, on oath states:
1. On January 13, 2022, an Order was entered granting independent administration to Susan Wells as Independent Executor.
2. I am an interested person in this Estate as
(heir) (non-residuary legatee) (residuary legatee) (creditor) (representative)
3. The Will does direct independent administration.
4. I request that independent administration be terminated.
_____,
Petitioner
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this _____ day of _____, 2022.
Notary Public

In addition to the right to terminate independent administration, any interested person may petition the Court to hold a hearing and resolve any particular question that may arise during independent administration, even though supervised administration has not been requested. (755 ILCS 5/28-5). The independent representative must mail a copy of the estate inventory and final account to each interested person and must send notice to or obtain the approval of each interested person before the estate can be closed. (755 ILCS 5/28-6, 5/28-11). Any interested person has the right to question or object to any item included in or omitted from an inventory or account or to insist on a full court accounting of all receipts and disbursements with prior notice, as required in supervised administration. (755 ILCS 5/28-11).
SUSAN WELLS, Executor under Independent Administration of the Estate of William M. Wells, Deceased
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP
By: /s/ Alex B. Rabin
One of Her Attorneys
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM M. WELLS, Deceased
NO. 2022PRO00011
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY I, SUSAN WELLS on oath state:
1. WILLIAM M. WELLS, whose place of residence at the time of death was in Dunkirk, Chautauqua County, New York, died on March 2, 2000, leaving a Last Will and Testament dated February 2, 2000, which Petitioner believes to be the valid last Will of the Decedent.
2. The approximate value of the Estate in this state is: Personal: \$0 Real: Unknown
3. The names and post-office addresses of the Decedent's heirs and legatees are:
Name
Relationship
Heir-H, Legatee-L, Minor-M. Disabled Person-D
Post office address
Susan Wells H-Daughter 617 Washington Avenue
Dunkirk, NY 14048
William C. Wells H -Son P.O. Box 635
Dunkirk, NY 14048
William J. Wells L 243 Chestnut Hill Drive
Rochester, NY 14617

Jacob T. Wells L P.O. Box 3484
Redmond, WA 98073
Luke A. Wells L 2201 Foxboro Court
Erie, PA 16510
Jillian L. Wells L 2201 Foxboro Court
Erie, PA 16510
Alia K. Stock L 1888 Brett Lane
Salsburg, PA 15681
Steven R. Wells L 19 Watson Avenue
Westfield, NY 14787
Zachary Wells L Unknown
Rachael Wells L Unknown
4. The Decedent nominated as Executor the following, qualified and willing to act:
Name Post-office address
Susan Wells 617 Washington Avenue
Dunkirk, NY 14048
5. The will was duly signed, attested, and admitted to probate in the State of New York, as will appear from the exemplified copy of the instrument and the proceedings had by the Chautauqua County Surrogate's Court of the State of New York.
6. Petitioner asks that the Exemplified Will be admitted to probate and Letters Testamentary be issued.
/s/ Susan Wells
Susan Wells, Petitioner

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA
The undersigned, a Notary Public, does hereby certify that the person signing the above Petition is personally known to me and that she appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that she signed said instrument.
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 6th day of January 2022.
Jeffrey G. Passafaro
Notary Public
JEFFREY G. PASSAFARO 24751374
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK
QUALIFIED IN CHAUTAUGUA COUNTY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES APRIL 30, 2023
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP
Alex B. Rabin
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
217-789-1200
alex@casevista.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM M. WELLS, Deceased
NO. 2022-PR-000011
ORDER APPOINTING LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF DECEDENT'S ESTATE
On the verified Petition of SUSAN WELLS for issuance of Letters of Office, SUSAN WELLS has presented her bond and has been approved.
IT IS ORDERED, that independent administration is granted.
IT IS ORDERED, that Letters of Office be issued to SUSAN WELLS.
ENTERED: JANUARY 13, 2022
GAIL L. NOLL
JUDGE

LEGAL NOTICE
INVITATION FOR BID
The Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority is requesting sealed bids for the Automated Garage Parking System at the BOS Center. Sealed bids will be received by the Authority in the Administrative office at 1 Convention Center Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701 until 11:00 AM on Monday, April 18, 2022 at which time bids will be opened publicly during the Board Meeting at 12:00 noon. Complete information, including specifications may be obtained on our website www.theboscenter.com. The SMEAA Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any in-

formality in bids received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the best interest of the Authority.
BOS Center is an Equal Opportunity Contractor.

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

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

The Sangamon County Circuit Clerk is accepting bids for replacement of Court/Jail Video Arraignment System. The bid documents are available on the Circuit Clerk's website or by sending an email to brian.aarup@co.sangamon.il.us with the subject line of "2022 Court/Jail Arraignment System".

Bids must be received by April 15, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. CST in the brian.aarup@co.sangamon.il.us e-mail box.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, vs. JOHN KENT FORTNER, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUNDS SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR WF 19 GRANTOR TRUST, PERSONAL FINANCE COMPANY LLC, ONE MAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC, and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No. 2022-FC-34

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 22, 2022. Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on March 10, 2022.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 22-FC-34

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: John Kent Fortner

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

Lot 52 and the South 28 feet of Lot Fifty-One (51) of Lewis Pape Subdivision 2nd Plat, a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 13 North, Range 4 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Situated in the Village of Pawnee, Illinois.

Situated in SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 1007 N. 7th Street, Pawnee, Illinois 62558

6. The Tax Identification Number(s) for the real estate is/are as follows: 36-07-0-205-005

7. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Name of Mortgagor: John Kent Fortner Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank Date of Mortgage: June 3, 1999 Date of recording: June 23, 1999 County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois Recording document identification: Document No. 1999R30036 PAUL PALAZZOLO

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Emmet A. Fairfield Registration No. 6180505 205 S. 5th Street - Suite 1000

P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-8491 efairfield@bhsllaw.com 8051-921668

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Malonda Laurence, Petitioner vs.

Thierry Kekare, Respondent Case No: 2021-OP-2119 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Thierry Kekare, 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 21, 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 17, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Michelle Adrianna Marone For change of name to Lisa Marie Comparone Case No.: 22-MR-32 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on May 3, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Michelle Adrianna Marone to Lisa Marie Comparone, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: March 17, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of U'Laylah Christina Marie White For change of name to U'Laylah Christina Marie Boyd Case No.: 22-MR-48 PUBLIC NOTICE

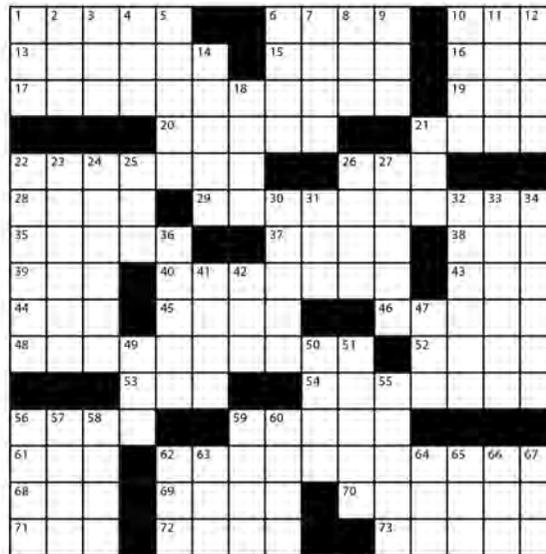
Public Notice is hereby given that on May 3, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from U'Laylah Christina Marie White to U'Laylah Christina Marie Boyd, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: March 17, 2022

Nightly-night

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Across

- 1. On ___ (doing well)
- 6. Certain Slav
- 10. ___ mode
- 13. Era
- 15. Final Four org.
- 16. Allow
- 17. Sleepover battle
- 19. ___ Tuesday (Mardi Gras)
- 20. Guinness Book listings
- 21. "Baseball Tonight" channel
- 22. Singer Jackson
- 26. Physics unit
- 28. 1975 Wimbledon winner
- 29. One who steals covers
- 35. ___ soul (no one)
- 37. Archeological site
- 38. "Aladdin" prince
- 39. Spanish uncle
- 40. First pope
- 43. N.L. West, for one
- 44. Dr. Seuss's Sam
- 45. "American Idol" Judge DioGuardi
- 46. "___ no idea"
- 48. Place to find keys
- 52. Middle-___ (person who's fiftyish)
- 53. Defeat
- 54. Springsteen, to fans
- 56. Opposite of fem.
- 59. Place to exchange rings

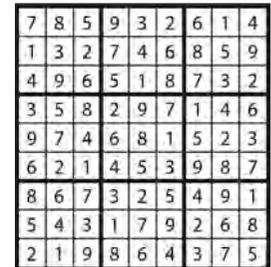


- 61. First lady
- 62. A parental order, or this puzzle's theme
- 68. Note after fa
- 69. Not much
- 70. Maker of the LZR Racer suit
- 71. Skit-filled NBC show, for short
- 72. Groaners
- 73. Carries
- 10. Film composer Clausen and others
- 11. Jump
- 12. Envelope abbr.
- 14. Dork
- 18. Plummet
- 21. 911 responder
- 22. "Praying" insect
- 23. Book of prophecies
- 24. Shiny car trim
- 25. "Listen up!"
- 26. "___ From Muskogee"
- 27. Artist Matisse
- 30. Locales
- 31. Cashew, e.g.
- 32. Tried
- 33. Martini garnishes
- 34. Unselfish sorts
- 36. "I didn't ___ be here"
- 41. Pack (down)
- 42. Boston skyscraper, with "the"
- 47. Book before Zephaniah: Abbr.
- 49. And so forth
- 50. ___-bitty
- 51. Pandemonium
- 55. Blow one's top
- 56. Hodgepodge
- 57. Bard of ___
- 58. Auction off
- 59. Like, with "to"
- 60. Answer to "Shall we?"
- 62. Tourist's aid
- 63. ___ Dhabi
- 64. ___ Speedwagon
- 65. Get in a pool
- 66. Dutch city
- 67. Old PC platform

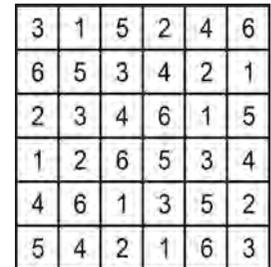
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Crossword answers from #731



Sudoku answers from #731

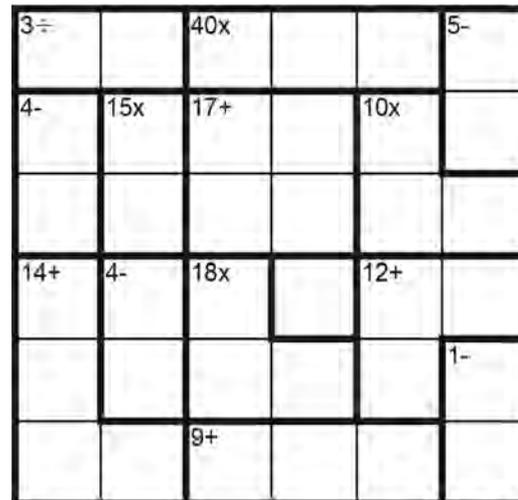


JoshJosh answers from #731

JoshJosh

by J. Reynolds - No. 732

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.

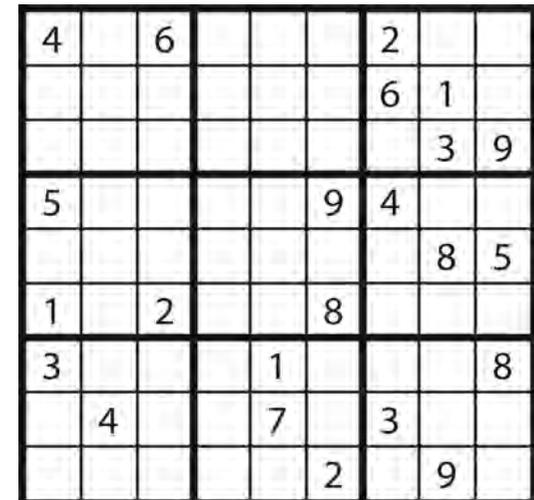


Difficulty hard

Sudoku

No. 732

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



Difficulty medium

How to drink **WHISKEY**

Responsibly at the
36th Annual
St. Patrick's Day Parade

Downtown Springfield
March 19 - Noon

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IRISH WHISKEY



Annual Springfield

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

SATURDAY, MARCH 19 AT THE CRAIC O'NOON

The parade starts on Jefferson and Sixth streets, to Fifth Street, to Capitol Avenue, to Sixth to the Reviewing Stand (the family friendly area), then to Washington Street to the Horace Mann parking lot.



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