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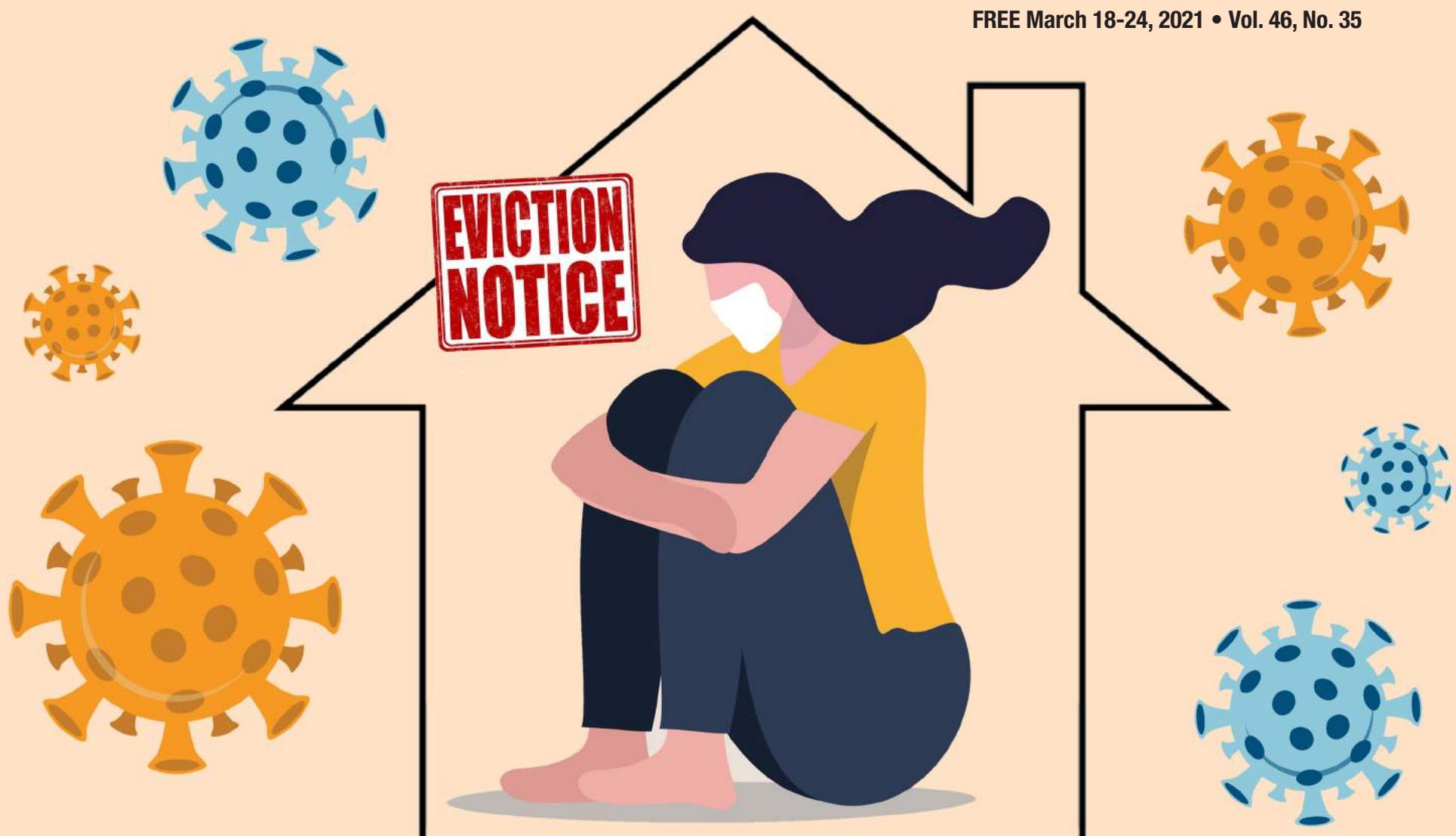


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# Barks and bites

Watchdogs prowl Illinois

UPON FURTHER REVIEW | Bruce Rushton

This being Sunshine Week, when we celebrate the First Amendment and remember that democracy demands open government, we should know that danger lurks.

"These people are working in a group together and therefore we can say it is these people named above who are running a campaign that is so nasty and dirty we need to gargle Scope right now talking about it," writes an anonymous critic as part of an online crusade to bring down the Edgar County Watchdogs, an outfit Bloomington Mayor Tari Renner has called disgusting and sickening.

"We're not putting up with stuff like this," Renner lately declared at a city council meeting north of Springfield.

Renner blew his top after a blogger brought up a former city cop who quit in 2019, when an internal affairs investigation showed that he'd arrested an African American man who'd made a finger-gun gesture at him inside a store. We know this because the city of Bloomington, after being sued by Edgar County Watchdogs, released internal affairs files. Upon agreeing to release the records and pay legal costs, the city issued a statement alleging that disclosure was voluntary, which was technically true, given a judge hadn't yet ruled.

"Nobody's pushed anything under the rug (about) any of our police officers," Mayor Renner thundered at the blogger during the Feb. 22 city council meeting. "You and Edgar County Watchdogs are probably the two least credible media – they're not media outlets, you're just people talking out of a bodily orifice that's not your mouth. Who in the world would listen to your garbage?"

Quite a few people, which is a problem for public officials who've run afoul of two



guys who, retired from the military and fed up, became the Edgar County Watchdogs a decade ago after meeting at a dinner. John Kraft says he'd been bamboozled by a school board; Kirk Allen was upset with a 911 board.

They've been accused of doing it for the money. After all, the city of Carlinville in 2019 agreed to pay the watchdogs \$90,000 to settle five lawsuits filed to obtain such records as credit card statements, phone bills and proof that city officials have undergone state-mandated training on the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act. There ended up being no major scandal, which is often the case but, then again, Kraft and Allen don't consider FOIA violations to be small transgressions. More often than not, public records requested by the watchdogs end up mundane, Kraft says, which begs the question: Why not just turn them over?

Allen says that he and Kraft have filed at least 50 Freedom of Information Act lawsuits during the past decade, but they're not getting rich. Edgar County Watchdogs has less than \$50,000 in annual revenue, so it doesn't have to file detailed annual reports with the Internal Revenue Service that are required from larger nonprofits.

Kraft and Allen say that they each spend between 40 and 60 hours a week looking

for corruption and exposing skullduggery on [www.edgarcountywatchdogs.com](http://www.edgarcountywatchdogs.com), which is one letter different than [www.edgarcountywatchdog.com](http://www.edgarcountywatchdog.com), a website run by folks who call Kraft and Allen fascists bent on destroying democracy but won't attach names to accusations. The watchdogs say a crook's a crook: "We've busted as many Republicans as Democrats," Allen says.

As fascists go, Kraft and Allen keep strange company. Kraft says he's been granted media credentials to cover the legislature. Both men are members of the Society of Professional Journalists as well as Investigative Reporters and Editors, an organization dedicated to promoting journalism that matters, but Kraft acknowledges the obvious: "You can look at what we write, you can see we're not professional reporters."

Polished prose isn't the point. When public records yield a story, the watchdogs post links to documents. "Go click on the link and see if you have the same opinion we do – that's all we ask," Kraft says. "We hear a lot of 'Oh, they always write lies, they don't know what they're talking about.' It's always a general statement. They never point to a specific statement that we wrote."

Small towns and rural counties are favored hunting grounds. They've probed Chatham's water utility. In September, four members of the Shelby County Board, plus the county treasurer, demanded an investigation after Kraft and Allen uncovered documents suggesting that the county highway engineer had been running a private business on county time. The attorney general in December ordered the Danville Police Department to give Kraft reports on the arrest of a man found dead on the street about a half-mile from the county jail shortly after his release. The state Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board in 2017 claimed that 16 points of law barred release of a list of former cops banned from law enforcement because of misconduct; nope, said the attorney general, who ordered the database turned over to Allen.

Why do they do it? "I'll say it's a calling," Allen offers.

Call me a communist, but we need more fascists like this. □

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## Democracy depends on the right to vote

GUESTWORK | Stephen Soltys, M.D.

Has the Republican Party given up on democracy?

Democracy is the foundation of the Constitution, the fact that the people have a say in who represents and leads us. The majority sets the agenda for governing while many constitutional provisions protect the rights of political, religious and ethnic minorities.

Many amendments have expanded the access to the vote, thereby furthering democracy: Amendment 15 – black suffrage, Amendment 17 – direct election of senators by the people, Amendment 19 – women's suffrage, Amendment 23 – suffrage in Washington, D.C., Amendment 24 – abolition of poll taxes and Amendment 26 – lowering the voting age to 18.

If you don't support democracy, it doesn't matter if you wrap yourself in the flag, stand for the national anthem or say the Pledge of Allegiance daily: You don't support the essence of what makes America great.

If the purpose of Russian meddling in the U.S. elections of 2016 and 2020 was to produce distrust in our democratic institutions, they may have succeeded beyond their wildest dreams. It appears that distrust in democracy seems to be centered in the Republican Party.

Without offering any solid evidence or proof (only unsupported allegations), former president Donald Trump has convinced a significant portion of the 47% of voters who supported him that the election was stolen and many say their faith in democracy has been shaken.

But even that 50% who voted for President Biden have had their faith in democracy shaken.

The Texas lawsuit that the U.S. Supreme Court rejected had 126 Republican members of Congress supporting it (24% of all members of Congress). Even after the Capitol was stormed by a mob that didn't appear too picky about whom to harm, 145 Republican senators and representatives (27%) voted to support at least one of the objections.

That so many Republican members of Congress were willing to reject the will of the voters in the absence of solid evidence of fraud should scare every voter regardless of party.

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### Editor's note

Bruce Rushton's cover story on the eviction moratorium provides rare glimpses into Springfield's often misunderstood low-income rental housing scene. Landlords need good tenants; nobody evicts anybody with glee. Tenants need good housing, and know they have to pay to keep it. There are bad actors among both tenants and landlords. But under normal circumstances, disputes can be resolved with the help of housing inspectors and eviction courts. Pandemic made the eviction moratorium necessary, but it will have to be lifted with care. Otherwise landlords may lose rental houses to foreclosure and tenants may lose their homes to eviction after all. —Fletcher Farrar, editor and CEO



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## OPINION

# Pritzker's polling drops, enthusiasm wanes

POLITICS | Rich Miller

For the first year or so of his administration leading up to the beginning of the pandemic, Gov. JB Pritzker's polling wasn't exactly horrible, but it was still pretty darned underwhelming. But after some spectacular crisis-induced polling spikes last year, the governor has seemingly come back down to earth.

The first poll taken by Morning Consult after Pritzker was sworn into office in January of 2019 found his job approval rate at 40%, with his disapproval at 29 and 31% not saying either way. By the end of 2019, Morning Consult had his approve/disapprove at 43-41 with 16% not weighing in. An early February 2020 poll by Fako Research & Strategies found that 39% of Illinois voters rated him positively, while 36% rated him negatively and 19% were neutral.

But then came the COVID-19 pandemic and Pritzker's numbers really shot up, mainly because of his handling of the pandemic. Three polls in April and May of last year showed his pandemic job approval rating at 70% or higher and one had his overall job approval at 61-35. "He was bullet-proof," a top Republican consultant recalled of those heady days.

What goes up often comes down, however, and by October, a quite prescient Change Research/Capitol Fax poll had Pritzker's fave/unfaves at 48-45, possibly due at least in part to the unpopularity of his graduated income tax proposal.

A poll released last week that was conducted February 17-21 by Chip Englander's firm 1892 Polling had Pritzker back to even, with 41% favorable and 41% unfavorable. The margin of error was +/- 3.5%. Englander was a key figure in Bruce Rauner's 2014 gubernatorial campaign, but I've always found his polling to be reliable.

Pritzker's apparent problem now is the same problem he had in the early days: Lots of folks say they have no opinion either way about him – 18% in this instance.

A look at the crosstabs shows this is especially problematic with his party's base. Black voters have a favorable opinion of Pritzker (58-14), but 29% said they had no opinion of the governor. 23% of women and Latinos; 21% of Democrats; 19% of Chicagoans and 17% of liberals all had no opinion of the governor. This more than just suggests that Pritzker has a serious enthusiasm issue.

There were some other warning signs in the poll. A quarter of Chicagoans said they

had an unfavorable opinion of Pritzker, which is not far off the 28% of city voters who opposed the governor's Fair Tax last November. Rauner beat Pat Quinn in 2014 with 21% of the city's vote and lost to Pritzker four years later with just 15% of the city's tally.

"We are where we need to be in the city and downstate," that aforementioned GOP consultant claimed yesterday. The key, he said, is the suburbs.

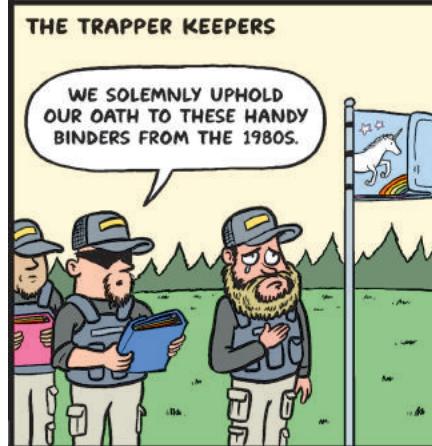
The "suburbs" classification in Englander crosstabs includes suburban Cook, DuPage and Lake counties. He's separated those counties out for years because, an associate explained, that's where the real battleground is. Pritzker took those three counties with 57% in 2018. This recent poll has the governor's favorables in those counties at 47%, his unfavorables at 35 and "No opinion" at 18.

This isn't pandemic epidemiology here. Pritzker has to find a way to convince the large number of people with no stated opinion of him to move his direction. He has plenty of time to do it, but it's more

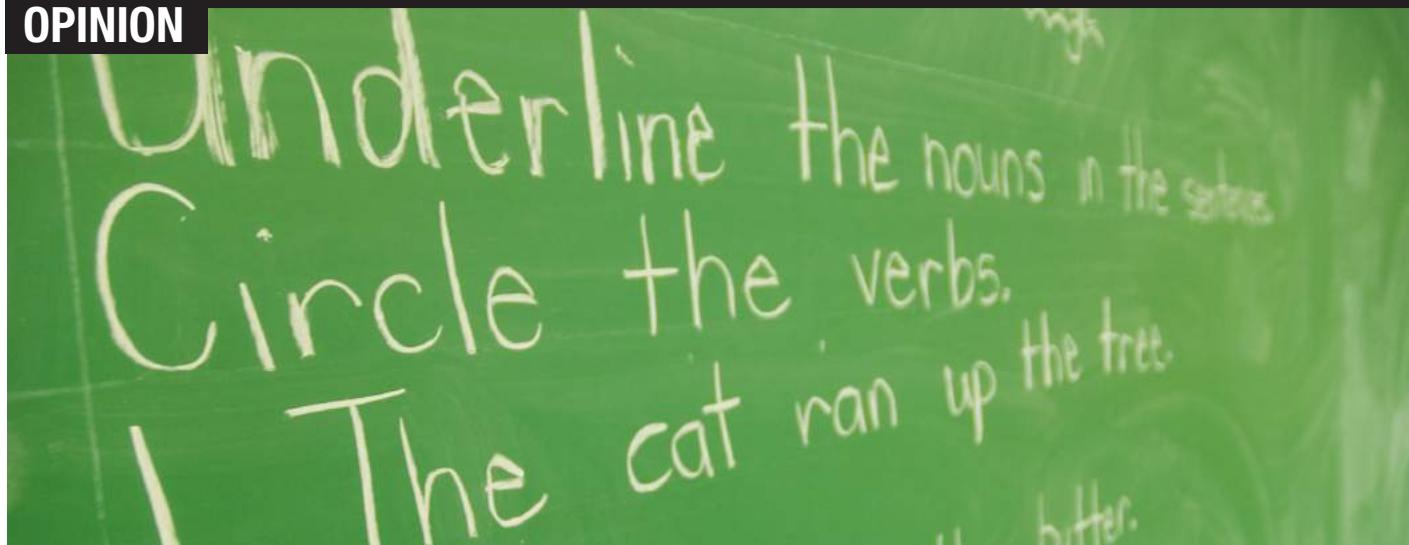
difficult to accomplish as the months click by for an incumbent.

As the virus hopefully fades away, it'll also be easier to use pandemic-related issues against Pritzker, like the ongoing catastrophe at the Illinois Department of Employment Security, massive small business closures, the LaSalle Veterans' Home deaths, etc. The criminal justice reform law is also going to be a very tricky issue to handle, if other states are any guide. And he needs to put some wins on the board to help people forget about his disastrous 2020 graduated income tax referendum.

In other words, Pritzker will have his own record to contend with instead of running against a horribly unpopular Republican incumbent in an off-year election during the term of a fabulously unpopular Republican president. The overall trend will not be so friendly next time, unless Pritzker gets lucky with a fatally flawed Republican opponent, or creates his own luck by quietly helping a far-right candidate across the finish line. □



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**archival find # 47**

because of grampa's deafness he and my dad often communicated by writing back and forth – here's a scrap I just found where they are discussing a capable but hotheaded and opinionated overseer-employee: "Let's write him an excellent recommendation," my grampa scribbles, "and then find him a job as far away from us as possible!"

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**FAILURE TO TEACH**

I do not know if she intended this, but Cinda Klickna's recent column on the importance of teaching grammar raised far more questions than it answered ("Phonics needs grammar on its team," March 11).

Ms. Klickna began her column by admitting that she didn't learn the parts of speech until she was in the eighth grade. Is she serious? What possible purpose could it have served District 186 to wait until the eighth grade to teach something so simple? She then said that the students in her high school junior advanced English class did not know grammar, or even the parts of speech. If they did not know these things, how did they get into high school in the first place, much less an advanced English class?

While I admire the clever methods she developed to teach grammar, the lessons should have been unnecessary. These should have been taught and consistently reinforced in elementary school.

My children attend St. Agnes School, and grammar is covered beginning in kindergarten. They can give examples of a noun, verb or adjective without even thinking about it. Unfortunately, I cannot say the same thing for

the kids in my neighborhood who attend Springfield public schools. These children range in age from kindergarten through sixth grade. Not one of them can tell you what a noun is, and asking them to give examples of verbs or adjectives is like asking them to speak Mandarin.

Springfield has the worst of both worlds. We have a public school system that intentionally fails to teach elementary concepts such as grammar and phonics, and at the same time, we pay an obscene amount in taxes to prop up this failed system. If District 186 refuses to teach grammar, what else does it refuse to teach?

*Robert Huck  
Springfield*

**FIGHT CUTS TO FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire department spending per capita doesn't tell the whole story ("Sound the alarm: Fiscal sanity hits the fire department," March 4). What is the budget when it's compared to other cities that are the same size? Springfield has continued to grow while the levels of protection and services have been continually slashed. Look at the police and public works departments to see how cuts affect your service.

The last time we had growth in the SFD was around 1990, and we were primarily a fire-fighting organization. Since then, two independent studies were done which showed Springfield was understaffed and under-protected. Two to four additional firehouses were

suggested to cover a city our size. The Maximus study in 2011, another independent study done by the city, showed that the fire department's management levels were right in line with where they should be.

We then added things like hazmat, tech rescue, dive and more to provide even greater service for our city. Just recently, we began to upgrade our medical services provided. All these have been added to a department that hasn't grown. That's more calls, more value and more efficiency. The people of Springfield are getting more for their dollar than in previous years.

The department workload has more than doubled while the size has remained the same.

It's an expensive insurance policy. No one is saying we need a firehouse on every corner. No one is saying that cuts will cause the city to burn to the ground. But to say cutting services won't impact the safety of firefighters and the public we serve is absolutely wrong. Had someone reached out to the fire department at all to actually find out about firefighting, your story would have had some validity.

*Nick Zummo  
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**CORREX**

A story from our March 11 issue about a forum for Ball-Chatham school board candidates incorrectly stated that Laura Calderon was running unopposed. Read the updated story at: [tinyurl.com/yvuvp452](http://tinyurl.com/yvuvp452).

**Democracy depends on the right to vote**

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One would think that a party that has so often lost the popular vote in recent national elections would be inclined to move away from its increasingly far-right stance in order to attract moderate voters.

Instead, in Republican-controlled state legislatures, numerous bills are being considered that have the potential to restrict citizens' access to the vote by curtailing vote-by-mail, shortening early voting, reducing the numbers of polling places and other restrictions targeted at voting groups that tend to not vote strongly for Republicans.

A bill passed by the U.S. House to counter such voter repression laws appears to have a slim chance to pass the U.S. Senate unless the filibuster is abolished.

The U.S. Constitution was designed to guard against the tyranny of the majority. However, current Republican efforts have the potential to create a tyranny of the minority.

So where do we go from here?

The first reasonable action would be to hold elected officials accountable at the polls for their anti-democratic actions or votes.

While he had the common sense not to vote to support any of the objections to the Electoral College, local representative Darin LaHood added his name to the spurious Texas lawsuit.

Three of the five Illinois Republican members of Congress (including Rodney Davis) had the courage to stand up for democracy and reject the dubious legal logic and unsubstantiated claims of the Texas lawsuit. We need to remember this when we vote in 2022.

During election campaigns, particular attention should be paid to what candidates say about the voting process. Many candidates who want to suppress voting camouflage their comments as wanting to promote voting integrity, even though they can point to no solid evidence of voting irregularities under current standards.

I also urge readers to write their state legislators urging them to pass legislation requiring rank-choice voting for all primary and general elections. In elections where there are multiple candidates and no one candidate has a least 50% plus 1 vote, ranked choice voting tends to result in more moderate candidates being elected, rather than candidates at either extreme of the political spectrum.

We need to be ever vigilant for the actions of those who would erode the right of citizens to cast legitimate votes. Democracy is fragile. □

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# Cannabis comrades

As industry booms, Illinois employees want better pay and protection

LABOR | Rachel Otwell

Working with cannabis was a dream come true for Leddie Lewis of Springfield. Her father had been diagnosed with cancer in 2015. Before he died in 2016, medical cannabis helped improve the quality of the days he had left, she said. "It pushed me into this drive to want to help other people."

Lewis started at Ascend's downtown Springfield dispensary in October of last year. It serves medical patients as well those seeking adult-use, sometimes called recreational, cannabis. Lewis was ready to start a career in the industry, she said.

And that industry is booming. Illinois sold more than \$1 billion in both medical and adult-use cannabis in 2020, after becoming the 11th state to legalize recreational marijuana. Illinois sold \$169.6 million worth of adult-use cannabis, not including medical, in the first two months of 2021 – more than double what was made in the first two months of 2020. That's according to pre-tax figures from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Workers say they deserve wages and benefits to match the growth of the burgeoning market.

Lewis said she had immediate concerns about safety protocol, such as proper mask wearing, when she started the job. And then she got sick. On Nov. 11 a COVID-19 test confirmed she was positive, she said. She can't say for sure that she contracted the virus while on the job, but said she thinks it was a strong possibility. She said people would work sick, worried that otherwise they'd be penalized for missing work. "People were scared," said Lewis. "It was stressful every day."

Lewis was one of several past and present employees interviewed who said communication over COVID cases by management was lacking. Lewis raised concerns over safety guidelines with higher-ups, but those concerns largely went ignored, she said. So this January, she resigned. A spokesperson for Ascend declined to answer questions or provide comment for this story.

## Gaining ground

Some of Lewis's former coworkers have decided to unionize in hopes of achieving better pay and benefits and to raise COVID-19 safety standards. "We attempted to make ourselves heard for many months," said Briana Rodriguez, an Ascend employee. "Fighting for the union will help us gain our rights back," she told those gathered at a press conference on March 3 outside the facility at 628 E. Adams St. Ascend



Briana Rodriguez speaks to reporters and those gathered at a March 3 press conference outside Ascend's downtown location. CREDIT: RACHEL OTWELL

has one other location in Springfield, off of Dirksen Parkway, but that location is not part of the unionizing efforts.

The profits of the new industry Rodriguez is working in were not lost on her. "I bring in enough money to pay off my whole college tuition in one shift – in a few hours of it." During the press conference Moises Zavala passed around a paper outlining benefits of unionizing. Zavala is director of organizing for Local 881 of United Food and Commercial Workers International Union. The list was based on guarantees for workers at Sunnyside Cannabis Dispensary in Chicago after it became the first dispensary in the state to ratify a union contract last month.

Changes included more paid vacation time, raises, reduced health care coverage costs and a grievance process involving union investigations into discipline, terminations and claims of unsafe working conditions, according to 881 UFCW. In advance of the press conference, an employee using only the first name of Jonathan claimed in a March 2 news release that there had been multiple COVID cases inside Ascend's downtown dispensary, but the store remained open with little reassurance that the environment was safe. The same release announced the National Labor Relations Board had commenced a mail-in union election for the Ascend workers.

Zavala told *Illinois Times* that the complaints in Springfield are not unique. In addition to the

one dispensary that has unionized in the state so far, workers at a cultivation center in Joliet also approved a union contract late last year, becoming the first cultivation center in the state to do so. "The pandemic was the turning point to get cannabis workers to realize that they had to organize," Zavala said. He said prior to the pandemic, 881 UFCW was trying to mobilize cannabis workers in the state. Most of them "weren't taking our message seriously, because they were in the stage where they thought that the company was going to do good by them."

## Pioneers

A March 2 letter addressed to Ascend workers congratulates them for their efforts to unionize. "Through your hard work and partnership with the labor movement, working families in your community will improve their standard of living," the letter read. It urged a yes vote for the election that will decide whether or not Ascend's downtown Springfield location becomes a union shop. It was signed by four state senators – Robert Peters, Omar Aquino, Ram Villivalam, Melinda Bush – and state Rep. Kelly Cassidy.

In early March, Eric Craddock, an Ascend employee, found out he was in close contact with someone at work who had tested positive for COVID-19. He subsequently tested negative, and was still told by the Illinois Department of Public Health and Sangamon County Department of Public Health to quarantine for 14 days as a precaution. But

according to Craddock, initially human resources at Ascend told him to return to work before the 14 days were over, or he'd be penalized.

An Ascend policy dated March 8, 2021, and reviewed by *Illinois Times* states that an employee who's been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 should take a rapid response test within two to five days of the exposure. The test results are to be shared with the human resources department. If the test is negative, the employee "will report to work" – according to the policy.

When asked if a cannabis dispensary would be able to ask employees to return to work before a time frame advised by public health representatives, Gail O'Neill, director of the Sangamon County Department of Public Health, told *Illinois Times* it is the health department and contact tracers who make the final decision on when a person can be released from quarantine. "Employers asking employees to return to work while they are ordered to be in isolation or quarantine are asking them to break the law," she wrote in an email.

Craddock said he was eventually told by Ascend HR he could finish the quarantine without being penalized. Still, he said in multiple cases, the company has downplayed or ignored complaints and inquiries about safe and proper protocol. "The union would give us a way for our voices to not be ignored," said Craddock.

Robert Bruno is professor of labor and employment relations at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He said the cannabis industry is "one where a labor union is actually well situated to play an important role as a partner in making sure that rules and regulations are followed." Bruno said cannabis workers who are on the forefront of unionizing the industry in Illinois are "new pioneers." Often, movements within labor start small, Bruno said.

As was announced at the union press conference on March 3, election ballots have been sent to the 40 or so employees at Ascend who are eligible to vote. In order to be represented by 881 UFCW, more than half of the ballots cast must be yes votes. The votes will be counted on April 20 – also known as 4/20 – a day highly celebrated in cannabis culture, as the number 420 denotes marijuana consumption. Just a coincidence, apparently. Perhaps it's serendipity. □

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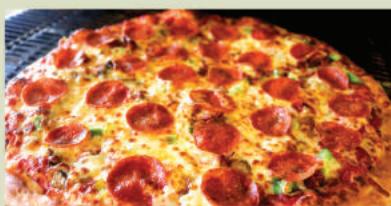
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# Getting out the vax

Media campaigns, mobile units and clinics help spread immunity

**HEALTH | Madison Angell**

On March 9 the Sangamon County Board approved a \$62,700 plan to partner with SIU School of Medicine in Springfield for a vaccine media campaign. The goal is to "increase vaccine confidence among communities of color," Rikeesha Phelon, SIU Medicine's executive director of marketing, communication and engagement, said during the county board meeting. Phelon told the board the most important thing regarding this effort was to "make sure that community stakeholders know we're listening to them."

Stakeholder sessions are ongoing and have happened multiple times over the past few months. SIU tested multiple social media campaign ideas and listened to community concerns. Phelon said representatives from NAACP Illinois, Springfield Urban League, Black Lives Matter Springfield, faith groups and others have attended the sessions.

The coalition settled on three education campaign themes – availability and access, clarifying facts and promoting family and community safety. "What we found was not surprising but reassuring," Phelon told *Illinois Times* about the sessions. More people want the vaccine than not. Phelon said residents are concerned, however, with the lack of vaccine access for people of color. She also said some people still have questions about the vaccine's efficacy and safety. "Some of that is filtered through historical mistrust that they have, for good reason, about health care," Phelon said. "For others, this just feels new to them."

The first phase of the education campaign is focused on giving people facts about the different vaccines. SIU Medicine is working to build trust with the community and part of that process is better understanding where people get their information. Phelon said some older adults reported they get their information from the young people in their family. Others get information from relatives who work in health care. And there were some relying on social media and news outlets.

The education campaign is launching this month and the media team plans to regularly post videos promoting vaccine confidence and community safety. But the primary focus of phase one of the media campaign is to give people the facts and "information they need to make their own decisions," said Phelon. Organizations included in the efforts are ready to distribute tool kits and printable handouts to equip businesses and organizations in the county with vaccine education materials and resources.



An example of an ad by SIU School of Medicine to urge the public to get vaccinated.  
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Phase two will broadcast messaging about COVID-19 vaccines. Sangamon County residents can expect billboards, print, radio and TV ads and paid content on social media explaining the facts and pushing back against vaccine misinformation. Timing of that is important, Phelon said. "We have really had some concerns about making sure that when we do go live with a large PR campaign that we can match that to people's access and availability of the vaccine."

Matching vaccine supply and expectation is crucial to building community trust, she said. "Over-promoting the vaccine to some communities and them feeling like they don't have access could further damage any good standing that we are trying to build."

## Cautious optimism

Gail O'Neill, director of the Sangamon County Department of Public Health (SCDPH), said during the March 9 county board meeting that there's cause for cautious optimism. The rate of community spread is relatively low compared to prior months, though, "COVID is still a dangerous illness, and that's one of the reasons we encourage people to vaccinate," she said. "It looks like we're on the road to some great recovery."

O'Neill said the department is urging residents to use its hotline numbers, especially those who are less tech-savvy and may have issues with scheduling appointments online. She admitted some have problems getting through to someone on the phone, but

those eligible should call every day as new appointments regularly become available based on cancellation. O'Neill said there were 130 cancellations between both the Illinois State Fairgrounds site and the clinic at the SCDPH building on South Grand Avenue on March 7, a Sunday.

O'Neill said a mobile team has partnered with the Illinois National Guard to come to people in need of vaccination. As of March 9, the unit had given more than 600 shots. Mobile units have given shots to the elderly and homeless and have also traveled to public school sites and an addiction treatment center. Walgreens was also set to partner with the county, Salvation Army and Capital Township for a vaccine clinic over the March 13-14 weekend to distribute at least 800 Johnson & Johnson vaccines, which only require one dose.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, as of March 14, 17.04% of Sangamon County residents have been vaccinated. To find out who is eligible for vaccines and to schedule appointments, head to scdpb.org. The hotline number for the Illinois State Fairgrounds site is 217-210-8801 and for the clinic at 2833 South Grand Ave. E. the number is 217-321-2606. On Friday, the governor's administration announced a new, toll-free "Vaccine Appointment Call Center" for residents throughout the state. The number is: 833-621-1284. □

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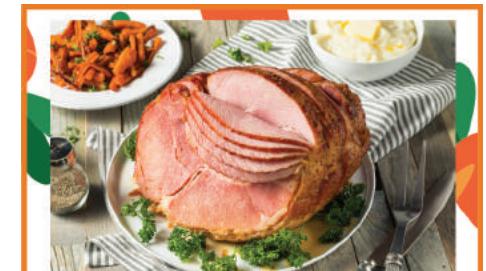


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## NEWS



Arby's at 3009 S. Dirksen Pkwy. closed its doors through the end of March due to the norovirus outbreak. PHOTO BY CAROL WEEMS

# Another type of virus outbreak

Norovirus from a Springfield Arby's sickens dozens of people

**HEALTH | Madison Angell**

A recent outbreak of norovirus in Springfield is confirmed to have sickened nearly 100 residents. Arby's on Dirksen Parkway was identified as the source.

The building – 3009 S. Dirksen Pkwy. – closed its doors a second time last week and will remain closed through the end of March, according to an Arby's spokesperson. The Sangamon County Department of Public Health began receiving complaints from people in the third week of February. Residents said they were experiencing flu-like symptoms after eating at the Arby's location.

A health department inspector visited the site the week later, on Feb. 23, after 40 cases of norovirus had been reported. The public health inspection of Arby's reports managers were negligent by not following up with employees who called off sick. The inspection also shows meat, sauces and eggs were stored at unsafe temperatures – and a probe used for checking food was kept in an area “visibly soiled with dust and debris.”

On Feb. 24, Arby's voluntarily closed for a deep cleaning after an inspector from the county health department found sauces were not being kept in required temperature settings. Arby's was later cleared to reopen “mid-morning the following day,” on Feb. 25, wrote a spokesperson for Sangamon County health department. The location

stayed open a little under two weeks. During this time, roughly 50 more norovirus cases were reported. Arby's closed again on March 8 through the end of the month. The decision comes “out of an abundance of caution,” according to a public statement made by the franchise.

Health department officials confirmed five additional cases have been identified as of March 15, bringing the county's total to 97. In an email a spokesperson for the franchise confirmed the outbreak and wrote: “The franchisee is fully engaged with the local health department and has conducted a professional deep clean, reinforced food safety training with all employees and will have met all health department guidelines before reopening.”

Norovirus is a highly contagious foodborne illness. More than half of food-related illnesses in the U.S. are caused by norovirus. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, most norovirus outbreaks occur in food service settings like restaurants. Infected workers are often the source. Many people refer to it as the “24-hour flu.” It is usually spread by fecal-oral contact. It can also become aerosolized and spread in confined spaces where people are in close contact. It causes vomiting, stomach pains, low-grade fevers and diarrhea. Most people with norovirus fully recover and

symptoms pass after 24 to 48 hours. Age and health can affect the longevity and severity of symptoms, and it is potentially lethal.

Bill Marler is a lawyer based in Seattle who has worked on foodborne illness cases for nearly 20 years, including the infamous Chipotle E. coli outbreak back in 2015. He said getting norovirus is “definitely an issue for someone who is immunocompromised,” especially now with the threat of COVID-19. The fact that “some of the first symptoms of COVID-19 look like norovirus,” said Marler, complicates tracking the outbreak. And people traveling long distances also have a harder time identifying the source of their illness, said Marler.

The norovirus count in Sangamon County is typically sized, according to Marler. “The problem is that the outbreak is probably three to four times the size because most people do not report symptoms,” said Marler.

He said from a legal standpoint, Arby's is at fault. And those who reported food poisoning symptoms as a result of eating food from the location may be entitled to compensation. “It may not be tens of millions of dollars,” said Marler, but “legally they have a claim.” □

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# Stopping the steal?

Judge overruled in election case

POLITICS | Bruce Rushton

An appellate court has overruled Sangamon County Circuit Court Judge Gail Noll, ruling that she goofed when dismissing a case filed by a candidate for Rochester Township road commissioner.

Darin Whitten went to court after losing the Republican nomination by between one and three votes; one person at a December GOP caucus meeting wrote in his name while circling the name of incumbent Darrell Maxheimer, whose name is on the April 6 ballot.

At the December caucus, paper ballots were ready before Whitten was nominated; 115 votes were cast. Voting began 45 minutes earlier than it should have, according to Whitten's lawsuit, with township residents in the parking lot, concerned about pandemic, told that they could write in names without going inside. Maxheimer was the only candidate for road commissioner whose name was on the caucus ballots.

In ruling against Whitten, Judge Noll in January sided with lawyers for Maxheimer and township clerk Lynn Chard, who argued that the case didn't belong in court: Instead of asking a judge for relief, Whitten should have gone to an electoral board.

Wrong, the Fourth Circuit Appellate Court ruled in a decision issued March 15. Civil rights are at stake, the court wrote, and so courts, not an administrative body such as an electoral board, should have jurisdiction. The court remanded the matter back to Noll. Sam Cahnman, Whitten's lawyer, says that an electoral board would be controlled by establishment Republicans who, even if they kicked Maxheimer off the ballot, would have left the same Republicans who held a flawed caucus to appoint a candidate, which likely would have been Maxheimer.



Judge Gail Noll

The appellate court's ruling comes after U.S. District Court Judge Richard Mills in February dismissed a federal lawsuit filed by Whitten. It was, Mills decided, a matter of jurisdiction, not merits of the case. He noted that Whitten already had sued in state court. "Federal courts do not exist to provide disappointed state court litigants with 'a second bite at the apple,'" Mills wrote in his February ruling. In that same ruling, Mills suggested that allegations by Whitten, who's said that the caucus amounted

to a rigged election, might have merit.

"If the plaintiff's allegations are true, it appears there were major issues with the Dec. 1, 2020, Rochester Township Republican caucus," Mills wrote.

Dylan Grady, who represents township clerk Lynn Chard and is being paid by the township, said that merits haven't been considered. While ballots were preprinted, he said that matters such as when they were distributed to voters and how that coincided with the timing of

nominating procedures haven't been addressed in court.

Early voting and vote by mail already has commenced, says Sangamon County Clerk Don Gray, and it's too late to reprint ballots. "We're past those deadlines – we proceed forward as planned," Gray says. What might happen is up to the courts.

"If they order something, we'll certainly abide by it," Gray said.

Cahnman says that there is time to make things right. Assuming that his client prevails in litigation ordered by the appellate court, township Republicans could have a second caucus before the election, Cahnman said. If Whitten wins, ballots could either be reprinted or a sticker with Whitten's name placed over Maxheimer's name, which is the only one on the general election ballot for a township that leans red. "You win the Republican nomination, you basically win the election," Cahnman said.

Grady isn't sure that the matter will be decided by election day. An appeal of Monday's ruling hasn't been ruled out, he said.

"There are a host of potential options," Grady said. "A lot depends on what the court wants to do. The timeline is tight to resolve the case before the election, I will say that."

Records obtained via a Freedom of Information Act request filed by Whitten's wife show that the township has paid nearly \$10,300 to Brown, Hay and Stephens, a Springfield law firm where Grady works that has been hired to fight the unsuccessful candidate's lawsuits. The amount, Cahnman notes, doesn't include bills incurred since Feb. 1.

"Taxpayers are paying the fees," Cahnman said. "It's a pretty expensive law firm." □

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# Struggling to stay put

## Eviction moratorium creates worry

**HOUSING | Bruce Rushton**

A year ago, Rick and Carla Phelan were on the cusp of homelessness.

They'd been there before, but pandemic was different. After two nights spent sleeping in their 2004 Buick LeSabre with their dog — their son stayed with relatives — the Phelans were among the first in Sangamon County to drive home that a moratorium on evictions, meant to curb COVID, is real.

Cops showed up when summoned by management the day that the Phelans left the Midtown Inn on Dirksen Parkway. The couple owed rent. Carla Phelan says that she was working at a Subway sandwich shop; her husband is on disability. The state had just locked down. Stay home unless absolutely necessary, Gov. JB Pritzker pleaded, and he backed up pleas with executive orders that shut down bars and restaurants and churches while barring evictions for fear that people, left homeless, would spread the virus as they couch-surfed or crammed together

in homeless shelters. A federal eviction moratorium mirrors moratoriums enacted by Illinois and other states

For the Phelans, Pritzker's eviction moratorium proved a short-term bridge.

After Sangamon County Associate Judge Dwayne Gab ruled that the eviction moratorium applied to the couple, the Phelans returned to the motel. They were out in less than two months, says Carla Phelan, who now works in a nursing home kitchen. Today, she and her husband live in a single-wide mobile home that they purchased with federal stimulus money. Lot rent at the Peoria Road trailer court is \$447, Carla Phelan says.

"It needs a little work done to it," she allows. If Midtown wants its rent, the motel's owner will have to sue the Phelans in small-claims court.

"We got out as quick as we could," Carla Phelan says. "We're happier out here."

### **"Eviction is the worst-case scenario"**

As deaths and infections decrease while vaccinations crescendo, light, or something darker beckons at the end of a long tunnel. For tenants who haven't been paying rent and landlords with little recourse, a reckoning seems nigh.

Landlords can evict tenants for dealing drugs or allowing trash to pile up or otherwise causing a nuisance, but failure to pay rent hasn't been a ticket to eviction for a year, and that's reflected in the court docket. Since the state enacted an eviction moratorium, the number of eviction cases has plummeted, according to the Sangamon County circuit clerk's office, which reports that eviction filings dropped from 1,494 in the year ending March 1, 2020, to 577 in the subsequent year — landlords can still evict tenants who pose health or safety threats or damage property — when pandemic and Pritzker's moratorium took hold. During the same time period, foreclosure cases, blocked in part by government-ordered forbearances involving federally backed mortgages,

have fallen from 362 to 79.

Most tenants are current on rent, according to Stella Dean, who sits on the board of the Springfield Area Landlord Association and acts as the organization's spokeswoman. Based on a membership survey, 25 percent of tenants are behind, Dean says, with landlords reporting that nearly half of folks who've fallen delinquent have lost jobs, gotten sick or have otherwise suffered pandemic-related hardship that accounts for arrearages. It equates to between 10 and 12 percent of renters unaffected by pandemic stifling landlords who could throw them out but for the eviction moratorium. Measuring sticks to determine who's a deadbeat, Dean says, include the number of tenants who've been rejected for government rental assistance and tenants who haven't applied, suggesting that they know that they don't meet income eligibility or otherwise qualify for help. Dean declined to give precise numbers but said that considerably more than 100 landlords who collectively own more

than 1,000 properties belong to the landlord association.

Eviction, Dean says, is a last resort: Landlords will work with folks caught in pandemic-induced binds.

"It's always in the landlord's best interest, as well as the community's interest, to keep a tenant placed," Dean says. "These are community members. These are students going to school. Eviction is the worst-case scenario for a landlord – they only want to evict someone if they're causing damages or devastating the property or they can't pay their rent. I think landlords are being placed in a position that, when a negative circumstance occurs, the legal remedies are not available. The courts need to get back to their normal operations so that landlords have legal recourse to remedy their situations."

Some landlords are skipping the court system.

Melinda Hubele, managing attorney for the northern regional office of Land of Lincoln Legal Aid, says that her organization in 2020 tallied 116 instances of landlords changing locks or shutting off utilities to execute so-called self-help evictions that don't involve courts; in 2019, she says, the nonprofit that helps tenants in eight central Illinois counties counted 50 such cases. It is illegal, she says, for landlords to take matters into their own hands and force eviction without court approval.

"I would speculate that there are landlords out there who are either unaware that they cannot take the self-help method into their own hands – they have to go through the courts – or they're frustrated," Hubele says. "Thousands of people have lost employment. The moratorium was put in place so that thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of individuals were not made homeless. Also, it helped prevent spread of the virus. The increase in this number of self-help evictions just shows that there are people without income to pay their rent, and so landlords have just taken it on themselves."



A year ago, Rick and Carla Phelan were in the courthouse with their lawyer Dowin Coffy, fighting to keep a roof over their heads. Today, the couple lives in a mobile home purchased with the help of stimulus checks.

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Hubele sees both sides: Renting property is a business, she says, and landlords holding leases count on rental income. "I can understand the frustration of landlords, when many of them are everyday individuals – this is their livelihood," she says.

The eviction moratorium, like the pandemic, won't last forever, and delinquent rent isn't forgiven by government edicts: At some point, what's owed must be paid. What will happen when tenants who haven't paid rent in months, or a year, get hit with past-due bills via courts empowered to evict?

"I don't know that I have a good answer," Hubele says. "It's definitely something we've all been thinking about. ... Without some form of relief to them or to landlords directly, there are going to be many people who owe back rent who will be unable to pay."

#### "People need help"

Lawrence Criscione is counting on rental property to fund golden years.

It's a common plan in Springfield, where a house can be bought for \$50,000 or less, rented out, then sold when it's time to retire. An engineer

who commutes to Maryland, where he works for the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Criscione owns 18 rental houses plus a duplex in the capital city. Five tenants, he says, are in arrears. All but one, he says, have paid part of what they owe, even the guy recently released from prison.

The outlier is Emily White, a clerical worker for the state Department of Natural Resources who is paid \$38,000 a year and hasn't missed a paycheck since pandemic hit. Her husband, Rickie, says that he earns \$13 an hour working as a janitor. Rent is \$550 a month. The Whites, who've lived in Criscione's house for six years, last paid in December 2019. Criscione says they'd been late before but always caught up, so he wasn't immediately alarmed. He figured on getting paid when tax refund season came.

The Whites say they'd rather live elsewhere, and it isn't hard to see why. Paint on the porch of their Lowell Avenue home is blistered, as is the kitchen ceiling, portending leaks that have become obvious in an adjoining room, where plaster is stained and looks ready to fall. When it rains, the Whites say, buckets are a must.

Why haven't they paid rent? "The price of food went sky high, and it hasn't come down," Emily White says. Her husband says that he and his wife had planned on moving nearly a year ago, but couldn't find a place. The eviction moratorium, Emily White says, has saved them. "We'd be homeless if it wasn't in place," she says. Her husband allows that others might be skating. "People need help," Rickie White says. "There are, maybe, some people out there abusing it."

Criscione went to court last July. Emily White, leaseholder of record, didn't appear. She says that she was in quarantine and couldn't travel to the courthouse. Her landlord won a \$5,167 judgment, plus an eviction order that's been postponed due to pandemic and the state eviction moratorium. Judgment in hand, Criscione got a court order garnishing White's wages. He's getting \$350 a month. White has filled out a declaration

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required of tenants who haven't paid rent and face eviction, stating under penalty of perjury that she has paid as much as she can.

Criscione says that he's gotten some government money from rental assistance programs who've helped his other tenants, but not the Whites. He says that he wants to fix the ceiling in the Whites' house, and he acknowledges that he isn't a perfect landlord: If he can't fix something right away, he'll reduce the rent. "If we can't agree, they can move," he says.

While the law allows evictions if tenants pose health threats or damage property, the law, Criscione says, isn't working.

"We've actually implemented programs to discourage paying rent," Criscione writes in an email. "The outliers have increased in numbers slightly but have increased in hazardous liability immensely. They are no longer a thorn in your side for a few months. They have become an indefinite issue."

Rental assistance remains available, with



Rickie and Emily White say pandemic has precluded them from paying rent for a leaky house on Lowell Avenue.

PHOTOS BY BRUCE RUSHTON

federal money dispensed by local authorities such as the Sangamon County Department of Community Resources, which distributed more than \$413,000 last year to help 426 tenants. There are limits. Tenants must make no more than twice what is considered the poverty rate, and no more than one month's rent can be paid over a 24-month period.

"We want to help landlords," says Dave MacDonna, department director. "We know they're taking it on the chin. It's a concern of the county board members. Many of them have told me, 'What can we do to help the landlords?'"

### "I'm homeless"

One by one, Sangamon County Associate Judge Chris Perrin goes through cases, calling up defendants whose landlords, despite the moratorium, are seeking eviction.

"Can I get your address?" the judge asks Sherrese Walker, who's already moved and is splitting time between Springfield, where she works at a supermarket, and Chicago, where relatives live. "I don't have an address – I'm homeless," Walker replies during a court session where hers and a handful of other cases are considered.

Outside the courtroom, Walker says that the last year has been rough. She says that she contracted COVID last fall and that she's lost shifts at work. Trash outside her rented home on Edwards Street is the work of fly dumpers, not her, she says, and she can't understand why her landlord is seeking more than \$8,000 – she says that she was two months in arrears when she moved. "You don't even give me a chance to catch up on the rent," she says.

Fred and Korie Brandt have a happier outcome.

The couple, married 20 years, say that RME Properties, their landlord, didn't fix the broken furnace at their cottage on North Fifth Street – they came to court with an inspection report from the city showing that repairs were ordered on Dec. 7. The city also found electrical problems that posed a hazard. The Brandts say that fuses easily blow, and they don't have access

to the fuse box. This, also, was documented by a city inspector who gave the landlord 30 days to make repairs that the Brandts say still haven't been accomplished. They say that they used their stove for heat to get through the winter. They stopped paying \$550 monthly rent late last year.

"Folks, talk to me: What's going on?"

Michael Durr, the landlord's attorney, asks in a hallway outside the courtroom. A deal is soon struck. If the Brandts move and leave the premises in good condition, the landlord will forgive past-due rent and dismiss the eviction case. "It worked out good," Fred Brandt says after shaking hands with Durr. "We're going to go back to a motel, if we can find a place."

It's the sort of arrangement Durr says was once common. Typically, landlords, with threat of an eviction order as a lever, would agree to payment schedules: Tenants could remain if they stayed current on rent and paid \$100 or so extra each month to catch up on past-due amounts. If tenants upheld bargains, the eviction case would be dismissed. "If you give people a way to resolve disputes, by and large, most people will do it," says Durr, who's been representing landlords for 25 years. Before that, he was a legal aid lawyer, helping tenants who faced eviction. "I was a landlord killer – that's what I did," he says.

Durr says that the eviction moratorium isn't working for anyone. Tenants who owe thousands of dollars in back rent won't be able to catch up when the moratorium is lifted, he says, while landlords who depend on rental income to make mortgage payments will lose houses. The

courtroom corridor, he says, is where magic happens, as tenants faced with eviction make deals that stick and keep them housed. He calls the eviction moratorium a political solution that sounds good but creates real harm. "What we need to do is start implementing things that work," Durr says. "All we do now is baffle."

Inside the courtroom, matters proceed.

"She says it's a service dog," says a landlord who's trying to evict a tenant for keeping an unruly pet and playing music. Judge Perrin doesn't bite. "I don't think you're going to be able to evict them based on loud music and a dog," the judge says. He continues a case for a couple after the landlord says that she doesn't want to sit down with her tenants and resolve differences. "Eventually, this is coming," the judge tells the tenants as he sets a hearing date for April. "Ultimately, you and your husband are going to have to go through this process."

One tenant agrees with her landlord: Plumbing and other things are broken. "He's telling the truth about a whole lot of things," she tells the judge. "You can't even take a bath in there. I have a big family. I have kids in there. He doesn't care." The landlord says that she won't let him in the house to make repairs. "Right now, it's unlivable conditions," he tells the judge.

"If it's as bad as you say, why do you want to live there?" Perrin asks. "It's hard to get places," the woman replies. Another hearing is set for April 30. □

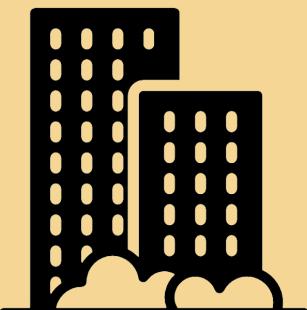
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## Eviction and foreclosure filings

Foreclosures and evictions have fallen in Sangamon County since an eviction moratorium and limits on foreclosures took effect a year ago.

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**477 EVICTIONS**

filed between March 1, 2020, and March 1, 2021



**362 FORECLOSURES**

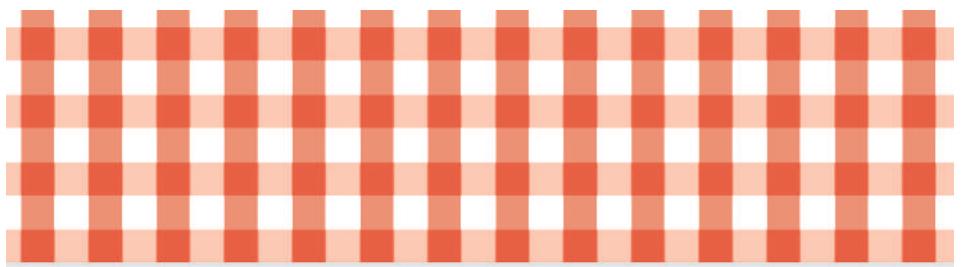
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**79 FORECLOSURES**

filed between March 1, 2020, and March 1, 2021

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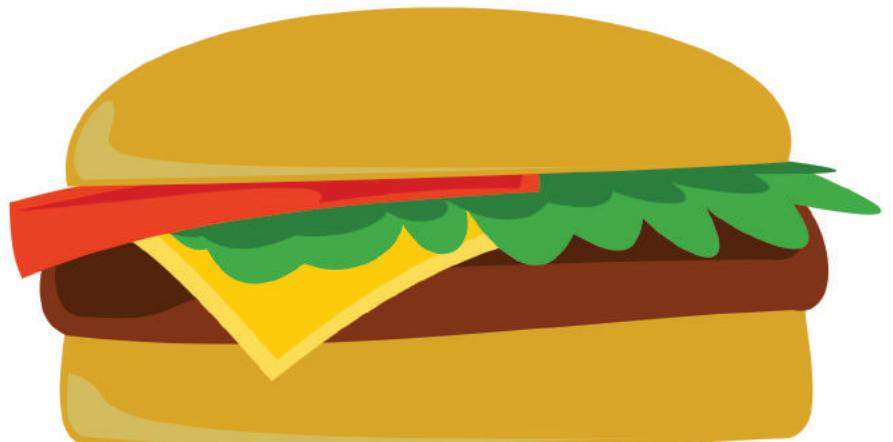


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# A fan of sheet pans

For simple suppers on up to Lemon Raspberry Swiss Roll

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

There are few pieces of kitchen equipment as versatile and hardworking as the humble half-sheet pan. This 13-inch by 18-inch rimmed metal pan has short, one-inch-deep sides that perfectly contain diced vegetables or savory juices from roasting chicken while still allowing for sufficient airflow to facilitate browning and rapid cooking. Half-size sheet pans are slightly larger than a jelly roll pan, which measure 10 by 15 inches. Functionally the two pans are much the same and the difference is only really important when preparing something like a cake, where the proportions to fill the pan are quite specific. Otherwise when putting together a sheet pan supper (or weekend breakfast) freewheeling cooks can simply reduce the quantity of the ingredients proportionally to fit the size of their pan.

Sheet pan suppers are an ideal vehicle for using what you have on hand and getting a meal on the table quickly with minimal dishes. The key principles in building these customizable one-pan meals is to make sure that all your ingredients are uniformly prepared, to not overcrowd the pan, and staggering when ingredients are added to the pan. And if you have a convection setting on your oven, use it. Plan your meal backwards, starting with the longest-cooking items first and adding the fastest-cooking items last. Hard starchy vegetables and larger pieces of meat go on first, followed by more delicate ingredients, like green vegetables, fish and smaller pieces of protein. For example, skinless boneless chicken thighs and baby potatoes both require a total cooking time of about 25 minutes in a 425-degree oven and asparagus requires 8-10 minutes, depending on the thickness of the spears. After roasting the seasoned potatoes and chicken for 15 minutes the pan would be removed from the oven, the chicken and potatoes turned and the asparagus arranged in the pan alongside them. Back into the oven it all goes for another 10 minutes to finish cooking and you're ready for dinner.

These pans are also well suited to making grilled cheese or quesadillas for a crowd of hungry kiddos at lunchtime. Preheat one pan in a 450-degree oven. Assemble your sandwiches, being careful to butter the outsides well. Arrange the sandwiches onto a second pan then, using oven mitts, carefully place the hot pan on top of the buttered sandwiches. Put the sandwiches in the oven with the hot pan on top and bake for 10-15 minutes until the bread is golden and the



Sheet Pan Lemon Raspberry Swiss Roll. PHOTO BY ASHLEY MEYER

cheese is melted.

For a lazy weekend breakfast, arrange strips of bacon on a pan and bake in a 400-degree oven until barely crispy, about 15 minutes. Remove the pan from the oven and crack eggs into open spaces on the pan (you may need to rearrange the bacon a bit) and return to the oven for 5 minutes, until the whites of the eggs are set.

And when we finally get around to having cookouts and gatherings again, half sheet pans are great for turning out big batches of flatbread, brownies, bar cookies and even old-fashioned Swiss roll cake, perfect for springtime celebrations.

## Sheet Pan Lemon Raspberry Swiss Roll

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ¾ teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt (use ¼ teaspoon regular salt)
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- Grated zest of one lemon
- ½ cup melted butter, cooled
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

¼ teaspoon almond extract  
16 ounces seedless raspberry jam  
Powdered sugar for rolling

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and position the rack in the lower part of the oven. Line a 13-inch by 18-inch half sheet pan with foil or parchment, then butter and flour it thoroughly.

Sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Set aside. In the bowl of a mixer combine the eggs, sugar and lemon zest and beat with the whisk attachment on medium speed for two minutes, or until the sugar is dissolved and the mixture is syrupy. Increase the speed to medium-high and beat for an additional five minutes, or until the mixture is pale and voluminous. When the whisk is lifted out of the bowl the mixture should create glossy ribbons upon itself. Swoop the whisk to scrape up the bottom of the bowl, then turn the mixer back on to medium speed. Add the melted butter and extracts in a slow steady stream. When the butter is mostly incorporated add the flour. Stop the mixer while there are still some streaks of flour in the bowl, then use a rubber spatula to finish folding in the flour.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan

and spread it evenly with a spatula. Bake in the preheated oven for 12 minutes, or until lightly golden and the surface barely springs back when lightly pressed. While the cake is still hot, sift confectioners' sugar over the top before laying a clean lint-free kitchen towel over the cake. Invert a large rack over the cake. Then, holding the rack and pan with protected hands, invert the cake. Remove the pan and parchment. Dust this side with powdered sugar, then starting with the shortest side, use the towel to roll the cake up. Let cool for 45 minutes until barely warm.

Warm the jam in a microwave-safe bowl for 20-30 seconds to loosen it up. (This is a nice time to add a tablespoon of Grand Marnier or bourbon if you're so inclined.)

Unroll the cake. It will look slightly wavy and may crack a bit here and there. That's OK. Spread the jam evenly over the cake, leaving a ½-inch border around the edges. Starting again at the shortest edge, roll the cake back up (without the towel this time). Trim the edges with a serrated knife and transfer to a serving platter. You can finish it by simply dusting with powdered sugar or get creative with whipped cream or frosting. Refrigerate until ready to serve. □

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## MUSIC

# Off the Wall

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Off the Wall brings on the party at Weebles this Saturday night.

# On March music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Look out below as we whip on through the month of March like a lion laying down with the lamb, or something such as that anyway. More music bubbles to the surface of the scene as we all continue to do our best to follow safety precautions while the pandemic seems to slip-slide away ever so slightly with our much-needed help and participation.

Every week, I keep looking forward to announcing some weeknight gigs but those are going to come slowly it appears. As venues recover from basically a year of lost revenue, only time will tell on how it all plays out, but things appear to be working their way back to you babe, to paraphrase the now classic, but always cool, Spinners' song. Those off-night shindigs help in sustaining our venues and in providing a place for musicians and music aficionados to get together and "music-ise" with each other without the constraints of big gigs or populated performances. So, here's to the open mics and weekly house spots coming soon as a gauge of the health and vitality in our local live music happenings.

And with that setup segue, let's see what is a-happening in the clubs this weekend, as we wait for the weeklies. The Curve Inn, our Best of Springfield consistent winner for a club-sized, live music venue, presents Broken Stone on Friday and Jameson Freeway on Saturday, starting at 6 p.m.

Broken Stone is celebrating 15 years together as "Central Illinois' best modern rock band," covering the likes of Breaking Benjamin, Shinedown, Volbeat and many more radio rock groups. From a Facebook post, the group is requesting fans wear the band colors of black and red to the celebration because "it would be cool to see a sea of black and red for the show!!" and indeed it would.

With a wide range of songs on tap, Jameson Freeway ranges from Miranda Lambert to Prince, Tom Petty to Eric Church, Journey to Head East and rambles around with many other artists, too. This Saturday they'll be celebrating the birthday of their drummer, the imitable James Mangis, as well as heralding the band's first performance of 2021.

On the north end of town, Weebles sets up for a big weekend with After Sunset on Friday and Off the Wall on Saturday. With both groups among the top bands in town for longevity and popularity, plus these being some of their first shows of the year, prepare for an explosion of attendance and generally good times all around. After Sunset gets in a good collection of 80s hits with an edge of funk and hip hop added into the regular rock. On Friday, come to welcome bassist Kevin Roberts as the newest member of the band at his first gig with AS, but most certainly not his first rodeo by any means, as Kevin has been a fine fixture on the scene for decades.

As one of the most popular area bands for years now, Off the Wall needs no explanation or introduction while they consistently hit up the "party rock" genre with gusto. Through interactions with audience members (the most fervent followers are known as "Waller's"), the personalities of the individual band members always shine and make hanging out with this band a friendly, feisty, familial experience every time.

Most of the other bookings listed are in our neighboring towns and surrounding communities, including my friend and yours, Lyman Ellerman, at the Backroom Lounge in Riverton on Saturday. So take a good look, then take good care out there. See you on the flip-flop. □

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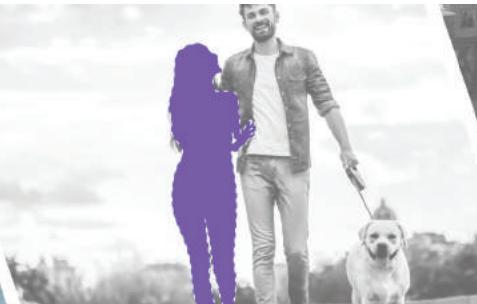


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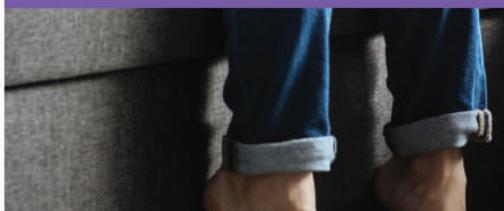
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**Opening day at the zoo**  
Sat., March 20, 12-4pm  
Henson Robinson Zoo  
1100 E. Lake Shore Dr.  
217-585-1821  
\$5-\$7

### NATURE | March monarchs on the move

Plan on venturing outdoors this weekend? The zoo is a great destination for some early spring adventures. Henson Robinson Zoo began as a dream of a prominent Springfield citizen, Henson C. Robinson. In 1967, the city of Springfield donated a tract of land to the Springfield Park District and construction of the zoo began the next year. Since then, the zoo has grown and expanded with the addition of new animals and exhibits. This year you can visit the zoo during its upcoming opening day and learn about the world of eastern monarch butterflies, including their life cycle and the conservation efforts to protect them. These important pollinators pass through Illinois on their annual northern migration route from the Sierra Madre Mountains of Mexico to Canada from March through May. The monarch is the only butterfly known to make an annual two-way migration – some flying up to 3,000 miles one way. The zoo plans to make the Henson Robinson Eastern Monarch Day an annual opening day event as a way to help educate the community about these amazing insects.

## THE CALENDAR

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### Special Music Events

**Brown Bag Concert**  
Wed., March 24, 12-12:30pm.  
Guilherme Ehrat Zils, double  
bass and Pei-I Wang, piano. Go to  
[LincolnsChurch.org](http://LincolnsChurch.org) for the Zoom  
link. Free. 217-528-4311.

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

### Books & Authors

**All Booked Up (Virtual) Book Club**

Mon., March 22, 7-8pm. As part of the NEA Big Read: Sangamon County, we will be discussing the book *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. This book group is geared toward adults and registration is required. Free. 217-483-2713.

**Meet the Author Coffee Talk**  
Wed., March 24, 9:30am. NPR Illinois' Beatrice Bonner will interview alumna author Cheryl Jamison about writing, cooking, food and travel. uis.edu. 217-206-9847.

**Valiant Women: Silent no more**  
Thu., March 18, 7pm. The Springfield and Central Illinois African American Museum hosts the authors of the book *U.G.L.Y. ~ Uncovering God's Love for You*. Online. [spiaahm.org](http://spiaahm.org). 217-391-6323.

**Writing Workshop - Leaving Your Legacy**  
Sat., March 20, 2-3:30pm. Ken Mitchell offers step-by-step instructions on capturing personal

or family histories to help preserve your own story or that of a relative. A two-part workshop conducted via Zoom. Call or email for details. [unityofspringfield.com](http://unityofspringfield.com). Love offering. 217-523-5897.

### Theater & Comedy

**Becoming Dr. Ruth**  
March 19-21, 7pm. The fascinating story of everyone's favorite television sex therapist, Karola Ruth Siegel. Co-directed by John Paris and Joe-Michael Jackson. Starring popular local actress Felicia Coulter. Live streamed. \$15-\$20. 217-725-8134.

### Dance

**Dynamic Duos Dancing with the Starz Virtual Fundraiser**  
March 20-27. Enjoy an art-filled silent auction and entertaining videos of the area's great dynamic duos as they take the dance floor. Tune in March 27 when

the champions are announced. This annual event benefits the Springfield Art Association. [springfieldart.org](http://springfieldart.org). 217-523-2631.

### Art & Architecture

**Light catcher glass workshop**  
Wed., March 24, 6-9pm. Learn some hot glass basics with the resident glassblower. [springfieldart.org](http://springfieldart.org). Members \$45 and \$55 non-members. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

### Lincoln Library's Amateur Writer's Guild

Third Friday of every month, 7-8pm. Get together with like-minded Lincoln Library patrons and staff for feedback on anything you have written, or answers to your questions. Ages 18+. Call for Zoom information. Free. 217-753-4900 Ext.5630.

### History

**Elizabeth Keckley: Seamstress**  
Thu., March 18, 6:30pm. Glimpse into the life and work of Mary Todd Lincoln's dressmaker. Learn about her trials of being a formerly enslaved black businesswoman. Marlene Rivero will bring Keckley's history to life through first-person storytelling. Online. [illinoisstatemuseum.org](http://illinoisstatemuseum.org). Free with registration. 217-782-7386.

### Songs from the Underground Railroad

Wed., March 24, 7pm. Internationally known performer, lecturer and cultural ambassador, Reggie Harris, will perform the music of the Underground Railroad and discuss the impact of that historic route to freedom. Hosted by Chris Vallillo. View on the Looking for Lincoln Facebook page. 217-782-6817.

### Holiday Happenings

#### Irish, Celtic and Appalachian Music

Sun., March 21, 2pm. Featuring Joe Readnour and Dan Grover on Highland, Lowland and Irish pipes, guitar and bass. A dinner is available for additional cost. [elkharthistoricalsociety.org](http://elkharthistoricalsociety.org). \$10. John D. Gillett Memorial Chapel, Elkhart, Elkhart Hill, 217-947-2238.

### Fundraisers

**Get Active 4 Autism**  
Run, walk, stroll and roll to support autism awareness. A virtual event to benefit Autism Support of Central Illinois. Registration open March 21-April 4. Event runs April 5-24. Fee includes a T-shirt. [autismciil.org](http://autismciil.org).

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and tips for evaluating sources. Via Zoom. [lincolnlibrary.info](http://lincolnlibrary.info).

### Children's Corner

#### Little Lincoln's Fireside Tales: Science

Tue., March 23, 10-11am. A virtual interactive story time followed by at-home science activities. Part of the NEA Big Read. [presidentlincoln.illinois.gov](http://presidentlincoln.illinois.gov). Free. 217-558-8844.

### Nature, Science & Environment

#### LLCC Women in Science

Mon., March 22, 3:30-4:45pm. Join a panel of LLCC female scientists as they share stories about how they were first snagged by the wonder of science and how they progressed in the field. Part of the NEA Big Read: Sangamon County. Via Zoom. [llcc.edu](http://llcc.edu). Free. 217-786-2200.

### it Opening Day at Henson Robinson Zoo

Sat., March 20, 12-4pm. Celebrate Eastern Monarch Day at the opening day at the zoo. [springfieldparks.org](http://springfieldparks.org). \$5-\$7. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-585-1821.

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#### Freedom in Holiness Mission

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#### After School Special

Fri., Mar. 19, 8-11pm. 1854 Wine Pub, Pawnee.

#### Broken Stone

Fri., Mar. 19, 6-10pm. Curve Inn.

#### Sunshine Daydream

Fri., Mar. 19, 7-10:30pm. Long Bridge Golf Course.

#### After Sunset

Fri., Mar. 19, 8pm-12am. Weebles Bar & Grill.

#### Highway 615

Sat., Mar. 20, 7pm. American Legion Post 257, Stonington.

#### Taylor June

Sat., Mar. 20, 7:30-10:30pm. Boar's Nest, Athens.

#### Jameson Freeway

Sat., Mar. 20, 6-10pm. Curve Inn.

#### Exit 52 Acoustic

Sat., Mar. 20, 8-11pm. Locals Bar, Pawnee.

#### Loitersack

Sat., Mar. 20, 8pm-12am. Main Gate Bar & Grill.

#### Joel Honey

Sat., Mar. 20, 6-9pm. Slaughterhouse Brewing Co.

#### Off the Wall

Sat., Mar. 20, 7-11pm. Weebles Bar & Grill.

#### Lyman Ellerman

Sat., Mar. 20, 8pm. The Backroom Lounge, Riverton.

#### Taylor June

Sun., Mar. 21, 2pm. Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin.

#### Chris Camp and His Blues Ambassadors

Sat., Mar. 21, 3-6pm. Pop's Place, Decatur.

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Laura Lipscomb at [lauraandcharlotte@yahoo.com](mailto:lauraandcharlotte@yahoo.com)

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SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD  
ILLINOIS  
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of William E. Usherwood, AKA William Usherwood, deceased; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Joel Kosher, as Special Representative of William E. Usherwood, AKA William Usherwood, deceased Defendants.

Case No. 2020CH000052  
226 North Illinois Street, Springfield, IL 62702

#### NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on December 30, 2020, Jack Campbell will on April 13, 2021, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Second Floor, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 226 North Illinois Street, Springfield, IL 62702  
Parcel Number(s): 14 28.0 352-009  
The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 20-004538.

Alan S. Kaufman  
MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
One East Wacker, Suite 1250  
Chicago, IL 60601  
Telephone: 312-651-6700  
Fax: 614-220-5613  
Attorney No.: 6289893  
Email: StateEFilings@manleydeas.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD,  
ILLINOIS  
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR.  
COOPER,  
PLAINTIFF,  
VS.

JANET WILLIAMS A/K/A JANET A WILLIAMS; NATIONAL CITY BANK N/K/A PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

DEFENDANTS.

No. 2020CH000083

4 LANSING DRIVE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703

JUDGE

PRESIDING JUDGE

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDG-

MENT OF FORECLOSURE

UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLO-

#### SURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on January 20, 2021, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 04/27/2021, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 22-28.0-229-003

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 4 Lansing Drive Springfield, IL 62703

Description of Improvements: Red brick, one story ranch, attached two car garage The Judgment amount was \$116,144.85.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

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

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Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 20-04019IL

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3165508

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

RICHARD V SPIKER A/K/A RICHARD SPIKER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

DEFENDANTS.

No. 19 CH 000391

3212 SOUTH PALMER STREET

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703  
JUDGE

PRESIDING JUDGE

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDG-  
MENT OF FORECLOSURE  
UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLO-  
SURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on February 26, 2020, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 04/27/2021, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and

sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 22-14.0-128-003

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3212 South Palmer Street

Description of Improvements: Gray aluminum siding, one story one unit home, detached carport

The Judgment amount was \$104,133.90.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

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

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

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

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Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 20-04019IL

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3165438

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD,  
ILLINOIS  
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,

# PUBLIC NOTICES

PLAINTIFF,  
VS.  
SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT; ROBERT BAKER; MELINDA  
ROBERTS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-  
RECORD CLAIMANTS,  
DEFENDANTS.  
NO. 19 CH 000320  
221 EASTDALE AVENUE SPRINGFIELD,  
IL 62703  
JUDGE  
PRESIDING JUDGE  
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDG-  
MENT OF FORECLOSURE  
UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLO-  
SURE ACT  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on February 26, 2020, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 04/13/2021, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:  
TAX NO. 14-36-102-036, 14-36-102-037  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 221 Eastdale Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62703  
Description of Improvements: Yellow vinyl siding, one story single family home, detached two car garage  
The Judgment amount was \$56,955.39.  
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

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Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602 Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 20-04493IL PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to

provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.  
I3164795

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-4, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-4 Plaintiff,

-v.-

MARY JO HANSEN, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE Defendant

20 CH 000012

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 30, 2020, the Sheriff of Sangamon County will at 9:00 AM on April 13, 2021, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 524 W. FAYETTE AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

Property Index No. 14-33.0-407-008

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$94,453.46. Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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

LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808  
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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Alexander Potestivo, POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606, (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 115992. E-Mail: [ipleadings@potestivolaw.com](mailto:ipleadings@potestivolaw.com)  
Case # 20 CH 000012  
I3165177

COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

UMB BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR LVS TITLE TRUST 2018-3,

Plaintiff(s),

v.  
WALTER W. PHELPS JR., SHARON L. PHELPS,

Defendant(s).

Case No. 20 CH 142

NOTICE OF SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, Sangamon County, Illinois, will on March 30, 2021, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit:

Common Address: 2429 MAYFAIR RD., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703  
P.I.N. 22-11-0-256-010  
Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.

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

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

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

LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff

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175 North Franklin St. Suite 201

Chicago, Illinois 60606

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Dated this 25th day of February, 2021.  
Kevin N. McDermott  
Attorney for the Estate of Carrie Kennedy  
109 South Seventh Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
(217) 753-4070  
III. Reg. No. 6196497  
[Kevin@KevinMcDermott.com](mailto:Kevin@KevinMcDermott.com)

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

In Re the Estate of:

MARY NELL McCURDY, Deceased

Case No.: 2021-P-110

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Mary Nell McCurdy, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 24, 2021, to John Ryan McCurdy, Mark A. McCurdy, and Daniel L. McCurdy, as Independent Co-Executors, whose addressees are c/o their attorney of record, Barry O. Hines, 1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A, Springfield, Illinois 62704.

The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 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 Sangamon County Circuit Clerk's Office, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before September 27, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Administrator and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

E-Filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.ilcourts.gov/service-providers.html> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing visit <http://www.ilcourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>.

Betty H. Schaefer #6230974 Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C. Attorney for Petitioner Austin L. West 10 S. Broadway, Suite 2000 St. Louis, MO 63102 1-314-241-9090 9228

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

In Re the Estate of:

MARY C. ELLIOTT, Deceased

Case No.: 2021-P-85

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Mary C. Elliott, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 24, 2021, to Stephen Elliott, as Independent Executor, whose address is 5832 Hedley Road, Springfield, Illinois 62711, and whose attorney is Barry O. Hines, 1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A, Springfield, Illinois 62704.

The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 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 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before September 27, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated this 1st day of March, 2021.  
Stephen Elliott  
Independent Executor

the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Sarah Delano Pavlik – 6269250  
DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC  
Attorney for Executor  
One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: 217-544-2703  
Fax: 217-544-4664  
sdpavlik@delanolaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the estate of:  
Margaret A. Parker, Deceased  
Case No. 2021-P-98

Claim Notice  
Notice is given of the death of Bobby J. Harmon. Letters Testamentary were issued to Peggy S. Irving, 30 Lake Knolls Drive, Chatham, Ill. 62629, 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, September 11, 2021. 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  
Raymond M. Gardiner, Deceased  
No. 2021-P-101  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Raymond M. Gardiner of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 23, 2021, to Robert J. Gardiner, Sr., 5 Belridge, Sherman, Illinois 62684, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representatives or both, on or before August 30, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 23rd day of February, 2021.  
Randy S. Paswater - 06283705  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-4868  
paswater@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ESTATE OF JEAN ANN BERG SIMHAUSER,  
Deceased.

Case No. 2021-P-000113  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE is given of the death of Jean Ann Berg Simhauser, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on March 4, 2021 to Brian G. Berg, as Executor, c/o Daniel E. Kepner, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, Illinois, 62705-2459. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Executor or in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois,

200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before September 11, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before September 11, 2021 is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to the attorney of record within ten (10) days after it is filed.  
Dated this 8th day of March, 2021  
BRIAN G. BERG, Executor  
By: /s/Daniel E. Kepner Daniel E. Kepner, one of his attorneys  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Daniel E. Kepner  
Registration No. 6182842  
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62705-2459  
(217) 544-8491

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF:  
VICKI LYNN CHARLES, Deceased  
No. 2021-P-139  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Vicki Lynn Charles, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on March 9, 2021, to Theodore G. Charles, III, whose address is #4 Lydia Lane, Riverton, IL 62561, 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 mailing or delivery to a creditor whose name and post office address is known to or reasonably ascertainable by the representative, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative or the attorney within 10 days after filing. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 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. You may obtain a copy of a form of a petition to terminate independent administration from the Clerk of court at the above address.  
Dated this 10th day of March, 2021.  
CAROLYN HUDEC  
Executor  
By: /s/Stanley N. Wasser  
Stanley N. Wasser #2947307  
Attorney for Executor  
FeldmanWasser  
1307 South Seventh Street  
PO Box 2418  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-3403  
swasser@feldman-wasser.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ESTATE OF:  
ROBERT B. MCNEIL, Deceased.  
No. 2021-P-000107  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of ROBERT B. MCNEIL. Letters of office were issued on March 3, 2021 to Peggy J. Williamson, 313 Saratoga, Sherman, Illinois, 62684, 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 3rd day of March, 2021.  
Paul E. Presney, II  
Reg. #6182986  
Presney & Gonzalez

Attorneys for Executor  
726 South Second Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62704  
Telephone: (217) 525-0016  
ppresney@presneygonzalez.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ESTATE OF:  
EUGENE C. MOLITORIS, Deceased.  
No.: 2021-P-0099  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION  
Notice is given of the death of EUGENE C. MOLITORIS. Letters of office were issued on March 9, 2021, to CAROLYN HUDEC as Independent Representative whose attorney is FeldmanWasser, 1307 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois, or with the Representative, or both, on or before September 9, 2021, or within 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery to a creditor whose name and post office address is known to or reasonably ascertainable by the representative, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative or the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 27th Day of February 2021.  
David A. Kelm, Reg. No. 6303681 Attorney for Petitioner  
4616 Blackwolf Road  
Springfield, IL 62711  
217-836-2080  
DavidAKelm@gmail.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
YAVUZ I. GONULSEN, Deceased  
No. 2021-P-000140  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Yavuz I. Gonulsen, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on March 10, 2021, to Linda L. Gonulsen, 3313 Branchwood Drive, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 20th of September, 2021, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 10th day of March, 2021.  
Gregory P. Sgro  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, & Rabin, LLP 1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-1200

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

Springfield, IL 62703  
217-789-1200

62526.  
Notice is given to Michael Sunderland and all other unknown heirs of the decedent whose last known address is 4140 Hickory Knoll Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46203, as stated in the petition. An order was entered by the court on February 10, 2021, opening a probate estate.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under paragraph 5/28-4 of the Estates Act (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 Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th St #5, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within 3 months from date of mailing or delivery of Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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

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

Re: the marriage of  
Daria Valicia Hayes Petitioner and  
Brandon Jerrard Hayes, Respondent  
Case No. 2020-D-643  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you Brandon Jerrard Hayes, 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, 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 20th of September, 2021, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 11th day of April, 2021 a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.

Paul Palazzolo

Circuit Clerk

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

Michael Joseph Kirk  
For change of name to  
Michael Joseph Wyzard  
Case No.: 2021-MR-286  
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on April 22, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Michael Joseph Kirk to Michael Joseph Wyzard pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

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

Sage Ryan Martin

For change of name to  
Sy Ann Sims  
Case No.: 2021-MR-271  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on May 11, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Sage Ryan Martin to Sy Ann Sims pursuant

Public Notice is hereby given that on April 27, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Mackenzie Marie Carwile to Mackenzie Marie Perry pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: March 4, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of Darius Kentrell Florence

For change of name to Darius Kentrell Dixon

Case No.: 2021-MR-239  
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on April 27, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Darius Kentrell Florence to Darius Kentrell Dixon pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: March 4, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of Christopher Anthony Isaia

For change of name to Kai Sergio Aprile

Case No.: 2020-MR-1253  
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on April 27, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Christopher Anthony Isaia to Kai Sergio Aprile pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: March 4, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of Chantel Elizabeth Carroll

For change of name to Dakota Blaine Carroll

Case No.: 2020-MR-108  
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on April 27, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Chantel Elizabeth Carroll to Dakota Blaine Carroll pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: March 11, 2021

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

Letrice Markel Ware

For change of name to

Raaw'El Markel Ware

Case No.: 2021-MR-178  
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on April 22, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Letrice Markel Ware to Raaw'El Markel Ware pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: March 4, 2021

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

Mackenzie Marie Carwile

For change of name to

Mackenzie Marie Perry

Case No.: 2020-MR-147  
PUBLIC NOTICE

to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: March 18, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS  
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Plaintiff,  
vs.

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of William E. Usherwood, AKA William Usherwood, deceased; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Joel Knosher, as Special Representative of William E. Usherwood, AKA William Usherwood, deceased Defendants.

Case No. 2020CH000052  
226 North Illinois Street, Springfield, IL 62702

#### NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on December 30, 2020, Jack Campbell will on April 13, 2021, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Second Floor, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Lot 61 in Wanless Douglas Avenue Addition to the City of Springfield together with an easement for driveway purposes over the North 2 feet of Lot 60 of Wanless Douglas Avenue Addition to the City of Springfield, all in the County of Sangamon and State of Illinois.

Commonly known as 226 North Illinois Street, Springfield, IL 62702

Parcel Number(s): 14 28.0 352-009

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 20-004538.

Alan S. Kaufman  
MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
One East Wacker, Suite 1250  
Chicago, IL 60601  
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Attorney. No.: 6289893  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JARRED D. MCCORMICK, SARAH C. MCCORMICK JDM FOODS, INC., an Illinois corporation; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No. 2021CH000018  
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 30, 2021.

Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on March 9, 2021.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 2021CH000018

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

3. The names of the title holders of record are: Jarred D. McCormick and Sarah C. McCormick, husband and wife, to have and to hold not as tenants in common, but as joint tenants with the right of survivorship.

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

Parcel I:

A part of the Northeast Quarter and the North Three-Fourths of the East half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 16 North, Range 6 West of the Third Principal Meridian, reference being made to a plat made by G.L. Harmsberger, Surveyor, November 10, 1910 filed for record in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Illinois, November 14, 1910 as Document No. 96511, and described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot 15, thence South 120 feet, thence East 360 feet, thence North 120 feet, thence West 360 feet to the point of beginning.

EXCEPT all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed or reserved of record.

Parcel II:

Part of the South half of the East half of the Northeast Quarter and the North Three-Fourths of the East half of the Southeast Quarter, all in Section 36, Township 16 North, Range 6 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Sangamon County, Illinois, more particularly described as follows: The East 16 feet of the West 376 feet of the North 120 feet of Lot 15 of the Lewis E. Wood Plat prepared by G.L. Harmsberger as recorded in the Recorder of Deeds office of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 96511 in Book 9, at Page 45.

EXCEPT all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed or reserved of record. All situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:

352 S. Koke Mill Road, Springfield, IL

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

Names of Mortgagors: Jarred D. McCormick and Sarah C. McCormick

Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank

Date of Mortgage: March 29, 2019

Date of recording: April 1, 2019

County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois

Recording document identification: Document No. 2019R05531

/s/ Paul Palazzo

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, PLAINTIFF, VS.

JANET WILLIAMS A/K/A JANET A. WILLIAMS; NATIONAL CITY BANK N/K/A PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2020CH000083

4 LANSING DRIVE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703

JUDGE

PRESIDING JUDGE

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE

UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on January 20, 2021, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 04/27/2021, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

LOT 41 AND THE SOUTH 30 FEET OF LOT 42 OF LAKEWIND ACRES. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

TAX NO. 22-28.0-229-003

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 4 Lansing Drive

Springfield, IL 62703

Description of Improvements: Red brick, one story ranch, attached two car garage

The Judgment amount was \$116,144.85.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must

deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours.

NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments

or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered

for sale without any representation as

to quality or quantity of title and without

recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further

subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount,

the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of

Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a

Deed to the real estate after confirmation

of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Prospective bidders are admonished

to check the court file to verify all

information.

The successful purchaser has the sole

responsibility/expense of evicting any

tenants or other individuals presently in

possession of the subject premises.

If this property is a condominium unit, the

Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 20-04019IL PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3165508

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF, VS.

RICHARD V SPIKER A/K/A RICHARD SPIKER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 19 CH 000391

3212 SOUTH PALMER STREET

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703

JUDGE

PRESIDING JUDGE

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE

UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on February 26, 2020, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 04/27/2021, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

LOT 51 OF SOUTHLAWN.

EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS

UNDERLYING SAID LANDS, TOGETHER

WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE

SAME.

SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TAX NO. 22-14.0-128-003

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3212 South Palmer Street

Springfield, IL 62703

Description of Improvements: Gray aluminum siding, one story one unit home, detached carport

The Judgment amount was \$104,133.90.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must

deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours.

NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments

or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered

for sale without any representation as

to quality or quantity of title and without

recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further

subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount,

the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of

Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a

Deed to the real estate after confirmation

of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Prospective bidders are admonished

to check the court file to verify all

information.

The successful purchaser has the sole

responsibility/expense of evicting any

tenants or other individuals presently in

possession of the subject premises.

If this property is a condominium unit, the

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-4, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-4 Plaintiff,  
v.-

MARY JO HANSEN, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE Defendant  
20 CH 000012 NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 30, 2020, the Sheriff of Sangamon County will at 9:00 AM on April 13, 2021, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

THE SOUTH 70 FEET OF THE NORTH 140 FEET OF LOT SEVEN (7) IN BLOCK ONE (1) OF EASTDALE ADDITION AND THE SOUTH 117 FEET OF LOT SEVEN (7) IN BLOCK ONE (1) OF EASTDALE ADDITION. EXCEPTING ALL COAL AND MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LOT. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TAX NO. 14-36-102-036, 14-36-102-037

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 221 Eastdale Avenue

Springfield, IL 62703

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

The Judgment amount was \$56,955.39.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder

(24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF  
Lorenzo Moralez and Ricardo Moralez,  
Minors

Case No. 2021-P-121  
TO: Alma Nerone and Jose Luis Moralez,  
at addresses unknown, AND All Other  
Persons Having

a Right to Notice.  
Please be notified that Charlotte Boehler  
and Deborah Laycock-Lopez have filed  
a Petition

for the Guardianship of Estate and Person  
of Lorenzo Moralez and Ricardo Moralez.  
You are required to answer said petition on  
or before May 17, 2021 or be defaulted by  
the court thereafter.

DATED: March 18, 2021  
  
STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Antonia Hackenberg, Petitioner  
vs.

Ayo Dele Abitogun, Respondent  
Case No: 2020-OP-2154

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Ayo Dele Abitogun, 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 8, 2021, a judgment or decree  
by default may be taken against you for  
the relief asked in the complaint.

Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Court  
Date: Feb. 25, 2021

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE  
IN COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF  
ILLINOIS TO WIT: LOT SIXTEEN (16) IN  
STRATFORD PLACE, PLAT NUMBER 2.

Common Address: 2429 MAYFAIR RD.,  
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703  
P.I.N. 22-11-0-256-010

Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL,  
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for further information.

The terms of the sale are: Ten percent

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

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

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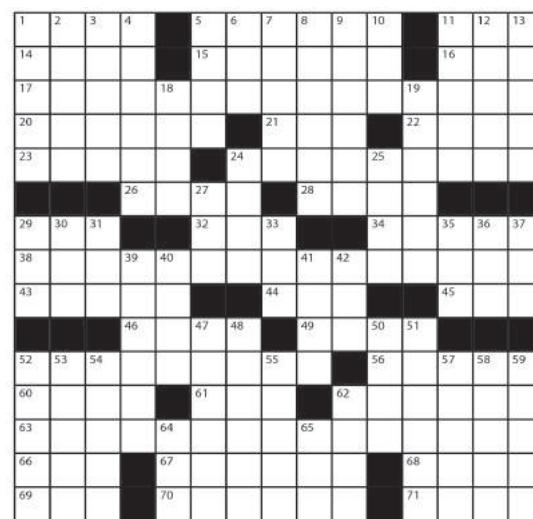
## One liner Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 680

### Across

- 1. Petri dish filler
- 5. Certain fir
- 11. Letterman's network
- 14. Narrow street
- 15. Baltimore bird
- 16. Jr.'s jr.
- 17. Start to a Stephen Wright quote
- 20. "The Iceman \_\_\_\_"
- 21. Apprehend
- 22. Egg on
- 23. Muse of poetry
- 24. University divisions
- 26. Egg on
- 28. Bibliog. space saver
- 29. Before, before
- 32. Dynamite
- 34. Corporate department
- 38. Middle of a Stephen Wright quote
- 43. "Baywatch" setting
- 44. Kind of poodle
- 45. Ottoman governor
- 46. Bridge seat
- 49. Wood sorrels
- 52. One who talks like th-th-this
- 56. Moves toward
- 60. European language
- 61. Matchsticks game
- 62. Lady Liberty, for example
- 63. End of a Stephen Wright quote
- 66. King Kong, e.g.
- 67. Paint solvent
- 68. "Out of the question"
- 69. Always, poetically
- 70. Least cooked
- 71. Descartes's "therefore"

### Down

- 1. Wonderland girl
- 2. Swamp snapper



- 3. True inner self
- 4. Turns back, perhaps
- 5. "Humbug!"
- 6. Elbow's site
- 7. Tropical vine
- 8. Comfort giver
- 9. Not quite
- 10. Copy cats?
- 11. Wispy clouds
- 12. Foolish talk
- 13. Agrees (with)
- 18. Looking down from
- 19. Wanted felon
- 24. Munich Mrs.
- 25. Endure
- 27. ET's craft
- 29. Fall back
- 30. Wish undone
- 31. Capt.'s guess
- 33. Deli order
- 35. Family dog, for short
- 36. Compass reading
- 37. Hog haven
- 39. Summer cooler
- 40. "Come again?"
- 41. It's in a jamb
- 42. Big Apple init.
- 47. Five Nations tribe
- 48. Less original
- 50. Dead against
- 51. Medium medium
- 52. Bristles
- 53. Figure of speech
- 54. Theater employee
- 55. Chew the scenery
- 57. Fragrant oil
- 58. Having regrets
- 59. Brief brawl
- 62. Highway department supply
- 64. Alt. spelling
- 65. Mas' mates

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

L	I	S	A	D	E	F	A	T	C	O	R	E
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Crossword answers from #679

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

Sudoku answers from #679

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

JoshJosh answers from #679

Difficulty medium

6	9							
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