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## TURNING IDEAS INTO REALITY

As Mayor, I led Springfield through two crises: when the State of Illinois had no budget and the COVID pandemic. Through it all, we continued our momentum. While others try to tear Springfield down, I am shining a light on a few of our accomplishments that has built Springfield up under my leadership.

### SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Springfield only has 12 fire stations, despite having staffing for 14. After 20+ years of inaction, and due to my fiscal leadership, we are now able to improve response times and provide coverage with:

- ✓ Construction of 3 new fire stations that will begin May 2023.
- ✓ Purchased 9 new fire engines and trucks.
- ✓ Installed traffic pre-emption technology, allowing fire engines to change traffic signals to reach residents even faster.
- ✓ Achieved and maintained ISO Class 1 Fire Department Rating.

### SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

The safety of our community is a top priority, and these statistics were presented by the Springfield Police Department to the City Council last month.

- ✓ Violent Crime down by 40% and over 500 illegal guns taken off the streets.
- ✓ Hired 42 officers last year alone – the most in 15 years.
- ✓ Implemented Shotspotter and License Plate Readers to assist officers in response times and solving crime.
- ✓ Achieved accreditation through ILEAP

### ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

In the past three years alone, the City assisted over 400 businesses with small business grants, utility relief, and a micro-loan program.

In addition we have:

- ✓ Secured funding for the 10th Street Rail Consolidation by 2025 and design work for the Third Street bike and pedestrian-friendly Green Beltway.
- ✓ Negotiated property moves to solidify the Springfield-Sangamon County HUB Transportation Center footprint on 11th Street.
- ✓ Partnered on multi-million dollar developments including the Downtown-Enos Park YMCA.
- ✓ Provided financial assistance for initiatives including the redevelopment of the former Pillsbury site and Downtown-Medical District Master Plan.
- ✓ Supported over \$60 million to build 90 homes and over 300 housing units.
- ✓ Created the Citywide Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program for businesses.
- ✓ Funded CAP1908, an innovation and coworking space on 11th Street and South Grand.

### IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE

Over \$150 million in road, sidewalk, and sewer improvements across our city.

- ✓ Bike and pedestrian-friendly roadways including Archer Elevator Road, Hilltop Road, Laurel Street, Chatham Road to Bruns Lane, and Walnut Street.
- ✓ 11th Street extension from downtown to UIS
- ✓ Created Developers Agreement for faster road development.
- ✓ Northend sewer upgrade implementation in addition to septic-to-sewer migration for homes around Lake Springfield.
- ✓ Secured multi-million dollars to continue lead line replacement and improve home health hazards in our inner city, older neighborhoods.

### WHAT'S TO COME?

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# Deadly withdrawal

Family of man who died at Morgan County Jail files suit alleging he was denied medical care

ADDICTION | Scott Reeder

Brian Downs wasn't just a person with an addiction; he was a loving son, a hard worker, a devoted brother, a good friend.

His mother, Julie Downs, wants people to know this about her son, who died April 25, 2022, in the Morgan County Jail of complications related to heroin withdrawal.

"Too often people are given labels like 'addict' and others think they are not fully human," she said.

Julie believes that is how her son was viewed by the jail staff who, she contends, removed him from the hospital against doctor's orders and watched him vomit more than 100 times over three days but failed to return him to the hospital.

In March, a federal lawsuit was filed by the Downs family against Morgan County.

"I want justice, and to me, justice is making sure this never happens to anyone else," she said.

Her lawyer, Richard Frazier, said the 40-year-old man was experiencing severe heroin withdrawal but jail officials failed to respond even as his condition became increasingly dire.

"Even a child knows if someone is vomiting blood they need medical care," Frazier told *Illinois Times*.

Morgan County Sheriff Mike Carmody declined to discuss the matter with the newspaper, citing the pending litigation.

The lawsuit contends Brian Downs' civil rights were denied through "willful and wanton conduct, institutional negligence and medical malpractice."

According to Jacksonville police reports, he was arrested at 1:43 p.m. April 22 in the 200 block of East Morton Avenue on charges of possession of a controlled substance and resisting or obstructing a peace officer.

He had been gaming at J.B. Hawks Discount Tobacco and Vape on East Morton Avenue with some friends, and the manager called police after finding a discarded syringe in a restroom. Officers recognized Brian from his history of illegal drug use.

Brandon Downs said his brother was targeted by police wherever he went in Jacksonville because of his history with drugs.

"He could be with me in his work clothes at a gas station, and the police would stop and hassle him. He was presumed guilty wherever he went," he said.

Because Brian lacked dental insurance, he didn't go to the dentist and his teeth became infected and painful, his mother said. "He started borrowing pain pills from friends, and we think that is when he got hooked on opioids," she said. From there, she said he progressed to heroin.

"It's Jacksonville, the northeast side. You probably can get heroin anywhere you want. Honestly, it's abundant everywhere," Julie said.



Mother Julie Downs, left, and brother Brandon Downs, right, with a photo of Brian Downs, who died in the Morgan County Jail while withdrawing from heroin. PHOTO BY SCOTT REEDER

Despite his dependence on heroin, Brian worked hard.

"He worked in lots of restaurant kitchens. He was a great cook, and he was really well-liked by his coworkers and the public," Julie recalled.

His final job was outfitting new police cars with law-enforcement equipment such as sirens and emergency lights. The Greenfield-based business is owned by his brother, Brandon.

"I never viewed him as an addict because he never was disabled by any narcotic," Brandon said. "He may have done a shot of heroin in the morning and then he would function like the (most normal) human being. He'd be mowing the yard by 2 p.m. He'd go exercise, walk, take care of your dog, hang drywall, paint floors and do just about anything. When I think 'addict,' I think bum on the street."

Julie said Brian did at least three stints at drug rehabilitation centers. She contends his path to sobriety was hampered by not having health insurance.

"He did one stint in Jacksonville. He did twice in Bloomington. And those were both for heroin. I know that he attempted to get into rehab many

more times. And that is a struggle. If you don't have insurance, Lord help you, because they do not take you. You are on a list, and if somebody with insurance comes up first, I believe they are taken before somebody who could be literally dying."

After each time in rehab, he would experience a period of sobriety, she said.

"He would do well, but he didn't know a stranger," Julie said. "He didn't want to not speak or hang out with people that might have been doing the wrong thing because he considered them all friends. ... He had a crap ton of friends, and I think he'd just get caught up in the moment. And if they started doing something, then he was inclined to maybe join them."

According to the lawsuit, at the time Brian was arrested, his "behavior was erratic and he was disoriented." Officers recognized that he was having severe heroin withdrawal and Brian was taken to Jacksonville Memorial Hospital, where a blood test showed the presence of heroin in his system, according to the lawsuit.

He was treated with the anti-anxiety drug Ativan. On orders of the correctional officers – and against

medical advice – Brian was discharged from the hospital and returned to the jail, the lawsuit states.

"The reason the county did this is because they didn't want to end up paying for the medical care," Frazier said.

Frazier added the correctional officers were instructed by the medical professionals to return Brian to the emergency department if his confusion increased or his vomiting became more persistent.

Upon being returned to the jail, Brian was placed in a medical holding cell with a video camera. By the next afternoon, April 23, his condition had become worse and he began vomiting, the complaint said.

"Over the course of 34 hours, Brian vomited more than 100 times – including blood. During this time period, no employee of the jail notified a qualified health provider, nor did they transport Brian to the emergency department," the lawsuit said.

A nurse examined him midday April 24. He was prescribed Zofran to prevent nausea and vomiting, Bentyl to treat abdominal pain and spasms, the antihistamine Vistaril and a glass of water. Records do not reflect that Brian received any further medication, according to the complaint.

"Somebody gave them instructions not to give him any further medical care," Frazier said. "Those instructions were given to two different shifts. And we have no idea why."

Shortly after midnight on April 25, Brian collapsed in the jail's booking area. Jailers helped him to his feet and transferred him into a wheelchair. Ten minutes later, a Morgan County sheriff's deputy asked guards why Brian wasn't receiving medical care, according to the lawsuit.

"The jail staff informed him that they could not get an off-duty correctional officer to come to the jail to transport Brian to the hospital," the lawsuit filed by the family contends. The deputy "expressed alarm at this excuse" and prepared to transport Brian to the hospital in his patrol car.

But before that could happen, Brian died on the floor of the jail. An autopsy later determined that he had died from dehydration and septic shock as a result of a bowel obstruction amid opioid withdrawal syndrome. Illinois State Police conducted an investigation, but no charges were filed.

"Three days after his initial admission to the [jail] and approximately 52 hours after being locked in the medical holding cell, Brian collapsed and went into cardiac arrest. Brian died at the jail and his body was then transported to Jacksonville Memorial Hospital," according to the lawsuit. □

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## NEWS

# Progress at Pillsbury site

Cleanup expected to take three to five years, cost \$10-12 million

**REDEVELOPMENT | Don Howard**

Moving Pillsbury Forward, the local nonprofit spearheading efforts to clean up the site of the old Pillsbury flour mill in northeast Springfield, has raised about \$4 million towards the estimated \$10-12 million cost of demolition and hazardous waste removal. The facility opened in 1929, and at its peak, employed about 1,500 people. It shut down in 2001, 10 years after being acquired by Cargill.

Mismanagement of what was once the largest flour mill in North America by companies which bought it in order to salvage metals has complicated efforts to rehabilitate the 18-acre property, Chris Richmond, president of Moving Pillsbury Forward, told the Citizens Club of Springfield at a March 24 meeting. In addition, asbestos was used in much of the construction of the property over the years due in part to its resistance to fire. The toxic mineral releases microscopic fibers when disturbed, which can lead to diseases such as mesothelioma, lung cancer and asbestosis. Salvage operator Joseph Chernis IV pleaded guilty to illegal removal, demolition and disposal of asbestos in 2018 and was sentenced to 37 months in prison as a result.

According to assistant U.S. Attorney John Holzer, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency performed emergency remediation in 2017, removing 2,200 tons of debris contaminated with asbestos, but did not remove asbestos in areas that were undisturbed and difficult to access. He noted that other contaminants, such as heavy metals, remain on the property.

Moving Pillsbury Forward was formed in 2020 for the specific purpose of completing remediation of the property to make the site more attractive for redevelopment and took control of the property March 24, 2022, exactly one year before the Citizens Club meeting.

“When we started, the situation looked hopeless, but all of us agreed that hopeless is not acceptable,” said Richmond. He said that about 12,000 people live within a one-mile radius of the facility, and cleanup of the site will have a broad, positive impact on the northeast Springfield neighborhood where it sits.

Richmond estimates that remediation will take three to five years and cost upwards of \$12 million. During last month’s Springfield City Council budget hearings, \$2 million was earmarked toward the project in the city’s FY 2024 budget. The organization was also



Chris Richmond, president of Moving Pillsbury Forward, gave an update on cleanup efforts currently underway at the March 24 Citizens Club meeting at the Hoogland Center for the Arts. PHOTO BY LEE MILNER

awarded \$2 million in congressionally directed funds in December 2022.

In spite of the fact that the project has yet to be fully funded, demolition work has already begun and work is progressing in close coordination with the Illinois and U.S. EPAs.

According to Richmond, Moving Pillsbury Forward is committed to increasing citizen involvement in plans for the eventual configuration of the property. The organization continues to hold informational meetings at public venues, and actively seeks volunteers who assist with mowing and cleaning up brush, small trees and litter at the site. Moving Pillsbury Forward also offers guided tours of the facility.

Polly Poskin, vice president of Moving Pillsbury Forward, said that while cleanup of the site involves people from all over the city and beyond, the work most greatly benefits one of the most impoverished neighborhoods in Springfield. In adjacent neighborhoods, “Twenty-five percent of the population does not have a high school diploma, and the median household income is about \$25,000,” said Poskin. She sees this effort as

directly confronting the problem that poor communities are more likely to suffer from a lack of clean water and air and a lack of safe housing. These conditions are often the direct result of industrial facilities’ frequent proximity to low-income neighborhoods. According to Poskin, poor residents are rarely at the table when decisions are made about how to deal with industrial sites and the pollutants they produce.

Planning for what to do with the grounds after demolition and remediation is complete is still in the early stages. Richmond mentioned the possibility of a light industrial facility which could take advantage of the railyard alongside the property.

More information about Moving Pillsbury Forward, including a form allowing people to volunteer for the organization, can be found at Pillsburyproject.org. □

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# United Airlines departing Springfield

AIRPORT | Scott Reeder

In the wake of United Airlines' decision to no longer serve Springfield, travelers flying to Chicago will likely pay more for their airfare, an economist specializing in air travel told *Illinois Times*.

When United leaves June 1, the only major commercial carrier serving Springfield will be American Airlines.

"American will be the monopolist at your airport. This will allow it to raise prices. Sadly, there are no other options for people in your community to fly with someone else," said Kerry Tan, an associate professor of economics at Loyola University in Maryland.

The United announcement came two months after American Airlines announced that it would discontinue its daily flight between Springfield and Dallas-Fort Worth, also on June 1.

American Airlines will begin offering two flights daily to O'Hare International Airport on that date.

United's decision will leave Springfield served by only two airline routes: American's flight to and from O'Hare and the discount carrier Allegiant Airlines' less frequent flights to and from Punta Gorda/Ft. Myers, Florida.

"We're very disappointed to learn that United, our hometown airline, has decided to discontinue service to the Illinois state capital," said Mark Hanna, executive director of Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport. "We understand the decision was really based on a lack of current demand, overall market conditions and a severe nationwide pilot shortage."

United has one daily flight between Springfield and O'Hare.

United Airlines is headquartered in Chicago and its main hub is at O'Hare. The airline's Springfield connection proved convenient for travelers wishing to take advantage of United's many destinations while remaining on the same airline.

Tan said communities the size of Springfield



are vulnerable to the loss of air service. In fact, on the same day United announced its exit from Springfield, it also said it was leaving the Erie, Pennsylvania, market.

"Air service is very emotional for us as a community," Hanna said. "But when it comes to the providers, they need to meet their internal (financial) returns and their targets. And basically, it's a very mobile resource. They can fly that aircraft to another market and make more money. So, we don't just compete against Champaign, Bloomington, Peoria or St. Louis. We're competing against Portland, Oregon; Santa Fe, New Mexico; Idaho Falls, Idaho; Amarillo, Texas; Sacramento, California. We compete with every community – east, west, north, south – for aircraft time."

The heightened competition among communities stems in part from a shortage of pilots, he said.

Tan agreed, noting an underlying reason for the shortage is a federal regulation increasing the training requirements for commercial pilots.

"Before 2013, a pilot only needed 250 hours

of flight time to get employed by a regional airline. And post-2013, that requirement went from 250 hours to 1,500 hours. That has deterred a lot of potential pilots from making a career in aviation," he said.

"It is just so expensive nowadays to get to the 1,500-hour mark that it is almost akin to being in the medical field where you're getting underpaid as a medical resident for a long time. And it's not until you pass your board exams and can be a practicing physician that you really start making big money," Tan said. "And similarly, for the pilots, it takes several years until they can become a captain. And it's not until you become a captain where the salary becomes quite lucrative."

Scott Dahl, director of the Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau, said United's departure from this market will have little effect on the capital city's convention trade.

"My best guess is that more than 90% of the people who come to Springfield for conventions drive here," he said. "It may affect conventions to the extent that speakers often fly in."

But Dahl added that if Springfield wants to increase its marketability to conventions and move to a higher tier as a convention destination, it is critical that it improves air service options.

Hanna, with the airport authority, said he is hopeful United will someday return.

"The possibility of (United) coming back, I think, is very good in the future," he said. "But this situation is going to get worse. And there are many people in airports, airlines and aviation across the country who feel the same. This pilot situation is real. It's very severe, and it's not going to get better any time soon."

Most of the people working for United in Springfield held part-time positions, he said, so the number of jobs lost will be minimal.

Mayor Jim Langfelder said, "I have reached out to Senator (Richard) Durbin and he is setting up a meeting with representatives from United because they are headquartered in Chicago."

Langfelder added he is concerned what impact United's departure will have on the city's business community.

"Sen. Durbin really has a lot of influence and hopefully he'll open up that door of discussion. And hopefully working with the (Springfield Sangamon) Growth Alliance, Capitol Airport Authority and ourselves, we'll be able to do something to get that additional flight back because it is more convenient, especially for the business traveler."

Mike Murphy, who heads the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, said he is also concerned.

"With United and American, they gave us a lot more options," he said. "Now with United dropping out, it feels like we took one step forward and two steps back. It's disappointing." □

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# A new normal

## Cannabis dispensaries sprout in Springfield

CANNABIS | Bruce Rushton

The Springfield City Council in recent months has issued permits for three marijuana dispensaries, including one for Maribis, which is moving its Grandview dispensary to a former phone store at 2451 Denver Drive, near North Dirksen Parkway.

"It's a more high-traffic location than what you've got now, with what I'd say is better accessibility for consumers – it has a better parking lot," says Chris Stone, managing partner of the real estate company that owns Maribis' new building. Maribis officials could not be reached for comment.

The new permits could result in six dispensaries owned by four entities within city limits since the state last summer issued permits for three new dispensaries in Sangamon and Menard counties.

There has been no public outcry.

"Mr. Gates, you have a positive staff recommendation," Timothy Moore, chair of the Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission, told Springfield attorney Gordon Gates, lawyer for proprietors of a dispensary planned for the city's east side, before the commission approved the project in January. "What would you like to say?"

"Nothing," Gates responded.

One month later, the City Council approved a permit with no discussion, Ward 7 Ald. Joe McMenamin being the only vote against the pot shop dubbed Shangri La that is set to be built on a vacant lot at 3130 South Dirksen Parkway, not far from East Lake Shore Drive. The owner is Herban Quality Control, a Chicago-based limited liability corporation whose principals could not be reached for comment.

"It was, truly, the easiest zoning case I've done in a long, long time," Gates says.

Minutes after blessing Shangri La in February, the council approved a permit to allow a dispensary at a vacant Steak 'n Shake at Prairie Crossing, also with no discussion. The planning's commission only concern a month earlier had been whether the drive-through window would be used. It will not, a lawyer for Bolden Investments III, the proponent, promised before the commission recommended approval. Principals of Bolden Investments III, who live in Michigan and Cook County, could not be reached for comment.

McMenamin, who in 2020 supported a mayoral proposal to cap the number of dispensaries at five, voted in favor of the Prairie Crossing pot shop. He says he had intended to vote no.

"I guess I just spaced out," McMenamin said in an interview. "It was a mistake. I got distracted. I've consistently been against every dispensary, whether it be downtown, east side or west side. I think we're normalizing something, recreational marijuana, that we should not normalize."

The Rev. Silas Johnson, who presides at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church on the east side, was the only planning commission member to vote against permits for the three new dispensaries within city limits approved since October. He did not respond to phone calls.

In 2019, several people addressed the City Council as it prepared to levy a 3% tax on cannabis, saying that recreational pot in Springfield is a bad idea. The City Council went ahead with the tax. Half goes to police and fire department pension funds, the other half goes to projects intended to help businesses and neighborhoods on the east side.

City budget director William McCarty says that the state Department of Revenue has said cities can't disclose gross collections from cannabis taxes unless owners of every dispensary sign releases or at least five separate entities set up shop in a town – otherwise, dispensaries could figure out sales figures for competitors.

Before Maribis, the company that's moving its Grandview shop to Denver Drive, opened a dispensary on Lindbergh Boulevard in 2021, the city was collecting about \$70,000 a month in pot taxes from Ascend, which owns dispensaries downtown and on Horizon Drive, less than a mile from the Shangri La site, McCarty said. Ascend signed a release so that tax revenue could be disclosed, but Maribis has not, and so the city can't disclose current pot tax revenue, he said. However, there has been no surge in revenue as the city has grown accustomed to legal weed, he said.

"For a couple years, it was that one company (Ascend)," McCarty said. "We plateaued within a year or year-and-a-half." □

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The owner of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre had \$243,068 in utility charges waived by the city, which Mayor Jim Langfelder said was discussed in closed session with the entire City Council before a compromise was reached. Mayoral challenger Misty Buscher has been critical of the administration's deals to write off city debts without a formal vote by the council.

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**BE FAIR**

I see on the neighborhood social media sites where young mothers are getting their utilities shut off because they can't afford the skyrocketing bills ("Debt forgiveness becomes a campaign issue," March 23). They are asking for help in paying them.

My granddaughter is one of them. She has a two-bedroom house and her utility bills are over \$300 per month. We had to put the electric in my name so they would turn it back on. Why isn't the mayor forgiving their debts? Who do they need to contact?  
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**INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE**

Bill McCarty is running independently for city treasurer on his impeccable credentials and character in public service ("Money and experience," March 23). That is the opposite of a back-room bargained candidate launched from party headquarters on an assumption party faithful are obligated to support her without hesitation.

McCarty is educated and experienced in public finance,

has been Springfield's budget director under successive mayors from different parties and has been a mayor himself. During his tenure and by his recommendations and guidance, Springfield's budget has improved from disaster to stability.

Party insiders are sponsoring and suspiciously overfunding the daughter of another public office addict ("Who's Paying? Who Knows?," March 21). It is a blatant attempt to buy nepotism, or worse, another family election dynasty dependent upon name recognition rather than substance.

Descendants and siblings whose primary credentials are family connections and insider favoritism are always unwise choices by party leaders. More importantly, political inbreeding is unhealthy for the rest of us.

Bill McCarty is the best qualified and most honorable candidate on the entire ballot. Voters should always reward top-shelf credentials over name dropping.  
 John Levalley  
 Springfield

**NOT QUALIFIED**

Interesting – Colleen Redpath Feger is the treasurer for her dad's campaign fund, but doesn't know when they donate \$6,000 to another political action committee? She

doesn't sound qualified to be the city's treasurer.

Travis Hamlin  
 Via [Facebook.com/illinoistimes](https://www.facebook.com/illinoistimes)

**SHOW ME THE MONEY**

Another example of dark money entering a local race. Ms. Feger should either come out and publicly ask the ads be pulled immediately, or she fully knows where the money came from. As a voter, I am very turned off by how Ms. Feger has handled this matter.

Larry Acton  
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**GOOD MAYOR**

I think Jim Langfelder has done an outstanding job as mayor ("A genuine, nice guy," March 23). Having no layoffs or furloughs through a pandemic says a lot for leadership. He built up the general fund to its highest level in the city's history and continues to push for equity throughout the city.

Not sure what people think they are going to get if Misty Buscher is elected. I will be voting for Mayor Langfelder.  
 Pat Holcomb  
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**CORREX**

The March 23 article, "Money and experience," incorrectly stated that Mayor Jim Langfelder endorsed William McCarty for city treasurer. Former mayor Mike Houston endorsed McCarty. Langfelder made no endorsement in the race.

# Could drones have prevented Highland Park massacre?

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Could the 2022 massacre during Highland Park's July 4<sup>th</sup> parade have been prevented with a small change to state law?

It's never been publicly reported before, but several local sources confirmed this week that Highland Park Police Chief Louis Jogmen wanted to send a city-owned drone above the July 4 parade last year. That camera-equipped drone could've spotted Robert Eugene Crimo III on a building rooftop overlooking the parade before he fired 83 shots that killed seven people and wounded 48 more. But the chief couldn't launch that drone because of state law.

Chief Jogmen's police department has for years wanted to launch the camera drone, which the city uses for search and rescue and other emergencies, to fly over major public events. But state law prohibits law enforcement agencies from using the drones for things like event surveillance.

In other words, state law allows police to use drones in the aftermath of horrific and deadly mass shootings, but not to safeguard the public before they happen.

"The Illinois Freedom from Drone

Surveillance Act was passed in 2014 in an effort to balance evolving technology with important privacy concerns," explained Rep. Bob Morgan, D-Deerfield, who was at Highland Park's Independence Day parade last year. "Nearly 10 years later, it has been unchanged and undeniably stands in the way of law enforcement doing their jobs to keep our communities safe. We need to revisit and amend this law to prevent future mass shootings like what we endured on July 4th in Highland Park."

Highland Park and other municipalities are allowed to deploy helicopters with high-tech video and tracking capabilities to surveil events, but not drones. Helicopters are expensive to purchase, operate and maintain and are very noisy (just ask anyone who lives in or near a high crime area in Chicago how loud they can be). Drones are relatively inexpensive, not difficult to fly and operate almost silently.

The quiet operation of the small drones is part of what worries the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois. People "could be observed in a host of different places – like

the upper floor of a large condo building or one's backyard – without knowing that any surveillance was taking place," explained ACLU of Illinois spokesperson Ed Yohnka. "The same is not true for a helicopter and requires law enforcement to – essentially – announce their presence. This announcement could well deter criminal activity."

Yohnka is right that the loud noise made by helicopters might deter criminal activity (it's also a very real and obnoxious intrusion on the lives of countless thousands of south and west side residents at all hours of the day and night). But, again, helicopters are expensive and difficult to fly and maintain. A town of 30,000 people isn't going to, and likely can't afford to shell out that kind of money. Even a place as wealthy as Highland Park.

Highland Park city manager Ghida Neukirch pointed to a bill introduced last year that would've allowed police to use the drones for proactive law enforcement. "Had we had the opportunity to use it last July 4, it would have provided our employees with an aerial view of the entire parade grounds and rooftops and the entire area," she said of the drone.

Sen. Julie Morrison, D-Lake Forest, went further, suggesting that Highland Park's drone could have prevented the mass killing.

Morrison was just a block away from the site of last year's parade shooting and she's involved with the negotiations.

"We've been working with law enforcement to tailor a bill that will serve public safety concerns," Morrison told me last week, adding that she and others have been "meeting on a daily basis" to find a fix for the state's drone laws.

The city of Chicago has its own drone rules, and is reportedly skittish about any state law changes that could alter them.

"It's an important issue to me," Morrison said. She said giving the police the ability to use drones in a more proactive sense, "could have prevented the shooting in Highland Park."

The General Assembly passed sweeping legislation to ban assault weapons after the Highland Park shooting. But, so far, those are just words on paper as court challenges to the law work their way through the system.

People should have the right to attend public events without nervously scanning unprotected rooftops, or worse. Nobody is talking about giving the police unregulated and unfettered access to drones. Nobody is talking about blocking Chicago's drone program. It is time to come to an agreement. □



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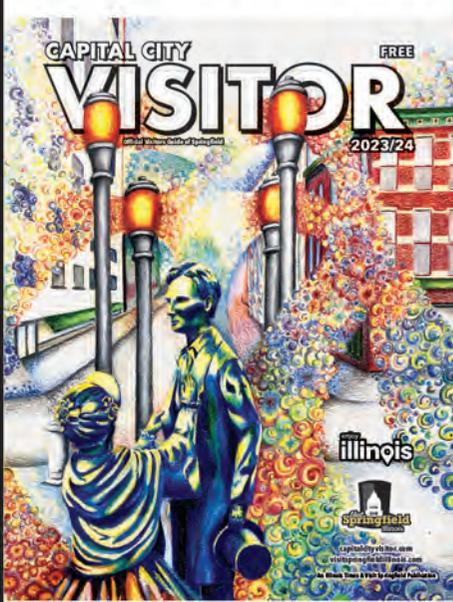
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# Finally, teacher shortage gets some attention

Unions have been pointing out underlying issues for years

GUESTWORK | Cinda Ackerman Klickna

Gov. JB Pritzker has announced he wants to provide \$70 million per year for the next three years to address the teacher shortage. Hats off to him, as there is no denying that hundreds of classrooms are lacking qualified, certified teachers. The issues of lack of teachers and low pay are real. These issues have been real for all of the 45 years I was in education and the six since I have retired. We told you so. The teachers' union has been warning about these issues for years.

When we spoke out about low pay, we were told we were greedy.

When we called for lower class sizes, we were told it would cost too much.

When we warned that the issues teachers faced would lead to fewer and fewer going into the profession, we were assured that many would always want to be teachers.

So, here we are, and now the plight has hit every school district. I wrote about this prior to the pandemic when the Illinois State Board of Education released a report saying that the approximately 5,000 people exiting college with a teaching degree per year weren't enough to fill all open positions.

There is so much more to be done than throw money at the problem, although money does make a difference. Prospective teachers, as well as veteran teachers (that number keeps dropping too), must hear that they are supported, appreciated and viewed as the experts who know the best curriculum and best teaching methods. That support has to come from community leaders and politicians who defend public education, not support ways to privatize



every aspect of the profession.

Teachers have to be given resources and be able to turn to support staff to address mental health issues, behavior issues and outreach to families of their students. Money is desperately

needed to hire social workers and psychologists who currently face heavy caseloads that make it difficult to fully help every child.

Pritzker invites neighboring state teachers to come to Illinois. Herein lies another issue that

the union has warned about. Teachers from other states will be reluctant to come to Illinois due to our state's requirement to teach more years and receive lower pension benefits than they would have in their current state.

Any new teacher in Illinois must teach more years to retire with full benefits than teachers in many other states and will receive less pension than other states offer. The union fought these provisions before they were enacted in 2011. We warned of the consequences, but we were told the state needed to save money. We now face the fact that students earning their teaching degrees here in Illinois often take jobs in other states that offer better pension provisions.

I have been a teacher and union leader and am proud of my work in both. Teachers and their union speak for students – students' learning conditions are teachers' working conditions. Too many blame unions for the plight of education.

Maybe it is time people heed the union when it provides information about issues.

In the meantime, thank you Gov. Pritzker, for recognizing something needs to be done to address the fact that many students are sitting in classrooms without a qualified teacher and that more support is needed for our teachers. This translates into meaningful support for our students. □

*Cinda Ackerman Klickna is a former teacher, former president of the Springfield Education Association, and immediate past president of the Illinois Education Association. She served for 16 years as a trustee on the Illinois Teachers' Retirement System.*



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## OPINION

# The Christians delivers thought-provoking theater

The play appeals no matter your faith

**THEATER | Don Howard**

*The Christians*, the 2015 play by Lucas Hnath, opened at the Hoogland Center for the Arts March 24 and will be presented again this weekend. The play is suitable for all audiences and runs about 90 minutes with no intermission.

Performances are in the Peggy Ryder Theatre on the third floor of the Hoogland. It is an elegant and intimate performance space, with delicately painted coving and both floor-level and raised seating. This space is a gem and deserves to be experienced. Acoustics were outstanding.

The play takes place mostly in the sanctuary of a megachurch founded and still led after 22 years by Pastor Paul. God has told Pastor Paul that there is no hell, and he triumphantly tells the congregation what has been revealed to him. Paul does not get the approving reaction he expects. Other church leaders, including his wife and some of his congregation, push back against Paul's leadership for the first time in his ministry. During the rest of the play, people close to Paul argue with him about the importance of believing in hell. But the conflict between them runs deeper than differences in church doctrine and explores fundamental questions about communication and empathy.

Director Phil Funkenbusch does an outstanding job evoking the feel of a megachurch using a spare set. Spectators occupy the space of congregants, and the service starts with a rendition of "Keep the Candle Burning," confidently delivered by Diane Dietz and Tiffany Williams, who provide music throughout. The show's soundtrack is spot on with just the right mix of drum machine, Rhodes' piano and wandering bass that have been the mainstays of many health and wealth ministries' services for the past four decades or so. Their glistening eyes staring into the middle distance while singing "Here I Am to Worship" was so hypnotic and convincing that I would not have been surprised to see someone walk the aisle. Many audience members sang along with a lovely rendition of "It Is Well With My Soul."

Funkenbusch also extracted fine performances from his actors. The service felt so

real that audience members clapped along with the two-member choir, and more than a few chins dropped reflexively when John D. Poling, playing Pastor Paul, said, "Let us pray." Poling delivers his sermon with perfect cadence and just the right amount of earnestness as he pronounces one mindless platitude after another ("When we look as one body, we see something we cannot see for ourselves" or "The one who lives in fear cannot love completely") and as he guilelessly describes a literal conversation with God.

Travis Wiggins as the associate pastor who stands up to his mentor has to handle the most range of any of the cast, and the young actor pulls it off. When he tells Pastor Paul, "I feel the Lord telling me to reject what you are saying," the student shows the master that he knows how to employ the same circular logic of insisting that people believe him because God told him so.

The only things that disappoint in this production are mostly the fault of Hnath. *The Christians* is one of his earlier works, and while it is clear that Hnath is intimately familiar with the type of church he portrays, the writing lacks the chutzpah that can be found in *A Doll's House, Part Two*. Hnath has Pastor Paul narrate some of the action, which felt unnecessary and distracting.

Hnath also doesn't make the best arguments for either side. For instance, Pastor Paul argues that hell exists here on earth rather than in some other world, and a just God would not throw the innocent – but unsaved – into fire and brimstone forever. But then, he essentially expels his fallen angel, Joshua, from the fold into the world that he's already called a hell. Not only is Paul unaware of the irony, but no one in leadership calls him out. It would be interesting to have Hnath rework the script to expound on the doctrinal controversy better. □

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# A 'ROGUE' SCIENTIST'S LEGACY

Search for a herpes cure continues after William Halford's death

MEDICAL | Dean Olsen

New Jersey resident Richard Mancuso considers the late William Halford a medical pioneer.

Carolyn Goatley, a 55-year-old software engineer who lives in Louisville, Kentucky, said Halford, a Springfield resident and faculty member at Springfield's Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, "did a wonderful thing" and "changed my life."

Mancuso, 54, a part-time truck driver and author, had similar words of thanks for his improved health, saying Halford "completely changed everything."

But Dr. Anna Wald, a herpes vaccines researcher and infectious-diseases physician at University of Washington in Seattle, said Halford carried out "bad science" and "very disturbing" and unethical experimentation on patients with genital herpes. He secretly injected patients with his unproven vaccine in Springfield hotel rooms and on the West Indian island nation of Saint Kitts and Nevis.

Until *Kaiser Health News* revealed Halford's unsupervised and unsanctioned research on humans a few months after his death in June 2017, SIU officials had praised Halford as a groundbreaking genius in search of a cure for herpes.

But SIU spokesperson Rikeesha Phelon has nothing positive to say about him now.

"Halford intentionally participated in activities that violated SIU policies and procedures and that violated federal regulations," she said in a statement. "This was in no way known at the time or in any way condoned by SIU School of Medicine. Dr. Halford went to great lengths to conceal his misconduct from the university."

Five years after Halford's death at 48 from a rare nasal cancer, the Louisiana native's legacy remains up for debate. But there have been new developments in the saga, which made national headlines and attracted attention from Congress. Officials from the company Halford co-

founded, Rational Vaccines Inc., first headquartered in Springfield and now based in suburban Boston, said they have been encouraged by the response from the scientific community to Rational's efforts to regain respect.

They said the controversies enveloping the company in its early days resulted from Halford acting as chief science officer and disregarding protocols to advance his research and help herpes sufferers as much as possible before cancer killed him.

Using discoveries Halford made in federally funded, supervised animal research during his 10 years at SIU – work that RV has expanded upon since his death – Rational officials said they have built out their staff, working with the necessary regulatory agencies and making sure all the rules are followed.

They plan to begin early-stage human trials of vaccines later this year in Great Britain and the

United Arab Emirates to treat and prevent herpes.

They said they hope to work with the Food and Drug Administration and launch clinical trials in the United States a few years after that, first on a therapeutic vaccine and then a preventive vaccine.

"We're not letting the research die, because it's important research," said Agustin Fernandez Santana, the former Hollywood director and producer who partnered with Halford in forming Rational Vaccines in 2015 and now is the company's chief executive officer.

"There's a lot of people suffering," Santana said. "We've always had the patients behind us, and that's given us a lot of wind in our sails because there is a need for this, whether it's ours or someone else's. Whoever can solve this problem is a hero."

SIU, as the co-owner of a patent based on Halford's discoveries, may be eligible to receive some royalties if Rational's vaccines are successfully brought to market, Phelon said, but no royalties



Agustin Fernandez Santana (left) and William Halford pose for a photo in the island country of Saint Kitts and Nevis during Rational Vaccines' 2016 clinical trial in St. Kitts of Theravax, a vaccine that Halford developed to treat genital herpes. Santana and Halford co-founded Rational Vaccines in 2015. PHOTO COURTESY OF RICHARD MANCUSO.

have been received to date.

A civil lawsuit filed in 2018 against Rational by three herpes patients who received injections of Halford's therapeutic vaccine and say they developed complications afterward remains pending in U.S. District Court in Springfield.

### THE QUEST FOR A CURE

Herpes is a sexually transmitted disease that infects one in seven to one in eight people in the United States and the rest of the world in the 14-49 age group and can lead to social isolation, depression and suicide.

Genital herpes is mostly undiagnosed and dormant but can cause painful outbreaks of blisters on the genitals and other parts of the body, and other medical complications. Antiviral treatments can ease symptoms, but there is no known cure.

Halford was branded a "rogue" scientist in new coverage nationwide after *Kaiser Health News* first broke the news a few months after his death: The small-scale overseas clinical trial that Halford spearheaded on behalf of Rational, testing the vaccine he created to treat herpes, Theravax, lacked an "institutional review board" from SIU or an outside organization to oversee patient safety and quality.

Santana, who isn't a scientist, said he wasn't aware of this important detail at the time. SIU officials said they weren't aware, either, but weren't responsible because the trial was conducted by Rational.

Rational reported in a news release in October 2016 that its clinical trial of Theravax earlier that year in St. Kitts resulted in "stunning reductions in herpes symptoms" among the 17 U.S. and British

patients who received a series of three shots over a three-month period. However, those results never have been published in any peer-reviewed scientific journals.

Kaiser also reported an even more surprising aspect of Halford's research. Before Rational was formed and in the years leading up the clinical trial in St. Kitts, Halford, who had a Ph.D. but wasn't a physician, injected herpes patients with his vaccine in Springfield hotel rooms in a self-styled, unauthorized preliminary trial.

Santana said he wasn't aware of the extent of this unsupervised activity when he first met Halford. SIU officials said they weren't aware, either, but investigated the allegations because the testing apparently involved SIU labs and property.

SIU was informed in September 2022 by the U.S. Department of Human Services' Office for Human Research Protections that it wouldn't face any sanctions related to the injections in hotel rooms or the Saint Kitts clinical trial, and that Rational apparently wouldn't be investigated, according to documents *Illinois Times* obtained from SIU under the Freedom of Information Act.

The sanctions could have included the loss of SIU's research funding from the federal government. SIU School of Medicine receives an average of \$4.5 million per year in federal research funding, Phelon said.

"No sanctions have been imposed," she said. "Still, SIU School of Medicine did establish a number of interventions to strengthen the responsible conduct of research and emphasize each individual's obligation to integrity and compliance with ethical research activities."

Documents obtained by the newspaper also

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indicate the FDA initiated a criminal investigation into Halford's research involving humans, and SIU supplied more than 2,000 documents in response to a federal subpoena. But no charges have resulted, and Phelon said SIU hasn't received any communication from the FDA since 2018.

FDA spokesperson Jeremy Kahn referred an *IT* reporter to the U.S. attorney's office for the Central District of Illinois for any comment on future prosecution. Katherine Boyle, a spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Gregory Harris, said in an email response to the newspaper, "We can neither confirm nor deny the existence of an investigation."

Former SIU researcher Edward Gershburg, who collaborated with Halford on herpes research at SIU on mice and guinea pigs and now is Rational's chief technology officer, said he can't judge Halford on his sometimes controversial efforts to ease suffering from herpes, one of the world's most common sexually transmitted infections.

"It's hard to say what I would do if I were in his shoes," Gershburg said.

Halford, who didn't have herpes, injected himself more than two dozen times, and injected three of his family members, to help prove the vaccine's safety in patients with genital herpes, most commonly caused by herpes simplex virus 2, or HSV-2. He said he didn't develop complications even though chemotherapy for his cancer, which was diagnosed in February 2011, already had suppressed his immune system, and his family members didn't develop complications, either.

"Given the five-year survival rate for such patients, it was unlikely I would survive long enough to advance a (herpes) vaccine to clinical trials by the traditional route," Halford wrote in a research paper on the St. Kitts trial that was rejected for publication.

"My cancer responded to chemotherapy and radiation by August 2011, but by then I had come to appreciate that time was of the essence – *carpe diem!*" Halford wrote.

After that point, Halford apparently began the injections on himself, his family and on herpes patients, according to documents, his writings on his blog and his words recorded in a YouTube video for a future documentary on his life. His widow, Melanie Halford, who no longer lives in the Springfield area, declined to be interviewed.

## A NEW APPROACH

The work of Halford and Rational is novel because it focuses on development of a herpes based on a live, but weakened – or attenuated – form of herpes virus.

When he was working to create a mutant herpes virus that attenuated and test it in animal models, Halford complained to reporters that it was difficult to convince the scientific community to even consider a live, attenuated vaccine because of concerns that the vaccine could unintentionally lead to herpes infections in patients without the disease.

He noted that live, weakened virus strains have



**William Halford, left, a research scientist at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, gestures as he speaks during an April 2017 news conference at the medical school's Springfield campus to honor Halford and announce an investment by Silicon Valley billionaire Peter Thiel in Rational Vaccines. Next to Halford is Agustin Fernandez Santana, who co-founded Rational Vaccines with Halford, and herpes patient Richard Mancuso. Halford died from cancer on June 22, 2017, at age 48.**

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been used for years in childhood vaccines to protect against measles, mumps, rubella and polio. But since the 1970s, genetic-engineering techniques that allowed viruses to be created with pieces of protein from a virus instead of a live virus made scientists skittish about attenuated-virus vaccines, he said.

However, Dr. Anna Wald, the researcher from University of Washington, said the diseases addressed by attenuated live-virus vaccines are different from herpes. Someone who contracts measles, for example, develops lifelong protection against reinfection by measles, while herpes sufferers deal with successive outbreaks and don't develop natural immunity, she said.

As a result, Wald said it shouldn't be assumed that an attenuated live-virus vaccine to rev up the body's immune response and treat or protect against herpes will be more effective than any other type of herpes vaccine under development.

Santana, in response to Wald's argument, noted that the vaccine to prevent chickenpox is a live-virus vaccine and has been effective for decades. Chickenpox is a disease caused by a virus in the same family as the viruses that cause herpes.

However, Wald said that unlike herpes, chickenpox behaves like other rash-causing diseases of childhood. And she said a vaccine to prevent shingles – a painful condition caused by a recurrence of the virus that causes chickenpox – has been much more effective than a live attenuated vaccine when the vaccine is created with a harmless subunit of protein from the virus.

Halford used layman's terms to address Wald's argument in an August 2016 posting on his blog. He said many people who suffer with recurrent herpes "do so simply because their immune system was duped by this most stealthy of viruses into believing that herpes is just another part of the body to be tolerated, rather than attacked."

An effective herpes vaccine, he said, "reawakens

the immune system out of this stupor and gets the body's immune system back in the game."

Large pharmaceutical companies have been unsuccessful thus far in creating an effective herpes vaccine, and they have focused on methods that don't employ attenuated live viruses. Rational may be one of the few companies in the world working on a live-virus model for effectively treating and curing HSV-2, which causes most genital herpes, and HSV-1, which causes most oral herpes, which take the form of cold sores, and a growing number of cases of genital herpes.

## "ACTING ON HIS OWN"

Halford met many of the herpes patients he injected in Springfield hotel rooms in online forums for herpes patients, while others heard about his earlier research and emailed him in search of help, Goatley said. She connected with Halford through an online forum and later traveled to Springfield to serve as one of his research subjects.

Lisa Buchanan, director of the division of compliance oversight in the Office for Human Research Protection, summarized Halford's activities in a Sept. 7 letter for SIU School of Medicine dean and provost Dr. Jerry Kruse. Buchanan said that information from SIU indicated Halford "apparently tested his unapproved HSV-2 vaccine on at least 15 people," in addition to himself, between 2011 and 2014.

The letter said several doses of the vaccine were found in the researcher's freezer at SIU.

Phelon said Halford's lab at SIU remains "contained," and all biological materials are "in storage." Documents produced by SIU in response to the Freedom of Information request indicated that SIU paused its internal investigation of Halford's activities, upon orders from the FDA, to allow the FDA investigation to proceed.

FDA officials have not given SIU the go-ahead

to resume its internal investigation, Phelon said.

U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley, a Republican from Iowa, sent a letter in January 2018 to then-SIU System President Randy Dunn that said Halford "may have violated almost every requirement" in federal law regarding the use of humans in research for vaccines administered at the Crowne Plaza Springfield and in a Holiday Inn Express.

Dunn responded later that same month that SIU's institutional review board investigated the matter, was fully cooperating with federal authorities and "takes this matter very seriously and continues to take steps to address it."

A lawyer representing SIU told Buchanan in a letter obtained by *IT* that the federal Human Research Protection office didn't have regulatory authority over SIU for Halford's experiments from 2011 through 2014 and that Halford was "acting on his own, in a clandestine manner, and outside the scope of his SIU employment."

"While we do not necessarily agree with SIU's conclusions on this issue," Buchanan wrote, "we do acknowledge that it is far from clear that it could be demonstrated, under the appropriate legal standards related to (the office's) authority, that SIU was responsible for the actions of this researcher while he was conducting the described experiments during that time period."

At Buchanan's request, SIU put in place a "Corrective and Preventive Action Plan," though an attorney for SIU said in an October 2018 letter to Buchanan that "because Dr. Halford intentionally hid his actions from the university, it is difficult, if not impossible, to prevent such a situation from happening again."

The corrective plan includes making research in ethics a "routine standing agenda item" to be addressed by the dean at internal meetings with leaders, students and employees of the medical school, starting a confidential hotline for reporting suspected ethical breaches, and expanding mandatory education and training on ethical conduct involving research with human subjects.

## THE RESEARCH CONTINUES

Rational gained national attention before Halford's death because of a pledge by Silicon Valley billionaire Peter Thiel's investment firm, Thiel Capital, to invest in Rational. Thiel was a co-founder of PayPal and was an early investor in Facebook.

But Santana, Rational's CEO, said some news media incorrectly reported that Thiel, who has been critical of the FDA's slow, bureaucratic process for evaluating drugs and other treatments, financed the clinical trial in St. Kitts. That wasn't the case, Santana said, though Thiel, which provided funding afterward, has contributed \$5 million of the total \$42 million raised from Rational's investors to date.

After Rational's news release about the 2016 clinical trial in St. Kitts, the government of the country said it wasn't aware of the trial beforehand and that Rational didn't go through the proper

channels to ensure patient safety. The government said it was launching an investigation, but no results of the investigation have emerged, and the office of Saint Kitts Prime Minister Terrance Drew didn't respond to a request for comment.

Rational CEO Santana said neither HHS nor the FDA has investigated Rational, and the company, with about 25 full-time employees and consultants, has made many strides forward.

The company has estimated that a therapeutic herpes vaccine could generate more than \$5 billion in revenues per year, and a preventive vaccine could yield more than \$10 billion in revenues annually while improving the daily lives of millions of people.

The company in 2021 conducted a five-year follow-up study of side effects among the Saint Kitts patients that hasn't been published yet, but in general, shows "remarkable safety" and "no side effects," Santana said.

However, testimony in depositions that are part of the lawsuit filed by three former patients who received Halford's therapeutic vaccine – two of them in the St. Kitts trial and one in the Holiday Inn Express in Springfield – indicated their health complications haven't abated.

One found his herpes symptoms got worse and he developed "neuropathic symptoms," another saw her herpes outbreaks worsen and developed "shooting pains and fatigue," while the third developed leg pain, ringing in the ears, stabbing pain in the head and right ear, and "cognitive difficulty," according to paid testimony on behalf of the patients from Dr. Jonathan Zenilman of Johns Hopkins University.

Santana declined to comment on the patients' allegations, which the company is disputing in court, other than to say that the two patients injected in St. Kitts failed to complete the three-shot regimen.

Controversies surrounding Halford's conduct have made it difficult at times to raise money for the company's research, Santana said. But he said scientists at governmental agencies in the United States and overseas have been encouraging.

Through the FDA, Rational already has conducted three non-interventional clinical studies in the United States on herpes in preparation for future human studies, Santana said. And the company has repeated some of the animal studies Halford performed to prove to the research community that the positive impact on herpes symptoms were valid, Santana said.

Goatley, one of Halford's hotel patients, said she is glad to see Halford's research being carried on. She said she never felt misled by Halford about the potential risks and benefits of his vaccine to treat what she called a "stigmatized disease."

When she received three different injections in 2013, she "wanted to know whether it would help me. I just wanted to try it. I didn't consider it a cure."

Afterward, she experienced a dwindling of her severe, herpes-related pain, known as herpetic neuralgia, a virtual elimination of



William Halford with herpes patient Carolyn Goatley at a Springfield restaurant in October 2016. PHOTO COURTESY OF CAROLYN GOATLEY.

herpes outbreaks, and she was able to stop taking antivirals. The neuralgia actually disappeared for two years before coming back, though it's not as severe as before the injections.

What Goatley views as the vaccine's overall benefits persist to this day, she said.

"I'm not suffering anywhere near what I was before," she said.

Mancuso, one of the St. Kitts patients, was experiencing 25 to 30 herpes outbreaks per year before the injections. A few months after the injections, the outbreaks stopped, and he went without any outbreaks for 15 months, he said.

He now experiences three to four outbreaks per year, he said.

Mancuso started an online petition – pennyforyourthoughtscampaign.com – asking Congress to "fast track" the FDA approval process for a herpes vaccine, and he has self-published a book, *Asking for a Friend*, about his experience with Halford's herpes vaccine.

Mancuso said Halford's unconventional methods may have delayed the benefits of his discoveries reaching patients on a national or global scale, but he appreciated Halford's willingness to help patients like him.

Mancuso said he remains frustrated about the delays that scientists say are necessary to prove herpes vaccines are safe and effective.

"It's crazy to me that these guys have something that works and people cannot get it," he said. "This is something that can change the medical field forever. I'm just very lucky to be a part of it." □

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# Butter makes things better

FOOD | Peter Glatz

My early childhood religious upbringing was predominately guilt-driven, and over the years, many of the things that have given me pleasure – such as butter – have been enshrouded in a veil of guilt.

I was born in the 1950s and grew up on margarine. When I went away to college in the 70s and tasted locally churned, cultured butter at the food co-op, I was smitten. I tried not to like it so much, but I was hooked. Cultured butter was my gateway to many other culinary delights.

So to briefly try to put to rest the guilt issue: butter is not bad for you. Too much butter, like too much of everything else, is bad for you. Butter has many beneficial nutrients, but too much butter will make you fat and unhealthy.

The Irish poet Seamus Heaney, who won the 1995 Nobel Prize in literature, described the butter that his grandmother was making in his poem *Churning Day* as: “heavy and rich, coagulated sunlight” and “heaped up like gilded gravel in the bowl.”

Food chemist and author Harold McGee describes butter as “a portion of the sun’s energy, captured by the grasses of the field and repackaged by the cow in scattered, microscopic globules, that imparts a warm, sweet richness to many foods.”

There are many other fats that work better than butter for cooking your foods in. For example, I sauté mushrooms over high heat in grapeseed oil until all the water steams out and they start to brown and let out a squeak. Then I finish them off with a dollop of butter to add additional flavor.

Our restaurant had a secret gift exchange this past Christmas. The stipulation was that the gifts had to be something homemade, which, when you work around top-notch chefs, can be pretty exciting. One of the gifts I received was a log of compound butter studded with bits of truffle (the fungus, not the chocolate). It’s been living in my freezer and I’ve enjoyed slicing off pats to finish off steaks or bump up the flavor of a baked potato.

Compound butters are made from room-temperature butter into which some flavoring and/or coloring has been kneaded; these can include herbs, spices, mushrooms, aromatics, stock and wine reductions or cheese. The mixture can then be spread on another food, or refrigerated, sliced and melted into a butter sauce over a piece of hot meat or vegetable.

Butter’s workable consistency makes it easy to incorporate tasty ingredients and spread the flavors evenly over other foods. A dollop over a hot steak will slowly melt and emulsify itself with the meat juices to create an elegant sauce with complexity and flavor. Restaurant chefs often top salmon fillets, shrimp, and mussels with a compound lemon butter.



Compound butter with bits of truffle. PHOTOS BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

Compound butters are a convenient tool to have in your cooking arsenal. They add complexity to your dishes but are simple to make. You can make them in advance, wrap them in a few layers of plastic wrap, freeze them, then slice off a portion whenever needed. When I don’t have pots of fresh herbs handy, I’ll end up spending \$3 on plastic clamshell packages at the grocery store. After removing the three sprigs of thyme that the recipe requires, too often the rest of the bunch dries up, neglected in my fridge’s produce drawer. Now, when I have a surfeit of herbs, I’ll spend a few minutes working them into softened butter with some minced-up shallot or garlic and roll it up into a plastic-wrapped log for the freezer, ready to be sliced and placed on top of whatever I’m cooking.

I only buy unsalted butter. Using unsalted butter gives me control over the amount and type of salt.

I like to season the butter myself with good-quality sea salt, such as Celtic Grey or Himalayan Pink Salt. I especially like unsalted, European-style butter. The higher fat content really works well for compound butters.

## Beurre Maitre d’Hotel (Maitre d’Hôtel Butter)

Maitre d’Hôtel Butter has its origins in classical French cooking. It was traditionally prepared and served at the table by a restaurant’s head waiter, known as the maitre d’hôtel.

Ingredients:

1 stick of unsalted butter, softened  
4 tablespoons finely chopped parsley  
1 lemon, zested, plus 1 tablespoon of juice  
2 medium cloves garlic, minced  
1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

1/2 teaspoon sea salt  
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1 pinch of cayenne pepper (optional)

Preparation:

With a fork, combine all the ingredients in a bowl until evenly distributed throughout the butter.

Moisten your work surface with a damp cloth and lay out a sheet of plastic wrap. Smooth the plastic wrap with the damp cloth and lay a second layer of plastic wrap atop the first.

Shape the butter into an even log along the bottom third of the plastic wrap. Carefully lift up the bottom edge and tightly wrap around the butter to create a tight log.

Tie a knot at one end of the log, then push the butter into a tight log and tie the second knot.

Use a marker to label and date the butter, then store it in the freezer. Chill for two hours.

To use, simply slice off portions from the frozen log and allow them to melt over your vegetables, meat or fish.

## Roasted squash with miso butter

I spent the first summer of the pandemic camped out on my bus in Ann Arbor at Zingerman’s Roadhouse. I had the opportunity to work for a few weeks at Zingerman’s Korean restaurant, Miss Kim. I used to make this miso butter to serve with roasted butternut squash. This is representative of the dishes that got Chef Ji Hye Kim named to *Food & Wine’s* list of Best New Chefs of 2012 and a James Beard Award for Best Chef semifinalist.

Ingredients:

1/4 cup white miso  
1 stick unsalted butter, softened  
1 butternut squash  
Canola oil  
Freshly ground black pepper  
Minced chives

Preparation:

Preheat oven to 350°F

With a fork, combine the miso and butter in a bowl. Cut the squash in half, lengthwise. Scoop out all the seeds and peel. Slice the squash into 1/4" thick half-moons.

In a mixing bowl, lightly coat with canola oil. Spread out on a sheet tray.

Roast the squash in preheated oven for about seven minutes, or until the squash is fully cooked, but not browned.

Place a handful of cooked butternut squash and 2 tablespoons of miso butter in a sauté pan over medium heat. Add a pinch of black pepper and toss until the squash is well coated. Take off the heat. Serve topped with minced chives. □



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## MUSIC



Rumpke Mountain Boys play the Sunshine 66: Hotel Music Fest this Friday and Saturday.

# March into April music

**NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin**

Here we go, finishing up with March and finding ourselves in April without a hitch. I might need schooling and you might need cooling, but we ain't fooling nobody with these references, so let's take a look at what's on tap for our scene this week.

Friday gets us into a large range of music from early evening performances by the Sam Crain Trio (I bet Sam brings his new guitar!) at Boones for Friday Night Jazz & Blues and the Samba Llamas playing sambas at Pease's at BUNN Gourmet all the way to The Collective killing it at Long Bridge and Off the Wall taking it to the streets at Weebles.

It's interesting to me, after casually calling those first two shows "early evening" performances, (they start at 5:30 and 5, respectively) that almost every other gig on Friday starts at either 6 or 7. Most of those go on until 9 and a few shows are from 8 to 11, but for those of us of a certain age, it's easy to recall when most live music didn't begin until 9 and went to midnight or finished up after the bar closed at 1 a.m. as we were herded out the door by 1:30 to go look for more music somewhere until 3 a.m.. But I digress, as they say. Just be sure to look at the listings for all the varied live shows available on Friday night allowing you the opportunity to still be home in time for the 10 p.m. news with lights out by 11.

In the something different category, check out Sunshine 66: A Hotel Music Fest, held this Friday and Saturday at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center on South Sixth Street. There's a slew of cool bands including Sunshine Daydream, Rumpke Mountain Boys, Jay Larson Band, Positively 4th Street and Square of the Roots, plus craft vendors set up so you can stay on the

premises in the hotel, while enjoying all the music on two stages and the other stuff there to enjoy, too. You'll find the info for tickets and a full schedule on the event Facebook page.

Petersburg appears to be the happening place this weekend with a kick off on Saturday, April Fool's Day night, at Broadgauge for a look at and a listen to Rhodes & Battles Trio upstairs in the ballroom. A little birdie told me they have some new originals to debut in preparation for an upcoming EP release later this year. Then on Sunday, from 10 in morning until 8 in the evening, the downtown area explodes with local music makers playing in different venues at staggered times, doing what the folks there are calling Sunday Songs on the Square. For specific schedules of participating people and places, see the event Facebook page.

We can wrap up our romp with a reminder of the Fireside Relics CD release party at Danenbergers on Sunday starting at 4:30 p.m. "50/50 Vol. 1," the Relics' third album, is dedicated to the late Camron Yates, who worked very closely with the band over the last few years to craft the sounds and the soul of the record. The dedication comes with the "hope it serves as a celebration of his artistic ability and love of music" as put by bandmates Nick Park,

Kristi Lecocq, Aaron Davis, Jon Harvel and Rick Snow. Greg Patterson plays a middle set as the rocking quintet comes out with some spectacular songs played right and true. Get yourself a copy of the CD and play it.

That's all for now, and I'm not foolin' around. □



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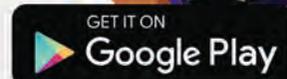
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**Sam and Kortney's open mic**  
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**Karaoke with DJ Smokey J**  
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**Dan Grover & friends open jam**  
Casey's Pub, 7-10pm

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

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

**Karaoke with Steve**  
VFW Post #755, 7-11pm

### Friday Mar 31

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

**it Friday Night Jazz - Sam Crain Trio**  
Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

**Wowie Zowie**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**Tom Irwin & the Raouligans**  
George Rank's, 8-11pm

**90's Daughter**  
Hamilton's, Jacksonville, 6-11pm

**Carl Bopp**  
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

**The Collective**  
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30-10:30pm

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

**John Stevens and Geoff Ryan**  
New Moon Cafe, Decatur, 6:30-8:30pm

**The Samba Llamas**  
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 5-7pm

**Karaoke with DJ Dan Suter**  
Pier 55 Lounge, 8pm

**Sunshine 66: A Hotel Music Festival**  
Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, 5pm and April 1, 10am

**Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas**  
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 8-11pm

**Beige Desparadoes**  
Slaughterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn, 6pm

**Brother Jefferson**  
The Blue Grouch, 8pm

**Elijah Silas & Niko Boeker**  
VFW Post #755, 7-10pm

**Off the Wall**  
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-11pm

### Saturday Apr 1

**Rhodes & Battles Trio**  
Broadgauge, Petersburg, 7-10pm

**Cainan Barnett**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

**Deja Voodoo**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**Carl Bopp**  
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

**1 In The Gun**  
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm-12am

**Drew Baldridge**  
Morgan County Fairgrounds, Jacksonville, 6pm

**Sunshine 66: A Hotel Music Festival**  
Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, 10am

**Lick Creek**  
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 8pm

**it Doug Brant**  
Walnut Street Winery, Rochester, 4-7pm

### Sunday Apr 2

**Randy Erwin**  
Broadgauge, Petersburg, 10am-2pm

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

**Open mic with Sam and Kortney**  
Curve Inn, 5-8pm

**Fireside Relics with Greg Patterson**  
**CD Release party**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 4:30pm

**Zack Fedor**  
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

**Sarah Schneider**  
It's All About Wine, 3pm

**The Tangents**  
Menard County VFW #6871, Petersburg, 6-8pm

**Open mic**  
Piper Glen Golf Club, 1-5pm

**John Drake**  
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 4-7pm

### Monday Apr 3

**Paul Bonn**  
The Alamo, 7pm

**Open mic with Joel Honey and Silas Tockey**  
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 8-11pm

### Tuesday Apr 4

**J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke**  
The Alibi, Rochester, 8pm-12am

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

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

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

### Wednesday Apr 5

**Open mic**  
Boone's, 7-10pm

**Karaoke**  
Clique, 9pm-1am

**Karaoke**  
Crows Mill Pub, 8-11pm

**AI Kitchen with Trish and Nino**  
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 6-9pm

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**it** Before leaving Springfield for Washington, D.C., Abraham Lincoln said, “Here I have lived a quarter of a century, and have passed from a young to an old man. Here my children have been born, and one is buried. I now leave, not knowing when, or whether ever, I may return.” An exhibit at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) takes a look at “the idea of home” in Illinois through the eyes of past and present residents. Learn the stories of Illinoisans from all walks of life such as the Sauk leader Black Hawk, former first lady and Chicago native Michelle Obama, Springfield socialite Susan Lawrence Dana and Ritta DeFreitas, a Springfield dressmaker and emigrant from Portugal. To create the exhibit and help tell the stories, the ALPLM drew photographs and artifacts from its collection, including a locket that belonged to Mary Todd Lincoln, Ronald Reagan’s college letterman jacket and a sculpture that was once in the Lincolns’ home. The exhibit also features interviews with current residents on their thoughts about home. The exhibit is free with museum admission, and runs through Jan. 21, 2024.

### ■ Art & Architecture

“Adventures in Watercolor”  
Sundays, 1-3pm and Tuesdays-Saturdays, 4-6pm. Through April 29. The Art Association of Jacksonville hosts Sangamon Watercolor Society artwork. Opening reception is 6-8pm April 1 with a gallery talk at 6:30pm. David Strawn Art Gallery, Jacksonville, 331 W. College Ave., 217-243-9390.

### “Art for the Ages”

Tuesdays-Saturdays, 12-4pm. Through March 31. An exhibit by Springfield District 186 students. Celebrates Black history and includes drawings, paintings in tempera, oil, watercolor and three-dimensional figures. Free. African American History Museum Springfield, 1440 Monument Ave., 217-391-6323.

### Art Synergy

Sat., April 1, 6:30pm. A creative, collaborative event in which 16 community leaders and business owners have been matched up with artists over the last couple of months to collaborate on art pieces together. \$35 in advance, \$45 at door. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-523-2631.

### “In the Shadow”

Mondays-Thursdays, 11am-6pm. Through April 13. An exhibit of ceramic works by Decatur-based artist Jennifer Holt. Holt’s mixed media sculpture and installation art revolve around concepts of time, place and memory. UIS Visual Arts Gallery, HSB 201, One University Plaza, 217-206-6506.

### “Lasting Impressions”

Through April 1. The Illinois Prairie Pastel Society is presenting its latest member show, “Lasting Impressions,” at the Springfield Art Association. springfieldart.org. Free. M.G. Nelson Family Gallery, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-544-2787.

### “Reflections of Love”

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-5pm. Through May 11. Photography by Gale Myers and ceramics by Elizabeth Thai. Artwork by over 50 other local juried artists will be displayed. springfieldart.org. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

### ■ Food & Drink

### Winter Old Capitol Farmers Market

Wednesdays, Saturdays, 8am-12pm. Through April 15. Union Station, 500 E. Madison, 217-544-1723.

### ■ History

#### “Martin Luther King Jr.: A Commemoration”

Tuesdays-Saturdays, 12-4pm. Through April 15. A celebration of the life and legacy of King. Learn details about King’s childhood and his efforts to fight for racial and social equity. spiaahm.org. Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, 1440 Monument Ave., 217-391-6323.

#### “Growing Up X”

Through Sep. 4. Gen X, the often-overlooked Forgotten Generation, lies between Boomers and Millennials. Learn about the cultural touchstones that shaped this generation’s youth, the last generation to have had an analog childhood. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-7386.

#### “Here I Have Lived: Home in Illinois”

Through Jan. 21, 2024. New exhibit invites visitors to explore stories of home. Visitors can connect through artifacts, videos and interactive features about how people have imagined, created and found home in Illinois. Free with admission. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

### ■ Faith & Philosophy

#### Palm Sunday Service

Sun., April 2, 10-11am. A nontraditional celebration and special youth program provided. Unity provides a positive environment for spiritual growth that empowers all people to be God’s love in the world. unityofspringfieldil.org. Unity of Springfield, 417 Cordelia, 217-523-5897.

### ■ Fairs & Festivals

#### it Central Illinois STEM Fair

Thu., March 30, 6-8pm. Open to all K-12 students, their families and teachers and education professionals from all area schools.

## THE CALENDAR

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

### ■ Special Music Events

#### Brown Bag Concert

Wed., April 5, 12:15-12:45pm. Featuring pianist Pei-I Wang accompanied by Andy Rauff. Free. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

### ■ Theater & Comedy

#### The Christians

Through April 1, 7:30pm and Sun., April 2, 2pm. A play about faith in America and the trouble with changing your mind. Presented by the Springfield Theatre Centre. springfieldtheatrecentre.com. \$18-\$20. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

#### Mark Sweeney

Fri., March 31, 8pm and Sat., April 1, 7:30pm. Presented by Donnie B’s Comedy Club. donniebs.com. Admission. Knights of Columbus Casey’s Pub, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 309-643-5241.

#### ON THE VERGE or The Geography of Yearnings

March 31-April 1, 7:30pm and Sun., April 2, 2pm. Mary, Fanny and Alexandra bushwhack their way through Terra Incognita, the globe’s final undiscovered land. These intrepid explorers test their friendship and courage with wonder, humor and grace. Directed by Missy Thibodeaux-Thompson. uipac.com. UIS Studio Theatre, One University Plaza, 217-206-6106.

#### Once

Through April 1, 8pm and Sun., April 2, 2pm. An Irish musician and Czech immigrant are drawn together on the streets of Dublin over a shared love of music, and their collaboration evolves into a

love story. Features songs from the movie. hcfta.org. \$18-20. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

### ■ Dance

#### it Breaking Boundaries

Sat., April 1, 2, 7pm. An innovative performance by the Springfield Ballet Company that brings the beauty of classical ballet contrasted with neo-classical dance works. springfieldballetco.com. Children \$17, adults \$23-\$30. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

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The Children's Choir and Westminster Choir  
Sunday, April 2 at 10:00 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion**  
The Rev. Christian Choi, preaching  
The Westminster Choir  
Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

**Festival of the Resurrection**  
The Rev. Dr. Blythe Denham Kieffer, preaching  
The Westminster Choir and Millikin Brass  
Sunday, April 9 at 10:00 a.m.

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## THE CALENDAR

Aviation, meteorology, drones, robots, chemistry, geospatial technology, esports, astronomy, physics, ecology and the best STEM activities showcased by area schools and institutions. Free. Rochester High School, Rochester, 3 Rocket Dr., 217-498-9761.

**Senior Crafty Creations**  
Wed., April 5, 10:30-11:30am. Connect, create and relax with other people in an easy-going environment. All supplies for simple crafts will be provided, but please consider a donation of \$5 to help with the cost of supplies, [chathamlib.org](http://chathamlib.org). Free. Ball-Chatham Senior Center, Chatham, 111 W. Mulberry St., 217-483-2713.

### ■ Fundraisers and Galas

**Springfield Jaycees Lawn Mower Clinic**  
Sat., April 1, 9am-12pm. Springfield Jaycees will service push mowers that are in working condition (must be able to start prior to servicing and we will start it with you at pick up). Cost includes spark plug replacement, oil change and blade sharpening. \$60. O'Reilly Auto Parts, 1321 N. Dirksen Pkwy., 522-8430.

### ■ Children's Corner

**ASCI Easter Event**  
Sat., April 1, 12-2pm. Enjoy sensory-friendly activities and get a photo with the Easter bunny. Hosted by the Autism Support of Central Illinois. Pre-registration required. [autismcil.org](http://autismcil.org). Free. Hope Pavilion at Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-803-0097.

### ■ EggZOOlent Opening Weekend

April 1-2, 10am-5pm. Guests at the zoo can enjoy warmer temperatures to kick off the start of the zoo season. The zoo will take the weekend to introduce the new animal friends that have come to live at the facility. \$5.50-\$7.50. Children 2 and under are free. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-544-1751.

**Jr. NBA Skills Challenge**  
Sat., April 1, 9am. Open to boys and girls ages 9-13 (as of August 31, 2023).

Two divisions. Compete for a chance to win an all-expense paid trip to NYC. Call for more information. Free. Salvation Army, 1600 E. Clear Lake Ave., 217-753-2800 ext. 2003.

### ■ Photo op with the Easter Bunny

Sat., April 1, 9:30-11:30am. Free photo op with the Easter Bunny. Props provided. Bring your own cameras. Free. HSHS Medical Group Family Health in Chatham, Chatham, 125 E. Plummer Blvd., 217-391-8592.

### ■ Tiny Adventurers

Wed., April 5, 10-11am, 1-2pm. A hands-on nature exploration program for children ages 3 to 5 with an adult chaperone. Learn about a nature topic, make a craft and enjoy a story. Morning and afternoon sessions available. [lincolnmemorialgarden.org](http://lincolnmemorialgarden.org). \$3-\$5 per family. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

### ■ Nature, Science & Environment

**Ethical Artificial Intelligence: An Industry Perspective**  
Wed., April 5, 6:30-7:30pm. Artificial Intelligence (AI) represents an opportunity to advance human wellbeing and is a topic being tackled by an odd mixture of ethicists, attorneys, statisticians, computer scientists and regulators. Join a discussion from these different perspectives. [uis.edu](http://uis.edu). Free. UIS Student Union Ballroom, 2251 Richard Wright Dr., 217-602-6245.

### ■ Wildflower Nature Walks

Saturdays, 10am, 2pm. Through April 29. Join a walk through the Elkhart Hill woodlands to observe flowering species. Call to make reservations. \$15 per adult, \$10 for children ages 8-12. Village of Elkhart, Elkhart, 209 Governor Oglesby St., 217-947-2238.

### ■ Lectures & Meetings

**AI-Anon District 19 of Greater Springfield**  
Mondays-Saturdays. Ten meetings are held in the local area each week. Five are in-person and four are hybrid of in-person and via Zoom. One meeting is Zoom only. Call 217-891-2981 or visit [spi-alanon.weebly.com](http://spi-alanon.weebly.com) for more information. Various locations, Springfield, 217-891-2981.

### ■ Bulletin Board

**Central Illinois RV Show**  
Fri., March 31, 3-8pm, Sat., April 1, 10am-7pm and Sun., April 2, 10am-5pm. Visit the website for more information. [centralilrvshow.com](http://centralilrvshow.com). \$8; ages 12 and under free. BOS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 800-745-3000.

**Freedom in Holiness Mission**  
Sat., April 1, 10am-1pm. Drinks at the Cross/Robes to Fit. Fifty Easter baskets filled with assorted drinks and house robes for men, women and children will be distributed April 1. Robe donations are needed as well as volunteers for the event. Volunteers should arrive before the event. Freedom in Holiness Mission, 1430 Loveland Ave., 217-522-2527.

**Spring Lawn & Garden Sale**  
Sat., April 1, 8am-5pm and Sun., April 2, 9am-4pm. Local vendors selling plants, flowers, garden art, supplies, decks and patios, hot tubs and more. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-528-3033.

### ■ Springfield RV and Camping Show

Fri., March 31, 3-8pm, Sat., April 1, 10am-7pm and Sun., April 2, 10am-5pm. Featuring the latest makes and models of campers and recreational vehicles from the nation's top manufacturers and much more. \$8, children 12 and under are free. BOS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 800-745-3000.

### ■ St. John's Nursing Students Spring Visits

Thursdays, 10am-12pm. Through April 20. Join great conversation, education and a lot of fun as the St. John's College students return for activities and games. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

### ■ Sports

#### it Lincoln Presidential Half Marathon

Sat., April 1, 7:30am. Run through history in Abraham Lincoln's hometown, including past his law office, his tomb and the only home he ever owned. USATF certified course. Go Abe! Hosted by the Springfield Road Runners Club. [srrc.net](http://srrc.net). Downtown Springfield.

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Based in Springfield. Statewide travel req. Send letter & resume to C. Ward, ICASA, 100 N. 16th St, Springfield, IL 62703 or [icasa@icasa.org](mailto:icasa@icasa.org). Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Starting salary range is \$45,000-\$55,000. EOE

**ICASA**  
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**IL COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT SEEKS**

**Training Institute Director for NFP**

Oversee ICASA's Training Institute, which plans and provides in-person and online trainings and webinars on sexual assault and related issues for rape crisis center staff. Provide training on variety of topics related to sexual violence. Supervise two staff. Provide technical assistance to center staff regarding training and program/policy issues. B.A. required.

Position based in Springfield. Send letter & resume to C. Ward, ICASA, 100 N. 16th St, Springfield, IL 62703 or [icasa@icasa.org](mailto:icasa@icasa.org). Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Starting salary range is \$60,000-\$70,000. EOE

## Real Estate Foreclosure

NOTICE OF SALE  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.  
KEVIN P. COCHRAN AND STATE OF ILLINOIS-DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES, Defendants.

CASE NO. 22-FC-174  
PROPERTY ADDRESS:  
1728 W JACKSON ST  
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on November 9, 2022, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Permanent Index Number: 14-32.0-177-014 aka 14-32-177-014  
Commonly known as: 1728 W Jackson St, Springfield, IL 62704

will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on April 25, 2023, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$66,858.68. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

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

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

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the

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Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff,  
Dated March 16, 2023

By  
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In The Circuit Court  
For The Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois  
Sangamon County, Springfield, Illinois  
In the estate of David Wayne King,  
deceased,  
Case number 2023PR000024  
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION  
The above court has appointed Sharon King as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of David Wayne King deceased, who died on the 8th Day of October, 2022 and such representative is authorized to sue for and collect the Personal Estate of, and debts due the Decedent, and to perform all duties imposed on the representative so far as there is property and is charged by law and to do all other acts now or hereafter required by law of said representative.

March 10, 2023  
/s/ Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
CERTIFICATE  
I certify that this is a copy of the Letters of Office now in force in the case.  
March 10, 2023  
/s/ Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Markell Estate Planning and Elder Law  
6700 Keaton Corporate Parkway  
Suite A  
O'Fallon, MO 63368  
636-856-5241

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:  
JEROME R. BEIERMANN,  
Deceased.  
Case No.: 2023-PR-103  
CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of JEROME R. BEIERMANN of Illinois, and that Letters Testamentary were issued on March 7, 2023, to JAMES T. BEIERMANN, as Executor, of 5504 Eagle River Drive, The Colony, TX 75056, whose attorney is Duane D. Young of Young Law Partners, P.C., 1300 South 8th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, with copy to the offices of Young Law Partners, P.C., Attorneys for Executor, within six (6) months from the date of publication and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to their attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed. JAMES T. BEIERMANN, Executor of the Estate of JEROME R. BEIERMANN, Deceased  
Attorneys' Address:  
Duane D. Young  
Registration No.: 3091457  
YOUNG LAW PARTNERS, P.C.  
1300 South Eighth Street  
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COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ESTATE OF  
No. 2023 PR 113  
DELORES JULIA ESTELL,  
DECEASED  
CLAIMS NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Delores Julia Estell. Letters of Office were issued on March 16, 2023, to Brenda Easley, 3913 Marryat Drive, Springfield, Illinois

# PUBLIC NOTICES

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Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704, or with the Executor, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2023.  
Kevin N. McDermott

Attorney for the Estate of Delores Julia Estell

109 South Seventh Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
(217) 753-4070  
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Kevin@KevinNMcDermott.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF

MAUREEN TRECIA MACY LOBER,

Deceased.

Case No. 2023-PR-000102

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given to claimants of the death of Maureen Trecia Macy Lober, Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on March 15, 2023 to Rebecca Hendricks, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is 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 Independent Executor or in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, on or before October 2, 2023. Any claim not filed on or before October 2, 2023 is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it is filed.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2023.

Rebecca Hendricks, Independent Executor  
By: Daniel E. Kepner, One of Her Attorneys  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP

Daniel E. Kepner

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205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

ROBERT WILLIAM VOSE, SR., Deceased

NO. 2023-PR-109

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Robert William Vose, Sr., Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on March 16, 2023 to Robert W. Vose, Jr. 128 Cottonwood, Chatham, IL 62629 and Ronald E. Vose, 7798 Wildlife Road, Chatham, IL 62629 as Co-Executors, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 26th day of September, 2023 or three

months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2023.

Gregory P. Sgro

Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold,

LLP

1119 S. Sixth Street

Springfield, IL 62703

(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

SARAH F. KIBBLE, Deceased

NO. 2023-PR-92

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Sarah F. Kibble, Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on March 16,

2023, 2023 to Alan J. Kibble, 635 West

Vine Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704, as

Independent Executor, whose attorney

is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr,

Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth

Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims

against the Estate may be filed in the

Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court,

Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth

Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the

Representative, or both, on or before the

26th day of September, 2023, or three

months from the date the Representative

mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor,

whichever is later. Any claim not filed

within that period is barred. Copies of a

claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed

or delivered to the Representative and to

the attorney within 10 days after it has

been filed.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2023.

Gregory P. Sgro

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LLP

1119 S. Sixth Street

Springfield, IL 62703

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

UNITED COMMUNITY BANK,

An Illinois banking corporation, Succes-

sors by

Merger to Illini Bank,

Plaintiffs,

-vs-

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF

JOYCE L. RAY, Deceased, DAWN M. CARR,

SEAN M. WHITLEY, SHANNON M.

McALLISTER, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND

NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, and THEO-

DORE

HARVATIN AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE

FOR JOYCE L. RAY, Deceased.

Defendants.

No. 2023FC000015

Property Address:

1147 N. Seventh Street

Springfield, IL 62702

NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS AND

LEGATEES

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF

JOYCE L. RAY, DECEASED:

Notice is given of the death of Joyce L.

Ray. The Court has appointed Theodore

J. Harvatin as Special Representative

for Joyce L. Ray, deceased, in the above

entitled cause seeking a Judgment of

Foreclosure and Sale on property located

at 1147 N. Seventh Street, Springfield,

Illinois. The address of the Special

Representative is: Harvatin Law Offices,

P.C., 1100 So. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL

62703. You may direct any questions you

have to him, or you may retain counsel of

your own choosing, or represent yourself,

or do nothing.

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e-file, you must first create an account

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htm to learn more and to select a service

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have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinois-

courts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.

/S/ THEODORE J. HARVATIN

Representative for Joyce L. Ray,

Deceased.

THEODORE J. HARVATIN

Attorney Reg. #06180268

Harvatin Law Offices, P.C.

1100 So. Fifth Street

Springfield, IL 62703

Tel. 217-525-0520

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ted@harvatinlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS

MORGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF BRIAN DOWNS,

Deceased.

No. 2023-PR-4

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of BRIAN

DOWNS, of Morgan County, Illinois. Letter

of Office were issued on January 17,

2023, to JULIE DOWNS., as Administra-

tor of the Estate, whose attorneys are

CHERRY, FRAZIER & SABIN, LLP, Attorneys

at Law, 1 W. Old State Capitol Plaza, Ste

800, Springfield, IL 62701.

Claims against the estate may be filed

in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit

Court at the Morgan County Courthouse,

300 W. State Street, Jacksonville, Illinois

62650 or with the representative or both,

on or before July 18, 2023, 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 representa-

tive and to the attorney within 10 days

after it has been filed.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2023.

Richard D. Frazier (6193113)

CHERRY FRAZIER & SABIN, LLP

Attorneys at Law

1 W. Old State Capitol Plaza, Ste 800

Springfield, I 62701

Telephone: (217)753-4242

Email: frazier@springfieldlawfirm.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF

LINDA SLAGEL MONROE,

Deceased

Case No. 2023 PR 110

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of LINDA

SLAGEL MONROE. Letters of Office were

issued on March 16, 2023, to Livia A.

Monroe 256 Ship Avenue Beachwood,

NJ 08722

Executor, 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 Court,

Sangamon

County Courthouse, Springfield, IL, 62701,

or with the representative, or both, within

six

(6)months from the date of the first

publication of this Notice. Any claim not

filed within that

period is barred. Copies of a claim filed

with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered

to the

representative and to the attorney within

ten (10) days after it has been filed.

DATED this 16th day of March 2023.

James R. Enlow (#6199891)

GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL

Attorneys at Law

1231 South Eighth Street

Springfield, IL 62703

Telephone: (217) 522-9010

Facsimile: (217) 522-9020

Email: jim@gwspc.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of

PATRICIA IRENE BOSTON,

Deceased.

NO. 2023-PR-107

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Patricia

Irene Boston of Springfield, Sangamon

County, Illinois. Letters of Office were

issued on March 13, 2023, to Christopher

Macklin, 2536 Greenbriar, Springfield, Illi-

nois 62704, as Independent Administrator,

whose attorney is Bernard G. Segatto, III,

Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP,

P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in

the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court

at the Sangamon County Complex, 200

South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois

62701, or with the representative or both,

on or before September 20, 2023, 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 13th day of March, 2023.

Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753

Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP

P.O. Box 79

Springfield, IL 62705-0079

(217) 544-4868

bsegatto@barberlaw.com

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY OF SANGAMON

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

OF

SALLY J. HAYS, DECEASED.

NO. 2023-PR-91

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of SALLY J.

HAYS, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of

Office were issued on March 9, 2023 to

TIM HAYS of 38 N. Wind Lane, Cantrall, IL

62625, whose attorney is DelGiorno Law

Office, LLC; 2160 S. 6th Street, Suite D1,

Springfield, Illinois 62703.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in

the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the

Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th

St., room 405, Springfield, IL 62701 or

with the representative, or both, within 6

months from the 23rd day of March, 2023,

being the date of first publication of this

Notice and any claim not filed within that

period is barred. Copies of a claim filed

with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered

to the representative and to the attorney

within 10 days after it has been filed.

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JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
DOMINIC J. ROSA, DECEASED  
Case #2023-PR-99  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of DOMINIC J. ROSA. Letters of Office have been issued to BRENDA K. TEATER, 6119 New City Road, Rochester, IL 62563, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before September 25, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 8th day of March, 2023.  
Patrick J. Sheehan  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
1215 South 4th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of  
HOWARD L. CLAUSSEN,  
Deceased.  
NO. 2023-PR-98  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Howard L. Claussen of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 6, 2023, to Kelsi Beatty and Adam Claussen, 975 E. Andrew Rd., Springfield, IL 62707 and 5222 Turkey Run Rd., Sherman, IL 62684, as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney is Bernard G. Segatto, III Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before September 14, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 7th day of March, 2023.  
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-4868  
bsegatto@barberlaw.com  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ESTATE OF:  
SIMON PETER MUNDS  
Deceased  
No. 2023-PR-86  
CLAIMS NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Simon Peter Munds, of Rochester, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on February 27, 2023, by the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, to Rachel F. Munds, whose attorney is August Appleton, 725 S. Fourth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit

Court or with representative, or both, on or before September 17, 2023, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.  
By: /s/ August Appleton  
Attorney for the Estate of  
Simon Peter Munds, deceased.  
Prepared By:  
AUGUST APPLETON  
Stratton, Moran, Reichert, Sronce, & Appleton  
725 S. 4th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
Phone: 217-528-2183  
Att. Reg. No. 6304584  
AppletonLawIllinois@gmail.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the estate of:  
James Joseph Wayne, Deceased  
Case No. 2022-PR-000460  
Claim Notice  
Notice is given of the death of James Joseph Wayne. Letters of Office were issued on Feb. 1, 2023 to Summer DeRosa of 7 Bryant Lane, Springfield, Ill., 62702 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, or with the Executor, on or before, Sept. 14, 2023. 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  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:  
JOANNE R. LAKE,  
Case No. 2023-PR-0084  
Deceased.  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of JOANNE R. LAKE of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on December 14, 2022. Letters of Office were issued on the 2nd day of March, A.D., 2023, to PAUL T. LAKE, 419 Spring Ridge, Rochester, Illinois, 62563, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.  
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, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.  
DATED this \_\_\_ day of March, A.D., 2023. Estate of JOANNE R. LAKE, Deceased,  
BY: /s/ R. Stephen Scott  
SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., its Attorneys  
PREPARED BY:  
R. Stephen Scott (02533391)  
SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.  
Attorneys at Law  
611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: (217) 753-8200

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of:  
NANCY SUE DARROUGH,  
Deceased.  
NO. 2022-PR-438  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Nancy Sue Darrough of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 23, 2023, to Charles W. Darrough, 2632 East 2000 N. Road, Sheldon, IL 60966, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Law Offices of James R. Blunk, 112 E. Walnut P.O. Box 280, Watseka, Illinois 60970.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before August 30, 2023, 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 3rd day of March, 2023.  
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-4868  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Re: the marriage of  
Stephanie Moseka, Petitioner  
And  
Alda Tshibamba, Respondent  
Case No. 23 DC 50  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you, Alda Tshibamba, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 30th day of April, 2023, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Re: the marriage of  
Terrell Dean, Petitioner  
And  
Melvin Ray Parson Jr., Respondent  
Case No. 22 DN 295  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you, Melvin Ray Parson Jr., Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 16th day of April, 2023, 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  
Brittany Elizabeth Patterson  
For change of name to  
Brittany Elizabeth Sweet  
Case No. 2023MR000073  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on May 16, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Brittany Elizabeth Patterson to Brittany Elizabeth Sweet pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: March 23, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Reginald Lamont Weatherspoon  
For change of name to  
Tamika Monet Seymore Jr.  
Case No. 2023MR00054  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on May 16, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Reginald Lamont Weatherspoon to Tamika Monet Seymore Jr., pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: March 23, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Ziane Diane Didia Collins  
For change of name to  
Zoe Lee Simmons  
Case No.: 23 MR 74  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on May 16, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Ziane Diane Didia Collins to Zoe Lee Simmons, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: March 23, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Gabriel Davis Bonansinga  
For change of name to  
Itria Audenzia Bonansinga  
Case No.: 2023 MR 000035  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on April 18, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Gabriel Davis Bonansinga to Itria Audenzia Bonansinga, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: March 16, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS  
TOWN AND COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE  
SERVICES, INC.,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF JOAN E. FARRIS, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JOAN E. FARRIS, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF JOAN E. FARRIS, DECEASED, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, MATTHEW FARRIS AND THEODORE HARVATIN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF JOAN E.

FARRIS, DECEASED,  
Defendants.  
CASE NO. 22-FC-196  
PROPERTY ADDRESS:  
2118 CLAREMONT DR.  
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Joan E. Farris, deceased, Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Estate of Joan E. Farris, deceased and Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Joan E. Farris, deceased, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 2118 Claremont Dr., Springfield, IL 62703, more particularly described as:

i. The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.  
ii. The court in which said action was brought is identified above.  
iii. The names of the title holders of record are: Heirs and Devisees of Joan E. Farris, deceased as surviving Joint Tenant  
iv. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
LOT 162 OF FRANKLIN PARK ESTATES 5TH ADDITION. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
Permanent Index Number: 22-23.0-128-013 aka 22-23-128-013  
v. A common address or description of the location for the real estate is as follows: 2118 Claremont Dr., Springfield, IL 62703  
vi. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Names of the Mortgagors: George A. Dirks and Joan E. Farris  
Names of the Mortgagee: Town & Country Banc Mortgage Services Inc  
Date of the Mortgage: September 26, 2005  
Date of the recording: October 4, 2005  
County where recorded: Sangamon County  
Recording document identification: Document No. 2005R40669  
UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701-1629 on or before April 24, 2023, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE.

CLERK OF THE COURT  
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
Julie Beyers (#6217185)  
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC  
Attorneys at Law  
P.O. Box 740  
Decatur, IL 62525  
Send Notice/Pleadings to:  
Veronika J. Miles (#6313161)  
Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com  
Telephone: (217) 422-1719  
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8051-931257

NOTICE OF SALE  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS  
WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
KEVIN P. COCHRAN AND STATE OF  
ILLINOIS-DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE  
AND FAMILY SERVICES,  
Defendants.

CASE NO. 22-FC-174  
PROPERTY ADDRESS:  
1728 W JACKSON ST  
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on November 9, 2022, the following described real estate, to-wit: LOT TWENTY-SEVEN (27) IN WESTERN HILLS SECOND PLAT, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTH-WEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
Permanent Index Number: 14-32.0-177-014 aka 14-32-177-014  
Commonly known as: 1728 W Jackson St, Springfield, IL 62704  
will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on April 25, 2023, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$66,858.68.  
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.  
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.  
The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.  
For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgage, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which

accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1). If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff,

Dated March 16, 2023

By Sarah M. Stack (#6291347), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihar, LLC Sarah M. Stack (#6291347) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 740 Decatur, IL 62525 Send Notice/Pleadings to: Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 8051-928299

Capitol Storage LLC 818 S Dirksen Parkway Springfield, IL 62703 217-522-0300 Sale 4/15/2023 CSS- Great Northern Drive Location #530 - Melvin Tyus #302 Unknown Occupant #321 Unknown Occupant #520 Unknown Occupant #546 Unknown Occupant 818 S Dirksen Parkway Location #94 Rachel Smith #176 Rae Ann Martin #196 Rick Lascody #159 Timmie Hatchett Winchester II Location #8 Penny Leverich #47 Tracy Johns Taintor Rd #115 Unknown Occupant To pay past due rent and fees call 1-217-522-0300. You will have until noon April 14, 2023 to pay entire balance owed to avoid sale. Private Sale will be April 15, 2023 at 9AM. The disposal will take place privately in Springfield, IL. Please call to verify start location day before sale.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AUDIT REPORT OF SANGAMON MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT Sangamon Mass Transit District hereby provides public notice that an audit of its funds for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 has been made, and that a report of such audit dated February 17, 2023 performed by Sikich LLP has been filed with the County Clerk of Sangamon, in accordance with 30 ILCS 15/0.01 et seq. The full report of the audit is available for public inspection at 928 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois during regular business hours 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday except for holidays.

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION**

To enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent a private auction will be held on

Saturday April 8, 2023, at 9:00a.m.

Northend Storage is located at 1907 North Grand East, Springfield, IL.

This is a private auction. In order to attend you must call 217-544-4521 a week prior to the auction date.

Please leave your name, telephone number and an email address.

Any individual wanting to retain their unit will need to pay their entire balance on or before April 5, 2023.

No personal checks will be accepted.

Charon James Unit 1-8

Terry Broida Unit 9-37

Anthony Thomas Unit 9-8

Ricky Eberwein Unit 4-36

Courtney Tucker Unit 5-26

Tasia Noble Unit 6-26

Keith Fickas Unit 7-19

Ramone Caldwell Unit 10-23

Jayline Netters Unit 11-39

Kyle Washington Unit B-20

Steve Bounds Unit I-13

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS DEVORA A. HODSON Petitioner,

v. WILLIAM L. HODSON Respondent.

No. 2009 D 702

IV-D Case #: C03381873

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given to you, Devora Hodson, Petitioner, that this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for confirmation of a child support arrearage.

Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon, Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois, on or before the 19th day of April, 2023, a default judgment and other relief may be granted as prayed for by the Petitioner.

Circuit Clerk

**NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT**

Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of January, 2023 a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that:

Melissa Derber

intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit:

M & K Ventures, LLC

and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principal place of said business is located at:

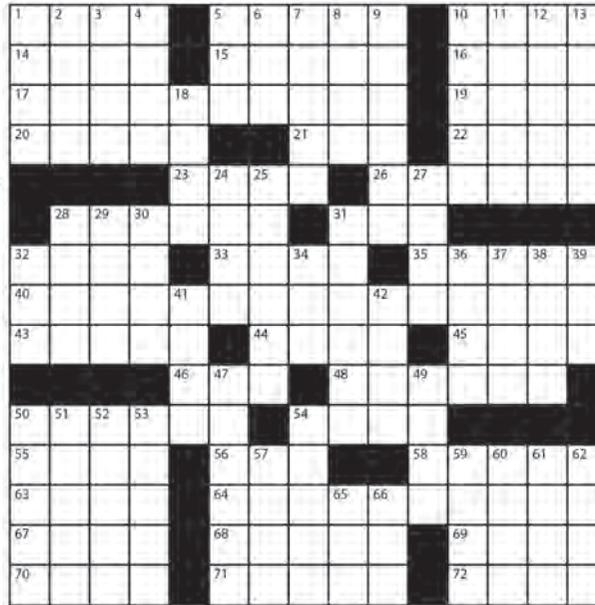
217 Patricia Street, Dawson, IL 62520

**Thou, today**

Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 783

**Across**

- 1. Fancy marbles
- 5. Grace word
- 10. Hole-making tools
- 14. Wings: Lat.
- 15. Go over
- 16. Like Jack Sprat's diet
- 17. "My treat next time!"
- 19. Ocean motion
- 20. Car dealer's offering
- 21. Filmmaker Spike
- 22. Eye up and down
- 23. Prefix with scope or meter
- 26. One on the go
- 28. Big mess
- 31. Voting "nay"
- 32. Kodak product
- 33. Parks on a bus
- 35. It may be French
- 40. "Seriously?"
- 43. "The Gondoliers" flower girl
- 44. \_\_\_-European
- 45. Brother of Abel
- 46. Not just "a"
- 48. Supplement
- 50. Best picture of 1982
- 54. Replaceable shoe part
- 55. Reed section member
- 56. In favor of
- 58. Contribute
- 63. \_\_\_Scotia
- 64. Polite greeting
- 67. At any point



- 68. Western movie
- 69. Barely got, with "out"
- 70. Bank (on)
- 71. Move like a cat
- 72. Arabian and Caspian

- 10. Some singers
- 11. Ponder
- 12. Soup scoop
- 13. Curl one's lip
- 18. Slangy assents
- 24. Beige
- 25. Novice
- 27. Voting "no"
- 28. Let go
- 29. Seine sights
- 30. Adams and Grant
- 31. Links assistant
- 32. Lucrative
- 34. Fall from grace
- 36. First word of "The Raven"
- 37. Petri dish filler
- 38. Struck, old-style
- 39. Half a score
- 41. Pledge

**Down**

- 1. Mermaid feature
- 2. Burn balm
- 3. Trumpet sound
- 4. Understands
- 5. "My man!"
- 6. Romanian coin
- 7. Potential water contaminator
- 8. All there
- 9. Michael Phelps sponsor

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



Crossword answers from #782

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

Sudoku answers from #782

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

JoshJosh answers from #782

**JoshJosh**

by J. Reynolds - No. 783

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

6	2+		2+	11+	60x
6x		1-			
	30x		1-		
		6+		2+	
12x	1-		14+	12x	

Difficulty medium

**Sudoku**

No. 783

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

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

Difficulty hard

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