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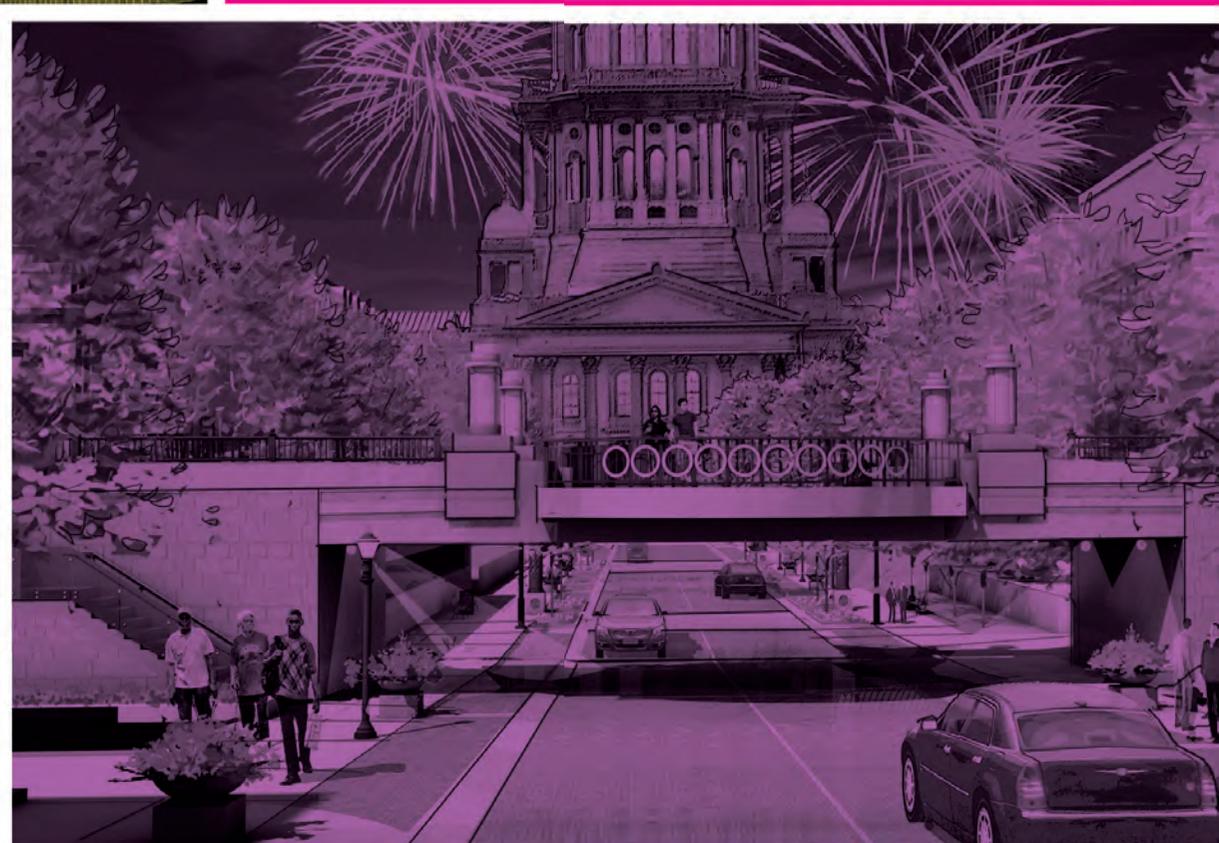
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# Happy April Fool's Day

But no foolin' here...

UPON FURTHER REVIEW | Bruce Rushton

*My hair's getting really good in the back.*

—Frank Zappa

Now that I'm immune — the second shot kicked in full force last weekend — I wonder what I should do.

Are buffets safe? Are any left? Was I better off without all-you-can-eat fried chicken at the VFW and bottomless blue cheese dressing at the Hy-Vee salad bar? Probably, but no matter. Life, or its demise, is built from little things, cholesterol and saturated fat included.

Speaking of buffets, toilet paper shortages seem eons ago. Covidiot masks don't bother me as much. It's too soon to know anything for sure, but maybe a thrice-postponed flight to visit folks on the West Coast will come true at the end of May. The Summer Camp music festival in Chillicothe, a Memorial Day weekend tradition canceled last year, is on for August. No word about redneck fishing in Bath, but school crossing guards are out again.

Ronald Reagan was wrong about a lot of things, but, just maybe, it's morning in America.

We will know soon enough. A different stripe conservative than The Gipper, I haven't had a haircut in more than a year. Barbers. I've figured.

can spread germs as easily as anyone else, and since I don't work in a widget factory where locks caught in machinery spell Scalp-O-Matic, I've favored a prudent course. If you squint just so after drinking too much, I look just like David Cassidy! But maybe for not much longer.

**GETTING PICKY:** Tired of waiting for code enforcement to crack down on the neighbor whose garage overflows? Call American Pickers, the made-for-TV salvage operation whose stars hail from Iowa and crisscross the nation looking for what they call rusty gold, which can look a lot like junk, and they're coming to Springfield and environs next month. Both sides can get lucky: I watched them pay too much for a beat-up Motobecane 10-speed a few years ago, proving there's a picker born every minute. Call 1-855-OLD-RUST if you think you have what it takes to be on the History Channel.

**NDA'S AT THE ALPM:** The private foundation that bought the disgraced stovepipe that the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum won't display because lots of people think it's fake is paving for experts to examine the troubled artifact.

The cost of experts, estimated at \$6,000, was supposed to have been evenly split with the public institution, but plans have changed, ALPLM board member Dan Monroe told colleagues during a St. Patrick's Day board meeting.

Now, experts selected from finalists picked by the museum will examine the hat and be paid by the foundation after signing non-disclosure agreements. "This is to protect them from inquiries while they're doing the work, as explained to me by (foundation executive director) Erin Mast," Monroe said. After receiving the experts' report, the foundation will release it and hold a press conference, effectively putting the foundation in charge of the provenance probe. "They are driving the bus now," Monroe told fellow trustees. "I'm relying on Erin Mast's professionalism. I had a long conversation with her about this, and she assured me it will be professionally conducted and that the results will be publicly announced at the press conference."

Meanwhile, the ALPLM and its foundation have been negotiating renewal of a memorandum of understanding that outlines who controls the gift shop, concessions and artifacts as well as who applies for grants — it's now the foundation — to fund such endeavors as the Papers of Abraham Lincoln project, which puts historic documents online. ALPLM trustee Joan Brodsky told colleagues that she wants to see the foundation's tax returns. "Until we get the (returns) from the foundation, we can't agree on the MOU at all," said Brodsky, who also sits on the foundation board. "Do we realize that we pay the foundation head \$100,000 more than (ALPLM director Christina Schutt)? Do we realize what's been happening over the years? Before we do an MOU, there's a lot of paperwork that needs to be understood."

Nick Kalm, foundation spokesman, said that the foundation's most recent tax returns for the year ending last June were given to the ALPLM in February. The memorandum of understanding was due to expire yesterday, but Kalm said the ALPLM and its foundation can continue doing business with each other, at least in the short term, absent an agreement. Reached by telephone, Brodsky declined comment beyond what she said at the board meeting. "All I could do is get into trouble by discussing this with you," she said. □

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## Rather than light it up blue...

Mark Autism Awareness Day by asking how you can help

GUESTWORK | Carey Smith

April 2 is World Autism Awareness Day. While awareness is great, there continue to be misconceptions about what autism is and how people with autism function in our society.

Springfield has a wide range of support services for children with autism, but this support is quite lacking for adults. There is no pathway to diagnosis for adults, and no support services. There is only one support group — The Adult Autism Group.

While many hear the message by Autism Speaks to "light it up blue" and to wear a puzzle piece to raise awareness, the vast majority of the autism community considers this offensive. Blue was originally chosen because autism was previously seen as something that affected primarily boys. However, especially in the last decade, research has shown that autism can be expressed in a multitude of ways, and there are often gender differences in expression due to the pressures of socialization. Girls and women are often misdiagnosed, as they do not express autism in the more stereotyped ways.

Autism Speaks has spoken of autistic people as burdens, and of autism as a disease to be cured. This is ableist language. We are not burdens, but productive members of society. We see our neurodiverse brains not as a failure, but as a different way of viewing and interacting with our world. We sometimes need support to navigate our lives, but that does not mean we make us invalid.

If you are interested in supporting autistic people, please donate to groups like the Autism Self Advocacy Network (ASAN), a national grassroots disability rights group for the autism community, made up of autistic people, whose motto is "Nothing About Us Without Us." If you want to wear a symbol to help raise awareness, please choose the gold or rainbow infinity loop, rather than the puzzle piece. We are people, not riddles to be solved. Autistic people are valid and valued members of our community.

However, is social media activism in the form of raising awareness what we really need as a community? As autism

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### Editor's note

The streamers on the Governor's Mansion lawn, blowing in the night, are a somber memorial to the COVID dead who have flown away. In the spring sunshine those same fluttering streamers signal new life, fresh energy, reimagining, liberation and resurrection. In the season of Passover and Easter, we grieve the past and celebrate possibilities.

—Fletcher Farrar, editor and CEO

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**OPINION**

**More progressive legislation moves forward**

**POLITICS | Rich Miller**

Since 2006, federal law has capped annual interest rates on payday loans to active-duty military members at 36%. The interest rate cap was broadened in 2015 to include several more types of personal, unsecured loans.

In Illinois, meanwhile, payday loan borrowers have been subjected to average annual interest rates of close to 300%

Illinois lawmakers tried to tackle this issue in 2005, and passed a rate cap that was widely heralded. But the industry took advantage of a gaping loophole and then kept right on with their business.

That legislation was painstakingly negotiated over many months. Under the old regime of House Speaker Michael Madigan, most every interest was given a seat at the table and then they were told to hammer out their best deals. Madigan often said he was a big fan of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's use of that same method to pass much of his own legislation.

I don't know about FDR, but MJM also had mouths to feed. The political machine he built (which was copied by the other legislative leaders) provided a path for his most favored former state staffers into contract lobbying jobs, where they continued running his campaign apparatus as well as representing a huge number of interests under the Statehouse dome. Hiring one of Madigan's former staffers didn't necessarily guarantee any specific industry a win, mainly because those folks represented all sides of almost every coin. But it did mean they were listened to. And oftentimes bills couldn't move until their concerns were addressed, sometimes leading to very complicated laws that appeared on the surface to be wins for liberal Democrats, but, as with the payday loan bill, turned out to be paper tigers.

As always, there were notable exceptions during the years, but this overall approach began to change after the 2018 gubernatorial election. A new liberal Democratic governor and empowered progressive legislators and interests were no longer content to settle for incremental surface wins and pushed for big things like a \$15 minimum wage. Madigan for decades would only agree to small minimum wage increases, but he quickly realized he couldn't stand in the way of that freight train.

Then, as the Legislative Black Caucus truly united for the first time during the tumult of 2020 and began working on a massive package of reform legislation, Madigan found himself under fire from all corners. Federal prosecutors were clearly coming after him, and a steadily

increasing number of his own caucus members were growing weary of his leadership and wanted him gone. He needed some allies and he needed them fast.

Those two phenomena, combined with a new and untested (because of the pandemic's cancelation of 2020's legislative session) Senate President, a national mood shift and numerous other factors, produced an environment that the Black Caucus fully took advantage of to pass a remarkable number of wide-ranging bills on criminal justice, education and the economy during the brief January lame duck session.

The days of Madigan's "everyone at the table" incrementalism were ended by straight-up progressive bills that were far from watered down. Madigan's long and storied career also ended in January. His gambit didn't work.

Last week, Gov. JB Pritzker signed into law the Black Caucus' huge package of bills dealing with economic reform. Among them was SB1792, a bill that basically applied the military's simple but seemingly effective interest rate cap on payday and other personal loans. The payday loan folks expressed outraged at how they'd been cut out of the process and

predicted their industry's imminent demise.

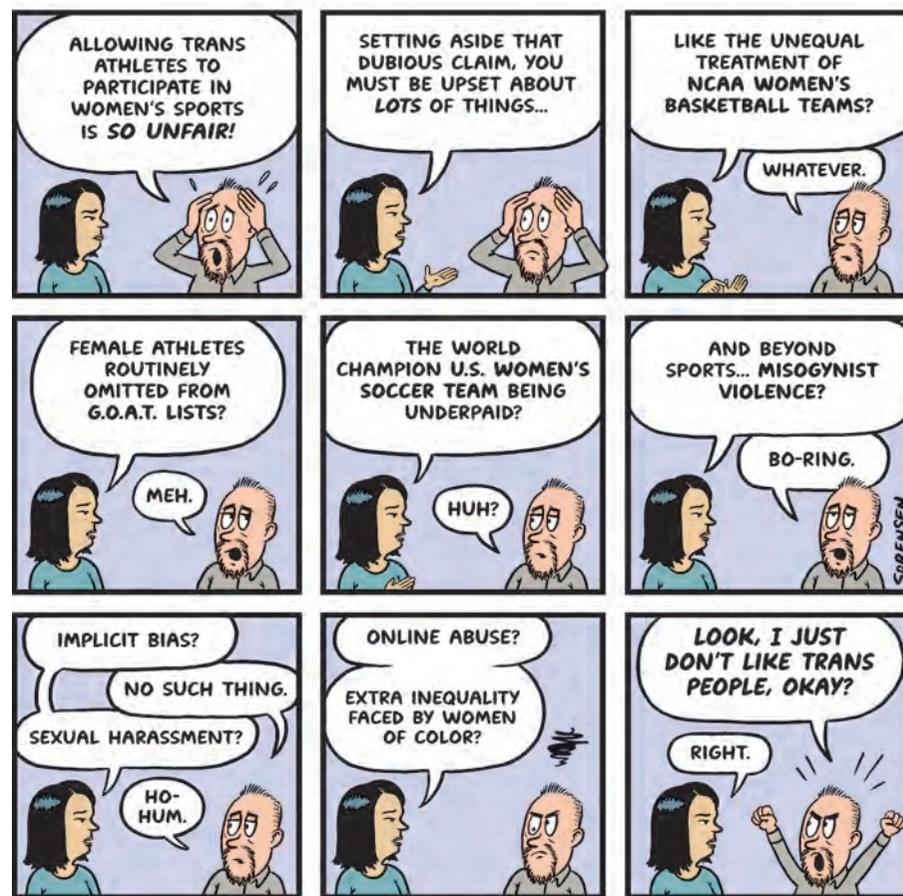
We'll see if the industry's dire predictions turn out to be true, but it's as plain as day that massive change is happening, not just in the types of bills that have passed, but in how they've passed.

The question now is whether January's session was a super-intense brushfire that will burn itself out and/or be extinguished by more moderate Democrats, or whether the path the General Assembly is on will be sustained.

Case in point, Rep. Curtis Tarver's (D-Chicago) bill to eliminate qualified immunity for police officers advanced out of committee last week.

The Black Caucus' criminal justice reform bill originally contained that qualified immunity provision, as well as limits on collective bargaining rights for police unions. But their bill was only able to gain enough votes when they agreed to strip out those items at the request of some moderate Democrats.

Tarver's bill could put more heat on those same moderates and create tension within the party. So, this bill could be one to watch. □



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**water poem #4**

the last century warned us that this century's most pressing need would be water my father in mid-last century predicted over-population both are conjoined twins we now know how much water it takes a cow to produce an udderful of milk how much water it takes a cornstalk to produce a single kernel on an ear we also know that the species arrogantly calling itself sapiens is more profligate with its resources than any other on this fragile sphere the humble earthworm builds soil toward more fertility we pave it graze it tear it up wash it into the sea – and the aquifers that took thousands of years to fill and we're now pumping dry – what are those anyway? nothing to do with me!

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**YOUR VOTE COUNTS**

Your March 18 issue contained an interesting juxtaposition of articles. First was the piece by Dr. Stephen Soltys decrying Republicans and their alleged attempts in many states to disqualify voters (“Democracy depends on the right to vote”). According to him, this is because there is not enough concrete evidence of fraud to justify such actions. The second piece is the one by Bruce Rushton outlining the litigation surrounding a vote count for Rochester Township road commissioner (“Stopping the steal”). The outcome was based on one vote that was unclear due to the status of a write-in on the ballot.

So, on the one hand, we have a claim of no solid evidence of widespread fraud and on the other, we have an election decided by a single vote. Every vote counts, and even a little fraud could decide an election. Certainly, every citizen should have their vote counted so long as they meet the basic requirements of who, where, when and how. They must be who they say they are, they must be in the correct polling location, they must vote in the correct time frame and they must use the proper forms. The questions appear to be centered around the “how” of the matter. The devil is in the details of

methods such as absentee ballots, drop-boxes, walk-ins and curbside pickup.

I seriously question methods such as people picking up ballots from others and delivering them to the election office; it would be easy to misplace a few on the way. Clearly, some proposed methods are rife with possibilities for fraud.

Dr. Soltys’ strong suggestion that every attempt by any Republican to clarify the principles of voting is voter suppression needs serious reexamination. Certainly, voting must be encouraged, but it cannot be done by increasing the chances for fraud. After all, one vote counts.

*John Woodruff  
Pleasant Plains*

**EXPLORING OAK RIDGE**

I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed Bill Furry’s article about Lillian Davis, whose portrait he found on her stone at Oak Ridge Cemetery (“Oak Ridge angels,” March 25). My friend Linda Wheeland and I spend about five hours a week walking the cemetery, and we are continually amazed at the beauty and history we find on each of our walks. We located Lillian’s grave after reading the article, and we felt remiss that we had never noticed it. We loved the description of her photo and we thought the writing was excellent.

We did find the 160-year-old Osage orange tree; I was unfamiliar with it. My friend thought it was the one with big green balls, and I said no, that’s a hedge apple. Well, after we

looked it up on Google, I found we were both correct. Thanks for the botany lesson, as well as the genealogical find.

*Barbara Milman  
Springfield*

**LEAVE ME IN THE COUNTY**

Residents of Springfield should object to a land grab that will only put the city’s budget further in the hole. More taxes will bring obligations for over 170 properties, which the city proposes to annex. My neighbors and I live in Woodside Township and want to remain there.

But if annexed, for approximately every \$300 of revenue received in taxes on a property like mine, the city will increase expenses by over \$1,000 (fire protection, police calls, library use, road maintenance, etc.). This same scenario occurs every time a couple with children both go to work and discover the second paycheck has been consumed by child care, another car payment, and other costs.

City officials say that 911 has difficulty sorting out whether the city or county should respond in an emergency, but this is 2021. Your phone reveals your GPS and their records show immediately where you live.

We selected residence in a township and county with a balanced budget, not a city with massive financial problems.

Ask your alderman to do the math – the truth is that these annexed properties will be a headache all around.

*Jiffy Johnson  
Sangamon County*

**Rather than light it up blue...**

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activist Samantha Stein (Yo Samdy Sam on YouTube) notes: “We are already ‘aware’ of autism. What autistic people need from society is more widespread education about our neurological differences, and willingness from the neurotypical majority to accommodate us in situations they may never have considered before as ‘unfriendly’ to autistic people.”

What practical things can you do to make a tangible difference in the life of someone who is autistic? Quite simply, if you know an autistic adult, or a family with autistic children, please just ask if there is a way you can help. Many families with autistic children are in dire need of social and other support.

If you have an autistic coworker or employee, or encounter us out and about in the public world, please have some patience and treat us kindly. Don’t assume we’re creepy or rude if our social skills are not up to snuff or we don’t look you in the eye. If we stim (self-stimulating behaviors such as hand flapping or tapping), realize it’s part of how we regulate our nervous systems. Don’t stigmatize us; accept us.

If you are part of a business or facilitate meetings, think about the ways you may be alienating neurodiverse people, and make an effort to make the environment easier for us to navigate. And if you don’t know how, again, just ask. Making the environment quieter, using less harsh lighting, offering online ordering and curbside pick-up service, and having a way to communicate other than by telephone (email, online registration, etc.) all is a part of helping us to be able to better negotiate a neurotypical environment.

As a community member, you can make an effort to learn more about the current research in autism. Stereotypes and myths abound, but the complete picture of autism is becoming more apparent all the time. While autism can be challenging, and there are a wide range of abilities and needs in our community, we cannot forget that for many of us, our neurodiversity is also a gift to be celebrated. □

*Like many older women who mask heavily, Carey Smith of Springfield didn’t realize she was likely on the spectrum until it became apparent in her son. She is involved in her community, holds several jobs, and is a mother to two wonderful children.*

# Calls to repeal Parental Notice of Abortion Act

## Human rights advocates say law threatens health and safety of youth

**EQUITY | Rachel Otwell**

Illinois is one of 37 states that requires people under age 18 to notify a parent before getting an abortion. The state's Parental Notice of Abortion Act (PNA) makes health care providers give "adult family members" at least 48 hours of notice before a minor has an abortion. Youth who seek an abortion but don't want to inform family can instead seek a "judicial bypass" – and go to court to ask for a notification waiver from a judge. The youth must prove they are mature enough to make the decision on their own, and that telling a parental figure is against their best interest.

Opponents of the 1995 law are calling for the repeal of PNA, which would make the judicial bypass process obsolete. A new report from Human Rights Watch and American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Illinois, published last month, confirmed many youth who seek a judicial bypass do so because they fear abuse and alienation.

The report included data based on feedback from nearly 200 young people who went through the state's judicial bypass process, as well as interviews with dozens of experts around the state. Of respondents, 40% said they feared being forced to continue with pregnancy, 40% worried they could be kicked out of their homes or cut off financially and 30% worried sharing news of their pregnancy would harm family relationships.

"We found that PNA has devastating effects on young people, it violates their human rights and undermines their safety and dignity," said the report's lead author, Margaret Wurth, a senior researcher at Human Rights Watch. The report found that the vast majority of those under the age of 18 who seek abortion – more than 85% – involve parents or a legal guardian. "Those who do not have serious reasons," Wurth told those gathered for a virtual news conference March 11.

ACLU of Illinois spent years challenging PNA in court. In 2013, the nonprofit began the Judicial Bypass Coordination Project (JBPCP). The project offers free information and legal assistance in judicial bypass proceedings. It is staffed mostly by trained volunteers, who have assisted more than 1,000 minors over the past several years. Attorneys have represented more than 500 young people. In virtually all of those cases, a petition to waive parental notice was granted.

Emily Werth, staff attorney with ACLU



of Illinois, has represented about 85 minors who have gone through the court process. She said clients come from all over the state, and from a variety of racial and socioeconomic backgrounds. "But there is one thing that is universal for all of them, in my experience. And that is the judicial bypass is a daunting process that creates fear and anxiety," Werth said. "There have been young people I've worked with who simply could not find a way to miss school to attend court during business hours without their parents being alerted." Some were put in dangerous situations once their attempts to appear before the court were found out, she said. "And then there were clients who were delayed for so long by the barriers to access in the judicial bypass process that they ended up being no longer within the legal window to obtain an abortion."

ACLU of Illinois is calling on the legislature to repeal the PNA. The change would make abortion similar to other reproductive health matters for minors – such as pregnancy and birth control – in which a medical provider does not have to share details with parents.

Brigid Leahy, director of government relations for Planned Parenthood of Illinois,

said the repeal effort is urgent. A measure filed last session stalled, as did much legislation not related to the pandemic. But the pandemic has made access to the judicial bypass process even more cumbersome, she said.

Meanwhile, all clients, including minors, who seek abortion through Planned Parenthood get counseling, which can help identify if clients need protected from domestic abuse. Clients meet with social workers who check on their well-being and outline options, including continuing the pregnancy and adoption. "We can help that patient navigate those things," she said. Leahy points out leading medical organizations oppose forced parental notice laws, including the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

While it's a small percentage of youth seeking an abortion who don't tell a parent, current law is harmful to those young people, said Leahy. "The process of going to court is incredibly stigmatizing, shaming and unnecessary." Lobbyists for repeal say new legislation has been introduced and they anticipate a vote on the proposal by the end of May. □

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### ZOOM FOR ZOOMERS

**CAP CITY** If you've zoomed when you should not have, Sangamon County courts this week made things a bit easier by launching a program that allows speeders and other traffic scofflaws to skip appearances before a judge and instead find justice via Zoom. For now, at least, the program is limited to folks with low-level traffic offenses – speeding, no proof of insurance, failure to signal a turn and the like. If there's been an accident or if it involves allegations of driving while under the influence or if you want to fight the charges, you'll still have to go to court in person. The county's step into the virtual world comes after McHenry County, Cook County and a handful of other jurisdictions have shown what's possible, with bond hearings and other proceedings done with the help of computers so that people don't have to travel to courthouses. McHenry County has been holding court via Zoom since last spring, and it isn't limited to traffic cases. Family court stuff, such as divorce hearings, also are handled via Zoom in McHenry County, where nearly 50,000 matters have been dealt with remotely during the past year, according to James "Dan" Wallis, McHenry County trial court administrator. "If people are willing to participate remotely, there's very little we won't do remotely," Wallis says.

### DEMOCRACY?

**CAP CITY** Forget Election Day, which is fast approaching. By Monday, the day before we flock to polls to decide who will serve on the park board and the school board and the board that runs the local convention center, the Fourth District Appellate Court, if attorney Sam Cahnman has his way, will rule on an appeal in the red-hot Rochester Township road commissioner race, which, as of press time, involves just one candidate. Cahnman's client, Darin Whitten, says that he got screwed in December, when his name, unlike incumbent Darrell Maxheimer, didn't appear on preprinted ballots distributed to citizens at a GOP caucus before nominations began. Whitten lost by either one or three votes – someone wrote in his name while circling Maxheimer's – out of 115 ballots cast. Sangamon County Circuit Court Judge Gail Noll last week ruled that state law governing caucus proceedings aren't ironclad, and so upheld caucus results. Her ruling came after U.S. District Court Judge Richard Mills opined that if Whitten's account is true – and no one has disputed that – there were "major issues" with caucus proceedings.



## Illinois pleas to skip SATs

State and federal education heads disagree on tests

EDUCATION | Madison Angell

The Illinois Senate has added to the call for the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) to waive spring assessments, such as the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT), for students, as it did in 2020. State Sen. Cristina Pacione-Zayas, D-Chicago, spearheaded a resolution, approved March 17, calling for testing waivers. She said many students have been learning remotely or in a hybrid system for the past year, and expecting them to return to school for in-person testing is unrealistic.

“We all know this is not a typical year,” Pacione-Zayas said in a statement. “Let’s have some compassion for our students and teachers and allow them to use their limited time in the classroom to learn and recover from the trauma of the pandemic, rather than to take stressful tests.”

The Biden administration has called on states to give spring standardized tests. “They should have seen the writing on the wall and made it optional,” said Kyle Wright about the federal government’s decision. He teaches American government and current events at Dundee-Crown High School in Carpentersville.

“Engaging students is nearly impossible,” Wright said. “Students shouldn’t be required to take the SAT this year if they don’t want to, and honestly shouldn’t be required to any year,” he said.

On Feb. 8 nearly 700 superintendents in Illinois signed a letter requesting the DOE waive spring assessments. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) subsequently announced in February that it would request waivers. But the DOE announced Feb. 22 that all schools are expected to administer federally mandated spring assessments. The agency contends the tests are a necessary way to gauge the needs of students,

districts and overall learning loss.

Others in Illinois concur, including the Illinois Parent Teacher Association and Quad County Urban League. Amalia Chamorro is with Latino civil rights network UnidosUS. “We are concerned that setting aside annual assessments for a second consecutive school year would undercut the progress of ensuring a more inclusive and responsive system for Latino students,” she said during an ISBE meeting last fall.

With many superintendents, teacher unions, educators and students backing the call for full assessment waivers, Pacione-Zayas said the resolution, passed last month, was a symbol that Illinois legislators “stand in solidarity” with them. “I’ve never seen almost 700 of our 853 school districts being on the same page. That’s rare,” Pacione-Zayas told *Illinois Times*.

DOE did grant partial waivers, which allow schools to extend deadlines, administer tests remotely, make tests shorter and require fewer students to take the tests. The federal guidelines require most of the assessments to be administered in-person and with proctors.

ISBE has stated that high school seniors will not have to take the SAT in order to graduate and that the essay portion has been waived. Pacione-Zayas said it is time to rethink standardized testing altogether. “We don’t always have to use the reference points that have been used in the past.” Several of these reference points, like standardized tests, were designed with white middle and upper-class families in mind – “to maintain a social hierarchy,” Pacione-Zayas said. □

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## NEWS

# More kids in classrooms

Starting April 6, hybrid students to attend more in-person classes

EDUCATION | Rachel Otwell

For some, the pandemic has meant months of monotony. For others, those months have come with an onslaught of seemingly impossible decisions to make. Jennifer Gill, superintendent of District 186, falls into the latter category. On March 24, she announced the latest controversial move. Starting Tuesday, April 6, public school students in Springfield under the hybrid learning model – those attending some in-person classes – will start four-day weekly schedules in classrooms.

Previously, hybrid students were broken into two different groups that attended either Tuesdays and Thursdays or Wednesdays and Fridays. The new Tuesday-Friday schedule will be maintained until the end of the school year. It will mean students who were once separated into two different groups for each class will be joined together. Both remote and hybrid students spend Mondays learning asynchronously – independently but with lesson plans to follow – which will continue.

Gill told *Illinois Times* there were two major motivating factors behind her decision to have kids come into school buildings more often. “We’re looking at what we can do to support students, to the greatest of our ability, as we end the school year,” she said. The second factor was March 9 guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Education, which included that students could social-distance at three feet apart, instead of the previous six-foot minimum. “This gave us the ability to think about what we could do in this short amount of time that we have left,” said Gill. In an email to parents, Gill wrote that while chosen models of learning, either remote or hybrid, will remain the same, “Exceptions will be considered based on individual and school circumstances.” The last day of school is June 2.

Angie Meneghetti is acting president of the Springfield Education Association (SEA), the teacher’s union. She said teachers with SEA would have preferred to have planning efforts be focused on summer learning programs and the return of students in the fall. “Now we feel like we’re going to be focusing just on surviving the last six weeks, and the other two objectives will be put on the side,” Meneghetti told *Illinois Times*.

Meneghetti said there is concern over logistics, such as properly social-distancing in classrooms, even with the new guidelines, as well as where kids will eat lunch. The new guidelines state six feet of distance is needed for lunch time,



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since masks aren’t worn while eating. She also points out the majority of adults have yet to be vaccinated. “I think it’s being pushed too quickly and I don’t want it to have to go a step back and have everything go back to the way it was because we moved too soon.”

For parents, choosing what’s best for their children can also feel impossible. John Freml has two kids in elementary school. They were initially enrolled in the hybrid option. “We made our decision to be hybrid based on a certain set of standards that had been created in consultation with health experts.” But when the school board voted at the beginning of 2021 to begin the hybrid model, even though public health guidelines it had previously agreed to follow weren’t met, Freml and his family changed course. His children are now finishing out the school year remotely. Another key factor in their decision was that two days in school with a teacher for hybrid learning would equal less time with direct instruction when compared to learning four days per week via video conferencing. “It just seems like it would be more disruptive to change anything at this point,” Freml said.

Tricia Nelson Becker said she’s convinced school is operating as safely as possible. The district recently teamed up with the city and the Bloomberg Harvard Data Track Initiative

to run a dashboard that provides daily updated information about how many confirmed positive cases among staff and students there have been in buildings. Gill said there is no evidence that any transmission of the virus has happened during school. Nelson Becker, who has two high school-aged children and another kid in seventh grade, said the switch to hybrid learning has been a huge improvement for their well-being. “Having the interaction in-person with the teachers a couple of days a week, and seeing at least some of their friends a couple of days a week has really made a world of difference for them.” She said her family is looking forward to more time for in-person instruction to round out the school year. “Everything has to evolve.” She points to changes over the past year, like increased knowledge about the virus and how to mitigate spread.

Gill said while not everyone is on board with the decision to spend the last weeks of the school year with more students in school buildings, the change will mean 11 additional days of in-person class time for hybrid students. “This hopefully levels the playing field a little bit and gives us one more step forward in this very long journey. It’s been a very difficult time for everybody.” □

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# Working for equity

## Illinois Black Caucus agenda advances on economic access

GOVERNMENT | Madison Angell

“For far too long families of color have endured the hardships of an economic system designed to hold them back,” said state Sen. Doris Turner on March 23. Turner, a Democrat from Springfield, was with Gov. JB Pritzker and other lawmakers at the Union Baptist Church in the capital city for the signing of four bills that make up the so-called economic access, equity and opportunity portion of the Illinois Black Caucus’ agenda.

The package, signed into law, includes measures aimed at boosting minority-owned businesses, eliminating workplace discrimination based on certain criminal history and regulating “payday” loans. One measure promises to increase state contracting with minority-owned businesses and establishes the Commission on Equity and Inclusion.

Hillary Rains is the social innovation program director at Innovate Springfield. The University of Illinois Springfield-led organization is a business incubator and helps connect families to community services. Researchers with Innovate Springfield have recommended ways legislators could work toward closing opportunity and achievement gaps. Initial recommendations, found in the 2016 Sangamon County Success report, will be updated soon to reflect recent legislative changes and impacts of the pandemic. Rains said the Illinois Black Caucus’ education and economic measures “get us all closer to our goal of closing opportunity gaps.” Roughly 40% of the businesses Innovate Springfield helped kickstart are minority-owned, with nearly half run by women. Innovate Springfield works with several other area organizations to help entrepreneurs get personalized support and resources.

Rains’ role at Innovate Springfield is to source early childhood support for families in the area. She helped reestablish the Nurse Family Partnership in Sangamon County. The program is run by the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln and SIU School of Medicine and teaches women about maternal health and stages of development before and after birth. At the child’s second birthday, Innovate Springfield helps families identify what social-emotional programs are available for their child.



Gov. JB Pritzker is joined by members of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus and other dignitaries in signing a package of bills aimed at addressing racial economic inequities. CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS PHOTO BY PETER HANCOCK

### Early childhood focus

Early childhood education and workforce development are intrinsically linked, according to people like Sean Noble. Noble is the director of ReadyNation Illinois, a nonprofit with a network of business leaders with a focus on childhood education.

On March 8, the governor also signed the education and workforce development component of the Illinois Black Caucus agenda. The new law will require the Illinois State Board of Education to screen all new public kindergartners to assess their readiness for school.

“We care a lot about the first three to five years of kids’ lives,” said Noble. The organization has based its research in “brain science,” which he said recognizes a child’s earliest years are open “windows” for skill development and opportunity later in life. Noble told *Illinois Times* that skills learned from ages three to five act as a springboard to later learning – first when children enter school and later as they transition into the workforce.

Noble said too often in the past, policymakers have failed to focus resources on

early childhood education. A ReadyNation report published in February found 49% of Illinois youth are Black and brown. “The stability and success of these children and their families are key to the ongoing success of our entire state. Helping youth of color to reach their full potential in learning and life is a just and smart investment in helping our entire workforce and economy to, in turn, reach their full potential,” the report reads. The report echoes that kindergarten readiness is directly linked to workforce readiness, graduation rates and social-emotional development.

Three of the four so-called pillars of the Illinois Black Caucus legislation, addressed at ending systemic racism, have been signed into law by the governor. Pritzker signed a criminal justice reform package in February, as well as the education and workforce development and economic access measures in March. The fourth pillar – health care reform – passed out of the General Assembly on March 25. It awaits a signature. □

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# Girl Scout troop combines little library and micropantry

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

Copper Pot Cooking Studio celebrated its fifth anniversary in March with the installation of a little cookbook library and micropantry, custom-built for them by Girl Scout Troop #6318.

Denise Perry, who owns the cooking studio on the corner of MacArthur and Laurel Avenue in Springfield, said that the project had been on her mind for some time. “I’ve always wanted a little cookbook library out in front of the shop, so I approached Alana Reynolds initially because of her work with Slow Food Springfield. Then the pandemic hit and all these micropantries started popping up it seemed like it’d be a perfect opportunity to integrate the two together.”

“When Denise approached me I realized that this would be an ideal project for the Girl Scout troop that I co-lead,” explained Reynolds. “The girls in our troop are all incredibly skilled and creative and since they are Juniors now they were able to work towards a bronze award, which is the highest honor that can be received as Junior Girl Scouts. The bronze award is all about giving back to your community and working as a team, so this was a perfect project for them to take on.” The girls worked together to create a budget and building plan and used recycled materials to create the sturdy little pantry, complete with solar-powered twinkle lights. Together with co-leader Bob Schmidt, who supervised the build, the troop used money from cookie sales to purchase used cabinets and materials from the Habitat for Humanity Resale Store. “I like painting it the best,” exclaimed troop member Maize Peebles. That sentiment was echoed by her fellow troop members, who said they helped to fill the pantry with some of their favorite foods like pasta, canned mandarin oranges and tomato soup.

Micropantries have popped up throughout the Springfield community in recent years and have taken on an increased importance in the



Girl Scout Troop #6318, from left to right: Lucy Derman, Nea Lael-Wolf, Sylvia Reynolds, Keyra Schmidt, Ava Peña, Izabella Peña and Maizie Peebles.

wake of the the COVID-19 pandemic. At a time when food banks all over the country are stretched thin, community-supported pantries like the one built by Troop #6318 have become a vital resource for struggling families. In addition to stocking the Copper Pot micropantry with cookbooks and nutritious shelf-stable foods, Reynolds pointed out that micropantries can also be a source for much needed non-food items like personal hygiene products, shampoo and diapers, which are not covered by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). “As much as I’d love to see fresh produce in the Copper Pot

micropantry, I always get a bit worried about food safety,” Reynolds said. “In the coming months we may try to organize some fresh produce pick-ups so that folks can get access to foods that are nutritious and still safe. For now we’re planning to have the girls help maintain the pantry over the long term, and I hope it’s something they continue even after they’ve graduated from scouting,” Reynolds said.

For her part, Perry says she couldn’t be more thrilled with the installation. “Cookbooks have always been special to me and I’m so happy to be able to share them with the community. I

remember the first cookbooks I ever got – the *Silver Palate* and the *Moosewood Cookbook* – and I still use them to this day. No matter how many recipes there are floating around on the internet, nothing replaces finding a really good cookbook, especially one that has already been much-loved.” □

*A listing of Springfield-area micropantries is available on the Springfield Families Helping Families Facebook page. Needed items include whole-grain pasta, rice, grits, canned fruit and vegetables, canned meats and toiletries.*



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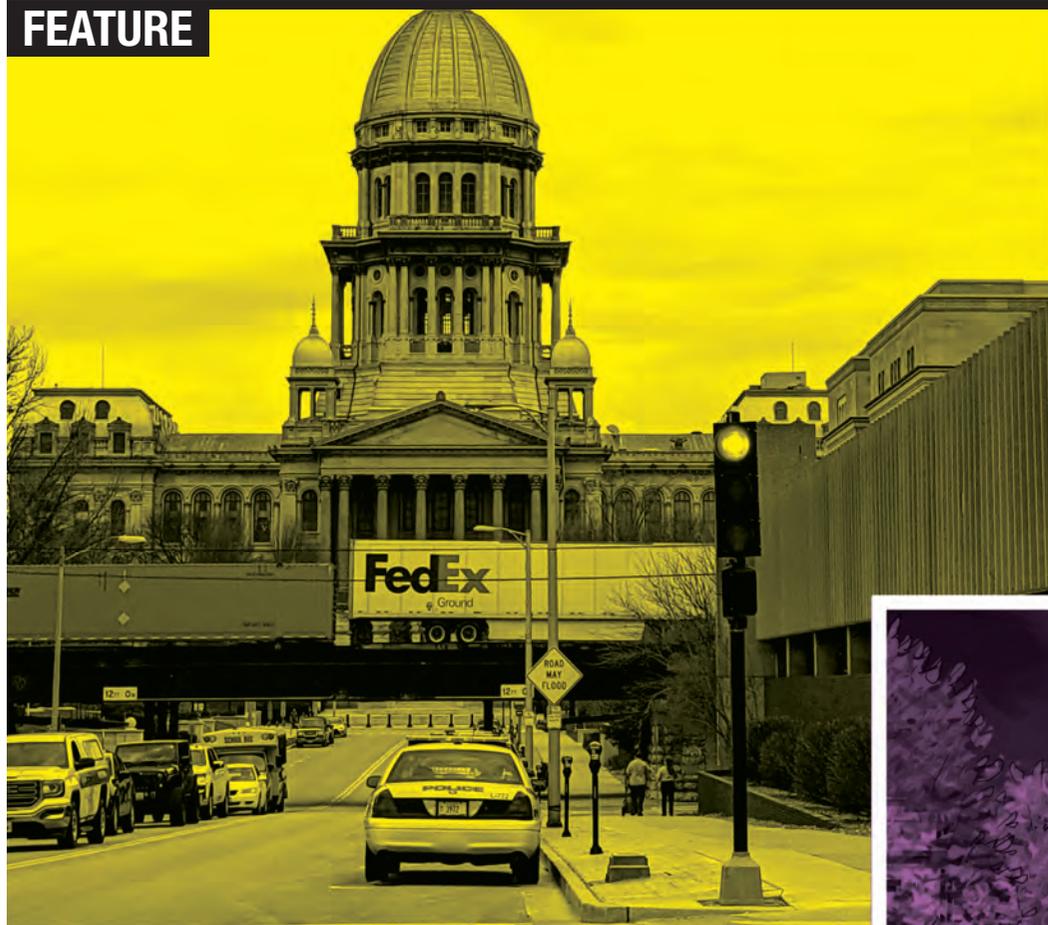
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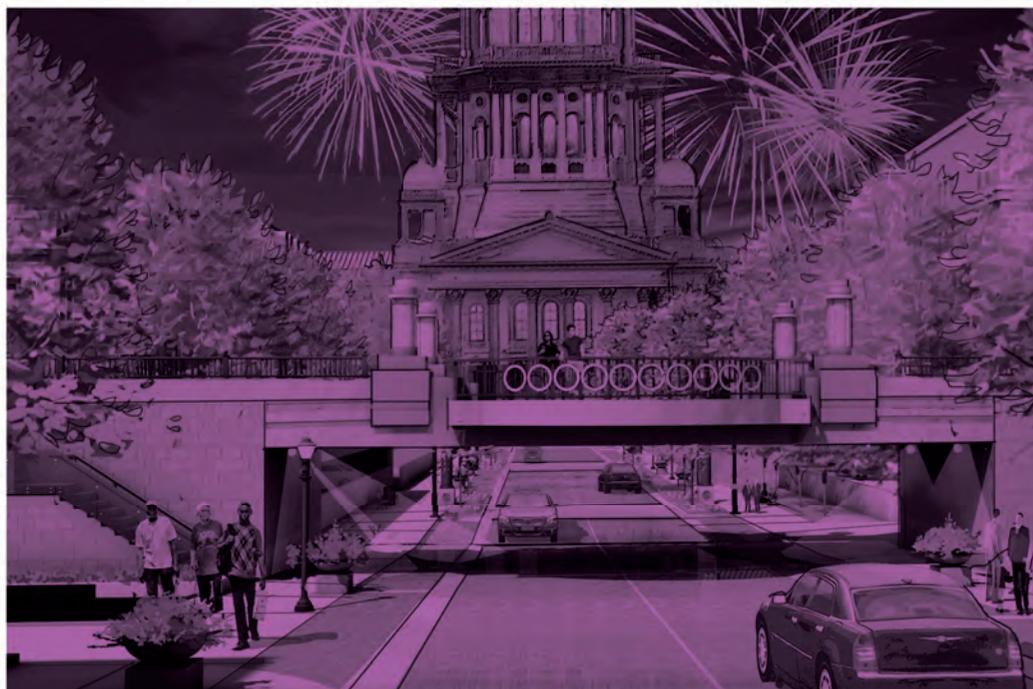
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FEATURE



# Reimagining downtown

Departing trains drive dreams



## URBAN LIFE | Bruce Rushton

Jim Moll may not be the smartest man in Springfield, but the Hanson Professional Services engineer sounded like it during a public meeting held last week to discuss progress on a rail line under construction along 10th Street.

The new line will replace tracks along Third Street. Moll's been in charge of the \$353 million project for more than a decade, and he says it's on time and on budget. The feds gave the green light in 2012 and have paid millions of dollars since then to make it happen – there remains a \$60 million gap, Moll says, but he's confident that the money will come. He seems to know every detail, from construction costs to whether charging stations for electric vehicles will be included in a planned transportation center adjacent to the Sangamon County courthouse on

Ninth Street.

No, intercity buses won't stop at the transportation center – Greyhound wants stations close to freeways – and don't worry: Wall-mounted information panels about the 1908 race riot inside the center won't supplant a memorial planned where remnants of burned houses were found during construction at Carpenter Street, Moll says in response to questions from the audience.

There is one question, unasked during last week's virtual meeting, that Moll can't answer: What will become of the Third Street rail corridor once tracks are gone? There has been talk of a greenbelt through downtown that would feature a bicycle path, but nothing is firm. No one knows what removing tracks will cost, and no money has

been budgeted. Future stewardship of the corridor, now controlled by Union Pacific, hasn't been decided.

Trains, Moll predicts, will be gone from downtown by the end of 2025, an almost-there reality that's been a dream for more than a century. "We're going to get it done," he says. "There's no doubt in my mind about it."

Vachel Lindsay in 1920 wrote that downtown trains would disappear by 2018. In 1924, a plan authored by city planner Myron West, who lived in Chicago, foretold Moll's one-stop-shop transit center, with airships, perhaps, docking at the same place where trolleys and trains would stop. West had big ideas for downtown, espousing a widened Capitol Avenue and proposing a nine-acre historic campus around Lincoln's

home that might include Abraham Lincoln University, an institution of higher learning that never came to be.

West's was an ambitious plan not fully embraced by politicians of his time. "Mayor Bullard disclaimed any desire on his part or the part of other city officials to dictate what should be done in the city, saying that rather he and his associates are desirous of ascertaining the will of the people in the matter," the *Illinois State Register* reported in a 1924 story about West's vision. "The opinion was expressed that the removal of the railroad from Third Street could be cared for through negotiations."

Nearly a century later, Mayor Jim Langfelder in 2017 wrote that Springfield doesn't need another Myron West. "Though I am often told that the city needs a planner,



Where roads dead-end while trains rumble through, some imagine a better future. PHOTO BY BRUCE RUSHTON

I have a firm belief that a city's vision should never rest on one person," the mayor wrote in an opening statement to the city's comprehensive plan that is supposed to serve as a philosophy underpinning development decisions through 2037. "The plan for a city should come from its residents and that is why I am proud to present to you the city of Springfield's comprehensive plan."

As a philosophical statement intended to help guide zoning decisions, the city plan approved four years ago is short on details. What's the long-term vision? "An attractive, connected and growing city that maintains and builds upon its unique and special past, while providing a proud new legacy for current and future residents," planners offer in the 80-page document, which recommends that downtown, like Pillsbury Mill, should have its own plan.

"The vacant office buildings in downtown should be repurposed with mixed uses designed to attract new residences and businesses to the city core," the planners wrote. A "linear park" should replace Third Street tracks, and redevelopment should be encouraged alongside it. That's it for specifics. But there are plenty of folks eager to fill in blanks.

### "It's going to change everything"

Stephen Morrison and his son Seth have acquired at least five houses and vacant parcels along Third Street tracks during the past decade, but they don't see themselves as speculators.

Thirty-five years after going into the Springfield residential rental business, the proprietors of Morrison Properties have found a niche. There is a solid market, the Morrises say, for downtown apartments and rental houses, places where young couples and single folk can live for \$600 or so per month.

The Morrises favor brick buildings, they say their vacancy rate is near zero and they want to preserve what they've worked for. In recent years, they've acquired property along Third Street for as little as \$1,000, near what they already owned. "I didn't want to see some Section 8 cowboy come in and run the whole area down," Stephen Morrison explains.

Pushing 70, the elder Morrison has spent half his life in the real estate game, buying downtown properties for cheap, fixing them up and renting them out. His strategy didn't change when the railroad relocation project began gathering steam a decade ago. "I

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# Reimagining downtown

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kind of figured my granddaughter would see it happen, but it's coming along faster than I thought," he says.

No matter what, the Morrisons stand to gain when, if, trains move from Third Street. It is, after all, easier to rent an apartment without trains next to it than an apartment adjacent to tracks where a dozen or so locomotives rumble through on any given day, at any given hour, horns blaring. The prospect of trains disappearing in four years has sparked ideas for fenced-off land traversed by tracks.

"I would like to not see them walk away from it, just pull up the tracks and walk away – I hope they do something with it," Stephen Morrison says. "I'd like to see it put to some kind of public use." His son sounds bullish. "It's going to change everything," Seth Morrison says. "I've thought about it a lot."

Maybe, Stephen Morrison says, tiny houses, perhaps fashioned from shipping containers, could spring up on small lots that now lie fallow. "I hope what will happen is, once the last train goes down Third Street, they take the tracks up, at least through the downtown area and create a bike path," says his son, who envisions coffee shops and cozy watering holes where bicyclists and pedestrians could gather. The hoped-for bicycle path would run through downtown's tax-increment financing district. "Is there any better use for TIF money?" Seth Morrison asks. "If you look at what makes a city or a town or a neighborhood cool, it's walkability and being able to get around on a bike."

The right entrepreneur, Seth Morrison says, could expect a fair deal on lots that he and his father bought on the Third Street corridor so that vacant land didn't fall into the wrong hands. "The reason we bought those lots was asset protection," Seth Morrison says. "Of course, if it was something cool, it would be 'Yeah! You take this vacant lot and make it cool and you'll make money and my customers would benefit and the world goes 'round.' I'm building a community, essentially, in this little area. If you put a lot of cool people in a cool area, cool things happen. You can have it for a little bit more than I bought it for and do your thing and I hope you succeed."

Seth Morrison says that he can hear Third Street trains from his home near Washington Park. "We've been monitoring this for the

last 15 years – we're ecstatic that it's going to go through," he says. "I think a revitalization of downtown will happen. People who work downtown will be pulled back downtown."

A decade ago, before required federal approval was granted so construction could begin on the 10th Street corridor, local railway planners hired a design firm to come up with ideas for Third Street once trains moved. Drawings show an area transformed,

by native grasses and plants. Closer to the heart of downtown, the path becomes a pedestrian mall, with shoppers sauntering through an outdoor market offering fruits and vegetables. Above Capitol Avenue on what is now a train trestle, designers envisioned an elevated round plaza dubbed Capitol Landing that would offer views of the Capitol. A drawing shows fireworks decorating the sky behind the dome.



A Capitol Avenue train trestle, above, would be converted to a plaza under a plan drawn up a decade ago.

with townhomes and cafes alongside a paved thoroughfare shared by cyclists and pedestrians. Outside the downtown core, near Carpenter Street, the route goes back to nature, with a 10-foot-wide path bordered

"It could be our river walk," says John Stremsterfer, president and CEO of the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln. So far, it's back-of-cocktail-napkin stuff.

"Nobody has honed in on this as the answer – it's a vision," Moll says. "A lot of people have talked about it, but nobody's picked it up and done anything with it."

With trains expected to depart downtown in four years, the city is in negotiations with Union Pacific over control of the right-of-way once trains leave. A trunkline for internet and telecommunications services runs along the route, says Sangamon County Board Chairman Andy Van Meter, and the railroad, once trains are gone, has an interest in continuing to receive payments for use of the line.

"They lease space to Verizon," Van Meter says. "These are major communication lines. You can still do things over and above and around them."

Salvage operations for tracks, once trains are gone, also are an issue in talks between the city and railroad, says Nate Bottom, city public works director. Bottom said he believes that state money will be available to convert the Third Street corridor into something other than railroad tracks. "We're still four or five years out," Bottom says. "I do believe we can act pretty quickly. That's funding dependent. We are beginning to discuss the conceptual plans. We need to negotiate everything with Union Pacific and figure out what we're doing with the land first."

Steve Myers, who owns land on Madison Street where a New York developer has proposed an apartment complex with as many as 150 units, says the planned path will join the new YMCA as a catalyst for neighborhood revival. "This is a keynote project to help spark that," Myers told the city council last month when council members approved a rezone for the proposed apartments. "Five years from now, the bike trail will be a block west of the border of this property. The trains are gone."

Downtown boosters don't want to see the ribbon of land lie fallow.

"When the conversion gets finished in 2025, we don't want to wait another five years to reclaim the Third Street tracks," says Lisa Clemmons Stott, executive director of Downtown Springfield Inc. "We don't want to be caught flat-footed on this. We need to get a plan together so we're ready to roll in five years."

Drawings, Stott says, are not enough. "We need to start thinking about it in more depth than just a beautiful rendering," she said. "It's a huge opportunity for downtown. It will be a huge statement about how downtown is evolving and different and not stagnating and creating the kinds of amenities that people search for today."

Regina Albanese, executive director of

the Dana-Thomas House Foundation headquartered at the historic site alongside Third Street, figures the Third Street corridor hasn't been front burner because the relocation project has taken so many years. "I don't think we talk about it much because it's been such a long project coming," she says. Even if the bicycle path isn't built, reopening streets that now dead-end at the tracks will improve traffic flow, she said.

"Whatever happens, whether it's a bike path or a road, it will be an improvement for the area," Albanese said.

### "We need an overall strategy"

Retired architect Larry Quenette doesn't stop at bicycles or Third Street.

Echoing what Langfelder has suggested, a trolley line between North Grand and South Grand avenues should be built alongside a bicycle path on the corridor once trains are gone, Quenette says. The city, he adds, also should close Adams Street to cars and establish an east-west trolley line between Springfield High School and Ninth Street.

The goal is to get people out of cars and rid downtown of buses. After parking, tourists and shoppers and bar hoppers could walk or ride electric trolleys between attractions; downtown residents, Quenette says, could ride trolleys to work in the medical district or Capitol complex.

"I think it would be a boon to boutique-type retail places, says Quenette, who owns apartments and commercial space on Adams Street. "The more pedestrian traffic you have downtown, the better it is for hotels and restaurants."

Then again, there are folks like Mark Kessler, who owns Recycled Records on Adams Street and likes parking spaces outside his used vinyl shop. "I want people to be able to unload boxes of albums in my store," Kessler said.

There are lots of other ideas big and small for downtown. Developer Chris Stone suggests a casino in the Wyndham Springfield City Centre hotel. Backers of downtown space for University of Illinois Springfield and perhaps Southern Illinois University say that they haven't given up on a plan that prompted backlash in 2019 when property owners, caught by surprise, said they didn't want buildings demolished to make room for what is now being called an innovation hub where researchers and entrepreneurs would toil. "The process this time is much more collaborative," says Ryan McCrady, president and CEO of the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance, an economic development corporation funded



Retired architect Larry Quenette talks trolleys in his Adams Street office. PHOTOS BY BRUCE RUSHTON

in part with city and county money. "I feel good about how it's progressing." No site has been identified and no money has been found, but backers are counting on the state.

"It's not dead," Van Meter said. "The governor is very patiently waiting for the community to unite behind a proposal. It's really on the community's plate."

Stremsterfer said that he was pleasantly surprised when more than 500 suggestions were posted to an online bulletin board the community foundation set up last fall to gather ideas for making Springfield a better place. "There were so many ideas for an improved downtown," Stremsterfer says. "It was amazing to me. I was very pleased with the civility. It didn't develop into a Facebook argument or anything."

Suggestions included better parking garages, more al fresco dining spots, covered walking areas, a park or maybe a fountain and perhaps a playground. How to tie all that and more together? Stremsterfer, Quenette, Stott, Van Meter and McCrady agree: Downtown Springfield needs a master plan that details what sorts of development should go where. Such a plan, Stott says, could help downtown coalesce around a transformed Third Street corridor. "The time is right," she says. "We need an overall strategy."

Stremsterfer says that his staff has discussed creating a plan, but no funding proposal has been presented to the community foundation board.

"We definitely need one," he said. □

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# It's a long way from Guyana to Springfield

A new memoir traces an immigrant's journey of faith and kindness

BOOKS | Karen Ackerman Witter

June Wood Agamah moved to Springfield in 1995 with her husband, Dr. Edem Agamah, and their three young daughters. It's a long way from her Guyana homeland – where she was called Caryl. Edem was born in Ghana. Frequently Americans assume they are from the same country. They were born nearly 4,000 miles and an ocean apart. Guyana is on the northern coast of South America and Ghana on the western coast of Africa.

June and Edem have a deep faith and feel guided by God in their life's journey. They've led 37 mission trips to Ghana, training volunteers months in advance of the biannual trips. Their daughters accompanied them from a young age and experienced Ghana's culture and people. Yet, June's homeland was mostly a mystery. In 2014, middle daughter Aseye delved into a closet looking for old photos of her mother to make a collage for her mother's birthday. Aseye found no baby picture, as none were taken. However, she describes finding a treasure-trove of photos of a "beautiful, trendy 20-something-year-old" and extraordinary journals. This led to a litany of questions about her mother's life. June admitted she had either consciously or unconsciously blocked out her past. Now Aseye was hungry to understand her mother's childhood, native country and her own identity.

This was the impetus for June to open her heart and write *Caryl's Closet*, which she completed during the 2020 pandemic. She poignantly describes her family's character traits of hard work, enduring faith, long-suffering determination and perseverance. June divulges her personal journey growing up in a tiny village, Buxton-Friendship, on the east coast of Demerara in Guyana, and ultimately immigrating to America. She paints a vivid picture of growing up poor with extraordinarily hardworking and loving parents. June has four older siblings and a sister a decade younger. June reveals her country's history and why the Buxton-Friendship people are renowned for their determination and grit.

After years of grueling jobs in sugar cane fields and the construction industry, her father was out of work. Guyana was in acute economic decline. Her mother had suffered a stroke. In 1983, her father and mother risked everything to leave Guyana with their

youngest daughter to make a better life in America. Immigration laws prevented June and her older siblings, who were no longer minors, from joining them. The intent was to apply for them to come later. Two months after moving to Slidell, Louisiana, near New Orleans, June's mother died of a heart attack. June was in Barbados, where she had

future husband through a mutual friend who wanted to introduce her to a physician, who the friend mistakenly thought was from June's home country. He had a degree from the University of Ghana Medical School in Accra and was teaching and attending graduate school at Louisiana State University. June writes about their first meeting and short

three children under the age of five.

In 1995 the Agamahs relocated to Springfield, a stark contrast from Hyde Park, a hometown for people from all over the world. Edem joined the Central Illinois Hematology Oncology Center. There were three major hospitals in Springfield at the time and only a handful of Black physicians and professionals. June writes in *Caryl's Closet* that they "were to learn the difficult art of transcending yet owning our identity as minorities." She describes her experiences and those of her daughters growing up in Springfield and navigating in predominately white spaces.

Access to quality health care is a priority for June, and a personal issue. Her mother did not have access to health care when she died. Mission trips to the Volta region of Ghana are a passion for the Agamahs. Since 1996 June has been the logistics coordinator for International Health and Development Network, a nonprofit organization established to help poor villages in the developing world. In addition to coordinating mission trips, June raises funds to help thousands of people get access to health care. June attended night classes, graduating from University of Illinois Springfield in 2001. She discovered she could apply what she learned on the ground in Ghana. In 2006 the Agamahs purchased 23 acres of land to build the International Health and Development Network Mission Hospital, which now serves 30,000 patients annually.

By unpacking her closet and writing her memoir, June reveals the importance of family, faith, heritage and caring for others. She has witnessed culture gaps firsthand. She writes that people don't take time to get to know each other, and many Americans lack exposure to other cultures. By writing this book, her hope is for readers to look at immigrants with new eyes. "When the world tries to keep us in its mold, we too can break out with the unvarnished truth that unconditional love will always prevail in the end." Connecting with others through forgiveness, gratitude, kindness and love is her life's purpose that she wants to pass on to others in her sphere of influence. □

*Karen Ackerman Witter was inspired to read Caryl's Closet after hearing June Wood Agamah speak at a meeting of the Sunrise Rotary Club. She looks forward to being within June's sphere of influence.*



June Wood Agamah and her new book, *Caryl's Closet*. The book will be published April 6 and will be available online through Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Signed copies can be preordered at [junewoodagamah.com](http://junewoodagamah.com).

moved to look for work. The news was gut-wrenching. June went to New Orleans to be with her father. This was the beginning of navigating the immigration system and starting her new life in America.

June enrolled at the University of New Orleans. During her first class, she was called June, since Caryl is her middle name. From then on, Caryl became June. June met her

courtship. They married in 1988. June earned a B.A. from the University of New Orleans and started graduate school. In 1990 they moved to Evanston, Illinois, where Edem had a residency in internal medicine at St. Francis Hospital. From there Edem had a fellowship in oncology/hematology at the University of Chicago. They moved to Hyde Park, and June worked at Aurora University. By then they had

# Deviled Easter eggs

With tips on peeling hard-boiled eggs

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

There are about as many different ways to hard-cook eggs as there are ways to serve them. Whether deviled, diced into egg salad or grated over plump spears of asparagus, hard-cooked eggs are an essential component of many spring menus. Indeed, eggs have symbolized new life and rebirth for millennia so it makes sense that the Christian celebration of Easter eventually became associated with eggs as well.

In my years as a cook and caterer I have boiled and peeled thousands of eggs, most of them destined to be deviled. I don't know if I even really like deviled eggs anymore because I've made *so* many of them. Even so, I'm not sure I could host a party or show up at a potluck without a tray of perky eggs, sprinkled with fresh chives and a dusting of paprika. Inevitably they disappear in a flash. Even humble egg salad manages to surprise. Once, when I was running my catering and brunch restaurant, we returned to the kitchen one night after an event to find that an entire pan of deviled eggs never made it out of the fridge and to the party. The next day was Sunday and we were open for brunch so I did what savvy cooks have always done — adapt and make do. The eggs went into the food processor along with some celery and sweet onion and out came the blue plate special of the day: egg salad on whole-grain toast, sprinkled with microgreens. It looked beautiful, but I remember thinking, “Is anyone actually going to order egg salad?” We sold out that day and before long the dish had made its way into our regular menu rotation.

The truth is eggs are hard, so to speak. My sister called me not long ago, frustrated. “Am I lame for buying pre-peeled hard-boiled eggs? I can't ever peel them without destroying them.” I assured her that the difficulties she was having were normal. Lots of people struggle peeling eggs, as evidenced by all the different methods and discussion forums floating around the internet.

The first and most important factor in easily peeling hard-cooked eggs is the age of the eggs. According to the USDA: “The air cell, found at the large end of the shell between the shell membranes, increases in size the longer the raw egg is stored. As the contents of the egg contracts and the air cell

enlarges, the shell becomes easier to peel.” In other words, older eggs are easier to peel.

How they are cooked can also make a difference. The most basic method is to cover the eggs with cold water in a saucepan and bring it to a boil, then turn off the heat, cover and let the eggs sit in the hot water for 12 minutes. Although simple and low tech, I find that eggs cooked in this way are not always the easiest to peel. I prefer to use an egg cooker, one of the few single-use kitchen gadgets that I keep in my kitchen. Shaped like a flying saucer, it essentially steams the eggs, and as long as the eggs are not super-fresh they always peel easily. When cooking large batches of eggs I've taken to using my multicooker, which works in much the same way. Place the eggs in the steamer basket of your multicooker and add a cup of water. Cook on low pressure for three minutes for soft-boiled eggs or five minutes for hard-cooked eggs. Beware of baking eggs in muffin cups as I saw suggested online. After a few disastrous attempts I finally gave up.

As soon as the eggs are done cooking, dump them into a bowl of ice water to stop the cooking and gently tap each egg against the side of the bowl to crack the shell. This helps to loosen the shell and speed up the cooling process. Once the eggs are cool the shells should slip off easily.

## Deviled Easter eggs

12 eggs, hard-boiled and peeled  
Food coloring of choice  
White vinegar  
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard, to taste  
1/3 cup mayonnaise  
1 teaspoon each cider vinegar and lemon juice, to taste  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
Hot sauce, to taste  
Minced parsley or chives, to garnish

Dilute a few drops of food coloring into quart jars (one jar for each color) filled halfway with cold water. Slice eggs in half lengthwise. Pop out the yolks and place them in the bowl of a food processor. Divide the whites among the jars of food coloring and let them sit while you prepare the yolk filling.

Add the mustard, mayonnaise, vinegar,



Deviled Easter eggs PHOTO BY ASHLEY MEYER

salt, pepper and hot sauce to the egg yolks and process until smooth. (Alternatively you can mash them in a bowl with a fork.) Taste for seasoning.

Use a slotted spoon to remove the egg whites from the jars of food coloring and place them cut side down on paper towels to

drain. Scoop the yolk mixture into a piping bag and fill each egg white with about 1 1/2 teaspoons of the yolk mixture. (You can also use a zip-close bag with a corner cut off, or simply use a spoon.) Arrange on a serving platter and garnish with minced herbs as desired. □

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## FILM



## Mindless fun to social commentary

FILM | Chuck Koplinski

### Godzilla vs. Kong is big, dumb fun

Gloriously stupid and shamelessly over the top, Adam Wingard's *Godzilla vs. Kong* is the sort of mindless bit of popcorn entertainment that's been absent for far too long on the big screen. Of course, whether you actually missed this sort of large-scale urban mayhem and short-on-logic kind of movie certainly depends on your preference for gigantic monsters going toe-to-toe or not. Hamlet, this ain't. And that's fine, as spectacle such as this serves as a vehicle for catharsis - just sit back, wallow in the silliness of this nonsensical monster mash and relieve a bit of stress. The plot - a silly concoction of science fiction and fantasy that deals with a source of vast energy at the Earth's core and Kong being used to retrieve it - is muddled, and at times, nonsensical. Of course, it's inconsequential as all we care about is the big throwdown between the titular monsters and director Adam Wingard does not disappoint. Cities are laid to waste with style and imagination while a sea battle that finds Kong leapfrogging from aircraft carrier to aircraft carrier to battle the amphibious lizard is a knockout. In the end, you'll realize you've been smiling all the way through this silliness. It's not great art, but man is it fun...really, really fun. *In theaters.*

### The Unholy is more than meets the eye

Screen Gems is employing a rather inspired and slightly blasphemous approach in releasing Evan Spiliotopoulos' *The Unholy*, a modest thriller concerning miracles occurring in a small Massachusetts town. Releasing the film on the holiest of days - Good Friday - the television ads touting the movie seem to dare the viewer to risk eternal damnation by seeing it over the course of the most important weekend on the Christian calendar. Personally, I think this is overstating things. While no expert on the holy manners, I would think saying a couple Hail

Mary's would cover this minor indiscretion.

As exploitive horror flicks go, *The Uninvited* isn't half bad. Jeffery Dean Morgan is Finn, a reporter with a tattered reputation seeking professional redemption. He thinks he finds it in the person of Alice (Cricket Brown), a young woman able to heal the infirmed who claims to see visions of the Virgin Mary. Whether she's the real deal isn't the question - she is! The problem is, she isn't taking orders from Mary, but a malevolent force. Complications ensue, as do questions of faith and sacrifice. Only shoddy special effects keep this from being a complete success. *In theaters.*

### Falcon, Winter Soldier have a full plate

Unlike Marvel's bloated, overrated *Wandavision*, the latest television series *The Falcon and the Winter Soldier* not only gets off to a rousing start but seems eager to tackle a timely social agenda. Anthony Mackie and Sebastian Stan reprise their titular roles as Sam Wilson and Bucky Barnes respectively, reluctant partners who try to uphold the former Captain America's legacy, while trying not to kill each other. They're sent to Europe to investigate an international terrorist group and find that some of their members have been injected with the super serum that made Steve Rogers America's most beloved hero.

And while finding out how this has happened is the main narrative thrust, the smaller moments dealing with race are what really have an impact. Wilson's inability to keep the family business afloat as well as a scene that sees a brigade of police showing up when he and Barnes are arguing in public - the officers asking Bucky if he's alright, while casting veiled accusations towards the African-American Sam - shows that the program has far greater concerns than superheroics on its plate. Two episodes in, and I'm hooked. *Streaming on Disney +.* □

## MUSIC



Brandon Santini and his band rock on at Long Bridge this Friday night.

# No April fooling

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Say hello to the month of April in the year of 2021. Our live music scene keeps growing oh-so-slightly every week, but please, let's all do our best to stay vigilant as together we work our way through these strange times.

Once, every so many years, April Fool's Day falls on a Thursday, allowing me to think I can be foolish enough to try to be funny and silly. Looking back at my past attempts at humor by depicting Springfield happenings that would never happen, I was a little shocked to read that my March 31, 2011 column "Almost April Tomfoolery" contained a mocking bit of two local landmarks now demolished.

The first prank gave credit to city fathers for deciding to transform the Lincoln Library West Branch into an art outreach center for music and dance in a program called Bullets for Beats and the second, not-so-funny-now point, proclaimed that "ambitious and socially responsible real estate tycoons announced the refurbishing of the old Esquire Theater complex near MacArthur and South Grand into a swank and stylish center for popular entertainment and community involvement," which is, of course, now nothing but an empty lot. So much for trying to be funny.

My first official April Fool's Day *Now Playing* was in 2004 and mentioned silly things like the Kessler Brothers moving Recycled Records to White Oaks Mall for better parking, Kip Nelson, now of Off the Wall, quitting Hot Property to start a country band and Rodney Patterson converting rock club Viele's Planet into a strip joint. Then, we "a-mused" about the Hilton hotel management vowing to turn those staple venues of our live music scene, Underground City Tavern and Jazz Central Station, into discotheques, as managers Brian Reilly and Brad Hanson proclaimed their

dislike of live music, while Mike Parkes and Wally Beck of the Brewhaus somehow got permission to open a satellite bar and grill on the rooftop of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. If any of those names or places ring your bells, you'll remember 2004 as a heady time in the local live music scene, and that's no April Fool's joking.

My second actual April Fool's Day column came in 2010, and in mentioning several now-defunct venues such as the Fieldhouse, Norb Andy's and Remy's in joking terms, I am getting the idea that visiting the past is quite an adventure left for other times. So, after reading through those past articles, I've decided to forgo any such nonsense and go straight to talking about the music happening in our community with no fooling at all.

Evening entertainment continues in the new Harvest Market store on West White Oaks as the Farmhouse Restaurant bar area in the mezzanine presents solo acoustic shows by Ty Brando on Friday and Larry Stevens on Saturday. Hip, hip hooray, as Brandon Santini is back on track with a rockin' show at Long Bridge on Friday night, while we toast to the return of the sweet sounds of Harmony Deep at Lime Street on Saturday evening. In the cool kids' category, Skank Skates, on the corner of 11th and South Grand, hosts a Saturday event between the hours of 3-8 p.m. featuring Black Queen, Rolling Sixes and an open jam. This is a benefit for the South Town Project and also includes discussions about urban gardening and rooftop beekeeping, plus you can skateboard to your heart's delight.

In a final note, this will be my last *Now Playing* column. Ha, ha, I couldn't resist one April Fool's prank. See you next week, my friends. Be safe and have fun. □

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### ■ Sports

**2020 DIRTcar Fall Nationals Make-up**  
Thu., April 8 practice. Pits and stands 3pm, hotlaps 5:30. Free grandstand. Fri., April 9, DIRTcar Super Late Models, Modifieds, Pro Modifieds, and Sport Compacts (Hornets). Pits 2pm, stands 5pm, hotlaps 5:30pm, race 7pm. \$25 race day for ages 12 and older. Lincoln Speedway, Lincoln, 1408 Short 11th St., 217-764-3200.

### ■ Live Music

**Cody Lee Moomey**  
Fri., April 2, 7pm,  
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton.

**John Drake**  
Fri., April 2, 5pm,  
Boone's.

**After Sunset**  
Fri., April 2, 6-10pm,  
Curve Inn.

**Ty Brando**  
Fri., April 2, 6-9pm,  
Harvest Market.

**Tom Beverly and Geoff Ryan**  
Fri., April 2, 7-9pm,  
George Rank's.

**Harmony Deep**  
Fri., April 2, 8-11:30pm,  
Lime Street Cafe.

**Bandon Santini**  
Fri., April 2, 6:30-9:30pm,  
Long Bridge Golf Course.

**Highway 615**  
Fri., April 2, 7-11pm,  
Weebles Bar & Grill.

**Geoff Atteberry**  
Sat., April 3, 7:30-10:30pm,  
Boar's Nest, Athens.

**Larry Stevens**  
Sat., April 3, 6pm,  
Harvest Market.

**Harmony Deep**  
Sat., April 3, 8-11:30pm,  
Lime Street Cafe.

**Black Queen, Rolling Sixes and open jam**  
Sat., April 3, 3-8pm,  
Skank Skate.

**Deep Lunar Blue**  
Sat., April 3, 6-9pm,  
Slaughterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn.

**Tom's Turtle Tank Tuesdays**  
Tue., April 6, 8:30pm,  
Facebook with Tom Irwin.

## THE CALENDAR

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### ■ Special Music Events

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

### ■ Theater & Comedy

**Open mic night**  
Wed., April 7. Sign up open 6:30-7pm. Once on stage, you'll have five minutes to give it your best shot. Good luck. Hosted by Donnie B's Comedy Club. VFW Post #755, 2211 Old Jacksonville Rd., 217-546-9515.

### ■ Spoken Word

**The Mountaintop**

Sat., April 3, 7pm. A virtual reading of the gripping re-imagining of the events of the night before the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Starring Tony Young and Lynexia Chigges. Benefits the Hoogland Center for the Arts and the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum. Call for ticket info. [spiaahm.org](http://spiaahm.org). \$15. 217-391-6323.

### ■ Art & Architecture

**Restoration of the Dana-Thomas House**  
Tue., April 20, 7-8:30 p.m. Mike Jackson, the restoration project manager, will tell the story of the effort to return the house to its 1910 architectural character. Hear about the project, the people and the collecting effort that makes the Dana-Thomas House one of the finest Wright houses in America. \$5-\$10. 217-788-9452. Reservations [dana-thomas.org](http://dana-thomas.org).

### ■ History

**New Paths in History**  
Wed., April 7, 12-1pm. Presented by Devin Hunter, UIS assistant professor of history, Jessica Harris, SIU-Edwardsville associate professor of historical studies and Connie

Frey Spurlock, SIU-Edwardsville associate professor of sociology. Part of the Lunch and Learn Series. [go.uis.edu/lunchSpring21](http://go.uis.edu/lunchSpring21). 217-206-6058.

### Tales from the Vault: Boys and Their Toys

Thu., April 1, 12-1pm. Learn about the popular children's games and toys with which the Lincoln boys and their friends would have played. [illinoisstatemuseum.org](http://illinoisstatemuseum.org). Free with registration. 217-782-7386.

### ■ Faith & Philosophy

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

### ■ Fundraisers

**Get Active 4 Autism**  
Run, walk, stroll and roll to support autism awareness. A virtual event to benefit Autism Support of Central Illinois. Registration open March 21-April 4. Event runs April 5-24.

Fee includes a T-shirt. [autismcil.org](http://autismcil.org). \$35.00. 217-585-1421.

### it Walk A Mile In Her Shoes (virtual)

Benefits the Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault. Register as a team or an individual, raise funds with family, friends and coworkers, then walk your mile anytime between April 1 and April 24. Take some photos and tag #PCASAWALK. [prairiecasa.org](http://prairiecasa.org). \$35 to sign up. 217-744-2560.

### ■ Children's Corner

**Princess and Prince Tea Party**  
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## Real Estate Foreclosure

F20080021 PNC  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY—SPRINGFIELD,  
ILLINOIS

PNC Bank, National Association  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Judith  
P. Ward; Peter J. Ward, Individually and  
as Independent Administrator of Judith  
K. Ward; Joseph Ward; Michael Ward;  
Kathleen O'Brien;  
Defendants.

CASE NO. 20 CH 173  
511 West Allen Street, Springfield, Illinois  
62704

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

Public notice is hereby given that in pursu-  
ance of a judgment of said Court entered  
in the above ent-titled cause on February  
23, 2021, I, Sheriff, Jack Campbell of  
Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale  
on May 4, 2021, commencing at 9:00 AM ,  
at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200  
South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701,  
Room , to sell to the highest bidder or  
bidders the following described real estate,  
or so much thereof as may be sufficient to  
satisfy said decree, to-wit:

Commonly known as: 511 West Allen  
Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704  
P.L.N.: 14-33.0-451-031

First mortgage Lien Position; Single-Family  
Residence; Judgment Amount  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-  
1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS  
605/9(g)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1),  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE  
PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY, OTHER  
THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE AS-  
SESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED  
BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF  
SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND  
COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION  
(g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS  
CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT

Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the  
time of sale and the balance due within  
24 hours of the sale. All payments for the  
amount bid shall be in certified funds pay-  
able to the Sheriff of Sangamon County.  
The person to contact for information  
regarding this property is:  
Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo Lind-  
berg, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite  
120, Naperville, IL, 60563, (630) 453-  
6960. For bidding instructions, visit [www.dallegal.com](http://www.dallegal.com) 24 hours prior to sale.

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

Diaz Anselmo Lindberg, LLC  
1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120  
Naperville, IL 60563-4947

630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-  
428-4620 (fax)

Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage  
293191, Kane 031-26104,  
Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL  
03126232

MidwestPleadings@dallegal.com  
THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT  
COLLECTOR.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD,  
ILLINOIS

Marine Bank  
PLAINTIFF  
vs.

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Philip  
Gebhart; et. al.  
DEFENDANTS  
No. 2020CH000135  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL  
ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure

and Sale entered in the above cause on  
03/10/2021, the Sheriff of Sangamon  
County, Illinois will on April 27, 2021 at  
the hour of 9:00 AM at in the Second  
Floor Boardroom of the Sangamon  
County Courthouse 200 South 9th Street  
Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place  
otherwise designated at the time of sale,  
County of Sangamon and State of Illinois,  
sell at public auction to the highest bidder  
for cash, as set forth below, the following  
described real estate:

PIN 22-08-152-003  
Improved with Single Family Home  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3030 1/2 Cha-  
tham Road Springfield, IL 62704

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest  
bid by certified funds at the close of  
the auction; The balance, including the  
Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential  
Property Municipality Relief Fund, which  
is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each  
\$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount  
paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300,  
in certified funds, is due within twenty-four  
(24) hours. The subject property is subject  
to general real estate taxes, special as-  
sessments, or special taxes levied against  
said real estate and is offered for sale  
without any representation as to quality  
or quantity of title and without recourse  
to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The  
sale is further subject to confirmation by  
the court.

If the property is a condominium and the  
foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007,  
purchasers other than the mortgagees will  
be required to pay any assessment and  
legal fees due under The Condominium  
Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and  
(g)(4).

If the property is located in a common  
interest community, purchasers other  
than mortgagees will be required to pay  
any assessment and legal fees due under  
the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS  
605/18.5(g-1).

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

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

The property will NOT be open for inspec-  
tion and Plaintiff makes no representation  
as to the condition of the property. Pro-  
spective bidders are admonished to check  
the Court file to verify all information.  
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 FORECLO-  
SURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or  
contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Asso-  
ciates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road,  
Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630)  
794-9876. Please refer to file number  
14-20-04984.  
I3165713

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

JANET WILLIAMS A/K/A JANET A WIL-  
LIAMS; NATIONAL CITY BANK N/K/A PNC  
BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN

OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,  
DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2020CH000083  
4 LANSING DRIVE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703  
JUDGE

PRESIDING JUDGE  
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDG-  
MENT OF FORECLOSURE

UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLO-  
SURE ACT

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

TAX NO. 22-28.0-229-003  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 4 Lansing Drive  
Springfield, IL 62703

Description of Improvements: Red brick,  
one story ranch, attached two car garage  
The Judgment amount was \$116,144.85.  
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for  
"CASH". The successful bidder must  
deposit 10% down by certified funds; bal-  
ance, by certified funds, within 24 hours.  
NO REFUNDS.

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

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

The property will NOT be open for inspec-  
tion. Prospective bidders are admon-  
ished to check the court file to verify all  
information.

The successful purchaser has the sole  
responsibility/expense of evicting any  
tenants or other individuals presently in  
possession of the subject premises.  
If this property is a condominium unit, the  
purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure  
sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the  
assessments and the legal fees required  
by The Condominium Property Act, 765  
ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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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 FORECLO-  
SURE LAW.

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Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla  
Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's  
Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200,  
Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-  
9088. Please refer to file# 20-040191L  
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLEC-  
TION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S  
ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT  
COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT  
A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE  
USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

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

PLAINTIFF,  
vs.

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

NO. 19 CH 000391  
3212 SOUTH PALMER STREET  
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703

JUDGE  
PRESIDING JUDGE  
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT  
OF FORECLOSURE

UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE  
ACT

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

TAX NO. 22-14.0-128-003  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3212 South  
Palmer Street  
Springfield, IL 62703

Description of Improvements: Gray  
aluminum siding, one story one unit home,  
detached carport  
The Judgment amount was \$104,133.90.  
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for  
"CASH". The successful bidder must  
deposit 10% down by certified funds;  
balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours.  
NO REFUNDS.

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

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

The property will NOT be open for inspec-  
tion. Prospective bidders are admonished to  
check the court file to verify all information.  
The successful purchaser has the sole re-  
sponsibility/expense of evicting any tenants  
or other individuals presently in possession  
of the subject premises.

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

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ER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN  
POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY  
OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCOR-  
DANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE  
ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
For Information: Visit our website at <http://iforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla  
Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's  
Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200,  
Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088.  
Please refer to file# 20-055491L  
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION  
PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTOR-  
NEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR  
ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY  
INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT  
PURPOSE.

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

COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF ELIZABETH G. KINKEAD, DECEASED Case No.: 2021-P-144

NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ELIZABETH G. KINKEAD AND CLAIMS NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Elizabeth G. Kinkead on February 20, 2021. Letters Testamentary were issued on March 10, 2021, to Daniel J. Greer, 2132 Cherry Road, Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Executor of the Estate of Elizabeth G. Kinkead, Deceased.

Notice is given to all heirs of Elizabeth G. Kinkead, that an Order was entered by the Court on March 10, 2021, admitting the will

of Elizabeth G. Kinkead to probate and appointing Daniel J. Greer as Executor of the Estate of Elizabeth G. Kinkead, Deceased, with Independent Administration. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open Court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/516-21). You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act of 1975 to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, 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 10th Day of March, 2021.  
Kevin N. McDermott, Attorney 109 South Seventh Street Springfield, Illinois 62701 (217) 753-4070  
Ill. Reg. No. 6196497  
www.KevionMcDermott.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of: Lawrence D. Hayes, Deceased No. 2021-P-93

NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE Notice is given of the death of Lawrence D. Hayes, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on February 17, 2021, to Craig Lee Hayes, 584 E. 2700 Avenue, Ramsey, Illinois 62080, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Lawrence D. Hayes of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Mary J. Hayes and Craig Lee Hayes as the only heirs of Lawrence D. Hayes.

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in

the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Sarah Delano Pavlik – 6269250  
DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC  
Attorney for Executor  
One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: 217-544-2703  
Fax: 217-544-4664  
sdpavlik@delanolaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of MICHAEL REGAN, Deceased. NO. 2021-P-151 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Michael Regan of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 16, 2021, to Joseph A. Regan, 2702 Amelia Court, Springfield, Illinois 62711, 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 23, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2021.  
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705-0079  
(217) 544-4868  
bsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF: VICKI LYNN CHARLES, Deceased No. 2021-P-139 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Viki Lynn Charles, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on March 9, 2021, to Theodore G. Charles, III, whose address is #4 Lydia Lane, Riverton, IL 62561, as Administrator, and whose attorney is JAMES R. ENLOW OF GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL, 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL, 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

DATED this 9th day of March 2021.  
James R. Enlow#6199891  
GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL

Attorneys at Law  
1231 South Eighth Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62703  
Telephone: (217) 522.9010  
Facsimile: (217) 522.9020  
Email: jim@gwspc.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF GEORGIE L. WILLIAMS, DECEASED IN PROBATE 2021P127 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of GEORGIE L. WILLIAMS, of 1920 Creighton Rd., Springfield, IL 62704. Letters of Office were issued on March 18, 2021, to DEWAYNE L. WILLIAMS of 1920 Creighton Rd., Springfield, IL 62703 and SHAE N. WILLIAMS of 206 W. Canedy, Apt. 5, Springfield, IL 62704, whose attorney is Bill Nichelson.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Complex, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, which is September 30, 2021, or within three (3) months from the date of the mailing of this notice, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative(s) and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office."

DEWAYNE L. WILLIAMS  
SHAE N. WILLIAMS, Co- Executors  
Prepared by:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF: EUGENE C. MOLITORIS, Deceased. No.: 2021-P-0099

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION Notice is given of the death of EUGENE C. MOLITORIS. Letters of office were issued on March 9, 2021, to CAROLYN HUDEC as Independent Representative whose attorney is FeldmanWasser, 1307 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois, or with the Representative, or both, on or before September 9, 2021, or within 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery to a creditor whose name and post office address is known to or reasonably ascertainable by the representative, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative or the attorney within 10 days after filing.

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

Dated this 10th day of March, 2021.

CAROLYN HUDEC  
Executor  
By:         /s/Stanley N. Wasser  
2021P127  
Stanley N. Wasser #2947307  
Attorney for Executor  
FeldmanWasser  
1307 South Seventh Street  
PO Box 2418  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-3403  
swasser@feldman-wasser.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS R. ELLIOTT, Deceased NO. 2021-P-000163

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of THOMAS R. ELLIOTT, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on ANNE MARITA ELLIOTT to 525 North Portage Path, Akron, Ohio 44303 as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before September 24, 2021 or six (6) 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 24th day of March, 2021.  
Alex B. Rabin  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-789-1200

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF YAVUZ I. GONULSEN, Deceased NO. 2021-P-000140

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Yavuz I. Gonulsen, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on March 10, 2021, to Linda L. Gonulsen, 3313 Branchwood Drive, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 20th of September, 2021, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 10th day of March, 2021.

Gregory P. Sgro  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, & Rabin, LLP 1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-1200

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

In the Matter of the Estate of WILLARD JOHN MELLINGER, Deceased. IN PROBATE NO. 2021 P 155

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of WILLARD JOHN MELLINGER, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on March 18, 2021, to Stephen J. Mellinger and Jerald J. Mellinger, Co-Administrators, whose attorney is Dwight O'Keefe, Brown, Hay & Stephens, 1000 US Bank Building, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 1, 2021, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Dated this 18th day of March, 2021.  
Dwight O'Keefe  
Brown, Hay & Stephens  
1000 US Bank Building  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62701  
(217) 544-8491

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROSEMARIE LONG, Deceased NO. 2021-P-169

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Rosemarie Long, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on March 23, 2021, to Bradley J. Long, 4998 KOA Road, Rochester, IL 62563, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Benjamin M. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 5th day of October, 2021, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 23rd day of March, 2021.  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP  
Benjamin M. Sgro  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-1200

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

BRUNO BIALOWAS, DECEASED. NO. 2021-P-150

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS Notice is given of the death of BRUNO BIALOWAS, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 18, 2021,

to CHET BILOWS, of 2817 Cronin Dr.; Springfield, IL 62711, whose attorney is Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C., 741 South Grand Avenue West, Springfield, Illinois 62704.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 1st day of April, being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Dated this 25th day of March, 2021.

CHET BILOWS, Executor of the Estate of BRUNO BIALOWAS, Deceased  
BY: RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C.  
Anthony J. DelGiorno, of Counsel  
Attorneys for Estate:  
Anthony J. DelGiorno  
IARDC: 6277358  
Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C.  
741 South Grand Avenue West  
Springfield, IL 62704  
Telephone: (217) 522-6000  
Email: Tony@rblawyers.net

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

ROBERT E. BEVILL, DECEASED. NO. 2021-P-162

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS Notice is given of the death of ROBERT E. BEVILL, of Sherman, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 18, 2021, to SCOTT D. BEVILL of 2930 Victoria Dr.; Springfield, IL 62704 and JEFFREY BEVILL of 12410 Three Lakes Dr.; Walker, LA 70785, whose attorney is Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C., 741 South Grand Avenue West, Springfield, Illinois 62704. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 1st day of April, 2021, being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Dated this 18th day of March, 2021.  
SCOTT D. BEVILL and JEFFREY BEVILL, Co-Executors of the Estate of ROBERT E. BEVILL, Deceased  
BY: RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C.  
Anthony J. DelGiorno Attorney  
Attorneys for Estate:  
Anthony J. DelGiorno  
IARDC: 6277358

Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C.  
741 South Grand Avenue West  
Springfield, IL 62704  
Telephone: (217) 522-6000  
Email: Tony@rblawyers.net

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Re: the marriage of  
Milagro Lorenzi, Petitioner  
and  
Eugene Johnson, Respondent  
Case No. 2021-D-50  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you Eugene Johnson,  
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 25th day of April, 2021 a judgment of  
dissolution of marriage and other relief  
may be granted as prayed for in the  
Petition.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Circuit Clerk

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

Re: the marriage of  
Deidre Marie Perez, Petitioner  
and  
Uziel Ervey Perez, Respondent  
Case No. 2020-D-512  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you Uziel Ervey Perez,  
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  
1st day of May, 2021 a judgment of dis-  
solution of marriage and other relief may  
be granted as prayed for in the Petition.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Michael Joseph Kirk  
For change of name to  
Michael Joseph Wyzard  
Case No.: 2021-MR-286  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on May  
11, 2021 I will petition in said Court pray-  
ing for the change of name from Michael  
Joseph Kirk to Michael Joseph Wyzard  
pursuant to the statute in such case made  
and provided.

Dated: March 11, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Sage Ryan Martin  
For change of name to  
Sy Ann Sims  
Case NO.: 2021-MR-271  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on  
May 11, 2021 I will petition in said Court  
praying for the change of name from Sage  
Ryan Martin to Sy Ann Sims pursuant  
to the statute in such case made and  
provided.  
Dated: March 18, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Isabella Paige Solano  
For change of name to  
Benjamin Perseus Reid Solano  
Case NO.: 2021-MR-262  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on May  
25, 2021 I will petition in said Court pray-  
ing for the change of name from Isabella  
Paige Solano to Benjamin Perseus Reid  
Solano pursuant to the statute in such  
case made and provided.  
Dated: March 25, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Nathalia Leigh Grace Wells  
For change of name to  
Nathalia Grace Rodems  
Sage Ryan Martin  
Case No.: 2021-MR-287  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on May  
25, 2021 I will petition in said Court pray-  
ing for the change of name from Nathalia  
Leigh Grace Wells to Nathalia Grace  
Rodems pursuant to the statute in such  
case made and provided.  
Dated: March 25, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Carrie Lynn Carroll  
For change of name to  
Carrie Lynn Harms  
Case No.: 2021-MR-292  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on  
May 11, 2021 I will petition in said Court  
praying for the change of name from  
Carrie Lynn Carroll to Carrie Lynn Harms  
pursuant to the statute in such case made  
and provided.  
Dated: March 25, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Sabrina Marie Gill  
For change of name to  
Bea Buzzling Sunday  
Case No.: 2021-MR-315  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on  
May 11, 2021 I will petition in said Court  
praying for the change of name from  
Sabrina Marie Gill to Bea Buzzling Sunday  
pursuant to the statute in such case made  
and provided.  
Dated: March 25, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Renata Marie Price  
For change of name to  
Renata Marie Smith  
Case No.: 2021-MR-332  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on  
May 25, 2021 I will petition in said Court  
praying for the change of name from  
Renata Marie Price to Renata Marie Smith  
pursuant to the statute in such case made  
and provided.  
Dated: April 1, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Michelle Jolene Fields  
For change of name to  
Michelle Jolene Jackson  
Case No.: 2021-MR-234  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on May  
25, 2021 I will petition in said Court pray-  
ing for the change of name from Michelle  
Jolene Fields to Michelle Jolene Jackson  
pursuant to the statute in such case made  
and provided.  
Dated: April 1, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Joshua Robert Weitzel  
For change of name to  
Joshua Robert Pope  
Case No.: 2021-MR-330  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on May  
25, 2021 I will petition in said Court pray-  
ing for the change of name from Joshua  
Robert Weitzel to Joshua Robert Pope  
pursuant to the statute in such case made  
and provided.  
Dated: April 1, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Brittany Alanna Schaefer  
For change of name to  
Brittany Alanna Hunt  
Case No.: 2021-MR-236  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on May  
25, 2021 I will petition in said Court pray-  
ing for the change of name from Brittany  
Alanna Schaefer to Brittany Alanna Hunt  
pursuant to the statute in such case made  
and provided.  
Dated: April 1, 2021

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY—SPRINGFIELD,  
ILLINOIS  
PNC Bank, National Association  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Judith  
P. Ward; Peter J. Ward, Individually and  
as Independent Administrator of Judith  
K. Ward; Joseph Ward; Michael Ward;  
Kathleen O'Brien;  
Defendants.  
CASE NO. 20 CH 173  
511 West Allen Street, Springfield, Illinois  
62704

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE  
Public notice is hereby given that in  
pursuance of a judgment of said Court en-  
tered in the above ent-titled cause on Feb-  
ruary 23, 2021, I, Sheriff, Jack Campbell  
of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a  
sale on May 4, 2021, commencing at 9:00  
AM, at the Sangamon County Courthouse,  
200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL  
62701, Room, to sell to the highest bidder  
or bidders the following described real  
estate, or so much thereof as may be suf-  
ficient to satisfy said decree, to-wit:  
LOT 25 IN BLOCK 2 IN ALEXANDER  
STARNE'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF  
SPRINGFIELD.  
EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MIN-  
ING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR  
RESERVED OF RECORD.  
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 511 West Allen  
Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704  
P.I.N.: 14-33.0-451-031  
First mortgage Lien Position; Single-  
Family Residence; Judgment Amount  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-  
1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS  
605/9(g)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1),  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE  
PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY, OTHER  
THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE AS-  
SESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED  
BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF  
SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND  
COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION  
(g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS  
CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT  
Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the  
time of sale and the balance due within

24 hours of the sale. All payments for the  
amount bid shall be in certified funds pay-  
able to the Sheriff of Sangamon County.  
The person to contact for information  
regarding this property is:  
Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo  
Lindberg, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road,  
Suite 120, Naperville, IL, 60563, (630)  
453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit  
www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale.  
This communication is an attempt to col-  
lect a debt and any information obtained  
will be used for that purpose.  
Diaz Anselmo Lindberg, LLC  
1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120  
Naperville, IL 60563-4947  
630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-  
428-4620 (fax)  
Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage  
293191, Kane 031-26104,  
Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL  
03126232  
MidwestPleadings@dallegal.com  
THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT  
COLLECTOR.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD,  
ILLINOIS  
Marine Bank  
PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Philip  
Gebhart; et. al.  
DEFENDANTS  
No. 2020CH000135  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL  
ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure  
and Sale entered in the above cause on  
03/10/2021, the Sheriff of Sangamon  
County, Illinois will on April 27, 2021 at  
the hour of 9:00 AM at in the Second  
Floor Boardroom of the Sangamon  
County Courthouse 200 South 9th Street  
Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place  
otherwise designated at the time of sale,  
County of Sangamon and State of Illinois,  
sell at public auction to the highest bidder  
for cash, as set forth below, the following  
described real estate:

THE SOUTH 65 FEET OF THE EAST 50  
FEET OF LOT 43 OF LELAND ADDITION TO  
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. EXCEPT ALL  
COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING  
SAID LANDS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT  
TO MINE AND REMOVE THE SAME. SITU-  
ATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
PIN 22-08-152-003

Improved with Single Family Home  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3030 1/2 Cha-  
tham Road Springfield, IL 62704  
Sale terms: 10% down of the highest  
bid by certified funds at the close of  
the auction; The balance, including  
the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned  
Residential Property Municipality Relief  
Fund, which is calculated at the rate of  
\$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of  
the amount paid by the purchaser not to  
exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due  
within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject  
property is subject to general real estate  
taxes, special assessments, or special  
taxes levied against said real estate and is  
offered for sale without any representa-  
tion as to quality or quantity of title and  
without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS"  
condition. The sale is further subject to  
confirmation by the court.  
If the property is a condominium and the  
foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007,  
purchasers other than the mortgagees will  
be required to pay any assessment and  
legal fees due under The Condominium  
Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and  
(g)(4).  
If the property is located in a common

## VACANT LOT OWNERS PUBLIC NOTICE



### TO ALL OWNERS AND PERSONS IN CONTROL OF ANY VACANT LOT OR LOT WITH AN UNOCCUPIED STRUCTURE IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

You are hereby notified that all rank growth of weeds ten (10) inches or  
greater in height is a violation of Section 170.17.15(a) of the Springfield  
City Code, 1988, as amended.

You are hereby notified that in accordance with Section 170.17.15(a) of  
the Springfield City Code, 1988, as amended that should the rank growth  
of weeds grow to more than ten inches in height on a vacant lot or a lot  
with an unoccupied structure located in Springfield, Illinois, the City of  
Springfield may cut the weeds without further notice and the owner or  
person in control of the property shall be liable to the City of Springfield  
for the costs, and a lien for the costs of the weed removal may be filed  
against the property.

The public notice shall be final notice to all owners and persons in control  
of vacant lots and lots with an unoccupied structure.

Department of Building and Zoning  
Housing Division  
City of Springfield  
789-2167

interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1).

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

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 successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-20-04984. I3165713

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, vs. JARRED D. MCCORMICK, SARAH C. MCCORMICK JDM FOODS, INC., an Illinois corporation; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 2021CH000018 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is April 30, 2021. Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on March 9, 2021.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 2021CH000018
2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois
3. The names of the title holders of record are: Jarred D. McCormick and Sarah C. McCormick, husband and wife, to have and to hold not as tenants in common, but as joint tenants with the right of survivorship.
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
Parcel I:  
A part of the Northeast Quarter and the North Three-Fourths of the East half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 16 North, Range 6 West of the Third Principal Meridian, reference being made to a plat made by G.L. Harmsberger, Surveyor, November 10, 1910 filed for record in the

Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Illinois, November 14, 1910 as Document No. 96511, and described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot 15, thence South 120 feet, thence East 360 feet, thence North 120 feet, thence West 360 feet to the point of beginning. EXCEPT all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed or reserved of record.  
Parcel II:  
Part of the South half of the East half of the Northeast Quarter and the North Three-Fourths of the East half of the Southeast Quarter, all in Section 36, Township 16 North, Range 6 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Sangamon County, Illinois, more particularly described as follows: The East 16 feet of the West 376 feet of the North 120 feet of Lot 15 of the Lewis E. Wood Plat prepared by G.L. Harmsberger as recorded in the Recorder of Deeds office of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 96511 in Book 9, at Page 45.  
EXCEPT all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed or reserved of record. All situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 352 S. Koke Mill Road, Springfield, IL
6. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Names of Mortgagors: Jarred D. McCormick and Sarah C. McCormick Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank Date of Mortgage: March 29, 2019 Date of recording: April 1, 2019 County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois Recording document identification: Document No. 2019R05531 /s/ Paul Palazzolo CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Emmet A. Fairfield Registration No. 6180505 205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-8491 efairfield@bhslaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, PLAINTIFF, vs. JANET WILLIAMS A/K/A JANET A WILLIAMS; NATIONAL CITY BANK N/K/A PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 2020CH000083 4 LANSING DRIVE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 JUDGE PRESIDING JUDGE NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on January 20, 2021, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 04/27/2021, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

LOT 41 AND THE SOUTH 30 FEET OF LOT 42 OF LAKEWIND ACRES. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX NO. 22-28.0-229-003 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 4 Lansing Drive Springfield, IL 62703 Description of Improvements: Red brick, one story ranch, attached two car garage The Judgment amount was \$116,144.85. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Visit our website at <http://iforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 20-040191L PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3165508

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF, vs. RICHARD V SPIKER A/K/A RICHARD SPIKER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 19 CH 000391 3212 SOUTH PALMER STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 JUDGE PRESIDING JUDGE NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on February 26, 2020, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 04/27/2021, in the boardroom of the

Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: LOT 51 OF SOUTHLAWN. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LANDS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. TAX NO. 22-14.0-128-003 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3212 South Palmer Street Springfield, IL 62703 Description of Improvements: Gray aluminum siding, one story one unit home, detached carport The Judgment amount was \$104,133.90. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Visit our website at <http://iforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 20-055491L PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3165438

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. MARCUS STEWART, ENOS PARK DEVELOPMENT, LLC, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE AND FAMILY SERVICES, SANGAMON COUNTY AS TRUSTEE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 21-MR-343 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to Marcus Stewart, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that a Complaint for Demolition was filed in the above-named Court on March 24, 2021, and is now pending. The common address of the structure which is subject to demolition is 1146 N. 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, and said real estate is legally described as: LOT TWENTY-SIX (26) IN BLOCK ONE (1) OF STROTT AND KIDD'S SUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS ONE(1) AND TWO (2) IN ROBERT ALLEN'S ADDITION. PIN: 14-27-129-007. The name of the title holder of record of said real estate is: Marcus Stewart. NOW THEREFORE, unless Marcus Stewart, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants file an answer to the Complaint for Demolition in this cause or otherwise file an appearance therein in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before May 1, 2021, a default judgment may be entered at any time after that day and an Order for Demolition may be entered in accordance with the relief requested in the Complaint for Demolition. /s/ Paul Palazzolo

Defendants. No. 21-MR-348 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to James Smith, Consuela Shephard, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that a Complaint for Demolition was filed in the above-named Court on March 24, 2021, and is now pending. The common address of the structure which is subject to demolition is 1705 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62702, and said real estate is legally described as: Lot 8, Block 4 in B.M. Griffith's Subdivision of the Northeast part of Section 3, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. PIN: 22-03.0-238-014. The names of the title holders of record of said real estate are: James Smith and Consuela Shephard. NOW THEREFORE, unless James Smith, Consuela Shephard, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants file an answer to the Complaint for Demolition in this cause or otherwise file an appearance therein in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before May 1, 2021, a default judgment may be entered at any time after that day and an Order for Demolition may be entered in accordance with the relief requested in the Complaint for Demolition. /s/ Paul Palazzolo Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. MARCUS STEWART, ENOS PARK DEVELOPMENT, LLC, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE AND FAMILY SERVICES, SANGAMON COUNTY AS TRUSTEE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 21-MR-343 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to Marcus Stewart, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that a Complaint for Demolition was filed in the above-named Court on March 24, 2021, and is now pending. The common address of the structure which is subject to demolition is 1146 N. 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, and said real estate is legally described as: LOT TWENTY-SIX (26) IN BLOCK ONE (1) OF STROTT AND KIDD'S SUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS ONE(1) AND TWO (2) IN ROBERT ALLEN'S ADDITION. PIN: 14-27-129-007. The name of the title holder of record of said real estate is: Marcus Stewart. NOW THEREFORE, unless Marcus Stewart, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants file an answer to the Complaint for Demolition in this cause or otherwise file an appearance therein in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before May 1, 2021, a default judgment may be entered at any time after that day and an Order for Demolition may be entered in accordance with the relief requested in the Complaint for Demolition. /s/ Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County

Capitol Storage LLC  
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To pay past due rent and fees call 217-522-0300. Private sale will be held April 10, 2021 9A.M at Capitol Storage LLC. 818 s Dirksen Pkwy Springfield, Illinois.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF Lorenzo Moralez and Ricardo Moralez, Minors Case No. 2021-P-121 TO: Alma Nerone and Jose Luis Moralez, at addresses unknown, AND All Other Persons Having a Right to Notice. Please be notified that Charlotte Boehler and Deborah Laycock-Lopez have filed a Petition for the Guardianship of Estate and Person of Lorenzo Moralez and Ricardo Moralez. You are required to answer said petition on or before May 17, 2021 or be defaulted by the court thereafter. DATED: March 18, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Antonia Hackenberg, Petitioner vs. Ayo Dele Abitogun, Respondent Case No: 2020-0P-2154 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Ayo Dele Abitogun, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before April 8, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint. Paul Palazzolo Clerk of the Court Date: Feb. 25, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Chris A. Napier, Petitioner vs. Cheryl Buchanon, Respondent Case No: 2019-0P-53 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Cheryl Buchanon, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before April 22, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint. Paul Palazzolo Clerk of the Court

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

HEALTHCARE & FAMILY SERVICES, ex rel, Tiffany McBride Petitioner, -vs-

Tyrone D. Mathews Respondent, NO. 2014-F-45

P.A. NO. C01153923 NOTICE TO HEIRS OF Tyrone D. Mathews IN THE MATTER OF NOTICE TO any and all heirs of Tyrone D. Mathews or family members of Tyrone D. Mathews.

An action is being brought to establish the parent and child relationship between the child and a man named by the mother, Tyrone D. Mathews.

As the heirs of the alleged father, you have certain legal rights with respect to the case involving the child, including the right to notice of the filing of proceedings instituted for the establishment of parentage of said child. If you wish to retain your rights with respect to said child, you must file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, whose address is 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, within 30 days after the date of receipt of this notice, a declaration of intent stating that you are, in fact, an heir or family member of the alleged father and that you intend to retain your legal rights with respect to said child, or a request to be notified of any further proceedings with respect to the parentage of said child.

If you do not file such declaration or request for notice, then whatever legal rights you have with respect to the named child, including the right to notice of any future proceedings for the establishment of parentage of the child, may be terminated without any further notice to you. When your legal rights with respect to the named child are so terminated, you will not be entitled to notice of any future proceedings.

Cheryl Drda Attorney for: Healthcare & Family Services Room 309, County Complex 200 South Ninth Street Springfield, Illinois 62701 (217) 753-6395

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

HEALTHCARE & FAMILY SERVICES, ex rel, Cheron Jones Petitioner, -vs-

Tyrone D. Mathews Respondent, NO. 2015-F-171

P.A. NO. C02794974

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## A perfect ten Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 679

### Across

1. One of the Simpsons
5. Skim, as milk
10. Reactor part
14. \_\_\_ and aahs
15. Deposed leader, perhaps
16. Carbon monoxide's lack
17. Spanish liqueur
18. One of the Osmonds
19. Malicious look
20. Ten
23. Close call
24. Pines
28. Zippy flavors
32. Full range
33. Blood-typing letters
36. Least cooked
39. Facts and figures
40. Ten
43. Vegetarian staple
44. Take to one's heart
45. "My country" follower

71. Former Speaker Gingrich

### Down

1. Does nothing
2. Charged, in a way
3. Hindu deity
4. Declare with confidence
5. Actress Moore
6. Midterm, for one
7. Send packing
8. Most-wanted invitees
9. Saw things
10. Boulder locale
11. Keats creation
12. 1973 Supreme Court decision name

13. "To \_\_\_ is human ..."

21. Visibly upset

22. Top secret?

25. Eligible for Mensa

26. \_\_\_-frutti

27. Doesn't fold

29. Specify

30. Jack-o'-lantern feature

31. Ships

33. Following

34. Ecological community

35. Erased

37. Cooking fat

38. Autocrat until 1917

41. Skedaddle

42. Body build

47. Churchyard tree in "Romeo and Juliet"

49. Warning label word

51. Sentimental sort

52. Mall binge

54. Tequila source

55. Lost on purpose

56. Tour of duty

58. Andes capital

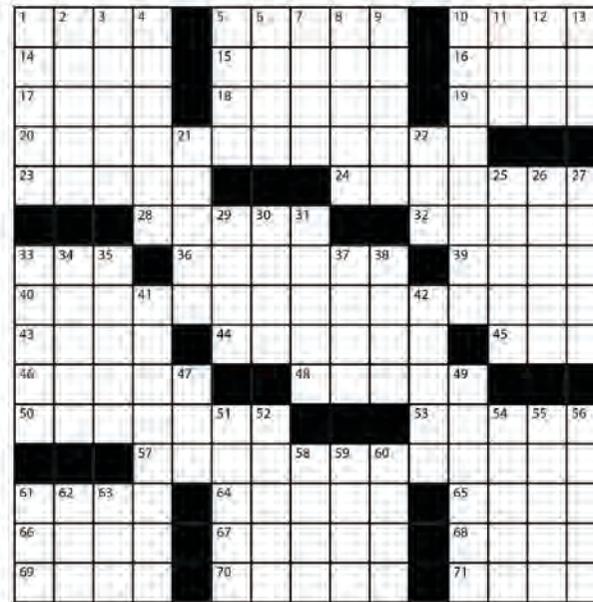
59. Mail org.

60. Playlet

61. Do sums

62. "I told you so!"

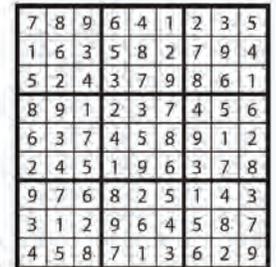
63. In poor health



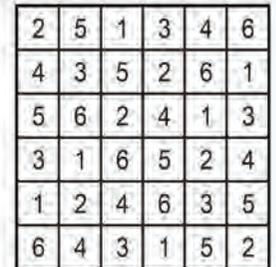
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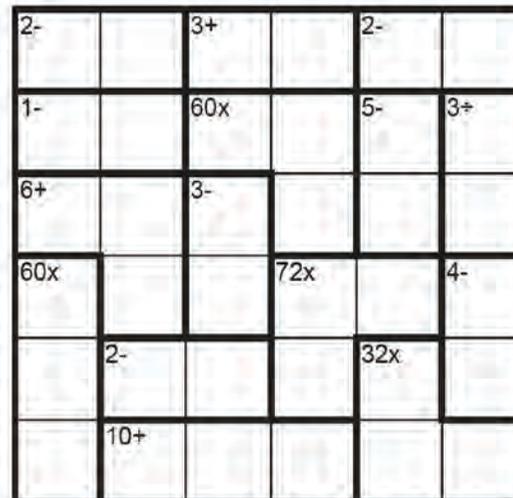
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JoshJosh answers from #678

## JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 679

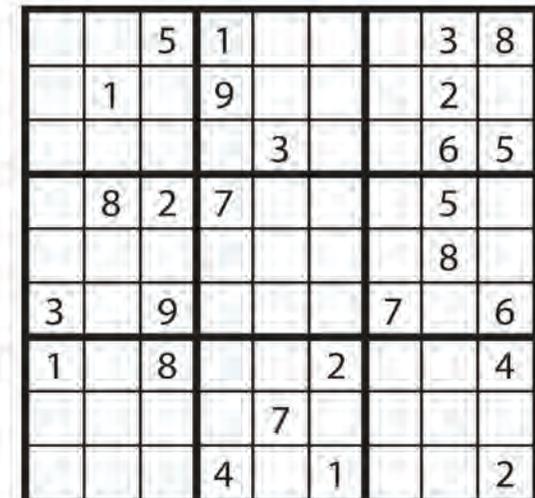
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



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



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## March 1–April 30

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### APRIL 2021 EVENTS

**Garden Glove Kit Giveaway**  
 hosted by Sherman Public Library District  
 4/1/2021 - 4/21/2021

**No Foolin': Chemistry is Fun!**  
 hosted by LLCC  
 4/1/2021 and thereafter

**Book Clubs hosted by Rochester Public Library**  
 4/2/2021, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
 4/19/2021, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Historic Trees of New Salem**  
 hosted by Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site  
 4/3/2021, 10-11:30 a.m.  
 4/28/2021, 10-11:30 a.m.

**The World of Annuals** hosted by Springfield Civic Garden Club  
 4/5/2021, 9-11 a.m.

**Tips for Starting a Pollinator Garden** hosted by University of Illinois Extension  
 4/5/2021, 6-7 p.m.

**Adventure with Birds** hosted by Lincoln Library in partnership with LLCC  
 4/6/2021, 6-7:30 p.m.

**Coal Age Plants of Illinois** hosted by Illinois State Museum  
 4/7/2021, 6-7 p.m.

**Talking Book and Braille Service Book Discussion** hosted by Illinois State Library  
 4/8/2021, 9:30-11 a.m.

**A Walk Through the Sanctuary: A Bird's Eye View of Spring Migration** hosted by Springfield Audubon Society  
 4/8/2021, 5:30-7 p.m.

**Illinois Stories: "Blind Woodturner"** hosted by WSEC TV: PBS Springfield  
 4/8/2021, 7 p.m.  
 4/11/21, 4 p.m.  
 4/12/21, 6:30 p.m.

**Farm to Folk Concert** hosted by Illinois Symphony Orchestra  
 4/9/2021, 7:30 p.m. and  
 4/10/2021, 7 p.m.

**Tour of Carpenter Park: The Difference a Month Makes** hosted by Friends of the Sangamon Valley  
 4/10/2021, 1-3 p.m.

**Natural Materials Collage with Paper and Paint** hosted by Springfield Art Association  
 4/10/2021, 3-5:30 p.m.

**Leaf Printing Coasters** hosted by Springfield Civic Garden Club in partnership with Washington Park  
 4/12/2021, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. or  
 1-3 p.m.

**Book Club** hosted by Sherman Public Library District  
 4/13/21, 6:30 p.m.

**Plant an Illinois Native Tree: Support a Food Chain** hosted by City of Springfield Urban Forestry Commission  
 4/14/2021, 6-7 p.m.

**"Lab Girl" Book Discussion** hosted by Girard Township Library  
 4/15/2021, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**"Lab Girl" Book Talk** hosted by Auburn Public Library District  
 4/16/2021, 5:30-7 p.m.

**Earth Awareness Fair** hosted by City of Springfield  
 4/17/2021

**Author Hope Jahren Keynote** hosted by Academy of Lifelong Learning  
 4/17/2021, 11 a.m.

**Botanical Drawing and Nature Journaling** hosted by Friends of the Sangamon Valley  
 4/17/2021, 3-5 p.m.

**Sangamon River Project** hosted by Springfield Area Arts Council  
 4/18/2021, 1-3 p.m.

**We, the Readers ... Book Club** hosted by Lincoln Library in partnership with Springfield's League of Women Voters  
 4/19/2021, 6:30-8 p.m.

**Virginia Eifert: Springfield Native, Prolific Naturalist** hosted by Sangamon County Historical Society  
 4/20/2021, 10 a.m.

**Guided Nature and Wildflower Hike** hosted by Springfield Civic Garden Club in partnership with Lincoln Memorial Garden  
 4/20/2021, 1:30 p.m.

**Nature Walk With Tony Rothering** hosted by Lincoln Library in partnership with LLCC  
 4/20/2021, 5-7 p.m.

**Evening Book Club** hosted by West Sangamon Public Library  
 4/20/2021, 7-8 p.m.

**Virtual Book Discussion of "Lab Girl"** hosted by LLCC Library  
 4/21/2021, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Poetry in Cyberspace: The SPW Earth Day Open Mic** hosted by Springfield Poets and Writers  
 4/21/2021, 6-8 p.m.

**"Lab Girl" Book Chat** hosted by Central Illinois Reading Council  
 4/21/2021, 7 p.m.

**An Ambassador for and From the Trees: Science Literacy and the Future of Our Fragile Planet** hosted by UIS  
 4/22/2021

**Trees for a Changing Climate** hosted by Starhill Forest Arboretum  
 4/22/2021, 1-3 p.m.

**Struggles for Climate Justice with Dr. Brandon Derman** hosted by Lincoln Library  
 4/22/2021, 6:30-8 p.m.

**"Lab Girl" Earth Day Book Discussion** hosted by Barnes and Noble in Springfield  
 4/22/2021, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Book Discussion** hosted by Petersburg Public Library  
 4/24/2021, 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon

**Sound Scape** hosted by Dominican Sisters Jubilee Farm  
 4/24/2021, 10-11 a.m.

**Tales of Beatrix Potter: A Children's Ballet** hosted by Springfield Youth Ballet Company  
 4/24/2021, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

**Flowers & Faeries** hosted by Springfield Ballet Company  
 4/24/2021, 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.

**Diversity Book Club: "Lab Girl"** hosted by AAUW Diversity Book Club  
 4/26/2021, 7-8:30 p.m.

**Arbor Week Celebration** hosted by City of Springfield Urban Forestry Commission and Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Illinois  
 4/27/2021, 3-4 p.m.

**Bees, Birds, Butterflies & Blooms: How You Can Be a Hero for Pollinators** hosted by Kidzeum  
 4/28/2021, 6:30 p.m.



April 17 | 11 a.m.  
**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
 Hope Jahren | Author of "Lab Girl"