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County bars to close earlier

Sangamon County Board ends 3 a.m. liquor licenses, citing public safety concerns

LIQUOR LICENSES | Dean Olsen

The Sangamon County Board opted not to allow for more public comment and instead voted 21-5 on April 8 to eliminate 3 a.m. liquor licenses for bars in unincorporated areas outside Springfield and other municipalities.

The decision will affect four taverns with 3 a.m. liquor licenses, effective July 1, and will require those establishments, if they choose to renew their licenses this summer, to stop serving alcohol at 1 a.m. There are 18 bars in unincorporated areas currently that have licenses to remain open until 1 a.m.

The city of Springfield has 10 or more bars holding 3 a.m. licenses, and Springfield Ward 9 Ald. Jim Donelan said city officials have talked with county officials about whether the city's 3 a.m. licenses should be eliminated, but no action by the Springfield City Council is imminent.

Neither Springfield Mayor Misty Buscher nor Springfield Police Chief Ken Scarlette could be reached for comment.

Before the County Board's final decision, a proposal to delay a final decision at least a month failed on a vote of 8 to 17. An alternative proposal to make closing time 2 a.m. rather than 3 a.m. failed on a vote of 7 to 19.

The sponsor of the resolution to do away with the county's 3 a.m. liquor license category, Cathy Scaife, told *Illinois Times* that the County Board's liquor committee, which she chairs, studied the issue for months.

She said the committee recommended the action because "through the years, the seriousness" of violent incidents at or near the 3 a.m. bars "has increased" and requires significant time for county sheriff's deputies to keep the peace.

Scaife, a Republican who represents



The Cove, 1616 N. Dirksen Parkway, is one of the four 3 a.m. bars affected by the Sangamon County Board's recent vote. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

District 29 and lives near New Berlin, told the board, "I ask for support for all of our deputies."

However, Jacksonville resident Chad Turner, a part-owner of The Cove, told the board before the vote that he questioned the evidence cited by Scaife and other 3 a.m. license opponents. The Cove, 1616 N. Dirksen Parkway, is one of the four 3 a.m. bars affected.

Turner, a lawyer, said the details cited "do not bear out" the claim that violent incidents are increasing in frequency or severity after 1 a.m.

He said 3 a.m. license holders should

be given time to comment on the data and present their views to the board.

The quick consideration by the full County Board after the Liquor Committee's March 20 vote "is not necessarily good public policy," he said.

Turner said the County Board may be opening itself up to lawsuits. He said the Sangamon County liquor law doesn't allow current 3 a.m. license holders to be stripped of those licenses if the board eliminates the 3 a.m. license category.

Sangamon County State's Attorney John Milhiser, who advises county government officials, disagreed, saying the board's decision was legal.

Turner said "some establishments will close" because of the board action. He wouldn't comment after the meeting.

The five board members who voted against eliminating 3 a.m. licenses were Sam Cahnman, a Springfield Democrat representing District 18; Tim Krell, a Springfield Republican representing District 15; Gina Lathan, a Springfield Democrat representing District 22; Tom Madonia Jr., a rural Rochester Republican representing District 9; and James Schackmann, a Republican from unincorporated Gardner Township representing District 11.

"I think we're making a huge mistake," Madonia said before the vote. "I don't see the huge rush. I personally think we're doing a

disservice to the public."

He, Krell and Schackmann said bar owners shouldn't be punished for the actions of a few patrons.

"We're changing the rules for productive members of society," Schackmann said.

Lathan said she would like to see the issue studied further. "These incidents happen at 1 a.m. also," she said.

Cahnman said he is concerned that people leaving 1 a.m. bars and want to continue to drink would go to impromptu, or "pop-up" parties that can be harder for police to monitor. He proposed the compromise 2 a.m. closing time amendment that failed.

But board member Linda Douglas-Williams, a Springfield Democrat representing District 20, said she worries about the safety of sheriff's deputies who have to respond to late-night incidents at 3 a.m. bars.

Board member Marc Ayers, a Springfield Democrat representing District 12, said he voted for the elimination of 3 a.m. licenses because his constituents were "overwhelmingly supportive of the 1 o'clock license" and because he understands their concerns about public safety.

However, he said he "didn't like the process" because 3 a.m. license holders weren't notified and given a chance to speak to the Liquor Committee before it recommended the change.

Ayers said he is one of the younger board members. "I remember my 20s well," he said. "I had a lot of fun at these 3 o'clock bars, lots of fun, and I didn't get into any trouble at all."

Scaife said her committee "worked very hard" on the issue, and most owners of the 3 a.m. licenses were aware that the committee was considering recommending an end to 3 a.m. licenses.

The board's vote doesn't interfere with the county's ability to grant temporary 3 a.m. liquor licenses for special events, board chairperson Andy Van Meter said.

The board previously allowed bowling alleys in unincorporated areas to hold liquor licenses to serve alcohol until 2 a.m., but there are no such establishments that have those 2 a.m. licenses. The board's vote also does away with the option of 2 a.m. licenses at bowling alleys. □

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Editor's note

Americans should know by now – but many don't – that U.S. Jews differ widely in their political views. A study released last week by Pew Research Center shows that, among U. S. Jews, younger adults express much more negative attitudes toward Israel than older adults do, reflecting attitudes in the broader U.S. public. While nearly all Jewish American adults say the Oct. 7 Hamas attack was unacceptable, Jewish adults under 35 are divided nearly in half over whether Israel's military response has been acceptable or unacceptable. More than half of younger American Jews have been offended by comments on social media about Jews, and about half have stopped talking to someone because of something that person said about the war. The war has taken a huge toll on Israeli Jews and Palestinians. It takes a lesser but significant toll on American Jews, young and old, who report emotions in reaction to the war including sadness, anger, exhaustion and fear. —Fletcher Farrar, editor

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Making downtown Springfield more marketable

Study recommends new hotel, doubling size of BOS Center

TOURISM | Dean Olsen

Doubling the Bank of Springfield Center's size would result in a similar increase in conventions coming to the capital city, and construction of a new 300-bed hotel adjacent to the center would maximize the expanded facility's potential.

Those were two of the major conclusions from a recently completed feasibility study of the potential impact of a newly formed tourism improvement district on downtown Springfield. The district was formed in December by the Sangamon County Board and covers the entire county.

A proposed expansion of the publicly owned BOS Center is estimated to cost \$92.95 million without the hotel. An estimate of cost for the new hotel wasn't immediately available.

The project's cost would be financed in part through an additional tax that guests would pay on hotel rooms in the county on top of regular hotel-motel taxes.

But the company that conducted the study, Conventions, Sports & Leisure International (CSL), suggested that the tax be limited to 2% rather than the state-authorized limit of 5% so Springfield remains competitive with other mid-size communities in Illinois outside Chicago.

The convention center expansion would be built on a 60,000-square-foot parking lot immediately south of the current BOS Center and across East Adams Street, with either a skybridge or ground-level enclosed walkway connecting the two structures.

The Abraham Lincoln Springfield, a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel that offers 310 rooms, and the Wyndham Springfield City Centre Hotel, with 369 rooms, both serve as "headquarters" hotels for events at the BOS Center.

But CSL said both "are considered substandard headquarters hotel properties relative to modern design standards for full-service, convention-quality hotel products."

County Administrator Brian McFadden, who presented an executive summary of the feasibility study to the Sangamon County Board at its April 8 meeting, said the study's results were encouraging to him and other county and city officials who want to see a revival of downtown Springfield, an increase in business at the BOS Center and related economic benefits that would ensue.

"The great news is they think we have a winner if we expand the BOS Center," he said. "But they're saying to maximize that winner,



Looking southwest at the corner of Ninth and Adams streets, a preliminary rendering shows what a proposed expansion of the BOS Center could look like. RENDERING COURTESY OF EVAN LLOYD ARCHITECTS

you have to do the hotel as well. Whether there's the willpower to do something like that in the community is to be determined."

McFadden added, "There's an unmet need for higher-end hotel rooms" for conventions that the city currently is unable to attract.

McFadden said recommendations and options from the study will be considered by a working group that includes representatives from Sangamon County and Springfield governments, local hotels and the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority Board. The property tax-supported SMEAA and its board owns and operates the BOS Center.

County Board chairperson Andy Van Meter, a Springfield Republican, said, "The goodwill and support of this project" from governmental and civic leaders in Sangamon County "has been enormous," though many details and potentially sticky issues associated with the funding need to be resolved.

Van Meter said results of the feasibility study gave him "real hope that this project is doable."

Scott Dahl, director of Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau — a part of city government — has been a longtime advocate for a tourism improvement district. The study "validates that we need an exposition center expansion," he said.

CSL said the "most desirable situation involving a new headquarters hotel" would be the site of the Wyndham. But CSL says it's not

possible to renovate the Wyndham to meet modern design standards.

One option would be to tear down the 30-story, 51-year-old structure and build a new hotel in its place, CSL said. The new hotel ideally would be connected to the expanded BOS Center via a skybridge, the study said.

But it's unknown whether the Wyndham site is a viable option. The Wyndham is owned by Al Rajabi of San Antonio, Texas, and his associates at Tower Capital Group, and Rajabi has been frustrated by his inability to receive zoning approval to renovate the Wyndham into a market-rate apartment complex.

Rajabi has put the hotel up for auction in an online event that concludes April 18, but the auction is structured so he can turn down the highest bidder if the reserve price, known only to him and his associates, is not reached.

However, Springfield officials wouldn't have to deal with the Wyndham at all because there's space on the county-owned parking lot for a new 300-bed hotel next to the potential two-level expansion of the BOS Center, according to CSL.

Another option for building a new hotel would be a 36,000-square-foot parcel immediately southwest of the parking lot, CSL said. That parcel is privately owned and currently is the site of Saputo's restaurant at 800 E. Monroe St., as well as a one-story strip of state offices.

With a maximum recommended 2% surcharge, assistance from the state would

be needed to help finance the bond issue to expand the BOS Center, McFadden said. Economic incentives for investors would be needed for any future public-private partnership to build a new hotel next to the BOS Center expansion, he said.

CSL also suggested local leaders consider instituting an additional tax on restaurant food to help pay for the project. Such a tax couldn't be instituted by the Sangamon County Board, because the county isn't a home-rule government, but it could be put in place in Springfield by the Springfield City Council.

Springfield doesn't have a restaurant tax, but communities that do include Bloomington, which collects 2% additional on restaurant bills, Peoria (2%) and Joliet (1%).

The BOS Center expansion is needed to create bigger and more convenient spaces that can be used only for conventions, the CSL study said. The BOS Center opened in 1979 and was renovated in 2010.

The project would have a \$77 million annual economic impact and create 557 temporary construction jobs, McFadden said. The project would add 232 permanent jobs to the BOS Center's current 175 part-time and full-time jobs, he said.

Supporters of the tourism improvement district had hoped to begin construction on a BOS Center expansion sometime in 2024. McFadden said he doesn't know how the feasibility study results might affect the timeline.

The 40,000 square feet of exhibition space on the first floor Main Hall and 9,100 square feet in the lower-level ballroom "are considered sub-prime spaces in terms of modern convention industry standards," the study said.

Convention planners want higher ceilings, unimpeded lines of sight, stages and large windows that let in light from outdoors, Dahl said.

The ballroom's below-ground location is "somewhat of a detractor to event planners and attendees," the study said.

The current total of 61,300 square feet of "sellable space" for conventions would more than double through the proposed expansion. The new total sellable space would be 126,300 square feet.

"A convention space expansion of the BOS Center would allow the Main Hall to focus primarily on spectator/entertainment/sports events, while the new space will be unfettered by these events," the study said. □

A self-serve farmers market

Greenhouse in Scott County sparks statewide legislation to support local agriculture efforts

AGRICULTURE | David Blanchette

The tiny Scott County community of Riggston, 50 miles west of Springfield, with a mere 18 residents, is drawing national attention for a self-serve operation in a small building that is addressing the issue of rural American food deserts.

“There is not another one like this in the United States,” said Jenny Sauer-Schmidgall, the owner of Grab-N-Grow Greenhouse. “I have farmers in other states and even in Canada that want to have this concept in their town because – I hesitate to say it – there’s nothing bad about it.”

The Grab-N-Grow Greenhouse is a combination of an indoor farmers market and a self-serve grocery store. Local produce growers, livestock producers and bakers bring their fresh goods to the facility and customers select and pay for what they need.

“Selling locally grown items is not a new concept,” Sauer-Schmidgall said. “The way that it’s set up and how it addresses the food desert issue is the new concept.”

It all began in April 2022 when Sauer-Schmidgall started a small, self-serve greenhouse in Scott County. A woman who bought plants from the greenhouse was known for making delicious cookies and scones, so Sauer-Schmidgall asked the woman to bake some of those items for the greenhouse’s grand opening. A display refrigerator was placed in the greenhouse so the icing on the cookies would not melt.

“You wouldn’t think a refrigerator would work in a greenhouse, but it did,” Sauer-Schmidgall said. “Then my husband said, ‘How about trying to sell some of your Black Angus beef from the family farm there?’ It sounded hard at first, but I figured it out. It’s easier to sell beef than a bag of cookies.”

As the operation grew, Sauer-Schmidgall and her husband demolished an old garage on some family-owned property and constructed a new 288-foot-square building that opened in November 2022 as the Grab-N-Grow Greenhouse’s new location.

“While I was building it, I had a chicken farmer, a pork farmer and other producers show up asking if I would sell their products in the greenhouse,” Sauer-Schmidgall said. “It just snowballed from there. All I wanted to do was grow and sell plants; I didn’t ever think I would sell food.”

When her father died unexpectedly during planting season a year ago, Sauer-Schmidgall had to take over more of the duties on the family farm. That made the self-serve aspect of the Grab-N-Grow Greenhouse even more



Jenny Sauer-Schmidgall owns Grab-N-Grow Greenhouse in Scott County. Her business model led Sen. Doris Turner to propose legislation that would allow farmer-owned grocery stores or markets to receive grants for equipment upgrades. PHOTO COURTESY JENNY SAUER-SCHMIDGALL

important, since she doesn’t have to be on site while products are delivered or purchased.

“It provides another revenue stream for the farmer, the producer and people in the community like the cookies and scones lady, who is a stay-at-home mom,” Sauer-Schmidgall said. “Also, the woman who bakes and delivers fresh bread every day, she’s a secretary at Winchester High School.”

The Grab-N-Grow Greenhouse also addressed the lack of fresh food availability in Scott County, a situation that was exacerbated recently when the last grocery store in Winchester closed. The county still has convenience stores, but they don’t offer fresh, nutritious food.

“A food desert doesn’t just mean that there isn’t a grocery store. It also means people aren’t getting the good stuff,” Sauer-Schmidgall said. “I’m not against a bag of chips, but you can’t be healthy eating processed foods and drinking soda every day.”

Several months ago, Sauer-Schmidgall discussed her operation during a casual conversation with her Springfield attorney, who suggested that she make some state elected officials aware of what she was doing. State Sen. Doris Turner, a Springfield Democrat, immediately expressed interest in the Grab-N-Grow Greenhouse and the potential it may hold for other rural areas in Illinois.

Turner cosponsored Senate Bill 3219, which expands the 2023 Illinois Grocery Initiative by allowing the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to provide grants for equipment upgrades for farmer-owned grocery stores or markets like the Grab-N-Grow Greenhouse.

“Everyone deserves access to fresh, nutritious foods, no matter where they live,” Turner said.

“Allowing farmer-owned grocery stores and markets to receive grants would help boost our local economies while uplifting our farmers.”

DCEO currently provides grants to existing independently owned for-profit grocery stores, cooperative grocery stores or nonprofit grocery stores. Turner’s initiative came as a direct response to the success of the Grab-N-Grow Greenhouse, and she invited Sauer-Schmidgall to testify in support of the bill in Springfield.

Senate Bill 3219 has received strong bipartisan support. Two Republicans, along with five other Democrats, have added their names as cosponsors of Turner’s bill.

“By incentivizing the growth and collaboration of local food providers, we’re not just investing in infrastructure, we are investing in a healthier Illinois,” Koehler said. “This program represents a strategic investment in our communities, reinforcing our commitment to a sustainable and thriving future for everyone.”

Sauer-Schmidgall has been taken by surprise with the attention her little Scott County operation has drawn.

“When I started this, I didn’t do it to make money. I actually built it to fail,” Sauer-Schmidgall said. “I built a garage door on the store because if it failed, we would still have a nice garage.”

So how does it feel to be a food desert trailblazer who’s getting such widespread attention?

“It’s weird, flattering, spectacular and kind of shocking,” Sauer-Schmidgall said. “I wish my dad could be here to see this. How it has impacted the community has been surreal.” □

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Lawmakers question Pritzker's plan for new early childhood agency

Cost of consolidating programs remains largely unknown

STATE | Peter Hancock, Capitol News Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker's plan to consolidate the state's early childhood programs into one new cabinet-level agency ran into tough questions during a House budget committee hearing. The plan, which Pritzker first announced in October and which he included in his budget address in February, would consolidate a host of programs and services currently run by three different agencies under one roof.

That would include such things as child care subsidies for low-income families currently housed in the Department of Human Services, preschool block grants administered by the State Board of Education, and the licensing of day care centers, which is currently done by the Department of Children and Family Services.

Pritzker is seeking \$13.1 million in the budget for the upcoming fiscal year to establish a new Department of Early Childhood. But that would only cover some initial startup costs, such as hiring executive staff, buying new computers and software licenses.

It would also include the cost of surveying parents, teachers, service providers and other stakeholders about what they want from a new agency and how they would like to see it operate.

Ann Whalen, the person Pritzker named in October to oversee the transition, told committee members April 2 the administration expects it will be two full years before the new agency will be ready to take over any of the



Ann Whalen, the early childhood transition director for Gov. JB Pritzker, testifies before a House budget committee about a plan to create a new state Department of Early Childhood.

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programs being transferred to it.

"We really do see this as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make the system easier, fairer and more cohesive," she said. "We believe that the budget request reflects the capacity we need to do this work."

Most Democrats on the committee seemed receptive to the idea of putting all early childhood programs under one roof.

"Conceptually, I support this," said Rep. Sue Scherer, D-Decatur. "I can see where early childhood is sort of spread all over the board."

But Scherer said she was concerned about whether the creation of a new agency would result in an overall net increase in

administrative costs for the state and, if so, where that additional money would come from.

"At the end of the day, it all comes out of tax revenue from taxpayers," she said. "So every dollar we spend on this – and I just need everyone to be aware of this – is a dollar we don't have to spend, potentially, on students, and teacher salaries, because it's money that we're spending for administration and location of a new agency, basically."

Whalen said much of the money the new agency would spend will be federal dollars that currently flow to other agencies. On multiple occasions, though, she declined to speculate about what the net cost would be to the state and whether the overall administrative costs – including new office spaces – would be more or less than what the state is spending now.

"I don't want to put out a number that gets in front of the process," she said. "I don't want to say we're going to have this exact org chart, or this exact look at programs and services, because I don't want to jump to conclusions about what parents and providers say they want out of the system."

Republicans on the panel were more skeptical about the proposal.

"Why shouldn't we be extremely concerned that we are statutorily creating an entire government agency when you're telling us right now that we really don't have any idea what it's going to cost?" asked Rep. Blaine Wilhour, of Beecher City, the Republican

spokesperson on the panel. "Wouldn't it be more prudent to go through this two-year study phase and not create an entire government agency that we have no idea what it's going to cost?"

But Whalen said the idea of forming a single agency for early childhood services grew out of years of study and planning in Illinois, as well as the experience of other states.

"We firmly believe that it's important to begin the process of standing up this new agency, because when we have spoken to other states, they have said, 'We tried to do it all at once,' or 'We did not take enough time to listen,' or 'We did not stand up a new agency and have the opportunity to plan before we transition the programs over, and boy do we wish we had done that differently,'" she said.

The committee took no action on the budget request. That will be part of a final spending package that lawmakers will negotiate at the end of the spring session, which is scheduled to last through the month of May. □

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OPINION

LETTERS

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DISINGENUIOUS POSTAL PLAN

The goal of the U.S. Postal Service's 10-year Delivering for America Plan, launched in March 2021 by Postmaster Louis DeJoy, is to "redesign" the USPS processing, transportation and delivery networks; however, it may not be performing as DeJoy advertised.

The March 26 Springfield informational meeting notified us that we were being "considered for future use." It was not well-received. The skepticism and distrust for "modernizing" Springfield in the name of "efficiency and service" was palpable.

A 15-minute presentation of intentional double-speak was given by USPS executive Frank Veal. Straight faced, Veal stated that our local mail (which we found out later also includes Cape Girardeau and other points south) would be transported to a Processing and Distribution Center in St. Louis and then returned to Springfield the next day, a two-day turnaround. It would be a laughable concept, except no one was laughing.

Rather, the plan was seen as a self-enriching mega-plan for DeJoy, appointed with no USPS experience in June 2020. He immediately began dismantling the USPS and setting up PDCs across the country via transport vehicles he just happened to have handy by way of his previous brainchild, New Breed Logistics.

Thirty-one Sorting and Distribution Centers have already opened nationwide and 36 more are planned to open in coming months. That does not bode well for Springfield. At his address to the Postal Service Board of Governors in November, DeJoy stated that 430 facilities were to be reduced to 210.

Forty citizens including proud, exhausted postal workers; current and former elected officials; and average citizens took the microphone, asked questions, expressed their concerns and vocalized a clear, united opposition. No answers were forthcoming nor were addresses clarified to send opposition letters to by April 10.

City and state governments, medical facilities, local businesses and bill-paying citizens hoping to avoid late fees all need efficient mail service. And sending Illinois ballots to Missouri does little for our election integrity.

*Paula Wheeler
Springfield*

PLAN FOR CLEAN ENERGY

At the March 20 community forum,



Ward 5 Ald. Lakeisha Purchase, with microphone, is flanked by City Clerk Frank Lesko, left, Mayor Misty Buscher and members of the Springfield City Council. A March 26 public meeting to discuss the U.S. Postal Service's proposed plan to redirect Springfield's mail to St. Louis for processing drew a crowd of more than 200 people to the Hilton Garden Inn, including city officials. PHOTO COURTESY LAKEISHA PURCHASE

Shaping Springfield's Energy Future, participants were presented with pathways to incorporate sustainable energy into our city. In attendance were representatives of local environmental groups, three city council members and even CWLP representatives.

After seeing the presentations, it's clear that the city of Springfield and CWLP are not taking advantage of the fact that by having our own municipal energy provider we can put our city on course for a clean energy transition. It is well-known our coal plant is slowing down and is only running at 60% capacity. It's no longer cost-effective, it's inefficient and it pours greenhouse gas emissions out on a daily basis, polluting our air, water and land.

And as we have seen elsewhere, coal is only on its way out. Texas-based power provider Vistra is retiring its entire fleet of coal plants in Illinois, including Kincaid

Secret

When we lived in Kent Gillian was a small girl: we had a visit from a distant professor friend who said to Jilly, "Would you like to hear a secret?" She climbed up into his lap, her face glowing with anticipation – who doesn't love a shared secret? He whispered in her ear, "You are a very pretty little girl." Jilly pulled back in surprise and said, "But EVERYONE knows THAT!"

2024 Jacqueline Jackson

Generating Station at Sangchris Lake. The Kincaid plant will fully retire in 2027, and the same thing is happening with coal plants across the country.

I was disappointed to hear from CWLP that a plan for cost-effective energy analysis comparing the various options on energy choices is not being proposed. Most utility companies execute this analysis at least every five years so for Springfield this is long overdue. This analysis would help Springfield to lay the groundwork for future clean energy projects, especially solar and wind.

In addition, the city of Springfield has yet to establish a sustainability plan or commission, which would be employed by the city, independent of CWLP, and provide expert analysis of energy plans. Many other cities have them, such as Naperville and Springfield, Missouri. In the coming year, local environmental groups, along with input from local citizens, will present a plan for sustainability to the City Council.

It is my hope that the City Council, mayor, CWLP and all relevant city officials will take heed of this proposal and begin planning for a clean energy transition for our city's energy future and begin a new cost-effective energy analysis for CWLP. Clean energy is safe, cost-effective, provides jobs and saves residents money on their energy bills. But more importantly, we'll no longer have a coal plant continuously pouring out greenhouse gases in our own backyard.

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OPINION

A new direction for DCFS

New director shares her list of priorities

POLITICS | Rich Miller

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services has been a very big state problem for a very long time. The department now has new leadership under Director Heidi Mueller, whose appointment was met with widespread praise. The former director of the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice was confirmed by the Senate without a single “No” vote last month, minutes before I interviewed her.

During the past year or so, DCFS has taken major heat from the legislature’s bipartisan Joint Committee on Administrative Rules over the department’s regulation of child care centers. At one point, some legislators said that the embattled agency should get out of the child care regulatory business altogether and focus on its core mission.

So I asked Director Mueller what she thought about the idea. “I do think that getting out of the child care licensing business for DCFS helps us focus on our core mission,” Mueller said.

Mueller talked about the idea in the context of “right-sizing” the agency. Her main priority, she said, is “getting in front” of the steadily increasing numbers of calls to the agency’s hotline, the resulting increase in investigations and the increased number of kids in care, which she said is “really unsustainable at some point.” Instead, she said she wants to “focus on prevention” and work with other state agencies “to make sure that no family is coming into or touching the DCFS system just because they need support and services for their child.”

“Most kids,” she said, “want to be with family, they want to be at home.” And she noted that “strong, healthy families” would help “keep kids safe.”

Cook County Public Guardian Charles Golbert has been a ferocious critic of DCFS over the years, but he called a recent meeting with Director Mueller “highly productive.” (Director Mueller said she wants regular meetings with Golbert to make sure their two offices are “finding solutions together.”)

Golbert, however, pointed out that despite all the increases of youth in care, the state’s rate of removing kids from families is “one of the lowest in the country, and has been for the past 10 years or so.” He also warned that when DCFS has in the past tried to decrease the removal rate, “we have often seen many high-profile cases of dead children.”

Kyle Hillman with the National Association of Social Workers’ Illinois chapter has also been a sharp critic of DCFS, but he had a much different take than Golbert.

“The director’s strategy to adjust the

number of children in care, prioritize kinship, overhaul departmental culture and processes and enhance the provision of intact services and community programs, is undeniably the correct policy and structural direction for the department,” Hillman said. Too little public attention is paid to “the thousands of cases where this approach has significantly benefited families and youths in care,” Hillman claimed. Instead, he said, “it’s the tragic incidents, including the loss of lives among children previously involved with DCFS, that tend to dominate headlines.”

The two DCFS critics were unified, however, when it came to Mueller’s discussion of kids who appear to be trapped in “beyond medical necessity” hospitalizations. Numerous stories have been written about children who are in mental hospitals and can’t leave because there’s no place for them to go.

Mueller said 31 children were currently in beyond medical necessity situations, and said that “beyond medical necessity is the term that an insurance provider uses to classify a child when they will no longer pay for services for

that child... It doesn’t always mean that that child doesn’t require further treatment and intensive care.”

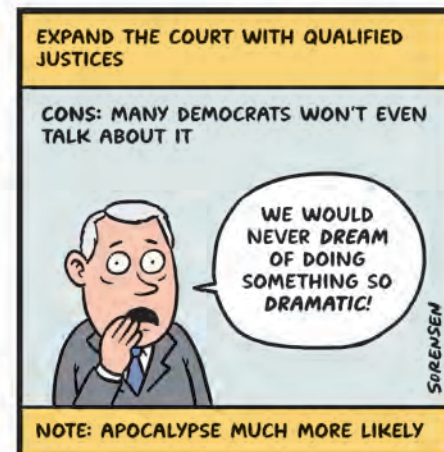
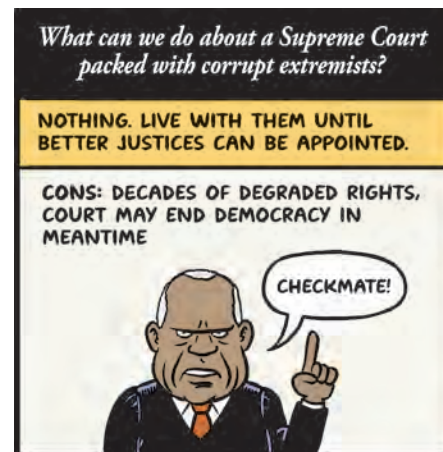
Golbert, the public guardian, said that while beyond medical necessity is indeed an insurance term, Mueller was “mistaken and, frankly, disingenuous” about what it really means.

“If you talk with the doctors and care providers at the hospital,” Golbert said, “they will tell you how horrible this is for the children, how they don’t need to be there, and how unconscionable it is that DCFS doesn’t have anywhere for the children.”

The NASW’s Hillman agreed. “The issue at hand is not about denying necessary care to those who need it; rather, it centers on the grave reality that children deemed ready to transition to less restrictive environments are instead left languishing in hospital settings.”

Even so, Mueller said that finding placements for those children is an “immediate priority of mine.”

At the end of the conversation, I wished Mueller luck, because despite her obvious skills, talents and experience, she’ll likely need it. □



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Ben Hage, director of Innovate Springfield, left, and Rob Kerr, executive director of UIS Innovation Center, will launch the business incubator's Tech X Lab. It will be located at 441 E. Adams, across from Innovate Springfield's current location on the Old State Capitol Plaza. PHOTO BY STEVE HINRICHS

Angels among us

University of Illinois alumni, students and faculty connect to incubate business growth

BUSINESS | Catherine O'Connor



Illini Angels investor Larry Sweat supports startup entrepreneurs by sharing a spirit of community, leadership mentoring and years of his valuable business experience as CEO of Springfield-based Bi-Petro. PHOTO BY CATHERINE O'CONNOR

While working on building a new home in downtown Springfield, University of Illinois Springfield's business incubator is rolling out some new, innovative programs to expand its resources and services, highlighting access to expertise and sources of startup venture capital for entrepreneurs. Innovate Springfield, which currently offers its members support such as office space, business planning, market survey and logo design assistance, will be expanding to an additional three floors in a nearby building at 441 E. Adams St. to launch the Tech X Lab. That space across the street will offer 3D printing maker space, an AI lab, conference areas and classroom space, according to director Ben Hage.

"We needed to get closer to main street itself, so people can see us," Hage said of the annex, located across the street from its current address at 15 Old State Capitol Plaza.

In 2022, the university's board of trustees purchased the three-story, 26,400-square-foot building at 401 E. Washington St. from the Illinois Sheriffs' Association for the UIS Innovation Center. When renovations are completed, the UIS Innovation Center, which provides entrepreneur support and community and professional education programs, will become the new home for Innovate Springfield and the Tech X lab, according to Rob Kerr, executive director of UIS Office of Innovation.

In addition to directing operations of the UIS business incubator and working with the Sangamon CEO program for

area high school students, Hage facilitates entrepreneurship education along with Illinois Ventures, which offers investment capital for early-stage companies focused on physical sciences and life sciences. It helps start and build businesses based on innovations from University of Illinois.

Illini Angels, a program of Illinois Ventures established in 2023, draws talent, ideas, startups and members from all three University of Illinois System campuses. Illini Angels is a powerful cohort of investors – a team that brings decades of experience in investing, innovating, building strong companies, establishing connections and encouraging the highest-impact relationships. Illini Angel investors must meet the Security and Exchange Commission's guidelines for accredited investors and pay annual membership dues.

Paul Magelli, the inaugural director of Illini Angels, is an entrepreneur and a pioneer in big data and analytics. He recently spoke to a group of idea-stage entrepreneurs gathered at Innovate Springfield and said, "When you're starting a business, it often feels like you're trying to cross a desert and climb a mountain."

Magelli's presentation focused on taking educated risks and learning from mistakes. He emphasized that failure should be celebrated because it often leads to success. "Thomas Edison tried about 1,000 light bulbs before he found one that worked. So, 1,000 failures really should be viewed as 1,000 successes," he said.

The Illini Angels investment network targets the needs of

entrepreneurs in the incubation stage, where 10% or less of companies actually get funded. “Angels cover the breach they face to get across that desert,” according to Magelli.

Venture capitalists invest other people’s money and are expected to return more money than they were given to invest. In contrast, the Illini Angels are a group of some 80 Illinois industry leaders and mentors, driven to contribute their own money in the early stages of a company’s development with no hard clock on returns. “Angel funding is what we call ‘patient capital,’ as returns can be unpredictable and very long term,” said Kerr.

Any entrepreneur in the Springfield region who has an idea for a business might start by participating in programs at the UIS Innovate Springfield incubator, which are open to nonmembers as well as members. Periodically, Innovate Springfield will hold workshops and presentations introducing the Illini Angels program to entrepreneurs. After promising startup members are fully prepared with a pitch deck – including a business plan, industry research and a timeline – Magelli will arrange for them to introduce their idea to interested angel investors who may be compatible.

“In the early stages, Angels invest in an entrepreneur founder and their idea, not in an established business,” according to Kerr.

Larry Sweat is CEO of Springfield-based Bi-Petro, a Midwestern leader in the crude oil industry. As an Illini Angel, he mentors entrepreneurs and shares his decades of financial experience when it comes to running and growing a successful company. After graduating from U of I in 1980 with a degree in accounting, Sweat joined Bi-Petro in 1982 as controller, became treasurer in 1989 and was named CEO in 2000. He currently serves on the board of directors.

Sweat has years of experience working alongside blue-collar families trying to make a living in the oil production and refining market, which taught him a great deal about balancing risk. To him, angel investing is a relationship that is more than writing a check. It includes seed funding, much-needed advice and mentorship with an excellent connection built on trust and clear communication. He noted that a good entrepreneur gives regular updates to the investors and must always have a Plan B.

The Illini Angels program provides opportunities for alumni, students, faculty and board members to stay connected to the university community by offering their passion, expertise as mentors and financial support of startup companies affiliated with the U of I network.

“This is almost philanthropic. It puts money back into the economy, with growth of jobs and creative ideas. But it can be high risk,” Sweat said. “It’s not for the faint of heart.” □

Catherine O'Connor earned bachelor's and master's degrees in public history from UIS, and served in the University's General Assembly legislative internship program. Since retiring from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency in 2015, she has enjoyed working among fellow Illini alumni, faculty and students as an open desk member of Innovate Springfield.

Merch madness

How Campus Ink built a business working with student athletes



Fighting Illini guard/forward, Quincy Guerrier, a graduate student who was recruited from Montreal, shows off teammate Coleman Hawkins' custom Urban Champs merchandise before heading to NCAA Elite Eight quarterfinals matchup with University of Connecticut. PHOTO COURTESY CAMPUS INK

Thanks to ingenuity and fortunate timing, Campus Ink has become a sensational example of small business expansion, with the assistance of Illini Angels investment capital. Founder Steven Farag isn't a coach, player or official, but he and his team logged many miles on the road to the Final Four.

When rules changed in 2021, allowing college athletes to profit from their own name, image and likeness (NIL) property, Farag, a young University of Illinois graduate, recognized a fantastic opportunity to grow a family-owned T-shirt shop in Champaign-Urbana into a national merchandising megalith.

Along with pitching his idea to the University of Illinois Illini Angels seed and early investment program, Farag sought assistance from billionaire business tycoon Mark Cuban of “Shark Tank” fame, who replied to a cold-call email and made a deal to provide financial backing, expertise

and national recognition to the enterprise. Farag said having access to Cuban for sage advice and support was key to succeeding in the custom-designed sports merchandise space and opened the door to all college sports from hockey to water polo.

Paul Magelli, the director of Illini Angels, advises startups to choose their investors wisely. “They can become more like family than a spouse, because once you start a relationship with an investor you stay with them, and they often hold you to a higher standard,” he said. “Integrity, transparency and trust are key to getting a ‘yes’ from angel investors, who are required to meet SEC requirements, relying on due diligence and critical review to find the right fit.”

Farag has regular weekly communication with Cuban, who has an ownership stake in the company. The encouraging two-way communications have proven invaluable since college sports NIL and student athlete status issues are now headline news.

Farag piloted the Campus Ink NIL platform with stars like Andre Cabello and produced about \$100,000 in revenue for the Illini basketball team in the 2021-2022 regular season.

“We realized that it was working, and this model, which allows the athletes a larger share of the profits from their NIL and the ability to design their own products and marketing, had not been done anywhere else,” Farag said. “Essentially, with Mark’s investment, we were then able to build out the NIL platform that we started in Illinois for all sports, all athletes, and we took it to other schools around the country.”

Campus Ink sales have now grown into the millions, with corporate offices in Chicago and a 14,000-square-foot plant in Urbana with 75 employees.

“We are providing a way for collegiate athletes to profit from merchandising their NIL at about 50 colleges and universities currently, using our licensed platform, with an additional 90 more on board to launch,” Farag said.

Farag positioned his company to respond to sentiments demanding that college athletes should be able to realize



Forbes senior editor Jabari Young, left, and Steven Farag, right, at Nasdaq Studios in Times Square for the March 11 announcement of Campus Ink raising \$2 million from a group of investors, including Illini Angels. PHOTO COURTESY STEVEN FARAG

fair market value, while navigating the nonprofit cooperatives behind public university sports programs. Farag designed a platform to pay athletes a greater share of profit on merchandise than Nike, Adidas, Under Armour or Fanatics.

Campus Ink also provides state-of-the-art training to students in design, sales and marketing. The sales force involves hundreds of students located on college campuses throughout the United States, according to Farag.

Farag has been traveling the country during the men’s and women’s NCAA basketball championship playoffs to meet with college representatives and introduce hundreds of athletes to the program that can benefit them and their teams’ bottom line.

“We do not have Caitlin Clark, but anywhere between 200 and 300 new athletes around the country are going live on our platform per week,” Farag said.

– Catherine O'Connor

Springfield native wants to redesign global supply chain logistics

Matt Salefski, an entrepreneur who grew up in the Springfield area, recently launched Rectangle, a freight cargo logistics communications company. He reached out to Illini Angels as part of his quest for early-stage venture capital.

“When you look around your home, or at store shelves, probably everything you see moved through a global supply chain at one point. It takes a series of miracles for that to happen,” Salefski said.

After graduating from University of Illinois in 2006, Salefski spent a few years working at mutual fund investment company NuVeen in Chicago, eventually moving to Ann Arbor to obtain an MBA from University of Michigan. From there, it was on to Seattle, working closely with tech engineering teams in the Kindle division at Amazon.

“I felt like I did my tour of duty there, because it’s a very hard place to work,” said Salefski. “When I started at Amazon, they said, ‘We know you’ve been to business school, but you need to forget everything you learned there.’ That helped me think about the world in a different way.”

After Amazon, Salefski was on to New York City where he joined a startup called Betterment in its very early stages, a time he characterizes as crazy. “You’re just making it up along the way,” he said.

“When I entered my logistics phase and moved to a different startup – also based in New York City – and began to focus on over-the-road trucking, that’s when I realized how chaotic everything is,” he said.

Salefski said that better coordination is what’s needed for effective cargo movement



Matt Salefski, founder of the freight communications and logistics company Rectangle, prepares his pitch deck presentation at Innovate Springfield’s business incubator. PHOTO COURTESY MATT SALEFSKI

around the world, whether it’s by road transit, air freight or ocean shipping, which requires dealing with customs, export rules and legal regulations, plus different languages, time zones and cultures. “Globally, logistics has become difficult, like third order of magnitude more challenging,” Salefski said.

His experience led to the development of Rectangle, a platform to optimize and streamline communication in the freight transport space, where things can go wrong constantly, such as weather, equipment failure

or other unforeseen events. Destruction of a bridge in Baltimore, piracy on the Suez Canal or drought on the Mississippi River can wreak havoc. According to Salefski, the logistical operations processes and documentation systems currently in use are essentially built on clunky technology and often use trade rules invented a millennium ago.

Finding success as an entrepreneur has involved trial and error and seeking seed capital. When making presentations to venture capital firms and recently, pitching to Illini Angels,

his basic message is that Rectangle’s global platform can meet the current needs of the freight industry by integrating communications and email systems that often don’t align but continue to be used, largely out of habit.

A former Google designer and engineer recently joined with Salefski to help build and commercialize the platform. This month, Salefski is heading to an Intermodal Association of Chicago event to build relationships and then meeting with potential customers in Olive Branch, Mississippi, then going to California in May to attend an annual retreat for CEOs in Napa Valley.

“We have found that meeting face-to-face – meeting people where they are – is vital in the world of supply-chain logistics,” he said.

Salefski said it’s also important to talk with investors about the benefits of taking risks.

“We’re lucky to have a lead investor who believes in us, a market of potential future customers and the benefit of Illini Angels’ mentoring and expertise,” he said. Salefski noted that all the investor agreements he signs are the same, “whether it’s someone giving me \$1,000 or \$1 million.”

After working in New York and on the west coast, Salefski has become tuned in to the importance of understanding the culture.

“Looking at the skyline in Chicago, it is the freight hub of the country. But when I’m there, I look up at the Sears Tower, the Tribune Tower, the Hancock building; iconic structures built by people who developed amazing companies in the Midwest. It’s a huge risk, but I’d love to find a way to reignite that kind of spirit right here in the center of the global freight world.”

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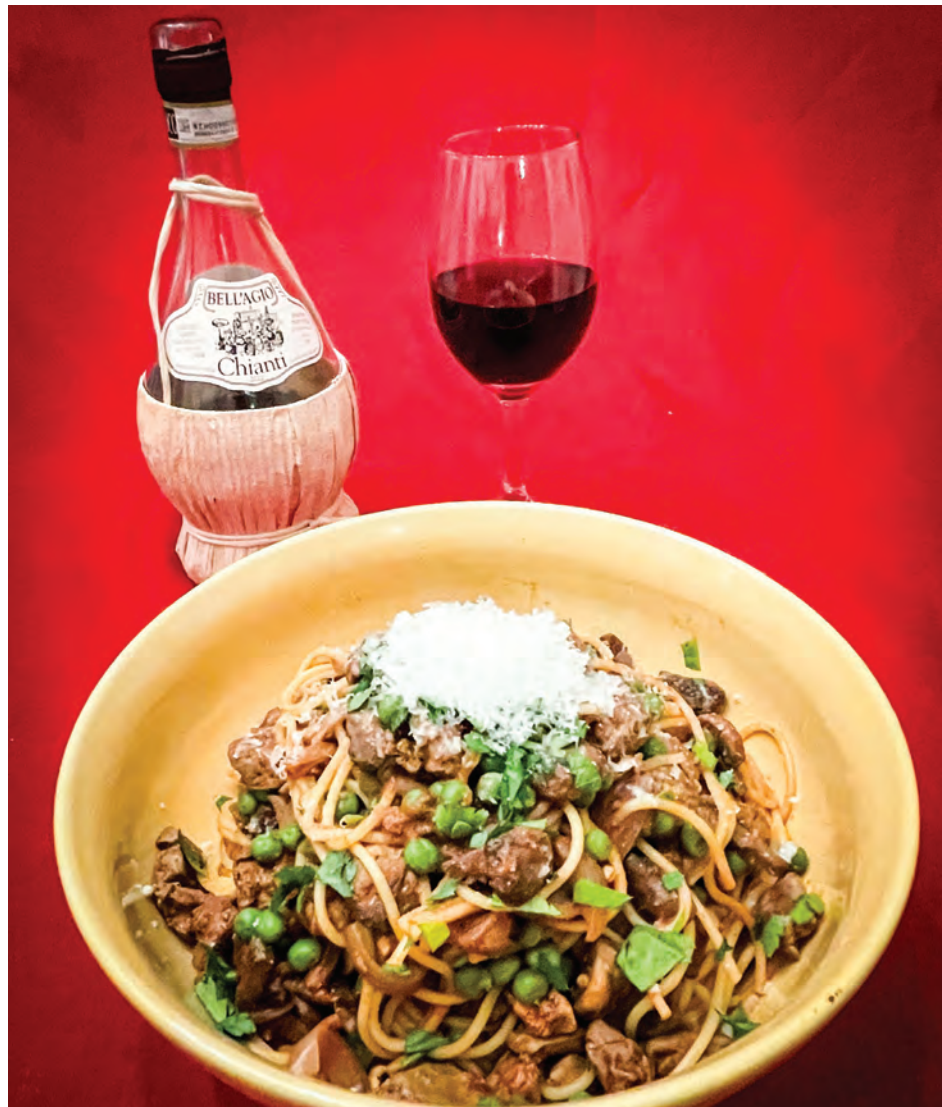
Food memories have the power to transport you back in time and trigger strong emotions. When an old favorite restaurant closes, it can make you sad. It can feel like a part of your history has been erased. These establishments often hold a special place in our hearts, reminding us of happy moments, people and places. Trying to re-create favorite dishes in your own kitchen offers an opportunity to relive cherished memories and reconnect with the past.

Many years ago, I boldly but rather naively decided to go winter camping at Starved Rock State Park to see the frozen waterfalls. On a February weekend, armed with a three-season tent, candle lantern for heat, down sleeping bag and bag full of groceries, I optimistically embarked on this great adventure. Unfortunately, that weekend turned uncharacteristically warm, and though I still got to see the spectacular frozen waterfalls, the trails had turned into slippery mud, and I returned to my campsite with cold, wet feet. As the cloudy sky turned to darkness, it started to sleet and the romance of cooking over an open fire left me.

Remembering an old-looking restaurant I passed in Oglesby on my way into the park, I decided to abandon my original dinner plan and head back to Garzanelli's Supper Club for warmth and sustenance. Walking in, I was greeted by the comforting aromas of garlic cooking in olive oil and the music of Dean Martin. I walked past the crowded bar into the large dining room filled with families spanning three generations. I ordered an Old Fashioned cocktail and perused the menu. It had all of the expected Italian-American offerings: veal parmigiana, chicken piccata, lasagna, sausage and peppers, stuffed shells and an option I had never seen before: spaghetti with chicken livers. Perhaps it was finally being warm or it might have been the cocktail kicking in, but that simple plate of pasta topped with marinara and chicken livers ranks as one of my strongest food memories.

On my way to Wisconsin recently, I stopped at Garzanelli's, hoping to order spaghetti with chicken livers. Sadly, the restaurant was under new ownership and the menu resembled Olive Garden's, offering only the typical selections. I was crestfallen.

Every few weeks, I roast a chicken. After a nice Sunday dinner, I'll have some leftover chicken for the next week. I pick off most of the meat and put the carcass into a Crockpot with vegetable trimmings I've saved up and make chicken stock. That leaves me the giblets. I used to cook them for my dog Toulouse, but



Spaghetti Caruso. PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ.

he died a few months ago and giblets have been accumulating in a bag in my freezer ever since.

Being retired and living on Social Security, there comes a time each month when I'm between checks and I have to go on a scavenger hunt through my pantry and freezer to find something to cook for dinner so I don't have to go to the store. I spotted the zip-close bag of chicken livers and flashed back to the chicken livers I had that cold winter evening at Garzanelli's. I googled "spaghetti and chicken livers" and up popped "spaghetti Caruso."

The famed Italian tenor Enrico Caruso is considered one of the greatest opera singers of all time.

He spent 18 years of his 25-year career in

New York City, where he graced the stage of New York City's Metropolitan Opera House for 863 performances. Besides being a supremely gifted opera singer, Caruso was what in modern times would be considered a "foodie." He helped more than a dozen chefs from his hometown of Naples obtain citizenship and open restaurants in Brooklyn, and he often cooked with them. He was especially fond of chicken livers and one of his favorite Italian dishes – pasta con fegatini di pollo, cipolle e funghi (pasta with chicken livers, onions and mushrooms) – became known as spaghetti Caruso.

Caruso allowed his name to be used by a chain of restaurants in New York and New

Jersey called Caruso Spaghetti Place. Their recipe for spaghetti Caruso appeared in the 1939 cookbook *Where To Dine in Thirty-Nine* by Diane Ashley. By the 1950s, spaghetti Caruso was served at many Italian-American restaurants across the U.S.

Spaghetti Caruso

Serves 4-6

This is a great way to use the chicken livers saved up from whole chickens. This recipe comes together very quickly, so it's good for a weeknight.

Ingredients:

8 ounces of chicken livers
4 tablespoons olive oil
2 medium onions, sliced
1 pound mushrooms, quartered (button, crimini, shiitake, oyster or a combination)
2 teaspoons kosher salt, plus more for the pasta water
1 tablespoon crushed red pepper flakes
2 cups tomato passata (or run canned whole tomatoes through a food mill or purée in a blender)
2 cups frozen peas
1 pound spaghetti
¼ cup chopped Italian parsley
2 cups freshly grated parmesan

Preparation:

Pick over the livers, trimming away dark spots and fibers. Chop into ½-inch pieces. Set aside in a mixing bowl lined with a sieve to drain.

Bring a large amount of heavily salted water to a boil to cook the spaghetti.

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, add the olive oil. When hot, add the onions and 1 teaspoon of salt. When the onions are translucent, add the mushrooms. Cover, and cook until the mushrooms release their liquid, about five minutes. Uncover and increase the heat until the mushrooms start to brown.

Add the chicken livers and season with one teaspoon of salt and the red pepper flakes. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the livers are browned, about 3 minutes. Add the tomatoes, bring to a simmer, and add the peas. Cook until the peas are tender.

Meanwhile, drop the pasta into the boiling water, and cook until al dente. Using tongs, transfer the pasta to the simmering sauce. Add a little of the pasta water and toss to coat. Remove the skillet from the heat, transfer to a serving bowl, top with the grated cheese and parsley, and serve. □

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Contractor Glenn Beechy, left, and Laura Pickrell review plans for renovations of the round barn.

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The round barn, located off Interstate 55 near Glenarm, was built in 1912. This is how it looked in January 2023 when renovation work began, which is now nearing completion.

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Saving a historic round barn

HISTORY | Cinda Ackerman Klickna

There's the old joke about a man who dies running around a round barn trying to find a corner to exit. But it isn't a joke as to what is happening to a round barn located along Interstate 55 near Glenarm. The 60-foot diameter barn with a center silo is being restored by the family that has farmed the land around it since the 1830s. In fact, the area was known as Round Barn Farms.

Joe Frazee grew up on the farm; it was his great-great grandmother, Laura Weber, who had the barn built in 1912. Along with Frazee, his brother-in-law, Joe Pickrell, and Pickrell's son, Ben, all farm the area. Frazee said, "While I lived here growing up, we raised hogs until about 20 years ago. We had another barn that blew down in a storm. The family decided that the round barn was worthy of saving."

Joe Pickrell added, "This obviously isn't cheap, but can you put a price on history?"

We just knew it was the right thing to do."

The family sought out Glenn Beechy, owner of Beechy Siding and Overhang, based in Sullivan. Beechy has done extensive work on old buildings in Shelbyville and around central Illinois.

"I only look at roofs when I look at buildings," said Beechy. "When I saw the round barn, it was intriguing. I have an appreciation for authentic, old structures. Too much of society is fake and disposable. This is history."

The work started in January 2023 with a major cleaning of the barn that was filled with straw, lumber and other farm items. Birds and rodents had built nests. The men found boards stamped with Laura Weber's name in many places inside the structure.

The barn has windows along the foundation. These were used as a light source when cows were milked. Inside,

stalls ring the barn with troughs for feed. A central round structure served as a silo with access to the large hayloft. The hayloft area had to be stabilized by reframing the interior of the roof.

Beechy started the roofing work in September, measuring for a metal roof to replace the wood shake roof. "I have lost sleep over this project," Beechy said. "There is a lot of strategy to doing this."

The strategy involved measuring each panel exactly; more than 120 panels circle the roof, and each is made into three sections using 26-gauge metal. Beechy explained the process: "If one panel is even a half-inch off, it has to be taken back to the shop to redo. Otherwise, nothing will line up correctly." That is not easy, and at one point, 30 panels had to be returned to the shop in Mattoon where the panels are cut.

Making the work even harder, a bend at the bottom of each panel had to be added, which required a special crimper. The top of the roof forms a point, again requiring precise measurements.

The family hopes to use the barn for agricultural production and perhaps have a farm stand. "We aren't yet sure how we will use the barn," said Frazee. "Our main point is to preserve it. We believe history is important, and saving this structure is one way to keep history alive."

The next time you drive south on I-55 from Springfield, look to the west just past the Glenarm exit. The barn stands close to the highway as a symbol of past generations as well as those living and working the land who embrace the importance of history. □

Cinda Ackerman Klickna is a freelance writer who loves to explore history in our area.



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March 25 YMCA 150th anniversary celebration at its founding place, First Presbyterian Church. The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, along with local city and state officials and Springfield YMCA leaders, cut a ribbon ushering in the next 150 years of the YMCA. PHOTO BY JEREMIE BAILEY, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

Springfield YMCA celebrates 150 years

Leaders: “It’s more than a place. It’s a purpose.”

HISTORY | Karen Ackerman Witter

On March 25, YMCA officials, local dignitaries and Springfield citizens gathered in the First Presbyterian Church sanctuary at Seventh and Capitol streets to celebrate 150 years of the YMCA serving Springfield. In the same building on that same date in 1874, a group of young men met to discuss forming a YMCA in Springfield.

Federal, state and local elected officials provided testimonials to the impact of the Springfield YMCA. Mayor Misty Buscher read a proclamation declaring March 25 “YMCA Day.” Others shared their YMCA experiences. Pastor Susan Phillips welcomed everyone, highlighting First Presbyterian Church’s long association with the YMCA. In the early 1900s the YMCA bought land from the church for a new building, and 50 years later sold the property back to the church.

“For 150 years the YMCA has been more than a place. It’s a purpose,” said Angie Sowle, CEO of the Springfield YMCA. That purpose is to strengthen the community by giving everyone the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive. Sowle says the Y is more than a health center. It’s a place for people “to be, become and belong.” There is something for everyone, from youth sports to opportunities for senior citizens. For many it was the first place they learned to swim and the first job they had as a teenager.

Sowle grew up in Keokuk, Iowa, where sports and the Y were part of her life. However, it was an internship with a YMCA summer camp for low-income children where

she saw the Y’s true impact. That experience had a profound impact. After college she came to work at the Springfield YMCA and never left.

Memorial Health is a significant partner, contributing to both the Kerasotes YMCA and the new downtown YMCA. Ed Curtis, CEO of Memorial Health, cites the significance of the Y’s mission, programs and people touched by the Y. He, too, has a personal connection. His first job was working at the YMCA front desk in 1969 at the age of 16, where he saw the diverse population of people served.

The Springfield YMCA has been a leader and innovator in fitness, youth sports, child care and healthy activities for all ages. It developed sports for young men in the late 1880s, beginning with baseball. By 1900 there were basketball leagues. The YMCA brought youth soccer to Springfield in 1967. Today every youth, high school and college soccer program in central Illinois can trace its origins to the Springfield YMCA. In the early

1970s the YMCA established before-school and after-school care for low-income families. The Springfield YMCA allowed women to be full members in 1974, two years before the national organization took that step.

The Springfield YMCA now serves men and women, boys and girls of all ages, religions and economic backgrounds through programs focused on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. There are 20,000 area members. Last year the YMCA provided over \$600,000 in financial assistance to ensure no one is turned away. Through its Strong Kids Fund, the YMCA provides summer camp, sports and after-school programs for over 1,400 at-risk and underserved children.

“The legacy of the Y is the story of the people,” said Sowle. “The best is yet to come.”

Karen Ackerman Witter met her husband, Randy, at an early morning exercise class at the YMCA in 1978.

Additional 150th anniversary events

Look for details on social media and at springfieldymca.org.

- Birthday Plaza Party following the Y Ninja Obstacle Course Run – Noon, Sat., June 8, Kerasotes Y,
- Night-time Glow Run 5K Fun Run – Sat., Aug. 3, Kerasotes Y
- 150th anniversary gala – Sat., Nov. 2,
- North Pole Holiday party – December, and
- Collection of items from the 150th anniversary for a time capsule to be opened on the 200th anniversary in 2074.



Y.M.C.A. Building and First Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Ill.

This YMCA building was built in 1908 on land purchased from First Presbyterian Church, next door at Seventh and Capitol. After a new Y was built at Fourth and Cook in 1962, this building was demolished and the land sold back to the church.

History of the Young Men's Christian Association and Springfield YMCA

The Young Men's Christian Association was founded in London in 1844 as a refuge for young men. The first U.S. YMCA opened in Boston in 1851. A group of young men met on March 25, 1874, at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Capitol Streets, to discuss forming a Springfield YMCA. The impetus was to provide reading rooms and meeting space for young men as an alternative to saloons. They met in the basement under the sanctuary in the same building that exists today.

The Springfield YMCA operated in various meeting halls and churches until constructing its first building at Fifth and Capitol Streets in 1885. The YMCA purchased property from First Presbyterian Church and in 1908 constructed a building on the site that is now the church's education/community center. That facility had the first indoor filtered swimming pool in Springfield. In the 1930s and 1940s there was a teen nightclub in the basement.

The YMCA sold the property back to First Presbyterian Church and moved to a new building on 4th and Cook Streets in 1962. The 1908 building was demolished, and First Presbyterian Church built its education center on the base of the old Y. The outline of the pool is still evident in the sub-basement.

To better serve the community, a second YMCA was constructed on the west side of Springfield with state-of-the-art pools, fitness areas and child care facilities. The \$18 million Kerasotes YMCA opened in 2011. The 1962 downtown YMCA served the community for more than a half-century, and a more modern facility was desperately needed. In 2020, the new \$33 million YMCA opened in the heart of the medical district. The building at Fourth and Cook streets was demolished, and the land was given to the State of Illinois.

The Springfield YMCA remains devoted to the core principles of building strong bodies, minds and spirits. In 1891 Dr. Luther Gulick created a new emblem for the YMCA – an equilateral triangle with the three sides representing spirit, mind and body. Gulick was a medical doctor and leader in physical education who contributed to the invention of basketball. He melded his strong spiritual beliefs with teaching physical activity. Engineers and architects recognize the exceptional strength and stability of triangles. While the YMCA logo has been updated over the years, the triangle remains part of the emblem, representing the resilient foundation of building strong minds, bodies and spirits.

– Karen Witter

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Life in Idle takes it easy at Buzz Bomb Brewing Company on Friday night.

Mid-April music shines

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

As we wander into the second full weekend of April, post-eclipse fever is overshadowed by an array of activities, all blessed with above-average temperatures and sunshine galore. And may I say (because it will be May soon), that comes just in time for more music outdoors wherever the place may be.

It's the second Thursday of the month and that means it's time for Thursday Night Live at Motorheads to shine on. The showcase series celebrates another year passing from when Kevin Roberts had the wild idea of presenting local talent in public similar to his home concerts he had been hosting with fellow musicians. Now, a couple years and much music-making later, TNL is still going strong. This month's guests include Jim McCann, Chris Noonan, Jackson Kirkland, The Pepper Sprouts (Trish Giacomini and Mandy Rose), Stefan Huffman Band (Stefan Huffman, Dan Grover, Tim Holt and Ian McDonald) and New City Road (Aley Alvey, Ian and Scott Mundstock, Harry Lounsberry and Ryan King) along with a few surprises, as always. Congratulations on the successful event and continuing what Kevin originally described as "organized chaos" for years to come.

Friday brings a bright and shiny selection of shows to attend if you're willing to take part in the profound performances available for your perusal. Friday Night Jazz & Blues at Boone's blooms with The Jaybirds from Champaign doing expected jazz and blues standards but with a "dash of pop, played with heart and soul" per their Facebook page description. Buzz Bomb beams out a free show hosted in an extremely rocking fashion by Life in Idle with specially invited guests Mild Cartoon Violence, Escape Room and Misery Garden. Take a drive to Petersburg for a visit upstairs at Broadgauge to catch a

bright night of tasteful blues with Brandon Elliott and Devin Williams. These two young bluesmen bring a respect for old-timey, fingerpicking blues and each reaches down deep into the blues basket for different genres for a night of complimentary styles and tastes. The Kitchens, as in the father and daughter duo of Al and Kathy, positively radiate at VFW Post 755, continuing their lifelong collaboration of performing country and pop music. They combine Kathy's emotive voice and Al's mighty fine singing and guitar playing. Keep on keepin' on, Kitchens.

Saturday brilliantly reflects more of our well-represented music scene with several of the usual suspects playing around town. Start your day with a flash when the Springfield Uketopians light up Stella Coffee and Tea at noon. The Blue Grouch hosts its first Adult Prom with Roxschool (Who else do you want for a prom night concert?) teaching us how it's all done. Dress appropriately and expect the king and queen to be crowned about 10 p.m. Lick Creek keeps the warm waters flowing at the Curve Inn while Brushville shimmers at Motorheads and Mississippi Leghound glows at Casey's Pub. Positively 4th Street gleams at Mowie's Cue for a Spring Bash party with guests Silhouette and Robber Baron while The Red Ribbon Revue glistens at Harvest Market and Jay Larson Band dazzles at George Rank's. And that's just a flicker of what's going on.

Sunday funday is coming in hot (it is "sun" day) with all kinds of music in all kinds of places. And with a high of 80 forecasted, you better believe a bunch of those gigs will be outside in the glorious sunshine with folks soaking in the free Vitamin D.

Let's end now and get ready to sparkle. Please check our listings for all of the other happenings happening out there. □

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Thursday Apr 11

Manny Lee
Casa Real Cantina and Grill,
6-9pm

Jason McKenzie
Columbian Grand Hall Knights of
Columbus 364, 5-8pm

Grounded
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

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

Open mic with Bob Besser
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur,
6pm

Solista Mariachi Gabriel
El Arriero Mexican Restaurant,
6-8pm

Karaoke
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm.

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

Open mic
The Railyard, 4-6pm

Thursday Night Live
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar &
Grill, Museum & Entertainment
Complex, 6-9pm

Open mic with Silas Tockey
Spirited Republic/Limerick
Brewing Company, Lincoln,
7-10pm

Kortney and friends open mic
The Blue Grouch, 7-11pm

Friday Apr 12

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

The Cadillac Three
Boondocks, 8pm

**Friday Night Jazz & Blues - The
Jaybirds**
Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

**Brandon Elliot and Devin
Williams**
Broadgauge, Petersburg, 7:30-
9:45pm

**Life in Idle, Mild Cartoon
Violence, Escape Room,
Misery Garden**
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co.,
6-10pm

Matt Eck
Crowne Plaza Springfield, 6:30-
10pm

X-Krush
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**Unforgettable Fire with The
Rowdy Jones Band**
Danenberger Family Vineyards,
New Berlin, 8pm

Cactus Ranch
George Rank's, 7-10pm

Silas Tockey
Harvest Market Farmhouse
Brews, 6-9pm

John Drake
Hy-Vee Wahlburgers, 5:30-
7:30pm

Rod Grant
Jamie's Route 66, Southern View,
6-9pm

Hippies of the Heartland
KJB's Pint Haus, Jacksonville,
8-11pm

Ricarda Rosalina
La Fiesta Grande, 6-9pm

Heartache Tonight
Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur,
7pm

The Collective
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6-10pm

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

Molly Seaton
The Other Bar, Morrisonville,
8-11pm

Debbie Ferguson
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 5-7pm

Off the Wall
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar &
Grill, Museum & Entertainment
Complex, 8pm

Andrew Bell
Springfield Beer Company,
Jacksonville, 6pm

Stuart Smith
The Wakery, 7-10pm

The Kitchens
VFW Post #755, 7-10pm

Saturday Apr 13

Karaoke by DJ MK
1st and 3rd Boutique and Wine
Bar, Petersburg, 7-10pm

Stereo Typical
AMVETS Post 100, Jacksonville,
8:30-11:30pm

The Ex-Bombers
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co.,
7-10pm

The Greg Bickers Trio
Coghlan's Hideout LLC, Bulpitt,
3-6pm

it The 4 County Band
Coghlan's Hideout LLC,
Bulpitt, 8pm-12am

The Remedy
The Crowbar, Decatur,
8pm

Lick Creek
Curve Inn, 6pm

SHADY - A tribute to Eminem
Danenberger Family Vineyards,
New Berlin, 8pm

Beige Desperadoes
Docs Just Off 66, Girard, 5pm

Trio DeGroove
Don's Place, Jacksonville,
8pm

Joe Frew
East Side Inc., Virginia,
8-11pm

Jay Larson Band
George Rank's, 8pm

Jim Hollis
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur,
7-10pm

Deja Voodoo
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

The Red Ribbon Revue
Harvest Market, 6-9pm

Mississippi Leghound
Knights of Columbus
Casey's Pub, 6-10pm

**Decade of Decadence,
Josh Holland Band**
Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur,
7pm

**Positively 4th Street,
Silhouette, Robber Baron**
Mowie's Cue, 6-10pm

Renegade Karaoke
Northern Lights Lounge,
8:30pm-12:30am

Timo Arthur
Pizza Records, Jacksonville,
6:30-10pm

Brushville
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar &
Grill, Museum & Entertainment
Complex, 8pm

Pizzazz
Sliderz Bar & Grill, Decatur,
4-7pm

Springfield Uketopians
Stella Coffee & Tea, 12-2pm

Roxschool
The Blue Grouch,
6:30-10:30pm

DreamCatchers
Twisted Fork, 11am-2pm

Jonny Vodka
VFW Post 99, Decatur, 7-10pm

Stone Cold Cowboys
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7pm

Sunday Apr 14

John Drake
Ad Astra Wine Bar and Market,
2-5pm

Roger Whitsell
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

Eric Vaughn Hagen
The Crowbar, Decatur, 1pm

it Rod Grant
Danenberger Family
Vineyards, New Berlin,
2-5pm

Julie Jules & Co.
Harvest Market Coffee Bar,
10am-1pm

The Tangents
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford,
2-5pm

Kortney Leatherwood
Lucky's on the Square,
Petersburg, 3-6pm

Studebaker John
Pop's Place, Decatur,
3-6pm

Tom Irwin
Trails End, Curran,
3-6pm

Monday Apr 15

Kurt Allen Band
The Alamo, 7pm

Al Kitchen
Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta,
6-9pm

Tuesday Apr 16

John Drake
El Arriero Mexican Restaurant,
6-8pm

**Open jam with
Silas Tockey**
George Rank's, 7-10pm

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

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

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

Open mic with Tom Beverly
Wings Etc, 6:30-8:30pm

Wednesday Apr 17

**Open mic with Joel Honey
and Silas Tockey**
Boone's, 7-10pm

After School Special
Coz's Pizza and Pub, 7:30pm

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke
Crows Mill Pub, 8pm-12am

Open mic with Bruce Baise
Trails End Saloon, Curran,
7-10pm

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HISTORY | Saturday's guided tours are the last scheduled

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■ Dance

Friday Night Open Dancing

Fridays, 7-10pm. An evening of open dancing to a mix of music by the DJ. You can also bring your own music. Two step, West Coast Swing, East Coast Swing, cha-cha-cha, line dancing, ballroom styles, flow dancing. prairielanddanceclub.com. \$5. Prairie Land Dance Club, Illiopolis, 650 Matilda St., 217-413-8646.

■ Art & Architecture

"Art Mimics Nature"

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-5pm. Through May 23. See a collection of mixed media paintings mostly on wood by Missy Block in the Underground Gallery, which is the Collective's newest exhibition space. springfieldart.org. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

"Pathways" opening reception

Fri., April 12, 5:30-7:30pm. Experience the captivating beauty of blown glass artworks by Mario Clarke and oil paintings by Rick Taylor. Refreshments will be provided. Artist talk at 6pm. Exhibit runs from 11am to 5pm Thursday through Saturday through May 23. springfieldart.org. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

Acrylic Art Class

Fri., April 12, 10am-12pm. Featuring artist Lonnie Cain, Call to register. centralillinois.org. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

Group Art Therapy

Saturdays, 10:30am. Through May 4. Join artists Teri Zee and Janet Sgro as they teach how to use the expressive power of art as a therapeutic tool to benefit healing and well-being. Call for more information. www.RxArtTherapy.com. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 217-899-9786.

Illinois Governor's Mansion Art Tours

Through April 14, 3pm. Tour includes the "Commanding Presence: 100 Years of Women Artists" exhibit from the Illinois State Museum's collection. The tour is free, but requires an advance reservation through eventbrite.com. Illinois Governor's Mansion, 410 E. Jackson St., 217-782-6450.

■ Film & Television

Movie Night

Fri., April 12, 6-9pm. View the newest adaptation of the iconic screenplay, stage musical and

book that resulted in Alice Walker being the first Black woman to win a Pulitzer Prize for fiction. Call for more info. Free. Phoenix Center: Out On Second, 120 E. Scarritt St., 217-503-4101.

■ History

Kim Sigafus - Award-winning Ojibwa author

Sat., April 13, 11am-12pm. Sigafus will present "Singing Bird and the Importance of Native American Women in Illinois History." Dressed in native regalia, she will focus on women such as Singing Bird (Blackhawk's wife) and Hononegah, their daily lives, courting, marriage and child-rearing, and how those lives affected Illinois' history. Free. Chatham Area Public Library, Chatham, 600 E. Spruce St., 217-483-2713.

Let's Be Frank - Perfectly Frank

Sat., April 13, 6-9pm. Storyteller Timothy Totten will weave a tale of love, loss and the emperor of Japan as he recounts the triumphs and tragedies of architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Event includes three-course meal, wine and program. Reservations requested by April 1. dana-thomas.org. \$100. The Inn at 835, 835 S. Second St., 217-788-9452.

Mr. Lincoln's Hometown Civil War Round Table

Every third Thursday, 6:30-7:30pm. Through May 17. Features presentation focused on a different aspect of Abraham Lincoln and/or the generation that endured the Civil War. See the Facebook page for more info. Free. Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 745 Woodside Road, 217-801-2698.

Sangamon County Historical Society program

Tue., April 16, 5:30pm. Ken Page will share the history of historic Black Firehouse No. 5 and discuss the work that has been done to restore the building and acquire old log books and photos. Includes tour of the site, which was built in 1902-03. Open to the public. sangamonhistory.org. Free. Historic Engine House 5, 1310 E. Adams St., 217-525-1961.

Small Beginnings

Fri., April 12 and Tue., April 16, 1:30pm. This one-act play tells the remarkable story of Robert Smalls, a man who led an enslaved entourage to freedom by way a bold riverboat escape plan through Confederate waters in 1862. Starring Reggie Guyton with Randy Erwin providing live music. Museum admission. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

■ Special Music Events

The Art of Jazz

Thu., April 11, 7-9pm. The Art of Jazz for April features two acts. The UIS Jazz Band leads off from 7-8pm followed by Jose Gobbo and Brazilian saxophonist Raphael Ferreira from 8-9pm. thepharmacygallery.com. \$10 donation at the door. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 217-622-7903.

Capital Area Concert Band

Tue., April 16, 7-8pm. Celebrating its 50th anniversary of sharing the joy of live music with the community, the band will perform well-known standards and newer compositions. Free. Springfield First United Methodist Church, 2941 S. Koke Mill Road, 217-971-5008.

Lush and Lyrical

Fri., April 12, 7:30pm. Illinois Symphony Orchestra with oboist Russell Hoffman and conducted by Tania Miller. Elgar Introduction and Allegro; Vaughan Williams Oboe Concerto; Schubert Symphony No. 5. Join a casual conversation immediately following the performance. ilsymphony.

org. \$26. Age 24 and under \$10. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

■ Books & Authors

An Evening with Abe & Fido

Fri., April 12, 7-8pm. Author Matthew Algeo will discuss *Abe & Fido: Lincoln's Love of Animals and the Touching Story of His Favorite Canine Companion* which examines what Springfield was like in the years leading up to the Civil War, and Lincoln's views on animal welfare. Signed books will be available for purchase. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

■ Theater & Comedy

Come From Away

Sun., April 14, 7:30pm. This musical is based on the remarkable true story of 7,000 stranded plane passengers and the small town in Newfoundland that welcomed them. Part of the Broadway Series. uispac.com. \$34-\$99. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-

206-6160.

John Proctor is the Villain

April 12-13, 7:30pm and Sun., April 14, 2pm. Alternately touching and funny, this new comedy captures a generation in mid-transformation, running on pop music, optimism and fury, and writing their own coming-of-age story. uispac.com. \$6-\$14. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Noises Off

April 12-13, 7:30pm and Sun., April 14, 2pm. A play within a play where a mediocre theatre troupe rehearses a touring production of a romp comedy, *Nothing On*. Unfortunately, almost nothing goes right. Presented by the Springfield Theatre Centre. hcfta.org. \$22. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Open mic comedy night

Third Wednesday of every month.. Through May 15. Got jokes? Sign up for a five-minute comedy set at Pizza Records the first and third Wednesday of every month. Sign up starts at 6, and the show starts at 6:30. Come out and support local funny people. You'll never know

who you'll see. Free. Pizza Records, Jacksonville, 59 E. Central Park Plaza, 217-200-0897.

Lady Frederick

April 26-27, 7pm, and April 28, 2pm. This comedy by British writer William Somerset Maugham was first performed in London in 1907. An Irish widow, seriously in debt, must deal with suitors who have various motives for proposing marriage, and with the man with whom she once had an affair. \$10 for Springfield Art Association members, \$15 for nonmembers. springfieldart.org, edwardsplace.org. Edwards Place, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

■ Spoken Word

Open mic poetry and spoken word

Fri., April 12, 6-9pm. New poets and those who have never read their work in public, let your words be heard. Sign in when at the gallery and get seven minutes in front of the mic to read or recite what your work. pharmacygallery.com. \$5 suggested donation. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 217-381-8910.

■ Fairs & Festivals

Spring Fling Craft Show and Cruise In

Sat., April 13, 11am-4pm. Craft show and car show. Car show entry \$5. Music by The Rusty Pickups 11am-1pm. and Dead Man's Dog 2-4pm. \$5 car show entry. Southern View Community Park, 3483 S. Fourth St., 217-529-3352.

■ Fundraisers and Galas

Gala Night

Thu., April 11, 5:30pm. "Reimagining and Rebuilding for More," hosted by the Faith Coalition for the Common Good. Join the coalition for an evening dedicated to making a difference. Features dinner, live music and drinks. RSVP by emailing Tyshianna@faithcoalition-il.org or calling. Tickets \$35-\$60. Artisans Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-544-2297.

■ Children's Corner

Curious Kids: Flower City

Thu., April 11, 10-11am. Dive into the enchanting world of planting seeds and follow the captivating journey of a monarch butterfly as it explores Illinois. After storytime, children will have the opportunity to plant their own seeds, craft vibrant paper flowers and contribute to a community garden in the shape of Illinois. illinoisstatemuseum.org. Free. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-7386.

Superhero Hustle 5K

Sat., April 13, 9am-12pm. Categories for ages 1-12, 13-17 and UIS students 18-24. A flat and fun course for first-time 5K participants, and great for those looking for a personal best. Children who run will receive a free Kiwanis cape. A fundraising event for the Downtown Kiwanis' community programs. UIS Recreation and Athletic Center, 2171 University Dr., 217-206-6073.

■ Nature, Science & Environment

Earth Day film screening and art exhibit

Fri., April 12, 5:30-8:30pm. A celebration of Earth Day, Aldo Leopold and the 75th anniversary of *A Sand County Almanac* with special guest Buddy Huffaker, executive director of the Aldo Leopold Foundation. Includes social hour with nature-themed art exhibit by the Sangamon

Watercolor Society, a screening of the film *Green Fire* at 7pm and Q&A with Huffaker. springfielddaubon.org. Free, registration requested. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Spring Migration Bird Hikes

Wednesdays, 8-9:30am. Through May 15. Matt Hayes of the Illinois Audubon Society will lead hikes during the spring bid migration, providing opportunities to spot migrants as they pass through the sanctuary and watch the activities of species that will nest here as they seek territories and mates. Free. Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 2315 E. Clear Lake Ave., 217-544-2473.

Sunday Bird Hikes

Sun., April 14, 8-9:30am. Join Springfield Audubon Society's Joe Gardner to scan the sanctuary's woodland and prairie for spring migrants and resident species. springfielddaubon.org. Free. Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 2315 E. Clear Lake Ave., 217-544-2473.

■ Lectures & Meetings

Great Decisions Program

Wed., April 17, 7-9pm. Learn about the turbulent Middle East, meet interesting people and discuss critical issues in this latest installment of this ongoing, six-session series. Hosted by the World Affairs Council. See the website for more information. wacci.org. Free. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 S. Walnut St., 217-522-4415.

Lincoln Land Beekeepers Association

Thu., April 11, 7pm. Eugene Makovec, editor of *American Bee Journal*, will give a presentation on swarm control of honeybees followed by a Q&A. Free for members, \$5 donation requested for nonmembers. Sangamon County Farm Bureau Building, 2631 Beechler Ct., 217-498-9301.

■ Bulletin Board

APL Annual Upscale Collectible Sale

Fri., April 12-7pm, Sat., April 13, 9am-4pm and Sun., April 14, 9am-12pm. Bargains on antiques, housewares, furniture, lawn and garden, children's clothing. Proceeds benefit the Animal Protective League. Friday admission is \$10, Saturday admission is \$5 and merchandise will be 50% off. On Sunday admission is free and you can fill your own bag or cart and pay your choice of a donation to APL.

Town & Country Shopping Center, 2403 S. MacArthur Blvd., 217-361-6212.

Bark in the Park with Mr. Lincoln

Sat., April 13, 10am-1pm. Your dog really wants a photo with Mr. Lincoln and this is the chance to get it. Bring your own camera. The Animal Protective League will also be on site with information on adopting and volunteer opportunities. Free. Union Square Park, 212 N. Sixth St.

Cat adoptions

Second Saturday of every month, 12-4pm and Second Sunday of every month, 12-4pm. Speak with an adoption coordinator about adopting, volunteering, being a foster parent or making a donation. Hosted by the Forever Home Feline Ranch. felineranch.org. PetSmart, 3183 S. Veterans Pkwy., 217-698-3091.

Crochet demonstration

Sat., April 13, 12-5pm. Katherine Gardner, the "queen of crochet," will demonstrate the art of crochet. Gardner creates everything from key chains to quilts. Free. HodgePodge Heaven, White Oaks Mall, 2501 Wabash Ave., 217-801-1598.

Nar-Anon Family Group

Thursdays, 6pm. A 12-step support group for those dealing with an addiction problem of a family member or friend. Call for more info. Leave message if no answer. Free. Laurel United Methodist Church, 631 S. Grand Ave. W., 217-891-5565.

Savvy Caregivers

Mon., April 15, 1-3pm. This six-week course is designed to assist caregivers in meeting the needs of dementia patients in their care. The easy-to-understand information will give caregivers new coping skills and strategies. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

Trading Hands Kids Sale

April 11-13. It's like a huge multi-family garage sale, but way better. Shop hundreds of families under one roof. tradinghands.net. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 417-496-5837.

Illinois Gun Owner Lobby Day

Thu., April 18, 10am. Thousands of gun owners will rally downtown for programs at the BOS Center at 11:30am, a march to the Capitol at 12:50pm and addresses by legislators and final remarks in the rotunda at 2:15pm. isra.org. BOS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 815-635-3198.

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ANNUAL Upscale Collectible Sale

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Real Estate Foreclosure

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

TONI A MERCHANT A/K/A TONI MERCHANT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 22 FC 000040
 1113 NORTH WESLEY STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on June 8, 2022, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on May 21, 2024, in the Sangamon South Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 14-25.0-104-006 & 14-25.0-104-007

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1113 North Wesley Street

Springfield, IL 62702

Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a morton type building garage. The garage is detached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is tan. The property has a fence. The property is occupied. Fence has damage to it

The Judgment amount was \$81,221.14.

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://ilforeclosuresales.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# 22-08818IL

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

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

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Emily McAfee intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit: M Fitness Health & Wellness and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principal place of said business is located at: 3450-B Liberty Drive, Springfield, IL 62704

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: AGNES SCHEIFINGER, Deceased.

Case No. 2024-PR-137 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of AGNES SCHEIFINGER of 324 North Bruns Lane, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on March 16, 2024. Letters of Office were issued on the 25th day of March, A.D., 2024, to JOSEPH ROBERT LOMBARDO of 136 Old Sag Harbor Road, Southampton, New York, 11968, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed. DATED this 28th day of March, A.D., 2024. Respectfully submitted, Estate of AGNES SCHEIFINGER, Deceased, BY:/s/ Pamela E. Hart

Pamela E. Hart, one of its Attorneys PREPARED BY: Pamela E. Hart (6299974) SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C. Attorneys at Law 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200 Springfield, IL 62701 Telephone: (217)753-8200 Facsimile: (217) 753-8206 Email: peh@scottscottlaw.com

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

In the matter of the estate of: Joseph McCarty, Deceased Case No. 2024-PR-108 Claim Notice

Notice is given of the death of Joseph McCarty Letters of Office were issued on March 19, 2024 to Daniel McCarty as Administrator, 3617 North Grand Ave. E., Lot 276, Springfield IL 62702. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the Administrator, on or before, Oct. 4, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative within 10 days after it has been filed.

Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT P. HILL, JR., Deceased.

IN PROBATE

No. 2024-PR-136

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Robert P. Hill, Jr., Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on March 25, 2024, to Laura Beth Heigert as Executor Under Independent Administration, whose attorney is Brandon R. Clark, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 2nd day of October, 2024, 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 25th day of March, 2024. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Brandon R. Clark Registration No. 6329553 205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705-2459 (217) 544-8491 bclark@bhslaw.com

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

Estate of:

KATHLEEN BLOM, Deceased.

NO. 2024-PR-133

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Kathleen Blom of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 25, 2024, to Daniel Blom, 13803 Harris Rd., Athens, Illinois 62613, as Executor, whose attorney is 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 October 2, 2024, 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 representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 26th day of March, 2024. 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 OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF:

MARGARET A. HENNEBERRY, Deceased.

Case No. 2024-PR-94

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of MARGARET A. HENNEBERRY. Letters of Office were issued on March 18, 2024, to Cynthia A. Love, whose address is 956 Oak Terrace Road, Westfield, Indiana 46074, as Independent Executor, and whose attorney

is JAMES R. POTTER, P.C., 300 East Ash Street, Suite 1, Springfield, Illinois 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. DATED this 25th day of March, 2024. JAMES R. POTTER, P.C. 300 East Ash Street, Suite 1 Springfield, IL 62703 Telephone: (217)544-9823 Fax: (217)544-9826 Email: bud@jrpotterlaw.com

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

Estate of

LORETTA ELIZABETH HUTCHINSON, Deceased.

NO. 2024-PR-131

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Loretta Elizabeth Hutchinson of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 25, 2024, to Gerald Hutchinson, 2125 S. 5th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Matthew J. Cate, 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 October 2, 2024, 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 25th day of March, 2024. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com 350454

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

In the Matter of the Estate of:

Donald W. Lindsay, deceased

IN PROBATE

Case No. 2024-PR-132

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to Claimants of the Estate of Donald W. Lindsay, deceased. Letters of Office under Independent Administration were issued on March 20, 2024, to Daniel J. Cody, Vicki L. Lindsay and Jennifer L. Nance, as Co-Executors, whose Attorney is David R. Reid, Reid Law Office, LLC, P.O. Box 9680, Springfield, IL 62791. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representatives, or both, on or before July 6, 2024, or 3 months from the date the Representatives 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 Representatives and to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 29th day of March, 2024 David R. Reid, Attorney at Law, Registration number 6186161 Reid Law Office, LLC P.O. Box 9680, Springfield, IL 62791

Email: Davidreid50@gmail.com (Telephone No. 217-415-4310)

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

Estate of:

CLARA K. GRANT, Deceased.

NO. 2024-PR-120

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Clara K. Grant of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 18, 2024, to Jane V. Scott, 3917 Huxley Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62711, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before September 25, 2024, 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 18th day of March, 2024. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com 351138

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

PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

LISA HOPWOOD, DECEASED

Case #2024-PR-129

DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of LISA HOPWOOD. Letters of Office have been issued to DAVID HARBARGER, 500 Old Timbers, Rochester, IL 62563, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before September 30, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 20th day of March, 2024. Patrick J. Sheehan, III SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 544-0701

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

In Re the Estate of:

ELIZABETH "BETSY" DRACH ROSS, Deceased.

Case No.: 2024PR000071

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Elizabeth "Betsy" Drach Ross, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 18, 2024, to Charles Reid Ross, as Independent Executor, whose address is c/o his attorney of record, Barry O. Hines, 1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A, Springfield, Illinois 62704.

The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS

5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration, at any time, by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before September 30, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.

Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated this 18th day of March, 2024 Charles Reid Ross Independent Executor Barry O. Hines - 01220918 Attorney at Law 1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A Springfield, IL 62704 Telephone: (217) 698-8444

Email: Barry@HinesLaw.net

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

KEITH A. RECTOR, DECEASED

Case #2024-PR-122

DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of KEITH A. RECTOR. Letters of Office have been issued to SHAWN RECTOR, 12326 Old Jacksonville Road, New Berlin, IL 62670, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before September 30, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2024. Patrick J. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of:

SHIRLEY L. SMITH, Deceased.

NO. 2024-PR-113

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Shirley L. Smith of Sherman, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 11, 2024, to Stacy E. Saladino, 425 Pheasant Run, Sherman, Illinois 62684, as Independent Administrator with Will Annexed, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before September 18, 2024, 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 19th day of March, 2024. Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79

Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 bsegatto@barberlaw.com

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

In the Matter of the Estate of

LARRY A. VON BEHREN, Deceased.

IN PROBATE

No. 2024-PR-116

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Larry A. Von Behren, Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on March 13, 2024, to Sandra Von Behren as Executor Under Independent Administration, whose attorney is Brandon R. Clark, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 26th day of September, 2024, 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 19th day of March, 2024. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Brandon R. Clark Registration No. 6329553 205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705-2459 (217) 544-8491 bclark@bhslaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In Re the Estate of:

ELDON H. GREENWOOD, Deceased.

Case No.: 2024PR000123

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Eldon H. Greenwood, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 18, 2024, to Dale E. Greenwood, as Independent Executor, whose address is c/o his attorney of record, Barry O. Hines, 1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A, Springfield, Illinois 62704.

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

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before September 30, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated this 18th day of March, 2024 Dale E. Greenwood Independent Executor Barry O. Hines - 01220918 Attorney at Law 1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A Springfield, IL 62704 Telephone: (217) 698-8444 Email: Barry@HinesLaw.net

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the matter of the estate of: Constance J. Houser, Deceased Case No. 2024-PR-118 Claim Notice Notice is given of the death of Constance J. Houser. Letters of Office were issued on March 10, 2024 to Laura J. Stiltz as Executor, 1508 Denison Drive, Springfield IL 62704. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the Executor, on or before, Sept. 28, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative within 10 days after it has been filed. Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court

ADOPTION NOTICE – STATE OF ILLINOIS, County of Sangamon, Seventh Judicial Circuit Court of Sangamon County. In the matter of the Petition for the Adoption of Itachi Lee Wood, a male child. Adoption No. 2024-AD-23. To Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern: Take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, for the adoption of a child named Itachi Lee Wood. Now, therefore, unless you Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Room 405, in the City of Springfield, Illinois, on or before April 30, 2024, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition. 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> /s/Joseph Roesch, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk Dan E. Way, Attorney for Petitioners 1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703

Name Change

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Jordan Haley Hutchison For change of name to Natasha Scarlett Rain De Angelis Case No. 2024MR000120 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on June 4, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Jordan Haley Hutchison to Natasha Scarlett Rain De Angelis pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: April 11, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Octavia Rose Aldridge For change of name to Octavia Rose Ellenwood Case No. 2024MR000126 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on May 21, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Octavia Rose Aldridge to Octavia Rose Ellenwood pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: April 4, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Charles Harrison Long Jr. For change of name to Chezzvell Harrison Long Case No. 2024MR000123 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on May 21, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Charles Harrison Long Jr. to Chezzvell Harrison Long pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: April 4, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Hazel Mae Dougherty For change of name to Hazel Mae Myers Case No. 2024MR000107 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on May 21, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Hazel Mae Dougherty to Hazel Mae Myers pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: April 4, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Monet Cherise Ramsey-Nesbitt For change of name to Monet Cherise Ramsey Case No. 2024MR000106 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on May 21, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Monet Cherise Ramsey-Nesbitt to Monet Cherise Ramsey pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: March 28, 2024

Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT –SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

MARCUS BERTRAND AKA MARCUS T. BERTRAND; BETHANY BERTRAND AKA BETHANY K. BERTRAND; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s). CASE NO. 2024FC000037 Property Address: 1825 S College St Springfield, IL 62704 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, BETHANY BERTRAND AKA BETHANY K. BERTRAND; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT FORTY-EIGHT (48) AND THE NORTH 30 FEET OF LOT FORTY-SEVEN (47) OF SPAULDING'S WHITTIER PLACE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 22-04.0-252-050; 22-04.0-252-068 Said property is commonly known as 1825 S College St., Springfield, IL 62704 and which said mortgage(s) was/were made and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 2015R07068, and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and

that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County on or before MAY 13, 2024, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 Telephone: (630) 453-6960 Facsimile: (630) 428-4620 Attorney No. Cook 64727, DuPage 293191 Service E-mail: midwestpleadings@dallegal.com 8051-941207

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. PLAINTIFF

vs. Joe Alvin Scott; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Joe Alvin Scott; Dan Way, as Special Representative for Joe Alvin Scott (deceased) DEFENDANTS No. 2023FC000226 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: Joe Alvin Scott Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Joe Alvin Scott That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1710 E Carpenter St Springfield, IL 62702 and which said Mortgage was made by: Joe Alvin Scott the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2016R17234; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending. NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405 Springfield, IL 62701 on or before May 6, 2024, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300

DuPage # 15170 Winnebago # 531 Our File No. 14-23-08024 NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. 13241238

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF, VS. TONI A MERCHANT A/K/A TONI MERCHANT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 22 FC 000040 1113 NORTH WESLEY STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on June 8, 2022, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on May 21, 2024, in the Sangamon South Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 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:

LOTS FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE (573) AND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR (574) IN SPAULDING'S CAPITAL PARK ADDITION. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SAID LANDS TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS . TAX NO. 14-25.0-104-006 & 14-25.0-104-007 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1113 North Wesley Street Springfield, IL 62702 Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a morton type building garage. The garage is detached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is tan. The property has a fence. The property is occupied. Fence has damage to it The Judgment amount was \$81,221.14. 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# 22-08818IL 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. 13240675

Capitol Storage LLC 818 S Dirksen Parkway Springfield, IL 62703 217-522-0300 Sale 4/20/2024 Taintor Rd #HH27 Dion Birgans #HH5 Jennifer Shores Peoria Road #14 Mike Farmer To pay past due rent and fees call 1-217-522-0300. Private Sale will be April 20, 2024 at 9AM. The sale will begin at Dirksen Parkway Location. Please call to verify start location before sale.

Advertisement for Bid Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) invites qualified ASBESTOS ABATEMENT to submit sealed bids to furnish all labor & material to complete requirements of bidding for renovation of Sangamon South to create a new CONSTRUCTION TRAINING LAB. Sealed bids must be delivered to the attention of MR. TIM ERVIN, Director of Construction & EHS, Lincoln Land Community College, Construction & EHS Office – Mason Hall, 5250 Shepherd Road, Springfield, IL 62794-9256 (Southeast corner of the LLCC Main Campus), on or before THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024, at 2:00 PM Central Standard Time (CST), at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Faxed or e-mailed bids will not be accepted. Vendors are responsible for ensuring that bids are received by the above office prior to the deadline. Bids received after the deadline will not be considered. Contractors who have submitted a bid are invited, but not required, to attend the bid opening.

All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/) and the Drug Free Workplace Act (30 ILCS 580/). All contractors and subcontractors shall demonstrate experience on projects of similar size and type. All contractor contact and questions regarding any matter concerning this Invitation to Bid must be submitted in writing to RELIABLE ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, INC., 2760 WEST JEFFERSON STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702, by MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024. Submittals of questions may be emailed to MICHAEL.WILLIAMS@RELIABLEENV.COM, please put "CONSTRUCTION TRAINING LAB - ABATEMENT" in the subject line.) No questions will be addressed after 2:00 PM (CST), on MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024. Other questions regarding the bid documents will be addressed at a mandatory pre bid meeting/site visit for contractors, which shall begin promptly at 10:00 AM, TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024, at MASON HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM, on the LLCC main campus. Failure to be present when the meeting begins may result in the bidder being disqualified. Contractors should

have any sub-contractors present at the mandatory pre-bid meeting who may wish to view the site. Further information concerning the specifications of this invitation to bid resulting from questions submitted, either in writing or resulting from the pre bid meeting/site visit, will be communicated in the form of an addendum. E-mail or verbal responses to questions are not a part of the bid documents and only formal addendum will govern. Bid Documents will be available to qualified contractors from the offices of RELIABLE ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, INC. on or after MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024. Qualified contractors may obtain documents by depositing \$50 per set, refundable upon return of documents in good condition within one week of Bid Due Date. The Central Illinois Builders' Non-Cash Security Method for request of documents will be accepted on this project, as well. The bidder shall furnish a bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the amount bid in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond, made payable to Lincoln Land Community College. The Lincoln Land Community College, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, all contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of the owner's race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, income-level, or LEP in consideration for an award. LLCC reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received, or to permit timely correction of minor deficiencies in bids whenever such rejection or waiver is in the interest of LLCC and to accept the bid or bids being most favorable to LLCC after all bids have been examined and evaluated.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS Plaintiff, vs. 1996 FORD F-350 VIN # 1FTJW36F2TEB23791) Edgar Mendoza No. 23-MX-916 23-AF-080 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Mihiser, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on August 10th, 2023. UNLESS YOU file a verified answer with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW. Joe Roesch Clerk of Court J.W. Pierce Assistant State's Attorney 200 S. 9th Street, Room 402 Springfield, Illinois 62701 (217) 753-6690 Sangamoncounty.SAO.civil@sangamonil.gov

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF Khmai-yah Ros and Thai-Phon Ros, Minor Children

No. 2019-P-000285

To: All Persons Having A Right To Notice: Please be notified that Tierra Lee has filed a Petition for the Guardianship of the Estates and Persons of Khmai-yah Ros and Thai-Phon Ros, minor children. You are required to answer said Petition before May 4, 2024 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter. Dated: April 4, 2024

ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE Wishing to avail themselves of the provisions under the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, the below storage facility gives notice of the sale under said act; Tuesday the 23rd day of April, 2024 at 11:00 AM, on that day will conduct a sale to the highest bidder, with bidding to take place on lockerfox.com, and payment to seller via credit/debit card, the contents of spaces 10 Federal Self Storage, 2225 J David Jones Pkwy, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 600-2778 Tanya Sibert 280. Michael Dietrich 323. Peggy Springman 130. Dustin Debre 564. TINA BETTELYOUN 120. Timothy Courtway 819/820. Lori Sexton 829. Loyd Munson 869. Kaylee Paoni 763. Johnathan Pendall 102. Ransha Taylor 272. Patricia Ptatchek 665. Demetria Shephard 305. HOWARD MOFFITT 234. Tessa Osburn 779. Stephen Bynum 211. april valtille 3. Ashley Verry 447/448. Coady Vanmeter 816. Lori Eyer 281. Kevin Sullivan 179. William Verry 170. Zimbalist West 704. Coady Vanmeter P17. Jaclyn Fox 376. Christopher Walker 540. Phillip Campbell 63. Joshua Myers 169. Tanya Sibert 246. Gregory Blanken-ship 477. Danielle Wright 721. Jimmie Miller 608; 10 Federal Self Storage, 3500 South 6th Street, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 387-3951 Geoff Klingman A63. Xavier Baker B187. Cynthia Stiverson A60. Jasmin Williams A23. Ianecia Ianier B120. Malorie Elliott A108. Justin Liss B141; 10 Federal Self Storage, 500 W Browning Rd, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 339-3865 Izack Gore 23A. Derek Richardson 150C. Re-beka Talley 91B. Jessica Oneal 93B. Aaron Grover 115B; 10 Federal Self Storage, 900 E Straight St, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 286-1550 Samantha Holmes 34. Hayle Cota E359/260. Precious Morey 74. Fatina Rice 66. Lashondra Davis F368/F469. Gary Graham E275. Chris Eddington 161

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS Plaintiff, vs. ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN DOLLARS (\$1,114.00) USC Doyrail Boyd No. 23-MX-766 23-AF-062 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Milhiser, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on June 28th, 2023. UNLESS YOU file a verified answer with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW. Joe Roesch Clerk of Court J.W. Pierceall Assistant State's Attorney 200 S. 9th Street, Room 402 Springfield, Illinois 62701 (217) 753-6690 Sangamoncounty.SAO.civil@sangamonil.gov

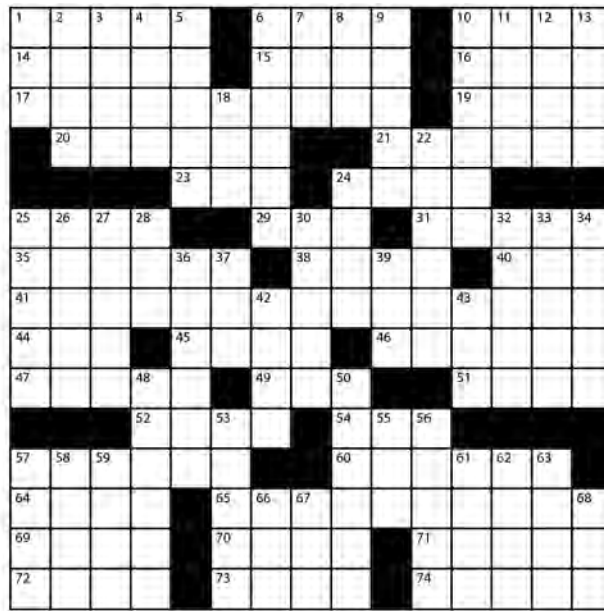
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS Plaintiff, vs. FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN DOLLARS (\$427.00) USC Jesse Webb No. 23-MX-1082 23-AF-105 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Milhiser, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on October 17th, 2023. UNLESS YOU file a verified answer with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW. Joe Roesch Clerk of Court J.W. Pierceall Assistant State's Attorney 200 S. 9th Street, Room 402 Springfield, Illinois 62701 (217) 753-6690 Sangamoncounty.SAO.civil@sangamonil.gov

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF MACOUPIN VILLAGE OF PALMYRA, an Illinois Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. RICK PFEILER, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. 2024-MR-6 NOTICE OF PENDENCY Notice is hereby given to Unknown Owners, Nonrecord Claimants, and other parties who claim some right, title, interest, or lien in the following described real estate of the Petition for Order Allowing Demolition and Complaint for Ordinance Violation that was filed in the above-entitled case on February 8, 2024, that you are named Defendants in the above-entitled case, that the above-entitled suit is now pending in said court, and that the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendants is May 15, 2024; and the following information applies to said proceeding: 1. The names of all parties and the case number are identified above. 2. The court in which said action was brought is identified above. 3. The name of the title holder of record is: Rick Pfeiler. 4. The legal description of the real estate is: Lots Numbered Three (3) and Four (4) in Block Numbered One (1) of J. C. King's First Addition to Palmyra, Macoupin County, Illinois. 5. The address of the real estate is: 287 North Main, Palmyra, Illinois, 62674. NOW, THEREFORE, unless you file your answer to the petition or otherwise file your appearance in said court before May 15, 2024, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and the judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the petition. /s/ H. Allen Yow, Counsel Attorneys for Plaintiff: Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C. H. Allen Yow, Counsel 232 West State Street, P.O. Box 550 Jacksonville, Illinois, 62651 Telephone: (217) 245-6177

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50. Rich cakes
53. Cache
55. J.F.K. overseer
57. Black, in poetry
58. Auto parts giant
59. Mouth, in slang
61. 18-wheeler
62. Biblical plot
63. Regrets
66. It's a wrap
67. "My boy"
68. Before, in poetry

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #834

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

Sudoku answers from #834

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

JoshJosh answers from #834

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 836

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.

1- 2÷ 3- 2÷ 1-
7+
10+ 4- 12x
9+ 10+ 13+ 1-
2- 2÷

Difficulty hard

Sudoku No. 836

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

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

Difficulty hard

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