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Woman with disabilities criticizes group home for bad care

Being left to sit in dirty diapers, not bathed, has resulted in multiple hospitalizations for infections

GROUP HOMES | Dean Olsen

Amber Williams says a few things would improve her quality of life despite the cerebral palsy affecting her arms and legs.

“Being able to use the bathroom and the toilet” is one of those things. Another is “getting basic needs met” by people paid by the Springfield group home where she lived the past year to help her take regular showers and brush her teeth.

Another request by the 31-year-old Springfield native, whose developmental disabilities require that she use a wheelchair to get around, is to attend worship services on Sundays at Westside Christian Church.

Her requests, however, proved too difficult for the Medicaid-funded Broadstep group home on Springfield’s west side, where she was admitted in March 2022.

As a result, she said she had to use an adult diaper, one that often wasn’t changed for hours while she lay in her own waste. “It’s very unsanitary and nasty,” she said. She also had to go without bathing for days at a time.

She suffered urinary tract infections related to her time at the Broadstep group home on Sandy Lane, as well as several hospitalizations – all funded by the Medicaid program – to deal with the infections and save her life, she said.

“I want my life to get better, but it’s not,” Williams said. “I just take it day by day.”

Williams spent her days recently in a Springfield Memorial Hospital bed, where she was taken for treatment the seventh or eighth time for a UTI. During her most recent hospital stay, Broadstep involuntarily discharged her from the group home because Amber’s needs were “too high,” according to her sister.

Amber appealed the decision, and so the situation remains unresolved.

Group homes are officially known as Community Integrated Living Arrangements, or CILAs. They serve eight or fewer

adults with developmental disabilities. CILAs are operated mostly by nonprofits and some for-profit companies. The care they provide is overseen by the Illinois Department of Human Services.

Officials at Broadstep, a for-profit organization based in Raleigh, North Carolina, that operates in several states, didn’t respond to requests for comment.

According to the DHS website, Broadstep has been prohibited from accepting new admissions since fall 2022 because of “unsatisfactory compliance with CILA standards.” It’s unclear whether Broadstep’s handling of Amber Williams’ case played a role in that ongoing restriction.

DHS officials didn’t respond to requests for comment.

Williams’ case may be one of the more extreme examples of inadequate care in a CILA, but it’s far from unique overall in central Illinois and the rest of the state, according to Mary McGlauchlen, executive director of Central Illinois Service Access.

The Lincoln-based nonprofit is contracted by the state to oversee the care of disabled people in group homes and other settings in Sangamon County and 17 other downstate counties.

There are 48 CILA homes in Sangamon County, and Broadstep operates six of them. The state pays about \$946 million per year for care in CILAs around the state, with about half of that total coming from a federal match through the Medicaid program.

“The system in general is in chaos because of staffing shortages,” McGlauchlen said. “They can’t recruit support people to do what is a very difficult job.”

CILAs are cheaper for the state to fund than state-operated institutions, and CILAs often provide better living situations, according to advocates for people with disabilities. The average per-resident reimbursement to

24-hour CILA homes was about \$91,000 in 2022, or one-quarter of the expense in a state institution, according to the Chicago-based Institute on Public Policy for People with Disabilities.

But because of chronically low funding from the state, CILAs often pay wages to direct service professionals, or DSPs, that are similar to wages at fast-food restaurants and retail stores. The annual turnover rate for those workers in Illinois is 44%, according to the public policy institute.

The staffing problem got even worse during the COVID-19 pandemic, McGlauchlen said.

Money isn’t the only problem facing the thousands of CILA homes in Illinois and the 10,500 people, mostly adults, served by those homes, she said. Some CILA operators don’t provide adequate training and supervision for workers, she said. The turnover results in some people working at CILAs who have less-than-desirable bedside manners, McGlauchlen said.

Brittany Williams, 32, an Auburn resident, single mother of two children and Amber Williams’ sister and main advocate, used more blunt terms to describe Broadstep workers. To Brittany, they are lazy, incompetent, sometimes mean, and seemingly unable to protect her sister from aggressive behavior by other residents.

The excuse Brittany said she gets from the workers is that her sister needs more care than the other residents. But she said Broadstep accepted Amber when her health was worse and when she needed even more care.

“It’s not fair that my sister can’t have her basic needs taken care of,” Brittany Williams said. “These places are supposed to be for the people with disabilities, but in reality, it’s all about a paycheck.”

Broadstep workers didn’t help Amber Williams use the toilet, and she said the workers told her they either weren’t trained on how to transfer someone to a toilet, it was too hard for them to do it or she wasn’t strong enough to use a special lift machine to help accomplish the task.

But Broadstep hasn’t helped Amber get physical therapy that could enable her to use the machine, Brittany Williams said.

Months of weekly meetings involving Broadstep, CISA, DHS and nonprofit Equip for Equality – another advocate for Amber – haven’t resolved the problems, McGlauchlen said.

On top of those problems is a regulatory

system in Illinois that doesn’t fine CILAs and lacks any meaningful oversight power, McGlauchlen said. “There’s nothing that holds them accountable,” she said.

The state has increased reimbursement rates in recent years in response to the Ligas consent decree finalized in 2011 calling for increased funding for the care of people with disabilities. But Andrea Rizor, senior attorney at Chicago-based Equip for Equality, said, “We’re hearing that there are still problems.”

The “They Deserve More” coalition of nonprofits and others advocating on behalf of people with disabilities is backing bills in the General Assembly to build a stronger community-based system of CILAs and other services, stabilize the workforce and create less reliance on state-run institutions.

House Bill 3569 and Senate Bill 2026, backed by the coalition, would boost the DSP wage rate 50% higher than the minimum wage, beginning in January 2024, and add funding above the \$1.50 per hour increase proposed by Gov. JB Pritzker in his fiscal 2024 state budget plan.

The cost to boost wages by a total of \$4 per hour for DSPs and workers in other programs serving the developmentally disabled in the second half of fiscal 2024 would be \$141.6 million, and the cost for fiscal 2025, which begins July 1, 2024, would be \$283.2 million. Half of those costs would be covered by the federal Medicaid program, according to the Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities.

Oversight by the state could be improved, as well, Rizor said. She said Illinois’ regulatory system for CILAs is “very informal” and not equipped to deal with complaints.

State Rep. Charles Meier, R-Okawville, said he has been frustrated by the lack of progress in the Democratic-controlled General Assembly for bills he introduced to establish a new system for unannounced site inspections of CILAs and put other accountability measures in place.

Brittany Williams, who works in the service department of a car dealership and can’t afford to quit her job to care for her sister, said she is tired of excuses from the state, CISA and other advocates.

“I’d just like to see Amber someplace where her needs are met,” she said. □

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Editor’s note

Life changed this week for me and many northenders when Noonan’s True Value Hardware announced it is closing its retail operations. For the past 30 years or so I’ve relied on the North Grand Noonan’s when I needed a set screw for a doorknob, or a washer for a garden hose, lightbulbs, a bale of straw, Christmas lights, bird seed or grass seed or a key copied. Their “How can I help you?” greeting was always genuine, and if I wasn’t sure what I needed, the worker, often named Noonan, would help me figure it out. On a spring Saturday at Noonan’s I’d often run into Calvin or Andy or other neighbors preparing for the projects of the day. Buying online or at a big box has no spirit to match this, so thank goodness Springfield has another locally owned hardware company. I don’t blame the Noonans for changing their business model to specialize in rental equipment. I’m just grateful for all the years, through three generations, that they’ve kept this neighborhood retail relic alive. — *Fletcher Farrar, editor*

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Sex-trafficking survivor tells her story

Formerly incarcerated, Cyntoia Brown-Long now advocates for others

JUVENILE JUSTICE | Don Howard

Cyntoia Brown-Long was sentenced to life in prison before she ever got a driver's license or was old enough to vote. The prisoner-turned-activist spoke at Blackburn College in Carlinville April 3, then signed copies of her memoir in the lobby. The state legislature in Brown-Long's native Tennessee has just made a significant change to the law dealing with juvenile sentencing because of her story and her advocacy. She has accomplished much since leaving prison in 2019.

Brown-Long told the crowd at Bothwell Auditorium that she wasn't the kind of kid that you'd think would get into big trouble: A bit introverted, stable family life, typical middle-class values. But as the mixed-race, adopted child of Black parents, she often felt alienated and out of place at school. She was teased by other children and didn't always behave the way she should. Brown-Long accumulated a collection of petty infractions for acts such as shaking a stop sign at a school bus stop. She started spending increasing periods of time in in-school suspension instead of in a classroom, putting her further behind and making it more difficult for her to care about her education.

Brown-Long ran away at the age of 13 and lived on the streets with an adult man known as Cut, — short for cutthroat — whom she originally thought of as her boyfriend but now says was her pimp. He trafficked her to many other men, until she shot and killed a 43-year-old man who had picked her up for sex. She was 16 years old.

After about four years in prison and consumed with despair, Brown-Long had the good fortune to meet an adult who saw potential in her and insisted that she improve herself by taking advantage of free courses offered in the prison by Lipscomb University. She earned a bachelor's degree, and during her studies became convinced that God was guiding her. "People tried to define me by my worst decisions and darkest moments," she said.

Brown-Long was a model prisoner and became a mentor to other inmates. She prayed and she appealed. She wrote her memoir. Her cause was taken up by celebrities like Rihanna, Kim Kardashian and LeBron James. Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam eventually commuted her sentence and she was released in 2019.

Since her release from prison, Brown-Long has received a Best of Justice Reform award from the Vera Institute of Justice, was



Blackburn student Raven Brooks, right, with Cyntoia Brown-Long at the book-signing event following the presentation. PHOTO COURTESY BLACKBURN COLLEGE

nominated for the NAACP Literary Image Award and received the 2022 Leadership Prize from the Juvenile Law Center for her work in advocating for justice-involved youth. The Tennessee Supreme Court reduced mandatory jail sentences for juveniles by half, in part because of Brown-Long's advocacy.

After her lecture, Brown-Long was interviewed on stage by Blackburn's chair of the Leadership, Law and Public Service department, Dr. Laura Wiedlocher. When Wiedlocher asked what ought to be changed about the juvenile justice system in America, Brown-Long didn't hesitate. "We need to quit trying kids criminally as adults. We know they aren't adults, because the science tells us their brains aren't fully developed. We don't allow them to drink, we don't allow them to vote, we don't allow them to smoke or drive. We shouldn't allow them to spend 51 years in prison."

Brown-Long said she finds it ironic that society believes that an abused, misbehaving dog can be retrained, but that children cannot. She also criticized the overuse of psychotropic drugs to control imprisoned adolescents, rather than listening to them and counseling them. "You can't rely upon the pills they're feeding you," she said, "because once they take them away, what are you going to do?"

Brown-Long co-founded the JFAM Foundation with her husband, Jaime, whom she met and married while in prison. Together they advocate for individuals affected by human trafficking, youth services involvement and incarceration.

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Victims of a dangerous hoax

Police arrived at the Bradys' home after a false report of a homicide

SWATTING | Don Howard

"Intruder Alert. Intruder Alert," barked Judy Brady's telephone about 6:30 a.m. March 10. The phone is connected to cameras on both the front and back doors of the northside Springfield home she shares with her husband, David. She could see a police officer examining the area around the back patio in the chill air, and asked him through the phone app what was going on. "Hello, is anyone in the house?" he asked. "Yes," Judy replied. He told her to open the front door for officers and send her husband to the back.

When David opened the back door, he met two officers with guns drawn. The officers ordered him out into the morning cold in his bare feet, put their guns away, patted him down for weapons in the oversized pockets of his thin robe, then followed him back indoors. The police told him they'd received a 911 call about a potential homicide.

Police were unable to trace the 911 call, but believe it came from out of state. *Illinois Times* obtained a recording of the call made that morning. On it, one can hear what seems to be a slightly distorted, metallic male voice. "Hello, I just did something really bad and I want to end my life.... I stabbed my girlfriend several times; she's not breathing anymore...My name is David Brady. I will hang up the phone and shoot myself." He then gave the Bradys' address and hung up.

And so the Bradys became the latest victims of "swatting," a prank pulled off by calling the police and reporting a shooting or a bomb threat, or some other emergency that will provoke a reaction from first responders, perhaps a SWAT team. Celebrities such as Russell Brand and Ashton Kutcher have been victimized by swatting. Computer gamers who livestream their contests have also been victimized. Someone watching the video feed will swat the gamer during play, and the swatter is rewarded by seeing armed policemen burst into the



David and Judy Brady's peaceful morning coffee was interrupted by armed officers pounding on their door. "I'm still suffering a lot of anxiety," says Judy. PHOTO BY DON HOWARD

room and forcibly restrain the victim.

Two weeks later the Bradys, both in their 60s, still feel the aftereffects of the incident. "I'm still suffering a lot of anxiety," said Judy. "I don't know how long it will be before that goes away."

The Bradys aren't the first local victims of swatting. In September 2022 a man called 911

with a fake report of two gunmen at Springfield High. *Wired* reported that the incident was part of a wave of swatting calls directed towards schools in 16 states during a two-week period.

The FBI does not track swatting incidents as a separate category of crime, but the bureau is well aware of the problem. The Las Vegas field office

of the FBI recently emphasized the seriousness of swatting. "These calls are dangerous to first responders and to the victims," the advisory reads. "The community is placed in danger as responders rush to the scene, taking them away from real emergencies, and the officers are placed in danger as unsuspecting residents may try to defend themselves." Public Affairs Officer Rebecca Crablitz of the Springfield FBI office said in an email, "It's possible we may begin tracking them in the future."

Springfield police were unwilling to speak about the measures they take to prevent or combat swatting. "We are aware of the problem and are constantly adjusting and training, but obviously we don't want to give any clues to the bad guys," said Joshua Stuenkel, deputy chief of administrative services at the Springfield Police Department. SPD has a detective assigned to work directly with the FBI on issues such as swatting, where part of the crime might be committed out of state.

Under Illinois law, anyone who calls 911 with a false report knowing that the call could result in the emergency response of any public safety agency is guilty of a class 4 felony, punishable by one to three years in prison and a fine of up to \$25,000, as well as reimbursement for the cost of responding to the call.

The FBI asks anyone receiving a swatting threat or information that an individual is planning to engage in swatting to immediately report it to local law enforcement and the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI ☐.

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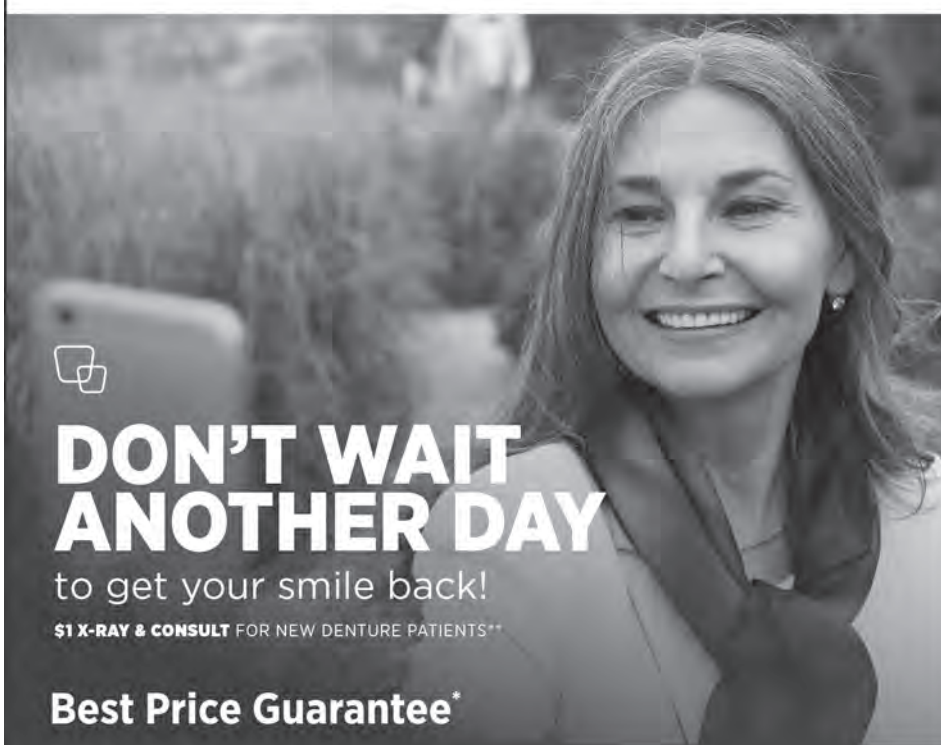
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A dream come true

\$500K gift from the Valas helps expand Dream Center

EDUCATION | Scott Reeder

A \$500,000 gift is being used to transform the lives of young people in Springfield who want to learn a trade.

What is now known as The Frank and Linda Vala Dream Center of Sangamon County is located in Dawson Hall on the former Springfield campus of Benedictine University that once housed Ursuline Academy.

The center, which focuses on teaching young people trades, recently received a \$500,000 donation from Springfield entrepreneurs Frank and Linda Vala.

"They've stepped up in a huge way to be a blessing to the city," said the Rev. Eric Hansen, who is spearheading the creation of the center. "And we are just super grateful. We've had our first set of classes and they range from barbering to framing to drywall to plumbing to electrical trades. I even threw in a Bible class."

Hansen said the building needs extensive repairs ranging from roof and gutters to painting and drywall. He said that they recently hired a chief operating officer and have been purchasing classroom supplies such as electrical and plumbing supplies.

"We are being very frugal with the money we have been given. I'm not accepting a salary. But those are kind of things we are spending the money on," he said.

The idea behind the school is to introduce young people to career alternatives that do not require college. The classes are offered free of charge.

Although the trades are the central focus of the center, it is also offering two sports camps this summer for children in first through sixth grade. The free five-day camps will feature a different sport each day. The center is geared toward assisting young people from low-income



Frank and Linda Vala donated \$500,000 to the Dream Center, located in Dawson Hall on the former Springfield campus of Benedictine University. PHOTO COURTESY DREAM CENTER

households.

Hansen said the purpose of the Dream Center is to introduce individuals to various opportunities and funnel them into training programs already in the community.

"We're not looking to replace anybody," he said. "We want to be a supplement to District 186, homeschoolers or private schools. All of these classes we offered initially were in the evening, but the hope is that some of our classes in the fall will be during the day. The classes we just offered were for people 16 years of age and older. That won't be necessarily the case this fall. ... We would like to have grade-school kids, but we won't have them use power tools."

"Frank and Linda donated 12 computers,"

Hansen said. "So, we're going to have a computer lab set up where they can learn computer skills and hopefully some coding."

Those teaching at the Dream Center are volunteering their time. A small stipend is provided to cover the cost of transportation.

Hansen pastors Destiny Church, which also meets on the former Benedictine campus. Students are not required to participate in religious activities.

Hansen started Destiny Church in 2017 after leaving iWorship Center, previously known as the First Assemblies of God Church. iWorship Center, 3200 Shaler Road, continues to operate under different pastoral leadership and under a different name – Radiant Church.

Hansen has said he has talked with people

at Destiny Church about his idea for Dream Center Springfield for the past three years.

Frank Vala and Hansen came to know each other while serving on the board of the Springfield Airport Authority. Over the years, Vala has helped Hansen's church build houses and other community projects in Guatemala.

Frank and Linda Vala say they are motivated to serve others because of their own upbringings.

"Linda and I both come from humble beginnings. She's from Kentucky. I'm from Riverton. My father worked in Pillsbury. There were four of us in the family, and when there was no wheat in the summertime, there was no work," Frank Vala said.

He added he is guided by the advice once given to him by a neighbor: "All we need to do is to direct one child in an area that will benefit the world."

The Valas made their fortune by operating a business that provides in-home, non-medical care for elderly people. They also own Valco Awards & More, a business that produces trophies, plaques and other specialty award items.

Frank said he and his wife often have donated anonymously.

"What we do is like a businessman wetting his pants while wearing a dark suit. It gives you a warm feeling, but nobody notices," he said. "I got to thinking, why shouldn't I get some publicity? We see other people who make promises and never fulfill them."

Linda Vala added, "Put our name out there – it's time." □

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OPINION



From left, Kari Bedford, Annelise Abate, Johnny Molson, Emily Abate, Kristin Wheeler and Mark Wheeler are calling for justice in the case of accused child pornography defendant Adam Power and accountability for longtime community theater volunteer Bill Bauser Jr., who has not been charged with any crimes. Bedford and Molson, the parents of Annelise Abate, say Power made inappropriate comments to Abate, 20, on social media when she was a minor. PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDREW FLOYD

Ron Dougan writes his kids during World War II

"Dear kids,
Uncle Bert had fun back in the thirties wanting to be our vice president in charge of not growing pigs. It isn't so funny now. I've been getting repeated letters from the Ag Department relative to our not growing wheat program. We could have in about \$3,000 this year. Bob George (farm manager) and I decided we were either farmers or we weren't so we've decided to farm. I note that Blaney's (a competitor) took in \$8000. On the other hand I'm not so stiff backed that I won't accept help if it comes easily."

2023 Jacqueline Jackson

LETTERS

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SPEAK OUT

I think this report brings to light the very issues of children trusting adults to do the right thing and not be victimized over and over again ("Protecting children," April 6). We as a community need to continually follow up and check in with our authorities regarding these issues. We also can't turn a blind eye when information is given that requires action.

These types of people, like Adam Power, are among us every day, and it takes time for many of us to completely understand what is happening, because in a normal world we see each other as good. Sexual predators are not wearing signs. They move in groups of people, very unassuming. They develop a barrier of friends whom they deceive and who help them, unknowingly.

It takes carefully listening to children if they say something. It's about speaking up when something doesn't seem right, and it's about doing the right thing instead of armchair quarterbacking about how you would have done it differently. It's not about placing guilt on the very people who are speaking out.

Adam Power remained among our youth for five years after the 2018 report. We should focus

on that. How did the Springfield Police Department's investigation fail those victims from 2018-2023? How did the DCFS investigation fail those victims? How did our community fail those victims? How did our school systems, both public and private, fail those victims? Finally, how did you fail those victims?

I am among those pictured in this article, and we have been fighting for justice for those victims since 2018, and even prior. We have been doing it from the moment we discovered it, and we did it among the doubters, the abusers, the enablers and our children. I can walk among this community knowing I at least tried.

Mark Wheeler
Springfield

ACCOUNTABILITY

A failed investigation is not proof of innocence. The allegations alone were good enough for the Illinois Board of Education to deny Adam Power's application for a full-time teaching certificate. Seems like a small, nonprofit theater could use the same moral judgment. Why would anyone ever err on the side of an alleged sex offender?

These are volunteer-run organizations. Bill Bauser was in no way, shape or form obligated to work with Adam Power. He chose to, simple as that. So either he is indifferent to the suffering of those children or he is incompetent.

The formal complaints that Mr. Bauser requested (and received)

in 2018 were graphic, thorough, well-documented and extremely detailed. This article and his removal from Springfield Theatre Centre and The Muni never would have happened if he hadn't chosen to ignore those complaints. Mr. Bauser is simply being held accountable for his actions.

Kari Bedford
Springfield

THE REAL HELL

Nice review of a problematic play ("The Christians delivers thought-provoking theater," March 30). It is quite a suspension of belief that turns a small theater into a megachurch, but the audience played along, hoping the script would be transformative. It wasn't. The cast did a great job wrestling with the unknowns, but the script seemed dated, even naïve at times. Nevertheless, I suspect for some folks the argument for an earthly hell might seem blasphemous, but then, for Ukrainians or starving people in Yemen, that's just the daily dose of reality.

William Furry
Via illinoistimes.com

SAFE NUCLEAR

Nuclear power is safe and clean ("The false promise of small modular nuclear reactors," March 23). If only there hadn't been so much entertainment fiction painting radiation as a magical boogeyman while the boomers were young and impressionable.

Rafael Joseph
Via [Facebook.com/illinoistimes](https://facebook.com/illinoistimes)

Voters choose crime prevention over tough on crime approach

POLITICS | Rich Miller

A couple of Chicago mayoral race polling results from last month have been stuck in my head ever since they were released.

The BSP Research poll taken March 15-23 for Northwestern University's Center for the Study of Diversity and Democracy found the two mayoral runoff candidates were running neck and neck. The poll was almost universally ignored by the city's news media, yet it might've possibly contained an important nugget which could help explain at least part of Brandon Johnson's win and Paul Vallas' loss.

The poll found that 82% of Chicagoans supported the idea of increasing the number of police on the force. OK, no surprise there.

Immediately after answering that question, however, 63% said they supported the idea of decreasing police funding and investing in addressing root causes of crime. According to the poll, 68% of Black people, 66% of Latinos and 59% of whites supported that idea.

"If that second result is even close to accurate, it upends everything we're supposed to believe about this contest," I wrote at the time.

Vallas heavily outspent Johnson on television ads, warning voters for weeks that Johnson wanted to "defund the police." According to Vallas, Chicago crime was "out of control" and Johnson would only make things worse. Almost Vallas' entire platform centered around both hiring more police officers, which is something that Chicago voters of all persuasions clearly said they wanted, and ridiculing Johnson for his past remarks on the topic of police funding. Johnson soft-pedaled his past remarks, but insisted that crime prevention and solving crimes should be at the top of the priority list.

I've often declared that voters "don't do nuance," but it's been clear that pundits and many political reporters are the ones who've been far less nuanced about crime than voters over the past year in this state, and particularly in the Chicago metro area.

As we saw in 2022, polls showed that suburban and Downstate voters simply did not view the crime problem as the overarching issue portrayed by the news media and Republican political operatives.

Aurora Mayor Richard Irvin spent tens of millions of Ken Griffin's dollars to use the crime issue in a spectacularly failed effort to capture the Republican gubernatorial nomination and

prove his questionable Republican bonafides.

The Chicago Fraternal Order of Police aggressively attacked Sen. Rob Martwick, D-Chicago, over his support for the SAFE-T Act in an attempt to nominate a candidate with Republican affiliations in a Democratic primary. That also failed miserably.

And then, of course, there were the endless TV ads from Dan Proft's People Who Play by the Rules PAC last year designed to depress the Democrats' Chicago base and hurt Gov. JB Pritzker and wound Democrats in the suburbs. Nope.

A GQR poll released the day after Chicago's mayoral election found similar results.

Likely Chicago voters were asked if they preferred 1) "Doing more to get tough on crime, like having stricter sentences for people convicted of violent crimes, maintaining strong bail laws to keep potentially dangerous people in jail, and giving police more support and resources"; or 2) "Fully fund things that are proven to create safe communities and improve people's quality of life, like good schools, a living wage, and affordable housing, and do more to prevent crime by increasing treatment for mental health and drug addiction and cracking down on illegal gun sales."

By a 58-39 margin, respondents chose the prevention angle over the tough on crime angle.

At least in this state, the Bill Clinton era sure appears to be over. Ginning up fears about crime and promising to throw more money at the police just aren't enough by themselves any longer to win races. In that bygone time, Vallas would've likely easily defeated Johnson with the message he used this spring, despite his affiliations with the far right in the recent past (including the ultra-radical Awake Illinois and Dan Proft). Today's voters here want far more than just "lock 'em up" rhetoric.

Not all of Clinton's lessons are now passe, however. Vallas, who will turn 70 in June, constantly surrounded himself with older Democrats like former Secretary of State Jesse White, former Senate President Emil Jones, former US Rep. Bobby Rush and US Sen. Dick Durbin. But that ignored one of Clinton's most valuable and enduring political lessons: Don't offer to be a bridge to the past; promise instead that you will build a bridge to the future. Brandon Johnson did that, Vallas did not.



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New growth downtown

The leadership and design behind trees and flowers

GUESTWORK | Anne Logue

Competency, courage and integrity of leadership are quickly apparent in the treatment of the urban core. A tone is set every day for those who live there and visitors considering Springfield as their new home. Springfield deserves leadership that has the courage to reinvest in historically neglected areas, the wisdom to treat one another with respect and the strength to seek out information on critical issues.

Recent Springfield collaboration between leadership brought projects that illustrate courage and competency and the ability to reach across differences. The result has been comprehensive restoration of the downtown landscape in 152 new tree plantings, new planters with bold pops of color that also incorporate critical native pollinator support and, last but not least, a streamlined process for urban forestry management. Our urban tree cover in downtown not only provides beauty and shading for pedestrians milling about downtown, it absorbs carbon, cools the city temperatures and reduces flooding.

Springfield was recognized nationally as a “Shining Example of the Power of Growth” in Arbor Day’s 2023 March/April newsletter. The article was on the city of Springfield and the Urban Forestry Commission (UFC) work in these areas: a) tree inventory work b) recycling of all leaf and woody debris from municipal tree care and c) more trees planted than removed throughout the city. Last year 327 trees were planted, with more trees planted than removed. Recently, with the support of the city council, the city has received a matching grant of \$24,750 for new tree planting (estimated for 130 trees) from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources with another \$25,000 matching grant funding on the horizon for tree maintenance. A comprehensive forestry management plan by UFC can be accessed at the City of Springfield’s website under Urban Forestry Commission. <https://www.springfield.us.il.us/Departments/PublicWorks/urbanforestry.aspx>.



Designer colors in downtown flowerbox. PHOTO BY ANNE LOGUE

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Quadrant by quadrant, through collaboration between the Urban Forestry Commission, Springfield Public Works, Springfield City Council and Springfield’s Office of Planning and Economic Development grant-writing staff, the city has set a course that shapes solid strategic methods for design of the urban core. It enables quick access to hazardous tree locations to either treat or replace them, utilizing “the right tree, right species, in the right place” format. This method is based on a fine-tuned software program that surveys the number of trees in the city, the location of open planting spaces, the ratio between tree species, and which trees need care or removal. One crucial benefit is protection against any widespread species disease linked to this rapidly warming climate.

Jan Von Qualen, chair of UFC, explained that

with more diversity, the more likely a healthy urban forest will still be with us in 50 years. A common diversity rule recommends an urban tree population should include no more than 10% of any particular species, so that if one species is hit, many trees remain intact.

In this same spirit of intelligent design, landscape architect Neil Brumleve of Massie Massie and Associates created a project for downtown tree restoration and planters which was approved and implemented this year. City arborist Jeff Reim was on hand extensively during the tree selection, excavating and planting to ensure a smooth transition and that native trees were included. A cornucopia of 29 species of 152 new trees were planted in the downtown area. Some trees of note were: Green Mountain Silver Linden, Shawnee Brave Bald Cypress, and Regal Prince Oak. Few maples were included, due to it being a dominant

species in the city. The complete list of trees can be accessed at www.sustainablespringfield.org.

In addition, 145 new planters have been added, some with a long rectangular design and some larger circular ones that have an upgraded watering system requiring less maintenance, saving on city labor cost. New City Greenhouse owner Randy Belville, in collaboration with Susan Helm, developed a design blend of perennial spring color from tulips and daffodils, native flowering pollinator plants, and annuals. These brought bright pops of color for the downtown area from spring to late fall. Prairie dropseed grass, rudbeckia, lantana and petunias are just some of what will be included in the 145 new planters in the city’s core. Due to habitat loss for pollinators, from expanding paved and built surfaces as well as pesticide use, restoring habitat for the pollinators is key for the ecosystem and food supply. Integrity in design speaks for itself and builds community. □

Anne Logue teaches at the Springfield Art Association, and is a board member of Sustainable Springfield and Faith Coalition for the Common Good. She is a founding member of Springfield Power to the People Coalition.

Upcoming events:

UFC Tree Giveaway at the city’s 2023 Earth Awareness Fair at the Henson Robinson Zoo, Saturday, April 22, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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By Derek Robinson, Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), racial and ethnic minoritized groups in the U.S. experience higher rates of illness and death across a wide range of health conditions, including diabetes, hypertension, obesity, asthma, and heart disease, when compared to their White counterparts.

Genetically, we have much more in common than is different. Based on a CDC report, the underlying driver of these health inequities is racism—a system consisting of structures, policies, practices, and norms—that assigns value and determines opportunity based on the way people look or the color of their skin. This results in conditions that unfairly advantage some and disadvantage others throughout society.

With individual and collective action, we can turn the tide on health inequities. Here are three important steps you can take:

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2. Find a Doctor You Trust

Start by asking friends, family, neighbors, or coworkers for doctor recommendations. Many racial and ethnic minoritized groups feel it's important to work with a doctor who shares or understands their background and culture. Ask the doctor's office if they provide culturally and linguistically appropriate information and make sure they are "in network" with your insurance.

3. Advocate for Yourself

It's important to ask questions and understand the doctor's information. Write out questions before your appointment. Bring a friend or relative who can take notes. Ask for a printed summary of your visit or set up access to your electronic health record.



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Low-impact landscaping

GARDEN | Carey Smith

“A lawn is nature under totalitarian rule.” — Michael Pollan

Low-impact landscaping is a broad term that describes a rethinking of the traditional American lawn. Fading away are the ideals of a weed-free, insect-free emerald green lawn perpetually cut to two inches in height. Coming into focus is the idea that the 40 million acres of American lawns are an ecosystem, and we can recover, regenerate and support this ecosystem by making better choices.

Traditional American lawns have taken a hit in recent years as the desire to make impactful personal choices to improve sustainability has grown. High-impact landscaping, including lawns, uses an exorbitant amount of water, much of which is wasted through evaporation and runoff. It also contributes heavily to greenhouse gas emissions, with garden equipment engines making up about 5% of our nation's total air pollution.

Not only do monoculture lawns lack the biodiversity to support pollinators and other insect life, the chemicals used in controlling weeds and insects such as mosquitoes have contributed to a massive insect decline, estimated at 2% globally per year. While no one may miss mosquitoes, the decline in pollinators and summer favorites like fireflies has been noticeable and disheartening.

After facing the environmental consequences of high-impact landscaping, many Americans are eschewing the traditional lawn and pursuing other, more environmentally friendly options. There are a variety of approaches that may work for you and your lawn that will help make this world a better place for all of us.

One of the easiest first steps is to cease the application of pesticides and herbicides. A lawn containing flowering ground covers is not only appealing to the eye but is also much healthier for any insect or other animal (including humans) coming into direct contact. Decreasing pesticide use directly supports native bees and honeybees, as well as other pollinators.

No Mow May is becoming a national movement to allow spring's first flowers to feed spring's first emerging insects. A natural lawn may see a roving kaleidoscope of flowering ground covers, some native and some not, but all feed insect life.

Once flowering ground covers have peaked, cutting grass usually follows. Many choose to set their mowers higher, such as to four to five



Decreasing pesticide use directly supports native bees and honeybees, as well as other pollinators.

PHOTO COURTESY CAREY SMITH

inches, and to mow less often. Some view these kinds of lawns as messy and lazy but others see them as a restorative contribution to diversity and life.

Installing no-mow grasses and leaving grass clippings to decompose in place are also good options. Clover is a plant which fixes nitrogen into the soil and can be used instead of chemi-

cal fertilizers. There are native clovers as well as non-native clovers, both of which support insect life.

Installing rain barrels to complement a natural lawn can greatly reduce water consumption. Currently Americans use about nine billion gallons of water daily for landscaping, but capturing runoff from roofs during the wet season and using it for landscape support in the dry season can greatly reduce this usage.

A rain garden is a planting situated in a low spot or near a downspout that captures runoff and sinks it into the ground. Rain gardens are usually mulched and often utilize native plants that have evolved with intermittent flooding cycles and deep roots to help absorb water.

In fact, replacing lawns with native plants is the ideal when it comes to low-impact landscaping. Native plants are the best at supporting native insect populations and have evolved to thrive in our variable climatic conditions and soils. Whether a native planting is neat and ordered, or more chaotic like a natural prairie, the support given to a diverse population of native insects and animals is exactly what is needed to counteract decades of the detrimental effects of American lawns.

Native plants can be found at a variety of garden centers, but look carefully to ensure that any given plant is not a cultivar of a native species. Native plant groups such as the Illinois Native Plant Society (INPS) provide a wealth of information on how to grow what and where.

INPS as well as places like Lincoln Memorial Garden offer native seedlings as part of fundraising efforts. Mason State Tree Nursery offers native plant seeds in bulk. A variety of native plant landscape designs are available for free on Wildones.org.

One last bit of low-impact landscaping advice is to use permeable hardscaping when possible. There's no need to rip out a concrete patio, but if installing a new hardscape, look for permeable pavers which allow rain to soak into the ground beneath instead of contributing to runoff.

Everyone starts with a first step and works toward their ideal. No matter where you are in this journey of reimagining the American lawn, we all benefit from making sustainable choices. □

Carey Smith is passionate about pollinators and integrates them into her personal and professional life however possible.



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Learn from my mistakes

The dos and don'ts of home renovation

HOME | Elizabeth Watson

During the pandemic, I was one of those extremely fortunate individuals whose worst hardship was having too much time on my hands. In hindsight, I can see how I could have more virtuously used that extra time – say, by filling food pantries or checking on elderly neighbors – but as it was happening, it seemed that my only option was to buy my three kids new iPads and continue staring into space. As I honed my newfound skill of staring at walls, I realized I was simultaneously building another strength: a crystal clear awareness of everything that was wrong with my home and everything that needed to be done to change it.

I shared my new field of study with my husband, Josh, one rainy evening during lockdown. (Remember how it seemed to rain constantly that spring?) I had made a list of everything that needed to be renovated and what I thought each line item might cost. Josh, with his uncanny ability to throw kerosene on the fire of my crazy ideas, looked up at me and said, “Let’s just move.”

And move, we did. What ensued is a cautionary tale for all budding home renovators.

Do: Communicate clearly and honestly.

Don't: Lie to your spouse.

To my credit, I was lying to myself as well, so I really didn't mean to pull the wool over poor Josh's eyes. When we saw the new house for the first time, I was feeling super emotional, and I honestly believed the words I whispered to him as we left the showing: “This is the one. We won't need to change a thing.” Which brings me to my next warning.

Do: Be more cautious than you think is necessary.

Don't: Make huge decisions based on whims and assumptions.

My big, unchecked assumption was that a 1990s subdivision house would be straightforward and easy to fix up and maintain compared to the 100-year-old house we were used to. Untrue!

Do: Factor in realistic sums for skilled workers and high-quality materials.

Don't: Plan to do everything on the cheap.

My one-year-old laminate countertops cost a tenth of what a higher-quality material would have run us. And they are already stained, warped, chipped and burned. I hate them.

Do: Listen to expert advice.

Don't: Selectively mute voices that disagree with your dream house narrative.

All the ceilings had a subtle stamped texture, and I



The author in her kitchen shortly after new laminate countertops, which she now hates, were installed in January 2022. PHOTO COURTESY ELIZABETH WATSON

wanted them flat. Multiple wise contractors, painters and drywall pros tried to tell me what a huge project it would be and that I ought to just live with the ceilings the way they were. No way I was doing that. Now, after many months of work, untold thousands of dollars, and who knows how many years off my life, I'm still wiping up drywall dust, and the ceilings still aren't quite right.

Do: Close off areas of your home to protect work in progress.

Don't: Let your pets ruin everything.

During one of the many low points with the ceiling debacle, our family room was such a mess that our cat started using piles of drywall debris as a litter box. Don't even get me started on the effect of our two huge, wild doodles.

Do: Celebrate small improvements.

Don't: Reject anything but absolute perfection.

Josh would always come home from work and naively say how good everything was looking. Never one to let Josh enjoy a single second of ignorant bliss, I would lead him around and educate him on all the screw-ups of the day, for his own good.

Luckily, two years later, we love our home – and we still love each other. We miss our old neighbors, but we've made friends with the people on our new street. (It turns out Springfield is full of nice people!) Going forward, Josh and I are living by the old adage, “If it ain't broke, don't fix it.” □

Elizabeth Watson is a freelance writer and mother living in Springfield. She loves helping friends look at paint colors and fabric swatches.

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HOME & GARDEN | Pamela Savage

According to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, over 400 bird species have been recorded as living in or migrating through Illinois. More than one-third of the world's birds are migratory and will be moving back into their northern nests and perches this spring in order to meet, eat, mingle and mate.

Interest in backyard birding has grown enormously in the last three years, and many area residents may be wondering how to best tend to their avian visitors during the next few months. Wade Kammin, owner of Springfield's Wild Birds Unlimited, provides some tips on how to care for our local birds and their habitats this spring.

What types of birds are we seeing right now and in the next couple of months?

We will continue to see our year-round residents, such as cardinals, chickadees, titmice and many other regular feeder-birds. As of mid-April, we are just on the cusp of spring migration. During mid-to late April, many birds such as hummingbirds, orioles, indigo buntings and rose-breasted grosbeaks migrate from Central America. You may see a few of these exciting birds in April, as well as in May when the masses will arrive.

What are the main things to consider if you'd like to attract birds?

There are four main components to attracting birds: water, food, shelter and places to raise young.

A clean source of water will attract a wide variety of birds. The advantage of birdbaths over feeders is that there are some species of birds that never eat at a feeder, but every bird drinks water. Most birds will be attracted to a birdbath, especially if it features moving water such as a fountain. Another advantage to water is that it is relatively low maintenance, and there aren't really any ongoing costs. You simply change your water every day in the summer. A disadvantage to a birdbath is that it provides a shorter viewing time versus a feeder.

With feeders, some species at a feeder will have multiple repeat visits, either every day, or several

times during a day. While birds are perched on a feeder, you'll have a longer time to view and observe them.

Regarding shelters and habitats, we know that the more plants and vegetation you have in your yard, the better birds you'll see. Plants of any source provide protection from rain, predators and wind. It is well understood that native plants attract native bugs, which are preferred by local birds as food sources.

Oak trees provide a habitat that is beneficial to local birds. Oak trees host many types of caterpillars in the spring, which feed birds that are having babies. For example, a family of chickadees needs about 6,000 caterpillars to raise a brood of babies each spring. A native tree such as an oak easily hosts those insects and can feed those babies.

If you do have to have a tree removed, as we all do from time to time, consider making up for it by putting out birdhouses. Most of our residential neighborhoods don't have enough natural tree cavities, and this deprives birds of a nesting site. The more birdhouses we have out, the more nesting families we can have.

What advice do you have for newcomers and novices who are interested in birds?

If you are able to learn about local birds and their individual dietary and habitat needs, you will be much more successful in attracting these birds to your yard. Look at the quality of the products that you are purchasing. There are huge differences in quality between bird foods, and local birds want the preferred food. Low-quality foods won't attract birds and will spill seeds into your yard, often sprouting weeds. You should also consider if you'll need squirrel-proof feeders. If you can prevent these challenges from the start, your experience will be more enjoyable. □

Pamela Savage is a freelance writer living in Springfield who has enjoyed learning more about birds and native plants over the last few years.

Upcoming events

During the week of April 16, Wild Birds Unlimited, 1930 S. MacArthur Blvd, will have a native plant sale. Native plants attract birds and butterflies, and these are specifically designed to only require a small amount of space so that you can easily add them to your garden, deck or patio.

On Saturday, May 6, Wild Birds Unlimited will be partnering with Designer Landscapes to tell you everything you need to know about attracting hummingbirds and butterflies, along with other local pollinators, to your yard. Four free seminars will be offered between 10 a.m.-2 p.m., visit springfieldil.wbu.com for more information.

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What to do when you smell a skunk

HOME & GARDEN | Ashley Meyer

Smell is one of the most powerful senses we have. Aromas can instantly transport someone back to their grandma's kitchen or to the scene of first love with a whiff of perfume. Bad aromas have an equally powerful impact, a fact I was reminded of very early one morning a few weeks ago.

My friend's dog, Libby, was staying with us overnight and she and my own rambunctious pup were jumping at the back door to go out. I let them out and went to retrieve my glasses. Before I could make it down the hallway, Libby came bursting back into the house with wild, bloodshot eyes and a red muzzle. She streaked past me and began frantically rubbing her face on the couch. Her face was so red that at first, I thought it might be blood, but as I took her by the collar, the stench of rotten horseradish and burning rubber that stung my eyes told me all I needed to know. Libby had been sprayed by a skunk.

I'd always heard that tomato juice was supposed to remove skunk smell, but this seemed like even more mess to deal with, and anyway, I didn't have tomato juice on hand. As soon as my vet's office opened, I called for advice on what to do. She told me to mix up a solution of one quart 3% hydrogen peroxide, 1/4 cup baking soda and one teaspoon of dish detergent. Mix it up and use it right away, she cautioned, as it can build up pressure in a closed container and explode. The solution will foam up. Lather it onto the dog and let it sit for five to 10 minutes, then rinse off.

This could be easier said than done, depending on the dog. However, Libby, a pampered red-nosed pit bull rescue, was absolutely perfect as I dabbed a sponge soaked in the tingly solution around her face. She delicately licked her nose as I carefully rinsed her off.



Libby, a red-nosed pit bull rescue, did not enjoy her recent encounter with a skunk. PHOTO BY ASHLEY MEYER

I used the same solution of peroxide, baking soda and dish detergent to clean anything else that came into contact with the skunk odor. It's important to test fabrics for colorfastness first as the peroxide can have a lightening effect. If you look closely at my couch, you can tell it's been deep-scrubbed in spots, but at least the smell is gone. It was a full three days later before my kids declared the house skunk-free. If you ever find yourself in a similar situation, I hope you can benefit from what I learned that day.

Time is of the essence

Thiols, the compounds responsible for the stench, are detectable by humans in concentrations as low as 10 parts per billion and will linger in the air for hours even after the source of the smell has been

removed. The faster you can neutralize the smell, the better. Products like Nature's Miracle Skunk-Odor Remover work well, but if you don't have them on hand right after getting sprayed, they're not as effective.

Fresh air is your friend

If it's a dog that's been sprayed, do your best to keep the dog outside until it's been washed so the smell doesn't get into the house. Leaving washed blankets and clothes outside on a clothesline for a day or two is likely the most effective and inexpensive, though time-consuming, way of removing the odor.

Know your neighbors

Striped skunks, the most prevalent variety in central Illinois, are nocturnal mammals that live in

grassy pastures or forest edges and have become well-adapted to urban living, explained Becky Croteau, an avid forager and retired biology professor. Skunks mate in early spring, so they're especially active during this time. Unlike the lusty cartoon skunk Pepe Le Pew, actual skunk must doesn't waft about them in a cloud, but rather is a targeted defensive mechanism that can be shot out at distances of up to 10 feet. "Their spray is so putrid because it's their only defense system," Croteau pointed out.

"Now, in early April, skunks are denning with their babies. Consequently, they're a little more wary, so if your dog runs into them, they're going to get sprayed," cautions Croteau. "However, they don't just outright spray, they give a warning first: they arch their back, they raise their tail and they stomp on the ground. If one does that to you, your best bet is to back away slowly. Don't raise your arms and make a fuss, but just back away slowly and don't turn until you're at least 10 feet away. If you do that, you probably won't be sprayed. Unfortunately, it's hard to teach a dog to do that."

Although they are often much-maligned and sometimes feared, Croteau explained that skunks are actually an important part of the food web and can be a gardener's best friend. "Skunks are omnivores, and they like to eat worms and insect larvae and underground critters like moles, so they can actually be beneficial to gardeners and farmers because they feed on a lot of agricultural pests," she said. Ultimately, skunks are shy creatures and generally harmless. When left alone they can coexist with humans quite amicably, though not necessarily with dogs named Libby. □

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Prioritize spring cleaning

HOME & GARDEN | Amy Figueroa

After spending more time than ever indoors over the past couple of years, we have all likely accumulated more dirt, dust and allergens in our homes than usual. Additionally, this extra time at home may have drawn your attention to certain areas that require a little more TLC. This makes spring cleaning especially important this year.

As the sun starts shining and the weather warms up, we find ourselves a little more energized and ready to tackle a few extra projects around the house. The tradition of spring cleaning invites us to clear out the old, incorporate the new and freshen up our most-enjoyed spaces.

Refreshing your home for spring can include anything from simple decluttering, to deep cleaning and disinfecting high-touch areas, to hiring a professional cleaning service to come out to your house and ensure a job well done. Your personal approach to spring cleaning will likely depend on the size of your household, the amount of time and energy you have available and the budget you choose to allocate to the job.

Tips for decluttering

It's easy to let items pile up, especially if you've resided in your home for a long time. Decluttering helps us create space for new items and pursuits, but getting started can feel overwhelming. Start by sorting things into three piles: keep, donate/sell and throw away. This will help you free up space and make cleaning up easier.

Begin with these items:

- Expired consumables (food, makeup, toiletries, medication)
- Stained, ripped or outgrown clothing or shoes
- Unwanted toys or gifts
- Old papers and mail
- Unneeded chargers, connection cords and broken or outdated electronics
- Furniture that is no longer needed or in use

A good rule of thumb to keep in mind is if you haven't used, worn or needed it in six months or more, it's probably safe to let go of it.

You can donate unwanted items in good shape to places such as Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Goodwill Industries, Salvation Army or Creative Reuse Marketplace.

There are also many online marketplaces where you can list used items for sale such as NextDoor, Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist, eBay and OfferUp.

Remember to take time to carefully organize the items you decide to keep to make regular access and cleaning easy.



Deep cleaning and disinfecting

Starting from top to bottom ensures a thorough cleaning. Ceilings, light fixtures and upper cabinets are areas that are frequently overlooked during the typical cleaning process. Starting from the ceiling and working your way downward prevents dust and dirt from settling on surfaces you have already cleaned.

Remember to wipe down light switches, door handles and baseboards with a disinfecting agent, and don't forget to dust and vacuum behind and underneath furniture. Take time to wash infrequently cleaned items such as bath mats, shower curtains and chair covers, and to clean out the refrigerator and other frequently used appliances.

Pace yourself

When planning to deep clean an entire home, it's best to divide and conquer. Consider blocking off several hours or an entire day for each room or area. Using this approach, it can take a significant amount of time to complete the whole house, but in the end, you'll have an immaculate home to enjoy and entertain in for spring and summer.

Hiring a professional

Consider having your air ducts professionally cleaned and replacing your HVAC filters to reduce the spread of allergens and dust and create a healthier environment for your family. Jay Woodrum of Peerless Cleaning & Restoration Services recommends having your air ducts professionally cleaned every three to five years for optimum performance and cleanliness.

He also stated, "Having your upholstery and

other soft textile surfaces cleaned every six to 12 months helps keep them clean and reduces allergens, but also helps to protect and preserve those items for the future."

Flooring is another important area to pay special attention to when spring cleaning. In fact, having your carpets professionally cleaned may be a critical step in your spring cleaning process, especially if you've installed new carpets in the last few years.

Joe Doone, owner of Stanley Steamer of Springfield, stated, "If you've purchased your carpets from any of the top carpet manufacturers, such as Mohawk or Shaw, you must have your carpets professionally cleaned every 12 to 18 months in order to maintain the warranty on your carpets."

Doone noted that depending on the amount of traffic in the home and the number of pets, some people may need to have their carpets cleaned more frequently. He advised, "Don't wait until a specific date; rather, schedule your carpet cleaning whenever your carpets begin to appear dirty."

Alternatively, if you have tile flooring, Woodrum advises having your tile and grout cleaned by a professional every one to two years to help extend the life of your grout and keep your surfaces clean and bright.

Participating in the tradition of spring cleaning can help reduce stress, increase productivity and even save time and money. Thoroughly cleaning your home also improves your mood and creates a healthier environment to live in overall. Whether you can commit to a complete deep clean or prefer to tackle projects little by little or on a smaller scale, you're sure to be rewarded for your efforts for the rest of the year. □

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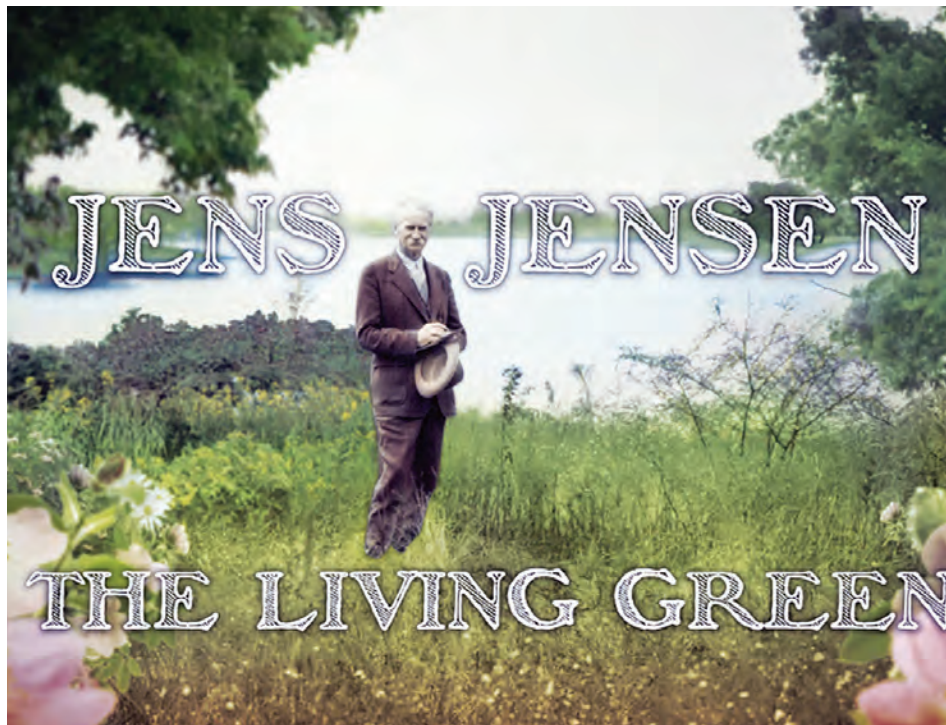
For Earth Day, environmental groups host screening of Jens Jensen documentary at Illinois State Museum

CONSERVATION | Jeanne Townsend Handy

The Illinois State Museum is a fitting place to gather in honor of Earth Day with its displays of human and environmental history, its stories of habitat evolution and more recent, rapid disturbances. On April 20, the museum will open its doors and auditorium to representatives of the Illinois Audubon Society, Lincoln Memorial Garden, Springfield Audubon Society, Illinois Environmental Council, Illinois Native Plant Society, The Friends of the Sangamon Valley and to interested community members for an opportunity to consider our role in the existence of green space during a special screening of the film, *Jens Jensen: The Living Green*.

When director and co-producer Carey Lundin chose a Danish immigrant born in 1860 as the subject of her documentary, she knew his story remained relevant to issues of today: urban conservation, species diversity, the effects of nature on physical and mental health. Her film follows Jens Jensen from his arrival in Chicago in 1885 through his upward climb from street sweeper to prominent designer of public parks and private estates. He would also become a pioneering conservationist who understood long before the field of ecology existed that native plants possess an exquisiteness that evolved in association with insects and birds and animals, with soil and geology, with climate and wind. While park administrators were focusing on exotic designs, he believed that parks and diverse habitat need not be exclusive of each other. Jensen lamented: "During these early years of study in the Chicago parks I discovered the total absence of all the romance and poetry which was true Illinois, and I asked myself why this great spiritual force had been overlooked." He would plant the first native flowers in any park in the country.

Jensen also intuited the physical and mental benefits of nature long before confirmation by scientific study. "We all need the living



The documentary follows the career of Danish-born Jens Jensen from street sweeper, to "dean of landscape architecture," to pioneering conservationist. PHOTO COURTESY CAREY LUNDIN

green or we'll shrivel up inside," he stated. Jensen had the pleasure of seeing acres of prairie still in existence west of Chicago, but so too did he witness the prairie being plowed under, rampant growth, and immigrant neighborhoods sitting alongside expanses of factories. These neighborhoods, he believed, were as deserving of green space as any other. When asked in 1917 by a Special Parks Commission to create a plan to increase the west park system, Jensen presented a design that included a park for every neighborhood and a community garden in every block. This trailblazing plan, although approved in 1919, would never be realized.

"Jensen believed people need to see the living green every single day if possible and shouldn't have to travel very far to do it," Carey Lundin states. While delving into Jensen's philosophy when creating the film, Lundin found herself influenced by ideas that remain revolutionary today and has since been involved in Jensen-inspired projects across the country. There is now a nature park for children in Chicago's underserved Little Village neighborhood, a Jensen Path in Madison, Wisconsin, and Jensen-influenced gardens in Brooklyn and the Bronx. Lundin continues to ponder how we can "inspire the next generation of conservation heroes" and will appear at the museum

via Zoom to answer audience questions and discuss how we can make green space a central, accessible part of life, even when confronted by obstacles.

Jensen possessed a persistence that carried him forward, despite resistance to his ideas, despite losing his position with the Chicago park system for refusing to participate in a culture of corruption. Our state is a better place because he pressed forward, helping create the Cook County Forest Preserve District and Illinois state park system. Springfield is a better place because in the 1930s he accepted a request from Harriet Knudson of the Garden Club of Illinois to design a garden in honor of Abraham Lincoln in Springfield. The Lincoln Memorial Garden, now on the National Register of Historic Places, is a living testament to Jensen's belief in the magnificence of native habitat communities with acres of mature trees and prairie openings. In his reply to Knudson, Jensen stated: "I will give of my best and there will be no fee." He volunteered his time.

On April 20, community members can watch Jensen's story unfold and hear from people inspired by him, like Springfield landscape architect Kent Massie, who has attended several Jensen symposiums at The Clearing in Wisconsin, a school created by Jensen. They can contemplate possible paths toward expanding green space with the film's creator, Carey Lundin. And they can pause at information tables to talk with people on the local conservation frontlines about protection and restoration; about advocating, digging, planting, teaching and learning from peers and predecessors. They can consider how as individuals and as part of a team we can ensure the living green for our own community. □

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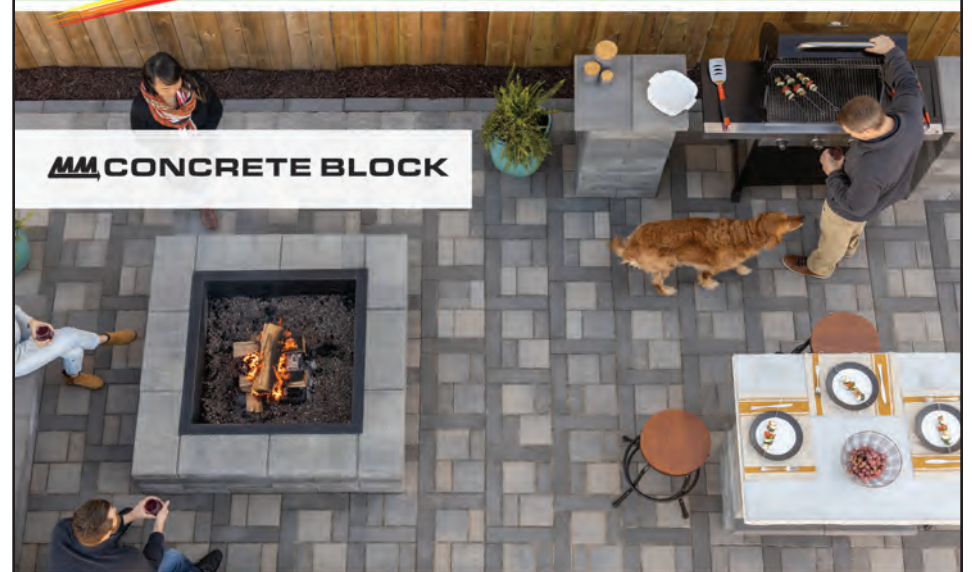
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King trumpet mushrooms

This “new” variety can be a workhorse in your kitchen

FOOD | Peter Glatz

I’ve been on a mushroom binge of late. I just finished watching the 2019 Netflix documentary *Fantastic Fungi*. If you haven’t seen it, I highly recommend watching it. Now I’m reading Michael Pollan’s 2018 book *How To Change Your Mind* which delves into the renewed interest in the therapeutic psycho-active properties of certain mushrooms. Because I’m a chef, I want to learn everything I can about cooking with mushrooms. At the restaurant where I work, we’ve been getting deliveries of cultivated lion’s mane mushrooms, some as big as small heads of cauliflower, and our foragers have been bringing in delicate little yellow foot chanterelle mushrooms. In the Fermentation Lab, I’m fermenting ember-smoked mushrooms with koji and salt to make mushroom garum.

For most of my life, the plastic-wrapped containers of white button mushrooms from the supermarket were all I ever knew. Then in the 1980s portobello and crimini mushrooms started showing up. However new and exotic portobellos may have seemed back then, they were actually just overgrown crimini mushrooms, which were the most common variety available in America until the mid-1920s when white button mushrooms became the standard.

Following the coattails of portobellos and criminis into the American marketplace were the so-called *exotic* mushrooms: oyster, shiitake and enoki. More recently this list has been joined by king trumpet, maitake, beech and lion’s mane mushrooms, as well as dried porcinis and morels. Out of the 300 or so edible species of mushrooms, we’ve only been able to cultivate 30, and just 10 are commonly grown commercially. The other edible varieties have so far defied cultivation and are only available from foragers but, thankfully, the rising popularity of farmers markets has made foraged mushrooms more accessible.

For those of us who could only buy white button mushrooms for most of our lives, there is a need for more information on what we can do with these “new” varieties. A comprehensive guide to mushroom cookery exceeds the space allowance of this column, so I’ll be focusing on single varieties in this and future columns. I’ll begin the discussion with a mushroom that has become a workhorse in my kitchen, the king trumpet mushroom. King trumpet mushrooms are easily sourced at Asian grocers and are starting to show up in mainstream supermarkets.

The king trumpet mushroom (*Pleurotus eryngii*), also known as king oyster mushroom, king brown mushroom and French horn mushroom, is the largest of the oyster mushroom genus. Averaging between four and six inches in length, it has a very



King trumpet mushrooms average four to six inches in length. PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

thick white stem and small brown cap that is only slightly wider than the stem. It has a firm, dense, chewy, meaty texture. When cooked it has a distinct juicy nuttiness, and the pleasant savory flavor known as *umami*. The king trumpet mushroom is often referred to as “poor man’s porcini” because it’s full of flavor, but not as expensive as the wild porcini mushroom.

King trumpet mushrooms can be eaten either raw or cooked. Cooking enhances the savory umami flavors, and because king trumpet mushrooms are denser than other mushroom varieties, they hold up well to slow cooking and high heat, and retain their shape. The whole mushroom is edible, unlike shiitakes, which should have their stems removed because they are too tough and woody to eat. King trumpets work well as a stand-in for meat; their texture is similar to scallops, and they mimic the flavor of seafood when cooked in butter and wine.

Pan-seared King Trumpet Mushroom “Steaks”

Serve these over polenta or soft scrambled eggs.

2 servings

Ingredients:

- 2 king trumpet mushrooms
- olive oil
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, cubed
- 1 sprig thyme
- 1 garlic clove, mashed
- flaky sea salt

Slice the mushrooms in half lengthways, then

using a crosshatch pattern, score the cut side with small incisions into the exposed flesh. This will help the mushrooms cook faster and more evenly, as well as soak up all the flavor from the olive oil and butter.

Place a pan over high heat. Once the pan is almost smoking, add a drizzle of oil and the mushrooms cut side down. Turn the heat down to medium-high and sear until golden brown and crisp, about 3 to 5 minutes, then flip and allow a little color to develop on the backside.

Add the butter to the pan. Once melted, add the thyme and garlic and season with salt and baste the mushrooms for about a minute more.

King Trumpet Mushroom “Scallops” with Lemon, Parsley, Garlic Butter

King trumpet mushrooms can be prepared like sea scallops.

2-4 servings

Ingredients:

- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons flat-leaf parsley, chopped
- Juice and zest from a half lemon
- ¼ teaspoon sea salt
- 2-4 king trumpet mushrooms (depending on size)
- Olive oil
- 1 scallion or a few chives, thinly sliced

Preparation:

First, prepare the compound butter: Mix the softened butter with the minced garlic, chopped parsley, lemon zest and lemon juice.

Slice the mushroom stems into 1-inch-thick “scallops” and lightly score the cut surfaces in a crosshatch pattern. Season with a little salt.

Place a skillet over high heat. Once the pan is hot, add a drizzle of oil to coat. Turn the heat down to medium-high, add the mushrooms, and sear, without moving, until the first sides are golden brown and crisp, about 3 to 4 minutes, then flip and allow a little color to develop on the opposite sides.

Turn the heat down to low and add the compound butter to the pan. When melted, baste the mushrooms with the compound butter.

Garnish with the scallion or chives and serve.

Roasted, with Miso Sauce

Roasting king trumpet mushroom halves in the oven concentrates their flavor.

Serves 4

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 pounds king trumpet mushrooms
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- Sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Lemon wedges, for serving

For the miso sauce:

- ¼ cup white wine
- ¼ cup white miso
- 2 tablespoons mirin
- 2 teaspoons soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 teaspoons whole-grain mustard
- 1/4 cup heavy cream

Preparation:

Adjust the oven rack to the lowest position and preheat the oven to 475°F.

Slice the mushrooms in half lengthwise, and score the cut side with shallow incisions in a crosshatch pattern. Brush the mushrooms with the melted butter, season with salt and pepper, and arrange the slices, cut-side down, on a rimmed sheet tray. Season with salt and pepper. Roast the mushrooms until lightly browned, 20 to 30 minutes.

While the mushrooms are roasting, prepare the miso sauce: In a saucepan, bring the white wine to a simmer and stir in the miso, mirin, soy sauce, maple syrup and water. Bring back to a simmer, stirring constantly, then remove from the heat. Stir in the mustard and heavy cream.

Transfer the mushrooms to a serving dish, drizzle with some of the miso sauce, and serve with lemon wedges. □

Van Gogh and an actor's return to the Springfield stage

"What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything?" ~ Vincent van Gogh

THEATER | Mary Young

A bit of personal history: A very long time ago, when I was an art major, one of my favorite painters (like so many others...art major or not) was Vincent van Gogh. He still is. His bombastic painting style, his poetic letters to his brother, his death at an early age, spoke to my young, sensitive heart and artistic sensibilities. Even Don McLean's melancholy song "Vincent" still sometimes moves me immensely whenever I hear it. So, I was excited – thrilled, actually – to get to write about not only a favorite artist, but a previously locally based talent who's now pursuing his life's passion in New Orleans. He's returning to Springfield for one weekend only, to tell the story of van Gogh in a truly unconventional fashion.

Exhausted Paint, directed by R'Myni Watson, with tour direction by Carly Stroud, is described as a frenetic one-man-show that takes you through a tilt-a-whirl exploration of Vincent van Gogh's life, heart and legacy. This 70-minute one-act, written by Justin Maxwell, explores the life of one of the world's most famous painters through the lens of disorientation and struggle. Van Gogh takes you from scene to scene of his life – the order of which is determined by a wheel that is spun before you. Yes, you read that right. There's some audience interaction and a bit of randomness based on the spin of a wheel and the adeptness of a skilled actor who's along for the ride. The wheel holds various letters that signify specific moments throughout van Gogh's life, all contributing to a final, chilling conclusion. After the initial scene, the actor will spin the wheel and perform the scene appropriate to that letter. Only the opening and conclusion are set.

Actor Drew Stroud impressed audiences in Springfield with several memorable performances.



Drew Stroud in *Exhausted Paint*.

He is currently a New Orleans-based actor and MFA candidate at the University of New Orleans. Some of his other roles include Richard III (*Richard III*), Mr. Blake (*Mud, River, Stone*), Azdak (*The Caucasian Chalk Circle*), and Paul (*Barefoot in the Park*). Additionally, Drew and his wife, Carly cofounded the Springfield-based improv troupe, Capital City Improv.

I had the opportunity to get Drew's thoughts about the show, his return to an area where he made his mark as an actor and what the role means to him.

What has been the most challenging part about

taking on this role?

The most challenging part would have to be the random order. It essentially eliminates van Gogh's character arc, and makes defining the throughline a bit more difficult. It means as an actor, I can't rely on that natural arc and have to find a different journey every night. While being challenging, it is also somewhat rewarding, because it allows me to go on a new journey with Vincent every night.

What most excites you about returning to Springfield with a one-man show?

I think there's definitely something poetic. Tomorrow (April 10) I defend my thesis for my

MFA, three years after packing up and leaving Springfield. But it is Springfield, my first post-college theatrical playground, that helped inspire me to chase after my dream and get my MFA. I get to come back to the place that defined me as an actor and sort of share what I've learned the past three years with them. The timing is just perfect.

What do you want audiences to know before coming to Exhausted Paint?

Exhausted Paint shows us a very raw van Gogh. You are going to see him in states of complete mania, moments of complete depression, moments of bliss and happiness. It's a heavy show at times – but it also has so much room for humor. If you know van Gogh, you'll leave with a deeper appreciation of the madness behind the man. If you know nothing about van Gogh, you'll learn the plight of an artist who burned out before he really had a chance to shine.

For this van Gogh fan, I look forward to the blissful, exhausting mania to come. Please be advised this show contains adult language and themes and may not be suitable for all audiences. There may be an audience talk back after each show.

Exhausted Paint runs for one weekend only, April 14, 15 and 16 in the Peggy Ryder Theatre at the Hoogland Center for the Arts. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.hcfta.org/tickets> or by calling the box office at 217-523-2787. □

Mary Young, born and raised in Springfield, has been performing in, producing and directing live theater for decades. She's done film and voice-over work and performs with the improv troupe The Portuguese Rodeo Clown Company.

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Kolten Taylor and the Truck Toppers open up the Blue Grouch outdoor space for 2023 this Friday night.

Art grants plus mid-April music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Well, they sure turned up the heat this week, and not just literally with the weather, as gigs popped up all over the place like dandelions in the yard. We're not yet totally into the outdoor performance time that so defines our local scene, but the feeling is there, as the beer gardens, wine patios and all such fun venues begin holding regular events again.

First, let's make an announcement about a wonderful program set to aid in the comeback of our entertainment and arts community. As a predominantly full-time, working musician, and with many friends and partners in the business, I can tell you firsthand, the post-pandemic world of live music is quite different from pre-2020. Even though things might feel like they're getting back to normal, this normal is something else from what it was before. So it's with real excitement I share this information directly from our Springfield Area Arts Council to help spread the word about this statewide funding opportunity to help in the recovery of our arts world.

Here goes: *A \$50 million Illinois Creative Recovery grant or Back 2 Business Arts grant is available now to artists, businesses and nonprofit organizations that were registered in Illinois prior to March 2020, and, if able to provide 2019 tax returns, that suffered COVID-19 related income loss of at least \$5,000. Grant amounts ranging from \$5,000-\$250,000 will be awarded to all eligible applicants who provide proper documentation, regardless of application time through May 10. Apply for the grant here: <https://ilgrant.communitydevelopmentfund.org/submit>.*

Also stated in the informational email is an urgent request to at least apply to find out if you, your business or organization is eligible for this grant. There's plenty of important information at the Arts Alliance Illinois website

that will help along the way, and you can also contact our SAAC office and Ayla McDonald, the outreach coordinator for this program. Here's hoping that all who were hit hard by the shutdown can recover some of the losses from this momentous time in our history and we come back stronger than ever.

Thursday night brings us to the one-year anniversary of Thursday Night Live at Motorheads (6-9 p.m.). Hosted and organized by Kevin Roberts, the event brings together all kinds of area musicians to showcase their talents, from playing in usual configurations to stretching out in different combinations. It's fun and you should be there.

Friday night gives us a bunch of our regulars playing all over town, plus the opening of the outdoor space at the Blue Grouch with Kolten Taylor and the Trucktoppers. Kolten and crew do the Red Dirt/Southern Rock country sounds with popular covers and a few originals too. Give 'em some love if you can.

You may have noticed that two of our hottest venues right now are also pool hall parlors as well. Mowie's Cue and Starship Billiards both have live music quite regularly, and this Saturday night is no exception. Mowie's plays host to a mini-fest of three bands with The Down Homies (a tribute and more to the music of the late John Brillhart), Blue Country Revue (a Tom Beverly-led group) and Murder of Crows (this is their 2023 debut). Starship brings in an amalgamation of sorts called Trasch, featuring several well-known area players coming together in their debut show, presented by A Family Affair.

Sunday is shaping up to be a force again as the outdoor venues come alive. Choose among several cool shows happening, including our good friends Antone and Wick at Hill Prairie Winery near Oakford.

Until next week... □

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Thursday Apr 13

Sam and Kortney's open mic
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-11pm

Curt Smith
Casey's Pub, 5:30-8:30pm

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

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

The Art of Jazz
The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 7-9pm

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

Friday Apr 14

Grounded
Amber's Place, 7-10:30pm

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

Kolten Taylor & The Truck Toppers
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7:30-10:30pm

Casey Donahew
Boondocks, 7pm

Friday Night Jazz - Brazil Café
Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

Frank Parker
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

Boombox
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

John Drake
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 7-10pm

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30-10:30pm

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

Mandy Rose
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 5-7pm



Lick Creek plays at The Hangout Bar & Grill on Saturday, April 15.

Thomas J Beverly
Slauterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn, 6-9pm

JD Wilson
Walnut Street Winery, Rochester, 5-8pm

Open mic with Joel Honey and Silas Tockey
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 6-9pm

Saturday Apr 15

Not Petty
1st and 3rd Boutique and Wine Bar, Petersburg, 3-6pm

Silver Lake
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Lick Creek
The Hangout Bar & Grill, Jacksonville, 8:30pm

RockHouse
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm-12am

it Murder of Crows, The Down Homies, Blue Country Revue
Mowie's Cue, 6:30-10pm

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

it Kathy Kitchen and Rick Meyers
Pier 55 Lounge, 8-11pm

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

it Trasch
Starship Billiards, 8pm-12am

Jay Larson Band
The Bird Tavern, 7-10pm

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

Sunday Apr 16

Hipbone and The Joints
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

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

Curt Smith
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 10am-1pm

Antone & Wick
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

Red Ribbon Revue
It's All About Wine, 3pm

The Tangents
Mama Lee's Sandbar, 2-5pm

Open mic
Piper Glen Golf Club, 1-5pm

John Drake
Slauterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn, 1-4pm

Dallas Moore
Waters Edge Winery & Bistro, Jacksonville, 3-7pm

Monday Apr 17

Bruce Katz
The Alamo, 7pm

Tuesday Apr 18

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

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

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

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

Wednesday Apr 19

Open mic
Boone's, 7-10pm

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

Karaoke
Crows Mill Pub, 8-11pm

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

Karaoke with Debbie Cakes
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-11pm

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■ Special Music Events

Capital Area Concert Band
Tue., April 18, 7pm. The 38-member band, under the direction of Harry W. Hild, will present a variety of selections from composers such as Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, Leonard Bernstein and a couple of seldom-heard marches by John Philip Sousa and others. Free. LLCC Trutter Center, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

Date Night with Spontaneous Music
Sat., April 15, 6:30-7:30pm. Music by Freedom Therapy Trio with jazz drummer and percussionist Richard Gilman-Opalsky, classical and improvising guitarist Adam

Larison and jazz saxophonist Brian Stark. \$15. UIS Studio Theatre, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

IC Fine Arts Series: Hub New Music

Fri., April 14, 7:30pm. The Boston-based ensemble has commissioned dozens of new works and continues to usher in a fresh and culturally relevant body of work for its distinct combination of flute, clarinet, violin and cello. Adults \$15, students free. Illinois College Rammelkamp Chapel, Jacksonville, 1101 W. College Ave., 217-245-3192.

Inspiring Influences
Fri., April 14, 7:30-9pm. Experience the sounds of Yoshimatsu's Atom Hearts Club Suite No. 2, Jolivet's Japanese-inspired flute concerto featuring principal flutist Kimberly Risinger and Mahler's arrangement of Beethoven's 'Serioso' String Quartet. Presented by the Illinois Symphony Orchestra conducted by Andrew Joon Choi. \$21, students age 12-24 \$10, ages 11 and under \$5. First Presbyterian

Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-206-6160.

The Linda Ronstadt Songbook
Fri., April 14, 8pm, Sat., April 15, 8pm and Sun., April 16, 2pm. A concert evening highlighting the songs of Linda Ronstadt and featuring Springfield singer Lori Ann McCabe and a rocking band. \$25 in advance, \$30 day of show. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 217-528-9760.

■ Theater & Comedy

The Book of Mormon
April 18-20, 7:30pm. The nine-time Tony Award®-winning musical. Simply brilliant. uispac.com. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Comedy night
Fri., April 14, 8pm. Starring national touring comedian Mike Marvell with Andy Gunnin. Only 200 tickets available. \$10 advance, \$20 day of. Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 600 Toronto Road. 217-741-6359

Exhausted Paint: The Death of Van Gogh
Fri., April 14, 8pm. This 70 minute, one-act play is built around ideas of disorientation and struggle, often based on van Gogh's extensive collected letters. hcfta.org. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St., (217) 523-2787.

Newsies Jr.

April 14-15, 7:30pm and Sun., April 16, 2pm. An adaptation inspired by the rousing true story of newsboys in turn-of-the-century New York City. When powerful newspaper publishers raise prices at the newsboys' expense, the charismatic Jack Kelly rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions. hcfta.org. \$15. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Steve Kramer

Fri., April 14, 8pm and Sat., April 15, 7:30pm. Hosted by Donnie B's Comedy. Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-787-2360.

■ Art & Architecture

Spring Art Spree

Sat., April 15, 12-4pm and Sun., April 16, 12-3pm. The work of regional and local artists, including DIM artists, on display and for sale. DIM Art House, 319 Chatham Road.

Studio Hop: STRESSED OUT

Fri., April 14. Pound, hammer, break and splatter three art projects in one night. Work in the Metals Studio, Condell Studio and Prairie Earth and Fire Studio. Treats and drinks provided. Ages 16+. springfieldart.org. \$65-\$75. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

■ Film & Television

The Life and Work of Vachel Lindsay

Fri., April 14, 6-7:30pm. Explores the eclectic and passionate story of Springfield's most notable artist, looking at his influences and upbringing in the late 1800s, and bringing his poems to life. Hosted by Sangamon Experience. Free. UIS Brookens Auditorium, One University Plaza, 217-206-6073.

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it Abe for All: Sensory-Friendly Night

Tue., April 18, 4-6pm. In recognition of Autism Awareness Month, the museum will make modifications to lights and sound throughout, and a quiet place will be available for families. Intentional activities are planned to engage guests as we work to make President Lincoln's legacy more accessible to all. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Free admission. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Sangamon County Historical Society program

Tue., April 18, 5:30-7pm. Lee Ann Burgener will discuss the life and works of Col. James Culver, one of Springfield's most prolific 19th century builders, including the Culver family history and their ties local, state and national history. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-525-1961.

Noble-Wieting

Sun., April 16, 2pm. "A 14th Century Village on the Mississippian Frontier," presented by ISU's Dr. Logan Miller, who will summarize site research including the results of a geophysical survey, small-scale excavation, radiocarbon dating and analysis of material remains to highlight the unique features of this community. illinoisstatemuseum.org. Dickson Mounds Museum, Lewistown, 10956 North Dickson Mounds Road, 309-547-3721.

The Rise of Oscar Micheaux

Wed., April 19, 5:30-6:30pm. Born near Metropolis, Illinois to formerly enslaved parents, Oscar Micheaux's name is now on a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. With historian Jacob K. Friefeld. Part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library History Happy

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U of I Lunch and Learn Series
Thu., April 13, 11am. Mark Flotow, an anthropologist and author, will discuss his book *In Their Letters, In Their Words: Illinois Civil War Soldiers Write Home*, a collection of quotes from letters written by Illinois Civil War soldiers to loved ones. \$38 includes lunch. Illini Country Club, 1601 S. Illini Road, 217-206-6058.

■ Fundraisers and Galas

An Evening of Stars Spring Gala
Thu., April 13, 5:30-8pm. "Celebrating our Present to Invest in our Future." Hosted by the Faith Coalition for the Common Good to support racial equity, civic engagement, a fair economy and participatory decision-making. Music by Jose Gobbo, Reginald Lewis, and dancing by Mya Williams. \$50. Artisans Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-544-2297.

■ Children's Corner

Madagascar the Musical
Mon., April 17, 7-9pm. Based on the DreamWorks' hit animated motion picture and filled with outlandish characters, adventures galore and an upbeat score, this musical is the perfect family outing for audiences of all ages. \$19-\$59. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Purple Up Day
Sat., April 15, 8:30am-2:30pm. Parade ends at Decatur Central Park where you will find free activities such as a bounce house, talent show, food vendors and performances by the Springfield Capital Area Band, Decatur Heart and Soul Choir, Last Chance Band and a kids' dance-off. Free. 217-698-6137.

■ Nature, Science & Environment

Air Plant Workshop
Sat., April 15, 9am-10pm. Learn about air plants and receive a small collection of them to take home. Workshop includes a behind-the-scenes tour of the garden's collection. Call to register. \$50-\$55. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

Bird Hikes
Thursdays, 8-9am. Through May 25. Matt Hayes of the Illinois Audubon Society will lead hikes to sight resident birds and migrants

as they pass through the area. The sightings will be submitted to the eBird database of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Hikes begin at the sanctuary's parking lot. illinoisaudubon.org. Free. Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 2315 E. Clear Lake Ave., 217-544-2473.

Bobcats in Illinois
Thu., April 13, 7pm. Stan McTaggart of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources will discuss the conservation success story of this charismatic species that went from being a threatened species to fully recovered with statewide distribution, including their basic ecology and range expansion. lincolnmemorialgarden.org. Free. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

Free lead soil screening
Fri., April 14, 10am-2pm. Find out if your yard or garden contain high levels of lead at this free testing event. Lead paint and leaded gas fumes (common until the 1970s) were major contributors of lead found in urban soils. Soils will be screened onsite as you wait. Free. Enos Park, Seventh and Enterprise streets, 217-610-0720.

■ Lectures & Meetings

Computer Class: Internet Basics
Thu., April 13, 6-7pm. Learn how to access the internet, maneuver through webpages and evaluate search results. Call for more info. Free. Chatham Area Public Library, Chatham, 600 E. Spruce St., 217-483-2713.

■ Bulletin Board

Illinois Assistive Technology Program Open House
Wed., April 19, 2-7pm. Tour the expanded Demonstration Center, interactive Smart Home, accessible Tech Kitchen, 3D Makers space and more. Assistive technology experts will be available to answer questions about all IATP programs. Call or email to RSVP. O. Illinois Assistive Technology Program, 701 N. Walnut St., 217-522-7985.

Nash
Wed., April 19, 1-1:30pm. Certified pet therapy team Nash, and his human, Christie Goleman, stop by to visit with the seniors. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

Pillsbury Project tours
Sat., April 15, 10am, 12pm. Ground-level walking tours of the site. Hosted by Moving Pillsbury Forward, a group of volunteers who provide leadership and support in redevelopment of the property for the health of the

neighborhood and the well-being of the city. Donations welcome but not required. pillsburyproject.org. Pillsbury Mill, 1525 E. Phillips St., 217-899-2749.

Public Workshop/Open House
Mon., April 17, 4-7pm. Help formulate revitalization efforts to guide future development of the Ninth Street/Peoria Road corridor. Also provide your input about what types of new tourism attractions will enhance the historic Route 66 experience in Sangamon County. Hosted in part by the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission. Free. Former State Journal-Register Building, 300 S. Ninth St.

Relay for Life
Sat., April 15, 12pm. Help attack cancer in the community with this annual event at West Campus Track. Donations help fund groundbreaking cancer research, patient care programs, and can make a difference in communities like ours. Every donation helps the American Cancer Society save lives. Sacred Heart-Griffin High School, 1200 W. Washington, 787-1595.

■ Health & Fitness

Fitness Class at the FitLot
April 18-20, 5-6pm. Springfield Park District has partnered with AARP and FitLot to offer circuit-based fitness classes. The 45-60 minute circuit classes consist of using outdoor fitness stations designed to use your own body weight as resistance making each piece of equipment age, gender and ability-based. springfieldparks.org. Free. Lincoln Park, Fifth Street and Sangamon Avenue, 217-544-1751.

Health and Safety Fair
Wed., April 19, 11am-2pm. Meal prep ideas, a rock-climbing wall, outdoor yard games, prizes and giveaways. University departments and off-campus vendors will be participating, and ImpactLife will hold a blood drive. UIS Recreation and Athletic Center, 2171 University Dr., 217-206-8404.

■ Sports

it Ballists, Dead Beats and Muffins
Sat., April 15, 11am. Author Bob Sampson will discuss his book which is one of the first examinations of the history of baseball in Illinois (1865-1869), and adds the colorful stories of the Prairie State's games to the history of the national pastime. Call to RSVP. Seating is limited. Free. Books on the Square, 427 Washington St., 217-965-5443.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOYCE K. LOWE; RICHARD L. LOWE, JR. AKA RICHARD LEE LOWE, JR. AKA RICHARD LOWE; SCOTT ERIC LOWE AKA SCOTT E. LOWE; STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 2022-FC-000166
Property Address: 2344 S. 13th Street Springfield, IL 62703
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on March 22, 2023, I, Sheriff Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on May 16, 2023, commencing at 9:00AM, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, ROOM TBA, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit: Commonly known as: 2344 S. 13th Street, Springfield, IL 62703
P.I.N.: 22-03.0-453-011
First Lien Position; Single-Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$51,044.14
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT.

Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County. The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 453-6960 midwestpleadings@dallegal.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST AS TRUSTEE FOR PNPMS TRUST III, Plaintiff,
vs.
NADINE G. BENNETT AKA NADINE BENNETT; Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 2022FC000025
Property Address: 1430 E. CAPITAL AVE., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703
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Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on January 11, 2023, I, Sheriff Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on May 16, 2023, commencing at 9:00 AM, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701 ROOM TBA, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit: Commonly known as: 1430 E. CAPITAL AVE., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 P.I.N.: 14-34.0-278-008 Second Lien Position; Single-Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$17,650.61 IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT. Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County. The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 453-6960 midwestpleadings@dallegal.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff(s), vs. JOSHUA L. WITKOWSKI, MARINE BANK SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO MARINE BANK, SPRINGFIELD, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, Defendant(s). Case No. 22 FC 58 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on May 16, 2023, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit: Common Address: 2537 S. 10TH ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 P.I.N. 22-10-129-025 Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information. The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at

the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808 Timothy R. Yuell - ARDC #6192172 Greg Elsnic - ARDC #6242847 Aaron Nevel - ARDC #6322724 Daniel Diamond - ARDC #6323815 175 North Franklin St. Suite 201 Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 357-1125 Pleadings@nevellaw.com SL # 22-00652

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. ADAM BAILEY; Defendant(s). CASE NO. 19CH264 Property Address: 504 South Clover Lane Auburn, IL 62615 NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on February 8, 2023, I, Sheriff Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on May 16, 2023, commencing at 9:00AM, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701 ROOM TBA, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit: Commonly known as: 504 South Clover Lane, Auburn, IL 62615 P.I.N.: 34-11.0-326-065 First Lien Position; Single-Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$190,334.59 IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT. Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County. The person to contact for information regarding this property is:

Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 453-6960 midwestpleadings@dallegal.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v- VALERIE A OLLIS Defendant 2022 FC 000080 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 7, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on May 25, 2023, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1312 E REYNOLDS ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 Property Index No. 14-27.0-477-006 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$82,893.93. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 22-020523. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CHAD LEWIS ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810 CHICAGO IL, 60601 561-241-6901 E-Mail: ILMAIL@RASLG.COM Attorney File No. 22-020523 Attorney ARDC No. 6306439 Case Number: 2022 FC 000080 TJSC#: 43-472 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2022 FC 000080 I3216587

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. MARY L SUTER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 22 FC 000072 1416 NORTH 15TH 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 January 27, 2023, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 05/23/2023, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: TAX NO. 14-23.0-357-005 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1416 North 15th Street Springfield, IL 62702 Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a two car garage. The garage is attached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is tan. The property has a fence. The property is occupied. Server could see in living room. There are multiple gallon ice cream containers that are being used as dog food & water bowls. There is dog feces all over. The Judgment amount was \$40,837.36.

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# 22-09649IL 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. I3212945

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, successor by merger to ILLINI BANK, Plaintiff,

v. JANE R. PERLEY CANNON, JEFF H. MASEY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 2022-FC-62 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Court on the Complaint for Foreclosure in the above-entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. (A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: United Community Bank, Attn: Loss Mitigation, 1311 West Jefferson Street, Auburn, IL 62615; Telephone: (217) 438-5467 (B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 11811 S. Romine Road, Canton, Illinois 61520. (C) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: Single family residence. (D) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: Not applicable. (E) The time and place of the sale are: 1:00 PM on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 in Courtroom 203 of the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street, Peoria, Illinois. (F) The terms of the sale are: Cash in hand on day of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid at the sale. The successful bidder will receive a Certificate of Purchase following the sale and a Sheriff's Deed upon confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Peoria County, Illinois. (G) Title will be conveyed subject to real estate taxes for 2022 and subsequent years and special assessments, if any; to building restrictions and restrictive covenants of record; to easements of record or in place; to rights of way for roads, streets, and highways; to drainage ditches, tiles, feeders and laterals; to rights of tenants in possession, if any; Sale is subject to approval of the Circuit Court of Peoria County, Illinois. Any real estate transfer tax which may be due as a result of the sale shall be paid by the purchaser. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Emmet A. Fairfield Registration No. 6180505 205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-8491 efairfield@bhslaw.com



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of
IN PROBATE
JUDITH HUTCHINGS, Deceased.
No. 2023-PR-116
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of Judith Hutchings, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on March 29, 2023, to Stephen A. Stuckel, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Hugh F. Drake, 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 Court-house, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 13th day of October, 2023, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 5th day of April, 2023.
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
Hugh F. Drake
(Registration No. 6269666)
205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000
P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62705-2459
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of
IN PROBATE
RICHARD WAYNE MEIER, Deceased.
No. 2023-PR-123
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Richard Wayne Meier, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on March 29, 2023, to Patricia A. Meier, as Independent Executor, 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 Court-house, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 13th day of October, 2023, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 5th day of April, 2023
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Brandon R. Clark
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CLAIM NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NO. 2023-PR-125
PATRICIA GIGANTI, Deceased.
Notice is given of the death of Patricia Giganti of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 4, 2023, to

Robert Giganti, 1721 North 19th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, 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 October 11, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 5th day of April, 2023.
Matthew J. Cate - 06272040
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705
(217) 544-4868
matthewcate@barberlaw.com
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CLAIM NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MAXINE E. DUTTON, Deceased
NO. 2023-PR-127
Notice is given of the death of Maxine E. Dutton of The State of Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 5, 2023, to Sharon E. Bell, 62 Laconwood Dr., Springfield, Illinois 62712, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Randall W. Segatto, 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 12, 2023 and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 5th day of April, 2023.
Randall W. Segatto - 06193211
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PLAINTIFF,
v.
ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; JOY STROUBLE; JACQUELINE MCBRIDE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF FRANK C TONTILLO, JR, DECEASED; AMIR MOHABBAT AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ESTATE OF FRANK C. TONTILLO, JR, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;
CASE NO.: 2022FC000073
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
1400 N MACARTHUR BLVD
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you:
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF FRANK C TONTILLO, JR, DECEASED
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
that Plaintiff commenced this case in

the Circuit Court of Sangamon County against you and other defendants, for foreclosure of a certain mortgage lien recorded against the real estate described as follows:
LOT 71 OF CAMP LINCOLN SUBDIVISION. EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND OTHER MINERALS. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Common Address: 1400 N MACARTHUR BLVD SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
PIN: 14-21.0-376-016
Said mortgage was executed by FRANK C TONTILLO JR, as mortgagor(s) and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR TOWN AND COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., as mortgagee, on 8/29/2014 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois as Document Number 2014R23693.
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 <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.
Unless you file your Appearance and Answer/Response in this case in the office of the clerk of this court by 5/8/2023 A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR DECREEE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT.
Thomas LaSalle
6340111
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of:
Kay Von Behren, Deceased
Case No. 23-PR-115
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Kay Von Behren. Letters of Office were issued on March 30, 2023 to Patti Rhodes as Administrator 2510 S. 9th St, Springfield, IL 62703 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, Sept. 30, 2023. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor within 10 days after it has been filed.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of:
Doris Toler
Deceased
No.: 23-PR-122
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE
Notice is given of the death of Doris Toler, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on March 30, 2023, to Michael Scott Hutton, 1501 Windswept Ct., Brownsburg, Indiana 46112 as Independent Executor, whose attorney

of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.
Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Doris Toler of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Michael Scott Hutton and Rodney Eugene Toler as the only heirs of Doris Toler.
The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act, 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representatives, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Sarah Delano Pavlik – 6269250
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One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza
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Telephone: 217-544-2703
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF NANCY SUE DEBARR, Deceased.
No. 2023PR000121
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Nancy Sue DeBarr, a resident of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois, who died in Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on January 31, 2023. Kathy DeBarr, whose post office address is 28 Meander Pike, Chatham, Illinois, was appointed independent administrator of her estate on March 28, 2023. The attorneys for the independent administrator are Hart, Southworth & Witsman, One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the administrator, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, of this notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the independent administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 29th day of March, 2023.
Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930)
Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535)
Hart, Southworth & Witsman
Attorneys for Petitioners
One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Telephone: (217) 753-0055
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In The Circuit Court
For The Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois
Sangamon County, Springfield, Illinois
In the estate of Jana Lynn Clark, deceased,
Case No. 23-PR-114
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
The above court has appointed Robert Clark Jr as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of Jana Lynn Clark deceased, who died on

the 25th Day of January, 2023 and such representative is authorized to sue for and collect the Personal Estate of, and debts due the Decedent, and to perform all duties imposed on the representative so far as there is property and is charged by law and to do all other acts now or hereafter required by law of said representative.
March 27, 2023
/s/ Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court
CERTIFICATE
I certify that this is a copy of the Letters of Office now in force in the case.
March 27, 2023
/s/ Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
ROBERT P. CAPPELLI, Deceased.
NO. 2023-PR-118
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Robert P. Cappelli of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 23, 2023, to Camille S. Neuman, 2173 S. 12th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, 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 October 2, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 24th day of March, 2023.
Matthew J. Cate - 06272040
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
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Springfield, IL 62705
(217) 544-4868
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In The Circuit Court
For The Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois
Sangamon County, Springfield, Illinois
In the estate of David Wayne King, deceased,
Case number 2023PR000024
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
The above court has appointed Sharon King as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of David Wayne King deceased, who died on the 8th Day of October, 2022 and such representative is authorized to sue for and collect the Personal Estate of, and debts due the Decedent, and to perform all duties imposed on the representative so far as there is property and is charged by law and to do all other acts now or hereafter required by law of said representative.
March 10, 2023
/s/ Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court
CERTIFICATE
I certify that this is a copy of the Letters of Office now in force in the case.
March 10, 2023
/s/ Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Markell Estate Planning and Elder Law
6700 Keaton Corporate Parkway
Suite A
O'Fallon, MO 63368
636-856-5241

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:
JEROME R. BEIERMANN,

Deceased.
Case No.: 2023-PR-103
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of JEROME R. BEIERMANN of , Illinois, and that Letters Testamentary were issued on March 7, 2023, to JAMES T. BEIERMANN, as Executor, of 5504 Eagle River Drive, The Colony, TX 75056, whose attorney is Duane D. Young of Young Law Partners, P.C., 1300 South 8th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62703.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, with copy to the offices of Young Law Partners, P.C., Attorneys for Executor, within six (6) months from the date of publication and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to their attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
JAMES T. BEIERMANN, Executor of the Estate of JEROME R. BEIERMANN, Deceased Attorneys' Address:
Duane D. Young
Registration No.: 3091457
YOUNG LAW PARTNERS, P.C.
1300 South Eighth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62703
Telephone: (217) 544-8500
Facsimile: (217) 544-6200
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COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF
No. 2023 PR 113
DELORES JULIA ESTELL, DECEASED
CLAIMS NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Delores Julia Estell. Letters of Office were issued on March 16, 2023, to Brenda Easley, 3913 Marryat Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62711.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704, or with the Executor, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 17th day of March, 2023.
Kevin N. McDermott
Attorney for the Estate of Delores Julia Estell
109 South Seventh Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 753-4070
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Kevin@KevinMcDermott.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF
MAUREEN TRECIA MACY LOBER, Deceased.
Case No. 2023-PR-000102
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE is given to claimants of the death of Maureen Trecia Macy Lober, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on March 15, 2023 to Rebecca Hendricks, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Daniel E. Kepner, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, Illinois, 62705-2459. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Independent Executor or in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701,

on or before October 2, 2023. Any claim not filed on or before October 2, 2023 is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it is filed. Dated this 17th day of March, 2023. Rebecca Hendricks, Independent Executor By: Daniel E. Kepner, One of Her Attorneys BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Daniel E. Kepner Registration No. 6182842 205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705-2459 (217) 544-8491 dkepner@bhsllaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT WILLIAM VOSE, SR., Deceased NO. 2023-PR-109 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Robert William Vose, Sr., Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on March 16, 2023 to Robert W. Vose, Jr. 128 Cottonwood, Chatham, IL 62629 and Ronald E. Vose, 7798 Wildlife Road, Chatham, IL 62629 as Co-Executors, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 26th day of September, 2023 or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 16th day of March, 2023. Gregory P. Sgro Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP 1119 S. Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SARAH F. KIBBLE, Deceased NO. 2023-PR-92 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Sarah F. Kibble, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on March 16, 2023, 2023 to Alan J. Kibble, 635 West Vine Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 26th day of September, 2023, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 16th day of March, 2023. Gregory P. Sgro Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP 1119 S. Sixth Street

Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 789-1200 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, An Illinois banking corporation, Successors by Merger to Illini Bank, Plaintiffs, -vs- UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOYCE L. RAY, Deceased, DAWN M. CARR, SEAN M. WHITLEY, SHANNON M. McALLISTER, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, and THEODORE HARVATIN AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR JOYCE L. RAY, Deceased. Defendants. No. 2023FC000015 Property Address: 1147 N. Seventh Street Springfield, IL 62702 NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOYCE L. RAY, DECEASED: Notice is given of the death of Joyce L. Ray. The Court has appointed Theodore J. Harvatin as Special Representative for Joyce L. Ray, deceased, in the above entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 1147 N. Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois. The address of the Special Representative is: Harvatin Law Offices, P.C., 1100 So. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing. 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 e-file.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers. htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. /S/ THEODORE J. HARVATIN Representative for Joyce L. Ray, Deceased. THEODORE J. HARVATIN Attorney Reg. #06180268 Harvatin Law Offices, P.C. 1100 So. Fifth Street Springfield, IL 62703 Tel. 217-525-0520 Fax. 217-525-0901 ted@harvatinlaw.com

Divorce AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLICATION NOTICE Notice is hereby given on the pendency of a suit entitled “Demetria G. Ford and Clive A. Malcolm”. In the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Springfield, Illinois wherein Demetria G. Ford is Petitioner and Clive A. Malcolm, is to be served by publication. Default may be taken on or after April 20, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Courthouse in Springfield, Illinois. Clerk of the Circuit Court Paul Palazzolo Sangamon County Courthouse Springfield, IL STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of Stephanie Moseka, Petitioner And

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of Stephanie Moseka, Petitioner And

Alda Tshibamba, Respondent Case No. 23 DC 50 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you, Alda Tshibamba, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 30th day of April, 2023, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition. Paul Palazzolo Circuit Clerk

Adoption ADOPTION NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS SS. COUNTY OF SANGAMON CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN RE THE ADOPTION OF: Case #2022-AD-88 GRACE MICHELE TOTTEN, a minor, TO: ALL UNKNOWN FATHERS AND ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, Respondent: TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, for the adoption of Grace Michele Totten, a minor. Now, therefore, unless you, ALL UNKNOWN FATHERS and ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, file your Answer to the Petition in this action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, Family Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before May 15, 2023, 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 Petition, including a judgment terminating your residual parental rights. E- filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Dated: April 4, 2023 /s/ Paul Palazzolo, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk William P. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. Attorneys for Petitioners 1215 South 4th Street, Suite A Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 544-0701

ADOPTION NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS SS. COUNTY OF SANGAMON CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN RE THE ADOPTION OF: Case #2022-AD-87 LOGAN ALAN MARTIN, a minor TO: ALL UNKNOWN FATHERS AND ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, Respondent: TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, for the adoption of Logan Alan Martin, a minor. Now, therefore, unless you, SCOTT GRIFFIN and ALL UNKNOWN FATHERS and ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, file your Answer to the Petition in this action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, Family Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before May 15, 2023, 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 Petition, including a judgment terminating your residual parental rights. E- filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Dated: April 4, 2023 /s/ Paul Palazzolo, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk William P. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. Attorneys for Petitioners 1215 South 4th Street, Suite A Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 544-0701

Name Change IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Aaris Quincy Bounds For change of name to Aaris Tavon Ettress Case No. 2022MR000539 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on May 30, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Aaris Quincy Bounds to Aaris Tavon Ettress pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: April 13, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Kaleyah Rae Watkins For change of minor name to Kaleyah Rae Johnson Case No. 2023MR000097 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on May 30, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Kaleyah Rae Watkins to Kaleyah Rae Johnson pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: April 13, 2023

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Gage Walker Homan For change of name to Gage Walker Ackerman Case No. 2023MR000097 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on May 30, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Gage Walker Homan to Gage Walker Ackerman pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: April 13, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOYCE K. LOWE; RICHARD L. LOWE, JR. AKA RICHARD LEE LOWE, JR. AKA RICHARD LOWE; SCOTT ERIC LOWE AKA SCOTT E. LOWE; STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s). CASE NO. 2022-FC-000166 Property Address: 2344 S. 13th Street Springfield, IL 62703 NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE Public notice is hereby given that in

pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on March 22, 2023, I, Sheriff Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on May 16, 2023, commencing at 9:00AM, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, ROOM TBA, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit: LOT ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE (133) OF LENOX SUBDIVISION. EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as: 2344 S. 13th Street, Springfield, IL 62703 P.I.N.: 22-03.0-453-011 First Lien Position; Single-Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$51,044.14p IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT. Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County. The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 453-6960 midwestpleadings@dallegal.com 8051-931822

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT –SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST AS TRUSTEE FOR PNPMS TRUST III, Plaintiff, vs. NADINE G. BENNETT AKA NADINE BENNETT; Defendant(s). CASE NO. 2022FC000025 Property Address: 1430 E. CAPITAL AVE., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on January 11, 2023, I, Sheriff Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on May 16, 2023, commencing at 9:00 AM, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701 ROOM TBA, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit: LOT 1 IN BLOCK 7 OF MATHERS AND WELLS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY. ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 1430 E. CAPITAL AVE., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 P.I.N.: 14-34.0-278-008 Second Lien Position; Single-Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$17,650.61 IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT. Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County. The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 453-6960 midwestpleadings@dallegal.com 8051-931599

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff(s), vs. JOSHUA L. WITKOWSKI, MARINE BANK SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO MARINE BANK, SPRINGFIELD, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, Defendant(s). Case No. 22 FC 58 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on May 16, 2023, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit: LOT 702 OF HARVARD PARK SECOND PLAT, A SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 3 AND THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LANDS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Common Address: 2537 S. 10TH ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 P.I.N. 22-10-129-025 Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information. The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes,

special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tene-ments, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff
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Timothy R. Yuell - ARDC #6192172
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
-SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ADAM BAILEY;
Defendant(s).
CASE NO. 19CH264
Property Address: 504 South Clover Lane
Auburn, IL 62615
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on February 8, 2023, I, Sheriff Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on May 16, 2023, commencing at 9:00AM, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701 ROOM TBA, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit:
PART OF LOT 53 OF MEADOW BROOK PLAT 5, AUBURN, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 53, NORTH 1 DEGREE 04 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST 39.52 FEET LOT A POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST, 104.01 FEET, THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 06 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST, 39.72 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST, 104.02 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 04 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST, 40.42 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY.
Commonly known as: 504 South Clover Lane, Auburn, IL 62615
P.I.N.: 34-11.0-326-065
First Lien Position; Single-Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$190,334.59
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS

605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT.
Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County. The person to contact for information regarding this property is:
Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC
1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120
Naperville, IL 60563
(630) 453-6960
midwestpleadings@dallegal.com
8051-931555

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Plaintiff,
-v.-
VALERIE A OLLIS
Defendant
2022 FC 000080
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 7, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on May 25, 2023, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
LOT 3 IN BLOCK 3 ALL AS SET FORTH IN THE FINAL PLAT, MADISON PARK PLACE, BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 27 AND PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS AS RECORDED WITH THE RECORDER OF DEEDS ON MAY 11, 1999 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 1999R22724.
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1312 EAST REYNOLDS STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703.
Commonly known as 1312 E REYNOLDS ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
Property Index No. 14-27.0-477-006
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$82,893.93.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours.
No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other

lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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.
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, contact CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 22-020523.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
CHAD LEWIS
ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC
205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810
CHICAGO IL, 60601
561-241-6901
E-Mail: ILMAIL@RASLG.COM
Attorney File No. 22-020523
Attorney ARDC No. 6306439
Case Number: 2022 FC 000080
TJSC#: 43-472
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 2022 FC 000080
I3216587

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
MARY L SUTER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 22 FC 000072
1416 NORTH 15TH 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 January 27, 2023, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 05/23/2023, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:
LOT 82 OF CUMMINS, SCHNEPP AND WIELAND'S SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE S WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY.SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
TAX NO. 14-23.0-357-005
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1416 North 15th Street
Springfield, IL 62702
Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a two car garage. The garage is attached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is tan.
The property has a fence. The property is occupied. Server could see in living room. There are multiple gallon ice cream containers that are being used as dog food & water bowls. There is dog feces all over. The Judgment amount was \$40,837.36.
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.mrpilc.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# 22-09649IL
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.
I3212945

PUBLIC NOTICE
LEGAL NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NUMBER 140-0353-04
To:
JENNIFER B NICHOLS AND/OR UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS
CT CORPORATION SYSTEM AGENT FOR TOWER LOAN OF ILLINOIS INC DBA TOWER LOAN OF SPRINGFIELD
DON GRAY SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK , and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees or parties interested. A Petition for a Tax Deed on the premise described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of SANGAMON County, Illinois, as Case Number 2023TX000047. On 8/21/23 at 9:00 AM, in Room TBD, the Petitioner will make an application to such court in SANGAMON County, Illinois, for an Order on the Petition that a Tax Deed be issued if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale. The real estate is described as follows, to wit:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: E 201/2' L 11 & W 9' L 12 B
PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER: 14-13.0-401-020
and was sold on 11/13/2020 for general taxes for the year 2019. The period of redemption will expire on 8/11/2023.
RAVEN SECURITIES INC PETITIONER
8051-931869

PUBLIC NOTICE
LEGAL NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NUMBER 140-0040-01
To:
ALBERT B RUSSELL AND/OR UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS
OFFICER FOR WELLS FARGO BANK
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
KWAME RAOUL IL ATTORNEY GENERAL
DAVID HARRIS IL DEPT OF REVENUE
DON GRAY SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK , and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees or parties interested. A Petition for a Tax Deed on the premise described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of SANGAMON County, Illinois, as Case Number 2023TX000048. On 8/21/23 at 9:00 AM, in Room TBD, the Petitioner will make an application to such court in SANGAMON County, Illinois, for an Order on the Petition that a Tax Deed be issued if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale. The real estate is described as follows, to wit:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: E 9/16 W1/2 NE 13-17-5
PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER: 15-29.0-400-013
and was sold on 11/13/2020 for general taxes for the year 2019. The period of redemption will expire on 8/11/2023.
RAVEN SECURITIES INC PETITIONER
8051-931868

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
PLAINTIFF,
v.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HOWARD MARTIN, JR; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; DEFENDANTS.
CASE NO.: 2023FC000063
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
2128 N GRAND AVE E
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given

to you:
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HOWARD MARTIN, JR
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
that Plaintiff commenced this case in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County against you and other defendants, for foreclosure of a certain mortgage lien recorded against the real estate described as follows:
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS: THE EAST 43 FEET OF LOT 19 OF WANLESS' NORTH GRAND PLACE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESERVATIONS, LEASES AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, ALL LEGAL HIGHWAYS, ALL RIGHTS OF WAY, ALL ZONING, BUILDING AND OTHER LAWS, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS, ALL RIGHTS OF TENANTS IN POSSESSION, AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS NOT YET DUE AND PAYABLE. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED BY DEED RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NO. 2004R03452, OF THE SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS RECORDS.
Common Address: 2128 N GRAND AVE E SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
PIN: 14-26.0-201-030
Said mortgage was executed by HOWARD H. MARTIN, JR, as mortgagor(s) and U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ND, as mortgagee, on 2/2/2009 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois as Document Number 2009R08666.
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 <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Unless you file your Appearance and Answer/Response in this case in the office of the clerk of this court by 05/15/2023 A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT.
Thomas LaSalle
6340111
Robertson Anschutz Schneid Crane & Partners, PLLC
205 N. Michigan Suite 810
Chicago, IL 60601
Phone: (561) 241-6901
E-mail: ILmail@raslg.com
File: 22-081111
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
8051-931732

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Sale to enforce Self-Storage lien in default of payment of rent will be held at 10:00 AM. Saturday, May 6, 2023, at, Safe-T-Storage, 3825 N. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL. Tenants must pay in full by this date.
Unit 3 John Pile Springfield IL 62702
Unit 6 Micheal Draper Springfield IL 62703
Unit 24 Allison Jordon Springfield IL 62702
Unit 39 Jake Crisler Lovington IL 61937
Unit 44 Marilyn McCarthy Greenview IL 62642
Unit 85 Rodney VanHuss Springfield IL 62707
Unit 105 Robin King Springfield IL 62707
Unit 113 Susan Barbee Springfield IL 62703

ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE
Wishing to avail themselves of the provisions under the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, the below storage facilities give notice of the sale under said act: Friday the 21st day

of April, 2023 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 Isabella Fisher 206. Darwin Cook 348. Antoinette Holloway 709. angel sparrow 705. Joslyn Ellis 224. Destinee Cave 444. Crystal Titsworth 432. Tamara Groth 54. Daynesha Jackson 798. Sandy Prior 410. Briana Tate 674. Kevin Sullivan 179. Aliya Beymason 512. Joseph Vono 202/181. esabelle townsend 529. Kathy Tega 399. Phillip Campbell 63. George Seagle 46. Joshua Myers 169. Glennon Shelton 115. Robert Bell 479. Sharron Bennett 262. AMY HAMPTON 259. Mark Hale 485; 10 Federal Self Storage, 3500 South 6th Street, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 387-3951 Bryan Sheppard A64. Damaris Valerino B187. Aaron Pinkston El A61. Tamia Byrd A98. Larry Hupp B163; 10 Federal Self Storage, 900 E Straight St, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 286-1550 Greta Lewis 80. Collin Miller 72. Shawn-tia Harrison E291/E328. Lashondra Davis F368/418. Brandon Bentley F406/466. Jeff Kunz E354/265; 10 Federal Self Storage, 500 W Browning Rd, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 339-3865 Natasha. Cnty 60B. Amber Weller 23A. Shaun Sorenson 120C. Krissin padgett 146C. Katherine Madigan 74B. Katherine Madigan 66B. Jordi Sanz 28A. Melissa Toth 117C. Kristen Flowers 260E. TayShania White 116B

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Case No. 2015-F-000049
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Mychel P. McClain, respondents, and to all whom it may concern, that on March 22, 2023 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by the State's Attorney Office in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge JACK DAVIS or any judge sitting in his/her stead in Room 6B of the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois on May 01, 2023 at 08:30 AM or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing or a dispositional hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under that Act. THE COURT HAS THE AUTHORITY, IN THIS CASE, TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, AN ORDER OF JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE PETITION TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT. UNLESS YOU APPEAR AT THE HEARING, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN THIS CASE, INCLUDING THE FILING OF AN AMENDED PETITION OR A MOTION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, successor by merger to ILLINI BANK, Plaintiff
v.
JANE R. PERLEY CANNON, JEFF H. MASEY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No. 2022-FC-62
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that

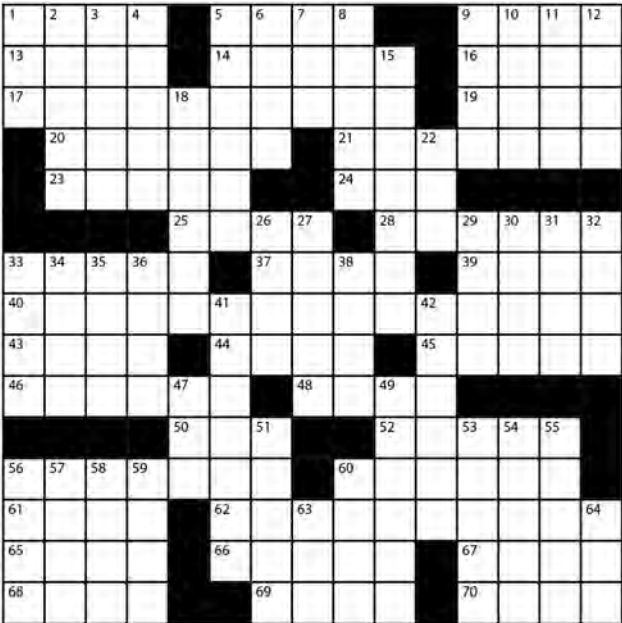
pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Court on the Complaint for Foreclosure in the above-entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.
(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: United Community Bank, Attn: Loss Mitigation, 1311 West Jefferson Street, Auburn, IL 62615; Telephone: (217) 438-5467
(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 11811 S. Romine Road, Canton, Illinois 61520s.
(C) The legal description of the real estate is:
A Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 31; Township 7 North Range 6 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, more particularly bounded and described as follows and bearings are for the purpose of description only:
Commencing at an iron pipe marking the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 31 and running South along the East line of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 31, a distance of 115.08 feet to an iron pipe and the place of beginning of the tract to be described; thence continuing South along the aforesaid East line of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 31, 242.00 feet to an iron pipe; thence West 231.00 feet to an iron pipe; thence North 242.00 feet to an iron pipe; thence East 231.00 feet to the place of beginning. Situated in Peoria County, Illinois.
(D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: Single family residence.
(E) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: Not applicable.
(F) The time and place of the sale are: 1:00 PM on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 in Courtroom 203 of the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street, Peoria, Illinois.
(G) The terms of the sale are: Cash in hand on day of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid at the sale. The successful bidder will receive a Certificate of Purchase following the sale and a Sheriff's Deed upon confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Peoria County, Illinois.
(H) Title will be conveyed subject to real estate taxes for 2022 and subsequent years and special assessments, if any; to building restrictions and restrictive covenants of record; to easements of record or in place; to rights of way for roads, streets, and highways; to drainage ditches, tiles, feeders and laterals; to rights of tenants in possession, if any; Sale is subject to approval of the Circuit Court of Peoria County, Illinois. Any real estate transfer tax which may be due as a result of the sale shall be paid by the purchaser. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
Emmet A. Fairfield
Registration No. 6180505
205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000
P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62705
(217) 544-8491
efairfield@bhsllaw

Eastwood classic

Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 785

Across

1. New corp. hires
5. Have the ___ for
9. "By yesterday!"
13. Island of Napoleon's exile
14. Cupid's projectile
16. Cotton deseeders
17. Sufficient
19. Tolkien tree-men
20. Runs through a mill
21. Prepares
23. Great buy
24. Age abbr.
25. Heineken, e.g.
28. Item on a list
33. "Let's Make ___"
37. "Groovy!"
39. Side squared, for a square
40. Where you might not want to walk alone
43. 1963 role for Liz
44. Boris Godunov, for one
45. Route from Me. to Fl.
46. Has a hunch
48. Stinging remark
50. V.I.'s employer
52. Moran and Brockovich
56. Elegant dancer
Fred
60. Rear
61. Washer cycle
62. Melees
65. "___ Rock" (Simon & Garfunkel hit)



66. Words on Alice's snack
67. Locked (up)
68. Bit of choreography
69. Nine-digit IDs
70. 2004 Brad Pitt film
8. Damp
9. Long, long time
10. Breaks a commandment
11. Some chips, maybe
12. "Hey you!"
15. Cabbie's question
18. Empower
22. Dungeons & Dragons game co.
26. Some MIT grads
27. Kind of center
29. Fan sounds
30. Suffix with buck
31. Element #10
32. Miami-___ County
33. Basics
34. Chip's cartoon chum
35. Biblical plot
36. Years, in Lisbon
38. Magician's opening
41. "No kidding!"
42. Protocol
47. Brit. record label
49. Piece maker
51. Gamblers' mecca
53. Bumbling
54. Montana, e.g., once
55. "___ evil ..."
56. "No returns"
57. Clash
58. Proctor's call
59. Take ___ (snooze)
60. Song of praise
63. Capt.'s inferiors
64. Hog's home

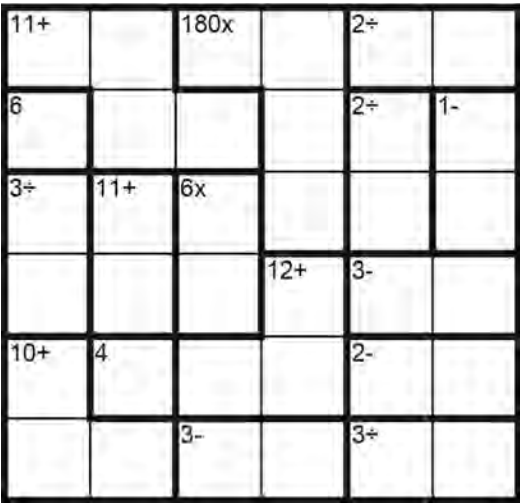
Down

1. Memory unit, for short
2. E-musings
3. Cut short
4. Miss Hawkins of Dogpatch
5. Take care of
6. Some Spanish medals
7. Capote, to friends

JoshJosh

by J. Reynolds - No. 785

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

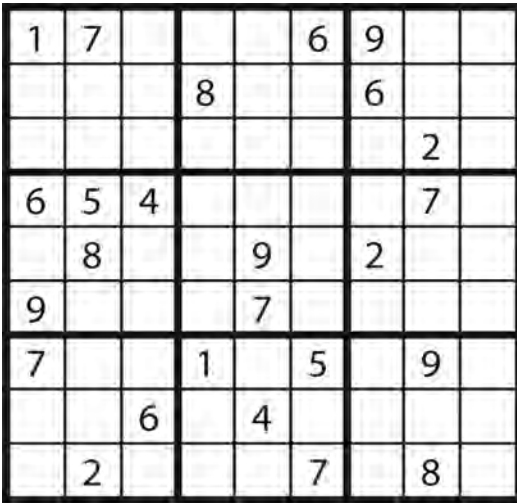


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Sudoku

No. 785

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

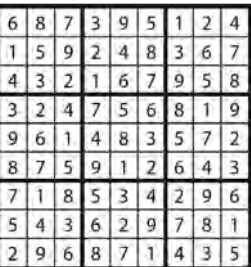


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Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #784



Sudoku answers from #784



JoshJosh answers from #784

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Mend a quarrel
Search out a forgotten friend
Dismiss a suspicion
and replace it with a trust
Write a letter to someone
who misses you
Encourage a youth who has lost faith
Keep a promise
Forget an old grudge
Examine your demands on others
and vow to reduce them
Fight for a principle
Express your gratitude
Overcome an old fear
Take two minutes to appreciate
the beauty of nature
Tell someone you love them
Tell them again,
and again, and again

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