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# Firefighters lobby for city-operated ambulance service

58% of the fire department's calls for service were for emergency medical issues

EMERGENCY SERVICES | Dean Olsen

The president of the union representing Springfield firefighters says he is encouraged by Mayor Misty Buscher's plan to form a commission that will examine options for improving emergency medical services.

Whether that group will make more progress than a panel with the same task under the previous mayor, Jim Langfelder, remains to be seen.

Also uncertain is whether the yet-to-be appointed commission will result in the city starting up a municipally operated ambulance service that would supplement services provided by the three private ambulance operators authorized to transport Springfield patients to local hospitals.

"There's a little more awareness now," Kainan Rinaberger, president of Springfield Fire Fighters Local 37, told *Illinois Times*. "I think there's going to be more substance to these talks. Everybody realizes there's a problem."

The union has been vocal about the potential benefits of Springfield adopting a city-operated ambulance system – staffed by Springfield firefighters who already are certified as paramedics, the highest emergency medical technician level.

The city's Aug. 20, 2023, settlement of a 2021 unfair labor practice dispute with the union included the city agreeing to form a labor-management committee "to explore the cost efficiencies and improvements to public safety" associated with a city-operated ambulance service.

The City Council agreed at that time to give firefighters a 1% pay raise connected with the union's agreement to continue a practice begun in 2021 in which paramedic-level firefighters ride inside private ambulances when needed and care for critically ill patients during transport to hospitals.

The council opted to include \$280,000 in the fiscal year budget that began March 1 for the purchase of an ambulance and \$250,000 for ambulance-related equipment and supplies.

But opinions on the council are mixed as to whether the city should start its own ambulance service and whether a service would pay for itself

through private billing and federal subsidies. The city isn't obligated to spend the \$530,000 set aside in the budget.

Any future decision on a city ambulance service should be "data driven," city spokesperson Haley Wilson said.

The commission formed by the mayor will collect and analyze that data, Wilson said. She said its members will include representatives from the union, fire department, Springfield Memorial Hospital, HSHS St. John's Hospital, medical groups and the 911 dispatch center operated by Sangamon County.

A timeline for the commission's work, whether the panel's meetings will be public and whether public hearings will be held haven't been determined, Wilson said.

Rinaberger said the union looks forward to participating, but he believes there are plenty of data to justify a city-operated service and 200 union members appropriately certified "who would be willing to start tomorrow if we had a vehicle to transport."

A January 2022 analysis of Springfield Fire Department operations by a respected consulting firm in Washington, D.C., the Center for Public Safety Management, said 58% of the department's calls for service were for emergency medical issues and not fires.

"In the past, fire departments made EMS calls for service," the report said. "Today, many fire departments are primarily EMS service providers that also perform fire duty."

A draft report prepared by SFD and circulated in December said the department has experienced a 43% increase in EMS call volume since 2010, but the number of people in the EMS system responding to the calls has remained static.

The report said the number of paramedic-staffed ambulances provided by the three private services – nonprofit Medics First of Springfield and for-profit America Ambulance and LifeStar Ambulance – has decreased, resulting in increased wait times for residents.

"In 2022, a near daily occurrence (350 times),

over 30 minutes elapsed before an ambulance was even available to be dispatched to an emergency," the report said.

That same year, an ambulance reached the scene of a fire or other potential health emergency in five or fewer minutes 8% of the time in 2022, the report said.

Rinaberger said the union broke down that percentage by ZIP code. The percentage of time in 2022 that the "incident to first arrival" was fewer than five minutes varied from 10.8% in 62701 to 7.5% in 62702, 7.9% in 62703, 3% in 62704, 0.8% in 62707, 1% in 62711 and 0.5% in 62712.

First arrival time was less than five minutes less than 1% of the time in the other ZIP codes in Sangamon County.

Moreover, Rinaberger said data from the 911 center showed that ambulances weren't immediately available to respond to Springfield emergencies 1,258 times, or an average of 3.4 times per day, in 2023, and 176 times from Jan. 1, 2024, through March 31, 2024, an average of twice a day.

The numbers don't show how often an ambulance was available and responded a few minutes later, he said.

A Facebook post by the union about the ambulance situation and the lack of a standby ambulance at a specific fire in March attracted hundreds of comments. But spokespersons for Medics First and America said they could have made an ambulance available for that incident if the 911 system had sent out the alert it normally activates when the number of available ambulances is becoming low.

Ambulance crews can be taking a meal break or dealing with another situation that takes them out of service temporarily, but they can return to service at a moment's notice, Medics First Regional Chief Executive Officer Greg Chance said.

Because of local variations in how EMS systems are operated, it is difficult to compare the Springfield data to other communities and national standards. There currently are no federal or state laws that regulate EMS response time performance.

"Requirements are typically set by local jurisdiction government leaders or system administrators and are based on history or estimated public expectations," according to a 2011 report by the University of Oklahoma.

Springfield's ordinance dealing with ambulances dates to 2008. It says ambulance services authorized by city officials to serve city residents must provide a minimum total of six paramedic-staffed ambulances

– among the existing providers – 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

But city code "contains no provisions for performance evaluations, metric reporting, cost sharing or any other requirements," according to the Center for Public Safety Management report.

The report also notes that the six-ambulance requirement in the code "does not further look at whether those numbers can be adjusted up or down on nonpeak, overnight hours in favor of additional units during the peak hours of the daytime."

The report says national studies have shown that only 20% of calls for service to EMS providers require "advanced life support intervention" from a paramedic.

Chance, regional chief executive officer for Medics First, a division of Peoria-based Advanced Medical Transport, and America Ambulance President Susan Zappa welcomed the formation of the EMS commission.

They said data needs to be more thoroughly evaluated before public money is spent on a city-operated service. They also said such a service could threaten the financial viability of their own businesses.

"Let's make sure we look at the whole picture and get perspective from all stakeholders," Chance said.

They said city leaders need to consider whether it would be more effective to make more frequent use of ambulances staffed by EMTs with training at less than the paramedic level.

They estimated that almost 60% of Springfield's EMS calls can be handled adequately by ambulances with that type of staffing.

Such staffing would make it easier to provide more ambulances on the street, they said. They said their two organizations together provide more than the number of ambulances required by city code.

Roger Campbell, the Centralia-based president of LifeStar, didn't respond to a request for comment. LifeStar is facing thousands of dollars in potential city fines for failing to provide the required number of ambulances for at least six months in 2023.

Christopher Mueller, the county's 911 center director, said he won't take a stand on whether Springfield should start a municipal ambulance service.

"The ultimate goal is the citizen," he said. "The data shows we do need more resources. From our perspective, we don't want people waiting for any resource."

## Editor's note

Late to the gym, I blew past a crosswalk near Memorial. A woman waiting to cross called me the name of a rear end. Secretly I agreed with her and vowed to make amends. Now I take that route every morning, slowing at each white-striped intersection, and if a pedestrian is near, stopping for them. In the Northeast, where it's common to have pedestrian crosswalks without stop signs or lights, people cross in front of cars routinely, without even looking. Here, where courtesy is unexpected, I always get a smile and a wave. And I haven't been late since. — Fletcher Farrar, editor





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# Man arrested by FBI owns property with an Illinois state trooper

Trooper was also previously part-owner of the building that became Jade Spa

COURTS | Dean Olsen

A 60-year-old man charged in federal court with operating six “houses of prostitution” in Springfield wants to transfer his ownership interest in an office building to an Illinois state trooper who jointly owns the building.

Gregory L. Fraase of Springfield asked U.S. Magistrate Judge Karen McNaught for permission to transfer his interest in a vacant two-level building at 2040 Timberbrooke Drive to Nathan Shanks.

Fraase said in a March 22 motion that he and Shanks jointly purchased the west-side Springfield property, previously used for offices and a physician office, at an auction in July 2023. The price they paid was listed at \$148,000 in Sangamon County property records.

Fraase said in the motion that he wants to get rid of his ownership interest, without charging Shanks anything for it, because of Fraase’s “recently changed financial situation.”

Fraase’s attorneys, Dan Fultz and Mark Wykoff, wouldn’t comment on how Fraase’s financial situation has changed.

Fraase wants to stop having to make mortgage, insurance and utility payments and otherwise contribute to the upkeep of the Timberbrooke Drive property, he said in the motion.

Federal prosecutors said in a court filing that they are “aware of only one change in the defendant’s financial situation, the fact that he no longer is profiting from violations of federal law.”

Prosecutors said they object to the property transfer unless Fraase provides more information about it. Prosecutors noted that Fraase’s pretrial release conditions require that he not “dissipate his assets” without court permission.

McNaught on March 28 gave Fraase 28 days to provide more information about the proposed transaction before she would consider granting approval. That information included the property’s original purchase price, Fraase’s share of the price and all the terms of any proposed sale or transfer of the property.

McNaught did grant Fraase’s request to refinance the loan on his 2020 Chevrolet Corvette.

Fraase was indicted March 5 by a federal grand jury on one count of conspiracy in connection with alleged prostitution at sites advertised as Asian massage parlors. Indicted with Fraase was Jia Liu, a woman described as his alleged associate in the venture.

The indictment said Fraase and Liu conspired to operate the prostitution sites “together with others, known and unknown to the grand jury.” Court documents said the sites were operated by Asian women, some traveling from other countries, to provide sexual services in exchange for food, lodging



Springfield resident Greg Fraase is seeking federal court permission to transfer his part-ownership of this vacant office building at 2040 Timberbrooke Drive to the other owner, Illinois State Police Trooper Nathan Shanks (inset PHOTO COURTESY FACEBOOK). PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

and incomes of up to \$30,000 per month.

Fraase also was indicted on one count of marriage fraud that alleged he married Chinese national Weiwei Hu, was paid at least \$20,000 to do so, and evaded U.S. immigration laws to help the woman gain American citizenship. Hu now lives in New York, according to court documents. Liu, whose age, address and whereabouts haven’t been made public, hasn’t been arrested.

Fraase and Liu could face maximum prison terms of five years on the conspiracy count, and Fraase could face an additional five years in prison if convicted of marriage fraud.

Fraase was first arrested Feb. 9 and released on his own recognizance. He has pleaded not guilty and has declined comment through one of his attorneys.

While Fraase’s case goes through the court system, he continues to work his longtime job at the Sangamon County Water Reclamation District, where he earns \$98,134 per year as a pretreatment coordinator.

Of the six establishments mentioned in court documents, a woman at only one of the sites – Jade Spa, 1560 Wabash Ave. – answered the phone the afternoon of April 16 and said it was open for business.

At the five other sites, calls to their advertised phone numbers indicated the numbers either weren’t working, weren’t completing calls or didn’t have a voicemail set up. The five sites were: Cozy Cabin Spa, 1144 E. Sangamon Ave.; Capital Spa, 3915 N. Dirksen Parkway; Warm Spa, 116 North

Grand Ave. E.; A-1 Spa, 509 N. Dawson St.; and Healthy Spa, 613 N. Seventh St.

Shanks, 39, couldn’t be reached for comment. Shanks is a master trooper and was paid \$124,000 in 2023, according to the Illinois State Comptroller’s Office.

He didn’t return a cellphone message left by *Illinois Times* and didn’t respond to a note left at the door to his home on Springfield’s west side.

Shanks also didn’t respond to a message sent through his Facebook page, on which he frequently professes his Christian faith.

Sangamon County property records indicate Shanks and GLF Group LLC previously jointly owned the one-story building behind Famous Wine & Spirits that later would become Jade Spa.

Jade Spa was one of several Asian massage establishments raided by the FBI in early February, a local law enforcement source who requested anonymity said.

Shanks transferred his half-ownership of the Wabash Avenue building to the new owners, Seven Carpenters LLC and GLF Group, in June 2021, according to property records.

Fraase represented the new owners in fall 2021 when he obtained zoning approval from the Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission and Springfield City Council for zoning approval to use the building for a tattoo shop and “body works spa,” according to a city of Springfield legal notice.

GLF is mentioned in court records filed by the FBI in the criminal case against Fraase. According to those records, Fraase was paying for Ameren utilities at the six massage parlor locations on behalf of GLF Group as of Feb. 6.

Illinois Secretary of State records listed Fraase as a GLF Group manager as of April 16.

## Additional raids on Asian massage parlors

Greg Fraase apparently wasn’t involved in the ownership of two massage parlors raided on April 11. And unlike the February raids of Fraase’s properties, which were conducted by the FBI, the recent raids were handled by the Springfield Police Department.

A news release from the police department said search warrants served at Golden Relax at 452 South Grand Ave. W. and 88 Relaxing Massage at 526 South Grand Ave. W. were “the result of an investigation into the allegations of prostitution occurring at both locations.”

The news release added: “There have been no arrests at this time, however the investigation into these establishments and others are ongoing. The Springfield Police Department will continue to monitor these type of establishments within the city.”

*Illinois Times* tried to reach the building owners of the two sites but received no response to notes left at the home addresses of property owners listed in county records. The home address of Xiaolin Ding is listed as 452



Golden Relax was one of two massage parlors on South Grand Avenue raided the morning of April 11 by the Springfield Police Department.

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South Grand Avenue W. The home address of Xiaoguang Zhang, owner of 526 South Grand Ave. W., is listed in the 3400 block of Panther Creek Drive.



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# Lights out for Olde Towne Apartments

City plans to shut off utilities, displacing residents, if owner doesn't pay past due bills

HOUSING | Scott Reeder

Dennis Hull is losing his home of 18 years through no fault of his own.

"I always paid my rent on time – every month. I never missed a month and now this happens," he said as he glanced down the entrance to Olde Towne apartments at the intersection of Bruns Lane and Jefferson Street.

The sprawling apartment complex was once one of the largest in Springfield and catered mainly to working-class people like Hull, who is a cafeteria worker for Springfield Public Schools.

But things began to go downhill several years ago when some New York investors purchased the property. Tenants say routine maintenance was ignored and city officials say water and electric bills, which were the responsibility of the landlord, went unpaid.

"They owe the city more than \$100,000 for water for all of the apartments and electricity for the common areas, such as hallways," said Amber Sabin, a spokesperson for City, Water Light and Power.

CWLP has sent notices to the apartment residents that water and power to the complex will be shut off beginning May 1.

Residents wonder what happened to the money they paid in rent, which the landlord was supposed to use in part to pay for water service to their apartments.

"We were asking that from the jump. What are you doing with the money if you're not paying electric and water and whatnot?" Hunter Parker, a local maintenance worker explained, as he prepared to place his baby into a car seat and leave the apartment complex behind.

Parker said his inquiries went unanswered for months, until finally someone representing the landlord told him, "Yeah, we are shutting down."

City officials plan to meet with the complex's residents April 19.



The New York investors who own Olde Towne Apartments are more than \$100,000 behind on water and electric bills, and the city of Springfield has said CWLP will shut off service May 1, displacing the remaining tenants, if the past utility bills are not paid. PHOTO BY BRANDON TURLEY Right: Dennis Hull, a cafeteria worker for Springfield Public Schools, has lived at Olde Towne Apartments for 18 years and said he's never been behind on his rent. PHOTO BY SCOTT REEDER

"The city of Springfield will be actively engaged in a critical meeting scheduled for this Friday to address the concerns and needs of the affected community. Our primary focus is on ensuring that any resolution we develop is comprehensive and reflective of the voices and priorities of our residents," said Haley Wilson, communications director for the city.

She said the city would not comment further until after the meeting.

The administration could choose to delay shutting off the water and power. But city officials say privately that is unlikely, noting that the bills have gone unpaid for quite some time.

Mayor Misty Buscher, through a spokesperson, declined to discuss the matter.

The complex has long been a thorn in the side of the city's redevelopment efforts.

In January, the city sought court orders to take possession of eight vacant, dilapidated buildings

within the complex so that they can be demolished. City officials also sought to have the owner rehabilitate four occupied buildings on the site.

"It's really ridiculous," Hull said. "I saw the place going downhill, actually. They started trying to renovate some of the places and what have you. And I was hearing a few little things from the workers about the foundation and things of that nature; they weren't right. They weren't stable. As a matter of fact, if a big truck goes past, it shakes the building."

About \$600,000 is allocated in this year's municipal budget for demolition of the eight already-vacant buildings. According to city spokesperson Wilson, the city secured a demolition order for five of the buildings on March 14, although the court process has continued.

"The lender filed a motion to stay execution of the demotion order, pending their appeal, and it was granted April 16. However, the court did say we would be allowed to do everything short of actual demolition of those buildings – we are conducting asbestos testing, asbestos mitigation/removal and putting it out for bid. We are working on an order with mutually agreeable language, based upon the judge's ruling," Wilson said in a written statement provided to *Illinois Times*.

She also said the city is still seeking court orders for the other vacant buildings.

The complex is owned by two New York investors who city officials say have told them they lack the money to make the necessary changes. The current owners purchased the property at auction in November 2020 and paid \$5.25 million for the 218-unit property, according to Sangamon County tax records. □

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# Changes proposed to state's biometric privacy law

Biometric Information Privacy Act subject of lawsuits, settlements

STATE | Hannah Meisel, Capitol News Illinois

It's been more than a year since the Illinois Supreme Court "respectfully suggest(ed)" state lawmakers clarify a law that's led to several multi-million-dollar settlements with tech companies over the collection of Illinoisans' biometric data.

On April 11, a bipartisan majority in the Illinois Senate did just that, approving the first major change to Illinois' Biometric Information Privacy Act since it was originally passed in 2008.

"(The state Supreme Court) invited the General Assembly to address this," state Sen. Bill Cunningham, D-Chicago, said of a high court decision last February that found fast food chain White Castle violated BIPA each time its employees used their fingerprints in the course of performing their jobs.

In that case, White Castle estimated it would be on the hook for up to \$17 billion in penalties as the law provides for \$1,000 in damages for "negligent" violations or \$5,000 for "reckless" or "intentional" violations.

Though the court made clear it wasn't ruling on the question of how damages stack up, it did "respectfully suggest" the General Assembly review BIPA "and make clear its intent regarding the assessment of damages under the Act."

"This bill is a response to that invitation," Cunningham said before passage of Senate Bill 2979.

The legislation, which passed 46-13, would change BIPA's violation accrual so that each initial collection of a fingerprint or other biometric data would amount to one violation, rather than a violation occurring for each individual scan. Employees might scan their fingerprints dozens of times per shift if they're unlocking doors or cabinets with those scans.

Illinois is the only state that grants residents the right to sue over businesses' improper collection and mishandling of biometric data – whether they are an employee or a customer. A business can violate BIPA by not getting written consent from customers or employees for the data being collected, not having a storage policy in place or not properly protecting the data.

Business groups have been clamoring for changes to BIPA in recent years as upwards of 2,000 lawsuits have been filed under the law since roughly 2018, resulting in a few high-profile settlements – including a \$650 million class-action payout from Facebook in 2020. The social media giant paid more than 1 million



State Sen. Bill Cunningham, D-Chicago, speaks to reporters after passing an amendment to the state's Biometric Information Privacy Act through the Senate. It now heads to the House for consideration.

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Illinoisans roughly \$400 each.

But it was a pair of decisions from the state Supreme Court last year that galvanized business groups' efforts to push for changes to the law. First, the court unanimously ruled that BIPA had a five-year statute of limitations – not the one-year limit sought by business groups. A few weeks later in the White Castle case, the court ruled 4-3 that each time a company improperly collected biometric data markers amounts to a separate violation of the law.

When BIPA became law more than 15 years ago, it was a novel concept meant to guard against technologies that, at the time, were still mostly the stuff of science fiction.

But as more and more companies began using technology like fingerprint and facial scans to identify customers and workers, it's also led to what opponents of the law have called a cottage industry for ambitious attorneys.

Business groups have been divided on Cunningham's proposal, with some offering full-throated support after the bill's passage and others pointing to continued opposition.

Senate Minority Leader John Curran, R-Downers Grove, noted the split before he ultimately voted for the bill, but said he sided

with the industry groups that support it.

"I think they see it the way I see it," Curran said. "While I wish there was more in this...to do nothing leaves Illinois businesses subject to really annihilistic judgments."

After SB 2979 passed through a Senate committee last month, a coalition of influential industry groups said it didn't go far enough, especially because it wasn't retroactive and wouldn't help companies that have already been sued under BIPA.

Additionally, in recent weeks, advocates for Illinois' burgeoning data center industry have registered concern that Cunningham's bill doesn't specifically shield data centers from liability for storing biometric information on behalf of companies who may have violated BIPA.

After the bill's passage, Cunningham, a high-ranking member of the Senate, didn't close the door on a future amendment to address concerns from the data center industry.

"It's a bicameral legislature, so we'll see what happens in the House" he said. "But I think what we see here – the guts of this bill are going to stay in place and will, I think, be signed by the governor sometime this spring or summer." □

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# What's happening at the Capitol

## First-ever director for Prisoner Review Board

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Jim Montgomery formerly served as Taylorville mayor

Weeks after two high-profile resignations at the Illinois Prisoner Review Board, Gov. JB Pritzker on April 15 appointed the first-ever executive director to help lead the beleaguered agency.

To fill the newly created position, the governor tapped Jim Montgomery, who most recently served as director of administrative services with the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department in Massachusetts. His prior experience includes several stints as an assistant to Illinois lawmakers in the 1990s, and eight years as mayor of Taylorville from 1997 until 2005.

Montgomery will be responsible for overseeing administrative board operations, including bolstering domestic violence prevention training and "other important equity-based trainings for board members," according to the governor's office. In a news release, the governor said the creation of the director position "reduces the workload placed on the PRB chair and allows for the chair to focus more closely on leading casework."

The board has ultimate say on Montgomery's salary, but the governor's office said funds are available in the current-year budget and Montgomery will earn \$160,000 annually – more than the board chair's roughly \$108,000 statutory salary.

The board currently has no chair, as the office's previous holder, Donald Shelton, resigned on March 25 along with board member LeAnn Miller.

In February, Miller led a hearing to determine whether an inmate, Crosetti Brand, should be released from Stateville Correctional Center amid allegations that he'd violated an order of protection against his ex-girlfriend, Laterria Smith, by threatening her. The board found insufficient evidence and he was released on March 12.

One day later, Brand attacked Smith, stabbing her and killing her 11-year-old son, Jayden Perkins, when he tried to intervene.

Pritzker appointed Miller to the Prisoner Review Board in September 2021 and her term wasn't due to expire until January 2027. The governor said earlier this month the resignation "was probably a proper decision on her part" and said the panel she led "didn't take into consideration enough the domestic violence history of this particular prisoner."

Shelton had served on the board since 2012 and was appointed as a Republican. Pritzker said



Gov. JB Pritzker is pictured at an April 15 event in Chicago. He and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle highlighted a plan to eliminate medical debts for many Illinoisians.

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Shelton "served admirably" but didn't provide a reason for his resignation. Shelton told WTTW-TV in Chicago he resigned out of personal responsibility, but he also defended Miller and pushed back against the governor's statements about the decision.

The PRB has a proposed head count of 59 employees in the upcoming fiscal year, up from 51 in the current year. Its proposed budget is \$5.4 million. Montgomery's appointment awaits Senate confirmation.

### Migrant response funding

The Chicago's City Council's budget committee advanced Mayor Brandon Johnson's request for \$70 million from city reserves to care for new migrant arrivals in a 20-8 vote on April 15.

The motion could go to a full city council vote as soon as this week, and it has the potential to close a gap in migrant aid funding and fulfill the city's commitment to an agreement with the state and Cook County.

The proposal comes two months after Cook County officials and the governor's office committed about \$250 million toward aid for recently arrived migrants. The leaders at the time said another \$70 million was still needed.

Last week, U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Illinois, announced the state would receive about \$19.3 million in migrant response funding from a new \$300 million federal spending plan. Council members who voted for and against the city's motion called the nearly \$20 million in federal aid

"wholly inadequate."

Alderman Daniel La Spata, of Chicago's 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, pointed to how federal officials were quick to start programs for Ukrainian and Afghan asylum seekers but not to the same degree for those arriving to the U.S. from Latin American countries.

"We've seen still harsh contrast to how we treated the 30,000 plus Ukrainians who arrived similarly with asylum-seeker status, who were able to incorporate themselves into Chicago and Illinois," La Spata said.

### Medical debt forgiveness

Pritzker and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle continue to push their plans to eliminate almost \$1 billion of medical debt owned by Illinoisians with \$10 million from the governor's proposed budget.

Preckwinkle previously utilized federal funds from the pandemic-era American Rescue Plan Act to fund the Cook County Medical Debt Relief Initiative in 2022, on which the state plan is modeled.

The governor highlighted the problem of medical debt as "a uniquely American issue."

"In Illinois, 14% of our population has medical debt in default," Pritzker said. "So far, Cook County has abolished more than \$348 million in medical debt for over 200,000 Cook County residents."

The \$348 million of debt relief came on an investment of about \$3.75 million dollars in ARPA money due to a partnership with the nonprofit Undue Medical Debt, formerly known as RIP Medical Debt, county records show.

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## OPINION



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### LETTERS

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### POINTLESS CHANGE

This seems really pointless if the bars in Springfield will still be open until 3 a.m. ("Sangamon County Board to vote on ending 3 a.m. liquor licenses, April 4). You're just forcing more people into fewer bars.  
*Chaney Lovellette*  
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

### OVERREACTION

I live downtown, and while there are isolated incidents, for the most part it's not an issue. This seems like an overreaction to me. A year from now, someone will rally to get 3 a.m. licenses back and the cycle will start all over again. Pick your battles.  
*Beth Ley*  
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

### DRINK AT HOME

Nothing except a hospital or maybe a grocery store or drug store needs to be open at 2 or 3 in the morning – go home and drink.  
*Barbara Miller*  
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

### PEOPLE DICTATE THE POLICIES

David Blanchette's March 28

article, "Grass is good for land, livestock and livelihoods," addresses the realization that agricultural conservation is dearly needed across the state. At heart, the article showcased that this is a social phenomenon more than a scientific challenge.

Threats to our state's land and waterways are influenced by a wide range of political, economic and cultural factors. But in the end, the conservation of our soil and water is conceived and carried out by people (producers and landowners).

As Blanchette and his featured producers defined, the conservation of our natural and working lands is a manifestation of human beliefs and values. Choices over production practices and longstanding habits, how to prioritize returns on investments and how to advance them are inherently social. There are consequences downstream, not just locally, and for farmers' livelihoods and human lives, both rural and urban.

Jim Crum, the farmer and rancher from Cass County, declared, "You can't implement what you do not know. Once you are aware and have a clear understanding of how to do this, you're going to do it." Since 1941, producers across the state have been continually engaged by their

local soil and water conservation districts on the importance of conservation practices and even offered cost-share assistance. Yet, we continue to witness producers and landowners across the state failing to heed the guidance, education and most of all, call to action.

When we talk about conserving agricultural lands and waterways, we should really be talking about changing the way people neglect to implement proven conservation practices, like cover crops, reduced tillage and regenerative livestock production.

Agricultural conservation ultimately is a social process rooted in peoples' choices. These have consequences not only for soil health and water quality, but also for producer and landowner livelihoods. We need to better understand these consequences and the barriers to producer implementation if we're going to truly advance solutions that are effective, lasting and equitable.

To this end, we need to see increased political leadership to elevate state investments into our 97 soil and water conservation districts, primed to work with producers and landowners to implement the needed conservation practices to ensure that our water runs clean and our

soil remains healthy.

*Michael D. Woods*  
Executive director  
Association of Illinois Soil & Water Conservation Districts

### THE BRAVE LITTLE ROOSTER

friends, a chicken is an omnivore needs protein, that's why so many early kids' books are heavy on boys hunting and trapping – so pitch that dead bunny in the chicken yard! when bugs are under the snow my daughter and son-in-law keep a 5-gallon covered can in their trunk beat the crows to fresh Nevada roadkill throw rabbit, lizard, vole to their flock (in covered yard since picked clean – hawks and coyotes like protein too, so chickens can't run free) the gang falls on any delicacy with joy makes short work of the treat but one day in comes a huge furry dead raccoon oh! oh! oh! an enemy! consternation! the hens huddle in a corner, while the brave rooster protects his harem with widespread wings – but when the danger doesn't move hour after hour they gradually venture forth finally realize they have a banquet which lasts many happy days

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# Helping the Homeless. My journey and my blessing.

“Miss Julie” retires from full-time volunteering on the streets of Springfield

GUESTWORK | Julie L. Benson

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I witnessed much in my eight years of being a boots-on-the-ground volunteer for my ministry, “Helping the Homeless in Springfield, Illinois.”

I answered a call from God on Jan. 24, 2016, and became known as Miss Julie. Donations trickled in from Springfield and surrounding community residents individually, through churches, organizations and even functions with leftover food to help the homeless population. Back then I worked full-time at a private company and decided three years later to retire from there and be a full-time volunteer.

I rented a building, took donations and organized the van to drive around the streets handing out items in need. I was among 40 men at times, by myself, and never had a problem. They were more often than not kind and respectable. In the event someone was grumpy and ungrateful, I tried to have compassion, empathy and patience, and know that I was blessed.

I wore T-shirts and hooded sweatshirts imprinted (for donations) with the name of the ministry, telephone number and post office box, and was accessible seven days a week, almost 24 hours a day at times. Also I became part of the 211 United Way-sponsored access for the homeless community.

My clientele was broken, depressed, addicted to drugs, suffering from mental illnesses of various kinds, including bipolar disorder, manic depression,



anxiety, PTSD, schizophrenia and antisocial behavior.

For two summers I supervised showers at the 11th and Madison streets facility, the now-defunct city of Springfield warming center. The homeless would sign up Monday, Wednesday and Friday to get showers and exchange dirty clothes to get laundered for donated clothing and hygiene items. It was one of the best times for the homeless on the street.

During COVID, from April to November 2020 when St. John’s Breadline was serving just one meal a day, I started a “meal train,” by transporting donated food to the hungry. I delivered meals and cold beverages from volunteers every day during that period. Other necessities were handed out, including blankets, sleeping bags, hand warmers, hygiene items and clothing/shoes.

In the fall of 2020, I was responsible for tent city, on the grounds of Springfield’s warming center, which wouldn’t open until Nov. 1. Tent city was

successful or unsuccessful, depending on your point of view. It was a place where the homeless could gather and get help. It was also a place for crimes against each other. Donations were dropped off – everything from food to clothing to many unnecessary items that had to be monitored. It became a dumping ground for some who didn’t understand that homeless people should be treated with respect by receiving donations of gently used items.

I took a woman and her boyfriend to the hospital to have their baby boy at 2:30 a.m. Unknowingly, I took someone to make a drug deal. I went out at all hours of the day and night, helping as often as I could to those in distress. During the polar vortex, 57 street homeless got motel rooms, as did numerous people during the worst weather every year thereafter.

I was a Social Security Representative Payee to 20 people over six of those years and became a surrogate

mom, friend, sister, personal assistant, confidant, social worker and case manager. I did my best to connect people to professionals, but I was accessible seven days a week. I helped people get identifications, apartments, Amtrak or Greyhound tickets to come home or leave the city. I took telephone calls from jail inmates who were alerting me to their release date. I asked no questions but heard it all. I made no judgments, merely listened.



I have been lied to, threatened (by one woman) taken advantage of and had my shoulder cried on by many men who lost the only person they felt cared for them, their mother. I received numerous awards, was written up in the *State Journal-Register* twice as well as *Illinois Times*, interviewed numerous times for local and out-of-town news segments and interviewed twice by NPR Illinois.

I have recently retired from Helping the Homeless in Springfield, Illinois. I want to read, write, bike, paint and breathe. I now own and successfully operate two sober-living homes for men, without government funding.




It became clear to me I had lived in a bubble most of my life. Family problems growing up were nothing compared to the trauma that is suffered by someone who becomes homeless and is trapped in that cycle for years. I was oblivious to firsthand accounts of people broken in every way imaginable. When I thought I had heard it all and seen it all, someone else had a more tragic life story. I feel blessed. □

*I am a lifelong resident of Springfield. I have two sons, a daughter-in-law and one grandson. I worked in private industry my whole life. I love to read, write and engage with people that might not otherwise get someone to listen. I will always have a heart for the underdog.*

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# Changes to the Biometric Information Privacy Act

New legislation would limit penalties for businesses collecting biometric information

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Chicago-area news outlets have been so intent on amplifying every possible angle on the proposals for new publicly financed sports stadiums that they've sometimes missed the bigger picture.

Senate President Don Harmon last week tried to make it simple for everyone what that bigger picture is.

In a speech to the Illinois Chamber, in town for its annual lobby day, Harmon said he made it clear to White Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf when he visited Springfield earlier this year seeking public funding for a new stadium, and has tried to make it clear ever since that there is "next to no appetite to fund a new stadium with taxpayer dollars."

Harmon didn't leave the door open a crack by saying: "next to no appetite." There might be some members who could be open to the idea, but there simply aren't nearly enough of those folks right now to cobble together a majority of 30 votes in the Senate and 60 in the House and a governor's signature.

Meetings he and other leaders have had with

other sports team owners have also been blown out of proportion. Harmon told the audience that all sorts of people meet with him on a regular basis, "but the common theme running through all of this is that it's often my job to let them down."

Hopefully, people can take a breath and stop hyping every sports team owner move as some sort of sign. I mean, we haven't even seen an actual plan yet from the White Sox or the Bears (or the Sky, or...).

Harmon's overall message in his speech, however, was aimed at the business community itself and boiled down to the old adage, "Don't let perfect be the enemy of the good." He emphasized that point when he was asked about a bill to scale back penalties in the state's controversial Biometric Information Privacy Act.

Sponsored by Senate President Pro Tempore Bill Cunningham, Senate Bill 2979 would limit the penalties for violating state law on businesses collecting biometric information (fingerprints, eye scans, etc.) from workers and customers without

prior informed consent. The law currently penalizes each unlawful collection of that data, but the bill limits the penalties to each person from whom data is collected, saving businesses which violate the law a ton of money.

The Illinois Supreme Court ruled last year that its hands were tied when the fast-food chain White Castle appealed its loss of a lawsuit which the company claimed could cost it as much as \$17 billion in damages. The company argued, in part, that the 2008 law could result in an unconstitutional "annihilative liability" for businesses caught up in lawsuits. The top court said it was up to the General Assembly to make any changes and all but begged the legislature to act.

When Harmon was asked about possible additions to the bill, he said the proposal was designed specifically to address the Supreme Court's ruling and added that (like with the stadiums) he didn't see "an appetite for additional amendments."

Harmon also said he was "a bit disappointed" at the opposition from some top business groups. "We are delivering a huge win for Illinois businesses," Harmon claimed. "It's not everything they want, but if you listen to my speech, progress is good. Nobody gets everything that they want." "I also recognize," Harmon said, "that many bills are awful and horrible and the end of the world until they pass, when they're suddenly really good. And I hope that the business community will recognize the importance of this reform when it passes."

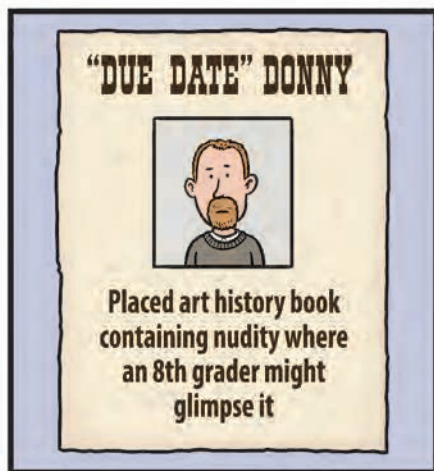
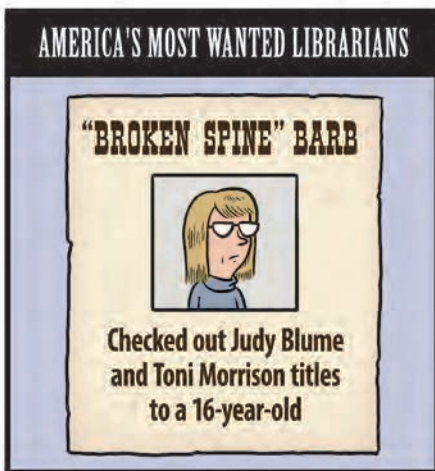
Two days later, Sen. Cunningham called it for a vote.

Some groups had pushed Cunningham to explicitly make his law retroactive in order to help companies that have already been hit with massive penalties. But Cunningham said courts could "take judicial notice" of the amendment when asked to determine or reduce an award.

Asked by Senate Republican Leader John Curran about data center owners who are worried that they could be sued for merely hosting illegally collected biometric information stored by their clients on their cloud servers, Cunningham acknowledged the issue, but said no data centers have yet been sued. He said he wanted to focus on the Supreme Court's "invitation" to address the law. He did not rule out future action, though.

After bringing up another issue raised by the trucking industry, Curran eventually said that he'd recommend supporting the bill and it passed 46-13, with five Republicans joining their leader.

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Another rare, natural phenomenon coming to central Illinois

GARDEN | Karen Ackerman Witter

Throng of people flocked to Illinois to witness the solar eclipse on April 8. Central Illinois will experience an even rarer phenomenon this spring, although it won't attract as many tourists. In May or June, dependent on temperature, the 13-year and 17-year periodical cicadas will emerge concurrently for the first time since 1803. This won't happen again until 2245. Sangamon County is part of a small area where emergence of the two broods overlap. Smithsonian entomologist Floyd Shockely estimates more than 1 trillion cicadas will emerge in 16 states in the Midwest and Southeast.

Eclipse watchers protected their eyes. When the periodical cicadas arrive, you may want to cover your ears. "The songs of male cicadas can be louder than a chain saw at full throttle," said Guy Sternberg of Starhill Forest Arboretum in Petersburg. He knows from personal experience. During the previous 17-year emergence, Sternberg counted areas with molted exoskeletons and estimated there were 50 million cicadas on his 50-acre arboretum. The sound rattled the windowpanes on his house. While the males make the noise, the females damage trees by using their ovipositors to cut slits in pencil-diameter tree branches to deposit their eggs.

Cicadas don't bite, sting or carry any diseases. They are harmless to people and pets. Don't panic, and don't apply pesticides, which will not be effective. These insects are not locusts. Cicadas have modified mouth parts to feed on tree sap, and they won't eat plants, shrubs and bushes. "Their sole purpose is to breed and lay eggs," said Sternberg.

Periodical cicadas are smaller than the typical cicadas that occur here each year. They have bright red eyes and a black body with orange markings. "There are seven species of 13 and 17-year cicadas which differ in size, color, timing of chorusing and differences in songs," explains Susan Dees Hargrove, a retired biological resources specialist for IDOT. Brood XIII of the 17-year periodical cicadas generally occurs in the northern half of Illinois, and Brood XIX of the 13-year cicadas generally occurs in the southern half of Illinois. This year both will emerge simultaneously in Sangamon County and nearby.

Periodical cicadas spend most of their lives as nymphs, living underground and feeding off the sap of tree roots. They emerge to transform into adults and mate. The nymphs begin to emerge when the soil temperature reaches 64 degrees



**In May or June, dependent on temperature, the 13-year and 17-year periodical cicadas will emerge concurrently for the first time since 1803. Sangamon County is part of a small area where emergence of the two broods overlap. Inset: A general just-emerged cicada, part of the 13-year brood that emerged in 2011. PHOTO BY SUSAN DEES HARGROVE**

Fahrenheit eight inches below ground. They emerge primarily at night, molt and leave their shells behind. Males "sing" to attract females by flexing a membrane, called a tymbal, in their abdomen. They have a nearly empty body cavity which adds to the intensity of the sound. Females respond with a wing flip, indicating they are ready to mate.

Cicadas will fly, sing and mate once their body temperature reaches 72 degrees. After mating, the females can travel up to approximately 1,000 feet to lay eggs in small

tree branches. They make a zipper-like slit with their ovipositor and lay 20 eggs at a time along the branch, with each female laying up to 600 eggs, according to Sternberg. This can cause the branch to die, droop or fall to the ground. The adults die; the larvae hatch into nymphs, drop to the ground and burrow underground for the next 13 or 17 years. The entire process lasts about four to six weeks.

Periodical cicadas are most prevalent in areas with mature trees, where nymphs have been living on tree roots for years. Open areas that

lack mature trees are not likely to experience periodical cicadas. Young and newly planted trees in areas with more mature trees will be most vulnerable. Conifers are not typically used by cicadas due to their sticky sap.

Sternberg says young trees with a central leader reaching for the sky can be seriously affected, requiring pruning and training in the next few years to restore a central leader. Structural damage to trees may be less for trees with a spreading branch structure. Now is not the time to plant new trees. Delay planting new trees until after this spring's emergence.

The Morton Arboretum suggests homeowners ensure that susceptible trees are as healthy as possible by mulching, watering and addressing any disease issues. After leaves emerge and before the cicadas arrive, cover small trees with fine protective netting, such as tulle (available at fabric stores) or insect netting (available at landscape supply stores). Openings in the netting should not exceed a quarter-inch. Gather the fabric around the trunk as near to the ground as possible and close gaps with binder clips, clothespins or staples.

Why do so many cicadas emerge at the same time, and how do they know when 13 or 17 years has elapsed? The Morton Arboretum explains that cicadas have no natural defense mechanisms except their sheer number. When millions of cicadas are active at the same time, predators can't possibly eat them all, ensuring their ability to reproduce. Scientists aren't sure how cicadas know when a certain number of years have elapsed. However, it's believed the underground nymphs have an internal molecular clock that may track the yearly cycle of the trees upon which they feed.

Although the deafening noise and masses of dead cicadas on the ground may be annoying, enjoy this once-in-a-life-time miracle of nature. Thirteen and 17 are prime numbers, therefore mathematically it will be another 221 years before their emergence next coincides. Periodical cicadas have some benefits: the holes they make when emerging from the ground help to aerate the soil, cicadas provide food for wildlife and their decaying bodies provide nutrients for the soil and can be added to your compost bin. □

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# Spring Lawn and Garden show

Expo highlights the latest trends

GARDEN | Chris Crown

After a cold and blustery week, it didn't quite feel like spring had arrived, but as I approached the entrance to the 2024 Spring Lawn and Garden Sale last weekend, I was shuffled along in a ripping current of homeowners and gardeners, all eager to get out of the cold and into some local deals. An annual free event in the Orr Building at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, the expo offers central Illinois vendors a forum to demonstrate their products and educate customers on the current trends and tech in the home and garden industry. With a laundry list of home-improvement projects on the horizon, I set forth into the crowd.

After a mandatory fuel stop at Luka Popcorn, a family vendor out of Blue Mound, I came across Big Dog Construction. The company, based in Carlinville, works throughout central Illinois. I was instantly drawn in when I saw owner Chris Hartsook standing atop a model deck, towering over a display of windows and siding.

After 14 years in construction management, Hartsook said he "made the leap" and started his own business, "committed to providing high-quality service" to central Illinois homeowners for their home remodeling, windows and doors. Hartsook especially likes working on window projects and is a local contractor through Window Depot USA. Currently, the biggest push in the world of windows is toward energy-efficiency. Hartsook said that 25-30% of all home heating and cooling costs come from energy lost through inefficiently designed or installed windows. I felt even more assured that I need to replace the rattly, cold, single-pane windows in my own home.

Hartsook also showed me how a colorful front door, a trend many homeowners have started embracing, adds a pop of color to the facade of your home. Beyond a fancy pastel paint, however, Hartsook's doors are also perfectly fitted and designed to seal in the frame and eliminate any drafts.

Later, I strolled past the beautiful garden decor and furniture designs by Garden Iron. Specializing in custom-built metal lawn



**Top right: Chris Hartsook, owner of Big Dog Construction Co., said 25-30% of all home heating and cooling costs come from energy lost through inefficiently designed or installed windows. Bottom left: Handmade birdhouses were among the variety of items displayed at the Spring Lawn and Garden Sale..** PHOTO BY CHRIS CROWN



ornaments, this homegrown company from Springfield showcases all manner of hanging baskets, glass orbs, painted lawn animals and handmade benches - all designed to endure the elements.

I better get my lawn in order before I start decorating it, so I continued on to LevelUp Seed and Garden Supply. Sporting a colorful logo straight out of Super Mario Bros, I naturally gravitated toward the stand and spoke with owners Steve and Ashley Epley about how to fill in patches of my lawn. The couple originally opened a Springfield storefront catering to cannabis growers but also knew that the area needed a knowledgeable resource on general gardening info. Applying tactful botany and horticulture expertise, Steve walked me

through all my questions on grass types, how to utilize the shady areas in my garden and natural tips for keeping pests away from my fruits.

I then walked through a checkerboard of grills and smokers, where I learned that the newest technology in electric, pellet-fired appliances ensures perfect temperature management even when overnight smoking tough cuts of meat. Next, I stopped by the Cutco booth. Although the Cutco business model is controversial due to its recruiting schemes, I wanted to give it a chance and was greeted with exceptional friendliness and top-tier knowledge on everything knife-related. I was in the market for a new chef's knife, and learned a lot about different knife sizes/uses. I also got some excellent advice

on how to sharpen my cooking knives (and the different way I should be sharpening my pocketknives). I was initially hesitant, but my time spent with the brand rep, Greg, left me with a much better feeling and a new all-purpose knife sure to glide through my next steak (even if I can't afford to cook it in a Bluetooth-enabled Big Green Egg...yet.)

Throughout the expo, I learned a lot about hidden sources of stagnant water and how it fosters mosquitoes from Sonny Adams Pest Control and then how to remedy one of these problems from the technicians at Springfield Gutters. It was a very diverse day - I got a quote on renting a log-splitter from Noonan Rental and also spoke with Paula Melchert at Birdy Bakery who designs hanging bird treats intended to attract particular species of birds. Cardinals like safflower while finches like thistle good to know.

As the morning went on, I stopped by one last booth to admire the work done by Artisan Stone, a Springfield-based landscaping company dedicated to elevating both home and garden with natural elements. I was particularly intrigued by the fire pits and fireplaces. As the smokeless outdoor stove trend grows (with brands such as Solo, Breeo and Prism on display at the expo), Artisan Stone designs custom stone pits to house the otherwise "plain-looking fire cans," as owner Ted Galassi aptly called them. I left with several great concepts on some pits that I could build with stone from its supply, but Artisan Stone will also build custom fireplaces or landscaping for homeowners who might not be so DIY-inclined.


All in all, I left with a tote bag full of pamphlets and a head overflowing with ideas for the warmer months ahead. If I stay focused, I may even get around to tackling half of the projects I have in mind. □

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# Grow a container garden

Use flowers or edible plants to enhance your décor

GARDEN | Ashley Meyer

If you're longing for the sight of fresh blossoms and lush foliage after a long winter, container gardening is an affordable, high-impact way to brighten almost any space. Whether it's a window box overflowing with soft, romantic florals or a planter filled with tasty edibles, these basic strategies will help you create jaw-dropping arrangements that stay beautiful until frost.

## Thriller, filler and spiller

This tried-and-true formula is hard to beat, explained Becky Metzger, owner of Alive! on 66, a plant boutique located in Springfield. "Start with the thriller, something tall that will serve as a focal point in the middle of the container. I'm really big on different textures and colors of leaves rather than just focusing on flowers. Plants like coleus, tropical cordyline and croton are fun and come in a huge range of colors that will look great from spring through fall."

Leafy plants also tend to be lower maintenance, Metzger pointed out, requiring less deadheading and watering than most flowering plants. For the filler, look for leaves with a variety of contrasting textures and shapes.

"I like to pair long, linear-type leaves with rounded leaves," she said. "If everything looks the same, it just becomes a cluster – that's where containers often go wrong."

To finish, add spillers for drama. "They don't need to go all the way around the pot, just placed in certain areas where they can cascade over the side," Metzger said.

## Know your place

Andrea Crawford-Whitehead lives and works in Springfield and has been an avid container gardener since she was little. "I loved to help my mom plant the big half barrels that she had on either side of our deck," she said. "When my husband and I bought our first house, I knew I wanted to do window boxes."

Her first planters featured a striking mixture of lime green sweet potato vines and petunia. The design has evolved over years of trial and error.

"I've learned that you won't be as happy with your results if you just pick out plants



Summer container arrangements making their transition into the fall season. PHOTO COURTESY ALIVE! ON 66

you like," Crawford-Whitehead explained. "It helps to take into account the perennials that are growing in the ground around the window boxes and things like the paint colors on the siding and trim, so there's some continuity in the color palette."

It's also important to evaluate your area and what kind of maintenance you're prepared to deal with. How much wind and sun does that area get? How much time are you willing to commit to maintaining your planters? Are you OK with regularly deadheading (removing spent flowers) and watering?

In general, flowers – especially annuals – require more regular maintenance to continue reblooming and looking their best. "I really prefer tropical-type flowers like hibiscus and mandevilla, because they don't require as much water and deadheading as annuals do," Metzger pointed out.

## Sun or shade?

"The biggest mistake I've made is buying something that looks really pretty in the store and ignoring the directions on the tag regarding how much sun it needs," divulged Crawford. "I finally accepted the fact that I live in a historic neighborhood with big trees and that only shade-loving plants are going to look full and

lush all season."

Intense sun, especially in the afternoon, can be challenging to manage as well. "For sun-loving container gardening, cordyline is one of my favorites as well as snake plants, mandevilla and hibiscus," said Metzger. "I also really love using grasses, such as Shenandoah switchgrass. They can survive in your planter over winter and will evolve as the season grows – they'll start out green in the spring and then eventually turn red and produce lovely big plumes, so they make a nice transition into fall."

Sun-loving edibles can also thrive in pots, such as peppers, bush cucumbers and eggplant, which look especially nice in combination with complementary herbs and flowers such as petite marigolds, basil and chives.

"For containers in the shade and partial shade, tropical house plants do fabulously well outside," Metzger pointed out. Things such as begonias and caladiums mixed in a planter look stunning, and then they can come back inside for the winter. While fruiting edibles like tomatoes and berries require full sun, there are a variety of leafy greens and herbs that will thrive in partial sun including brightly hued swiss chard, lettuces and mint, as well as edible flowers, nasturtiums and chive blossoms.

## Maintain

Fertilizer is important for healthy plants. In the summer, Metzger recommends using a high-phosphorus fertilizer every two weeks to help maximize bloom growth. Light summer pruning is also key to growing healthy, full plants. "I trim and shape the plants the way I want throughout the summer. If a coleus, for example, is getting really big and lanky you can just trim it back to the size you want," said Metzger.

## Have fun with it

"Don't be afraid to throw something artificial in there as a filler," advised Crawford. "Not flowers, necessarily, but things like branches or artificial gourds can look really nice, especially toward the end of the season when some of the plants might not look super great. They don't get moldy or nasty, and you can use them year after year." □

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# Spring cleaning checklist

Enjoy your home even more after accomplishing these tasks

HOME & GARDEN | Holly A. Whisler

Ever wondered why we call it “spring cleaning”? According to *National Geographic*, spring cleaning dates back to ancient times, and the themes of purification, preparation for a new beginning and the celebration of spring’s arrival are central to this worldwide tradition. Before electricity, homes were heated with coal and light was provided by the flame of a candle, both of which left soot on the walls and windows. Once spring arrived, the weather was perfect for washing away the signs of winter and welcoming the season of renewal.

What’s good for our home is also good for our mental health. Spring cleaning not only gets us moving and energized, it lessens stress, improves focus and can even help with depression, according to a recent article from Cleveland Clinic.

Here’s list of 10 spring cleaning basics to tackle:

## Gutters

Gutters catch rain as it runs down the roof, directing it to the downspouts that carry the water away from the foundation of your home. Over time, gutters become obstructed with leaves and debris, leading to mold growth on the roof and exterior walls. Pooling water near the foundation can damage concrete and provides a breeding ground for insects. Clear gutters by scooping out debris and making sure water flows through the downspouts and away from the home.

## Air conditioner

The air conditioner unit inside your home has an air filter that needs to be changed seasonally, or monthly in times of high use. A dirty filter slows airflow, which causes the unit’s motor to work harder to cool incoming air. The condenser is the unit outside the home, and it can be cleaned with water from a garden hose. However, don’t use a power washer, thinking that more pressure is better – it’s easy to damage the soft metal fins inside the unit, and they’re expensive to replace. And make sure the condenser isn’t crowded; it needs to be free of shrubs and patio furniture by two feet on each side. Anything that impedes the flow of air into the unit forces it to work harder and increases your power bill.

## Power washing

There are plenty of appropriate ways to put a power washer to good use around your house, and you can even check one out from Lincoln Library. The Library of Things offers loans for just about any tool you might need. The siding of your home, especially north-facing walls where mold develops from lack of direct sunlight, can be cleaned with a power washer. You can also clean decking and concrete areas such as the patio, sidewalk, garage floor and driveway.

## Smoke detector

Dust can cause a smoke detector to chirp, which you can avoid by using a vacuum attachment to clean it regularly. When you change the clocks twice a year, let that be a reminder to change the batteries in your smoke detectors, or make the switch to the 10-year battery smoke detector.

## Dryer vent and duct

The dryer’s lint trap should be cleaned after each load. The dryer duct, which runs under the floor from the dryer to the vent outside the house, should be cleaned every one to three years. It fills with lint over time, reducing dryer efficiency and increasing the chances of causing a fire. The U.S. Fire Administration estimates there are about 3,000 dryer-related fires every year. This can be a DIY job, or you can hire a local company that cleans dryer ducts and all air ducts in the home.

## Windows and screens

Cleaning windows is easily accomplished with a bucket, hot water, mild dish soap and a little bit of vinegar. Wash the window with a microfiber cloth, follow with a squeegee (game changer) to remove excess water and dry completely with a clean microfiber towel. Wash screens with soap and water, rinse and dry before replacing. You’ll be amazed at what you don’t see.

## Sliding glass door

Bugs, dirt and debris settle into the track of a sliding door and slow it down. First, loosen the yuck with a toothbrush, vacuum the yuck and finish with a wet sponge. The screen and sliding glass door should both close easily now.

## Ceiling fans

Clean ceiling fan blades with an extendable duster and use a vacuum to clean the housing. Remove light bulbs in order to remove glass globes. Soak globes in warm water and dish soap. Once dry, replace globes and light bulbs.

## Baseboards and door frames

Wash away accumulated dust on baseboards and door frames with a sponge, water and a squirt of mild dish soap. Dry completely.

## Carpet, rugs and furniture

Spring air has low humidity, which makes this a perfect time to deep clean carpets, area rugs and furniture. Open windows and keep air moving with fans to make sure everything dries thoroughly. □

*Holly Whisler is a freelance writer from Springfield who freely admits to enjoying the process of spring cleaning, and the boost she gets from a clean home.*





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### Spring Migration Bird Hikes

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

## April

### Flycatchers of Illinois

Thu., April 18, 6-7pm. Springfield Audubon Society hosts Dr. Matt Hayes to discuss Flycatcher identification. Learn to identify various Illinois flycatcher species based on field marks and song/call. Free. Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 2315 E. Clear Lake Ave., 217-544-2473.

### Junior and Senior Naturalists

Sat., April 20. Join in some fun Earth Day activities. Junior naturalists ages 5-8 will meet from 10am to noon. Senior naturalists ages 8-12 will meet from 1 to 3pm. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 East Lake Shore Drive, 217-529-1111.

### Earth Awareness Fair

Sat., April 20, 11am-3pm. This event is meant to bring together city departments, organizations, businesses and individuals to showcase and encourage Earth stewardship, resilience, sustainability and community building within the city. Organized by the Office of Public Works, Waste & Recycling Division since 1992. Union Square Park, 212 N. Sixth St.

### April Wildflower and Bird Walks

Saturdays in April, 10am and 2pm. Guided wildflower walks on Elkhart Hill presented by the Elkhart Historical Society. Reservations required and must be made by phone. \$15 per adult and \$10 per child. Final day, April 27, will include bird banding demonstrations. Call for more info. Tours leave from Country Bumpkin, 103 Gov. Oglesby St., 217-947-2238.

### Sunday Bird Hikes

Sun., April 28, 8-9:30am. Join Springfield Audubon Society's Joe Gardner to scan the sanctuary's woodland and prairie for spring migrants and resident species. springfielddublinpub.com. Free. Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 2315 E. Clear Lake Ave., 217-544-2473.

## May

### Kids Fare Garden Club

Mondays, 5-6pm, May 6 through June 3. This free gardening club for school-aged children will be taught by Alana Reynolds of Grow Springfield and the Butler School Garden. Drop-ins welcome. Enos Park Neighborhood Garden, 1022 N. Fifth St., 217-610-0720.

### Earth Prayers

Sun., May 5, 3pm. An interfaith prayer of the arts in solidarity with Earth. Join in the music, singing and dancing used by local faith traditions. Listen to wisdom from different sacred books, light a candle and work on a community mandala. Part of the Liturgical Arts Festival. lafspringfield.org. Free. Rochester Community Park, Rochester, 90 Wild Rose Lane

### Springfield Civic Garden Club

Mon., May 6, 9:30am. This month, Susan Helm will share her story of becoming an active community volunteer specializing in establishing pollinator gardens and habitats using native plants. Guests are welcome to attend. Doors open at 9 a.m. for refreshments. For more info, visit the club's website, Facebook site or call. Free. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 S. Walnut St., 217-899-3283.

### Illinois Native Plant Society Sale

Sat., May 11, 9am-12pm. The area's largest native plant sale in both diversity and quantity. Native trees, shrubs, herbaceous plants and multiple milkweed species to help you create a habitat at home, plus many other species that benefit native wildlife, and grown from local seed sources when available. illinoisplants.org. Illinois State Fairgrounds Reich Pavilion, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-243-6055.

### Spring Iris Show

Sat., May 18, 1-4pm. A judged show of many types of Iris blooms sponsored by the Sangamon Valley Iris Society. Amateurs welcome to participate with named varieties to be in place by 10 am. Open to public viewing from 1 to 4pm. Free. Washington Park Botanical Garden Exhibit Hall, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-529-8014.



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Wildflower and herb shortbreads are simple to make and perfect for gifting. PHOTO BY ASHLEY MEYER.

# Wildflower blossoms can add pizzazz to shortbreads

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

Lush lawns covered with wildflowers are a lovely excuse to delay pulling out the mower. Amethyst-hued carpets of violets dotted with sunny dandelions not only provide food for pollinators and encourage biodiversity, but they can also brighten your bakes and add whimsy to supper. These early edible wildflowers will soon be followed by other tasty florals including roses, lavender, calendula, bachelor buttons, nasturtiums, sunflowers and marigolds. Whether sweet or savory, there's lots of ways to bring flower power into your kitchen.

Even folks with limited decorating skills can create stunning cakes and boards with the help of cheerful blossoms. For cakes, it helps to leave a bit of stem attached to stick into the cake and hold it in place. Wait to decorate the cake until just before serving and avoid sticking the petals onto the frosting to help keep the flowers looking as fresh as possible.

Those looking to up their flower decoration game can try their hand at making candied flowers. Beat one egg white well with a teaspoon of water. Use a pasteurized egg white if concerned about eating raw eggs. Pour the egg white through a fine meshed sieve to remove any jelly-like bits of albumen. Hold the flower with tweezers and use a small, clean paintbrush to paint the egg white onto each petal, starting with the back of the petals then turning them over to paint the front. Coat the flower completely but lightly. Hold the flower over a

bowl and sprinkle on all sides with superfine sugar. Shake gently, then sprinkle again and shake once more before placing the flower on a piece of waxed paper to dry. Leave uncovered in a well-ventilated room for about 24 hours to dry completely, then store in an airtight container where they can keep for up to one year.

Flowers can also be added directly to your recipes, either by incorporating them into the dough or baking them onto the top. Spring herbs can add complex notes to both sweet and savory creations, either in a lightly sweetened polenta cake flavored with lemon and rosemary, or in these deceptively simple sage shortbreads. Violets and dandelion petals contribute a cheerful hue and delicate flavor to a sweet version that's perfect for gifting and a delightful pairing alongside a bubbly glass of Moscato d'Asti.

## Wildflower shortbreads

1 ¼ cup powdered sugar  
8 ounces (2 sticks) salted butter, at room temperature  
1 large egg yolk (reserve the white)  
½ teaspoon salt  
2 teaspoons vanilla or elderflower liqueur such as St. Germain  
½ cup dandelion petals (make sure there are no bits of bitter stem or leaf)  
2 ¾ cup all-purpose flour  
36-48 violets, pansies or other edible flowers

Combine the powdered sugar, butter, egg yolk, salt, vanilla and dandelion petals in the bowl of a mixer or food processor. Mix until light and fluffy then add flour and continue mixing gently to form a smooth dough.

Transfer the dough to a floured piece of parchment paper and roll into a log about 1 ½ inches thick. Wrap the dough in the parchment paper, twisting the ends like a piece of candy. Refrigerate for at least one hour and up to several days. The dough can also be frozen, wrapped well in plastic, for several months.

When ready to bake, preheat the oven to 350 degrees and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Use a sharp serrated knife to slice the log into rounds approximately ¼-inch thick. Arrange the rounds of dough approximately ½-inch apart on the parchment lined baking sheet.

Beat the reserved egg white with a teaspoon of water. Press the flowers into the rounds of dough, then use a pastry brush to lightly coat each shortbread with the beaten egg white. Place in the preheated oven and bake for 15-18 minutes until lightly golden around the edges and the dough springs back pressed gently with a fingertip. Cool completely before serving.

## White cheddar and sage shortbreads

8 ounces sharp white cheddar or parmesan, or a mixture, grated  
4 ounces (one stick) salted butter

1 egg, separated  
1 ½ cup all purpose flour  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
36-48 small sage leaves (parsley, thyme and chive blossoms work well also)

Combine cheeses, butter, egg yolk, flour, salt and pepper in a bowl or food processor and mix thoroughly to combine into a rough ball. Transfer the dough to a floured piece of parchment paper and roll into a log about 1 ½ inches thick. Wrap the dough in the parchment paper, twisting the ends like a piece of candy. Refrigerate at least one hour and up to several days (dough can also be frozen, wrapped well in plastic, for several months).

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## MUSIC



Silhouette plays at Longbridge Golf Course bar area this Friday evening.

# Blown away by April music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Ahoy, mateys, and welcome to our weekly roundup of local happenings in the Springfield music scene. This week is some of this and some of that, but that's not all; as the warmer weather blows our way, the outdoors gigs increase and we get closer to full-swing summer mode.

Our first mention is sad news of the passing of drummer Tom Summerlin. Recognized as a kind soul and smiling face to all who knew him, including family, friends and fans, Tom was a loyal and passionate drummer for the Sleeping Dogzz rock band for some 25 years and had a grand time touring the country with ZZ Trip, a prominent and popular ZZ Top tribute group. A celebration of life is planned for Sunday, June 9, at the Curve Inn. Details are upcoming. His obituary on Legacy.com states: "In lieu of flowers, Tom's final request (was) that donations to help cover medical expenses incurred during his illness be made online in his honor." Let's support his legacy by helping out and remembering his smile seen so often as he sat behind the drum kit, making music with friends and for friends. Rest in peace (and rhythm) to Tom Summerlin, March 7, 1958-April 13, 2024.

Fridays always blow in with plenty of shows and this one is no exception. A sampling of highlights includes Silhouette, a band of young musicians playing years ahead of their ages doing a full night at Long Bridge Golf Course after several support shows lately; our pals Fireside Relics opening for Tom Petty tribute band Southern Accents at the Castle Theater in Bloomington; the Pepper Sprouts duo of Trish and Mandy popping into The Range in Chatham and 3's Company bringing their good vibrations into Harry's Adult Day Care.

Country sounds swirl around when White

Lightnin' covers the classics at VFW Post 755 and The Longmeyer Band hits with originals and more at Motorheads, while big-time country music name Chris Cagle (he's been doing it since early 2000s) drifts into Boondocks and Waymore's Outlaws (actual former members of Waylon's band) breeze into The Backroom Lounge in Riverton.

On Saturday, the date is 4/20, and if you don't know what "four twenty" means, well, I'm just going to tell you it's a slang term for smoking pot. So it's like Weed Day, man. You can look it up if you don't believe me or just want to know more about the situation. It definitely has an effect on the music scene all over the country and in our neck of the woods. There's a big show called Rock the 420 featuring Astrofix with Rabbit in Red and The Hangovers happening at The Blue Grouch that includes a fundraiser celebration for The Last Prisoner Project – dedicated to assisting those incarcerated for pot possession crimes – starting at 3 p.m. with the music blasting in at around 6.

Devin Williams and Stumpy Joe fly into and out of the acoustic blues (classics and originals) at the Bird, while Sunshine Daydream and Positively 4th Street play all day at Long Bridge under an event tent and Lincoln's Dead goes "grateful" at George Rank's to celebrate the occasion.

Sunday looks to be a real "funday" with Hipbone & the Joints burning one at Buckhart Tavern, Antone & Wick rolling into Hill Prairie Winery near Oakford, Keith Dunlap going for broke at Lucky's on the Square in Petersburg and Joel Honey teeing off at Brookhills Golf Club.

There's plenty more where that came from, so check the listings and we'll see you next week. □



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### Lady Frederick

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217-523-2631

### THEATER | William Somerset Maugham play scheduled at Edwards Place

**it** This romantic comedy by acclaimed British writer William Somerset Maugham was first performed in London in 1907. It later moved to Broadway where American actress Ethel Barrymore played the title role. Lady Frederick tells the story of an Irish widow, seriously in debt, who must deal with suitors who have various motives for proposing marriage. The lady also has to deal with the man with whom she once had an affair. The play, to be performed in a second parlor at Edwards Place, continues a tradition of vintage plays at the residence, according to director Mark Buckholz. Rachel Hettrick stars as Lady Frederick. Hettrick is surrounded by an experienced cast including Kevin Brownell as Paradine Fouldes and Ryan Davis as Lord Charles Mereston. Buckholz said the play “is at times reminiscent of Downtown Abbey and Oscar Wilde, inspired by the manners and foibles of England’s aristocratic class in the first decade of the 20th century.” Tickets can be purchased through the Springfield Art Association, [springfieldart.org](http://springfieldart.org), and Edwards Place Historic Home, [edwardsplace.org](http://edwardsplace.org). Tickets are \$10 for SAA members and \$15 for nonmembers.

## THE CALENDAR

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### Special Music Events

#### Celtic Woman

Sat., April 20, 7:30pm. In the 20 years since its debut, Celtic Woman has emerged as both a formidable musical presence and genuine cultural phenomenon. The group’s albums and DVD releases have been consistent multi-platinum best-sellers and its concert tours continue to touch the hearts of a devoted audience that spans the globe. \$42.50-\$153.50. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

#### Gospel concert

Sat., April 20, 5-7pm. Concert by Sunshine Ministries will be at 7pm. Event starts at 5pm with snacks and fellowship at 5pm followed by an open mic at

6pm. The public is invited. Free, donations accepted. Kumler United Methodist Church, 600 N. Fifth St., 217-523-2046.

### Books & Authors

#### Book Adoption Event

Wed., April 24, 10am-2pm. Similar to a book sale, but instead of paying per book or bag, you make a donation in the box which will help support the work of the Friends of Williamsville Public Library and Museum, and give the items new homes. Books for all ages, DVD’s and audiobooks. Williamsville Public Library and Museum, Williamsville, 217 N. Elm St., 217-566-3520.

### Theater & Comedy

#### The 4:20 Comedy Show

Sat., April 20, 7pm. Enjoy a night of laughter on the 30th floor with comedians Joel Cooper, Petty LaBelle, John Bownas, Jack Allgire and Joshua Pierce. Event includes door prizes and venue has full bar. See the Facebook site for more info. \$15. Wyndham at Springfield City Centre, 700 E. Adams St., 217-361-4318.

#### Capital City Improv Workshops

Third Thursday of every month, 7-9pm. Through May 17. Want to try improvisational theater? Join Capital City Improv for workshops and learn improv basics and play a variety of improv games. Everyone 12+ is welcome. Space is limited. Please RSVP via a link on the Capital City Improv Facebook page to reserve a spot. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

#### Comedy on the Mezz

Mon., April 22, 7-8:30pm. Show features headliner Clay Foley, Shelley B Wright, Joe Theanimal Lancy and Vincent Opper. Kathy Brennan is the host. Call for more info. Free. Harvest Market, 3001 Veterans Pkwy., 217-698-8767.

#### Comedy open mic

Fourth Wednesday of every month, 6-9pm. Hosted by Lance Cain. Signup is at 6pm with show at 7pm. See the Facebook page for more info. Anvil and Forge Brewing and Distilling Company, 619 E. Washington St., 217-494-6200.

#### Comedy open mic hosted by Larry Smith

Thu., April 18, 8-10pm. No

pre-signup. Performers will do five-minute sets. Signups start at 7:30pm. Pre-mic meeting at 7:55pm. Those not in room when called forfeit their spot. Free. Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 406 E. Adams St.

#### John Proctor is the Villain

Through April 20, 7:30pm. Alternately touching and funny, this new comedy captures a generation in mid-transformation, running on pop music, optimism and fury, and writing their own coming-of-age story. Winner of the Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Production of a Play. [uispac.com](http://uispac.com). \$6-\$14. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

#### Noises Off

Through April 20, 7:30pm and Sun., April 21, 2pm. A play within a play where a mediocre theatre troupe rehearses a touring production of a romp comedy, *Nothing On*. Unfortunately, almost nothing goes right. Presented by the Springfield Theatre Centre. [hcfta.org](http://hcfta.org). \$22. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

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#### Friday Night Open Dancing

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

#### A Midsummer Night's Dream

April 20-21. Shakespeare’s play reimagined as a ballet. Enter a whimsical realm where love, magic and mischief intertwine. Set in an enchanted forest, the tale follows the romantic escapades of four young lovers and the mischievous antics of the fairy king and queen and their impish servant. [atthelegacy.com](http://atthelegacy.com). \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 800-838-3006.

### Art & Architecture

#### Art Mimics Nature

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-5pm. Through May 23. See a collection of mixed media

paintings mostly on wood by Missy Block in the Underground Gallery, which is the Collective’s newest exhibition space. The space is dedicated to providing an enhanced art experience by exhibiting a wide range of artists, media and styles - not only from collective members but also from other central Illinois artists. [springfieldart.org](http://springfieldart.org). Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

#### 2024 Table Setting Luncheon

Fri., April 19, 10am-2pm and Sat., April 20, 10am-2pm. Luncheon and craft exhibit by the Springfield Ceramics and Crafts Club. Members’ items made in classes provided by the club will be on display as well as creative tablescape settings. Tickets available at door or from club members. \$15. Springfield Ceramics and Crafts Club, 2626 S. Pasfield St.

#### Acrylic Art Class

Fri., April 19, 10am-12pm. Featuring artist Lonnie Cain, Call to register. [centralillinoiseniors.org](http://centralillinoiseniors.org). Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

#### Art in the Park

Sat., April 20, 9am-5pm. Join Lincoln Home staff in the Visitor Center for fun, hands-on activities including print making and drawing. Plus, enjoy a brass quintet at a Around the Town concert at 2pm. Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 413 S. Eighth St., 217-492-4241.

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#### Springfield Ceramics and Crafts Club luncheon, exhibit

April 19-20, 10am-2pm. Enjoy lunch and check out club members’ items made in classes provided by the club. Creative tablescape settings also will be on display. Tickets available at door or from club members.

### Food & Drink

#### Symphony Supper

Fri., May 3, 5-6:30pm. Enjoy a pre-concert dinner with other music enthusiasts at Symphony Suppers. Hosted by the Illinois Symphony Guild of Springfield. Social time with cash bar at 5pm and dinner at 5:30pm. Reservations due by April 26, 2024. Call or visit the website for ticket info. [ilsymphony.org](http://ilsymphony.org). \$40. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-522-2838.

### History

#### Illinois History Day volunteers sought

Wed., April 24. In this event, students in grades 6-12 create history projects such as exhibits, websites, documentaries, performances and papers on topics of their choice. Volunteer roles include judging projects, greeting, wayfinding and event tear-down. Call or email for more information. BOS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 217-720-7509.

#### Lives in Code

Sat., April 20, 4pm. Stories of African American Resilience Under the Illinois Black Codes, 1819-1865. Illinois Road Scholar Caroline Kisiel will lead this thought-provoking discourse on Illinois Black laws. Features stories of free Blacks in Illinois during this period and how they persevered. Free. Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, 1440 Monument Ave., 217-391-6323.

### Fundraisers and Galas

#### Fashion for a Cause

Sun., April 21, 3-6pm. Fashion for a Cause is back after five years. The runway fashion show is part of an effort to enhance education, raise awareness, empower the community and generate funds to combat cancer. The event seeks fashion and hair stylists, makeup artists, models, vendors and more. To learn more or register, visit [goodnewsent.biz/fashion](http://goodnewsent.biz/fashion). \$15 and up. Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 12341 Irish Road, 217-993-4998.

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### Dinosaurs, Dragons, and Monsters ... Oh, My!

Tue., April 23, 10-11am. The library's education team will share stories and activities that celebrate gigantic dinosaurs, soaring dragons, and wacky monsters of all shapes and sizes. Part of the Little Lincoln's Fireside Tales. Advance registration required. [presidentlincoln.illinois.gov](http://presidentlincoln.illinois.gov). Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

### Junior and Senior Naturalists

Sat., April 20. Join in some fun Earth Day activities. Junior naturalists ages 5-8 will meet from 10am-12pm. Senior naturalists ages 8-12 will meet from 1-3pm. \$15 or \$12 for members. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, 10:30-11am. Through April 25. Children ages 3-5 will explore stories and activities to encourage lifelong love of reading and learning. The programs are designed to promote language and listening skills, expand children's imaginations and arouse their curiosity about the world. Must be accompanied by an adult. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900 ext. 5612.

### Storytime - Toddler Time

Mondays, 10:15-11am. Through April 22. Designed for children ages 18-36 months, this program is full of books, songs and fun activities designed to help develop a child's language skills. Children must be accompanied by an adult. [lincolnlibrary.info](http://lincolnlibrary.info). Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900 ext. 5612.

## ■ Nature, Science & Environment

### Earth Awareness Fair

Sat., April 20, 11am-3pm. In honor

of Earth Day and Earth Awareness Month, this event is meant to bring together city departments, organizations, businesses and individuals to showcase and encourage Earth stewardship, resilience, sustainability and community building within the city. Organized by the Office of Public Works, Waste & Recycling Division since 1992. Union Square Park, 212 N. Sixth St.

### Flycatchers of Illinois

Thu., April 18, 6-7pm. Springfield Audubon Society hosts Dr. Matt Hayes to discuss Flycatcher identification. Tyrant flycatchers are the world's largest family of birds with approximately 425 known species. Learn to identify various Illinois flycatcher species based on field marks and song/call. Free. Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 2315 E. Clear Lake Ave., 217-544-2473.

### Spring Migration Bird Hikes

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

## ■ Lectures & Meetings

### Citizens Club of Springfield

Fri., April 26, 8am. "Artificial Intelligence: How It Impacts Our Community," a discussion with a team of experts from UIS, including Rob Kerr, executive director for innovation and opportunity; Neetu Singh, sssociate professor of management information systems; and Joshua Smith, computer science instructor. Coffee hour begins at 7:30am. Free. Hoogland Center for the Arts Club Room, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

### Great Decisions Program

Wed., April 24, 7-9pm. Learn about the turbulent Middle East, meet interesting people and discuss critical issues in this latest installment of this ongoing, six-session series. Hosted by the World Affairs Council. See the website for more information. [wacci.org](http://wacci.org). Free. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 S. Walnut St., 217-522-4415.

## ■ Bulletin Board

### AI-Anon District 19 of Greater Springfield

Mondays-Saturdays. Ten meetings are held in the local area each week. Five are in-person and four are

hybrid of in-person and via Zoom. One meeting is Zoom only. Visit [spi-alanon.weebly.com](http://spi-alanon.weebly.com) or call for more information. Various locations, Springfield, 217-891-2981.

### Cat adoptions

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

### Chamber Job Fair

Tue., April 23, 4-6pm. Annual spring job fair. This year's fair will include both a Youth Job Fair from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and the Traditional Job Fair from 4 to 6 p.m. Hosted by Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce along with presenting sponsor Lincoln Land Community College. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-529-7777.

### Good as Gold Awards Ceremony

Mon., April 22, 5-7pm. The Good as Gold Ceremony was started in 2008 to honor people, businesses and organizations who freely give their time and talents to make Sangamon County a better place to live. Last year, UIS, Junior League of Springfield and the United Way of Central Illinois honored more than 50 volunteers, businesses and organizations. Free. UIS Student Union Ballroom, 2251 Richard Wright Dr., 217-206-7716.

### Illinois Gun Owner Lobby Day

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

### Nar-Anon Family Group

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

## ■ Sports

### Arabian Horse Value Show

April 20-21. Featuring dressage, Western dressage, sport horse under saddle and sport horse in hand. The CenterLine Dressage Ice Breaker Show will also accompany the rated classes with plenty of showing opportunities for dressage riders on any breed. [arabinc.org](http://arabinc.org). Free. Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-556-3971.

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## Real Estate Foreclosure

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

VS.  
LINN PERKINS, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF LARRY D BURTON, DECEASED; VICTORIA BURTON A/K/A VICTORIA BATES; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; KENNETH BURTON; THOMAS BURTON; KATHIE STEVENS; CLARA KLAUZER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF REDA SANDLIN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LARRY D BURTON, DEFENDANTS.  
NO. 2023FC000039

1521 NORTH WESLEY STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702  
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on March 6, 2024, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on May 28, 2024, in the Sangamon South Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00am, 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. 14-23.0-479-032  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1521 North Wesley Street Springfield, IL 62702  
Description of Improvements: The property is a single family home.  
The Judgment amount was \$83,495.24.  
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 (HOMEOWNER), 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.mrplc.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# 23-14364IL 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. 13240033

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

VS.  
TONI A MERCHANT A/K/A TONI MERCHANT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.  
NO. 22 FC 000040

1113 NORTH WESLEY STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702  
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on June 8, 2022, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on May 21, 2024, in the Sangamon South Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 14-25.0-104-006 & 14-25.0-104-007  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1113 North Wesley Street Springfield, IL 62702  
Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a morton type building garage. The garage is detached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is tan. The property has a fence. The property is occupied. Fence has

damage to it  
The Judgment amount was \$81,221.14.  
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

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

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Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. 13240675

## PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of April, 2024 a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOIS IRENE LOVELACE, Deceased  
NO. 2024PR000148  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Lois Irene Lovelace, Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on April 9, 2024, to Penelope M. Greek, 3504 Wexford Drive, Springfield, IL 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 20th day of October, 2024, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2024.  
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 SANDRA STAUDER, Deceased  
NO. 2024PR000160  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Sandra Stauder, Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on April 11, 2024 to Sally Jean Keenan 619 N. 400 East Road, Pana, IL 62557, 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 22nd day of October, 2024, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 11th day of April, 2024.  
Gregory P. Sgro  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP



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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAROLYN B. TRASK, Deceased.

Case No. 2024-PR-150  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of CAROLYN B. TRASK, Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on April 09, 2024, to David M. LaBonte, 7465 Country Lake Drive, Springfield, IL 62711, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, 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 October 10, 2024 or six (6) months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 09th day of April, 2024.

Alex B. Rabin  
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

Estate of:  
MARILYN L. RENTSCHLER, Deceased.

NO. 2024-PR-158  
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Marilyn L. Rentschler of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 8, 2024, to F. Otto Rentschler, 8286 Oak Crest Road, Dawson, Illinois 62520, Independent Administrator with Will Annexed, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before October 15, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2024.

Randall W. Segatto - 06193211  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79

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

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

PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ETHEL M. KLOPPE, DECEASED

Case #2024-PR-155  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of ETHEL M. KLOPPE. Letters of Office have been issued to DALE EDWARD KLOPPE, 3475

Kloppe Road, New Berlin, IL 62670, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before October 21, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 5th day of April, 2024.

Patrick J. Sheehan  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
1215 South 4th Street  
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(217) 544-0701

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

PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRADLEY A. HILLMAN, DECEASED

Case #2024-PR-145  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of BRADLEY A. HILLMAN. Letters of Office have been issued to JAMES F. HILLMAN, JR., 1727 Milton Lane, Wheaton, IL 60189, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before October 21, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 5th day of April, 2024.

William P. Sheehan  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
1215 South 4th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 544-0701

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

Estate of:  
JAMES EUGENE MCKINNEY, Deceased.

NO. 2024-PR-152  
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of James Eugene McKinney of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 4, 2024, to Maria Yager, 209 Carroll Street, Pawnee, Illinois 62558, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Bernard G. Segatto, III, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before October 11, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 5th day of April, 2024.

Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79

Springfield, IL 62705-0079  
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bsegatto@barberlaw.com

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

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

Case No. 2024-PR-137  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of AGNES SCHEIFINGER of 324 North Bruns Lane, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on March 16, 2024. Letters of Office were issued on the 25th day of March, A.D., 2024, to JOSEPH ROBERT LOMBARDO of 136 Old Sag Harbor Road, Southampton, New York, 11968, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.

DATED this 28th day of March, A.D., 2024. Respectfully submitted,  
Estate of AGNES SCHEIFINGER, Deceased,  
BY: /s/ Pamela E. Hart  
Pamela E. Hart, one of its Attorneys

PREPARED BY:  
Pamela E. Hart (6299974)  
SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.  
Attorneys at Law

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

In the matter of the estate of:  
Joseph McCarty, Deceased

Case No. 2024-PR-108  
Claim Notice

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

Joseph B. Roesch  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT P. HILL, JR., Deceased.

IN PROBATE  
No. 2024-PR-136  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Robert P. Hill, Jr., Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on March 25, 2024, to Laura Beth Heigert as Executor Under Independent Administration, whose attorney is Brandon R. Clark, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street,

Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 2nd day of October, 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2024.

BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Brandon R. Clark  
Registration No. 6329553  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of:  
KATHLEEN BLOM, Deceased.

NO. 2024-PR-133  
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Kathleen Blom of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 25, 2024, to Daniel Blom, 13803 Harris Rd., Athens, Illinois 62613, as Executor, whose attorney is Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before October 2, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 26th day of March, 2024.

Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF:  
MARGARET A. HENNEBERRY, Deceased.

Case No. 2024-PR-94  
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of MARGARET A. HENNEBERRY. Letters of Office were issued on March 18, 2024, to Cynthia A. Love, whose address is 956 Oak Terrace Road, Westfield, Indiana 46074, as Independent Executor, and whose attorney is JAMES R. POTTER, P.C., 300 East Ash Street, Suite 1, Springfield, Illinois 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

DATED this 25th day of March, 2024.

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

Estate of  
LORETTA ELIZABETH HUTCHINSON, Deceased.

NO. 2024-PR-131  
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Loretta Elizabeth Hutchinson of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 25, 2024, to Gerald Hutchinson, 2125 S. 5th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Matthew J. Cate, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before October 2, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2024.

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

In the Matter of the Estate of:  
Donald W. Lindsay, deceased

IN PROBATE  
Case No. 2024-PR-132  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to Claimants of the Estate of Donald W. Lindsay, deceased. Letters of Office under Independent Administration were issued on March 20, 2024, to Daniel J. Cody, Vicki L. Lindsay and Jennifer L. Nance, as Co-Executors, whose Attorney is David R. Reid, Reid Law Office, LLC, P.O. Box 9680, Springfield, IL 62791.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representatives, or both, on or before July 6, 2024, or 3 months from the date the Representatives mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representatives and to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 29th day of March, 2024

David R. Reid, Attorney at Law, Registration number 6186161  
Reid Law Office, LLC  
P.O. Box 9680, Springfield, IL 62791  
Email: Davidrreid50@gmail.com (Telephone No. 217-415-4310)

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

In the matter of the Petition of Sylvester Lee Dalton For change of name to Hazel Mae Myers

Case No. 2024MR000107  
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on June 18, 2024 I will petition in said Court

praying for the change of name from Sylvester Lee Dalton to Steven Lee Parnell pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: April 18, 2024

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

In the matter of the Petition of Jarek David-Earl Hanners For change of name to Jarek David-Earl Houle

Case No. 2024MR000147  
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on June 18, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Jarek David-Earl Hanners to Jarek David-Earl Houle pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: April 18, 2024

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

In the matter of the Petition of Jarek David-Earl Hanners For change of name to Jarek David-Earl Houle

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Dated: April 18, 2024

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Dated: April 18, 2024

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

In the matter of the Petition of Jarek David-Earl Hanners For change of name to Jarek David-Earl Houle

Case No. 2024MR000147  
PUBLIC NOTICE

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Dated: April 18, 2024

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

In the matter of the Petition of Jordan Haley Hutchison For change of name to Natasha Scarlett Rain De Angelis

Case No. 2024MR000120  
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on June 4, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Jordan Haley Hutchison to Natasha Scarlett Rain De Angelis pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: April 11, 2024

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

In the Matter of the Estate of:  
Octavia Rose Aldridge

FOR change of name to Octavia Rose Ellenwood

Case No. 2024MR000126  
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on May 21, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Octavia Rose Aldridge to Octavia Rose Ellenwood pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: April 4, 2024

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

In the matter of the Petition of Charles Harrison Long Jr. For change of name to Chezzvell Harrison Long

Case No. 2024MR000123  
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on May 21, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Charles Harrison Long Jr. to Chezzvell Harrison Long pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: April 4, 2024

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

In the matter of the Petition of Hazel Mae Dougherty For change of name to Hazel Mae Myers

Case No. 2024MR000107  
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on May 21, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Hazel Mae Dougherty to Hazel Mae Myers pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: April 4, 2024

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

In the matter of the Petition of Hazel Mae Dougherty For change of name to Hazel Mae Myers

Case No. 2024MR000107  
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on May 21, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Hazel Mae Dougherty to Hazel Mae Myers pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: April 4, 2024



Dated: April 4, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF, VS. DAMON RITENHOUSE, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF DOROTHY LOUISE FOSTER, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DOROTHY L FOSTER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; JACKIE BRUMMETT; CARL RAY BRUMMETT; THOMAS BRUMMETT; LINDA SMITH A/K/A LINDA BRUMMETT A/K/A LINDA HOWARD; JEANNE BUTLER A/K/A JEANNE BRUMMETT; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ROBERT FOSTER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF PAUL BRUMMETT; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KENNETH BRUMMETT; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JIMMIE BRUMMETT; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF PATRICIA BRUMMETT, DEFENDANTS. NO. 2023FC000174 621 HIGH SCHOOL STREET DIVERNON, IL 62530 JUDGE PRESIDING JUDGE NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Dorothy L Foster Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Thomas Brummett Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Robert Foster Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Paul Brummett Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Kenneth Brummett Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Jimmie Brummett Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Patricia Brummett defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOTS 4 AND 5 IN BLOCK TWENTY-FOUR OF D.L. HAIRE'S HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF DIVERNON, ILLINOIS AS RECORDED IN BOOK 11 OF PLATS, PAGE 32, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, 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. Commonly known as: 621 High School Street Divernon, IL 62530 and which said Mortgage was made by, Dorothy Louise Foster a/k/a Dorothy L Foster Mortgageor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Diamond Residential Mortgage Corporation Defendant, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2017R30548; and for other relief. UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before May 20, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT. You have been sued. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Notice called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless

ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case. After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to [ilcourts.info/efiling](http://ilcourts.info/efiling). If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to [ilcourthelp.gov](http://ilcourthelp.gov) for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at [illinoislegalaids.org](http://illinoislegalaids.org). All documents referred to in this Notice can be found at [ilcourts.info/forms](http://ilcourts.info/forms). Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website. ¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411- 1121, o visite [ilcourthelp.gov](http://ilcourthelp.gov) para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios. 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. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 Ph. (312) 346-9088 File No. 23-164161L-980914 I3242097

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF, VS. LINN PERKINS, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF LARRY D BURTON, DECEASED; VICTORIA BURTON A/K/A VICTORIA BATES; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; KENNETH BURTON; THOMAS BURTON; KATHIE STEVENS; CLARA KLAUZER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF REDA SANDLIN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LARRY D BURTON, DEFENDANTS. NO. 2023FC000039 1521 NORTH WESLEY STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on March 6, 2024, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on May 28, 2024, in the Sangamon South Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00am, 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:

THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT NINETY-SIX (96) IN WANLESS' SPRINGFIELD HEIGHTS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. 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. 14-23.0-479-032 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1521 North Wesley Street Springfield, IL 62702 Description of Improvements: The property is a single family home. The Judgment amount was \$83,495.24. 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 (HOMEOWNER), 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.mrplc.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# 23-143641L 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. I3240033

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT -SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. MARCUS BERTRAND AKA MARCUS T. BERTRAND; BETHANY BERTRAND AKA BETHANY K. BERTRAND; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s). CASE NO. 2024FC000037 Property Address: 1825 S College St Springfield, IL 62704 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication

having been filed, notice is hereby given you, BETHANY BERTRAND AKA BETHANY K. BERTRAND; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; , defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT FORTY-EIGHT (48) AND THE NORTH 30 FEET OF LOT FORTY-SEVEN (47) OF SPAULDING'S WHITTIER PLACE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 22-04.0-252-050; 22-04.0-252-068 Said property is commonly known as 1825 S College St , Springfield, IL 62704 and which said mortgage(s) was/were made and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 2015R07068, and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County on or before MAY 13, 2024, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit [www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp). This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 Telephone: (630) 453-6960 Facsimile: (630) 428-4620 Attorney No. Cook 64727, DuPage 293191 Service E-mail: [midwestpleadings@dallegal.com](mailto:midwestpleadings@dallegal.com) 8051-941207

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. PLAINTIFF Vs. Joe Alvin Scott; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Joe Alvin Scott; Dan Way, as Special Representative for Joe Alvin Scott (deceased) DEFENDANTS No. 2023FC000226 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: Joe Alvin Scott Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Joe Alvin Scott That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1710 E Carpenter St Springfield, IL 62702 and which said Mortgage was made by: Joe Alvin Scott

the Mortgageor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2016R17234; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending. NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405 Springfield, IL 62701 on or before May 6, 2024, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 DuPage # 15170 Winnebago # 531 Our File No. 14-23-08024 NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. I3241238

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF, VS. TONI A MERCHANT A/K/A TONI MERCHANT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 22 FC 000040 1113 NORTH WESLEY STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on June 8, 2022, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on May 21, 2024, in the Sangamon South Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: LOTS FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE (573) AND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR (574) IN SPAULDING'S CAPITAL PARK ADDITION. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SAID LANDS TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. TAX NO. 14-25.0-104-006 & 14-25.0-104-007 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1113 North Wesley Street Springfield, IL 62702 Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a morton type building garage. The garage is detached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is tan. The property has a fence. The property is occupied. Fence has damage to it The Judgment amount was \$81,221.14. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours.

NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), 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.mrplc.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# 22-088181L 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. I3240675

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Nyesha Jackson, Petitioner and Deangelo Flippins, Respondent Case No. 2024-FA-000045 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you Deangelo Flippins, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced and you are summoned to a establish parentage/custody order case and for other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois on or before the 18th day of May, 2024, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint. Joseph B. Roesch Circuit Clerk

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition. A petition to vary Section 155.069 (a) (3), Fences, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner desires to replace an existing 6 feet in Height fence with a fence to be (8') feet in height and (9') ft high in areas where grade of land is low to maintain a level top fence line. The proposed fence is to be (wooden privacy



fence); and constructed in the same location as existing fence of the rear yard. The fence is for privacy, safety for swimming pool, economic return and protection of the property. To be in compliance with zoning ordinance, the petitioner respectfully requests a variance of 155.069 (a) (3) to allow a fence eight and nine feet in height instead of the six feet allowed per code. The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission's decision will be final determination of this matter. Improvements (or Structures) located on said property are a frame building consisting of one dwelling unit, attached two car garage and in ground pool located on the center portion to the rear of the property. The subject real estate is currently classified in the R-1, Single-Family Residence District, Section 155.016. Legally described as: Lot Two Hundred Eighty (280) 7th addition of Lincolnshire situated in the County of Sangamon and State of Illinois; commonly known as 3729 Windshire Drive, Springfield, Illinois, and further identified as Parcel 22-18.0-451-052. The subject property is commonly known as 3729 Windshire Drive, Springfield, Illinois. The petitioners are Daniel J Sronce and Heidi Sronce Docket No. 2024-025 John Harris Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition. A petition for Variances of Sections: 155.480 (g), (h), and (i), Landscape Screening and Lighting Regulations: Front Yard Landscaping; Parking Lot Landscaping; and Transitional Buffer Yard Requirement and Landscaping; 155.114 (a), Regulations for the location of off-street parking facilities; and 155.100, Required Accessory Off-Street Parking Spaces: Eating and Drinking Establishments; and 155.101 (b), Required Accessory Off-Street Parking Spaces: Amusement Facilities: Gymnasiums, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioners, desire to use Parcel A for a Toasty Sub restaurant and the other part, for a gymnastics gym - L&M gymnastics. To be in compliance with the zoning ordinance, petitioners request for parcel A, Variances of Sections: 155.100 Eating, and Drinking Establishments and 155.101 b Amusement Facilities- gymnasiums, to allow no fewer than 16 off street parking spaces instead of the approximate 31 spaces required; 155.480 G & H, to not provide any landscaping for street frontage or parking lot as required by code, 155.480 I to reduce the Transitional Buffer Yard along the East property line from 10 feet to zero feet. For Parcels A and B, Petitioners respectfully request, variance of 155.114 (a) regarding off street parking provisions, due to a joint parking agreement, to allow parcels A & B to share parking on and between the lots. Improvements (or structures) located on said property are framed buildings of cinder block and metal trusses. Subject Real Estate is currently classified in the B-1, Highway Business Service District, Section 155.033. Legally described as: Parcel A: Wanless Park Dr. Addn L23 and L24 situated in the County of Sangamon and State of Illinois; commonly known as 2120 South MacArthur BLVD, Springfield, Illinois and further identified as: TAX ID #: 22-04.0-301-023 and TAX ID # 22-04.0-301-024. Wanless Park Dr. Addn. L25, situated in the County of Sangamon and State of Illinois; commonly known as 2124 South MacArthur BLVD., Springfield, Illinois and

further identified as: Tax ID # 22-04.0-301-025. Parcel B: Wanless Park Dr. Addn. L26, situated in the County of Sangamon and State of Illinois: commonly known as 2126 South MacArthur BLVD, Springfield, Illinois and further identified as TAX ID # 22-04.0-301-026. The property is commonly known as Parcel A -- 2120 S. MacArthur Boulevard, & 2124 S. MacArthur Boulevard; Parcel B -- 2126 S. MacArthur Boulevard, Springfield, Illinois. The petitioners are Ali Hussein, (Owner Parcel A), and 1828 Property LLC, (owner Parcel B) By Mahmoud Wardeh, Agent Docket No. 2024-024 John Harris Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition. A petition for a variance of Sections: 155.340 (a), (i) & (j), and (j), General Provisions for Off-Premises Advertising Signs, and 155.341, Height and Size Regulations for Off-Premises Signs, of the City of Springfield Zoning Ordinance. A billboard is currently situated on subject real estate. The billboard contains two parallel back to back faces that each measure 10' 6" high x 36' wide. The North face of the billboard is illuminated by traditional lamps located along the bottom of the sign face. The South face of the billboard is an electronic digital display authorized in Zoning Docket Number 2021-067. The existing North face of the billboard is a legal nonconforming use, authorized by Zoning Docket Number 2021-067 which permitted an electronic digital display on the South sign face of the off-site advertising sign on the Subject Real Estate. The current use would continue if the relief sought herein is denied. Petitioner desires to replace the existing North facing portion of the existing offpremises advertising sign (i.e. billboard) located on the real estate with an electronic digital display face. The electronic digital display face that Petitioner intends to install on the Subject Real Estate will be the same size as the current traditional billboard face being replaced (10' 6" high x 36' wide, totaling 378 square feet of signage for each face). The North facing sign face will be replaced with an electronic digital display, as the South sign face already utilizes an electronic digital display. The electronic digital display face will display different messages on a set 9 to 11 second cycle. Messages displayed will be static images that do not include moving, scrolling, blinking, flashing, or animated graphics. The electronic digital display face will utilize technology that limits the brightness of the display at night, directs light in only specified directions, and limits the area within which the display can be viewed. This electronic digital display face will reduce the ambient light that emanates from the traditional lighting on the existing billboard face, and light will only be viewable within the set viewing radius. To accommodate the electronic digital display replacement on North sign face of the billboard located on the Subject Real Estate, Petitioner respectfully requests Variances of: Pursuant to Sections 155.212 (General Provisions-Variations) and 155.213 (Applications for Variations) of the Zoning Ordinance, a variance of Section 155.340(a) (General Provisions for Off-Premises Advertising Signs) to permit the replacement of the traditional North face of the off-premises advertising sign on the Subject Real Estate to be with an electronic digital display within the S-2 (Community Shopping and Office District)

zoning district; a variance of Section 155.340(i) and (j) (Off-Premises Signs) to permit the issuance of a sign permit approving the replacement of the existing traditional North face of the off-premises advertising sign with an electronic digital display of the same size of the existing sign face (10' 6" high x 36' wide, totaling 378 square feet of signage for each sign face) by utilizing the existing base, poles, and other equipment presently used in conjunction with the existing sign, without significant modification, to comply with the requirements of Section 155.340(i)'s aesthetic requirements and other subsection provisions; a variance of Section 1 55.340(j) (Off-Premises Signs) so as to permit the replacement of the existing traditional North face of the off-premises advertising sign with an electronic digital display of the same size as the existing sign face (10' 6" high x 36' wide, totaling 378 square feet of signage for each sign face) without the surrender of otherwise existing permits on a four for one basis as required by Section 155.340(j); and a variance of Section 155.341 (Height and Size Regulations for Off-Premises Advertising Signs) to permit an electronic digital display on the North sign face of the existing off-premises advertising sign on the Subject Real Estate of a height not to exceed 40 feet above the ground in lieu of the Zoning Ordinance's 35' height limit and a maximum of 378 square feet of signage in lieu of the Zoning Ordinance's 175 square feet limit, for each of the two sign faces; and such other and further relief necessary for the purposes stated within the petition. Improvements (or Structures) located on said property is a billboard which contains two parallel back to back faces that each measure 10' 6" high x 36' wide. The North face of the billboard is illuminated by traditional lamps located along the bottom of the sign face. The South face of the billboard is an electronic digital display authorized in Zoning Docket Number 2021-067. The Subject Real Estate also contains a thrift store, other unoccupied retail space, and possibly one or more apartment units. Subject Real Estate is currently classified in the S-2, Community Shopping and Office District, Section 155.031. Legally described as: Knox Knolls Seventh Addition Lot 320. Commonly known as 131 Chatham Road, Springfield, IL 62704. Tax Identification No.: 14-32.0-103-025 The property is commonly known as 131 Chatham Road, Springfield, Illinois. The petitioner is The LAMAR Company, LLC, By Its Attorneys Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, Daniel L. Hamilton of Counsel Docket No. 2024-023 John Harris Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition. A petition for reclassification from B-1, Highway Business Service District, Section 155.033, to I-1, Light Industrial District, Section 155.040, and a Variance of Section 155.040 (b), I-1, Light Industrial District Permitted Uses, to allow B-1, Highway Business Service District Uses, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioners desire to market the property for development and respectfully request reclassification of property from B-1 to I-1. Contingent on the zoning reclassification, Petitioners further request a variance of Section 155.040 (b) to allow as permitted additional uses all B-1 Highway Business Service District Uses. Improvements (or Structures) located on said property are none (unimproved).

The subject real estate is currently classified in the B-1, Highway Business Service District, Section 155.033. Legally described as: Exhibit A: Parcel 1: Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 13 in Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, in Sangamon County, Illinois, the boundary being further described as follows: Commencing at a found iron pipe at the Northeast corner of said Section 13; thence North 89 degrees 17 minutes 48 seconds West along the North line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 13 a distance of 400.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 52 minutes 08 seconds East parallel with the East line of the said Northeast Quarter of Section 13 a distance of 881.90 feet; thence North 88 degrees 36 minutes 40 seconds West a distance of 1588.42 feet to the East right of way line of Dirksen Parkway; thence North 01 degree 23 minutes 20 seconds East along the said East right of way line a distance of 784.27 feet; thence North 57 degrees 07 minutes 40 seconds East along the said East right of way line a distance of 64.88 feet; thence North 84 degrees 53 minutes 09 seconds East along the said East right of way line a distance of 78.65 feet to a point on the existing South right of way line of Bissel Road; thence North 00 degrees 42 minutes 12 seconds East a distance of 34.49 feet to a point on the North line of the said Northeast Quarter of Section 13; thence South 89 degrees 17 minutes 48 seconds East along the said North line a distance of 1422.43 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 29.652 acres more or less. 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. No Common Address, Parcel Index Number of 14-13.0-200-067 Parcel 2: Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 13 in Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian. The boundary being further described as follows: Commencing at a found iron pipe at the Northeast corner of said Section 13; thence North 89 degrees 17 minutes 48 seconds West along the North line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 13, a distance of 400 feet; thence South 00 degrees 52 minutes 08 seconds East parallel with the East line of the said Northeast Quarter of Section 13, a distance of 881.90 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 00 degrees 52 minutes 08 seconds East parallel with the said East line a distance of 431.89 feet thence North 89 degrees 17 minutes 48 seconds West parallel with the North line of the said Northeast Quarter of Section 13, a distance of 1,605.55 feet to the East right-of-way line of Dirksen Parkway; thence North 01 degree 23 minutes 20 seconds East along the said East right-of-way line a distance of 450.76 feet; thence South 88 degrees 36 minutes 40 seconds East a distance of 1,588.42 feet to the point of beginning, EXCEPT part described as follows: Commencing at a found iron pipe at the Northeast corner of said Section 13; thence South 00 degrees 52 minutes 08 seconds East along the East line of the said Northeast Quarter of Section 13 a distance of 1313.77 feet; thence North 89 degrees 17 minutes 48 seconds West parallel with the North line of the said Northeast Quarter of Section 13 a distance of 1730.56 feet to a concrete marker at the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 17 minutes 48 seconds West parallel with the North line of the said Northeast Quarter a distance of

274.99 feet to an iron pin on the East right of way line of Dirksen Parkway; thence North 01 degree 23 minutes 20 seconds East along the said East right of way line a distance of 206.64 feet to an iron pin; thence South 89 degrees 17 minutes 48 seconds East parallel with the North line of the said Northeast Quarter a distance of 300.00 feet to an iron pin; thence South 01 degree 23 minutes 20 seconds West parallel with the said East right of way line of Dirksen Parkway a distance of 181.63 feet; thence South 46 degrees 02 minutes 46 seconds West a distance of 35.58 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 14.82 acres more or less. 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. No Common Address, Parcel Index Number of 14-13.0-200-070 The subject property is commonly known as PINS: 14-13.0-200-067 & 14-13.0-200-070 (Located at the Southeast Corner of N. Dirksen Parkway and Bissell Road), Springfield, Illinois. The petitioners are GLEN P. GARRISON, TRUSTEE OF THE GLEN AND LOLA GARRISON 2008 CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST DATED JUNE 4, 2008; GLEN P. GARRISON, TRUSTEE OF THE GLEN P. GARRISON REVOCABLE TRUST UNDER AGREEMENT DATED APRIL 1, 2008; and LINCOLN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE & SEMINARY, AN ILLINOIS NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION. By It's Attorneys Delano Law Offices, LLC, Thomas C. Pavlik, Jr., of Counsel. Docket No. 2024-022 John Harris Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition. A petition to vary Appendix A, Section 3 (Setbacks) of the Land Use Plan for Lake Springfield and its Marginal Properties. Petitioners desire to install a new inground swimming pool to the West side of the existing house. Petitioner respectfully petitions to vary the Lake Land Use Plan, Appendix A, Section 3 (Setbacks) to allow installation of the inground pool to the West side of the existing house that will cross over the required 75' setback from the lake shoreline. The new pool will be approximately 45' from the shoreline at its closest point. The concrete pool apron will be approximately 41' at the closest point to the shoreline, instead of the 75 feet required per code. Improvements (or structures) located on said property is a frame building consisting of one dwelling unit, and a frame two car garage located on the front portion of the property. Subject Real Estate is currently classified in the R-1, Single family residence district, Section 155.016. Legally described as: WEST PT TRACT 42 SEC 13 Hawthorne Lane [Lake Lands] and East PT Tract 42 Sec 18 Hawthorne Lane [Lake Lands] situated in the County of Sangamon and State of Illinois; commonly known as 37 HAWTHORNE LANE, Springfield, Illinois, and further identified as Index #22-13.0-477-005 and #23-18.0-301-005. The property is located at 37 Hawthorne Lane, Springfield, Illinois The petitioner is John Finnell, as lake lease holder. Docket No. 2024-021 John Harris Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition. A petition for reclassification of property from OFF, Office District, Section 155.020, to S-1, Neighborhood Commercial and Office District, Section 155.030, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. The subject property has been listed and available for sale for more than ten years, but petitioners have been unable to obtain a purchaser to develop and use the property. To improve marketability of the property, petitioners respectfully requests reclassification of subject property from OFF to S-1 Improvements (or Structures) located on said property are none, unimproved. The subject real estate is currently classified in the OFF, Office District, Section 155.020. Legally described as: Lot 2 of Hope Venture II, being part of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 16 North, Range 6 West of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the plat recorded June 25, 2008 as Document Number 2008R25031. Parcel identification number 13-36.0-476-016 The subject property is located at 1000 Koke Mill Road, Springfield, Illinois. The petitioners are Samuel D. Nichols and Robert A. Armstrong, by their Attorneys Hart, Southworth & Witsman, Mike Southworth, of Counsel. Docket No. 2024-020 John Harris Zoning Administrator

Date of Sale: May 1, 2024 @ 1:00 P.M. Location: Westside Storage, 3142 South Douglas Avenue, Ste A., Springfield, IL 62704. BLD B #70 5x10 Lillian Clausen 3095 Winch Road Apt B Springfield, IL 62707 BLD KK #9 5x12 Kury Curry 16 Concord Square #2 Boston, MA 02118 BLD B #66 5x10 Allan Prichard 2804 Ridge Ave. Springfield, IL 62702 BLD B #76 10x10 Timothy Snyder 1012 W. Fayette Apt 2 Springfield, IL 62704

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition. A petition for reclassification from B-1, Highway Business Service District, Section 155.033, to R-3 (b), General Residence District, Section 155.018, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner desires to construct 36 units of rental duplex and attached single family homes on subject property; the approximate breakdown is as follows: 5 Duplex Buildings consisting of 10 units; 4 Attached three unit Single Family Homes consisting of 12 units; and 1 Attached 14- Unit Single Family Apartment Building. To be in compliance with the zoning ordinance, petitioner respectfully requests to reclassify subject property from B-1 to R-3 (b). Improvements (or structures) located on said property are none. Subject Real Estate is currently classified in the B-1, Highway Business Service District, Section 155.033. Legally described as: Lot 3 of Patriot Plaza Minor Subdivision, per Final Plat recorded February 19, 2016, with the Sangamon



County, Illinois Recorder as Document No. 2016R03779. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Parcel Number 22-11.0-401-024  
The property is commonly known as 3041 Taylor Avenue, Springfield, Illinois. The petitioner is Growth International, Inc., By Kenneth Porter, CEO.  
Docket No. 2024-019  
John Harris  
Zoning Administrator

#### LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP 2024-01 On-Board Video Surveillance System The Springfield Mass Transit District (DISTRICT) dba as Sangamon Mass Transit District is requesting proposals from qualified individuals, firms, or teams to be the District's On-Board Video Surveillance vendor. The scope of work is outlined in the Request for Proposal (RFP). Proposals and all required attachments will be received in the District office at 928 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703-2497 in SEALED envelopes marked " RFP 2024-01 ON-BOARD VIDEO SURVEILLANCE, Attn. Ms. Hadley Markiewicz," NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM CENTRAL TIME, June 6, 2024. The RFP documents may be obtained from the District on or after April 18, 2024 by downloading the RFP from the District website (www.smt.d.org). Interested firms may contact Hadley Markiewicz at purchasing@smt.d.org for an electronic copy of the RFP.

Any contract resulting from these proposals is subject to financial assistance contracts between and/or among the District, the United States Department of Transportation, and the Illinois Department of Transportation. This project is funded, in full or in part, by the Illinois Department of Transportation, the United States Department of Transportation, and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The District reserves the right to accept any proposal or any part or parts of any and all proposals. Acceptance of any proposal may be subject to concurrence by the Illinois Department of Transportation and the United States Department of Transportation.

Furthermore, the District, the United States Department of Transportation and the Illinois Department of Transportation reserve the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive irregularities therein, and all submitting Proposers must agree that such rejection shall be without liability on the part of the District, the Illinois Department of Transportation or the Federal Transit Administration or the penalty brought by a Proposer because of such rejections, nor shall the submitting Proposer seek any recourse of any kind against the District, the Illinois Department of Transportation or the Federal Transit Administration because of such rejections, and the filing of any proposal in response to this solicitation shall constitute an agreement of the submitting Proposal to these conditions.  
END OF LEGAL NOTICE

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.  
A petition for reclassification from R-5 (b), General Residence and Office District, Section 155.021, to S-1, Neighborhood Commercial and Office District, District, Section 155.030, and Variances of Sections: 155.480 (j), Landscape Screening and Lighting Regulations: Transitional Buffer Yard Requirement and Landscaping, 155.320 (c), Accessory On Premise Signs, and 155.114 (a), Regulations for the location of off-street parking facilities, of the

Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner, Dana Thomas House Foundation, desires to allow continued use of parcels as a retail store, and office building for the Foundation, and for associated parking. The Foundation gift shop was located on the grounds of the Dana Thomas House, but the Foundation is now prepared to locate its gift shop permanently at 308 E. Lawrence, and remodel that property for that purpose, as illustrated on Exhibit 1. The Foundation plans to move its offices to 302 E. Lawrence, and may make use of 306 E. Lawrence as additional gift shop storage space, or perhaps a coffee shop for use by visitors to the Dana Thomas House. Parking would all be located behind the buildings at 302, 306 and 308 E. Lawrence. To be in compliance with the zoning ordinance, petitioner respectfully requests reclassification from R-5 (b) to S-1, or in the alternative, a variance in the R-5 (b) to allow all 5 lots for retail sale/gift shop/coffee shop in support of Dana Thomas House Foundation, Foundation offices and parking; and a variance of: 155.480(i) Transitional buffer yard waiver for the east and south property lines from 10 feet to zero feet, 155.320(c) for accessory on premise signs, to allow small non illuminated sign within 50 feet of residential zoning district, and 155.114(a) related to off street parking treating this as one cohesive zoning lot for accessory parking on and between all 5 lots as one zoning lot of record.

Improvements (or structures) located on said property are framed buildings currently used as a retail store (302 E Lawrence), office (308 E. Lawrence) and vacant building (306 E. Lawrence) and vacant land (812 and 816 S. Third Street) . Subject Real Estate is currently classified in the R-5 (b), General Residence and Office District, Section 155.021.

Legally described as: 302 E. Lawrence, W.H. ALLENS ADDN W 48 1/2' L 1,2,3 B 6, Tax ID 14-34.0-306-001; 306 E. Lawrence, W.H. ALLENS ADDN W 31' E 64' L 1,2,3 B 6, Tax ID 14-34.0-306-002; 308 E. Lawrence W.H. ALLENS ADDN E 33' L1,2,3 B6, Tax ID 14-34.0-306-003; 812 S. Third, W.H. ALLENS ADDN L4 B6, Tax ID 14-34.0-306-004; 816 S. Third, W.H. ALLENS ADDN L5 B6, Tax I.D. 14-34.0-306-005

The property is commonly known as 302 E. Lawrence, 306 E. Lawrence, 308 E. Lawrence, 812 S. Third, and 816 S. Third, Springfield, Illinois. The petitioner is Dana Thomas House Foundation, By It's Attorneys Craven & Craven, P.C., Donald M. Craven and Joseph A. Craven of Counsel.  
Docket No. 2024-018  
John Harris  
Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.

A petition for Variation of Section 155.061, Basic Yard Requirements, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. The Petitioner has added a carport and enclosed room addition along the North and West of the existing structure. Petitioner, to be in compliance with the zoning ordinance, respectfully requests a variance of 155.061, related to side and rear yard set backs, reducing the required rear yard setback from 20 feet to zero feet; and regarding the side yard set back requirements which are a minimum of 4 feet on one side yard and a total of 12 feet for both side yards, to be varied and reduced to allow the existing approximate 3 foot side yard set back on the south property line, and

the side yard requirement on the north property line reduced to zero feet. Improvements (or structures) located on said property are a single family residence with an attached carport/room enclosure on the north side. Subject Real Estate is currently classified in the R-5 (b), General Residence and Office District, Section 155.021.

Legally described as: SHUTT & STARNES ADDN S 57' L 1 & 2 B 5, City of Springfield, Illinois. PIN: 14-33.0-482-015  
The property is commonly known as 1115 S. First Street, Springfield, Illinois. The petitioner is Chen Jin Zhi , By It's Attorneys Craven & Craven, P.C., Donald M. Craven and Joseph A. Craven of Counsel.  
Docket No. 2024-017  
John Harris  
Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.

A petition for reclassification from R-1, Single Family Residence District, Section 155.016, and R-1, Single Family Residence District, Section 155.016/-1-2, Heavy Industrial District, Section 155.041 to I-2, Heavy Industrial District, section 155.041 , of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner Springfield Airport Authority is the owner of the subject properties as depicted and legally described on Exhibit A. All of the parcels are within the jurisdictional boundary of the petitioner, and have long been used for airport related purposes. The parcels are all currently zoned R-1, or both R-1/-1-2. The subject properties contain the Springfield Airport Authority runways, the FAA Air Traffic Control Tower, various airport hangers, the US Department of Transportation Flight Standards Office, the Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics, and the Illinois State Police Air Operations -each of which have access to the Airport Authority runways.

Over time, the Springfield Airport Authority has also acquired various parcels that are either vacant or contain residential structures. Those properties are immediately adjacent to the above-described properties, which Petitioner intends to utilize for potential expansion. Petitioner respectfully requests reclassification of property from R-1, and R-1/-1-2 to I-2; that all parcels be zoned I-2, pursuant to 155.041, with the understanding that any lots now used for residential purposes may continue to be used for residential purposes, until their current use is abandoned.

Improvements (or structures) located on said property are runways, the FAA Air Traffic Control Tower, various airport hangers, the US Department of Transportation Flight Standards Office, the Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics, and the Illinois State Police Air Operations, and various parcels that are either vacant or contain residential structures. Subject Real Estate is currently classified in the R-1, Single Family Residence District, Section 155.016,/-1-2, Heavy Industrial District, Section 155.041, for PINs: 14-17.4-200-003, 14-17.0-200-003, 14-08.4-400-006, 14-08.0-400-006, 14-08.4-200-034 and 14-08.0-200-034 ; and R-1, Single Family Residence District, Section 155.016, for the remainder of the parcels identified in Exhibit A.  
Legally described as: Exhibit A: PT SW1/4 SEC 16 & PT SEC 17 FIELD 10 & FIELDS 3,14,15,16 19, 20 & 24 17-16-5, PIN 14-17.4-200-003 and 14-17.0-200-003; E1/2 NW1/4 SEC 17 & PT S1/2 SEC 8, 8-16-5 (PT OF FIELDS 23, 26, 32 & 34), PIN 14-08.4-400-006 and 14-08.0-400-006; SE1/4 NE1/4 & PT S1/2

NE1/4 NE1/4, FIELDS 35.5 & 36, 8-16-5, PIN 14-08.4-200-034 and 14-08.0-200-034; PT N1/2 NE1/4 SEC 19 & PT S1/2 SE1/4 SEC 18, PT OF FIELD 17, 18-16-5, PIN 14-18.4-400-033 and 14-18.0-400-033; S157.4' N262.4' E647.28' SE SE 17-16-5, PIN 14-17.0-400-022, 2218 WILBUR RD; N PT E1/2 SE SE 17-16-5, PIN 14-17.0-400-021, 2240 WILBUR RD; N105' E230.68' E1/2 SE SE 17-16-5, PIN 14-17.0-400-020; N 4A S 16A E1/2 SE SE 17-16-5, PIN 14-17.0-400-015, 2166 WILBUR RD; PT SE NE SE 17-16-5 , PIN 14-17.0-400-014, 2268 WILBUR RD; SE NE SE 17-16-5, PIN 14-17.0-400-013, 2306 WILBUR RD; PT SE NE SE 17-16-5, PIN 14-17.0-400-011, 2326 WILBUR RD; SW SW 9-16-5, PIN 14-09.0-300-004; NW SW 9-16-5, PIN 14-09.0-300-002; NW SW 9-16-5, PIN 14-09.0-300-001; S 60 AC OF NW 1/4 SE 1/4 & NE 1/4 SE 1/4 8-16-5, PIN 14-08.4-400-005 and 14-08.0-400-005; SW 1/4 NW 1/4 E N 100' 8-16-5, PIN 14-09.0-151-003; N. 100' SW1/4 NW1/4 8-16-5, PIN 14-09.0-151-002, 1001 NORTH AIRPORT DR; S1/2 L 15 EX E 90' PRIMM ESTILLS SUB #1, PIN 14-09.0-102-010 3734 Ware Road; Lots 11 & 12 Estills Primm Sub Plat 1 & Lots 21 & 22 EX S 80' Lot 21 ESTILL ESTATE SUB, PIN 14-09.0-102-012, 832 Estill Drive; PT N PT SW 1/4 SE 1/4 & PT NW 1/4 SE 1/4 INCL PT TAKEN BY DOC 96014078 16-16-5, PIN 14-16.0-400-051; LOT 9 & E 120.28' LOT 8 PRIMM ESTILLS SUB #1, PIN 14-09.0-101-023, 863 ESTILL DR; PT LOT 10 PRIM ESTILLS SUB #1 (90' X 170'), PIN 14-09.0-101-024, 781 ESTILL DR; PT LOT 10 PRIM ESTILLS SUB #1 (83' X 170'), PIN 14-09.0-101-025, 751 ESTILL DR; N 121' & PT W 90' S 200' LOT 10 ESTILLS SUB #1, PIN 14-09.0-101-026, 797 ESTILL DR; L13 EX W 135' S 150 ESTILL ESTATE SUB N1/2 E1/2 NW 9-16-5, PIN 14-09.0-126-016, 719 ESTILL DR; LOT 14 ESTILL ESTATE SUB N1/2 E1/2 NW 9-16-5, PIN 14-09.0-126-043, 657 ESTILL DR.

The property is commonly known as Various Springfield Airport Authority Properties PIN: 14-17.4-200-003, 14-17.0-200-003, 14-08.4-400-006, 14-08.0-400-006, 14-08.4-200-034, 14-08.0-200-034, 14-18.4-400-033, 14-18.0-400-033, 2218 Wilbur Road, 2240 Wilbur Road, PIN: 14-17.0-400-020, 2166 Wilbur Road, 2268 Wilbur Road, 2306 Wilbur Road, 2326 Wilbur Road, PIN: 14-09.0-300-004, 14-09.0-300-002, 14-09.0-300-001, 14-08.4-400-005, 14-08.0-400-005, 14-09.0-151-003, 1001 North Airport Drive, 3734 Ware Road, 832 Estill, PIN: 14-16.0-400-051, 863 Estill Drive, 781 Estill Drive, 751 Estill Drive, 797 Estill Drive, 719 Estill Drive, 657 Estill Drive, Springfield, Illinois.

The petitioner is Springfield Airport Authority, By It's Attorneys Craven & Craven, P.C., Donald M. Craven and Joseph A. Craven of Counsel.

Docket No. 2024-016  
John Harris  
Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.

A petition for a variance of sections: 155.112, Surfacing, 155.136, Regulations for surfacing of off-street loading facilities, 155.143, Plan of off-street parking or loading areas, and 155.480, Landscape, Screening and Lighting Regulations, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner was previously granted by ordinance 2018-074 for variations of sections 155.112, 155.136, 155.143, and

155.480, related to certain surfacing and landscaping provisions of the zoning code. Relief was granted for a 5 year period on January 15, 2019, for lot to be used for six tractors and trailers to park. The petitioner, to be in compliance with the zoning ordinance, respectfully requests variation of Sections: 155.112 to allow construction of an open off-street parking lot of dustless rock without requiring a wearing surface of asphaltic concrete or comparable hard surface; 155.136 to allow use of the open off-street loading spaces of dustless rock without requiring a durable hard surface pavement; 155.143 to allow use of the property as a parking lot for 6 tractors and trailers to park; 155.480 to allow use of a parking area without requiring a landscape plan, including but not limited to installation and maintenance of parking lot landscaping, screening and lighting and the points related thereto.

Improvements (or structures) located on said property are a light pole and parking lot. Subject property is currently classified in the I-1, Light Industrial District, Section 155.040.

Legally described as: Lot 13 of Witt-Arm Industrial Park Subdivision, situated in the County of Sangamon and the State of Illinois; commonly known as 4751 Rodger St., Springfield, Illinois and further identified as Parcel 22-22.0-400-004.

The subject property is commonly known as 4751 Rodger Street, Springfield, Illinois The petitioner is The Unit Storage, LLC, By Curtis A. Trampe.  
Docket No. 2024-015  
John Harris  
Zoning Administrator

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

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS Plaintiff,  
Vs.  
NINE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$9,440.00) USC AND VARIOUS DIAMOND JEWELRY  
China Evans  
No. 24-MX-059  
24-AF-003  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Milhiser, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on January 15th, 2024. UNLESS YOU file a verified answer with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.  
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Clerk of Court  
J.W. Pierceall  
Assistant State's Attorney  
200 S. 9th Street, Room 402  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF MACOUPIN  
VILLAGE OF PALMYRA, an Illinois  
Municipal Corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
RICK PFEILER,  
UNKNOWN OWNERS and  
NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.  
2024-MR-6  
NOTICE OF PENDENCY  
Notice is hereby given to Unknown Owners, Nonrecord Claimants, and other parties who claim some right, title, interest, or lien in the following described real estate of the Petition for Order Allowing Demolition and Complaint for Ordinance Violation that was filed in the above-entitled case on February 8, 2024, that you are named Defendants in the above-entitled case, that the above-entitled suit is now pending in said court, and that the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendants is May 15, 2024; and the following information applies to said proceeding:

1. The names of all parties and the case number are identified above.
2. The court in which said action was brought is identified above.
3. The name of the title holder of record is: Rick Pfeiler.
4. The legal description of the real estate is: Lots Numbered Three (3) and Four (4) in Block Numbered One (1) of J. C. King's First Addition to Palmyra, Macoupin County, Illinois.
5. The address of the real estate is: 287 North Main, Palmyra, Illinois, 62674.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you file your answer to the petition or otherwise file your appearance in said court before May 15, 2024, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and the judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the petition.  
/s/ H. Allen Yow, Counsel  
Attorneys for Plaintiff:  
Rammekamp Bradney, P.C.  
H. Allen Yow, Counsel  
232 West State Street, P.O. Box 550  
Jacksonville, Illinois, 62651  
Telephone: (217) 245-6177

Capitol Storage LLC  
818 S Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-522-0300  
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#HH5 Jennifer Shores  
Peoria Road  
#14 Mike Farmer  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS Plaintiff,  
vs.  
1996 FORD F-350  
VIN # 1FTJW36F2TEB23791 )  
Edgar Mendoza  
No. 23-MX-916  
23-AF-080  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Milhiser, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on August 10th, 2023. UNLESS YOU file a verified answer with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.  
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CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF  
Khmai-yah Ros and Thai-Phon Ros, Minor Children  
No. 2019-P-000285  
To: All Persons Having A Right To Notice:  
Please be notified that Tierra Lee has filed a Petition for the Guardianship of the Estates and Persons of Khmai-yah Ros and Thai-Phon Ros, minor children.  
You are required to answer said Petition before May 4, 2024 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.  
Dated: April 4, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN DOLLARS (\$1,114.00) USC Doyrail Boyd  
No. 23-MX-766  
23-AF-062  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Milhiser, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on June 28th, 2023. UNLESS YOU file a verified answer with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION  
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JENNY M. WYZARD; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; ACUIITY, A MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
Case No.: 2024FC000008  
Property Address: 608 N 3RD ST, RIVERTON, IL 62561  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: THE SOUTH 50 FEET OF LOT 24 IN THE SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION

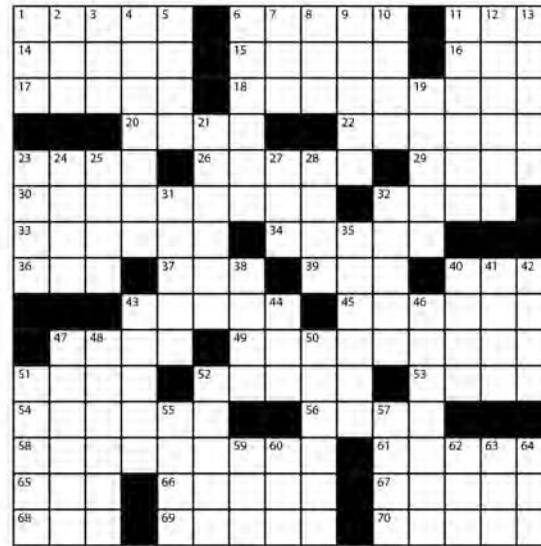
9, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, REFERENCE BEING HAD TO THE PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, DEED RECORD 56, PAGE 640.  
Commonly known as: 608 N 3RD ST, RIVERTON, IL 62561  
Names of the titleholders of record: JENNY M. WYZARD.  
Date of the Mortgage: March 24, 2015.  
Name or names of the mortgagors: JENNY M. WYZARD.  
Name of the mortgagee: TOWN AND COUNTRY BANK, BANKING CORPORATION.  
Date and place of recording: March 25, 2015; Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Identification of recording: Document No. 2015R07302.  
NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before May 20, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.  
E-filing is now mandatory with limited exceptions. 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://illinoiscourts.gov/self-help> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit [www.illinoislegalaid.org](http://www.illinoislegalaid.org). For information about defending yourself in a court case (including filing an appearance or fee waiver), or to apply for free legal help, go to [www.illinoislegalaid.org](http://www.illinoislegalaid.org). You can also ask your local circuit clerk's office for a fee waiver application.  
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\_s/ Colin Winters, Esq.  
Colin Winters, Esq. Counsel of Record for Plaintiff ARDC # 6297980  
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## King of Record

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### Across

1. Word that could follow the last word of each starred answer
6. Greek letter
11. Collector's goal
14. From the East
15. Without (quietly)
16. "I don't need to hear that," in modern lingo
17. Stallone title role
18. \*\*\* Preakness Stakes, for one
20. Other, in Madrid
22. Hearthrob's fan
23. "Horton Hears"
26. Locales
29. Fr. holy women
30. \*\*\* "Slow down!"
32. Porgy's woman
33. Uncover
34. Bistros
36. AOL, e.g.
37. Contents of some bags
39. 24 horas
40. Certain investment, for short
43. Twig, to a bird
45. Spooks
47. Snow structure
49. \*\*\* Part of a Hugo title
51. Window section
52. Neighbor of Turkey
53. Aardvark's fare
54. 2001 title role for Audrey Tautou
56. Flamboyance

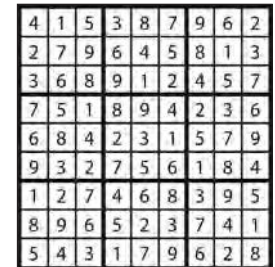


58. \*\*\* An American musical variety show
61. "Don't get any funny \_\_\_!"
65. Dine
66. Kick out
67. Sonata section
68. Part of a car test course
69. Free-for-all
70. Golfer Sam
- Down
1. Driveway material
2. Mandela's land: Abbr.
3. Order between "ready" and "fire"
4. The very end
5. Granny \_\_\_
6. "The English Patient" setting
7. Nasdaq debut: Abbr.
8. Neighbor of Aus.
9. Tablelands
10. Acted like
11. Kicks off
12. Hosts
13. Levels
19. Kentucky Derby prize
21. Roof support
23. "The King \_\_\_"
24. Troubles
25. Start of many addresses
27. Computer key
28. Just barely
31. Santa's reindeer, e.g.
32. Place for an umbrella
35. Financial
38. Sore
40. OPEC member
41. Prefix with angular
42. Says "When?"
43. Shampoo brand
44. "Ben-\_\_\_"
46. Leave high and dry
47. Rich's partner
48. Tops
50. Nothing, in Napoli
51. Out of fashion
52. Wait on
55. Part of a list
57. Broadcasts
59. Be sick
60. Diamonds, slangily
62. Opposite WSW
63. Toothpaste tube letters
64. Landscaper's need

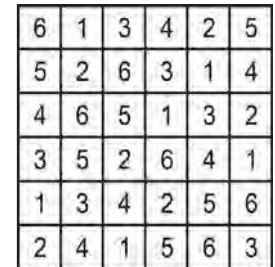
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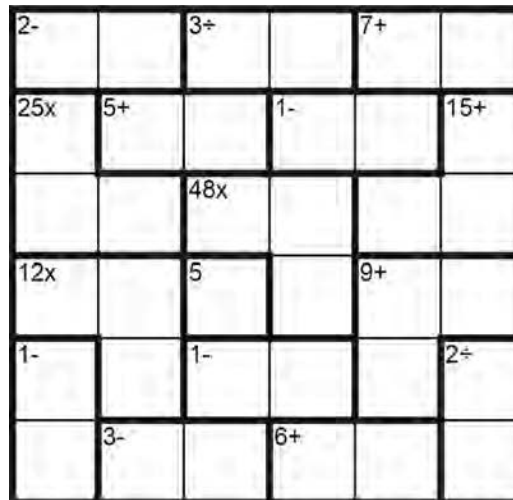
Sudoku answers from #836



JoshJosh answers from #836

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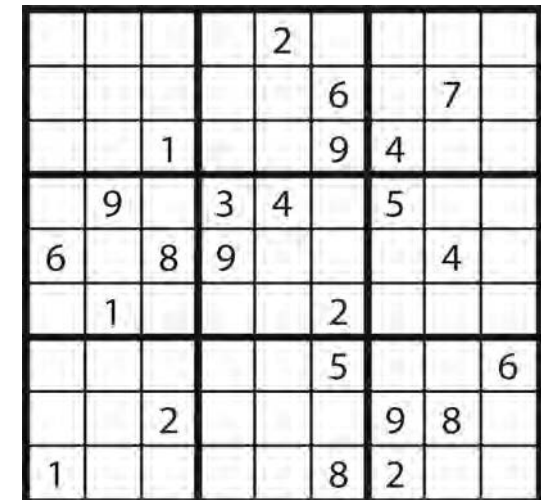
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



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## Sudoku No. 837

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



Difficulty medium





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