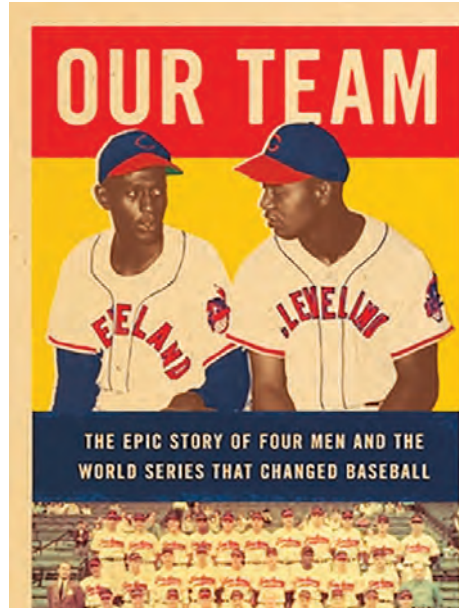




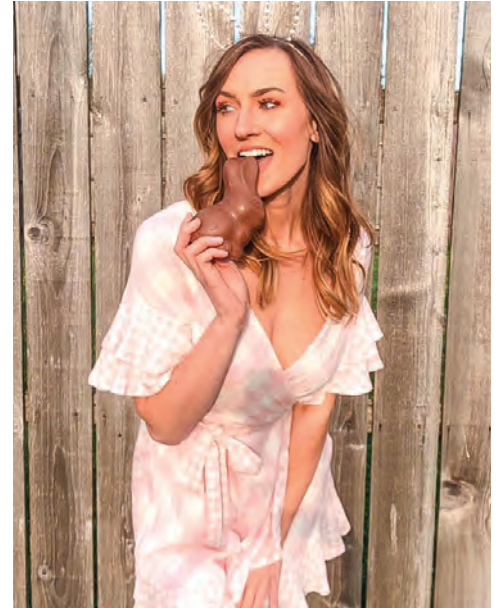
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Tragedy in Chicago

A dead boy, a crying cop

UPON FURTHER REVIEW | Bruce Rushton

Thirty years after Rodney King, videos documenting police misconduct and mistakes have become ubiquitous.

Thanks to a smartphone, the cop who killed Walter Scott is serving time, but not enough. Jason Van Dyke is in prison and Rahm Emanuel isn't in politics, efforts to hide footage having failed. The officer who shot John Crawford III didn't get punished while the department paid a \$1.7 million settlement to the family — we can watch and decide for ourselves whether justice was done. Absent video, we extrapolate and argue. Did Michael Brown have it coming? Should George Zimmerman be in jail?

It's hard to keep track of all the names, though a pattern is plain: The dead and wounded are disproportionately minorities. I write pending verdict in the Chauvin trial — Pritker has deployed the National Guard to Chicago.

Every case is different.

As much as that split second in the alley, it was the minutes afterward, watching Adam Toledo's unseeing eyes stare while his killer administers CPR. Relieved by other officers, Eric Stillman walks away, then sits on the ground, thinking thoughts no one but he ever will know. Someone asks if he needs water. Stillman doesn't respond. You hear what sounds like stifled sobs.

The mayor of Chicago says that cops need a foot pursuit policy because chasing criminals is risky; criminologists can't agree on whether police did right or wrong. Some politicians saw a murderer, others a cop who can't be faulted. House Speaker Chris Welch blamed the system; Gov. JB Pritzker called for accountability and justice without saying what accountability and justice might be in a case like this. "The State



Adam Toledo. CREDIT TOLEDO FAMILY HANDOUT/TNS

of Illinois is committed to this work whether it is transforming our justice system or investing in communities to create durable and long-term progress," the governor said in a written statement.

Police are killing too many people, declared Rep. Lakesia Collins, D-Chicago, and she isn't wrong. "We have to put an end to it," she said. "It starts right here in our legislature." While Mayor Lori Lightfoot urged peace, Chicago Ald. Jeanette Taylor said no. "You did not have to shoot that kid," she told the *Chicago Tribune*. "And then y'all got the nerve to ask us for peace. When do Black and brown people get peace? When do I get to wake up and not worry about if my sons are next, or my daughters. When?" Then there is Chicago Ald. George Cardenas, who represents the ward where Toledo died. "It's a tragedy that it happened," he told the *Tribune*. "But, based

on all the frames of the video I saw, I can't fault anybody."

The media was confused as anybody, with the *Chicago Sun-Times* not printing Stillman's name. "The *Sun-Times* isn't naming him because he isn't officially accused of wrongdoing," explained a paper that should know better. When a cop kills someone, justifiably or otherwise, a life has been taken in the public's name, and so names should be named, no matter what. These aren't private actions.

This is the sort of thing that happens when something happens that doesn't fit the script. Cops shouldn't shoot unarmed people, Toledo had dropped the gun and so Stillman should be fired and prosecuted: Just watch the video.

Stillman knew that Toledo had been armed but almost certainly could not have seen him toss the gun. He had a millisecond as Toledo turned and began raising his hands. If only he'd turned more slowly. If only he'd raised empty hands before starting to turn. If only he'd dropped the gun on the other side of the fence. If only he hadn't been in that alley, pistol in hand, running from police responding to a shots-fired call in a city plagued by homicides and awash in guns.

If only. Thanks to video, we know that Stillman made the wrong call. But it's not easy what to make of his mistake, even though we saw the whole thing.

Two days after Toledo died, Officer Rusten Sheskey returned to duty at the Kenosha Police Department in Wisconsin, seven months after shooting Jacob Blake in the back seven times, leaving him paralyzed and prompting protests that included a strike by NBA players. We saw it all yet can't agree. Blake, who had a knife, leaned into a car with children inside while officers, guns drawn, ordered him to stop — he'd retrieved the blade after dropping it while being Tased by officers who'd scuffled with him before using deadly force. "I shouldn't have picked up the knife," he told ABC News in January. "At the time, I wasn't thinking clearly."

Blake and Toledo, a boy too young to know better, ventured onto dangerous limbs, and police aren't perfect. Anyone who's heard a cop fight tears after killing an unarmed seventh grader knows that. We grieve and we accuse and we conflate and we argue while we wait for the next. □

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When police kill a child, all of us bear the shame

GUESTWORK | Dahleen Glanton, Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — We have seen police needlessly kill people before — but rarely a child.

I don't know what anyone else sees when they watch the video of a Chicago police officer shooting 13-year-old Adam Toledo in the chest. But when I look at it, I see a brown baby who will never have the chance to grow up and become a man. I mourn for him and all that he lost.

Every child deserves the opportunity to pass from one phase of life to another. They should be allowed to make all kinds of mistakes and given the chance to learn from them. They should be nurtured, protected, loved and understood. They should be children for as long as they can — even though they are imperfect.

Adam's life ended last month in an alley in Little Village, a predominantly Mexican-American neighborhood on the West Side of Chicago. Police officials initially said an officer killed him during an "armed confrontation" around 2:30 a.m. We knew from experience, though, that the truth would be more nuanced than they let on. Sometimes they lie. The video is the only thing that tells the real story. Thank goodness Chicago police officers are required to wear body cameras.

From what we know about Adam, he was typical of many young boys growing up in neighborhoods where violence is a way of life. The seventh-grader was supposed to be in bed that night but, according to his mother, he slipped out of the house and into the streets. There aren't many people who didn't try that in their youth. If you were lucky enough to live in a neighborhood where trouble wasn't always lurking outside, you could slip out and back in again without your parents ever knowing.

But in neighborhoods like Adam's, there is too much temptation out there. It can overwhelm a 13-year-old kid, whose adolescent brain isn't developed enough to fully understand the consequences of his actions. Adam did know this, however. He seemed to realize that Blacks and Latinos who don't do exactly what a police officer says could end up dead.

So, when Officer Eric Stillman told him to stop running, he stopped.

When Stillman ordered him to "show me your (expletive) hands," Adam turned around and raised both hands in the air. When Stillman told him to "drop it," he appears to toss a pistol on the ground. The child did everything the officer told him to do, but it couldn't save him. Stillman raised

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Editor's note

On Earth Day 2021 we are reminded that thorny environmental problems remain. What are we going to do about nuclear power? It has become a darling of many nearsighted earthlovers for not putting carbon into the atmosphere, while potentially deadly nuclear waste piles up with no safe place to store it for thousands of years. That's an environmental danger too. Exelon, whose subsidiary Commonwealth Edison got caught bribing Illinois officials, says it wants to retire some of its Illinois nuclear plants because they are no longer financially feasible. Thoughtful environmentalists should not stand in their way. —Fletcher Farrar, editor and CEO

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OPINION

Changes proposed for Chicago school board

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Illinois Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford really has her work cut out for her if she wants to forge a compromise on an elected Chicago school board.

Lightford agreed to become the sponsor of Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot's alternative school board proposal last week. Sen. Rob Martwick (D-Chicago) has been pushing a bill for years that would elect 21 school board members, which have long been appointed by the city's mayor. Leader Lightford has a reputation among the education establishment for being an honest broker and, frankly, she excels at negotiations like this, but this one will be particularly difficult.

Mayor Lightfoot's proposal was privately criticized by numerous House and Senate members in both parties last week when it finally emerged.

It puts off the first school board election until 2026, and then only elects two out of seven members. Seven years from now, in 2028, the city's voters would elect a third member, but the mayor would appoint three more, giving appointed members an 8-3 majority. Mayor Lightfoot said often during her campaign that she supported a "fully elected" school board. This proposal is more like tokenism.

The mayor can currently appoint school board members without any sort of confirmation process. They are direct appointments without input or oversight by the city council, and her bill would keep it that way.

Some opponents who testified in committee last week against Sen. Rob Martwick's elected school board bill criticized the measure for having no provisions to allow undocumented immigrants to serve on the board, as they currently can on local school councils. But Lightfoot's proposal only requires that the mayor's appointments "strive to achieve representation that reflects the diversity of the City of Chicago," although it does remove both citizenship and voter registration requirements for the elected positions (which will create quite a stir on the political Right).

Martwick's bill would prohibit school board employees and contractors from running for the board. Lightfoot's bill would do essentially the same, but would also require that all election candidates must have served on a local school council, the governing board of a charter school or contract school or the board of governors of a military academy. That would severely limit the types of people who can run for the tiny handful of seats, and

particularly helps lock out candidates affiliated with the Chicago Teachers Union, which is the major force behind the Martwick bill.

Leader Lightfoot criticized Martwick's proposal in committee for not specifically guaranteeing districts be created on the city's West Side, but Martwick pointed out that his bill mirrors the city's representation in the Illinois House. With only two initially elected members and considering the large populations on the city's North and South Sides, no guarantees can be given that the mayor's proposal would give the West Side a seat at the table in the first round of elections.

Martwick's bill would let the General Assembly draw the initial district maps and then turn it over to the elected board for the remap. Lightfoot's bill would give the mayor pretty much complete and permanent control over the map-making process.

This is the mayor's first volley, but it's such a lowball offer that it doesn't appear to be taken all that seriously by members. Some legislators had been intrigued by the idea of a "hybrid" school board, but this is far more SUV than Prius and they appeared to be

laughing it off.

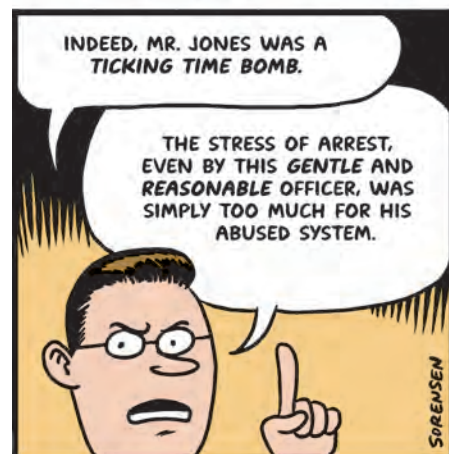
House Republican Leader Jim Durkin claimed during debate on the House's own elected school board bill that Mayor Lightfoot told him the Democratic leaders had walked away from a hybrid plan and wouldn't call her proposal for a vote. That was denied, and I doubt the mayor did herself any favors by claiming such a thing.

The House passed its version of the bill, which mirrored Martwick's legislation except for sunsetting the entire process in five years, with 71 votes. Rep. Tony McCombie (R-Savanna) was the lone Republican in favor. A couple of Democrats voted "Present" and some were absent. The bill was backed by both teachers' unions.

The Democratic leaders themselves both said through their spokespersons that the mayor's proposal was under review.

Sen. Martwick pledged to negotiate in good faith, but pointed to the strength of his position (including that House vote and the Senate committee approval) compared to Lightfoot's.

Like I said, a compromise won't be easy. □



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Contrast poem #1

Well it's finally happened: after decades of haggling, yeas and nays voted on and off boards, the yeas have won: a casino, hotel accompanying roads lights etc will spring up on the exact spot where I grew up shoveled manure detasselled corn wrote books about our round barn I spose it's only fair for indigenous folk came first why shouldn't ho-chunk nation rake in some shekels they've all been ill-treated for eons – still, on a sphere we're slaughtering it's crazy to pave more of its richest farmland meanwhile a northward neighbor writes their tall-grass prairie restoration has begun invasive species destroyed soil prepared seeded a hollow nearby cleared of buckthorn will soon see trillium bloodroot return trout lily dutchmans britches wild ginger jack-in-the-pulpit – it will be glorious

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I've given my family and friends the best gift and it didn't cost a dime: I completed my advanced directives. April 16 was National Healthcare Decisions Day, an annual observance that presents an opportunity to reach out to family members and loved ones to start having necessary conversations about advanced care planning – what kind of care we want in case of dementia, whether or not (and under what circumstances) we want life-sustaining measures and who will speak for us if we have a life-threatening illness and are unable to speak for ourselves.

This observance was founded to educate, inspire and empower people to plan ahead and make their end-of-life issues known through advance directives. Easy to complete legal documents are available through the Illinois Department of Public Health's website, www.dph.illinois.gov.

I've completed my durable power of attorney for health care. It's a relief that my family and friends know my wishes. Several family members, including my father, suffered with dementia in their final years. This compelled me to complete a dementia addendum available through the nonprofit organization Compassion &

Choices. My wishes can be carried out, thus relieving my loved ones and myself undue suffering.

Have you completed your advanced directives? If not, you risk health care providers and loved ones making difficult decisions that may not reflect your wishes.

Monica Jenot
Springfield

SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH PARKINSON'S DISEASE

Friends Living with Parkinson's is a Springfield-area peer support group for people with Parkinson's disease and their care partners. Our purpose is to promote awareness of Parkinson's disease and provide resources and support to those living with the disease and to their care partners.

An estimated 1 million people in the U.S. live with Parkinson's disease, including an estimated 600 people in Sangamon County. Parkinson's is the second-most common neurodegenerative disease after Alzheimer's and among the leading causes of death in our country. Symptoms vary, but can include tremors, cognitive impairment and difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing and speaking. Most people are diagnosed with Parkinson's later in life, but 10% or more experience symptoms before age 50. A recent survey found that nearly half of people with Parkinson's noticed some negative change in their symptoms during the pandemic.

April is Parkinson's Awareness Month. We urge everyone in central Illinois to join our group as we promote greater awareness of how Parkinson's affects those living with the disease. To get involved, individuals can support research and programs, participate in an event or share their story or others' stories on social media. Together, we can make life better for people with Parkinson's disease by improving care and advancing research toward a cure.

Jack Hook
Springfield

GUNS ARE A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE

In our country, 1.4 million people have died by gun violence between 1968 and 2011. In 2018 alone, 38,390 people in our country died by gun violence. Compared with other high-income nations, the gun homicide rate in our country is 25 times higher. These deaths are preventable.

The American Public Health Association considers gun violence to be a public health issue. We are fortunate to have SIU School of Medicine in Springfield; the school should take the lead in addressing this public health issue.

We should learn from other comparable countries which have low gun violence. Adequate legislation addressing this issue should be passed.

Vinod Gupta
Springfield

When police kill a child

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his firearm and shot him in the chest.

It's likely that Adam's story will become as familiar as that of Tamir Rice, the 12-year-old Cleveland boy who was shot and killed in 2014 by police who mistook his pellet gun for a dangerous weapon. Just as they did Tamir, some will try to make Adam into a martyr. There's nothing wrong with that.

Modern-day martyrs are symbols of systemic social injustice. Their tragic killing, often by police, becomes the impetus for a movement that unites people behind the common pursuit of justice. In death, they inspire us to fight for change.

We're in dire need of change across this country right now. Police are killing too many Black and Latino people. Every day or so, there is a fatal or potentially deadly encounter. This must stop, and each of us has a responsibility.

The first step is to understand that what happened to Adam that night was not his fault. He is a victim – not just of a police shooting but also of the societal failures that send vulnerable children into the streets in the middle of the night.

It doesn't matter that Adam and a 21-year-old man allegedly were firing a weapon in the alley – the incident that brought police there in the first place. What matters is that a child was killed by the very policing institution that is supposed to protect them. The officer responsible must be held accountable. So must the young adult who allegedly gave Adam the illegal gun.

Too many children like Adam are victims of their circumstances. By no one's fault, they weren't born in a neighborhood where kids inherently are expected to thrive and are given the resources to become the best they can be.

They live in a place where kids sometimes learn to hustle at an early age to stay alive. They long to fit in somewhere – anywhere. When there is no one to guide them, gangs step in to fill the void.

Some people look at children like Adam and see hopelessness. They don't realize that there's a child beneath the tough veneer these kids learn to adorn as soon as they are old enough to walk out the front door alone.

They see a man-child, much more streetwise and menacing than his young brain can process. But it doesn't have to be that way.

It's our responsibility to figure out how this killing happened – not just what went down in that alley but how this child managed to end up there in the first place. It's too late for this child, but that's what will save other children like him. □

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Cooking up community

City moves forward with plans for downtown commercial kitchen

DEVELOPMENT | Madison Angell

One year ago, Springfield received support from the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to plan a downtown food space focused on local foods. “The goal is to build on the success of the downtown farmers market and locally sourced food movement to develop local entrepreneurial food resources such as a grocery store and a commercial kitchen,” according to the city. The initiative recently released its action plan about ways to move forward.

Creating a shared commercial kitchen is a focus of the report. It’s something Piero Taico of Springfield has personally worked toward for years. Joining the “Local Food, Local Places” steering committee was a way for Taico to share his passion with others. The group of business leaders and entrepreneurs crafted the plan, which highlights the many ways a shared industrial kitchen in Springfield could benefit the community. Taico said the committee is exploring models for shared kitchens in Illinois and other states.

The group is researching where the kitchen could be located and what the costs would be. The committee is trying to find a space and model that helps lower economic barriers for farmers, bakers, chefs, restaurants, bars and outdoor vendors.

Having a commercial kitchen “lowers the barriers for a lot of local entrepreneurs,” such as himself, said Taico. The kitchen could be

rented by various individuals and entities to be used in a variety of ways. The Local Food, Local Places group is still determining the total costs for equipment and space, as well as funding sources for a commercial kitchen space. Local restaurants could schedule and reserve space in the kitchen to expand catering services. Schools could host culinary events and the community kitchen could bring Springfield much closer to hosting farmers markets year-round, according to Taico and Abigail Powell, who works in Springfield’s Office of Planning and Economic Development.

Powell is responsible for organizing the resources and funding available for business owners. The idea for a community kitchen came from town halls hosted by the committee, with help from the EPA, said Powell. Local farmers have also been part of the planning. “There were a lot of food-based entrepreneurs who wanted to start businesses,” but did not have access to the equipment or space to do so, said Powell.

State Rep. Mike Murphy, R-Springfield, has a long history in the restaurant business, and knows of the struggles. He is also a part of the planning to create a community kitchen space downtown. “What really interested me was the new entrepreneurs who are trying to get their products out there,” said Murphy. Overhead costs and the unpredictability

of business can make entrepreneurs wary of leasing an expensive space. Establishing a shared kitchen would help new business owners adjust productivity as needed, without taking on as many expenses, Murphy told *Illinois Times*. Murphy said funding for the kitchen would likely need to come from federal grants and investors. In other cities, chambers of commerce have pitched in for community kitchens.

As the Local Food, Local Places report, released earlier this month, highlights – in Worcester, Massachusetts, a commercial kitchen was deemed a success after partnering with the regional chamber of commerce. A youth development program rented the space and brought dozens of teens together in the revitalized 1,000-square-foot shared kitchen, located inside the local food bank. The group later used the kitchen to produce a line of hot sauces. The money earned from hot sauce sales is used to fund the youth program.

Eventually, members of the local food initiative in Springfield would like to see the Old Capitol Farmers Market happen year-round. Taico said putting a commercial kitchen downtown would make this easier and create opportunities for local growers, bakers and chefs. □

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CERTIFIED INNOCENT

CAP CITY On April 15, Charles Palmer won his petition for a certificate of innocence from the state’s highest court. Palmer, a Decatur man, had been wrongfully convicted of murder for a 1998 Macon County homicide. “This has been a long time coming and I’ve been fighting for so long,” Palmer told *Illinois Times* via email. “A lot of people saw my murder charge and didn’t understand that I was exonerated.” Palmer said people judged him harshly, even though he was exonerated more than five years ago. “I am really thrilled to be able to put this behind me,” he said. In awarding Palmer’s certificate, the Illinois Supreme Court overturned previous decisions made by lower courts which denied him a certificate of innocence. With the decision, the court ruled that state law regarding certificates of innocence only requires exonerees to prove their innocence for offenses for which they were initially charged. Palmer was released from prison in 2016, after the Illinois Innocence Project, based at University of Illinois Springfield, provided new DNA evidence. In order to receive compensation from the state, an exoneree must earn a certificate of innocence. According to *Capitol News Illinois*, after almost two decades of being wrongfully incarcerated, Palmer is set to be awarded nearly \$200,000 in state restitution. A bill before the Illinois legislature would ensure those who receive a certificate get \$50,000 per year they were wrongfully incarcerated.

ON MY OWN TIME

CAP CITY The Springfield Area Arts Council (SAAC) announced April 20 the return of a biennial art exhibit that encourages workers to showcase their creativity. Participating businesses, government agencies, educational and medical entities will encourage their employees to showcase their artwork. “On My Own Time is one of the best ways to bring employees together. They learn that those they work with daily also are creative on their own time through artistic endeavors after hours,” said program coordinator Rosemary Buffington in a news release. The program reveals “hidden talent” and “it is good for the community to know that so much artistic ability resides here,” said Sheila Walk, SAAC executive director, in the release. Artists can submit drawings, paintings, fiber and needlework, photography, pottery and other forms of media. The deadline for organizations to sign up for participation is May 14. Exhibits and judging happen in October. For more info about participating, call or email the SAAC at 217-753-3519 or programs@springfieldartsco.org.

Un-Civil War

Accusations fly between ALPLM, foundation

MUSEUMS | Bruce Rushton

Legislators gathered on the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's death to hear arguments over the Abraham Presidential Library and Museum and a private fundraising foundation that the ALPLM says is overly secretive about finances.

The foundation says that it has given millions of dollars to help the ALPLM, including \$1.8 million during the most recent fiscal year. But ALPLM officials say that the nonprofit provides scant financial support for the institution's programs and infrastructure needs.

With no legislation pending on ALPLM governance or finances, legislators on the House Tourism Committee asked why the fray over money and power landed in their laps. Lawmakers urged the two sides to hire a mediator, an idea the foundation supports and the ALPLM rejects. Two legislators suggested repealing a 2019 law that gives the foundation a role in running the institution.

Acting ALPLM director Melissa Coultas told lawmakers last week that her staff has calculated that seven cents out of every dollar raised by the foundation over the past three years has gone for programs and infrastructure at the public institution. The amount doesn't include federal grants to support the Papers of Abraham Lincoln project that flow through the foundation, nor does it include money that's gone toward retiring debt the foundation incurred to purchase artifacts including a stovepipe hat that the museum no longer displays because there's no solid proof it belonged to Lincoln. The foundation and ALPLM had agreed to jointly hire experts to examine the hat, but the nonprofit recently backed out, saying it will pay for a study by experts who will sign nondisclosure agreements to help settle a controversy that's festered for nearly a decade. According to the ALPLM, the foundation during the past three years has spent more than 40 percent of its money on payroll and more than 19 percent on interest.

"The bottom line is that if foundation donors think their money supports the library and museum's exhibits, educational programs or infrastructure needs, they are 93 percent wrong," Coultas told the committee.

Coultas testified that the foundation has contributed an average of \$167,000 a year for museum activities and that the net worth to the public is \$80,000, given the state has provided the nonprofit with free office space and utilities. The ALPLM, she said, has received no money from foundation memberships sold at the door that came with free admission. She



repeated complaints that the foundation won't provide the ALPLM with information on how it spends money and that the private group refused good-faith negotiations on renewal of a memorandum of understanding setting out roles and responsibilities. The agreement expired on March 31.

"After more than a year of trying to understand the operations of the foundation, we simply can't show you or the taxpayers that the foundation has anything but a parasitic relationship with the museum," Coultas told lawmakers. "We have made every effort to be professional and diplomatic in our public comments about the foundation, but I have to tell you, bluntly, I have never experienced anything close to this level of stonewalling or hostility."

Erin Carlson Mast, foundation executive director, accused the ALPLM of either engaging in mistruths or exhibiting a "baffling misunderstanding" of how to read Internal Revenue Service financial reports required from nonprofits.

"The purpose of any foundation is to raise and disburse money," Mast testified. "Unfortunately, the ALPLM has spread damaging misinformation about the foundation's efforts. ALPLM has falsely and publicly claimed...that the foundation only provides them with seven cents of every dollar raised." About 70 cents of every dollar raised or earned by the foundation goes toward ALPLM expenses, Mast testified.

The foundation wants a mediator to help the two sides reach agreement, Mast testified, an idea supported by at least three lawmakers on the tourism committee.

"I do believe the foundation's heart is in the

right spot," Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Northlake, said. "This is childish bickering, back and forth."

Rep. Terra Costa Howard, D-Lombard, said the matter should be before a mediator, not lawmakers. "I'm still not quite sure what you want us to do," she said. "Both sides need to be open to having a non-party with no interest in this helping you get through to an agreement."

Asked by Costa Howard whether the ALPLM would agree to mediation, museum officials declined.

"We appreciate your thoughts," Dave Kelm, ALPLM general counsel told her. "Thank you very much, representative."

"Thank you for your dismissal," Costa Howard responded.

If the two sides make progress, Costa Howard said she'd consider repealing a 2019 law, passed in hopes of resolving differences, that gives the foundation a role in running the institution. Kelm said the ALPLM would agree to mediation only if the law is first repealed. "Without that, they can run back to the General Assembly, which is what they always do," he said.

The law calls for a working group consisting of legislators, ALPLM officials and foundation officials, but the group hasn't been established. It is supposed to be chaired by the state historian, but the state historian, an ALPLM employee, was fired last summer and Gov. JB Pritzker wants to make the position akin to a poet laureate.

"Why does the foundation need to be in state law?" Rep. Tim Butler, R-Springfield, asked. Mast said she'd have to check with the foundation board. Sarah Phelan, the foundation's treasurer, didn't answer. □

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NEWS

Healing through film

“No Malice” contest empowers youth

EQUITY | Madison Angell

Naomi Getachew, a 13-year-old from Normal, recently made a short film inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement. “To bring change you must not be afraid,” Getachew told *Illinois Times* about her efforts. While considering racism and protests that have happened in the last year, Getachew entered the “No Malice” film contest to show that “we may have our differences, but we belong to one human race.” Her film is about racial tensions between a white theater teacher, a group of Black students and a Black educator they confide in. At the crux of Naomi’s film is a lesson of empathy.

Project coordinators at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) in Springfield organized the No Malice short film contest with funding from the state’s Healing Illinois initiative. “In working with educators and our community this year, it has become clear that youth and young adults need a venue to express confusion, outrage and fear about the racial inequalities they see and experience,” said Heather Nice, education director at ALPLM. The contest encourages youth to share their feelings and beliefs, “particularly during the pandemic when they are isolated and have lost access to their typical social supports,” Nice said.

The contest is open to those ages 11-21 and participants are encouraged to submit short films about racial healing. With the \$32,000 Healing Illinois grant, ALPLM is awarding cash prizes for films chosen in first, second and third place from different age groups.

Ivan Delgado, a 20-year-old from the south side of Chicago, submitted a music video he helped create last year. Delgado directed and wrote the screenplay for the music video, *Don’t Shoot at Me*, which features original music by two of Delgado’s peers who perform in the video.

Delgado said there have been serious challenges leading up to him becoming a filmmaker. Making the music video is “a big deal” to Delgado and his friends. He said they grew up in a neighborhood impacted by gun violence. Delgado said he will continue to work with aspiring artists in the greater Chicago area. “We do it to lift each other up,” he said.



Teens from Chicago working with DePaul University to make a short film. DePaul professor and youth film project coordinator Liliane Calfee gave a presentation as part of the No Malice project. CREDIT: DEPAUL UNIVERSITY

ALPLM hosted six film experts to give virtual presentations as part of the No Malice contest. That included Liliane Calfee, a media professor at DePaul University in Chicago and coordinator of a youth film program. During Calfee’s presentation on April 8, she covered the technical basics of film – lighting, editing and working with sources. She also explained how to find royalty-free music and programs for animated short films.

In 2016, Calfee and the DePaul film program established a partnership with the Chicago Housing Authority to help introduce film to youth from low-income areas. The program underwent a complete overhaul of curriculum and design, so Calfee offered pages of online and remote resources for aspiring film artists and directors during her presentation. “We had to, because of the pandemic, strip everything down and ask what these students had remote access to,” Calfee told *Illinois Times*. Calfee said stripping the program back to the basics led to designing a learning model that students can use to bypass funding and equipment barriers.

Calfee said the most impactful stories

and films come when students write from “what they know,” and produce authentic work. The program she manages at DePaul pays youth for the work they put into producing films and visual content, so she supports the financial incentives of ALPLM’s film contest. “There’s a huge movement to get youth on paths to financial independence and stability,” said Calfee.

Heather Nice said ALPLM hopes “the contest fosters a creative outlet for them to engage in difficult conversations.” Educators will be encouraged to use the films and panels as springboards for discourse. The organization decided to limit the contest to youth and young adults, with hopes to “to maintain a ‘peers talking to peers’ aspect for the curriculum” – something the ALPLM believes is critically important but difficult to foster during the pandemic, said Nice. Contestants have until May 31 to submit films and first-place winners will receive a \$2,000 prize. More information can be found at tinyurl.com/4hh4yy5b. □

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The “Living Room” provides free crisis care

PUBLIC HEALTH | Rachel Otwell

Mental health care should not be a luxury. And those in crisis don't always need to be hospitalized. That's part of the philosophy behind a state-funded program that brings free crisis care to people regardless of whether they have medical insurance.

The pandemic has increased the need for mental health care. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, the rate of U.S. adults who reported symptoms of depression and anxiety rose from 10% to about 40% from 2019 to 2020. Sleep disorders and substance abuse were more prevalent in 2020 than prior years as well, according to research from the nonprofit that conducts health policy analysis. Isolation and job loss has exacerbated mental health problems.

Springfield hosts one of the 20 or so “Living Rooms” across the state. The program aims to provide a cozy, non-threatening space for people who need crisis care. It aims to intervene with services and supports to address individual challenges and “break the cycle of psychiatric hospitalization,” according to the Illinois Department of Human Services, which oversees the program. No appointments are needed, and those who walk in meet with “peer recovery specialists” who have lived through mental health crises of their own.

In Springfield, a Living Room is run by Memorial Behavioral Health at 710 N. Eighth St. where it operates from noon to 8 p.m. weekdays. People can walk in or make referrals for friends and family in crisis. Whitney Devine is a peer recovery specialist there. She is open about having struggled with her own mental health issues and benefited from treatment. “A few years ago my depression got so bad that I wanted to take my own life,” she told *Illinois Times*.

Devine was hospitalized and underwent treatment, including counseling. She also



Memorial's Living Room is at 710 N. Eighth St. and operates from noon to 8 p.m. on weekdays.

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is in recovery for alcoholism. She said those experiences help inform her approach to speaking with others who struggle. “The beauty of it is, we're peer driven, we provide support from our personal experiences – it's not your traditional clinical or counseling environment.”

Each person who enters the Living Room is screened for COVID symptoms and asked

questions to determine whether they need emergency care. If the Living Room is deemed the right fit, the person proceeds to speak with someone like Devine, who can listen and help recommend resources for a variety of issues. Devine said there have been about 450 people who used the Living Room since it opened its doors in November, with several people coming

through each day.

One person who got help at the Living Room had just been released from prison, said Devine. He was able to use a computer at the Living Room and get assistance in applying for jobs. “He actually got offered a job while he was here. He got the call while he was here so that was really cool.” She said others come in crying and despondent and leave with “higher hopes and clarity over their current situation.” Devine said the amount of foot traffic appears to be increasing.

Across the state, mental health providers are seeing an increase in requests for help and in the volume of calls made to crisis lines, said Diana Knaebe, president of Memorial Behavioral Health in Springfield. “Some of the speculation is that the next ‘wave’ is going to be the mental health pandemic.” Knaebe said that's likely because of the length of the pandemic crisis and its complex nature. Many people are grieving loss – either loved ones who have died of COVID, or other causes, but who couldn't be properly mourned due to mitigation efforts keeping people apart. Some people are dealing with their own illnesses. In addition, ongoing tensions over systemic racism and police brutality add to the mental health burden for many, said Knaebe.

Though vaccines and increased reopenings provide hope, people are emotionally fatigued as they balance work, home, school and family. But they should know there is help available, and there is no shame in needing it. Knaebe points to resources in addition to the Living Room, such as the Memorial emotional health hotline, at 217-588-5509, and the National Suicide Prevention hotline at 1-800-273-8255. More crisis resources can be found at tinyurl.com/c7xmf67s. □

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The Broadgauge development team, L to R: Steve and Ann Ozella, Ozella Construction; Project Development Manager Stowe Olesen; Phillip Cade, who helped to design the kitchen and bar; Executive Chef Eric Smith; Corey and Emily Faucon, who will operate The Talisman Coffee Shop and Bakery; Carol Pope and Douglas Pope. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

Destination Petersburg

Hometown pride transforms a historic building on the square

HISTORIC PRESERVATION | David Blanchette

Could Petersburg become the next Illinois destination community, like Galena or Grafton? A \$3 million project funded by a local investor aims to take the Menard County seat a major step in that direction.

A home-grown design and construction team is busily transforming the northwest corner of the town square into a multi-use showpiece with dining, event and meeting space that has an ambitious July target opening.

At the center of the development is the 1872-vintage Broadgauge Building, the longtime site of the Robbins Department Store. Its metamorphosis from retail to regal is a tale of big dreams and hometown pride with a respect for history so keen that the work qualifies for federal historic preservation tax credits.

It's also a story about a Petersburg native who went away to make it big in the dot-com real estate world, returned home to work remotely during COVID, and wanted to do something

spectacular that would benefit his rediscovered home town.

"The building has always kind of spoken to me"

Douglas Pope left Petersburg to attend college more than 20 years ago and returned permanently last summer due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"That gave me the opportunity to move back to Petersburg for the first time in my career," Pope said. "I moved to an apartment right on the town square so I wouldn't drive my parents crazy, and it was a block away from the Broadgauge."

"The building has always kind of spoken to me and drawn me in. I grew up five blocks away from the Broadgauge on Seventh Street, so I spent a lot of time in the building as a kid," Pope said. "I made a really quick decision, within a week of moving back, that the Broadgauge

would be my new passion and what I want to give back to the Petersburg community."

Since December Pope has purchased the Broadgauge Building, the adjacent Hubbard Building, nearby property to accommodate parking for the development, and a house that will be transformed into an Airbnb that can be used by Broadgauge wedding parties. Pope contacted people from the Petersburg community he'd known from his youth to help breathe new life into the properties.

"My career is assembling teams and building awesome products on the technology side, so I'm kind of doing the same thing on this real estate side," Pope said. "Assemble a really strong team and let them run with it."

Pete Olesen of Petersburg was the first person Pope asked to "run with it." Olesen is the Broadgauge project's creative director, and he helped Pope to identify other local talent to work on it. Olesen also put Pope's ideas into a design

that will be unlike anything Petersburg has seen.

"Douglas is not cutting corners"

Pete Olesen said the main ground floor portion of the building will be Broadgauge Dining, an area that can seat up to 140 people, with a 40-foot-long bar along the south side of the building. The east side storefront windows will be extended from floor to ceiling and will become lounge areas with leather sofas and other fine furniture.

The Broadgauge's most striking interior feature, its dual, symmetrical staircases, have been uncovered and the supporting vault underneath them is being transformed into a wine cave, Olesen said. The Robbins Department Store's "shoe room," immediately north of the main dining area, will feature a large communal table with a window lounge for more private dining.

An open kitchen trimmed in tile and



Douglas Pope on the staircase leading to the Broadgauge's second floor ballroom. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

stainless steel, a separate catering kitchen, new accessible elevators, a local artists' display and sales area on the former store's jean sales mezzanine, and The Talisman Coffee Shop and Bakery will round out the Broadgauge's ground floor. There will be outdoor dining on the south side sidewalk with umbrellas, tables and tree plantings.

"Douglas is not cutting corners," Olesen said. "He realizes he has to open with a first-class operation, but it's also got to be approachable."

The Broadgauge's upstairs will feature a main ballroom with eight large chandeliers and a back bar to service the ballroom. The bar will have barn-type doors and high-top tables so it may be rented separately. An upscale boardroom-type space could be rented for meetings, retreats or get-togethers. The far north end of the top floor will have banquet or meeting space for another 100 people.

"Say somebody wants to get married at the Broadgauge but wants to save a little money," Olesen said. "You'd get the same food, you'd get to be in the same building, it would just be a little more casual."

The project doesn't stop at the Broadgauge property line. Pope has signed a 99-year lease for the two large upstairs rooms in the adjacent VFW building and is finishing them in a fashion similar to the Broadgauge spaces. The combination of Broadgauge and VFW spaces, more than 17,000 square feet, means that 350 people could be accommodated at one time upstairs and 150 downstairs, Olesen said.

The Hubbard Building to the west of the

Broadgauge served as warehouse space for the old Robbins Department Store. That, too, has been purchased.

"The Hubbard Building is a forgotten gem. It will have floor-to-ceiling glass and a second story enclosed bridge with the Broadgauge Building," Olesen said. "The bridge will be a modern-day re-creation of the original that connected the retail and warehouse spaces. We've had ideas for this space, ranging from wedding chapel to art gallery to more party space. The back wall will become almost all glass looking out into an event garden."

"A vision of keeping its historic nature"

The Broadgauge project has met the National Park Service's strict criteria to be eligible for federal historic preservation tax credits. Stowe Olesen, Pete's son, is the project development manager and he said that's a testament to the careful planning and deep sense of respect that drives the team.

"From the beginning we started thinking about how to utilize the building's history, we always had a vision of keeping its historic nature," Stowe Olesen said. "There will be really classy finishes complementing the original historic features."

Stowe Olesen brought in Chicago designer William Golden, with whom he had worked in his previous career, and Golden has created "a classic look that central Illinois has in historic homes, and what William has done in choosing finishes and light fixtures is to elevate that look



An early but undated photo of the Broadgauge building on the Petersburg square. In 1950 it was purchased by the Robbins family and became the Robbins Department Store. PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE BROADGAUGE

History of the Broadgauge, prominent since 1872

Edgar Lee Masters wrote about the Broadgauge in his home town of Petersburg in an uncollected poem: "On Saturdays how thickly walked Crowds of the pioneers and talked; They traded at the Broadgauge store, Or idly stood, or idly stalked."

In 1871 J.A. Brahm, a merchant, banker and one of Petersburg's wealthiest citizens, purchased property on the northwest corner of the town square and constructed a two-story brick commercial building. Brahm, Caleb Laning and B.D. Wright moved into the completed building in 1872 and called their dry goods, clothing, shoes and grocery operation the Broadgauge Store. According to Rev. R.D. Miller in his "History of Menard and Mason Counties," the Broadgauge had the largest stock of merchandise in Illinois outside of Chicago.

Brahm sold the building in 1890 to H.H. Schirding. The structure was owned by the Schirding family, occupied by several retail and professional businesses through the years, and was renovated in the early part of the 20th century. The Robbins family opened a store in the Broadgauge and later purchased the building in 1950.

Many years later Randy Robbins, the last owner of the family store whose name still adorns the Broadgauge Building, wrote from memory a history of the prominent Petersburg building.

According to Randy Robbins, patrons of the 1950s Robbins store could sit on stools and look at sewing patterns, browse the north wall with shoes displayed from floor to ceiling, and request to examine the men's suits that were stored in special glass cases.

The Robbins family remodeled the store interior in 1962 and operated the business through the end of 1998. The Broadgauge building was sold in 2003 and used primarily as retail space until it was purchased by Douglas Pope earlier this year. —David Blanchette



A 1932 photo of the Ross A. Nance Co., a tenant of the Broadgauge.

into the modern era with a nod to history,” Olesen said.

“We are taking a space that has not changed all that much since 1872 and totally rethinking the space in ways that no one has ever thought before,” Stowe Olesen said. “I think that is the most rewarding part of the project.”

Both of the Olesens recommended that Pope hire Steve and Ann Ozella of Petersburg’s Ozella Construction as the project’s general contractor.

“The Broadgauge was built very solidly. A lot of the stuff has mortise-and-tenon joints along the studs which is really unique,” said company owner Steve Ozella. “It has high ceilings, some of them are tin, and the things we have uncovered after 150 years of use are amazing.”

Ozella has done work on several historic buildings on the Petersburg square and he said the Broadgauge has similarities with some of them.

“I hope we can preserve it for many years to come. This building was structurally pretty decent compared to some,” Ozella said. “We are doing things to this building that will hopefully make it last another 100 years.”

“Showcase the kind of food that Illinois has to offer each season”

Pope wanted the Broadgauge dining experience to bring to mind the historic boutique hotels he had encountered in San Francisco, Chicago and other locations, but also wanted the style of food and décor to be “uniquely Petersburg. We want it to stand out by itself,” Pope said.

With that in mind, Pope hired Springfield native Eric Smith to be Broadgauge Dining’s

executive chef. Smith has worked in Chicago and Arizona and learned about the Petersburg project last fall when he was in town for his grandmother’s funeral.

“The Broadgauge is going to be an approachable, elegant restaurant in a historic building,” Smith said. “I am going to marry as much local, seasonal, approachable food to the décor as possible.

“Local farmers have been coming in to check the place out, and several are going to supply the produce and meat,” Smith said. “We’re going to cook food when it is in season; it’s not going to be on the menu when it’s not. This is going to be a place where you can get really nice steaks, but it’s also a place where you can get a burger or a horseshoe.”

Smith feels that farm-to-table philosophy will be one of the Broadgauge’s primary draws.

“I want it to showcase the kind of food that Illinois has to offer each season, as well as the local favorites like the horseshoe,” Smith said. “We want to use the best pork that we can find that’s local, the best corn when it’s in season. There are a lot of farms I’ll contact in our area to see what they can do for us.”

Phillip Cade, the executive chef at Illinois State University, is married to a Petersburg native. Cade was asked to help design the Broadgauge kitchen, order the kitchen and bar equipment, and help design and write the restaurant, bar and catering menus.

“The concept was to put a big kitchen in a small space and make sure it was efficient. We didn’t want food coming out of three areas so



Executive Chef Eric Smith at what will be the counter of the Broadgauge’s restaurant. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

it slowed service down,” Cade said. “I’ve always run pretty clean kitchens, and having the visible kitchen with stainless steel and the tile will make it look that much extra nice.”

Pope also brought Corey and Emily Faucon on board to run The Talisman Coffee Shop and Bakery. The Faucons recently ran the Long Nine Junction in Springfield.

Zillow talk

Douglas Pope was 23 years old when he called up some college friends and said, “Hey, I don’t like working for a big corporation, do you want to start a company?”

The resulting collaboration with one of those friends was the nation’s first map-based apartment search engine, called Hot Pads, which was founded in 2005 using money that Pope borrowed from the National Bank of Petersburg as well as an investment from his parents.

Pope grew the company for eight years and sold it to online real estate giant Zillow in 2012 for \$16 million. Pope is now the vice president for Zillow’s engineering division for rentals, which includes Hot Pads, and he supervises a team of software developers that build landlord and renter tools used by Zillow, Trulia and Hot Pads.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Pope left the San Francisco area where he had been working at Zillow and relocated to his hometown to work remotely. That’s when he had the inspiration for the Broadgauge project. Pope was also able to assemble a design team that probably wouldn’t have been available were it not for the pandemic.

“I love Petersburg. I think our town square is beautiful and fun,” Pope said. “The Hand of Fate Brewing Company had already brought new life to our town square, and there is so

much opportunity for Petersburg to become a destination.”

As another nod to this local-focused project, Pope is financing the Broadgauge work through the Alliance Community Bank in Petersburg.

Hand of Fate owner Mike Allison, who established his ever-growing and trendy business several years ago just a few doors down from the Broadgauge, is a fan of Pope’s development.

“The more things that we can have in our town that draw people here, the better,” Allison said. “Seeing this and being told that Hand of Fate was a catalyst for change, and seeing more of these things happen, it’s really exciting to see what the future is going to hold for our town.”

Project Development Manager Stowe Olesen said opportunities like the Broadgauge might come to small communities only once in a generation.

“The last project on this scale was in 1974 when PORTA High School was built,” Stowe Olesen said. “Sometimes in small towns you need that economic engine to start running, and you need to have someone willing to spend the amount of money to make a good product that is going to last.”

July isn’t very far away and there’s still a lot of work to do, but Creative Director Pete Olesen said a remarkable amount of progress has been made since work started around the first of this year.

“Douglas’ 40th birthday is July 10, so that is our big, imaginary deadline,” Pete Olesen said. “We’ll be partying here no matter what, whether it’s all open or key parts of it like the restaurant and the ballroom.” □

David Blanchette is a freelance writer and photographer, and is also the board chairman of the Jacksonville Area Museum under development in his hometown.



Project Development Manager Stowe Olesen and the vault underneath the main dining room’s two staircases. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

Brush up on baseball history

A new volume on the post-WWII era, when baseball was forever transformed

BOOKS | Stuart Shiffman

In February 2021 Major League Baseball returned to a semblance of normalcy as players once again traveled to spring training locations in Arizona and Florida. Players and fans returned to baseball as we remembered it before COVID swept the world. This year marks a complete 162-game season, the normal playoff and World Series format and the return of live fans to the major league ballparks across North America. Things were progressing smoothly with an occasional COVID glitch but then trouble erupted.

The State of Georgia, where the 2021 All-Star Game was to be played later this year, enacted a new voter law that critics claimed was intended to seriously hamper voting rights in that state. Many protested, with Major League Baseball leading, surprisingly, by announcing that they would move the All-Star Game from Atlanta in response to the Georgia legislation. Others joined the debate, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott declined an invitation to throw out the first pitch of the season in Texas, announcing, "It is shameful that America's pastime is not

only being influenced by partisan politics but also perpetuating false political narratives." Many politicians decried the politicization of professional sports.

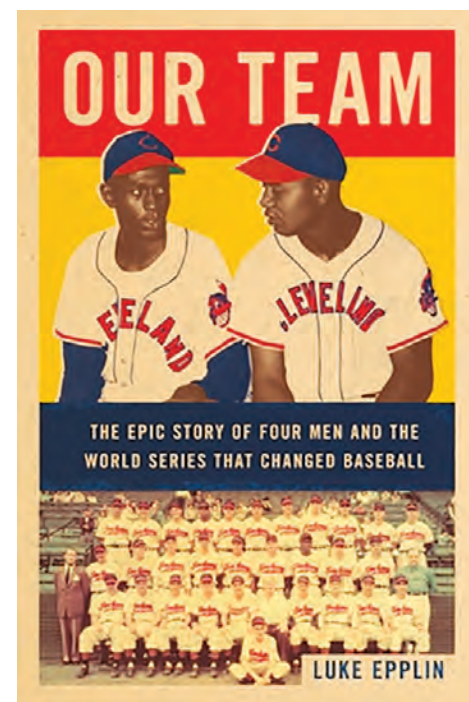
It is probably a good time for those critics to read up on their baseball history. A wonderful place for them to begin their studies is on the pages of *Our Team: The Epic Story of Four Men and the World Series that Changed Baseball* by Luke Epplin, whose writing has appeared in numerous national publications and who is a product of Litchfield, Illinois. *Our Team* is a poignant, encompassing and beautifully written story of baseball in the initial seasons when the game changed forever because courageous men broke the barrier that had excluded Black players from the rosters of major league teams.

Our Team captures the spirit of baseball in the post-World War II era when the game was forever transformed. The integration of the game brought players like Jackie Robinson, Larry Doby, Roy Campanella, Willie Mays, Ernie Banks and Minnie Minoso to baseball, changing the game forever. In addition, television brought

baseball to millions of Americans who had never seen a major league game. Ironically, the advent of television was a factor in eliminating baseball's barnstorming post-season games that had long been integrated and often provided players with more income than they made during the regular season. Epplin recounts those barnstorming games where Cleveland pitcher Bob Feller and his future teammate Satchel Paige would battle against each other before tens of thousands of fans in ballparks that rarely saw major league players in person.

Title notwithstanding, *Our Time* begins many years before the 1948 baseball season that brought a World Series victory to the Cleveland Indians. It stretches all the way back to 1936, when a young, hard-throwing pitcher who had not yet graduated from high school made his debut pitching for the Indians. Bob Feller, from Van Meter, Iowa, spent his summer break from school pitching in the major leagues. In that first season he appeared in 14 games and struck out 76 batters in 62 innings. His baseball career would be interrupted by World War II and would not end until 1956 and eventual entry into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Feller's career would intersect with those of the other three subjects of Epplin's baseball chronicle, Bill Veeck, Satchel Paige and Larry Doby.

Bill Veeck is a name recognized by many central Illinois baseball fans. He owned teams in St. Louis and Chicago and brought the White Sox to the 1959 World Series. Along the way he bought the Indians in 1946, boosting attendance to record numbers and building a team that would challenge for an American League pennant. After Jackie Robinson integrated baseball, Veeck brought Larry Doby to the Indians, signing the first Negro player in the American League in 1947. Doby fit the mold that Branch Rickey had cast with Robinson. He was a World War II veteran, multisport athlete and family man. Like Robinson, Doby faced difficulty from players and fans, but he met racism with stoic silence. Ironically, Doby's path to acceptance in Cleveland was eased somewhat by the integration of the Cleveland Browns professional football team. When Doby came to Cleveland, he was welcomed by Browns players Marion Motley and Bill Willis. Doby's first season in Cleveland in 1947 was an abysmal failure. He started the 1948 season wondering if he would even make the team, but he worked hard at improving his game and



OUR TEAM: The Epic Story of Four Men and the World Series that Changed Baseball, by Luke Epplin, Flatiron Books.

earned his way onto the roster.

The 1948 Indians needed pitching in part because Bob Feller was having a bad season. Veeck had the perfect candidate in mind. By 1948, Satchel Paige was somewhere over age 40, had pitched everywhere in North America and was a baseball legend. He had pitched against Bob Feller for years, as well as against many of the great white major league players barnstorming across the country. Signing Paige was viewed by many, including *The Sporting News*, as a publicity stunt. But Paige had a tryout with Cleveland manager Lou Boudreau, who discovered he could still pitch despite having started in baseball when Larry Doby was 2 years old. He was the final piece of the puzzle that made the Indians world champions.

Our Time is a joy to read. If you love baseball, every page includes a tidbit of baseball history that you may or may not know. And if you are simply interested in history and the fight for civil rights in America you also will be moved by the lessons of Luke Epplin's stirring story. □

A lifelong baseball fan, Stuart Shiffman of Springfield reviews books for Illinois Times.



Legendary pitcher Satchel Paige, one of the subjects of the book, worked in Springfield briefly as vice president of the 1978-1982 Springfield Redbirds Triple-A minor league team. Paige is pictured here with Wally Hirstein, the owner of Two Brothers Lounge in Springfield. CREDIT: SANGAMON VALLEY COLLECTION | LINCOLN LIBRARY



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MUSIC

Stowaway has drama, while Together and Easttown are bland

Now Streaming | Chuck Koplinski

Flawed *Stowaway* still manages to impress

Moral dilemmas abound in Joe Penna’s *Stowaway*, a space adventure that’s less about cosmic spectacle and more about various crises of conscience the crew of Hyperion experience as they embark on a two-year mission to Mars. Marina (Toni Collette), Zoe (Anna Kendrick) and David (Daniel Dae Kim) are the trio headed into deep space, taking the first steps in colonizing the Red Planet. And while the launch goes off as planned, trouble soon arises when errant technician Michael (Shamier Anderson) is found unconscious and bleeding. What with the ship’s oxygen and food supply calibrated for three, it soon becomes apparent that while this number may traditionally be considered a crowd, four on a trip to Mars is nearing a mob.

Despite a couple glaring plot holes, the film ends up being an effective exercise in slow-burn tension. The cast of four each have meaty roles, their characters put through the ringer as the situation gets more dire and options for success become fewer, each required to make life-and-death decisions that impact them all. To be sure, *Stowaway* could be narratively tighter, but the drama it contains is top-notch. Be prepared for that last scene. *Streaming on Netflix.*



Joe Penna's *Stowaway*

grows on you, her character developing in interesting, surprising ways. But that’s far too little to maintain any interest in this exercise in tedium. *In theaters.*

Mare of Easttown a dreary mystery

Your ability to sit through the new HBO miniseries, *Mare of Easttown*, will depend on how much joy you get wallowing in other people’s misery. Starring Kate Winslet as the titular police detective in a blue-collar Pennsylvania burg, nearly every character in the show is beset with one tragic circumstance or another. Unemployment is prevalent, as is drug and spousal abuse, while family members dying young is way above the national per capita average. And don’t get me started on the subject of teen pregnancy, which seems to be a rite of passage in this town.

On top of it all, there seems to be a killer on the loose who likes to target teenage girls, and Mare is getting nowhere fast in catching him. Bitter and angry over her circumstances – she’s a single grandma whose son has died, her glory days far in the past – the pressure she’s under from all sides is debilitating. Whether she finds any redemption over the course of the series’ six episodes remains to be seen, but I’m hoping so. Mare and everyone in Easttown sure deserve a break. *Streaming on HBO Max.*

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Why eat fermented foods?

They're good for your gut.

FOOD | Peter Glatz

The COVID-19 has been a major wake-up call. It's made us realize how vulnerable we are. The Spanish Flu pandemic was a hundred years ago. In all the years hence, the advances in modern medicine and pharmacology haven't been able to prevent over 3 million COVID deaths worldwide. This pandemic should be motivating us to accept increased personal responsibility for maintaining our well-being.

A COVID-19 infection is most severe in people over 60 or with chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease and conditions that affect their immune system. Most chronic diseases are a consequence of our modern Western diet of industrialized, processed foods. "Across the world, especially in times of the pandemic, there is a growing consciousness that the multiple energies we are living through have their roots in an unjust, unsustainable industrial-globalized food system," writes Vandana Shiva, world-renowned environmental activist and food sovereignty advocate.

Nearly 70 percent of our immune system is housed in our gastrointestinal tract. While frequent hand washing, masking and social distancing are crucial in preventing the spread of COVID, taking steps to ensure our digestive system is functioning properly is essential to having a good immune response. Our digestive system is home to 100 trillion bacteria, both good and bad. The balance of these bacteria, known as gut microbiota, is affected by diet and medications, especially antibiotics. Anything that can feed good bacteria and keep them plentiful is essential for having a good immune system. The balance of gut bacteria is changing because the microbiomes in our bodies are not regularly replenished the way they were in past generations. This is due to the changes in modern diet – particularly the rise in processed foods. What's resulted is a microbiota that lacks the resilience and diversity required to establish balanced immune responses.

Prebiotics are types of fiber non-digestible by humans, but easily digestible by the beneficial bacteria residing in our guts. Probiotics are substances containing live cultures of beneficial bacteria that repopulate your gut and restore balance to your digestive system. Both are essential for maintaining good health.

Probiotic supplements are being heavily



Local fermenters Joni Colle, Mike Suhadolnik, Frank Ramirez and David Radwine displaying their DIY fermented foods. PHOTO CREDIT: ADRIENNE HAWKINS

marketed and sales are soaring. However, many experts question their effectiveness, and instead recommend naturally fermented foods and beverages as a better option. These include sauerkraut, kimchi, yogurt, kefir, kombucha and kvass. "Supplements labeled as 'prebiotic' or 'probiotic' don't deliver the same benefits as fermented foods," says Cleveland Clinic researcher Gail Cresci. "There are challenges to keeping microbes viable in encapsulated tablets. It's also very, very important to know that each strain of bacteria is not the same as the next. For example, lactobacillus has hundreds of different strains, and each one may behave differently. People like to use supplements because they think one size fits all, but it doesn't."

Fermentation is an age-old process that has long been used to help foods last longer and keep them from spoiling. Fermentation not only boosts the food's shelf life and nutritional value but also gives your body a dose of healthful probiotics. Fermented foods boost the effectiveness of our immune systems. Fermentation also enhances the taste of foods, giving them added complexity.

Adding fermented foods to your diet isn't hard. You can find naturally fermented foods at natural-food stores and many supermarkets. But fermentation is easy and safe to do at home and can be a great money saver. Mike Suhadolnik of Springfield is a 77-year-old CrossFit coach who makes his own sauerkraut on a regular basis. He eats a cup a day and reports that it only costs him \$3 to make 3 quarts, about 12 days' worth. By comparison, the same amount of high-quality naturally fermented sauerkraut from an artisanal producer could retail for as much as \$40.

For the past two years, Mike has been fermenting celery, cabbage, lemons, beets, turnips and cauliflower. He says that 20% of what he eats is fermented. "I want to know exactly what I am eating and that the ingredients have not been pasteurized. Fermented foods are potent foods, incredibly bioavailable." He has become a fermented foods evangelist and several members of the CrossFit Longevity group he coaches have followed suit.

Joni Colle is a nurse at Memorial Hospital who's been fermenting since 2019.

"Fermented foods are the best way of restoring a healthy gut after completing a period of intermittent fasting," Colle says. "I prefer to break an extended fast by first eating some sort of fermented food. The goal is to decrease inflammation and boost the immune system. My love of fruits and vegetables, plus not being a picky eater, has opened up a whole new world of experimenting with a flavorful variety of fermented foods."

David Radwine is a 62-year-old Springfield chef. He always has an assortment of ferments in the works such as sauerkraut, yogurt and beet or ginger kvass. "I've been fermenting for several years now. It's a small investment in time for a large investment in health. My coconut milk yogurt is made with a special probiotic strain called L. reuteri, which supports a healthy GI system. I enjoy the taste of many fermented foods and I feel good knowing I'm eating something healthy to support the good gut bacteria that benefit many aspects of my life."

Frank Ramirez of Springfield, 61, started fermenting his own foods to help reverse his type 2 diabetes and get off insulin. "Although I am not as accomplished as the others fermenting, I've had success with sauerkraut. I've fermented green cabbage, red cabbage, Korean cabbage and made some kimchi. My biggest success has been making my kraut hot. I'm using ghost pepper flakes to achieve taste bud satisfaction – after all, I'm a Ramirez! I enjoy about a cup a day. My health journey is always a work in progress."

Fermenting your own foods and beverages isn't hard and shouldn't be intimidating. Ancient peoples have been doing it for millennia. Ever since the start of the pandemic, I've been living and traveling in a 350-square-foot school bus and I've continuously had kombucha, yogurt, kraut, kimchi and sourdough starter bubbling away in my tiny kitchen. You don't need to purchase any fancy equipment. At minimum, all you need is salt and Mason jars. An inexpensive kitchen scale will help you up your game. Special lids with airlocks will add convenience. In upcoming columns I'll walk you through the steps to begin fermenting your own foods and beverages and share my go-to recipes. □

Peter Glatz welcomes any reader questions about home fermentation. He can be reached at docglatz@gmail.com.

MUSIC

Keep the music coming

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Greetings fellow travelers, as we're coming 'round the bend, heading out of the pandemic parking lot and back onto the highway of how it used to be. Please continue to be diligent in being careful and staying safe so that our adventure may continue, working through the muck and back to solid ground.

As more and more live music gets added each week to our listings, good signs for the road ahead include a couple of new places having music, continued expansion of weeknight gigs and the spring fling precipitation from earlier in the week melting after leaving a few flowers blooming in the snow.

Thursdays are a thing again, and the Curve Inn hosts the Mary Jo Curry Band this week just to prove the point. MJCB released their sophomore album, *Front Porch*, last year in February, just about a month before COVID-19 forced shutdowns. With an upcoming year of promotional gigs canned in a heartbeat, the album still made an extremely good showing on important blues charts that culminated in the group garnering the Sean Costello Rising Star Award from *Blues Blast Music* magazine. From a glance at upcoming dates on the band's website, it looks like Mary Jo and the guys have a good slate of gigs throughout the summer and beyond. Thank goodness for that.

Harvest Market continues to host weekly music upstairs in the mezzanine area above the Farmhouse Restaurant with this week's lineup consisting of Tom Beverly on Friday and Wowie Zowie on Saturday.

Springfield is back with a consistent lineup of rotating cover bands at the top bar venues each Friday and Saturday night, including shows this weekend at Weebles (The Big Suns/Broken Stone), Curve Inn (Off the Wall/Kapital Sound) and Blue Grouch (Deja Voodoo/The Get Down). Extra added treats include Deep Lunar Blue shining down at Danenburgers and Superbad doing the dance floor hits at Long Bridge on Friday, while Saturday delivers Gracia Harrison gettin' on it at Crows Mill Pub and Rockhouse rolling into the latest Koo-Koo's Nest. We welcome Coonrod's back into the live music arena with Jay Larson Band dropping in to the neighborhood bar on North MacArthur this Friday, playing the tunes that need to be played.

Stop by Mowies Cue on Saturday night for a blowout party happening for your pal



Gracia Harrison plays Crows Mill Pub this Saturday night.

and mine, Eddie Stocker, as he's "goin' away for a while," but we all know he will always be around, 'cause Ed Weed ain't no square. Friends are lined up to play, including myself, Positively 4th Street, Tangents, Uncle Jerry's Band and a special reunion show by Murder of Crows.

If you're looking for a road trip, the David Lumsden Band (Dave, Gary Davis and Jim Engel, plus special guest Billy Galt) pop into Pipa's Pub in Champaign on Saturday. Congrats to David for his *Hues of Blues* album jumping back on the blues charts. Good stuff never goes away.

Sundays are rolling once more as a couple of steadfast venues open up to in-person playing. 3Sixteen Wine Bar in Chatham announces the return of regular live music when Dave Littrell begins again on his long-standing, last Sunday of the month gig and Tom Beverly & Geoff Ryan ride out to Trails End in Curran to bring back Sundays in the out of doors space. And in a very good sign of more normal coming on, Boone's Saloon now has an open mic on Wednesdays with your genial hosts, Joel Honey and Silas Tockey, guiding the way to your brilliant performances.

Onward we go toward the merry month of May and more music-making. □

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May 8th
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THE CALENDAR



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HISTORY | An example of fortitude

it From its emergence in early American history to its present-day relevance, the Black church has always served as a safe haven for African Americans – a place to worship together and a place to get motivated to rebuild communities and strive for more enriched lives. To honor the influence African American churches have had in the lives of so many, the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum has created an exhibit highlighting the four oldest African American churches in Springfield, the oldest of which is Zion Baptist Church, founded in 1838 as the Colored Baptist Church. The exhibit contains some original photos and information on each church as presented by several researchers. The nonprofit Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Foundation was founded in 2006 and it opened the museum in 2012. Its mission is to tell authentic stories celebrating and sharing African American history and culture through exhibits, scholarship and programs. spiaahm.org.

THE CALENDAR

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■ Theater & Comedy

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■ Dance

Outdoor ballet performances
Sat., April 24. Performances by the Springfield Youth Ballet Company at 10am and 2pm and performances by the Springfield Ballet Company at 11am and 3pm. Rain date April 25. Limited

seating available and will allow for social distancing. Part of the NEA Big Read: Sangamon County. springfieldballetco.org. Duncan Park, 400 N. MacArthur Blvd., 217-544-1967.

■ History

In Her Footsteps: The Radium Girls of Ottawa, Ill.
Tue., April 27, 6:30-7pm. Erika Holst will discuss the young women who worked at the Radium Dial Company in the 1920s and the fascinating and tragic tale of their quest for justice that forever changed U.S. labor laws. View online at illinoisstatemuseum.org. Free with registration. 217-782-7386.

“Something So Horrible, The Springfield Race Riot of 1908”
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it Tours of the Elijah Iles House

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■ Politics

it Segregation in the Heartland

Wed., April 28, 12-1pm. Featuring reporters Daniel C. Vock and J. Brian Charles, with Brittany Hardaway of WICS Channel 20 moderating. Part of the Confronting Inequities in Springfield Series. Presented by the Citizens Club of Springfield and viewable on their Facebook page or via Zoom at uis.zoom.us.

■ Fundraisers

A Serenade to Spring
Sun., April 25, 6-10pm. Visit ilsymphony.org for more information regarding the dinner, auction items, Fund the Music and the Illinois Symphony Orchestra Sunday at Six performance featuring ISO second flute Amanda Pond, accompanied by pianist Tatiana Shustova. Free. 800-401-7222.

■ Children's Corner

it Dr. Dolittle Day
Sun., April 25. Animal demonstrations and activities. \$7 adults, \$5 ages 3-12. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-585-1821.

■ Nature, Science & Environment

Arbor Week Celebration
Tue., April 27, 3pm. Celebrate spring with the Springfield Urban Forestry Commission and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Illinois. Students will be there with their artwork. There will be a tree give-away and tree planting. In case of rain, the celebration will be held in the gym with the first 70 attendees to arrive. Free. Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Illinois, 300 S. 15th St., 217-544-6084.

Herb and flower seedling sale
Thu., April 22. Call for ordering information or visit the Facebook page for more information. Jubilee Farm, 6760 Old Jacksonville Road, 217-787-6927.

Open House
Sat., April 24, 9:30-11:30am. Open house and garden bed sign up. There is no residency requirement so beds can be rented by anyone. Free. Enos Park Community Garden, 1022 N. Fifth St., 217-747-8337.

Orchid basics workshop
Sat., April 24, 9am-12pm. An open house-style workshop. Bring your own orchid for repotting for a small, \$3-\$6 fee. Free. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

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■ Lectures & Meetings

Struggle for Climate Justice
Thu., April 22, 6:30-8pm. Brandon Derman, assistant professor in the UIS Department of Environmental Studies, will provide an invigorating look at climate inequality and the pathways to resolving it. Part of the NEA Big Read: Sangamon County 2021. Via Zoom. Find more info on Lincoln Library's website. lincolnlibrary.info. Free.

■ Bulletin Board

Life After Loss grief support group
Wednesdays, 1-2pm. Chaplain Ellen Anderson will offer a safe place for people to express their feelings of grief. Learn coping skills, find meaning in life, make new friends and support others who are also experiencing grief. Pre-registration by phone required. COVIC guidelines followed. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

■ Live Music

Mary Jo Curry
Thu., April 22, 6-9pm, Curve Inn.

Deja Voodoo
Fri., April 23, 6:30-10:30pm, The Blue Grouch Pub.

Rickey Meredith
Fri., April 23, 7:30-10:30pm, Boar's Nest, Athens.

Jay Larson Band
Fri., April 23, 7pm, Coonrod's

Off the Wall
Fri., April 23, 6:30-9:30pm, Curve Inn.

Deep Lunar Blue
Fri., April 23, 7-10pm,

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Tom Beverly
Fri., April 23, 6-9pm, Harvest Market.

Superbad
Fri., April 23, 6:30-10:30pm, Long Bridge Golf Course.

The Big Suns
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Tom Irwin, Murder of Crows Tangents, Uncle Jerry's Band
Sat., April 24, 6-10:15pm, Mowies Cue.

Ryman's Way
Sat., April 24, 8pm-12am, Pop's Place, Decatur.

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas
Sat., April 24, 8:30pm-12:30am, Shepp's Bar and Grill, New Berlin.

Broken Stone
Sat., April 24, 6:30pm, Weebles Bar & Grill.

Dave Littrell
Sun., April 25, 4-7pm, 3Sixteen Wine Bar, Chatham.

3's Company
Sun., April 25, 2pm, Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin.

Tom Beverly and Geoff Ryan
Sun., April 25, 5-8pm, Trails End Saloon, Curran.

Orphan Jon
Mon., April 26, 7pm, The Alamo.

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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 10, 2021, Sheriff of
Sangamon County will on 05/25/2021, in the
boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg.,
200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00
AM, sell at public auction and sale to the
highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the
following described real estate mentioned
in said Judgment, situated in the County
of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much
thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said
Judgment:
TAX NO. 22-16.0-230-019
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3325 South 4th
Street
Springfield, IL 62703
Description of Improvements: White vinyl sid-
ing, one story single family home, attached
one car garage
The Judgment amount was \$128,122.75.
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for
"CASH". The successful bidder must
deposit 10% down by certified funds; bal-
ance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO
REFUNDS.
The subject property is subject to general real
estate taxes, special assessments or special
taxes levied against said real estate, water
bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any
representation as to quality or quantity of title
and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is
further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the
purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale,
which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to
the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection.
Prospective bidders are admonished to check
the court file to verify all information.
The successful purchaser has the sole
responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants
or other individuals presently in possession of
the subject premises.
If this property is a condominium unit, the
purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure
sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the
assessments and the legal fees required by
The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS
605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-
OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN
POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF
AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For Information: Visit our website at <http://ifloresclosuresales.mrpilc.com>.
Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla
Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attor-
neys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago,
IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please
refer to file# 20-04267IL
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.
I3166959

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCE-
SOR BY MERGER TO U.S. BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, N.D.,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
HELEN M KERN A/K/A HELEN KERN;
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS,
DEFENDANTS.
NO. 20 CH 000029
3714 PET CEMETERY ROAD SPRINGFIELD,
IL 62707
JUDGE
PRESIDING JUDGE
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT
OF FORECLOSURE
UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
ACT
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursu-
ant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale
entered by the Court in the above entitled
cause on April 7, 2021, Sheriff of Sangamon
County will on 05/25/2021, in the boardroom
of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th
St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell at
public auction and sale to the highest bidder
for cash, all and singular, the following de-
scribed real estate mentioned in said Judg-
ment, situated in the County of Sangamon,
State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall
be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:
TAX NO. 15-30.0-402-009
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3714 Pet Cemetery
Road
Springfield, IL 62707
Description of Improvements: White alumi-
num siding, one story single family home,
attached two car garage
The Judgment amount was \$86,659.12.
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for
"CASH". The successful bidder must
deposit 10% down by certified funds; bal-
ance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO
REFUNDS.
The subject property is subject to general real
estate taxes, special assessments or special
taxes levied against said real estate, water
bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any
representation as to quality or quantity of title
and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is
further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the
purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale,
which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to
the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection.
Prospective bidders are admonished to check
the court file to verify all information.
The successful purchaser has the sole
responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants
or other individuals presently in possession of
the subject premises.
If this property is a condominium unit, the
purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure
sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the
assessments and the legal fees required by
The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS
605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-
OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN
POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF
AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
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Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla
Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attor-
neys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago,
IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please
refer to file# 20-03850IL
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.
I3167297

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PINGORA LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Plaintiff,
-v.-
SCOTT A. GENTRY A/K/A SCOTT GENTRY,
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD
CLAIMANTS
Defendant
2020CH000145
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursu-
ant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale
entered in the above cause on December 30,
2020, the Sheriff of Sangamon County will at
9:00 AM on May 4, 2021, at the Sangamon
County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street,
SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public auction
to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth
below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 45 BOURBAKI ROAD,
NEW BERLIN, IL 62670
Property Index No. 20-19.0-378-036
The real estate is improved with a single
family residence.
The judgment amount was \$132,440.32.
Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by
certified funds at the close of the auction; the
balance, including the Judicial sale fee for
Abandoned Residential Property Municipality
Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential
real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000
or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the
purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified
funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours.
The subject property is subject to general real
estate taxes, special assessments, or special
taxes levied against said real estate and is
offered for sale without any representation
as to quality or quantity of title and without
recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.
The sale is further subject to confirmation
by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the
purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale
that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the
real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection
and plaintiff makes no representation as to
the condition of the property. Prospective
bidders are admonished to check the court
file to verify all information.If this property
is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the
unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a
mortgagee shall pay the assessments and
the legal fees required by The Condominium
Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
If this property is a condominium unit which
is part of a common interest community,
the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure
sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the
assessments required by The Condominium
Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1).
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OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN
POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF
AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney:
Alexander Potestivo, POTESTIVO & ASSOCI-
ATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE
610, Chicago, IL, 60606, (312) 263-0003.
Please refer to file number 311119. E-Mail:
ilpleadings@potestivolaw.com
Case # 2020CH000145
I3166846

PUBLIC NOTICES

In The Circuit Court
For The Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois
Sangamon County, Springfield, Illinois
ESTATE OF
STANLEY EDWARD DICKIRSON, Deceased
Case No. 2021-P-161
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of STANLEY
EDWARD DICKIRSON. Letters of office
were issued on March 18, 2021 to VAN T.
NGUYEN 1304 n. 3rd Street, Springfield, IL
62702 as Administrator whose attorney is
William T. Panichi 843 South Fifth Street,
Springfield, IL 62703
Claims against the estate may be filed in
the office of the clerk of court, Sangamon
Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or
with the representative, or both, within 6
months from the date of the first publica-
tion 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 10 days after it has
been filed.
Dated this 31 day of MARCH, 2021.
Name: William T. Panichi
Attorney for: Van T. Nguyen
Address: 843 South Fifth Street
City: Springfield, IL 62703
Telephone: (217) 753-1596

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
ROBERT W. LUCASSEN, Deceased.
NO. 2021-P-185
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Robert W.
Lucassen of Sangamon County, Illinois.
Letters of Office were issued on March 31,
2021, to Lisa Pierce, 15850 Downing Road,
Waverly, Illinois 62692, as Executor, whose
attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee,
Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield,
Illinois 62705.
Claims against the estate may be filed in
the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court
at the Sangamon County Complex, 200
South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois
62701 or with the representative or both,
on or before October 8, 2021, and any
claim not filed on or before that date is
barred. Copies of a claim filed with the
Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the
representative and to the attorney within
10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 31st day of March, 2021.
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705
(217) 544-4868
bsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF
BARRY J. LOCHER, Deceased
Case No. 2021-P-172
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of BARRY J.
LOCHER, Letters of Office were issued
on March
26, 2021 to DEBRA D. LOCHER, 1508
Noble Ave., Springfield, IL as Independent
Executor whose
attorney is Donald M. Craven, 1005 N. 7th
Street, Springfield, IL, 62702.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in
the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court,
Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield,

Illinois 62701, or with the Representative,
or both,
within 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 of the Circuit Court must be
mailed or
delivered to the Representative and to
the attorney within 10 days after it has
been filed.
/s/ Donald M. Craven
Donald M. Craven (#6180492)
Attorney for Independent Executor
Donald M. Craven, P.C.
1005 North Seventh Street
Springfield, IL 62702
Telephone: (217) 544-1777
Facsimile: (217) 544-0713

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARILYN LOUISE SCOTT, Deceased
NO. 2021-P-187
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of
Marilyn Louise Scott, Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on April 6,
2021 to Jonathan G. McCune, 4231 Bissell
Road, Springfield, IL 62707, as Indepen-
dent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory
P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP,
1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in
the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court,
Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth
Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the
Representative, or both, on or before the
18th day of October, 2021 or three months
from the date the Representative mailed or
delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is
later. Any claim not filed within that period
is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the
Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the
Representative and to the attorney within
10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 6th day of April, 2021.
Gregory P. Sgro
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DONNA J. FRITCHMAN, Deceased
NO. 2021-P-195
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of
Donna J. Fritchman, Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on April
6, 2021, to Timothy C. Lonergan, 46 W.
Fairview, Springfield, IL 62711, and John
M. Bozis, 1115 N. First Street, Montrose,
CO 81401, as Independent Co-Executors,
whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro,
Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S.
Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims
against the Estate may be filed in the
Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court,
Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth
Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the
Representative, or both, on or before the
18th day of October, 2021, 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 6th day of April, 2021.
Gregory P. Sgro
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
CHARLES P. GOOD, Deceased
NO. 2021-P-211
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of
Charles P. Good, Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on April
15, 2021 to James C. Good, 4391 Mary
Lane, Riverton, IL 62561 as Independent
Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P.
Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP,
1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in
the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court,
Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth
Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the
Representative, or both, on or before the
25th day of October, 2021, or three months
from the date the Representative mailed or
delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is
later. Any claim not filed within that period
is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the
Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the
Representative and to the attorney within
10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 15th day of April, 2021.
Gregory P. Sgro
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DAVID A. DONAKER, Deceased
NO. 2021-P-213
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of
David A. Donaker, Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on April 15,
2021, to Nicole Sparrow, 16 Ryan Drive,
Bloomington, IL 61701, as Independent
Administrator, whose attorney is Gregory P.
Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, & Rabin, LLP,
1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in
the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court,
Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth
Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the
Representative, or both, on or before the
25th of October, 2021, or three months
from the date the Representative mailed or
delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is
later. Any claim not filed within that period
is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the
Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the
Representative and to the attorney within
10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 15th day of April, 2021
Gregory P. Sgro
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARY K. RICHNO, Deceased
NO. 2021-P -214
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of
Mary K. Richno, Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on April
15, 2021, to Ralph A. Richno, 2737 E.

Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 25th day of October, 2021, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 15th day of April, 2021. Gregory P. Sgro
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF
JERROLD CALVIN JOHNSON, Deceased.
Case No. 2021-P-91
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Jerrold Calvin Johnson. Letters of Office were issued on February 16, 2021, to Enrico D. Johnson of 612 E. Ave. 14, Lancaster, PA 93535, as Executor, and whose attorney is JAMES R. ENLOW of GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL, 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL, 62703.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
Dated this 15th day of April, 2021.
James R. Enlow (#6199891)
GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL
Attorneys at Law
1231 South Eighth Street Springfield, IL 62703
Telephone: (217) 522-9010
Facsimile: (217) 522-9020 Email: jim@gwspc.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of: Lois Ann Schultz, Deceased
No. 2021-P-152
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE
Notice is given of the death of Lois Ann Schultz, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on March 18, 2021, to Kevin E. Schultz, 412 Windamere Drive, Sherman, Illinois, 62684, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.
Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Lois Ann Schultz of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Kevin E. Schultz and Craig N. Schultz as the only heirs of Lois Ann Schultz.
The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act, 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court,

Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By:
Sarah Delano Pavlik – 6269250
DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC
Attorney for Executor
One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Telephone: 217-544-2703
Fax: 217-544-4664
sdpavlik@delanolaw.com

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION OF STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA PITT COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION File No.: 21 CVD 848 Kumaraswamy Guttalu Krishnamurthy Rao v. Bhargavi Sujani Chinthamani
To Defendant Ms. Bhargavi Sujani Chinthamani; Take notice that a complaint seeking relief against you has been filed for Absolute Divorce in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court in Pitt County, State of North Carolina on March 26, 2021. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than May 18, 2021 (40 days after the date of the first publication of notice), and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for relief sought. This, the 8th date of April, 2021. Ashley-Nicole Russell, Attorney for Plaintiff NCSB: 43140 112 South Pitt Street Greenville, NC 27834 Phone: (252)702-4376.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Alexis Grant, Petitioner
and
Bruce Grant, Respondent
Case No. 2020-D-669
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you Bruce Grant, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 8th day of May, 2021 a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Paul Palazzolo
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Tammy J. Phillips, Petitioner
and
Jason R. Phillips, Respondent
Case No. 2020-D-487
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you Jason R. Phillips, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the

22nd day of May, 2021 a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Paul Palazzolo
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Christopher Harris, Petitioner
and
Gelonne Harris, Respondent
Case No. 2021-D-119
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you Gelonne Harris, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 22nd day of May, 2021 a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Paul Palazzolo
Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Quantavion Semaj Hymon
For change of name to
Quantavion Semaj Morris
Case No.: 2020-MR-256
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on May 25, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Quantavion Semaj Hymon to Quantavion Semaj Morris pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: April 8, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Chase Douglas Marshall
For change of name to
Chase Douglas White
Case No.: 2021-MR-350
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on May 25, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Chase Douglas Marshall to Chase Marshall White pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: April 8, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Isabella Paige Solano
For change of name to
Benjamin Perseus Reid Solano
Case NO.: 2021-MR-262
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on May 11, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Isabella Paige Solano to Benjamin Perseus Reid Solano pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: March 25, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of

Ashlyn Breanne Smith
For change of name to
Jesse Michael Imbody
Case No.: 2021-MR-333
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on June 8, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Ashlyn Breanne Smith to Jesse Michael Imbody pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: April 15, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Aaron Kent Bryant
For change of name to
Aaron Kent Stapleton
Case No.: 2021-MR-299
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on June 8, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Aaron Kent Bryant to Aaron Kent Stapleton pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: April 15, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Yolanda Atoka Sample
For change of name to
Yolanda Atoka Barnes
Case No.: 2021-MR-433
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on June 8, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Yolanda Atoka Sample to Yolanda Atoka Barnes pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: April 22, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Charles Traheone Reynolds
For change of name to
Charles Traheone Rivers
Case No.: 21-MR-256
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on April 27, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Charles Traheone Reynolds to Charles Traheone Rivers pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: April 22, 2021

21-094384
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
MIDFIRST BANK
PLAINTIFF,
-vs-
EDWARD A. ESELA; MARY ESELA, PLENARY GUARDIAN OF THE ESTATE AND PERSON OF EDWARD ESELA, A DISABLED ADULT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS DEFENDANTS
NO. 21 CH 16
PUBLICATION NOTICE
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you Edward A. Esela; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Unknown Occupants.
Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, by the said Plaintiff against you and other

defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:
THE SOUTH 210 FEET OF LOT TEN (10) IN BLOCK NINE (9) OF YATES' SECOND ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF NEW BERLIN. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 716 East Birch Street, New Berlin, IL 62670
Permanent Index No.: 20-20.0-377-042 and which said Mortgage was made by Edward A. Esela Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Irwin Mortgage Corporation as Mortgagee, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, Document No. 2002R28366.
And for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the suit is now pending.
Now therefore, unless you, the said above named defendants, e-file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, on or before the 30th day after the first publication of this notice which is May 10, 2021. Default may be entered against you at any time after that day 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 https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.
Clerk
LOGS Legal Group LLP
Attorney for Plaintiff
2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301
Bannockburn, IL 60015
(847) 291-1717
ILNOTICES@logs.com
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
MARK C PAINTER; JACOB PAINTER A/K/A JACOB KNEER A/K/A JACOB M KNEER A/K/A JACOB M PAINTER; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 19 CH 000394
3325 SOUTH 4TH STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703
JUDGE
PRESIDING JUDGE
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE
UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on March 10, 2021, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 05/25/2021, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701,

at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:
ALL OF LOT FOUR (4), AND THE SOUTH 20 FEET OF LOT THREE (3) IN BLOCK NINE (9) OF GOLDEN GARDENS ADDITION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 18, 20, 24, 25 AND 26 OF COUNTY CLERK'S SUBDIVISION OF PARTS OF SECTIONS 9, 10, 15 AND 16, IN TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.
EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY.
TAX NO. 22-16.0-230-019
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3325 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
Description of Improvements: White vinyl siding, one story single family home, attached one car garage
The Judgment amount was \$128,122.75.
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://ilforeclosuresales.mrpilc.com.
Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 20-042671L
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.
I3166959

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

SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, N.D,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
HELEN M KERN A/K/A HELEN KERN;
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
DEFENDANTS.
NO. 20 CH 000029
3714 PET CEMETERY ROAD SPRINGFIELD, IL 62707
JUDGE
PRESIDING JUDGE
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE
UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLO-SURE ACT
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on April 7, 2021, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 05/25/2021, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:
PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; DESCRIBED MORE PARTICULARLY AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 30, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE QUARTER SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 13.15 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF ROUTE 36, SAID POINT BEING THE BEGINNING OF A 1432.69 FOOT RADIUS NONTANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT WHOSE CENTER BEARS SOUTH 40 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST, THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CENTERLINE CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 04 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 36 SECONDS A DISTANCE OF 114.02 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 44 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF ROUTE 36 A DISTANCE OF 198.34 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 208.65 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 153.33 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 359.55 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF ROUTE 36, THENCE NORTH 44 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 21 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE A DISTANCE OF 215.13 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID TRACT CONTAINS 1.00 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, ALL IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS, BASIS OF BEARING IS NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE QUARTER SECTION LINE. SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.
TAX NO. 15-30.0-402-009
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3714 Pet Cemetery Road
Springfield, IL 62707
Description of Improvements: White aluminum siding, one story single family home, attached two car garage
The Judgment amount was \$86,659.12.
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://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.
Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 20-03850IL
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.
I3167297

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC V.
MICHAEL DIAZ, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF BRADLEY J. SELVAGGIO, DECEASED; ASHLEIGH MCDERMOTT; LEIGH MCDERMOTT; EVAN PRATHER; ANTHONY SELVAGGIO; GARY SELVAGGIO; BANK OF SPRINGFIELD; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BRADLEY J. SELVAGGIO, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD, Defendants
No.: 20-CH-102
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU: Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Bradley J. Selvaggio, that on February 10, 2021, an Order was entered by the Court naming Michael J. Diaz, 102 E. Main St., Greenville, IL 62246, Telephone No. (618) 664-1872, as the Special Representative of the above named decedent under 735 ILCS 5/13-209 (Death of a Party). The cause of action is for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage upon the premises commonly known as 27 Monica Court, Springfield, IL 62702.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PINGORA LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff,
-v-
SCOTT A. GENTRY A/K/A SCOTT GENTRY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant
2020CH000145
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on De-

cember 30, 2020, the Sheriff of Sangamon County will at 9:00 AM on May 4, 2021, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
LOT ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) IN WINDROW SUBDIVISION, PLAT NO. 3. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 45 BOURBAKI ROAD, NEW BERLIN, IL 62670
Property Index No. 20-19.0-378-036
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$132,440.32.
Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (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, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Alexander Potestivo, POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL. 60606, (312) 263-0003.
Please refer to file number 311119. E-Mail: ipleadings@potestivolaw.com
Case # 2020CH000145
I3166846

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
RITA DUNHAM, AS TRUSTEE OF THE RITA DUNHAM TRUST 11-2013, JICTB INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
No. 21-MR-388
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to Rita Dunham, as Trustee of the Rita Dunham Trust 11-2013, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that a Complaint for Demolition was filed in the above-named Court on April 5, 2021, and is

now pending.
The common address of the structure which is subject to demolition is 2160 S. 15th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, and said real estate is legally described as: Lot Seventeen (17) of Spauldings 2nd Capitol Addition.
PIN: 22-03.0-426-017.
The name of the title holder of record of said real estate is: Rita Dunham, as Trustee of the Rita Dunham Trust 11-2013.
NOW THEREFORE, unless Rita Dunham, as Trustee of the Rita Dunham Trust 11-2013, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants file an answer to the Complaint for Demolition in this cause or otherwise file an appearance therein in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before May 15, 2021, a default judgment may be entered at any time after that day and an Order for Demolition may be entered in accordance with the relief requested in the Complaint for Demolition.
/s/ Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County
Prepared by: James K. Zerkle, Corporation Counsel
Kevin Barnai, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Attorneys for Plaintiff
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Springfield, IL 62701-1653
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
UNION SQUARE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP as Beneficiary of Trust Number 63906, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
No. 21-MR-421
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that a Complaint for Demolition was filed in the above-named Court on April 9, 2021, and is now pending.
The common address of the structure which is subject to demolition is 2716 Poplar Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62702, and said real estate is legally described as:
Parcel 1:
Part of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 35, in Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the West line of said Half Quarter Section 873.04 feet South of a stone at the Northwest Corner of said Half Quarter Section and running thence East 238.70 feet; thence South 82 feet; thence East 345 feet; thence South 183 feet; thence South 56 degrees and 28 minutes East 305.92 feet to a point which is 1307.4 feet South and 838.70 feet East of said stone at the Northwest corner of said Half Quarter Section; thence South 34 degrees, 22 minutes West 116.74 feet to a point which is 1405.40 feet South and 772.80 feet East of said stone; thence Southeastwardly along a curve to the right with a radius of 768 feet a distance of 143.95 feet to a point which is 1504.76 feet South and 876.96 feet East of said stonel thence South 40 degrees 20 minutes East 63.48 feet to a poin which is 1553.04 feet South and 917.97 feet East of said stone; thence South 19 degrees 24 minutes East 66.37 feet; thence Southwardly along a curve to the right with a radius of 421.25 feet a distance of 217.87 feet to a point which is 1830.81 feet South and 956.55

feet East of said stone; thence Southwardly along a curve to the left with a radius of 357.89 feet a distance of 188.75 feet to a point which is 2016.60 feet South and 972.48 feet East of said stone; thence South 19 degrees 58 minutes East 90.68 feet to a point which is 2101.83 feet South and 1003.56 feet East of said stone; thence South 52 degrees and 09 minutes West 5.28 feet; thence South 19 degrees 58 minutes East 121.53 feet to a point which is 2219.27 feet South and 1040.89 feet East of said stone; thence Eastwardly and Southwardly along a curve to the right with a radius of 40 feet and the center point of which curve is 2256.89 feet South and 1054.41 feet East of said stone, 107.67 feet to a point which is 2284.81 feet South and 1083.05 feet East of said stone; thence South 45 degrees and 44 minutes East 114.02 feet, more or less, to a point in the Westerly line of the right-of-way of the Illinois Terminal Road, which point is 2364.04 feet South and 1164.70 feet East of said stone and is 120 feet Northeastwardly from the intersection of said right-of-way line with the Northerly line of Rochester Road; thence Southerwesterly alon said right-of-way line 120 feet to the Northerly line of Rochester Road; thence Northwesterly along the Notherly line of Rochester Road 1284.34 feet, more or less, to its intersection with the West line of said Half Quarter Section, and thence North along the West line of said Half Quarter Section 934.97 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 23.33 acres, more or less.
Parcel 2:
Lot 31 of Garden Manor Addition No. 1, Springfield, Illinois.
PIN: 14-35.0-476-002.
The name of the title holder of record of said real estate is: American National Bank and Trust Company, as Trustee under the provisions of a certain Trust, and known as Trust Number 63906.
NOW THEREFORE, unless Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants file an answer to the Complaint for Demolition in this cause or otherwise file an appearance therein in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before May 22, 2021, a default judgment may be entered at any time after that day and an Order for Demolition may be entered in accordance with the relief requested in the Complaint for Demolition.
/s/ Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County
Prepared by: James K. Zerkle
Corporation Counsel
Kateah McMasters, ARDC #6309668
Assistant Corporation Counsel
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
WILLIAM GRANT as Heir at Law of Lola F. Grant, MARGIE GARREN as Heir at Law of Lola F. Grant, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LOLA F. GRANT, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, JICTB INC., SANGAMON COUNTY AS TRUSTEE OF TAXING DISTRICTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
No. 21-MR-422
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is

hereby given to William Grant as Heir at Law of Lola F. Grant, Margie Garren as Heir at Law of Lola F. Grant, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Lola F. Grant, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that a Complaint for Demolition was filed in the above-named Court on April 9, 2021, and is now pending.
The common address of the structure which is subject to demolition is 2809 Poplar Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, and said real estate is legally described as: Tract Seventeen (17) of Plat of Survey of part of the EastHalf of the Southeast Quarter of Section Thirty-give (35), Township Sixteen (16) North, Range Five (5), West of the ThirdPrincipal Meridian, as shown by Survey in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Illinois, Entry No. 238289 in Book 15 of Plats, Page 37. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
PIN: 14-35.0-478-017.
The names of the title holders of record of said real estate are: Myron R. Grant and Lola F. Grant.
NOW THEREFORE, unless William Grant as Heir at Law of Lola F. Grant, Margie Garren as Heir at Law of Lola F. Grant, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Lola F. Grant, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants file an answer to the Complaint for Demolition in this cause or otherwise file an appearance therein in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before May 22, 2021, a default judgment may be entered at any time after that day and an Order for Demolition may be entered in accordance with the relief requested in the Complaint for Demolition.
/s/ Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County
Prepared by: James K. Zerkle
Corporation Counsel
Kateah McMasters, ARDC #6309668
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of:
JACOB C. WALKER,
A Minor.
NO. 2021-P-138
GUARDIANSHIP NOTICE
To: Marvin Meyer, Jr. whose address is unknown
Take notice that a Petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, for the appointment of a guardian of Jacob C. Walker, a Minor. Now, therefore, unless you and all whom it may concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before the 17th day of May, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and an order entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition. Dated this 22nd day of March, 2021.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Matthew J. Cate - 06272040
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705-0079 217/544-4868
matthewcate@barberlaw.com
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Richard J. Williams, Petitioner
and
Britney M. Lunsford, Respondent
Case No. 2021-F-112
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you Britney M. Lunsford, Re-
spondent herein, that this cause has been
commenced and you are summoned to a
child custody 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 13th
Day of May, 2021, a judgment or decree by
default may be taken against you for the
relief asked in the complaint.
Paul Palazzolo
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Alantria C. Mackey, Petitioner
vs.
Kanisha Mahr, Respondent
Case No: 2021-OP-188
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Kanisha Mahr, this cause has been com-
menced against you in this Court asking for
an Order of Protection. Unless you file your
Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in
this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk
of Sangamon County, Sangamon County
Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405,
Springfield, Illinois, on or before May 27,
2021, a judgment or decree by default may
be taken against you for the relief asked in
the complaint.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Court
Date: April 15, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Hilda Reyes, Petitioner
vs.
George C. Williams, Respondent
Case No: 2021-OP-176
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
George C. Williams, this cause has been
commenced against you in this Court
asking for an Order of Protection. Unless
you file your Answer or otherwise file your
Appearance in this cause in the Office
of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County,
Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth
St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or
before May 13, 2021, a judgment or decree
by default may be taken against you for the
relief asked in the complaint.
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Jazmin Kinsella, Petitioner
vs.
Rodney Neal Willis, Respondent
Case No: 2021-OP-56
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Rodney Neal Willis, this cause has been
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Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth
St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Jeff Cleeton, Petitioner
vs.
Jason Batchelor, Respondent
Case No: 2021-OP-133
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Jason Batchelor, this cause has been com-
menced against you in this Court asking for
an Order of Protection. Unless you file your
Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in
this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk
of Sangamon County, Sangamon County
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Springfield, Illinois, on or before May 13,
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Nicole A. Copelin, Petitioner
vs.
Tyler L. Schultz, Respondent
Case No: 2020-OP-2307
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Tyler L. Schultz, this cause has been com-
menced against you in this Court asking for
an Order of Protection. Unless you file your
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Thomas Hamilton, Petitioner
vs.
Leo Berry, Respondent
Case No: 2020-OP-2393
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Leo Berry, this cause has been commenced
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Skiing stuff Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 685

Across

1. Word that could precede the first word of the starred answers

5. Be-boppers

9. Eye drop

13. Toll road

14. Symphony member

15. ___-loading

16. Fair-sized garden

17. *** Red state?

19. Harvests

21. Having a pointy beard

22. Hosp. areas

23. "Ah, me!"

26. Blue

27. Kind of exam

28. Financing abbr.

29. Deficiency

32. Chuck

35. Reply to "Shall we?"

37. ___ hammer on (pounds)

39. *** Estimates

42. Barfly's seat

43. "I ___ you!"

44. Backside

45. Attention-getter

46. Battleship letters

48. Brews

50. Letters of sizes

51. Fr. holy women

52. ___-fi

55. Mobile home?

58. Begin

60. *** Sancerre and Sylvander

63. ___ vera

64. Canadian lout

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12.

13. 14. 15.

16. 17. 18.

19. 20. 21.

22. 23. 24. 25. 26.

27. 28. 29. 30. 31.

32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38.

39. 40. 41.

42. 43. 44.

45. 46. 47. 48. 49.

50. 51. 52. 53. 54.

55. 56. 57. 58. 59.

60. 61. 62. 63.

64. 65. 66.

67. 68. 69.

65. Dance bit

66. 500 sheets

67. Chooses

68. ___ Lee cakes

69. Fast fliers

Down

1. Extra

2. More upscale

3. Gumbo vegetables

4. Break down

5. Corn holder

6. Attorneys' org.

7. Hammer's partner

8. Zaire's Mobuto Sese ___

9. Not live

10. Art Deco master

11. Opening run

12. Mr. Rogers

15. Dance

18. Coarse file

20. Mediterranean isl.

24. ___ land

25. Advisories

27. ___ Fjord

28. "___ as a pancake"

29. "Chicago" star, 2002

30. Fishing, perhaps

31. After the hour

32. Cook's meas.

33. Feedbag fill

34. Coin opening

36. Fight-ending letters

38. Figure (out)

40. Leak fixer

41. Doing nothing

47. Cole ___

49. Double curve

50. Fills up

51. Seasonal visitor

52. Corporate department

53. Zagreb native

54. Agenda entries

55. "___, a skip..."

56. "Schindler's ___"

57. Failure

59. Sailors

60. One of the five W's

61. Always, in verse

62. Day ___

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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| H | E | A | R | T | Y | B | R | E | A | K | F | A | S | T |
| O | O | D | | T | A | B | O | R | | F | A | R | M | E |
| | | | | | P | O | W | E | R | | F | R | O | |
| C | O | C | O | O | N | | D | R | A | S | T | I | C | |
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| | | | | H | A | S | | M | I | A | M | I | | |
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Crossword answers from #684

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

Sudoku answers from #684

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| 3 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| 1 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| 6 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| 5 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 2 |
| 2 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 3 |

JoshJosh answers from #684

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 685

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.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| 6 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| 4 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 2 |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 6 |
| 2 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 5 |

Difficulty hard

Sudoku No. 685

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

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

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