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City weighs whether to regulate “backyard breeders”

Shelters have seen an influx of unwanted pets since the pandemic

ANIMAL WELFARE | Dean Olsen

Anyone breeding dogs and cats for sale in Springfield would have to register with the city as part of an effort to reduce the number of unwanted animals ending up in the Sangamon County Animal Control Center.

An ordinance proposed by Ward 8 Ald. Erin Conley is designed to give city officials information about the number of “backyard breeders” of animals – mainly dogs – and promote responsible breeding practices in this unregulated, underground and often-lucrative industry.

“We have no idea how many people are breeding in our community,” Conley said at the council’s March 27 committee of the whole meeting. “We don’t know what numbers they’re producing. We have no idea how the pipeline works. We have no handle on it.”

It’s unclear whether the ordinance will pass. Several council members said they hadn’t heard complaints about backyard breeders before and were unaware of the problem.

Alderspersons Chuck Redpath of Ward 1, Larry Rockford of Ward 4, Brad Carlson of Ward 7, Jim Donelan of Ward 9 and Ralph Hanauer of Ward 10 specifically said they doubted such an ordinance was needed or would address the problems of unscrupulous breeders and unwanted pets.

“We have bigger fish to fry,” Rockford said.

Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams Jr. said he worried how much city staff time would be required to maintain the registration system and crack down on violators.

Supporters of the proposal said council members may not be familiar with the animal overpopulation problem unless they have visited the animal control center or the



Jeanne Keenan, director of operations at the Sangamon County Animal Control Center, petting one of the dogs that was being housed at the center April 22.

PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

nonprofit Animal Protective League shelter in Springfield.

Conley has delayed a council vote on her ordinance for at least several weeks while the issue is studied. She said she got the idea for it after talking with animal welfare groups and county officials.

The proposal would require a \$100-per-year registration fee for breeders of one or more animals, though Conley said she is willing to adjust the final proposal to reduce or eliminate the fee. Breeders violating the

ordinance could be cited and face potential fines of \$100 to \$500.

Springfield resident Marc Ayers, Illinois director for the Humane Society of the United States and a Sangamon County Board member representing District 12, told the council he supports Conley’s proposal because there are many backyard breeders whose main interest is the hundreds to thousands of dollars they can receive for each puppy.

These dog breeders are different from the breeders of five or more females who pay \$350 annually for state licenses, Ayers said.

Backyard breeders often wear out their breeding females, produce too many puppies and don’t go through the time and expense to get the puppies shots, microchips or sterilization procedures, Ayers said.

The breeders also tend not to interview potential buyers for suitability and won’t take back any animals, he said. As a result, some of the animals become strays and are picked up by animal control or surrendered by owners to shelters, Ayers said.

An ordinance would put backyard breeders “on notice” that there is some oversight and pave the way for future

regulations and educational efforts to encourage better conduct, Ayers said.

“They are pumping our system full of dogs,” he said. “The goal is to stop this spigot a little bit.”

Ayers said he would like the County Board to adopt a countywide breeder registration system. However, he said he was told by the board’s legal counsel that the county government doesn’t have the right under Illinois law to adopt such a system.

There’s no dispute Springfield city government could start such a system because of the City Council’s home-rule powers.

“This is the first step to begin wrapping ourselves around this problem,” Ayers said. “This ordinance is a huge step in the right direction.”

Ayers, a Democrat on the Republican-controlled County Board, said he was frustrated by Sangamon County’s interpretation of state law. Whiteside County, about 200 miles north of Sangamon County, adopted a dog breeder registration ordinance in 2018 that is similar to, and in some ways broader than, the one proposed for Springfield, he said.

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Editor’s note

It’s great that the decline of local news has gotten attention lately, and that foundations, universities and government task forces are spending money on the problem. But the more proposals that are offered, the more obvious it becomes that nobody has found a solution. Nonprofit journalism is one idea, but earlier this month Chicago Public Media announced layoffs at WBEZ, Chicago’s NPR affiliate, amid declining fundraising, listenership and philanthropic support. Statewide, NPR affiliates are suffering financially as the full effects of government and university cutbacks are being felt. News “deserts” are being identified, particularly in deep southern Illinois, but no news startups are rushing to areas with few people and little money. Northwestern University claims to be “changing the face of local news” by helping five news outlets to succeed in business. All five are in the desert called Chicago. —Fletcher Farrar, editor

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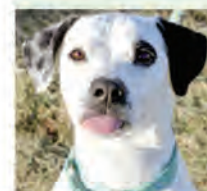
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Parking on the east side of this section of Fourth Street, in front the Springfield Art Association campus, will be prohibited once it becomes two-way.

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A new direction

Portions of one-way streets to become two-way

TRAFFIC | Dean Olsen

Sections of Adams and Fourth streets will transition from one-way to two-way from May 6 through May 10 as part of what Springfield officials called “ongoing efforts to improve traffic flow and enhance safety in our community.”

The conversion also will include the installation of a new option – reverse-angle, back-in parking – in a two-block area on the south side of Adams Street in the downtown area. Between 20 and 30 slots will be designated as such.

“This change is designed to increase parking efficiency and reduce the risk of accidents when entering and exiting parking spaces,” according to a news release from the city.

As weather permits, new striping will be installed shortly before Fourth Street changes to two-way from South Grand Avenue to Dodge Street, and Adams changes to two-way between Sixth and Ninth streets.

Drivers and pedestrians are “urged to exercise additional caution when traveling in the referenced areas,” the news release says. “When approaching and entering intersections and driveways, please watch for vehicles and pedestrians that may be unaware of the new traffic directions.”

The new two-way sections will be divided by double-yellow lines indicating that passing is prohibited, according to

T.J. Heavisides, the city’s traffic engineer.

The changes will come a few months before a planned computer software upgrade that will better coordinate downtown traffic signals so drivers encounter fewer successive red lights, Heavisides said. The current software began to fail in 2015, he said.

The entire project will be coordinated by Egizii Electric. The Springfield-based company was awarded a \$4.6 million contract by the City Council in August 2022.

The transition to two-way streets is designed to promote economic activity by making it easier to navigate downtown streets, he said.

Additional traffic signals have been installed, and numerous signs will be installed or removed as part of the transition.

Reverse-angle back-in parking, which will replace the current head-in parking, is potentially safer for people entering and exiting cars, Heavisides said. In addition, he said cars parked in the back-in spaces face fewer risks of collisions with other vehicles as they exit.

Additional one-way streets may be converted to two-way after railroad traffic is transferred from the Third Street to the 10th Street rail corridor over the next few years, he said.

After Fourth Street becomes two-

way, on-street parking on the east side of Fourth Street between Union and Dodge streets in the Enos Park neighborhood will be prohibited because the street will be too narrow to safely accommodate traffic when the street is striped, Heavisides said.

Lou Bart, spokesperson for the Springfield YMCA, said the nonprofit secured additional parking spaces in the past year near its downtown branch at 601 N. Fourth St., so the impending loss of parking on Fourth Street isn’t a big concern.

A bigger concern, he said, is that patrons won’t look both ways before crossing Fourth as they walk to and from their cars in nearby parking lots. The Y will erect outdoor signs soon to reinforce the need for caution when crossing, he said.

The current setup of mostly one-way streets in downtown Springfield began to be put in place in the late 1940s as a way of relieving traffic congestion.

The switch back is motivated by an effort to revive the downtown as a shopping, gathering and residential area, Heavisides said. □

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Backyard breeders

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Cheryl Lee, chief executive officer of the Whiteside County Health Department, said the county’s legal advisers raised no concerns about the legality of a countywide animal breeder ordinance.

In Whiteside County, with a population of about 56,000 people, breeders are charged \$100 per year. Operating and enforcing the system hasn’t created a need for more staff at the health department, Lee said. Sangamon County’s population is 196,000.

The Whiteside County Health Department’s dog kennels remain full, but the county encounters fewer “major issues” with breeders since the ordinance took effect, Whiteside Animal Control Director James Garcia said.

Ayers said the unwanted pet situation, which has kept Sangamon County’s animal control center full for years, “really exploded” locally and nationally because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Animals adopted for companionship during the COVID-19 pandemic were turned in at shelters as people returned to the office, found they didn’t have the time for a pet or couldn’t afford pet food and related care as inflation sent costs soaring, Ayers said.

Caitlin Graham, the volunteer vice president of Springfield-based WILD Canine Rescue, said about 20 of the 30 backyard breeders in Sangamon County operate in Springfield. She estimated that the breeders produce 900 to 1,800 puppies a year, and many end up in local shelters.

About 96% of dogs that come to the center are from Springfield, according to John Ridley, director of the Sangamon County Department of Public Health.

In recent days, the center at 2100 Shale St. held 93 dogs in a building designed to house 85. The center also was caring for 38 cats.

The average daily census before the pandemic was 70 to 75 dogs and about 25 cats, Ridley said.

Ninety percent or more of the dogs and cats are adopted out within 15 days, Ridley said, although the center has dogs that have been there more than six months.

Animals are euthanized “as a last resort due to medical or behavioral issues,” he said.

The County Board hasn’t taken a stand on Conley’s proposed ordinance, and Ridley wouldn’t endorse it. But he said backyard breeding “does present challenges to us and the city.”

Ridley said mandatory breeder registration in Springfield could be “a component” of a multifaceted strategy that he is working on with various groups to reduce the overpopulation problem affecting the animal control center.

“For the most part, people in the county do a nice job of keeping their animals as they should,” he said. “It doesn’t take too many people to create a little bit of an issue.” □

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Attorney trio in trouble

State inspector general blasts three lawyers for multiple conflicts of interest, double billing

LEGAL | Scott Reeder

A Springfield lawyer was asked to resign from her city job this month after allegations of unethical behavior came to light from her time working for the Office of the Illinois Attorney General.

At the heart of the controversy is Salena Young and the two men with whom she lives; both also worked with her as assistant attorneys general. One of the men, Thomas Ewick, was her supervisor while she worked at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General and the other, Jason Young, is her husband.

The three live together in an upscale residence on Springfield's west side.

The executive inspector general for the attorney general issued a report Dec. 29 accusing the trio of engaging in a scheme that enabled Salena Young to simultaneously work for the attorney general, the Sangamon County Public Defender and operate a private law practice.

Much of the alleged misconduct happened while Salena Young was purportedly working remotely from her home.

In an interview April 20 with *IT* she said, "I made a mistake. I should have asked for permission (for outside employment). I love the practice of law." After learning of the investigation, Salena Young resigned from her \$93,744 a year state job June 30 "rather than cooperate with the (Office of the Executive Inspector General)," according to the inspector general's report.

"I always got the job done," Salena Young said in the interview. "There were never any complaints about the quality of my work. My evaluations were good. I worked long hours late into the evening but did a good job with both jobs. I loved being a public defender and am continuing to work pro bono for some of my clients."

The inspector general's report paints a different picture.

The report states that work schedules subpoenaed from the Sangamon County Public Defender and Illinois Attorney General's offices show her billing work for both entities during the same hours. Further, the report contends court dockets show both Jason and Salena Young appeared as lawyers in court representing parents in private parental rights cases at a time when they were supposed to be working for the taxpayers.

"These representations were frequently adverse to DCFS (Department of Children and Family Services), an agency whose interests they both represented in their state



work on behalf of the (Office of the Attorney General)," the report said.

Salena Young told *IT* she does not believe there was any conflict of interest for her to handle these cases.

The report stated, "To avoid detection and for their personal benefit they failed to report each other's blatant conflicts and policy violations as required by the OAG and the Ethics Act."

Ewick and Jason Young both left employment with the attorney general's office Feb. 15, about six weeks after the inspector general's report was issued. Jason Young declined to discuss the matter with *IT*. Ewick could not be reached directly for comment.

Salena Young said she left the state job of her own volition but the other two were forced out of their positions.

After leaving state employment, Salena Young was hired by the city of Springfield, where she helped enforce the city housing code and conducted litigation.

But when Corporation Counsel Greg Moredock became aware of the inspector general's allegations, he asked for her

resignation, she said. She left city employment April 12. When contacted by *IT*, Moredock declined to elaborate on the circumstances surrounding her departure, although he said he was unaware until recently of the allegations surrounding Salena Young.

Salena Young told *IT* although Ewick was her supervisor, he was not the person responsible for administering her performance evaluations or determining whether she received her promotion. She added it was known within the attorney general's office that Ewick lived with both her and her husband.

But the inspector general, Diane Saltoun, said in her report, "Ewick denied having a relationship with S. Young other than being her former supervisor at the (Office of Attorney General). The (inspector general) asked Ewick where he lived but Ewick refused to say."

The report says while Ewick admitted to having had a previous relationship with her, he added, "I don't have a personal relationship with Salena Young." The report also noted Ewick said he did not talk to or get along with Jason Young.

When pressed on where he lived, the report states Ewick said, "It varies from night to night. ... I do not live with [Salena] ... I do not have a permanent address."

When asked where he worked during the pandemic, when state offices were closed, the report says Ewick claimed to have worked "mostly out of my car."

However, the report said the investigation found the trio routinely logged into the state's computer system from the same residential address. It also noted that the three took days off at the same time and "appeared to all vacation together" as they were logging in remotely from the same out-of-state address during January 2023.

The inspector general contends that Ewick was "dishonest," "provided false information" and "failed to cooperate" with her investigation.

The report also said that Ewick denied helping Salena Young maintain multiple jobs during the same work hours.

"It is reasonable to conclude from the evidence ... that S. Young and J. Young, for their collective benefit, intentionally and repeatedly stole and abused significant amounts of state time by performing other paid employment at the same time they were being paid by the OAG for state work, in violation of the Ethics Act and OAG policies," the report found.

The investigation further found, "Based on the evidence it is reasonable to conclude that Ewick used state time and resources at the expense of the state, to further his and S. Young and J. Young's personal and financial interest."

The report recommended that Ewick and Jason Young be fired from their state jobs. It also recommended that the trio not be recommended for future employment in the office and that the state seek to recoup public money lost in wages paid while they were allegedly working for others.

The attorney general's press secretary, Jamey Dunn-Thomason, said the matter has been referred to the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission as well as the Ethics Commission. Steve Splitt, a spokesman for the ARDC, said he can neither confirm nor deny that his agency is investigating the trio. He added no disciplinary action has been taken against any of them. □

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State considers ban for certain food additives

Four additives linked to health problems are commonly found in candy, soda, baked goods

FOOD ADDITIVES | Cole Longcor, Capitol News Illinois

The Illinois Senate passed a bill April 18 that would ban four food additives that are found in common products including candy, soda and baked goods.

Senate Bill 2637, known as the Illinois Food Safety Act, passed on a 37-15 bipartisan vote and will head to the House for consideration. The banned chemicals would include brominated vegetable oil, red dye No. 3, propylparaben and potassium bromate.

Those additives are used in a wide variety of food products. Brominated vegetable oil is a stabilizer used to keep citrus flavoring in sodas from separating from the solution and floating to the top. Propylparaben and potassium bromate are used in baked goods as a preservative. Red dye 3 is a common food dye used in candy and other products.

"This legislation does not seek to ban any product or take away any of our favorite foods," bill sponsor Sen. Willie Preston, D-Chicago, said at a news conference. "This measure sets a precedent for consumer health and safety to encourage food manufacturers to update their recipes to use safer alternatives."

Last year the U.S. Food and Drug Administration proposed to revoke the authorization of brominated vegetable oil after a study found that the chemical affects the thyroid, creating negative health impacts. According to a study from the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a nonprofit advocacy organization, red dye 3 may cause cancer in animals.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer, a part of the World Health Organization, found potassium bromate to be possibly carcinogenic.

The bill had bipartisan support in the Senate with both Sen. Seth Lewis, R-Bartlett, and Sen. Steve McClure, R-Springfield, voting for it.

"(Red dye 3) was banned by the FDA for use in makeup over 30 years ago. So, the FDA doesn't allow you to put it on your face for makeup. But yet kids are eating this in candy," McClure said in the Senate debate. "That, to me, is outrageous. So, for that reason I am voting for this bill."

Preston previously said he was considering adding titanium dioxide to the ban, but that plan was scrapped during negotiations. He said if additional research becomes available, "We'll explore that option at that time." In 2021 the European Food Safety Authority said it was concerned that titanium dioxide could alter people's DNA.

Industry groups such as the Illinois Manufacturers' Association have pushed back against the bill throughout the legislative process. In January, the IMA issued a statement in opposition of "this well-intentioned legislation," claiming it would undermine the FDA and negatively impact Illinois' economy as it would "create a confusing and costly patchwork of regulations."

The National Confectioners Association issued a similar statement, saying the bill would "increase food costs, undermine



Sen. Willie Preston, D-Chicago, pictured on the floor of the Illinois Senate, advanced a measure through the Senate on bipartisan lines that would ban four widely used food additives.

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consumer confidence and create confusion around food safety." The group also argued food regulation should "rely on the scientific rigor of the FDA."

California passed a similar bill last year that will take effect in 2027 and the New York Senate is currently debating similar legislation. The food additives are already regulated or banned in parts of the European Union.

The Illinois bill was amended from an earlier version to grant retailers additional time to comply. The additives would be

banned from manufacturing beginning Jan. 1, 2027, with the sale, delivery, distribution, and holding of products containing the additives being banned beginning in 2028.

"We have given an extension to retailers, an extension for an extra year, for them to get in compliance," Preston said. "We don't intend to fine people out of business at all."

Violators are subject to fines up to \$5,000 for their first offense and up to \$10,000 for each subsequent offense.

Both Lewis and McClure, while voting for the bill, said they would like to see future legislation clarify how fines accrue and what constitutes a single violation of the law.

Sen. Rachel Ventura, D-Joliet, said that as Illinois faces issues of food insecurity and food deserts, this bill is needed to ensure people's safety.

"So, we know that lots of families who live in poor areas tend to go to convenience stores for their grocery stores," she said at a news conference. "We need those foods to be safe to consume, especially if they're eating them on a daily basis, or multiple times a day." □

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FROM COUNTY BOARD CHAIR

Dean Olsen's recent article on the nationally recognized consultant's analysis of an expansion to the BOS Center incisively covered a complex subject ("Making downtown Springfield more marketable," April 11). The subsequent public comments on your coverage elucidated several important considerations that deserve further explanation. The many comments fell into the following general categories:

- **No new taxes on our citizens for any expansion.** Absolutely correct. All of the financing programs under consideration would raise revenue from visitors to our community who would pay roughly the same fees charged by other communities with whom we compete for visitors. The expansion can only move forward if it pays for itself.

- **We need more money for local roads, schools and infrastructure.** Absolutely correct. Expanding the convention center would provide some 250 direct jobs and generate some \$70 million of new economic activity every year in our community. This would, in turn, generate an estimated \$1.5 million in new direct tax revenue. Economic growth is the only way to earn more revenue to improve local infrastructure without raising taxes on our hard-pressed citizens.

- **Nobody wants to come to Springfield.** Good news. The study interviewed 75 individual convention planners who direct where conventions go, and a strong majority said they would come to Springfield if our community had adequate facilities.

- **Why build a new hotel when the hotels we have are struggling?** Our existing downtown hotels are struggling because they are not new and have not been refurbished. This is, in part, because they need more business. But the convention planners told us they won't come without new hotel facilities. Combining a new hotel with an addition to the convention center is cheaper than remodeling an existing hotel because the two operations can share critical infrastructure.

- **There's not enough parking near the convention center.** Some might



Looking southwest at the corner of Ninth and Adams streets, a preliminary rendering shows what a proposed expansion of the BOS Center could look like. Doubling the BOS Center's size would result in a similar increase in conventions coming to the capital city, and construction of a new 300-bed hotel adjacent to the center is needed, according to a recently completed feasibility study of the potential impact of a newly formed tourism improvement district on downtown Springfield. RENDERING COURTESY OF EVAN LLOYD ARCHITECTS

be surprised to learn that when the new transportation center is finished, there will be more than 2,300 parking spaces within one block of the convention center.

- **All politicians are idiots.** This is absolutely true. It's a tautology. You have to be a fool to run for public office. The harder question is: Can our local idiots work together to deliver \$70 million of new annual economic activity to our community without raising taxes on residents?

Andy Van Meter, chairman Sangamon County Board

SAVE THE WYNDHAM

Please save the architecturally unique Wyndham hotel building from the wrecking

Observer

I once spotted Carl Sagan's son: he'd just left the country home of mutual friends in Vermont whom I was coming to see; it was moonlit: he'd left his car to wander in a field. I was thrilled – I thought he was out looking at the stars, this grown kid of that famous heaven-watching father. I told someone later who remarked, "He probably got out of his car to pee." Maybe so. But can't one gaze into infinity while pulling up a zipper?

2024 Jacqueline Jackson

ball to make room for another hotel and the expansion of the BOS Center. It's an iconic Springfield landmark of more than 50 years that can be seen for miles around and stands out on the capital city's skyline, along with the Capitol building, of course. Few cities the size of Springfield can boast of having such a tall, modern-looking structure.

*Mike Shepherd
New Berlin*

WASTED POTENTIAL

I feel like Springfield could be such an awesome place, but its potential is left to waste. We have the only national park in the entire state at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site. The entire downtown area should be bustling with shops and eateries for locals and tourists. The history of the town should be highlighted; instead, it is slowly being torn down, which is a travesty. There are multiple neighborhoods near downtown that need restored and rejuvenated. We need more cultural events and leisure places for people to have fun. Instead, our population turns to drugs and alcohol for amusement. Springfield has a rich cultural heritage that could be embraced through Italian festivals, German festivals and so forth. Nature areas are few and far between – we are mostly surrounded by corporate GMO crops. At least a portion could be restored to original prairie grass and laced with hiking trails, for instance. There's just a lot of challenges and so few people seem interested in bringing vibrancy to Springfield, which is a unique, historical place in the country.

*Dylan Somogyi
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes*

MORE FLIGHTS

We need more than two flights a day in and out of town before we can attract any conventions.

*Adrian Angel
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes*

REUSE BUILDINGS

We don't seem to recycle buildings well here. Why build a new hotel while an empty one sits nearby that will cost a fortune to demolish?

*Tracie Dickinson-Taylor
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WHY STAY?

It's so sad to see my hometown with very little left to keep people there. We were taxed to death to where it's hard just to live there. City government is a joke. DSI can't save downtown. I live outside Columbia, South Carolina, now, which is about the same size. It's growing here like crazy because people are relocating from the high-tax states – there are hardly any empty buildings at all.

Illinois will never dig out of the huge hole from state pension plans. There was a glimpse of hope with gambling and cannabis, but those funds can't even begin to absorb the deficit. Roads, neighborhoods and schools are all in disrepair. It's sad to see. And ideas like this are a Band-Aid on a bullet wound.

*Perry Zubeck
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes*

NOT CITY FUNDS

The tax that will be used for this project is the hotel/motel tax, which is not part of the city's general fund. Therefore, it cannot be used to fix streets. And unless you are staying in a hotel room, your taxes are not contributing to this.

Events of the magnitude being discussed are also not secured using any city funds or taxes. The convention center is booked and busy with conventions and conferences. While I understand people wish to see more events for public consumption, these private events are huge economic drivers. Having more capacity to accommodate and attract more conventions, conferences and concerts is needed. If you want larger attractions to come to this area, a complex that can accommodate that is required.

*Melissa Dunbar
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MORE THAN YOU KNOW

There is so much that goes on at the BOS Center that people who never come downtown aren't aware of.

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Farmers want the right to fix their tractors

Farmers have clamored for the Right to Repair for years. It's getting little traction in John Deere's home state.

AGRICULTURE | Jennifer Bamberg, Investigate Midwest

During the 2023 harvest season, one of Jake Lieb's tractors quit working. A week later, his combine stopped working, too. Both were new – and he was locked out from making any repairs himself because of software restrictions embedded in the machines.

Instead, a technician from John Deere was dispatched to diagnose and repair the problems. While waiting for the technician to come out, Lieb fired up a 20-year-old tractor he hadn't used for harvesting in years. Crops are vulnerable to the weather, and had he not, Lieb could have lost at least a day of harvest. Some of the crop might have dropped to the ground, rendering it unsalvageable, potentially costing him thousands of dollars.

"Meanwhile," Lieb said, "we've got over a million dollars of equipment in the field, inoperable." When the technician from John Deere arrived at his farm in central Illinois, it took about 30 minutes total to plug in a diagnostic tool, see which sensor was bad, unscrew it, replace it and close everything up in the combine.

"If I knew what sensor was bad in that combine, I could have had it fixed in five minutes," Lieb said. "But if you don't have the software, it's impossible to know what's wrong."

For more than a decade, farmers like Lieb haven't been able to fix their high-tech equipment. Until recently, manufacturer restrictions meant only company-authorized representatives could own and use diagnostic tools, and make fixes when needed.

In March 2023, to address farmers' frustrations, the American Farm Bureau Federation signed a memorandum of understanding with John Deere and four other farm equipment manufacturers. The farm bureau called it a "private-sector solution to the right to repair issue."

In the agreement, Deere, Kubota, Case New Holland, AGCO and CLAAS of America promised to give farmers and independent repair shops access to customer diagnostic tools. In exchange, the Farm Bureau agreed not to support any federal or state repair legislation.

However, advocates for repair legislation say that the nonbinding agreement and the customer versions of tools provided by the companies fall short of needed protections that legislation would ensure. These same



Jake Lieb with his John Deere equipment at his farm near Monticello, Illinois, on March 18. PHOTO BY DARRELL HOEMANN, INVESTIGATE MIDWEST

advocates are supporting bills across the country, including one introduced this year in the Illinois Senate.

The Illinois bill (SB2669) proposes to establish an agricultural equipment bill of rights. It would require manufacturers to make software, firmware and all other tools needed to repair machines accessible to independent repair shops and owners throughout the state at a reasonable cost.

The bill directly addresses the MOU (memorandum of understanding), and says that agricultural equipment owners are entitled to any tools or software not covered by the MOU. The bill's sponsor, Sen. Jil Tracy, R-Quincy, declined to comment after multiple attempts by email and in

person to reach her. Deere and the other farm equipment manufacturers also did not return multiple requests for comment.

The bill is languishing at the Statehouse. According to a spokesperson from the Illinois Corn Growers Association in an email to Investigate Midwest, there's no chance the bill will pass this year.

The cost of repair

The demand for new tractors and combines ebbs and flows, but a consistent source of profit growth for John Deere is the sale of parts and services. Despite a 19% drop in sales of new ag equipment sales from between 2013 and 2019, supply chain disruptions and food system upheaval in

2020, and a month long labor strike of 10,000 workers across five states in 2021, Deere's profits swelled the past three years, totaling a nearly 270% increase from 2020, according to the company's SEC filings.

According to Bloomberg, the sale of parts helped buoy the company's portfolio – parts sales grew by 22% between 2013 to 2019.

While Lieb's fifth-generation family farm operates on annual tractor trade-ins so his machines stay on a warranty, which includes free parts and services, he's in the minority. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, only 20% of farmers in the U.S. regularly buy new machines.

The rest hold on to their equipment for longer periods of time or buy secondhand

machines, which come with limited warranties or none at all, making repair restrictions more consequential.

Equipment made before 2014 doesn't have as much complicated software, and there are more repair workarounds. Still, the costs of repairing older machines add up.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the cost of parts and labor, for ag equipment of all ages, has nearly doubled in the past two decades and spiked 41% since 2020. (Farm machinery is grouped with construction and mining equipment by the bureau.)

In 2023, Kevin O'Reilly, then with the Public Interest Research Group, conducted a study of the cost of repairs directly tied to downtime and repair restrictions imposed by equipment manufacturers. He found that farmers lost an average of \$3,348 per year to repair downtime.

The study of 53 farmers in 14 states estimated that if every farmer in the country faced similar losses, repair restrictions placed on them would cost U.S. farmers more than \$3 billion a year.

"Even with our older machines – the stuff *without* software," said one farmer in the study, "we were paying more because we were running up the hour counts. When stuff gets old, it breaks down more often."

Curbing pollution leads to digital transformation

In the mid-1990s, the Environmental Protection Agency introduced emissions standards for agriculture diesel equipment as

part of a growing effort to curb air pollution. The agency gave manufacturers nearly two decades to meet certain benchmarks in a set of four tiers, each with increasingly stringent regulations. The final set of standards rolled out in 2014.

To meet those emissions standards, complex computers were installed in agricultural machinery, which manage a wide range of functions and systems in the machines. This, in part, led to a technological revolution in farm equipment manufacturing, and drove the shift from mechanical operations to electronic controls.

In addition to monitoring emissions output, combines and tractors are now loaded with digital sensors that measure everything from humidity in the air to the density of the soil on a centimeter-accurate grid, instantaneously sharing those metrics with the cloud via satellite and GPS imaging. Deere's quest to create optimum efficiency is driving the company to develop a fully autonomous fleet by 2030.

A faulty sensor in Lieb's case caused his combine to shut down. And up until the MOU last year, farmers like him and independent repair technicians couldn't access the necessary software tools to make their own repairs or clear a code once the repair was completed.

But why was the MOU even necessary? Over the years, Deere has argued in court that a farmer may own a tractor, but they don't own the software that makes it run.

In a seeming win for farmers seeking the right to repair, the Library of Congress



Jake Lieb looks over his John Deere planter at his farm near Monticello.

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ruled in 2015 that repairing agricultural equipment is not an infringement on copyright. However, the ruling fell short of requiring equipment manufacturers to make their diagnostic tools publicly available.

Customer tools leave much to be desired

With nearly 6 million members nationally and 400,000 in Illinois, the American Farm Bureau Federation is the largest organization of farm and ranch families in the country and a powerful agriculture industry lobbying group. (The Census of Agriculture counts about 3 million farmers total in the U.S.; the farm bureau invites non-farmers to apply to be members.) The organization has drawn the ire of repair advocates over the memorandum of understanding.

The 2023 MOU was brokered between the farm bureau, John Deere, CNH Industrial, CLAAS, AGCO and Kubota. The companies agreed to release customer diagnostic tools, which range in annual subscriptions, for example, between \$1,500 from CNH to \$3,100 from John Deere.

Repair advocates with the Public Interest Research Group, a federation of nonprofits focused on consumer protection issues, compared the John Deere customer tool to the authorized company tool, and said the customer version leaves much to be desired. That is why state or federal regulation is required, advocates argue.

PIRG Director Nathan Proctor said he took it personally when he saw the differences. "It was almost like the customer's tool is redacted or obfuscated,"

he said.

The tool provides a lot of information, Proctor said, but it's inferior compared to what dealers have, and requires customers to go through extra steps to accurately diagnose issues and clear codes once the repair is complete. This leaves independent technicians and farmers at an unfair advantage in the market of equipment repair, he said.

"Essentially, the dealers have a privileged level of access," said O'Reilly, former right-to-repair campaign director for PIRG. "They can get through a digital door to press a button that you need to press in order to fix the thing, and farmers either don't have access to that door, the door was locked, or they had to go through three, six, nine different doors just to get to the same place that the dealer was able to get to, right away."

PIRG focused its study solely on Deere tools because of the company's dominance in the market. "When people think of agriculture or farming, John Deere is one of the first brands that comes to mind," O'Reilly said. "They definitely have a level of dominance both as far as in the market but culturally as well."

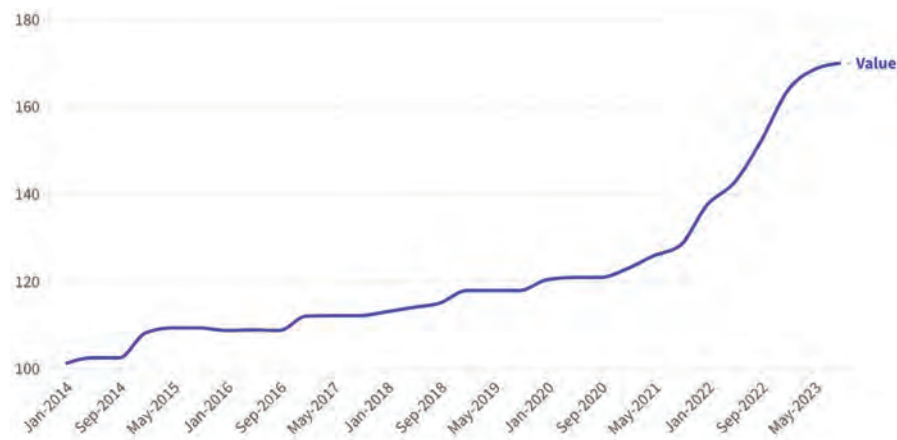
Only three companies control the highly concentrated U.S. market for agricultural equipment – CNH, AGCO and Deere – and Deere commands nearly half of that. Globally, Deere controls a quarter of the market share of all ag equipment sales worldwide.

An influential giant in agricultural equipment

The first right-to-repair bill was introduced

Producer Price Index industry data for commercial machinery repair and maintenance

Maintenance and repair services cost increases for agricultural, construction, and mining machinery.



U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics • By: Jennifer Bamberg, Investigate Midwest
(Not seasonally adjusted)

in Illinois in 2018. It would have applied to a broad category of electronic equipment, including electric wheelchairs, laptops, smartphones and medical equipment, had it passed. After lining up nine bipartisan cosponsors and hearing debate, it died on the House floor. It was opposed by numerous associations and large agribusinesses, including John Deere and CNH.

Deere & Company has been headquartered in Moline, Illinois, for the last 176 years, growing into the agricultural giant it is today with more than 80,000 employees worldwide and profits topping \$10 billion in 2023.

As the nation's leader in soybean crops and second in the nation for corn production, Illinois exports millions of bushels around the globe, generating billions of dollars of revenue. And when farmers profit, John Deere profits.

Some of that money flows into the state capital. The John Deere Political Action Committee donated more money to Illinois politicians since 2017 than to politicians in any other state by tens of thousands of dollars each year.

The company's rapid technological innovations over the past decade coincided with an aggressive merger and acquisition strategy, which the federal government has said erodes competition. Deere has acquired multiple machine learning and artificial intelligence companies over the last decade and recently announced a partnership with SpaceX, all but dissolving the categorical differences between Big Tech and Big Ag.

As for its competitors, Deere's net income surpasses its competition by the billions. The company made more in the first quarter of 2024, which ended Jan. 28, than AGCO and CLAAS combined for all of 2023.

These trends worry elected officials in the White House and around the country. In 2021, President Joe Biden issued an executive order promoting competition and targeting repair restrictions that violate antitrust laws. The order was supported by the Federal Trade Commission, which enforces federal consumer protection laws. In 2023, Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul led a coalition of attorneys general around the country urging Congress to pass right-to-repair legislation, specifically for farm equipment. And 15 states are currently considering right-to-repair bills that cover agriculture equipment, after Colorado passed the first in the country in 2023.

In the meantime, the Illinois Farm Bureau said it will work with the MOU.

"The MOU led by AFBF a year ago was a solid step in the right direction for an individual to perform maintenance on their own equipment," wrote DeAnne

Bloomberg, Illinois Farm Bureau's director of issue management, in a written statement to Investigate Midwest. "In the meantime, the Illinois Farm Bureau will honor the Memorandum of Understanding signed by AFBF."

Why groups oppose legislation

Equipment manufacturers and private business interest groups such as the Illinois Chamber of Commerce have spent the past seven years lobbying against proposed right-to-repair legislation in Illinois, according to witness slip records on the state's General Assembly website.

They're concerned about safety and

Mark Denzler, president of the Illinois Manufacturers Association, said that he's not opposed to farmers repairing their equipment, he's opposed to modifications. "You can get in and either accidentally or intentionally, for example, change coding, and suddenly you're emitting past what you're supposed to."

Farmers, and the Environmental Protection Agency, which regulates emissions standards, say this isn't the point of repair advocacy.

The EPA sent a letter to the National Farmers Union in August 2023 stating that the Clean Air Act and the EPA's policies of implementing regulations are "aligned

"The people calling for change are farmers"

Last October, members of the National Farmers Union, an organization representing 200,000 farmers and ranchers across the U.S., went to Capitol Hill to meet with lawmakers about the impact of what they say are monopolies in the ag sector.

Mike Stranz, vice president of advocacy at National Farmers Union, said that passing right-to-repair legislation will bring more competition, openness and transparency to the market for farm equipment repair.

"Having more choices in the marketplace and a more open repair market that drives competition makes things work better for farmers," he said. "What big companies are pushing against is more competition – they want less."

Farmers aren't the only ones who depend on John Deere. The state of Illinois has paid the company \$42.8 million in contracts since 2005, according to state comptroller records. The state mostly depends on John Deere machines for lawn service, trail maintenance, highway and roadside mowing.

All off-road diesel engine machines, such as construction equipment and forestry machines, have internal computers and repair restrictions similar to tractors and combines. However, the difference between a \$500,000 John Deere combine and a \$40,000 utility tractor for landscaping is that the software isn't as integrated into the utility tractor and most repairs are still analog.

Farmers are concerned with repair restrictions because of the differences in the distribution models. Farmers typically own their equipment, while construction companies generally rent equipment for the duration of a project. The overhead, the budget and the time scale of farming and construction also is different, said O'Reilly, formerly with the Public Interest Research Group.

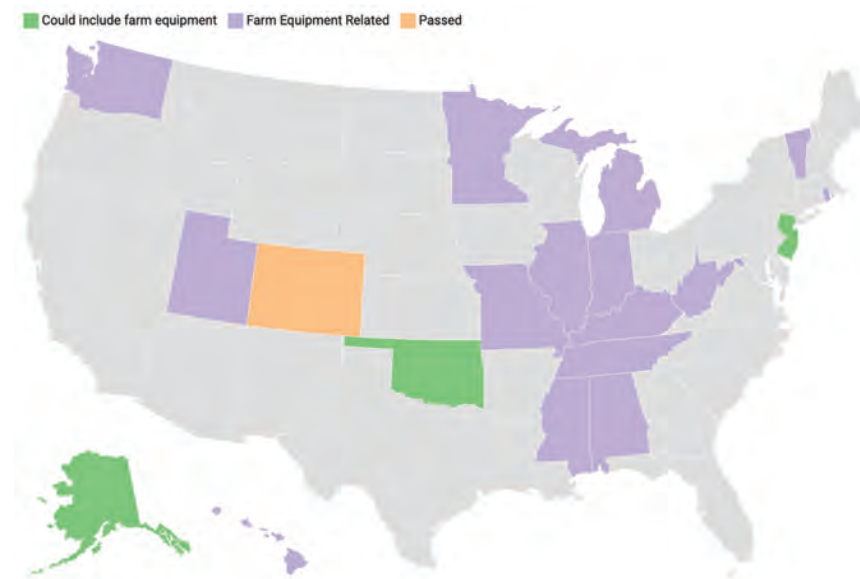
Ultimately, O'Reilly hopes that right-to-repair laws will pass across industries, including construction and forestry.

"But right now," he said, "the people calling for change are the farmers."

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Fifteen states consider agriculture equipment right-to-repair bills in 2024

Data from the U.S. Public Interest Research Group.



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emissions tampering, whether intentional or accidental, according to those records.

A spokesperson for the Association of Equipment Manufacturers said in a written statement to Investigate Midwest that current legislative proposals go further than what is safe and could "increase the likelihood of cybersecurity attacks on equipment...and leave equipment vulnerable to untrained or unauthorized parties looking to steal or use it for an unintended purpose."

in preventing tampering, not by limiting access to independent repair, but rather by enforcing the prohibition against tampering against any party that does so."

"We're not looking to turn our tractors into hot rods and soup them up," said Lieb, the central Illinois corn and soybean farmer. "We need them for longevity, and when you start turning up horsepower and messing with things that they're not designed to do, inevitably, you're going to shorten the lifespan."

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Make cornbread with heirloom corn

FOOD | Peter Glatz

Good cornbread is humble and simple. Great cornbread is aromatic, toothsome and flavorful. Cornbread is best when baked in a ripping hot cast-iron skillet and served warm while the aromas are at their fullest. Really good cornbread comes from really good cornmeal. Really good cornmeal is made from corn that has been grown organically, still has the bran and germ left in it (which makes it way more flavorful), and has been kept refrigerated. The finest cornmeal comes from heirloom corn varieties that have been rescued from near extinction.

In the realm of endangered species, animals garner the most attention. However, many once-prolific plant varieties have also faced extinction. Fortunately, individuals like heritage grain revivalist Glenn Roberts of Anson Mills in South Carolina, and Chef Sean Brock of Audrey Restaurant in Nashville have dedicated themselves to rescuing nearly extinct grain varieties. Thanks to their efforts, we can now re-create heirloom recipes with ingredients that taste the way they did before the industrialization of agriculture and the transition to monocropping. This resurrection of heritage grains gives us a unique opportunity to explore flavors and textures that have been lost for generations. By repatriating these heirloom grains, we enrich our culinary experiences and contribute to preserving biodiversity and sustainable agriculture.

Have you ever been disappointed when you've tried to re-create an old family recipe and it didn't taste as good as you remembered it? Heritage recipes are culinary treasures that have been passed down through generations. However, it can be difficult to re-create these recipes accurately because today's ingredients are often not the same as the ones that were used in the past. Cornbread is a good example. Cornbread is a traditional Southern food that can't be experienced in its original form because today's cornmeal isn't the same as the cornmeal of yesteryear. The more flavorful corn varieties of the past have been replaced by less flavorful, but more prolific varieties. The milling process is also different, which affects the texture and baking properties. Corn used to be ground into cornmeal by water-powered millstones. By 1900, stone-ground cornmeal was replaced by cornmeal ground with cylindrical steel rollers. Unlike stone milling, steel roller milling eliminates most of the bran and germ. This prolongs shelf life, but it's at the expense of flavor, aroma and nutrition.

Corn that was to be sent to the stone mill



Cast-iron skillet cornbread. PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ.

to be ground for cornmeal was left to ripen longer in the field, leading to a higher natural sugar content. Corn destined for a roller mill had to be picked less ripe, resulting in a lower sugar content. The heat produced by steel rollers also degraded the corn, which further reduced its natural sweetness and flavor. This led to the practice of adding sugar to offset the reduction in sweetness.

The best cornbread I've ever had is the version they serve at Sean Brock's Audrey Restaurant in Nashville. It is made from Jimmy Red Corn, a varietal that was rescued from extinction. Jimmy Red was an old bootlegger's corn that made spectacular whiskey. Its ears are bright red, with a richer and sweeter flavor than other varieties. Jimmy

Red corn nearly went extinct in the early 2000s following the death of the last known bootlegger known to grow it. Two ears were rescued by a local farmer and seed saver who began growing it and saving seeds each year to increase his seed stock. Chef Brock was able to obtain a few ears and started growing it himself. For Brock: "Jimmy Red harvest time was a celebration and I couldn't get the meal into a cornbread batter and skillet fast enough. Tearing into my first piece of cornbread, the aroma and flavor took me right back to my grandmother's table. I'd never tasted such perfect cornbread in my entire life."

Brock later partnered with Marsh Hen Mill in South Carolina to make Jimmy Red

cornmeal commercially available. Marsh Hen mills their products in a restored 1945 mill and separator. In addition to Jimmy Red cornmeal, Marsh Hen also sells Sean Brock Jimmy Red Cornbread Mix. Because the stone milling process doesn't remove all the bran and germ, it is best stored in the refrigerator or freezer to keep it from becoming rancid. You won't find these products in your local grocery store. If you are ever in Nashville, you can find them at Sean Brock's restaurants Audrey and Joyland, or you can order online from Marsh Hen Mill.

For buying cornmeal locally, I recommend Bob's Red Mill Coarse Grind Cornmeal. Bob's Red Mill uses slow-turning quartz-stone mills which maintain cooler temperatures to prevent heat degradation. This process also leaves in the germ and bran.

Traditional Southern cornbread

Unlike most Northern cornbreads, this cornbread does not have added sugar. All the sweetness comes from the corn itself, so it's worth seeking out the best-quality stone-ground cornmeal.

Makes one 10-inch round loaf

Ingredients:

2 cups coarse cornmeal
1 ½ teaspoons kosher salt
½ teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon baking powder
1 ½ cups full-fat buttermilk
1 large egg, lightly beaten
¼ cup plus 1 tablespoon lard or bacon fat, melted

Preparation:

Preheat the oven to 450 F. Put a 10-inch cast-iron skillet in the oven to preheat for at least 10 minutes.

Combine the cornmeal, salt, baking soda and baking powder in a medium bowl. Combine the buttermilk, egg and ¼ cup of the melted lard in a small bowl. Stir the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients just to combine; do not overmix.

Carefully move the skillet from the oven to the stove, turning your burner to high heat. Add the remaining tablespoon of melted lard or bacon fat and swirl to coat the skillet. Pour in the batter, distributing it evenly. It should sizzle.

Transfer the skillet back to the oven and bake the cornbread for about 15 to 20 minutes, until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Serve warm, directly from the skillet. □



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MUSIC

April music flourishes

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This has been an incredible month of live music as the outdoor venues heat up with all kinds of activities. Next comes May and on into summertime, where we behold the onslaught of fairs, festivals, homecomings, burgoos, gatherings, celebrations, jamborees and other variously titled events featuring music-makers of all kinds. But first let's see what the final days of April offer.

Thursdays add another weekly event with the opening of Boone's mighty fine beer garden stage area and Me, Myself & Schy (Jeff Berendt and Schy Willmore if you were wondering or if you weren't) taking the inaugural show. The Get Down gets down (I'm sorry I just have to say that every time) at the Curve Inn, while two recurring gigs, Solista Mariachi Gabriel at El Arriero and Manny Lee at Casa Real, happen in the Mexican restaurant world.

Fridays continue as a mainstay of live music with bands inhabiting local libation stations in broods (yes, that's a cicada reference) such as the early starts of Samba Llamas at Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, Victoria Capo Trio at Boone's and those Pepper Sprouts at HyVee-Wahlburgers.

Then let the 6 p.m. shows begin with area blues-meisters Mary Jo Curry Band doing Long Bridge Gold Course, award-winning singer-songwriter Micah Walk running into Harvest Market and nationally touring country artist Chuck Briseno landing at The Stadium Bar and Grill. For solo acoustic acts, check out the delightful Riley Bourne at Slaughterhouse in Auburn, Keith Dunlap riding the range of songs at the Town Hall in Loami, Rod Grant singing up a storm at Mowie's Cue and Andy Fielitz bringing it on at the Crowbar in Decatur.

Around 8 p.m. we have a slew of bands hitting plenty of performance areas in a bunch of bars including Bustin' Loose, the musically-made Harris family, at Motorheads, The Stone Giants rocking large at The Blue Grouch, Off the Wall bouncing into Goodfellas, Tom Irwin & those Raouligans with Amy Battles (that's us) strolling into George Rank's and HeartByrne with Birds of a Feather at Danenberger Family Vineyards doing Talking Heads and Phish respectively. Yes, there's more, but we also have two more days to cover.

Here I'd like to mention a fairly new venue hosting music on Friday and



UNCHAINED with This Homemade Conspiracy play Weebles beer garden area this Saturday night.

Saturdays (6-9 p.m.) and Sundays (1-4 p.m.), which would be The Railyard cafe on South Sixth Street near the new railroad overpass by where Gallagher's and JW's used to be. The music is outdoors with a nice stage and, yes, it's thrice every weekend into October with mostly solo/duo acoustic acts, which is quite righteous in my book. Plus, it has three restaurants in shipping containers to choose food from and drinks available of the alcoholic persuasion. I'm in. This weekend it's After School Special on Friday, Tom & Geoff on Saturday and Colt Ball on Sunday. Saturday kicks in with a couple of early shows including John Drake at Twisted Fork (11 a.m.-2 p.m.), Prairie State of Mind at Brookhills Golf Club (2-5 p.m.) and The Explorers (3-6 p.m.) at 1st & 3rd Boutique and Wine Bar in Petersburg. Later in the evening, Weebles kicks off its expanded beer garden space with UNCHAINED cutting loose with special guests from Indiana, This Homemade Conspiracy, while Cherry & Jerry make wonderful noise at Buzz Bomb and The Lovelorn with Emily How sweeten up the upstairs at Broadgauge in Petersburg.

And come Sunday, there's The Deep Hollow at Danenberger's, Antone DeRocchi at Lucky's on the Square in Petersburg, Ole Stogie at Hill Prairie Winery near Oakford, Curt Smith at Vixen Hill Winery by Palmyra and The Tangents at The Range Bourbon & Brew in Chatham, plus a ton of others.

We will see you come May, maybe. □

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Rochester Park, 90 Wild Rose Ln., Rochester
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Wednesday, May 8th 7 pm
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My, Myself & Schy
Boone's, 6-9pm

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

The Get Down
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

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

Friday Apr 26

Josh Meloy
Boondocks, 8:30pm

**Friday Night Jazz & Blues -
Victoria Capo Trio**
Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

Andy Fielitz
The Crowbar, Decatur, 8pm

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

**Jeff Young and the Bad
Grandpas**
Curve Inn, 6:30pm

HeartByrne, Birds of a Feather
Danenberger Family Vineyards,
New Berlin, 8pm

**Church the Voice, Young Fendi,
Flipside Motion, Lando**
Dumb Records, 7pm

**Tom Irwin & the Raouligans
with Amy Battles**
George Rank's, 8-11pm

it Off the Wall
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

Micah Walk
Harvest Market Farmhouse
Brews, 6-9pm

Pepper Sprouts
Hy-Vee Wahlburgers,
5-7:30pm

Ricarda Rosalina
La Fiesta Grande, 6-9pm

Sound Decision
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

Mary Jo Curry Band
Long Bridge Golf Course,
6-10pm

Rod Grant
Mowie's Cue, 8-11pm

John Stevens
New Moon Cafe, Decatur, 6-8pm

Samba Llamas
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet,
5-7pm

**Discern with Short Notice,
Adieux, Mechanizm**
Pizza Records, Jacksonville,
6pm-12am

After School Special
The Railyard, 6-9pm

Bustin' Loose
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar &
Grill, Museum & Entertainment
Complex, 8pm

Protege
The Rusty Rail Pub, Lincoln, 8pm

Rylie Bourne
Slaughterhouse Brewing Co.,
Auburn, 7pm

Chuck Briseno
The Stadium Bar & Grill, 6pm

The Stone Giants
The Blue Grouch, 7-10pm

Keith Dunlap
Town Hall Pub, Loami, 7-10pm

Saturday Apr 27

The Explorers
1st and 3rd Boutique and Wine
Bar, Petersburg, 3pm

Grounded
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-10pm

A Thousand Horses
Boondocks, 8:30pm

The Lovelorn with Emily How
Broadgauge, Petersburg, 8pm

Prairie State of Mind
Brookhills Golf Club, 2-5pm

Stumpy Joe
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester,
8-11pm

Cherry & Jerry
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co.,
7-9pm

The Remedy
Coghlan's Hideout LLC, Bulpitt,
8pm-12am

Gary Williams
The Crowbar, Decatur, 4pm

Structurally Sound
The Crowbar, Decatur, 7pm

Lick Creek
Curve Inn, 6pm

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Danenberger Family Vineyards,
New Berlin, 8pm

Pat Jones
Docs Just Off 66, Girard,
6-8pm

Joel Honey
Harvest Market Farmhouse
Brews, 6-9pm

Lady Luck
JB's Hideout, Blue Mound,
8-11pm

Big On Blondes
Kuhl Tyme Korner, Jacksonville,
8:30-11:30pm

Sound Decision
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

Jaik Willis with Tom Irwin
Pizza Records, Jacksonville,
7pm-12am

99 Proof
Pop's Place, Decatur, 8pm

Tom and Geoff
The Railyard, 6-9pm

After School Special
Slaughterhouse Brewing Co.,
Auburn, 7pm

The Aileana Rawlins Band
Sliderz Bar & Grill, Decatur,
8-11pm

Ptuck
Springfield Beer Company,
Jacksonville, 6-9pm

John Drake
Twisted Fork, 11am-2pm

it Rye Davis with Clint Park
Twisted Tree Music Hall,
Jacksonville, 7-10pm

Pizzazz
VFW Post 99, Decatur, 7:30-
10:30pm

**UNCHAINED with This
Homemade Conspiracy**
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30-
10:30pm

Sunday Apr 28

Keith Dunlap
Ad Astra Wine Bar and Market,
2-5pm

**Tom Irwin with Owen Irwin
and Amy Battles**
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

The Deep Hollow
Danenberger Family Vineyards,
New Berlin, 2-5pm

Manny Lee
Harvest Market Coffee Bar,
10am-1pm.

Ole Stogie
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford,
2-5pm

**Tom Beverly and
Geoff Ryan**
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Antone DeRocchi
Lucky's on the Square,
Petersburg, 3-6pm

Mary Jo Curry Band
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3pm

Colt Ball
The Railyard, 1-4pm

The Tangents
The Range Bourbon & Brew,
Chatham, 1-4pm

Rod Grant
The Shed, Pawnee, 3-6pm

Al Kitchen
Trails End Saloon, Curran,
3-6pm

**Jeff Young and the Bad
Grandpas, Grand Theft Audio,
Rock & Roll Sisters,
Bustin' Loose**
VFW 10302 Northenders, 1pm

Monday Apr 29

L.A. Jones
The Alamo, 7pm

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

**TOAST - The Ultimate
Bread Experience**
Lincoln Square Theater,
Decatur, 6pm

Tuesday Apr 30

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

Wednesday May 1

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

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THE CALENDAR



Travis Wiggins, Mike Krcil, Mary Young and Johnny Molson star in *The 39 Steps*. PHOTO BY GUS GORDON

The 39 Steps

Fri-Sat., April 26-27 and
May 3-4, 7:30 p.m.;
Sundays, April 28 and
May 5, 3 p.m.
Hoogland Center for the Arts,
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THEATER | Four actors star in spoof of Hitchcock thriller

it Fans of Alfred Hitchcock, Monty Python or Mel Brooks – or any combination of the three – will surely enjoy this comedy opening tomorrow night at the Hoogland Center for the Arts. *The 39 Steps*, written by Patrick Marlow, is a spoof of the 1935 Hitchcock spy thriller of the same name which itself was based on the 1915 novel by John Buchan. In the show, just four actors play well more than 100 characters. Yes, you read that right! The play's lead character, played by Mike Krcil, meets a woman who claims to be in danger and then winds up dead. This leads to the main character being chased by police and members of a mysterious organization called The 39 Steps. Mary Young plays three different women the lead character interacts with. According to Gus Gordon of the Hoogland, Johnny Molson and Travis Wiggins “play everyone else: heroes, villains, women, children and the occasional inanimate object.” Rich McCoy is directing the show. Tickets cost \$22 for adults and \$20 for seniors and students.

Special Music Events

Capital Area Concert Band
Tue., April 30, 7-8pm. Celebrating its 50th anniversary of sharing the joy of live music with the community, the band will perform well-known standards and newer compositions. Free. LLCC Trutter Center, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-971-5008.

Books & Authors

Book Adoption Event
Sat., April 27, 10am-2pm. Similar to a book sale, but instead of paying per book or bag, you make a donation in the box which will help support the work of the Friends of Williamsville Public Library and Museum, and give the items new homes. Williamsville Public Library and Museum, Williamsville, 217 N. Elm St., 217/566-3520.

Theater & Comedy

Entrances to Heaven: A Special Theatrical Event
Sat., April 27, 1-2:30pm. Director Nisi Sturgis and her theater company will present this early

Tennessee Williams play inspired by the playwright's fascination with one of Springfield's native sons, poet Vachel Lindsay. Seating is limited. Reservations are recommended. eventbrite.com. Free. Vachel Lindsay Home State Historic Site, 603 S. Fifth St., 217-524-0901.

Copenhagen Bandit
Fri., April 26, 8pm and Sat., April 27, 8pm. The Copenhagen Bandit brings his unique brand of comedy to Riverton for two nights. The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 713 N. Seventh St., 217-629-9493.

Disney's Winnie the Pooh Kids
Fri., April 26, 7pm, Sat., April 27, 2, 7pm and Sun., April 28, 2pm. Welcome to the Hundred Acre Wood, where you'll once again find Winnie the Pooh and his pals, Tigger, Piglet, Rabbit and Owl. hcfta.org. \$15. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Lady Frederick
April 26-27, 7pm and Sun., April 28, 2pm. This comedy by British writer William Somerset Maugham was first performed in London in 1907. An Irish widow, seriously

in debt, must deal with suitors who have various motives for proposing marriage, and with the man with whom she once had an affair. edwardsplace.org. \$15 or \$10 for SAA members. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Open mic comedy night
First and third Wednesday of every month, 6:30pm. Got jokes? Sign up for a five-minute comedy set at Pizza Records. Sign up starts at 6, and the show starts at 6:30. Free. Pizza Records, Jacksonville, 59 E. Central Park Plaza, 217-200-0897.

Dance

Friday Night Open Dancing
Fridays, 7-10pm. An evening of open dancing to a mix of music by the DJ. You can also bring your own music. prairielanddanceclub.com. \$5. Prairie Land Dance Club, Illiopolis, 650 Matilda St., 217-413-8646.

Art & Architecture

“Art Mimics Nature”
Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-

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

Acrylic Art Class
Fri., April 26, 10am-12pm. Featuring artist Lonnie Cain. Call to register. centralillinois.org. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

Art History Happy Hour
Thu., April 25, 5:30-7pm. Marianne Stremsterfer, Yvonne Brandis and Rod Buffington will discuss George Colin's work, his early years as a growing artist and how he gained notoriety by creating his own style. Attendees are encouraged to bring a photo of a piece of Colin's work and share their stories. springfieldart.org. Free. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

“Inter | action”
Thu., April 25, 5:30-8pm. A group exhibition featuring works by an

five visual arts students as they prepare to transition to emerging professionals. uis.edu. Free. UIS Visual Arts Gallery, HSB 201, One University Plaza, 217-206-6506.

Laser Engraving Metal Demonstration
Sat., April 27, 1-4pm. Wallace Dandridge will demonstrate the unique, intricate art of laser engraving metal. Personalized engravings will be available. Free. HodgePodge Heaven, White Oaks Mall, 2501 Wabash Ave., 217-801-1598.

“What Art Feels Like”
Mondays-Fridays, 9am-5pm and Saturdays, 10am-3pm. Through April 27. An opportunity to touch the art that is on display. Includes stone, ceramics, paper, fiber, painting, glass, wood and wall pieces participants can experience through both touch and sound. springfieldart.org. Free. M.G. Nelson Family Gallery, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

History

Underground Railroad Spring Bus Tour
Sun., April 28, 12:30-5pm. Guides in period attire will tell the fascinating stories of the brave men and women of our history while you are bused to the Underground Railroad sites. Meet at Illinois College McGaw Fine Arts Center (free parking behind the center). Reservations required. jacksonvilleil.com. Adult \$20, children \$10. Woodlawn Farm, Jacksonville, 1463 Geirke Lane, 309-678-7716.

Faith & Philosophy

Blended & Blessed Conference
Sat., April 27, 9am-4pm. For stepfamily couples, dating couples with kids and those who care about blended families. The live and livestreamed event examines the Bible's prescription for peace in your home and between homes. Registration required. calvarychurchspringfield.org. Free. Calvary Church Hazel Dell Campus, 501 W. Hazel Dell Road, 217-546-9700.

Community Worship and Picnic in the Park
Sun., April 28, 10:30am-1pm. Join with Douglas Avenue UMC as it celebrates one year as a reconciling church and the loving work being done in the community. Worship at 10:30 a.m. with picnic and children's activities to follow. Free. Duncan Park, 200 N. MacArthur Blvd., 217-546-4631.

Film & Television

Route 66 Drive-In Theater
Fri., April 26, and Sat., April 27. Screen 1: *Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire*, PG 13, at 8:15pm, *Abigail*, R, at 10:25pm. Screen 2: *Arthur the King*, PG 13, 8:30pm, *Imaginary*, PG 13, 10:30pm. \$9. Route 66 Drive-In Theater, 1700 Knights Recreation Drive, 217-698-0066.

Fundraisers and Galas

it Autism Support of Central Illinois UnGala
Sat., April 27, 7pm. About as sensory friendly as you can get. Simply buy tickets to stay home and not attend an event. Each table receives a virtual unGala toolkit including family dinner recipes, movie and TV suggestions, family friendly activities, and information and resources for local autism services. autismcil.org. \$50 per family. 217-803-0097.

Iron Chef Gala

Fri., April 26, 6-10pm. Sample the culinary delights of Springfield's finest chefs as they battle it out to win the People's Choice Award for their culinary creations. Event includes live music, raffle, auction and beverages. Monies raised benefit the Ball-Chatham School District. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-529-7777.

Parking Lot Party
Sun., April 28, 1-5pm. Inaugural, fun-filled event to feature live music, vendors, kid zone, beer tent, Animal Protective League, raffles and Gyro Stop Food Truck. Hosted by Gyro Stop and Spartan Valley Olive Oil. Part of proceeds benefit APL. Gyros Stop, 2907 S. MacArthur Blvd., 217-698-6463.

Riffs and Ruffs WILD Canine Rescue Benefit
Sun., April 28, 1-6pm. Features celebrity bartenders, raffles and live music by Lick Creek (1-3pm) and Deja Voodoo (3-6pm). Part of proceeds go toward the WILD canine rescue. Donations. Curve Inn, 3219 S. Sixth St. Road, 217-529-5806.

Skating fundraiser
Sat., April 27, 4:30-6:30pm. Do some skating and help MERCY Communities at the same time. Event includes face-painting, magicians, free popcorn/cotton candy and more. Sponsored by Youth Leadership Development Program through Compass for Kids. \$20, \$5 for adult spectators. Skateland South, 1500 Recreation Dr., 217-331-8828.

MARKETPLACE

Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. BROCK AARON DROCKTON; RHONDA DROCKTON; SOUTHWINDS SUBDIVISION HOME-OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 23 FC 116 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., Harvatin Law Office, 1100 South Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 28-12.0-153-002. Commonly known as 4 CHARLESTON CT., CHATHAM, IL 62629. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Meaghan J. Diaz de Villegas, Esq. at Plaintiff's Attorney, Lender Legal PLLC, 1800 Pembroke Drive, Orlando Florida 32810. (407) 730-4644. LLS11424-IL INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13242379

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. RITA STEPP; ET AL; Defendants, NOTICE OF SALE 23 FC 204 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., Harvatin Law Office, 1100 South Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-33.0-181-004. Commonly known as 814 W. Edwards Street, Springfield, IL 62704. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Sale Clerk at

Wooden It Be Lovely furniture sale
Sat., April 27, 9am-1pm and Sun., April 28, 12-2pm. Shop for refurbished furniture at amazing prices while at the same time helping women survivors of poverty, addiction and abuse. woodenitbelovely.love. Wooden It Be Lovely, 501 S. Douglas Ave.

Children's Corner

Bluey's Big Play
Tue., April 30, 6-8pm and Wed., May 1, 6-8pm. Bluey's Big Play is a brand-new theatrical adaptation of the Emmy® award-winning children's television series. uispac.com. \$33-\$131. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Junior Ranger Day
Sat., April 27, 9am-5pm. Earn a Junior Ranger Badge and Junior Ranger Flat Hat. Enjoy a ranger themed photo booth, crafts, and a self-guided scavenger hunt. Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 413 S. Eighth St., 217-391-3221.

Nature, Science & Environment

Elkhart Native Plant Sale
Fri., April 26, 10am-6pm and Sat., April 27, 8am-2pm. Fundraising sale features seven native plant species in 4-inch pots. In honor of Arbor Day, 50 pin and black oak seedlings in 15-inch seedling containers will be offered. All proceeds fund the Elkhart Pollinator Habitat and summer maintenance helpers. \$4 donation per pot suggested. Village of Elkhart, Elkhart, 209 Governor Oglesby St.

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

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

Wildflower Nature Walks
Sat., April 27. Elkhart Historical

Society plans walks through the Elkhart Hill woodlands to observe flowering species. Final day will be a combination wildflower and bird event. Birders Dr. Lara Borgerson, Joe Funk and Rhetta Jack will join the 2pm walk. Tony Rothering will demonstrate bird banding at 7:30am, 9am and 10:30am. Call to make reservations. \$15 per adult, \$10 for children ages 8-12. Village of Elkhart, Elkhart, 209 Governor Oglesby St., 217-947-2238.

Lectures & Meetings

2024 Holtz Memorial Lecture
Thu., April 25, 6pm. Heather Jagman of DePaul University Library will talk about the advances at academic libraries in the past 20 years. Registration is required. UIS Brookens Library, One University Plaza, 217-206-6597.

Citizens Club of Springfield
Fri., April 26, 8am. "Artificial Intelligence: How It Impacts Our Community," a discussion with a team of experts from UIS. Free. Hoogland Center for the Arts Club Room, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Friends of Genealogy
Sat., April 27, 2-3:30pm. Explore your family history. Hosted by Friends of Genealogy. Registration not required. Free. Chatham Area Public Library, Chatham, 600 E. Spruce St., 217-483-2713.

Unraveling Rule-based World Order
Wed., May 1, 7:30pm. Roy Wehrle and Chris McDonald will examine our changing world as it moves out of 75 years of peace among the major nations into a new era in which behavior of countries is breaking down and security is threatened. Reservations required. Reception at 5:30pm with dinner at 6pm. Presentation is free. mywacci.org. Presentation free, \$40 with dinner. Illini Country Club, 1601 S. Illini Road, 217-502-6956.

Bulletin Board

Boy Scouts Abraham Lincoln Pilgrimage
April 26-28. Scouts will make their annual pilgrimage on the Lincoln Trail. They begin at New Salem and hike to Springfield. The public is welcome to join them anytime. alincolnbsa.org. Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-632-4000.

ICON Membership Meeting

Mon., April 29, 6:30-7:30pm. Membership meeting open to the public. Joliet city official Michael Sinnet will talk about code enforcement and his city's new single-family rental registration program. springfieldicon.org. Free. South Side Christian Church, 2600 S. MacArthur, 217-218-9465.

Kitten shower
Sat., April 27, 1-3pm. Open house event features games and meeting the stars of the day - the kittens. Learn about the foster program. Donations of cat toys, canned food and more accepted. apl-shelter.org. Animal Protective League, 1001 Taintor Road, 217-361-6212.

Lucky Tom Cat Club CFA Cat Show
Sat., April 27, 10am-5pm and Sun., April 28, 9am-4pm. Come see a lot of different breeds of registered cats competing for ribbons. Event includes vendors and also rescue cats available for adoption. Illinois Building, Gate 1 (Main Gate), Illinois State Fairgrounds, 1101 E. Sangamon Ave., 309-369-3683.

Moonlight Market
First Wednesday of every month, 6-9pm. Through Sep. 4. Event features 20 to 30 artisans from central Illinois. Jackson Street, Between Sixth and Seventh streets.

Starting your Business in Illinois
Sat., April 27, 1-3pm. In this no-cost workshop, prospective small business owners will learn about legal entities, tax requirements, planning and more. Registration required. Presented by Small Business Development Center. Free. Fresh Visions Community Church, 1551 J. David Jones Pkwy., 217-522-2772.

Sports

Central Illinois Cluster Dog Shows
April 26-28, 8:30am. American Kennel Club-approved judges will judge breeds in these shows. See infodog.com for daily schedules. Free. Illinois State Fairgrounds Exposition Building, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-621-5169.

Hy-Vee Perks 40
Wed., May 1, 6-10pm. Jacksonville is the destination for some midweek World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car action. jacksonvillespeedway.com. \$10-\$100. Jacksonville Speedway, Jacksonville, 110 N. Westgate Ave., 217-371-3653.

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Basic Salsa
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Plaintiff's Attorney, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-23-07218 IJSC INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com I3242444

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

LINN PERKINS, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF LARRY D BURTON, DECEASED; VICTORIA BURTON A/K/A VICTORIA BATES; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; KENNETH BURTON; THOMAS BURTON; KATHIE STEVENS; CLARA KLAUZER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF REDA SANDLIN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LARRY D BURTON, DEFENDANTS. NO. 2023FC000039 1521 NORTH WESLEY STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

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

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on March 6, 2024, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on May 28, 2024, in the Sangamon South Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00am, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: TAX NO. 14-23-0-479-032 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1521 North Wesley Street Springfield, IL 62702

Description of Improvements: The property is a single family home. The Judgment amount was \$83,495.24. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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

REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For Information: Visit our website at <http://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# 23-14364IL PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3240033

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

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

1113 NORTH WESLEY STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on June 8, 2022, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on May 21, 2024, in the Sangamon South Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: TAX NO. 14-25-0-104-006 & 14-25-0-104-007 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1113 North Wesley Street Springfield, IL 62702

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

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

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (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# 22-08818IL PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3240675

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of April, 2024 a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that: Quoc Kinh Dang intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit: Pro Nails and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principal place of said business is located at: 1150 N 5th St, Springfield, IL 62702

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF EVANELL M. AUD, Deceased. No. 2023-PR-000389 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Evanell M. Aud. Letters of Office were issued to Kevin N. McDermott, as Independent Administrator, whose address is 109 S. 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 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, 200 South 9th Street, Suite 405, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 25, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To efile, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Dated: April 18, 2024 4BI7122 4/18/2024 Page 2 of 2 Case No. 2023-PR-000389 Attorney for Independent Co-Executors: Sorling Northrup Jerry S. Bauer, Attorney 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200 P.O. Box 5131 Springfield, IL 62705 Telephone: 217-544-1144 Fax: 217-522-3173 E-Mail: jsbauer@sorlinglaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of Earla D. Davis, Deceased IN PROBATE No 2024-PR-000149 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Earla D. Davis, Deceased Letters of Office were issued on April 17, 2024, to JERILYN SHEPHERD as Executor,

122 Heritage Point Ave., New Berlin, IL 62670 Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the Executor, on or before, October 25, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 17th day of April, 2024 JERILYN SHEPHERD, Executor, 122 Heritage Point Ave., New Berlin, IL 62670 shepherdjrs@yahoo.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF KAREN S. BUCARI, Deceased. Case No. 2024 PR 168 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of KAREN S. BUCARI. Letters of Office were issued on April 18, 2024 to ALAN P. BUCARI of Springfield, Illinois, 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 18th day of April 2024. 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 PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL WAYNE MOSCARDELLI, f/k/a Michael Wayne Lawson, Jr., DECEASED Case #2024-PR-171 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of MICHAEL WAYNE MOSCARDELLI, f/k/a Michael Wayne Lawson, Jr. Letters of Office have been issued to MELISSA LAWSON, 1206 Providence Circle, Apt. 108, Champaign, IL 61821, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Administrator, or both, on or before November 5, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 18th day of April, 2024. Patrick J. Sheehan, III SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street

Springfield, IL 62703 (217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EFFINGHAM COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of DELORES L. EYTCHISON, Deceased. IN PROBATE No. 2024-PR-13 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of Delores L. Eytchison, deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on April 5, 2024, to Albert Gene Eytchison, as Executor, whose attorney is Hugh F. Drake, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Effingham County Courthouse, 120 W. Jefferson Avenue, Effingham, IL 62401, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 19th day of October, 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 12th day of April, 2024. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Hugh F. Drake (Registration No. 6269666) 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705-2459 (217) 544-8491 hdrake@bhslaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of TYRE W. REES, Deceased. NO. 2024-PR-162 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Tyre W. Rees of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 15, 2024, to Kelsey Rees, 9504 Caemlyn Cove, Killeen, Texas 76542, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Matthew J. Cate, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before October 22, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 15th day of April, 2024. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com 351511

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC, f/k/a QUICKEN LOANS, LLC, f/k/a QUICKEN LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, Vs. JOE ALVIN SCOTT, et. al. Defendants. Re: ESTATE OF JOE ALVIN SCOTT, Deceased. No. 2023-FC-226 NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC, f/k/a QUICKEN LOANS, LLC, f/k/a QUICKEN LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, Vs. JOE ALVIN SCOTT, et. al. Defendants. Re: ESTATE OF JOE ALVIN SCOTT, Deceased. No. 2023-FC-226 NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOE ALVIN SCOTT:
Notice is given of the death of Joe Alvin Scott. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for the estate of Joe Alvin Scott, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 1710 E. Carpenter St., Springfield, IL 62702. The address of the Special Representative is Way Law Offices, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing.
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit e-file.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.
/s/ Dan E. Way
Special Representative for Joe Alvin Scott, deceased.
Dan E. Way, #6204735
WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC
1100 S. Fifth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
Tel. 217-525-7003
dan@danwaylaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOIS IRENE LOVELACE, Deceased
NO. 2024PR000148
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Lois Irene Lovelace, Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on April 9, 2024, to Penelope M. Greek, 3504 Wexford Drive, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 20th day of October, 2024, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 9th day of April, 2024.
Gregory P. Sgro
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SANDRA STAUDER, Deceased
NO. 2024PR000160
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Sandra Stauder, Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on April 11, 2024 to Sally Jean Keenan 619 N. 400 East Road, Pana, IL 62557, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 22nd day of October, 2024, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or

delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 11th day of April, 2024.
Gregory P. Sgro
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(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAROLYN B. TRASK, Deceased.
Case No. 2024-PR-150
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of CAROLYN B. TRASK, Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on April 09, 2024, to David M. LaBonte, 7465 Country Lake Drive, Springfield, IL 62711, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before October 10, 2024 or six (6) months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 09th day of April, 2024.
Alex B. Rabin
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217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
MARILYN L. RENTSCHLER, Deceased.
NO. 2024-PR-158
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Marilyn L. Rentschler of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 8, 2024, to F. Otto Rentschler, 8286 Oak Crest Road, Dawson, Illinois 62520, Independent Administrator with Will Annexed, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before October 15, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 9th day of April, 2024.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

ETHEL M. KLOPPE, DECEASED
Case #2024-PR-155
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of ETHEL M. KLOPPE. Letters of Office have been issued to DALE EDWARD KLOPPE, 3475 Kloppe Road, New Berlin, IL 62670, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before October 21, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 5th day of April, 2024.
Patrick J. Sheehan
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(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRADLEY A. HILLMAN, DECEASED
Case #2024-PR-145
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of BRADLEY A. HILLMAN. Letters of Office have been issued to JAMES F. HILLMAN, JR., 1727 Milton Lane, Wheaton, IL 60189, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before October 21, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 5th day of April, 2024.
William P. Sheehan
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Springfield, IL 62703
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of
JAMES EUGENE MCKINNEY, Deceased.
NO. 2024-PR-152
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of James Eugene McKinney of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 4, 2024, to Maria Yager, 209 Carroll Street, Pawnee, Illinois 62558, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Bernard G. Segatto, III, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before October 11, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 5th day of April, 2024.
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of Lamisha Marie Woods, Petitioner And Howard Jerome Woods, Respondent
Case No. 2023 DN 179
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Howard Jerome Woods, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 25th day May, 2024, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Tyrece Lashon Matthais Goins
For change of name to Lashon Matthais Smith
Case No. 2024MR000125
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on June 18, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Tyrece Lashon Matthais Goins to Lashon Matthais Smith pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: April 25, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Dantrell Kay Roberts
For change of name to Robert Dantrell Smith
Case No. 2024MR000124
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on June 18, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Dantrell Kay Roberts to Robert Dantrell Smith pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: April 25, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Sylvester Lee Dalton
For change of name to Steven Lee Parnell
Case No. 2024MR000132
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on June 18, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Sylvester Lee Dalton to Steven Lee Parnell pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: April 18, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Jarek David-Earl Hanners
For change of name to Jarek David-Earl Houle
Case No. 2024MR000147
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on June

18, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Jarek David-Earl Hanners to Jarek David-Earl Houle pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: April 18, 2024

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. BROCK AARON DROCKTON; RHONDA DROCKTON; SOUTHWINDS SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 23 FC 116
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., Harvatin Law Office, 1100 South Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
LOT 2 OF SOUTHWINDS PLAT 2. EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 28-12.0-153-002. Commonly known as 4 CHARLESTON CT., CHATHAM, IL 62629.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Meaghan J. Diaz de Villegas, Esq. at Plaintiff's Attorney, Lender Legal PLLC, 1800 Pembroke Drive, Orlando Florida 32810. (407) 730-4644. LLS11424-IL INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13242379

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. RITA STEPP; ET AL; Defendants, NOTICE OF SALE 23 FC 204
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., Harvatin Law Office, 1100 South Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
THE WEST 45 FEET OF A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF EDWARDS STREET WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID EAST HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, (WHICH IS ALSO THE WEST LINE OF LOT 9 OF ASSESSOR'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 33) AND RUNNING THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 25 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID EDWARDS STREET 182 1/4 FEET TO A POINT 80 FEET SOUTH FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF SAID EDWARDS STREET WITH THE WEST LINE OF DOYLE AVENUE, (NOW GLENWOOD AVENUE) THENCE SOUTH ON THE SAID WEST LINE OF DOYLE OR GLENWOOD AVENUE PRODUCED SOUTH 175 1/2 FEET TO A POST, THENCE WEST 182 1/4 FEET TO THE SAID WEST LINE OF SAID EAST HALF, EAST HALF NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, AND THENCE NORTH 168 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERAL AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 14-33.0-181-004. Commonly known as 814 W. Edwards Street, Springfield, IL 62704.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Sale Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, Codliss & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-23-07218 IJSC INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13242444

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. JENNY M. WYZARD; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; ACUITY, A MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No.: 2024FC000008
Property Address: 608 N 3RD ST, RIVERTON, IL 62561
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOLLLOWING, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Tyrece Lashon Matthais Goins
For change of name to Lashon Matthais Smith
Case No. 2024MR000125
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on June 18, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Tyrece Lashon Matthais Goins to Lashon Matthais Smith pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: April 25, 2024

described as follows, to wit:
THE SOUTH 50 FEET OF LOT 24 IN THE SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, REFERENCE BEING HAD TO THE PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, DEED RECORD 56, PAGE 640. Commonly known as: 608 N 3RD ST, RIVERTON, IL 62561
Names of the titleholders of record: JENNY M. WYZARD.
Date of the Mortgage: March 24, 2015.
Name or names of the mortgagors: JENNY M. WYZARD.
Name of the mortgagee: TOWN AND COUNTRY BANK, BANKING CORPORATION.
Date and place of recording: March 25, 2015; Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois.
Identification of recording: Document No. 2015R07302.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before May 20, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.
E-filing is now mandatory with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://illinoiscourts.gov/self-help> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoislegalaid.org. For information about defending yourself in a court case (including filing an appearance or fee waiver), or to apply for free legal help, go to www.illinoislegalaid.org. You can also ask your local circuit clerk's office for a fee waiver application.

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.

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_s/ Colin Winters, Esq.,
Colin Winters, Esq., Counsel of Record for Plaintiff ARDC # 6297980
I3242316

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF, VS. DAMON RITENHOUSE, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF DOROTHY LOUISE FOSTER, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DOROTHY L. FOSTER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; JACKIE BRUMMETT; CARL RAY BRUMMETT; THOMAS BRUMMETT; LINDA SMITH A/K/A LINDA BRUMMETT A/K/A LINDA HOWARD; JEANNE BUTLER A/K/A JEANNE BRUMMETT; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ROBERT FOSTER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF PAUL BRUMMETT; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KENNETH BRUMMETT; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JIMMIE BRUMMETT; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF PATRICIA BRUMMETT, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2023FC000174
621 HIGH SCHOOL STREET
DIVERNON, IL 62530
JUDGE
PRESIDING JUDGE
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU,
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Dorothy L. Foster
Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants
Thomas Brummett
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Robert Foster
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Paul Brummett
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Kenneth Brummett
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Jimmie Brummett
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Patricia Brummett

defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:
LOTS 4 AND 5 IN BLOCK TWENTY-FOUR OF D.L. HAIRE'S HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF DIVERNON, ILLINOIS AS RECORDED IN BOOK 11 OF PLATS, PAGE 32, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND OTHER MINERALS. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as: 621 High School Street
Divernon, IL 62530

and which said Mortgage was made by, Dorothy Louise Foster a/k/a Dorothy L. Foster Mortgage(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Diamond Residential Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2017R30548; and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before May 20, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You have been sued. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Notice called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case. After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegalaid.org. All documents

referred to in this Notice can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website. ¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411-1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios.
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
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Chicago, IL 60602
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File No. 23-16416L-980914
I3242097

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF, VS. LINN PERKINS, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF LARRY D BURTON, DECEASED; VICTORIA BURTON A/K/A VICTORIA BATES; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; KENNETH BURTON; THOMAS BURTON; KATHIE STEVENS; CLARA KLAUZER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF REDA SANDLIN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LARRY D BURTON, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 2023FC000039
1521 NORTH WESLEY STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

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

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on March 6, 2024, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on May 28, 2024, in the Sangamon South Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00am, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT NINETY-SIX (96) IN WANLESS' SPRINGFIELD HEIGHTS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TAX NO. 14-23.0-479-032
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1521 North Wesley Street
Springfield, IL 62702
Description of Improvements: The property is a single family home.

The Judgment amount was \$83,495.24.
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale

without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at <http://iforeclosuresales.mrpilc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 23-143641L

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

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
I3240033

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

VS. MARCUS BERTRAND AKA MARCUS T. BERTRAND; BETHANY BERTRAND AKA BETHANY K. BERTRAND; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 2024FC000037
Property Address: 1825 S College St Springfield, IL 62704

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, BETHANY BERTRAND AKA BETHANY K. BERTRAND; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT FORTY-EIGHT (48) AND THE NORTH 30 FEET OF LOT FORTY-SEVEN (47) OF SPAULDING'S WHITTIER PLACE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 22-04.0-252-050; 22-04.0-252-068

Said property is commonly known as 1825 S College St, Springfield, IL 62704 and which said mortgage(s) was/were made and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 2015R07068, and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office

of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County on or before MAY 13, 2024, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.

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

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8051-941207

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

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

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

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE

UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

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

LOTS FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE (573) AND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR (574) IN SPAULDING'S CAPITAL PARK ADDITION. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SAID LANDS TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS .

TAX NO. 14-25.0-104-006 & 14-25.0-104-007
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1113 North Wesley Street
Springfield, IL 62702

Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a morton type building garage. The garage is detached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is tan. The property has a fence. The property is occupied. Fence has damage to it The Judgment amount was \$81,221.14. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

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

to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 22-088181L

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Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
I3240675

Please take notice that on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 5:30 PM, the corporate authorities will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed annual appropriation ordinance for the Village of Grandview for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2023 and ending May 31, 2024. The hearing will be held in the conference room of Grandview Village Hall, 2377 E Reservoir St, Grandview, IL 62702. Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for public inspection at Grandview Village Hall. The public is invited to attend the hearing and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. By Order of the Corporate Authorities of the Village of Grandview, Illinois.

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

In the matter of the Petition of Julienne Jones Wilde-White
For change of name to
Julienne Starr Jones
Case No. 2024-MR-151
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on June 18, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Julienne Jones Wilde-White to Julienne Starr Jones pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: April 25, 2024

To enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent a private auction will be held on Saturday May 11, 2024 at 9:00a.m. Northend Storage is located at 1907 North Grand East, Springfield, IL. 62702
This is a private auction. In order to attend you must call 217-544-4521 a week prior to the auction date.
Please leave your name, telephone number and an email address.
Cash is the only form of payment accepted for the auction.
Any individual wanting to retain their unit will

need to pay their entire balance on or before May 8, 2024.

No personal checks will be accepted for storage units that are in lien.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION

Larry Hagaman Unit 3-2
Marjeana Disney Unit 3-7
Brandin Ward Unit 7-2
Zaire Hughes Unit 7-3
Donald Caves Unit 1-13
Donald Caves Unit 5-23
Terry Broida Unit 3-13
Cheryl Goza Smith Unit 3-40
Keith Fickas Unit 7-19
David Nudo Unit G-8

Notice of intent to file a Mechanic's lien
Date of service: October 12, 2023
Name and Address: Rahmon Rose, 822 W. Jefferson St., Springfield IL 62704
Year: 2004
Make: BMW
VIN: 5UXFA93594LE81715
Invoice: BFCS254018
Total Invoice: \$1912.53.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF MACOUPIN
VILLAGE OF PALMYRA, an Illinois

Municipal Corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs.
RICK PFEILER,
UNKNOWN OWNERS and
NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.

2024-MR-6
NOTICE OF PENDENCY

Notice is given you Deangelo Flippins, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced and you are summoned to a establish parentage/custody order case and for other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois on or before the 18th day of May, 2024, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.

Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

Date of Sale: May 1, 2024 @ 1:00 P.M.
Location: Westside Storage, 3142 South Douglas Avenue, Ste A., Springfield, IL 62704.

BLD B #70 5x10
Lillian Clausen
3095 Winch Road Apt B
Springfield, IL 62707
BLD KK #9 5x12
Kury Curry
16 Concord Square #2
Boston, MA 02118
BLD B #66 5x10
Allan Prichard
2804 Ridge Ave.
Springfield, IL 62702
BLD B #76 10x10
Timothy Snyder
1012 W. Fayette Apt 2
Springfield, IL 62704
BLD L #102 10x10
Shanna Zake
2044 S. Lincoln Avenue
Springfield, IL 6274

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

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
Plaintiff,

vs.
NINE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$9,440.00) USC AND VARIOUS DIAMOND JEWELRY
China Evans
No. 24-MX-059

24-AF-003

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Milhiser, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on January 15th, 2024. UNLESS YOU file a verified answer with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.

Joe Roesch

Clerk of Court

J.W. Pierceall

Assistant State's Attorney

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY OF MACOUPIN

VILLAGE OF PALMYRA, an Illinois

Municipal Corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RICK PFEILER,

UNKNOWN OWNERS and

NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.

2024-MR-6

NOTICE OF PENDENCY

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you file your answer to the petition or otherwise file your appearance in said court before May 15, 2024, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and the judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of the petition.

/s/ H. Allen Yow, Counsel

Attorneys for Plaintiff:

Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C.

H. Allen Yow, Counsel

232 West State Street, P.O. Box 550

Jacksonville, Illinois, 62651

Telephone: (217) 245-6177

Coined phrases

Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 838

Across

1. Dutch exports

6. Beef cuts

11. 100 yrs.

14. Flies alone

15. "It's ___ cause"

16. ___-tzu

17. A whole divided four times, in music

19. Hot time in Haiti

20. Rod at a pig roast

21. Campus bigwig

22. Modern letters

24. ___ de cologne

26. Advisory

27. Downs' opposite

30. Lowlife

33. "Holy moly!"

34. Silence

36. Gallop

38. "Star Trek" counselor

42. Being trivial

45. ___-Seltzer

46. "I cannot tell ___"

47. "Groovy!"

48. What "it" plays

50. A long way off

52. Auction offering

53. Hightails it

56. Put on the line

58. "In what way?"

59. Capitol Hill worker

62. Ascend

66. "___ you kidding?"

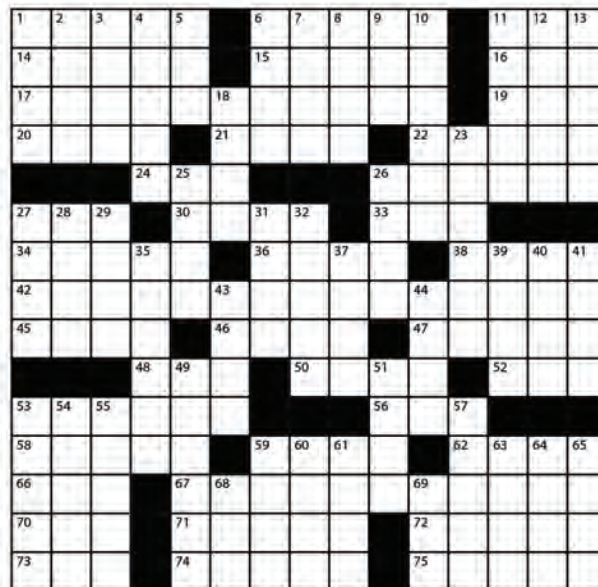
67. Preppy's wear

70. Paper size: Abbr.

71. Go over, as lines

72. "Home ___"

73. ___ Cruces, N.M.



74. Long-winded stories

75. Fruity pastries

Down

1. Many A.B.A. members

2. Arrange, as hair

3. Jai ___

4. Death in Venice

5. Mach 1 breaker

6. Endangered

7. Arm part

8. Night light

9. L.A. clock setting

10. "Remington ___" of 1980's

11. Cloudless

12. Suffer a loss, slangily

13. Christmas songs

18. Cabinet dept.

23. What to do "in St. Louis"

25. ___ Stadium in Queens

26. Got gray

27. Annapolis sch.

28. Pop singer Collins

29. Use a straw

31. Eurasia's ___ Mountains

32. Craze

35. Goes blading

37. Scale starter

39. Iranian coin

40. "I'm ___ you!"

41. "___ Rhythm"

43. Falls behind

44. About, on a memo

49. Embraces

51. Brother of Cain

53. "I ___ return"

54. ___ Potti

55. Decorative jugs

57. Start of a refrain

59. Word jumble: Abbr.

60. Ancient Peruvian

61. Salon supplies

63. "___ one..." (opiner's opening)

64. Dispatched

65. "___ Tu" (1974 hit)

68. Victorian, for one

69. Bit in a horse's mouth

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #837

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

Sudoku answers from #837

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

JoshJosh answers from #837

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 838

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.

4-	2+	2-	40x		
			6x		2+
120x			3		
2-		2+		2-	
2+		1-		14+	
2+		30x			

Difficulty hard

Sudoku No. 838

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

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

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