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# Free Capitol News Illinois

Shining light on lawmakers

UPON FURTHER REVIEW | Bruce Rushton

There is nothing like watching the Illinois General Assembly.

Whether floor debate or witnesses testifying before the Agriculture, Environment and Energy Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, it's riveting stuff, which explains why former Gov. Bruce Rauner once dreamed of projecting Capitol proceedings onto a giant screen across the street from the governor's mansion as part of a destination park that never got built.

For some folks, keeping an eye on lawmakers is duty, not recreation. This includes journalists who toil to inform on such matters as taxes, politics and shenanigans. Who's a journalist can be in eye of the beholder. Sometimes, the only beholders that count are folks being watched.

Founded in 2019, Capitol News Illinois, with three full-time reporters, has more folks embedded than any other news organization granted space in the legislative press office. It's a wire service, essentially, for papers that otherwise could not afford to publish state government news. They go to press conferences. They attend committee hearings.

They do what most Statehouse reporters do, except scrutinize from House and Senate floors, where they are not allowed.

Capitol News Illinois has requested floor credentials granted to journalists from the Associated Press, the *State Journal-Register* and myriad other media outlets. Lawmakers have refused.

Credentials count.

General Assembly junkies can watch online but cameras aren't always focused on what's most interesting. Who's whispering to whom in aisles and at desks while sausage cooks? Consider a January photo of Rep. Chris Welch, soon-to-be speaker, huddled with 16 female colleagues, far from the podium, after his long-ago arrest on suspicion of domestic violence

resurfaced. Reporters with credentials can't wander the floor, but they can ask a page to summon a lawmaker to answer questions about what's going on.

"You wouldn't be able to tell it from our work, but it does make it a little more difficult," says Jeff Rogers, Capitol News Illinois editor and director of the Illinois Press Foundation. "It hasn't helped us."

Legislative leaders have denied access on grounds that Capitol News Illinois is affiliated with an interest group, the Illinois Press Association, which employs lobbyists. Among other things, the IPA lobbies to keep laws requiring that legal notices be printed in newspapers.

It's OK for lawmakers to moonlight as lobbyists, but reporters aren't supposed to be tools of outfits with business before the legislature. Legislative leaders have drawn parallels between Capitol News Illinois and a defunct news arm of the Illinois Policy Institute, a conservative think tank. Lawmakers six years ago won a court fight to deny credentials for the institute's alleged news operation. It's a matter of consistency, Steve Brown, then spokesman for former House Speaker Michael Madigan, wrote in a 2019 letter denying credentials to Capitol News Illinois.

"(I)t is my opinion that you and the others with Capitol News Illinois are not representatives of the press but representatives of an advocacy organization," Brown wrote.

Capitol News Illinois is a creature of the Illinois Press Foundation, a nonprofit affiliate of the Illinois Press Association. The policy institute had a similar relationship with its news arm. That's where similarities end. For one thing, we don't know who funds the policy institute, which doesn't disclose donor names. We know that the Robert R. McCormick Foundation carries Capitol News Illinois,

which also conducts fundraising drives familiar to any NPR fan.

News can be like pornography: To paraphrase the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart, you know it when you see it. There are no Larry Flynts or Hemingways or Ayn Rands at Capitol News Illinois. There is something rarer, these days: Straight news stories, with few adjectives and short sentences. That's why more than 440 papers, including *Illinois Times*, have published their stuff. You can trust it.

Hope arrived during the lame duck session, when the House, but not the Senate, granted access that hasn't extended to the current session. A request now pends before the Senate.

Since we're talking access, should we emulate Arkansas and put videos of proceedings on the General Assembly's website? Lots of legislatures do. You can watch Missouri lawmakers discuss health care and taxes on the Show Me State's legislative website, where videos of committee hearings and floor sessions from way back are available. Not in Illinois. Proceedings are livestreamed on our legislature's website, and that's it: If you don't subscribe to bluroomstream.com, a website run by a company that archives recordings of hearings and floor sessions – subscriptions cost between \$100 and \$300 per month – you have to request recordings of committee hearings and floor sessions.

"This live session video/audio broadcast is the property of the Illinois General Assembly," the House warns on the legislature's website. "Any use of this broadcast without the prior written consent of the Illinois General Assembly is prohibited. (T)he proceedings will be recorded and archived on digital video disc (DVD) by the House Clerk. Copies may be obtained on DVD from the Clerk for a fee. Unauthorized duplication of these recordings is prohibited."

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It doesn't seem consistent. □

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## Build a better Earth Day with better buildings

GUESTWORK | American Institute of Architects

Having recently celebrated Earth Day, the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the world's largest design organization, is asking architects, design professionals, building industry partners, civic leaders and the public to join us in our effort to create a zero-carbon, resilient, healthy and equitable built environment. One way to make a big difference is joining us in our support of the Clean Energy Jobs Act.

Rising global temperatures are causing climate-related natural disasters, and one of the biggest culprits is in plain sight – buildings. In total, buildings account for about 40% of annual fossil fuel carbon-dioxide emissions (CO2). That makes buildings responsible for more CO2 emissions than cows, cars or the manufacturing industry. Building materials, construction and ongoing operations, by contrast, produce most of the rest. In Illinois we are suffering from our own climate crisis. In the last few years, we've seen an increase in major flooding, record-breaking Lake Michigan water levels, higher temperatures and a rise in tornadic activity.

We must act now to stop this emergency.

In just a few weeks, Illinois lawmakers will take action on a bold new comprehensive energy policy to greatly improve energy efficiency in buildings and ramp up renewable energy development. The Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA) will put our state on a path to 100% renewable energy by 2050, cut carbon emissions from the power sector and create much-needed jobs and economic opportunity in every part of Illinois.

Big challenges call for big ideas.

AIA Illinois is a member of the Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition and strongly supports the Clean Energy Jobs Act. We are particularly excited to see the Building Energy Performance Standard for state buildings in CEJA. These standards, which may also be

### Editor's note

President Biden likes trillions. Everybody liked the \$2 trillion American Rescue Plan, and the proposed \$2.3 trillion infrastructure plan makes sense if we can afford it. Now we have the \$1.8 trillion American Families Plan that includes free community college and lots of other good ideas – if we can afford them. Fiscal conservatives need to speak up. It's unclear whether Everett Dirksen ever really said, "A trillion here, a trillion there, and pretty soon you're talking real money." But he did often tell the story about the workers who filled a pothole without tamping the fill, so the resulting mound became a traffic hazard. "I have it," said one of the workers. "We'll just dig the hole deeper." –*Fletcher Farrar, editor and CEO*

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**OPINION**

# State revenue better than expected, but budget deficits remain

**POLITICS | Rich Miller**

The state's fiscal news of late has been a whole lot better than just about anyone expected. March's base general funds revenue grew by \$422 million versus a year ago, mainly because of stronger than expected receipts of personal and corporate income taxes and sales taxes. That follows a growth of \$330 million in February's receipts.

The revenue surge has been so rosy that some have openly wondered whether Gov. JB Pritzker was telling the truth last year when he warned voters that failing to approve a graduated income tax, which would've eventually produced \$3+ billion a year in new revenues would result in budget cuts or higher taxes.

But a little-noticed budget forecast published during spring break by the legislature's Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability threw some cold water on all the excitement.

"The 2017 income tax increase closed some of the structural gap in the budget but the State still has more work to do to truly be able to operate under a sustainable model moving forward," COGFA reported.

That structural budget gap also came up in a recent report by the University of Illinois' Institute of Government and Public Affairs, which noted that Illinois' expenditures exceeded revenue by roughly 10% each year between 2010 and 2020.

But back to COGFA's report, which claimed "As demonstrated in this report, based on forecast models, the State needs to raise more revenue and/or reduce expenditures."

The commission produced several scenarios, including one that used the projected spending for this fiscal year and next fiscal year and applied the 2.7% annual spending growth averaged here over the past five years. In that scenario, the Fiscal Year 2022 deficit would be \$1.2 billion, FY23's deficit would be \$1.7 billion and the 2024 budget would have a \$1.9 billion hole with more than a \$9.9 billion bill backlog (currently at \$5.4 billion).

Basing projections on the same two fiscal years with an average 3.2% spending growth seen in Illinois over the past 10 years, the projected Fiscal Year 2024 deficit grows to \$2.3 billion and the bill backlog would be \$10.6 billion.

But basing calculations on only this fiscal year's spending would produce even higher deficits and backlogs: A \$5 billion deficit and a \$19.1 billion backlog by FY2024 with 2.7% annual spending growth; and a whopping \$5.7 billion deficit and a \$20.5 billion bill backlog

with a 3.2% spending growth.

To bring the bill backlog down to \$0, COGFA calculated that the state would need annual spending cuts of 5.3% and 4.7%, depending on which fiscal year spending base was used in the projection.

Zero-growth budgets would produce a \$413 million surplus and a \$6.5 billion backlog by 2024 in one scenario and a \$1.4 billion deficit and a \$12 billion backlog in the other.

But even achieving flat spending is hugely difficult because of ever-increasing pension obligations, medical inflation and education spending pressures, not to mention all the other programs that legislators and governors devise.

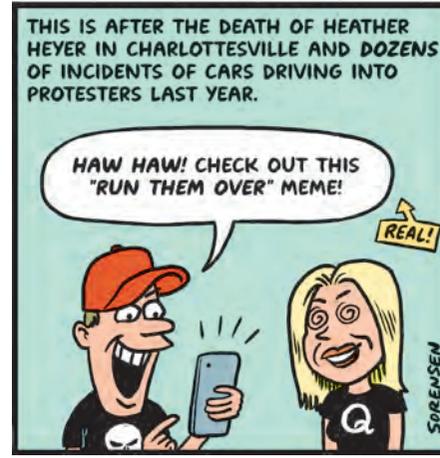
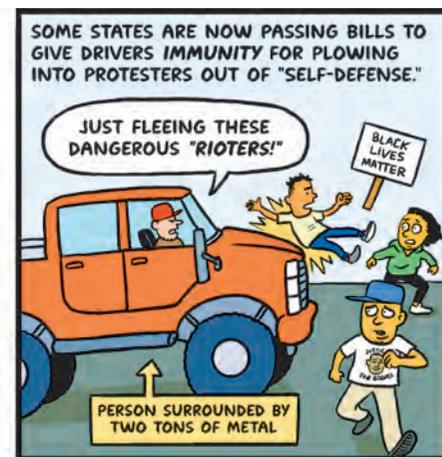
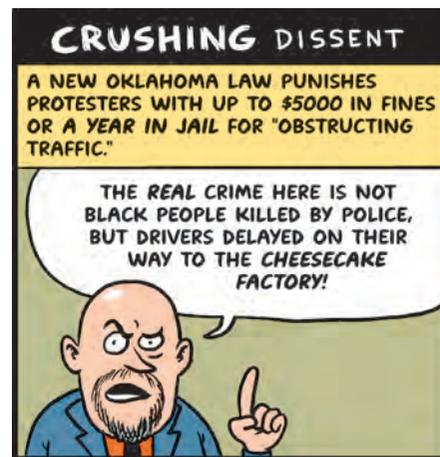
One of COGFA's suggestions was reducing statutory interest rates on past-due bills of between 9 and 12% annually, which it claimed could reduce spending by \$15-45 million per year. While it looks good on paper, the hard fact remains that vendors have been shafted for two decades by this state and it's already difficult to find people who will do business with Illinois. Cutting that interest

rate would make it even tougher. COGFA also suggested expanding the sales tax base, which is something the governor has rejected.

But the commission did have one piece of sound advice: Use the \$7.5 billion from the federal government's new American Rescue Plan to pay off the money borrowed from the feds, pay down the state's bill backlog, use some of the cash to generate as much federal matching funds as possible and patch any COVID-caused budgetary holes.

That will definitely help keep down the projected bill backlogs, but it won't do much to correct the structural budget problems this state has had for many years. That opportunity was lost last November when Gov. Pritzker's "Fair Tax" went down in flames.

While the governor's \$1 billion "corporate loopholes" proposal would make a dent in those projected holes, a new and comprehensive plan is necessary. But it'll be pretty tough with an election year right around the corner. Petitions can be circulated in about five months. □



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Lawmakers have urged the ALPLM and its foundation to hire a mediator to resolve their differences, but the ALPLM says it will only agree to mediation if legislators repeal a law passed in 2019 that gives the foundation a role in running the institution.

**community concert poem #3**

at a beloit community concert – I was maybe nine – the program was a tenor and baritone – I found their voices so moving I promised myself to hear them again some day knowing this possible since life is long I didn't save the program I probably never did hear them again or had I didn't realize these were the ones I've heard a number of tenors baritones in my life may still hear a few more but I've always remembered that one event the names of the men and pieces are gone only how it moved me to make that vow

2021 *Jacqueline Jackson*

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**A JOB FOR NATIONAL ARCHIVES**

The state should give the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum to the National Archives and Records Administration in exchange for no charge for admission (“Un-Civil War: Accusations fly between ALPLM, foundation,” April 22). The National Archives already owns and operates the libraries for several former presidents with great success: Herbert Hoover, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard Nixon and Gerald R. Ford.

Either way, the so-called nonprofit foundation should be disbanded. If there was ever a reason to reform nonprofits, this is it. Too many of these organizations are clueless as to what a nonprofit truly means – it is not just an extension of a state agency.

*Paul Barker  
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**FERMENTED FOODS**

Thanks to Dr. Peter Glatz and coach Mike Suhadolnik for continuing to provide us

with dietary information that helps us stay healthy, especially during these trying times of the COVID-19 pandemic (“Why eat fermented foods?,” April 22). I have been making my own L. reuteri yogurt and eating kimchi daily for several years. I think it is one of the keys to immune health. Some have speculated that one of the reasons COVID deaths were low in Korea is because they consume a lot of kimchi. Fermented foods are also quite tasty.

*Mike Henebry  
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**WHERE'S THE DIVERSITY?**

Are we to believe the 50 United States governors' seats are reserved for whites only? Historically, we've only had four African American governors (Louisiana in 1872, Virginia in 1990, Massachusetts in 2007 and New York in 2008). We currently have 41 white males, nine white women and four people of color, but not African Americans.

The governors are like individual presidents for the states. Among their many duties, they stand as the chief person representing the state, they sign bills into law, deliver the state of the state address to citizens, control the budget and the National Guard. Our country has said loud and clear these are seats of white

supremacy. When will this racism end?

*Alyce Lyle  
Springfield*

**TRUMP DEVOTEES**

Tucker Carlson, host of an evening show on Fox News, has been gaslighting what happened on Jan. 6, 2021. He is minimizing the insurrection to sow seeds of doubt that it didn't really happen. This riot denialism comes out of the biggest lies: One, that Joe Biden did not win the 2021 presidential election. And two, that there was widespread voter fraud.

The GOP is now using these lies to pass new Jim Crow bills across the country in over 40 states. All this mendacity begs that we should forget about the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection. That it was no big deal and just a bunch of people talking about the Constitution and their rights.

Why are Carlson and the GOP pretending the insurrection did not happen? Is it because of the former inciter-in-chief, the twice-impeached, one term insurrection-starting president, who never won the popular vote?

It seems Tucker Carlson and the GOP can't shake their devotion to Trump. They believe he holds the key to power.

*Phillipa Porter  
Springfield*

**Build a better Earth Day with better buildings**

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adopted by local jurisdictions, are flexible and drive innovative solutions. The Clean Energy Jobs Act also supports efficiency programs to fix health and safety problems like faulty wiring and poor indoor air quality in low-income homes. These programs will improve residents' health and create training and small business development opportunities in these communities.

AIA architects throughout Illinois are working to curb our carbon addiction. We are challenging ourselves to create new high-performance buildings that are passive, all electric, and produce zero CO2 emissions. As of 2020, over 130 Chicago firms have signed on to the AIA 2030 Commitment – a holistic, firm-wide, project based, and data-driven pledge, aimed at making all new buildings and renovations carbon-neutral by 2030.

It is our personal and professional responsibility, as leaders in the design and construction industry, to make the business and financial case to our clients and to help them better understand and support integrating renewable energy sources into all buildings, making them more sustainable, resilient and economical. AIA Illinois will continue to provide trainings related to cost-effective energy efficiency, recycling and use of repurposed materials; we will work to update our statewide codes where it makes sense, and lobby for historic preservation tax credits to promote the adaptive reuse of buildings and to reduce the carbon footprint of new construction.

We can all do more.

Climate change will become irreversible soon. We must change how we design and build projects. We hope you will join us and support policies, like the Clean Energy Jobs Act, that align with our shared goal to reduce and eliminate carbon in the built environment.

Stand with us. □

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# The warming of Illinois

Experts warn of climate change implications for the state

ENVIRONMENT | Madison Angell

Illinois is seeing rapid changes in weather, which are already starting to impact the state. Long-term effects of climate change in Illinois include increased heat and precipitation. Both have disastrous implications for crops and other ways of life.

That's according to research by dozens of climate experts from various universities across the state who have worked with The Nature Conservancy of Illinois. Those advocating for the environment say urgent action is needed to mitigate the harms associated with climate change.

Researchers working on the project have identified how climate change has affected human health, agriculture, water supply and ecosystems. Michelle Carr directs The Nature Conservancy of Illinois. Concerns are rising for climate change experts, particularly in Illinois, Carr said during an April 20 news conference.

"Summer temperatures are rising and this will mean longer, more severe droughts," said Carr. Flooding is expected to become more common, and researchers predict "heat and water stress will likely reduce farming crop yield and also affect livestock," Carr said. The climate crisis in Illinois "is critical, but decisive action and policies can still prevent the state from forever being altered," she said.

Donald Wuebbles is an atmospheric science professor with University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and former White House expert on climate science. Along with retired state climatologist Jim Angel, Wuebbles recruited more than 45 scientists to help create a new "climate portfolio" for Illinois. The new Nature Conservancy report is a way to forecast climate change problems specific to the state. "Illinois had only been included in a grouping of numerous states in either the national climate assessments or specialized assessments," said Wuebbles during the news conference. The new report assesses the last 120 years of climate change in Illinois, covers potential implications and gives policymakers suggestions on where additional research and funding is needed.

## Flooding

The analysis covers the length and frequency of cold and hot days, extreme rainfall and flooding. It focuses on how climate change is already negatively affecting Illinois, and how it could change the future. The goal is to provide policy leaders with clarity about how climate change can affect urban and rural communities in Illinois. The report shows nearly 15% of



Illinois is prone to flooding. Heavy rainfall can overwhelm sewer and water systems, which can then cause flooding. Illinois also has an extensive river system that can easily flood in the spring and summer months, depending on rainfall.

More intense and drawn-out rainfalls could "increase flood risks to agriculture, property and people in Illinois," according to the report's researchers. Illinois recorded its fifth wettest year on record in 2019 and researchers predict 1.2 million acres of corn and soybeans went unplanted in the state that year because of rain and widespread flooding.

## Agriculture

Illinois, like many Midwestern states, has an economy based on agriculture. "Illinois' fertile soils, level to gently sloping land, and favorable climate makes it uniquely situated to be a major agricultural producer," the report reads. Higher temperatures and flood risks could lead to reduced corn production. Increased temperatures would likely be coupled with the increased presence of weeds, pests and diseases. And within the next 100 years, researchers expect warming temperatures to shift planting zones northward. If that happens, farmers in

Illinois could struggle to cultivate the variety of fruits, vegetables and nuts currently grown in Illinois.

Angel, who helped organize and produce the new analysis, said the agricultural industry is an economic pillar for Illinois and that farmers are very aware of the effects of climate change. Angel said state and national governments should do more to help ease economic risks to farmers by investing in sustainable agriculture practices.

The warming of Illinois, research suggests, will continue to be a symptom of "increased greenhouse gas emissions and extensive land use changes," as well as human activity, according to the report. The report also predicts warming temperatures could increase the presence of pests, weeds and diseases – which would negatively impact the health of plants, animals and humans. "Social science research is needed on the vulnerability of rural communities," said Angel. There also needs to be implementation of sustainable practices in agriculture and water maintenance, he said. The Nature Conservancy of Illinois has finalized the report, which is expected to be published in May. □

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## ROLLING STONES COMING TO TOWN?

**CAP CITY** Probably not, but stranger things have happened. In any case, a sure sign of hope after more than a year of pandemic is word that the Levitt Amp concert series, a smash success in 2019, is scheduled to return to the Y Block – we'll keep calling it that until someone comes up with something better than North Mansion – in June. Funded by a California charity that digs live music on big lawns in bootstrap cities like Springfield, the concert series that debuted here two years ago brought such attractions as the Skatalites to downtown on Thursday nights, and what fun it was. Organizers haven't released a lineup but say that weekly concerts will begin on June 3. We can think of many worthy performers from Illinois, check out the exhibit on music from the Land of Lincoln currently on display at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (see below), but, after a year of watching virtual "live" performances, it would be great to hear first-graders playing kazoos on any stage, anywhere.

## ROCK THE MUSEUM

**CAP CITY** Miles Davis, Howlin' Wolf, John Prine, Cheap Trick and Earth, Wind and Fire are making a visit to Springfield. Well, artifacts from the music legends will be on display at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) starting Friday, April 30, anyway. The "State of Sound: A World of Music from Illinois" exhibit explores Illinois musicians and their influence on genres including blues, jazz, gospel, punk, hip-hop and rock. The multimedia exhibit will allow guests to watch short videos on various genres of music and use their own cellphones to hear audio from particular artists. The exhibit will also include a working interactive radio studio. "Few states can match Illinois for the breadth of its musical legacy. Illinois artists played huge roles in the blues, gospel and soul. They broke new ground in jazz, took country to places it had never gone before and brought down the house with the sheer power of rock and roll," said Melissa Coultas, acting ALPLM executive director, in a news release. The exhibit runs through January 2022. ALPLM is offering free admission to students through May 31. People who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 can get in free during May and June. The museum asks: Please go to [www.PresidentLincoln.Illinois.gov](http://www.PresidentLincoln.Illinois.gov) to get tickets before visiting the ALPLM.



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# Thanks but no tanks

Groups oppose armored vehicle for sheriff

LAW ENFORCEMENT | Bruce Rushton

A coalition of groups ranging from Black Lives Matter to Planned Parenthood is demanding that Sangamon County Sheriff Jack Campbell cancel plans to acquire an armored vehicle.

The sheriff's department doesn't need a surplus military vehicle that can withstand mine blasts and is impervious to bullets from high-powered rifles, representatives of 13 groups said at a press conference outside the sheriff's office this week.

"With extreme revenue loss across the board due to COVID, now is not the time to budget for a new, unnecessary toy," said Nick Dodson, a member of the Sangamon Valley Group of the Sierra Club who also spoke on behalf of Sangamon County Democratic Socialists of America.

It's not clear whether the county will get the vehicle Campbell seeks. The sheriff sent an employee to Nevada last year to pick one out from a lot of surplus armored vehicles, but no deal has been reached to get the chosen vehicle to Springfield. The Department of Defense would provide the vehicle for free, with the sheriff's department paying to transport it with money seized from suspected drug dealers.

Campbell says the county needs a vehicle to protect tactical teams responding to people with guns and to deliver phones or food. "Most of Sangamon County would never see this vehicle," Campbell said. "My job is public safety. That includes citizens and deputies. It's basically a rolling suit of armor."

Campbell earlier this month told *Illinois Times* that appearances in parades would be a possibility if the department gets an armored vehicle. "It lets the public see it," the sheriff said three weeks ago.

Stephen Schnebly, a criminology professor at University of Illinois Springfield, said that armored vehicles in the hands of police send the wrong message.

"They're a tool to project police force, they're a tool to convey police power," Schnebly told about 40 opponents of the sheriff's plan who gathered for the press conference. "Moreover, they are a tool intended to produce fear and to produce intimidation in the eyes of citizens who see them rolling down their streets. I assert that our citizens need no reminder of the force in power that the police can bring to bear on us. We have no need for more fear, we have



Flanked by Vanessa Knox of the Faith Coalition For The Common Good and Nick Dodson of the Sierra Club and Sangamon County Democratic Socialists of America, Susan Allen, a member of the Faith Coalition, tells the press that the sheriff's office shouldn't get an armored vehicle. PHOTO BY BRUCE RUSHTON

no need for more intimidation. Many in our community already experience those feelings daily, when they interact with the police, tanks or not."

Sunshine Clemons, co-founder and co-president of the Springfield chapter of Black Lives Matter, said that armored vehicles are barriers to better relationships between communities and the police. "As you can see from all of these organizations (here), there is large community opposition to this plan," said Clemons, who is a member of the city of Springfield's Police Community Review Commission, which is supposed to provide civilian oversight of city police. "It does not help with building the relationship we are trying to cultivate in our community."

Vanessa Knox, a member of the Faith Coalition for the Common Good, urged people to contact county board members to urge that the county deny funding for a vehicle, including money for maintenance and storage. She said she hopes that the board can pressure Campbell to change his mind.

County board chairman Andy Van Meter said that the county board has little power in

the matter. As an elected official, the sheriff runs a standalone department, Van Meter said.

"We have no authority here," Van Meter said. "If we don't appropriate an appropriate amount to run the office, the sheriff can get a court order."

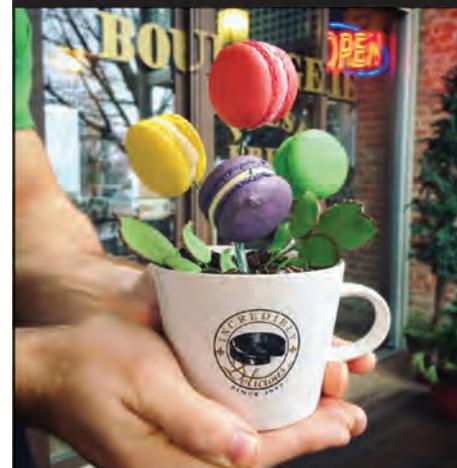
Van Meter said the primary issue is safety of deputies and citizens. He pointed out that the vehicle Campbell wants would have no weapons installed on it.

"I'm sympathetic to symbolism," Van Meter said. "It's a reinforced vehicle, that's all — it has no armaments. ... I think these guys are just getting themselves worked up over nothing."

The county acquired an armored vehicle in 2014 and had it less than two years. After becoming sheriff, the late Wes Barr, who deemed it unnecessary, relinquished the vehicle in 2016. It was deployed once in response to a man with a rifle at a Riverton mobile home court. No shots were fired, and no one was injured. □

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# Open for business

Springfield gets third pot dispensary

DRUGS | Bruce Rushton

A third marijuana dispensary opened last week in the Springfield area even as legislation aimed at fixing the state's troubled pot laws percolates at the Capitol.

Maribis, which has dispensaries in Grandview and the Chicago area, cut the ribbon at its fourth shop last week on Springfield's west side, inside a Parkway Pointe movie theater on Lindbergh Boulevard that closed last year.

Dan Linn, Maribis general manager, says that the company hopes to eventually share space with a grow operation and onsite consumption lounge. The building was purchased on March 1 for \$1.5 million by a limited liability corporation controlled by Chris Stone, a developer and lobbyist whose involvement in the marijuana industry dates to 2014, when the state legalized medical marijuana and he became an owner in a dispensary company that's since been sold.

The Parkway Pointe opening comes more than a year after the state legalized recreational pot. Statewide monthly sales topped \$109 million in March, a record, putting Illinois on track to hit the \$1 billion mark this year, if trends continue. Through March, imbibers spent nearly \$279 million on weed; through the first three months of last year, when recreational pot became legal, shops sold \$110 million worth of product. The year ended with \$669 million in sales.

The Parkway Pointe location is one of 35 dispensaries greenlighted by the state last month as a March 31 deadline approached to pass inspection or relinquish rights to licenses granted to companies that had licenses to sell medical marijuana when the state legalized recreational weed.

Maribis and the state's 109 other dispensaries have enjoyed limited competition. The state was supposed to award 75 additional dispensary licenses in 2020, but the licensing process halted last fall when the state announced that finalists were all entities controlled by white people, despite a goal of awarding licenses to African Americans. Unsuccessful applicants who submitted multiple applications in hopes of winning multiple licenses complained about receiving different scores on identically worded responses to questions posed in application materials. The state also hasn't awarded 40 licenses to grow pot that were due last summer.



Springfield's latest pot dispensary opened last week with the cutting of a green ribbon.

PHOTO BY BRUCE RUSHTON

A bill aimed at breaking the dispensary licensing logjam didn't pass the House last week as a deadline arrived for bills to be sent to the Senate. Under the proposal sponsored by Rep. La Shawn Ford, D-Chicago, nearly 200 new dispensary licenses would be issued, including the 75 that were due for award last year. An additional 115 licenses, including five to sell medical marijuana, would be awarded via lottery to applicants who received scores of 85 or better on applications. The legislation specifies where new shops would go, with the Springfield area due three new dispensaries, which would bring the total to six.

The bill also would allow existing dispensaries to move within the same ZIP code if local authorities give permission. Under current state law, dispensaries are locked into locations, which some are beginning to outgrow. In Mundelein, a Chicago suburb, a dispensary owner has announced plans to expand from 4,000 square feet to nearly 15,000 square feet – parking has been an issue, with semi-trucks having trouble getting through cars parked by cannabis customers, says Pamela Althoff, executive director of the Illinois Cannabis Business

Association. Parking, also, can be precious at the Maribis dispensary in Grandview. Some people, Linn says, drive an hour because there are no outlets closer to home. He said he isn't surprised, given the state's failure to issue additional licenses. "The fact that they haven't awarded those yet funnels people into existing licensees," Linn says.

Observers haven't been optimistic about pot shops sprouting like mushrooms. "It's unlikely that any new operators are going to open in 2021," Irina Dashevsky, a Chicago attorney who specializes in cannabis issues, told *Crain's Chicago Business* in February.

Althoff sees hope. Lawmakers in the House, she says, are still working on a bill to issue dispensary licenses despite the deadline for sending legislation to the Senate. "There has been a great deal of work on this legislation over the past four or five days," she said.

Linn says that Maribis isn't afraid of competition.

"I think there's lots of room in this market for lots of operators," he said. □

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# Pritzker signs health care reform bill

Governor calls it “sweeping” action “tackling structural racism head on”

**HEALTH CARE | Tim Kirsininkas and Raymon Troncoso, Capitol News Illinois**

Gov. JB Pritzker declared health care “a right, not a privilege” Tuesday, April 27, as he signed a massive reform bill backed by the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus, the last of four policy pillars introduced as part of an anti-racism agenda last year.

The “Illinois Health Care and Human Services Reform Act,” contained in House Bill 158, is a 224-page bill made up of over a dozen provisions meant to end inequities in the Illinois health care system on the basis of race, income and other socioeconomic factors.

It also seeks to expand access to health care for low-income and rural residents, including residents of color, as well as broadly expand the state’s network of mental health services.

Pritzker said the bill’s passage makes Illinois “a national leader in tackling structural racism head on.”

“This legislation advances a key belief of mine that I know is shared by everyone standing here, and millions of residents across Illinois: Health care is a right, not a privilege,” Pritzker said Tuesday at a news conference at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

“For too long, too many Illinoisans have been denied that right, whether through health care deserts, inexcusable delays in Medicaid applications, through lack of access, through high premiums, through doctors untrained to recognize symptoms on Black skin.”

Among other provisions, the bill creates two Medicaid-based commissions, one to review the state’s managed care programs delivering Medicaid services and one to direct Medicaid contracts towards businesses owned and operated by minorities, women and residents with disabilities.

It also places a moratorium on hospital closures, enhances state training standards for facilities caring for dementia patients and implements implicit bias training for medical staffs.

The measure also focuses on identifying the causes of violence – creating the Underlying Causes of Crime and Violence Study Act – which will seek to create a process to identify “high-violence communities” and prioritize state dollars to address the underlying causes, according to a news release from the governor’s office.

A new certified class of medical professional, known as a “community health worker,” is created under the new law to act as a coordinating bridge between social programs and health care services.

Advocates said the legislation attempts to



Gov. JB Pritzker, accompanied by members of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus and the health care community April 27 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, signs a health care reform bill backed by the Black Caucus. CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS PHOTO BY PETER HANCOCK

overhaul every aspect of the Illinois health care system from birth to elder care.

Chief Senate sponsor of the bill, Sen. Mattie Hunter, D-Chicago, said the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent protests calling for racial justice and equity were influential in showing disproportionate health impacts and barriers to quality care for communities of color across the state.

“Although we have been fighting to eradicate racism for decades, last year, my colleagues and I saw a unique opportunity to make the most radical structural changes in Illinois that they’ve ever seen,” Hunter said.

“The legislation before you is deeply informed and methodology-crafted. We have spent many months and sleepless nights just on the health care pillar alone,” she added.

Chief House sponsor Rep. Camille Lilly, D-Chicago, said the bill’s signing is “a significant first step for improving the quality of life for millions.”

“The statistics in the Black community are sobering,” Lilly said. “We suffer from higher rates of chronic diseases, diabetes and hypertension, heart disease, asthma and many cancers. ... Black people’s life expectancy should not be determined by their ZIP code. They should just be able to live where they are feeling comfortable in supporting their

families.”

Republicans mounted opposition to the legislation on the basis of its price tag, which they have cited as being anywhere between \$5 billion and \$12 billion to implement fully. Democrats have disputed those estimates while maintaining that the benefit of improving health care outcomes for Illinoisans would be worth the cost.

One Republican senator, John Curran of Downers Grove, attended the Tuesday news conference with members of the Black Caucus, the health care community and the governor. He said he was proud to have supported the measure in the Senate.

“It addresses issues of great importance – health care access, infant mortality and maternal mortality, mental health and substance abuse treatment, and hospital access in low-income and underserved communities,” he said. “This legislation will go far in addressing racial and other imbalances within the Illinois health care system, and takes important steps in expanding medical services in our lower income communities.” □

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# Force to be reckoned with

A traffic stop turned into Springfield police using a taser on a young Black woman

POLICING | Rachel Otwell

It was the morning of Sept. 15, 2020. Jaala Smylie, 20 years old at the time, rented a room in her aunt's home on the west side of town. Smylie's aunt had woken up later than usual and didn't want to be late to work. She asked Smylie to take her 10-year-old son, Smylie's cousin, across town to day care on the north end, where he attended virtual school. Smylie didn't have to work that morning. So, still in her pajamas, she hopped in the car and took off.

At the same time, Springfield Police Officer Chance Warnisher was starting his work day. He was doing a traffic detail on Sixth Street between Ash Street and Stanford Avenue. It was just after 8 a.m. when he pulled Smylie over. Her young cousin sat next to her in the passenger seat. Within minutes, Smylie would be taken out of the car and forced onto the ground, surrounded by four police officers.

During the apprehension, Warnisher used his taser to "drive-stun" Smylie — a method meant to cause pain without fully incapacitating the person. Smylie subsequently lodged a complaint, which was investigated internally by the Springfield Police Department. The department mostly supported Warnisher's actions that day, based on the report summarizing its internal investigation. Police records obtained by *Illinois Times* through a public records request show Warnisher was exonerated of allegations brought forth by Smylie. But in a letter the police chief told Smylie that Warnisher's conduct was contrary to department policy. Police records also show Warnisher had a history of questionable interactions with citizens. Earlier in 2020, before arresting Smylie, he was disciplined for calling a suspect a "fucking dumb son of a bitch," among other vulgarities.

## "How Black people get shot"

Warnisher, who is white, was listening to country music as he stopped his patrol car near the intersection of Sixth and Oak Streets, across from Iles Park. He walked up to the driver's side of Smylie's Dodge Dart. Smylie, who is Black, had her hair tied back in a scarf. She wore a sweatshirt, blue shorts and yellow Crocs with socks. As body camera footage showed, Smylie immediately handed the officer her driver's license. "Speed limit's 35, you were running 52," Warnisher said to her. Smylie started to disagree. "I was not going 52." Warnisher cut



In April 2021, Smylie stands near the intersection where she was arrested in September of last year. Her son is due May 3. CREDIT: ZACH ADAMS, 1221 PHOTOGRAPHY

her off. "There's no arguing with me," he said.

Warnisher asked Smylie for proof of insurance. Then he immediately followed with, "Can you put it in park for me, so you don't run over me? Put the car in park please." Smylie responded, "Yes sir," and told him to wait a second. Later, she told the department's internal affairs unit that she was looking for her proof of insurance stored on her phone.

Warnisher asked her again to park the car, and then a third time. Smylie seemed distracted, with both hands on her phone. She

had her mom on a call as she scrolled through it. She put the car in park. And then, within less than a minute of the two having met, Warnisher asked Smylie to exit the vehicle.

To her mother on the phone she said, "This man's trying to get me out of the car for no reason." Smylie told Warnisher she was trying to find her proof of insurance. Warnisher opened her door and told Smylie she must exit the car. He told her if she didn't, she would be arrested. He called for backup. He told Smylie that the law required her to get out of the car.

"This is how Black people get shot," she said, looking at her mother over video call. Smylie had never had as much as a traffic ticket before this moment. But it wasn't the first time she had interacted with the police.

## "Absolutely wonderful"

Four months earlier, on June 6, 2020, a Saturday, Smylie organized a march and rally for Black lives in downtown Springfield. As she took to the microphone at the steps of the Abraham Lincoln statue outside the Statehouse, she made a point of thanking the police, some of whom were among the crowd that spring day.

"I see our police department," said Smylie. "They have been absolutely wonderful." She thanked them for "making sure we're not hit by any cars, and being patient with us even when we don't communicate well." She went on, "Thank you for being here and keeping us safe." People in the crowd clapped.

Smylie told *Illinois Times* during a phone interview the day after the June rally about going to Kansas for college on a basketball scholarship. She wanted to major in criminal justice but it didn't work out, so she came home to Springfield and began work as a caretaker. She decided to pursue a nursing degree. Smylie said the pandemic had only increased her desire to nurse and be on the front lines caring for people.

Smylie said the idea for the Saturday protest came to her when a family friend lamented not being able to make demonstrations that happened during weekdays. She quickly got to organizing a protest for the coming weekend. She wanted to take advantage of the energy of the Black Lives Matter movement. She said she suspected that the movement's resurgence might fizzle "until the next death."

Smylie was one of the original members of a group of Springfield young people formed over their shared passion for racial justice. By the time she helped plan the June rally, several thousand people had already demonstrated in Springfield to take a stand against the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis and police violence. Smylie said she didn't believe the answer for change was to defund police — she said she wanted more training and accountability.

After all the speakers were done addressing the crowd that June day, the event wrapped up with music over the sound system. Smylie

said some bystanders accused those dancing of wanting to start a riot. Smylie said she assured them that “us celebrating and having fun is not violent.” But what was there to celebrate? “We’re celebrating change, because we know, although we’re not seeing it right now, we know that things have to change. Because the people are demanding it,” said Smylie.

### “All this over a traffic stop”

“Mom, I’m not getting out till you get here,” Smylie told her mother over video call during the September 2020 traffic stop. The backup Warnisher had called for arrived, including Officer Jamarae Davis. Warnisher asked him to go talk to Smylie. Smylie had brought up race. “So I thought she would be more comfortable talking to an African American officer,” Warnisher later told internal affairs – the part of the Springfield Police Department that would investigate Smylie’s complaints about Warnisher’s conduct – according to interview transcripts obtained by *Illinois Times*.

Davis approached the vehicle. Smylie asked him if she could explain the situation and began to tell her side of the story. Footage from Davis’s body camera appeared to show Warnisher in the background telling Davis to get Smylie out of the car within seconds of Davis approaching her vehicle. “There’s too many lives being lost,” she said. “You all are going to have to pull me out.”

And that’s what the officers did, as Smylie’s young cousin cried out. Both Davis and Warnisher pulled on her arms. Another cop, Officer Mark Johnson, assisted them in taking her to the ground. During the incident, Warnisher claimed she hit him. “No I didn’t hit you and you know I didn’t,” said Smylie, from the ground. And then she cried out, “Ow, why are you tasing me?” as Warnisher drive-stunned her.

Later, according to a police interview transcript, Johnson said, “She didn’t seem loud to me at the time or a threat. She was just resisting his commands.” In his police report about the incident, Johnson wrote that during the arrest, Warnisher accidentally hit him on the lip with his taser.



Smylie stands center, to the right of a young man in red shorts. She wears a shirt that says, “I can’t breathe” during a march against police brutality in June of last year.

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According to transcripts, Davis told internal affairs Smylie “didn’t seem like a threat.” Davis added that Warnisher seemed “a little impatient with the de-escalation I was trying to use.”

A fourth officer, Michael Vogel, tried to console Smylie’s crying cousin, and then joined the three other police who had Smylie on the ground. Vogel later told internal affairs that he did not see Smylie hit anyone or hear her say anything threatening.

According to police interview transcripts, Smylie said about Warnisher, “I don’t want to say he smacked me. I don’t think it was a smack but he pushed my face away from the direction of his.” Warnisher told investigators, “She could’ve run into my fist. I never punched her.”

While Smylie was in the back of Warnisher’s patrol car waiting to be taken to jail, Warnisher went into her car. From the pocket in the side door he pulled out what looked like a black plastic bag. Then he took out a small pink stun gun – an electronic device, typically used for

self defense. He placed it back in her vehicle. Later, Warnisher wrote in his police report that he had seen the stun gun before arresting Smylie but chose not to address it with her.

Davis went back to his own car, his body camera still filming. “Oh my gosh, Chance,” he said to himself. “All this over a traffic stop.”

### Questionable force

Springfield Police Department policy states, “When feasible and safe to do so, officers shall attempt to de-escalate all incidents. Officers will not use more force in any situation than is reasonably necessary under the circumstances.”

Deborah Anthony, a legal studies professor at University of Illinois Springfield who specializes in civil rights law, reviewed Warnisher’s body camera footage of the traffic stop and Smylie’s arrest.

She echoed that the use of force should be “proportional to what’s necessary, especially for officer and bystander safety.” In this case, “there

were multiple officers, and a young woman who was not going to be able to flee or injure them,” she said. “Using additional force, in the form of a taser, would seem excessive.”

She said in matters concerning the Fourth Amendment, which is meant to protect citizens from unreasonable search and seizure, courts have determined that “even non-deadly force is unreasonable” in the case of minor infractions when a person is not attempting to flee or resist arrest.

Officers on the scene agreed that Smylie was resisting arrest, but that she was not a physical threat. “In practice, the courts have tended to have quite a bit of deference towards the judgments of officers when there’s any claim of noncompliance,” said Anthony.

Anthony said the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that officers have the right to require anyone they pull over to exit a vehicle. “And they don’t have to have any reason beyond that they pulled you over for violating the traffic

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law,” said Anthony. “It may seem contrary to common sense or fairness, and maybe for some people even contrary to their own safety,” she said. “But that is the law.”

The Supreme Court decision is a useful tool because it makes citizens “uncomfortable,” Warnisher said, according to the interview transcript. “I get them out of the car, get them out of their safety zone, their element. It gives me a little bit of a tactful advantage,” he told internal affairs.

According to body camera footage, Warnisher claimed Smylie hit him before tasing her during the arrest. But no officers who were on the scene and interviewed by the department said they saw that happen. Warnisher later told internal affairs “after reviewing the body camera I can’t prove that she hit me. It could’ve been another officer, you know, with an elbow,” according to the police interview transcript.

“The taser program is essentially one more tool in the tool bag to assist law enforcement officers when dealing with use-of-force instances. It is designed to offer an alternative, in certain situations, with the hope of reducing officer and suspect injuries,” Springfield’s Assistant Chief Ken Scarlette wrote to *Illinois Times* via email. “All use-of-force incidents are dynamic and typically there are multiple avenues to achieve the desired, peaceful outcome. The use of the taser is one of those avenues.”

The question of the stun gun in Smylie’s vehicle came up in the department’s internal affairs investigation. If Warnisher did in fact notice it in the vehicle before arresting Smylie, why didn’t he warn Davis about it when he asked him to approach the vehicle? “I forgot,” Warnisher told internal affairs.

Smylie said the small pink stun gun belonged to a friend who left it in her car, and she had forgotten it was there. Anthony said when Warnisher used his taser on Smylie, she appeared far removed from the stun gun in her vehicle. By that time, she was on the ground and surrounded by multiple officers. “Whatever

might have been in her car at that point I think was irrelevant in terms of justifying the force that they were using then,” said Anthony.

### Conflicting messages

Through the police union, Warnisher declined to provide comment for this story. Springfield Police Benevolent and Protective Association Unit 5 president Don Edwards wrote to *Illinois Times* via email that comment from officers is prohibited by department policy.

According to an internal affairs report dated Nov. 18, 2020, summarizing the police department’s investigation and findings: “The complainant (Smylie) alleges that Warnisher’s



Officer Davis’s body camera footage appears to show Officer Warnisher in the background telling Davis to remove Smylie from her car, less than 10 seconds after Davis begins speaking with her.

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demeanor was aggressive from the start while interacting with her and unprofessional as Warnisher referred to her as a ‘mouthy 20-year-old’ several times. She felt the amount of force was unnecessary as she was no threat to Warnisher but only mouthy as Warnisher described.”

In the report, the department concluded Smylie was uncooperative and that Warnisher was “extremely tolerant.” Smylie “was forcefully taken out of the vehicle and drive-stunned with

a taser by Warnisher to gain compliance. Smylie was actively resisting.”

The report listed two alleged rule violations, regarding “use of force” and “courtesy and image” and exonerated Warnisher of both – meaning his actions were “justified, legal or proper, and that no misconduct was involved.”

That seemed to counter a letter Smylie received from the department, dated Dec. 11, 2020, in which Chief Kenny Winslow wrote to her that Warnisher’s conduct was “contrary with department policy. You may be assured that this department does not tolerate such actions. The appropriate disciplinary measures have been initiated.”

Dec. 11, 2020 – addressed to Warnisher.

In the letter to Warnisher, Winslow referred to an additional allegation. It was about how Warnisher handled finding the pink stun gun in Smylie’s car. In a written reprimand from Winslow, Warnisher was told he had failed to investigate the legality of Smylie’s possession of the stun gun. This was a violation of department policy. Still, Warnisher’s other conduct concerning Smylie was not in violation of policy, according to the records provided to *Illinois Times*.

The department missed a legal deadline for a FOIA request made by *Illinois Times* for Warnisher’s training records and personnel file. When the department provided the records, there was a document dated the same day the records were provided – April 21, 2021. It was titled “training school info” and stated that as part of the “discipline/training imposed” in regards to the incident with Smylie, Warnisher took three separate day-long classes in October, November and December of last year. They were about use of force, modern policing and “how to build trust without compromising officer safety.” Two webinars he took were also listed, about “police and minority relations” and de-escalation techniques.

The document states that Warnisher was removed from his position in the field and placed at Springfield Police Academy to complete the webinars and “other informal training.” Personnel records show that Warnisher was reassigned to the field by at least Nov. 2, 2020.

### “Is it right? No.”

Public records also show that in four separate instances, the Springfield Police Department investigated additional citizen complaints against Warnisher since his 2004 hire. Records show the department ruled either to exonerate or to not sustain the allegations. That is, except for one allegation over an incident from February 2020. Warnisher had arrested a man over his attempted use of an allegedly forged \$100 bill to pay for pizza.

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A department investigator quoted Warnisher as having called the man, who on body camera footage appeared to be a person of color, a “fucking dumb son of a bitch,” a “fucking moron” and a “dumb shit.” The department found Warnisher had violated its courtesy and image rule.

In May 2020, less than half a year before Warnisher would arrest Smylie, Assistant Chief Scarlette wrote in a report, “By Officer Warnisher’s own admission, he has been counseled by multiple supervisors as to his use of language and his interaction with the public. Clearly he has not heeded the advice.”

Scarlette wrote that Warnisher should serve a one-day suspension, undergo communication training and seek at least one visit for anger management assistance. Scarlette told *Illinois Times* he could not comment on the personnel matter, but offered: “The department is committed to de-escalation training. In fact, we’ve included de-escalation in our use-of-force policy updates here recently.”

Warnisher told internal affairs he was sick that day in February when he spewed vulgarities at a suspect. “I don’t have a lot of patience to begin with but I even have less patience when I’m irritated and sick,” the internal affairs transcript read. Warnisher went on, “I was having a bad day. ... When I lose my

temper I become bolder. And is it right? No. It’s just the way I’ve always been. And you know I’ve been working very hard to control it.”

### Court and crib

Smylie said she knew she was pregnant that day in September, but she hadn’t told family until after her arrest. It wasn’t the way she wanted

Her mother came along to the station to review the tape for the internal affairs investigation after Smylie’s arrest. “It made her sick to her stomach,” said Smylie. Her mother could not watch the video in full. She said her cousin won’t ride in the car with her. It brings him bad memories. Smylie understands. She said she gets anxious around police now.

“This is a heart issue and this officer was angry. He was mean,” she said. “I don’t believe that’s what the Springfield Police Department stands for.” She still wants accountability, only now it’s more personal than when she organized a rally against police brutality nearly a year ago.

Smylie said she has struggled to find a lawyer to represent her. Retaining one is expensive. But she wants her record cleared of the “resisting arrest of a peace officer” misdemeanor charge she faces from that day. Her next court hearing is scheduled for May 5 – two days after her baby is due.

Smylie is 21 now. She’s young, but she knows there’s a difference between individual and systemic racism. She won’t claim to know whether Warnisher racially profiled her. But she said the criminal justice system has a long history of systemic racism – of disproportionately arresting, imprisoning and brutalizing people of color.

“You can’t lose your touch to humanity,” she said about police. Smylie said she prays that her son will never have to witness a situation similar to the one she went through. “The only thing I can do is train my son to cooperate, to do the best he can at being a good citizen,” she said. “We can’t control anything else.” □

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**–Springfield Police Officer Chance Warnisher**

them to find out. She said she suffered minor injuries – a bruised knee, a jammed finger, hurt wrists from the handcuffs, marking from the taser. Those injuries have healed and she’s planning for the arrival of her first child, a son. But the arrest has caused lingering stress, she told *Illinois Times*.

The encounter impacted her family as well.

Smylie said for a while, she shouldered some of the blame for putting her unborn child in harm’s way. But later she came to feel like Warnisher was responsible for how he chose to handle the situation. “I don’t know if it was a bad morning for him. I don’t know what it was. But it just seemed like this was gonna happen no matter what,” she told *Illinois Times*.



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# Risotto for the rest of us

A not-so-fancy way to use whatever you have on hand

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

When I was a child my happiest moments were spent wandering in the expanse of woods behind our house. In the springtime the woodland floor would be thickly carpeted with native wildflowers like spring beauties, Dutchman's Britches, trillium, Mayapple and sweet William. Now my own children look forward to springtime romps in "Mommy's special woods." It's hard to describe the depth of happiness I feel when watching my eldest daughter guide my toddler over the same fallen log bridge that I used to sit on and impossible to fully capture the joy of their giggles as they attempt to catch the tiny frogs that spring forth from the edge of the creek bed. So enraptured was I on our last outing that I completely lost track of time and failed to notice the lengthening shadows of the trees as the sun began to sink behind them. It was only when my daughters began to complain of rumbling tummies that I realized how late it had gotten. As we were hightailing it back to the car we came upon a huge patch of ramps, also known as wild leeks. I hastily dug up a small clump with my pocket knife. It was a quarter to seven when we drove away from the woods, tired and thirsty with the skunky smell of wild onions permeating the interior of the car.

On the ride home I began to contemplate our dinner options. I'd forgotten my wallet so picking up takeout on the way home was out of the question and I'd aborted a planned trip to the grocery that afternoon in favor of walking in the woods. So the larder was relatively lean. I mentally scanned the shelves of my pantry as I drove, trying to decide what would be fast and minimally messy. Then, as I looked down at the clump of ramps on the floor of my car I had my answer.

Risotto is an Italian preparation of short-grained rice that becomes delightfully creamy by continuously stirring in ladlefuls of hot stock as it cooks. Although it's often associated with fancy dinners and fine dining, it's actually a perfect vehicle for using up whatever you happen to have on hand and getting a scratch-made supper on the table in the same time it takes to get a pizza delivered. Once home I instructed my eldest daughter to cut a few stalks of asparagus from the garden while I washed off the ramps at the spigot. Back in the kitchen, I heated up some chicken stock and roughly-chopped an onion. By the time my daughter came in with some fat stalks of asparagus the rice was sizzling in the pan and the stock was



A springtime romp in the woods led to a discovery of ramps, also known as wild leeks (right). Supper. PHOTOS BY ASHLEY MEYER

beginning to simmer. When the risotto was almost done I stirred in the sliced asparagus and julienned ramps, letting them cook along with the rice for a few final moments.

Although risotto is traditionally made with Arborio rice, which is widely available in most supermarkets, it can also be made with pearl barley. The preparation method is exactly the same, but it yields a slightly nuttier dish that is significantly higher in protein, complex carbohydrates, and iron. Try barley risotto with mushrooms and peas for a hearty and seasonal vegetarian main course.

## Basic risotto

4 cups chicken or vegetable stock  
1 tablespoon butter or olive oil  
1 cup Arborio rice (You can also substitute pearl barley. The preparation is the same.)  
½ onion, minced  
1-2 cloves garlic, to taste

½ teaspoon salt (use less if using salted broth)  
Optional – up to 2 cups add-ins of choice such as fresh or frozen chopped spinach, frozen peas, cooked vegetables such as asparagus, broccoli, cauliflower, mushrooms, butternut squash, peppers and zucchini, or cooked protein such as chicken, sausage, or shrimp. This is a great way to use up leftovers.

Chopped herbs, such as parsley, mint, thyme, chives, sage, basil or rosemary  
Parmesan cheese to serve (or experiment with other cheeses like Gouda, sharp cheddar or even brie.)

Heat the stock to a simmer in a small pan, then reduce the heat to low and have it waiting on a back burner.

Heat the butter or olive oil in a heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium heat until it melts and begins to foam. Add the rice (or barley) and cook until the grains sizzle and start

to become opaque. It's OK if it gets slightly golden but avoid letting the rice get too brown.

Add the onion (and garlic if using) and sauté with the rice until the onion begins to soften and become translucent. Add one cup of hot stock (or just enough to cover the rice and onions in the pan and stir until almost all of the liquid has been absorbed. Repeat, adding a cup of stock at a time until all the stock has been absorbed. (This will take about 20 minutes depending on how hot your stove is.)

If including optional extras like protein or cooked veggies, add them in when the final addition of stock is just about half absorbed and there's still a bit of liquid remaining. (Add cooked shrimp at the very end to avoid overcooking.) Frozen veggies do not need to be thawed before adding, just stir until heated through. Once all the liquid has finally absorbed, stir in cheese and herbs as desired and serve. □

## MUSIC

# May Day music and more

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Welcome one and all to the end of April and the start of May in the year of 2021 as we take a look at the music happening in our fair city and the surrounding areas. From a year ago when venues were closed and live music was only heard online, we've come a long way, baby.

Thursdays are on a roll, my friends, which says it's all about live music being back in a big way. I spy a way-too-rare appearance by singer-songwriter Pete Sander at Boone's and the return of an open mic at Blue Grouch with Kortney Leatherwood and Sam Draper as your entertaining hosts, plus Brandon Santini and his Band at the Curve Inn, for starters to your live music happening week.

Make sure you pace yourself, as Friday is coming with a bunch of acts back out for the first time in a long time. Take Chris Camp & his Blues Ambassadors bopping into Crows Mill Pub's outdoor area, The Deep Hollow delving onto Danenbergers Wine Rocks stage, Kapital Sound getting down at Long Bridge Golf Course and the Jonnie Concaroo Band winding it up at Walnut Street Winery in Rochester, all the while For the Love of Lennon lands at the Blue Grouch, Angel Brown Trio flies into Lime Street Cafe and Unchained breaks out at Weebles. Then there's our friend Billy Galt at the Harvest Market Farmhouse, Joel Honey at Boone's and, for something on the wild side, there's a Mariachi band at La Fiesta Grande, plus Sunshine Daydream continuing a Grateful Dead-like tour pace with a show at the Curve Inn. Yes, that's just Friday.

Saturday has just too much to tell it all, so let's go with a few and leave the rest up to you. Expect a big-time party as the Illinois Central Blues Club celebrates anniversaries of 34 and 35 years presenting the best of the blues to central Illinois, combining the lost last year into the present one for a big blowout at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Meadowbrook Road (Casey's Pub). Stellar entertainment comes with the \$10 ticket (available only at the door this year) as the indomitable Hurricane Ruth opens up at 7 p.m., followed by the ever-popular Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials for a humdinger of an evening.

Here's another celebration, as After School Special hosts their CD release party on Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Sheedy Shores WineGarden out in rural Loami. We've talked a bit before about the John Shepard-produced, debut CD from the performing and recording duo of Aasne



Singer-songwriter Pete Sander plays Boone's Saloon this Thursday evening. PHOTO BY RICH DALSIN

Daniels (vocals, guitar) and Jerry Setnicky (guitar, vocals, mandola, harmonica, percussion), but this is the big event for the official release of *Last of the Curlews*, a wonderful record of all-original music penned by Aasne and Jerry, available on CD at the gig and online on Bandcamp and at other digital outlets.

Sunday is on its way to making a comeback as the busiest day of the week, so be sure to check up on the who, what, when and where for your Day after May Day Fun Day. But we need to jump ahead to entertainment for the loco party time of Cinco de Mayo (yes, I know that means fifth of May in Spanish), which lands on this coming Wednesday and features the one-and-only Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters at the Curve Inn, plus Mike and Dyke from those marvelous Boat Drunks serving up a Jimmy Buffet buffet at Farmhouse Brews upstairs inside the Harvest Market.

Be safe, have fun and welcome back. □

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**Pete Sanders**  
Boone's, 6pm

**Brandon Santini**  
Curve Inn, 6:30-9:30pm

### Friday Apr 30

**For The Love Of Lennon**  
The Blue Grouch Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

**Joel Honey**  
Boone's, 6-9pm

**Chris Camp and The Blue Ambassadors**  
Crows Mill Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

**Sunshine Daydream**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**The Deep Hollow**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7pm

**Wowie Zowie**  
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 6-9pm

**Billy Galt**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

**Mariachi Band**  
La Fiesta Grande, 6pm

**Angel Brown Trio**  
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

**Kapital Sound**  
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30-10:30pm

**John Stevens and Geoff Ryan**  
New Moon Cafe, Decatur, 6:30-8:30pm

**The Jonnie Concaroo Band**  
Walnut Street Winery, Rochester, 7-10pm

**Unchained**  
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30-10:30pm

### Saturday May 1

**Stone Giants**  
The Blue Grouch Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

**Wowie Zowie**  
Boar's Nest, Athens, 7:30-10:30pm



Hurricane Ruth plays Casey's Pub this Saturday night.

**Josie Lowder and Nate Cozadd**  
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**Jambalaya Jazz with Frank Parker**  
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**it Hurricane Ruth**  
Casey's Pub, 7pm

**it Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials**  
Casey's Pub, 9pm

**LiveWire**  
Crows Mill Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

**Highway 615**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**Damned Torpedoes**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7-10pm

**Cactus Ranch**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6:15-9:15pm

**The Get Down**  
JB's Hideout, Blue Mound, 9pm

**Broken Stone**  
Kuhl Tyme Korner, Jacksonville, 9pm

**Angel Brown Trio**  
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

**Taylor June**  
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8-11pm

**Mike Burnett**  
Sheedy Shores WineGarden, Loami, 2pm

**After School Special**  
Sheedy Shores WineGarden, Loami, 4-7pm

**Small, Small World**  
West of Wise Winery, Petersburg, 2pm

**Off the Wall**  
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7:30pm

### Sunday May 2

**John Drake**  
3Sixteen Wine Bar, Chatham, 4-7pm

**Mace Hathaway and Cody Moomey**  
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 3pm

**Greg Glick Band**  
The Blue Grouch Pub, 2pm

**Luke Combs**  
Boone's, 5pm

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

**Avery Kern**  
Long Bridge Golf Course, 2pm

**Joel Honey**  
Slaughterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn, 12-3pm

### Monday May 3

**Timo Arthur**  
The Alamo, 7pm

### Tuesday May 4

**Tom's Turtle Tank Tuesdays**  
Facebook with Tom Irwin, 8:30pm

**Ella Gibson**  
Walnut Street Winery, Rochester,  
3:30-6:30pm

### Wednesday May 5

**Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters**  
Curve Inn, 5:30-8:30pm

**Mike and Dyke from the Boat Drunks**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

**Me, Myself and Schy**  
Obed and Isaac's, 6-8pm

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**Black-owned business vendor fair**  
Sun., May 2, 1-4 p.m.  
Erin's Pavilion  
Southwind Park  
4965 S. Second St.  
217-585-2941  
Free

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**it** The Springfield Black Chamber of Commerce and the Springfield Park District are hosting a Black-owned business vendor fair and have invited local Black-owned hospitality, special occasion and events businesses to participate. The vendors include restaurants and caterers, fitness instructors, photographers, hair and makeup artists, deejays and bands, event planners and more. Each vendor booth will have brochures and promotional materials about the business, and a representative will be on hand to visit with you and answer your questions. The organizers require masks for entry into the event and will monitor the building capacity to ensure health mandates are followed. More information is available both on the chamber's and Erin's Pavilion Southwind Park's Facebook pages. Be sure to also visit the chamber's website at [springfieldbcc.org](http://springfieldbcc.org) to see a directory of local Black-owned businesses.

open to the public. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

**Friday Create Night**  
Fridays, 6-8pm. Bring your own materials and make artwork. Slots open on the porch as well as inside. Masks required. Visit the Dim Art House Facebook page to RSVP for this socially distanced art event. [dimarthouse.com](http://dimarthouse.com). Dim Art House, 1613 S. MacArthur Blvd.

**Second Saturday Open Studio**  
Second Saturday of every month. Watch pharmacy member artists at work, ask questions to learn about their process and also see the exhibit, Transformation. Masks and social distancing are required. Free. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 801-810-9278.

**Talavera Glazed Plate**  
Sat., May 8, 5:30-8:30pm. Use an inspirational image to create your Talavera pottery from Mexico that is both food and dishwasher safe. Multiple images to choose from or bring your own. With instructor Kathy Adams. [springfieldart.org](http://springfieldart.org). \$20-\$30. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

## History

**1908 Race Riot Walking Tour**  
Thursdays, Saturdays, 10:30-11:30am. This hour-long tour will discuss a portion of the devastating 1908 Race Riot. Begins and ends at the Old State Capitol. Reservations, which are required, can be made through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources website, [www2.illinois.gov/dnr](http://www2.illinois.gov/dnr). Old State Capitol, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-782-6776.

**A Conversation with Clara Barton**  
Wed., May 5, 7pm. Nationally known historical interpreter Leslie Goddard will bring the heroic civil war nurse Clara Barton to life. An informative discussion of the impact of women in the Civil War will follow. Presented by Looking for Lincoln. View on their Facebook page or YouTube channel. 217-782-6817.

**History bike tours**  
Wednesdays, Fridays, 1-2:30pm. Casual and easy-paced neighborhood-style bicycle tours of area historic sites. Five mile tours 1-2:30pm and eight mile tours 10am-12pm. Helmets

required and water bottles recommended. Get tickets at [historicspringfield.dnr.illinois.gov](http://historicspringfield.dnr.illinois.gov). Free. Capitol Complex Visitors Center, 425 S. College St., Springfield, IL 62704, 217-785-7960.

**Setting the Foundation**  
Thu., April 29, 2-3pm. A look at the progress of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples' recommendations on the repatriation of ceremonial objects, human remains and the intangible heritage of Indigenous peoples currently in the hands of state institutions and universities. Part of the Global Conversations on the Return of Cultural Heritage Series. Online. [illinoisstatemuseum.org](http://illinoisstatemuseum.org). Free with registration. 217-782-7386.

**"Something So Horrible, The Springfield Race Riot of 1908"**  
Ongoing. This exhibit seeks to understand how our past speaks to today, expose our tradition of violence and reaffirm our commitment to justice and equality. [spiaahm.org](http://spiaahm.org). Donations accepted. Free. Springfield and Central Illinois African-American History Museum, 1440 Monument Ave., 217-391-6323.

**Lincoln In Private**  
Thu., May 6, 7-8pm. Author Ronald C. White will speak with Lincoln historian Christian McWhirter about his book and insight into President Lincoln's innermost thoughts. There will be opportunities for questions during the conversation. View live on the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum Facebook page at the appointed time. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

## Faith & Philosophy

**Cor Unum First Sundays**  
First Sunday of every month, 8pm. Reflection, discussion and prayer presented for, and led by, women in early adulthood. Meets the first Sunday of each month. Call for more information or message the Cor Unum House Facebook page for the registration link. 217-679-6644.

## Fundraisers

**Saturday In Bloom Cooking Night**  
Sat., May 1, 6:30-8:30pm. Join the Junior League of Springfield for an evening of fun while cooking along with chef Denise Perry of the Copper Pot who will take you on a springtime

culinary journey with both meat and meatless recipes. [jlsil.org](http://jlsil.org). \$30-\$60. 217-544-5557.

**Furniture Showcase Sale**  
Sat., May 8, 9am-2pm. Over 200 pieces of beautiful hand-painted furniture. Bring your mother and register for a chance to win free gifts. Health guidelines followed. Limited to 30 shoppers at a time. Benefits Wooden It Be Lovely, an organization helping women who struggle with addiction, poverty, and/or abuse. Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church, 501 S. Douglas Ave., 217-546-4631.

## Children's Corner

**Little Lincoln's Fireside Tales: Presidential Pets**  
Fri., April 30, 10-11am. The ALPLM is partnering with the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site to highlight our furry (and feathered) friends. Round up your four-legged friends and join in. Online. [presidentlincoln.illinois.gov](http://presidentlincoln.illinois.gov). Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

**Mommy and Me Day**  
Sat., May 1, 11am. A party for the moms and kids who need a spring refresh day. Build-your-own root beer floats and a pot painting activity for kids that includes a bag of soil and seeds to take home and plant on Mother's Day. Slaughterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn, 321 W. Madison.

## Super Saturday: All About Birds

Sat., May 1, 10am-4pm. Join us online and in-person at the Illinois State Museum as we learn about the birds that live in our backyards. Take part in a bird count through a nature walk, learn the correct way to feed ducks, make art with feathers and more. [illinoisstatemuseum.org](http://illinoisstatemuseum.org). Free. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-6044.

## Chicken Dance

Thu., May 6, 6pm. Free family streaming event. A heartwarming musical portrays the colorful story of two barnyard chickens on a mission to win the barnyard talent contest. Visit [uispac.com](http://uispac.com) for more information. 217-206-6160.

## Nature, Science & Environment

**Balancing Science and Birdwatching**

## THE CALENDAR

Send us your events! Deadline: 5pm Fri. Submit online at: [www.illinoistimes.com](http://www.illinoistimes.com). Email: [calendar@illinoistimes.com](mailto:calendar@illinoistimes.com). Dates, times and locations are subject to last-minute changes, so we suggest calling before attending events.

## Special Music Events

**Fleming Academy of Performing Arts Spring Concert**  
Sat., May 1, 5:30pm. Outdoor performances of violin, piano and guitar music. COVID restrictions enforced. Reserved seating only and no refunds. \$12 ages three and older. First Church of the Nazarene, 5200 S. Sixth St, 217-787-6556.

**Jazz Tunes: From Springfield to Serbia**  
Fri., April 30, 7pm. Featuring

Jose Gobbo, Ben Taylor and Nikola Djokic. Part of the UIS Music Faculty Recital Series. View on the University of Illinois Springfield Music Program Facebook page. 217-206-6240.

## STATE OF SOUND: A World of Music from Illinois

April 30-Jan. 23. Open during normal museum hours. From Muddy Waters to REO Speedwagon, Cheap Trick to Earth Wind and Fire and Chance the Rapper, the Land of Lincoln has produced some of the most highly celebrated music in rock. [PresidentLincoln.Illinois.gov](http://PresidentLincoln.Illinois.gov).

**UIS Music Showcase Concert**  
Sat., May 1, 7pm. Featuring the UIS cello choir, chorus, flute choir, jazz ensemble, camerata, soloists and small ensembles. View on the University of Illinois Springfield Music Program Facebook page. [uis.edu](http://uis.edu). 217-206-6240.

## Theater & Comedy

**"Sugar & Vice"**  
April 30-May 1, 7pm. The year is 1888 and in the house of a prosperous sweet manufacturer, something stirs. A virtual murder mystery dinner show by the Springfield Theatre Centre. Tickets available online. \$15 streaming only. Optional dinners are available for additional cost. 217-523-2787.

## Art & Architecture

**it "Conversations Beyond Language" opening reception**  
Fri., April 30, 5:30-7:30pm. Chicago-based artist Dimitri Pavlotsky will present 40 of his paintings. Pavlotsky and Rosina Neginsky will hold a gallery talk at 6:15 p.m. Snacks and drinks served. Masks required while not eating or drinking. Free and

Sat., May 1, 6pm. Presented by Scott K. Robinson, Ordway Professor of Ecosystem Conservation. Hosted by the Illinois Audubon Society. Visit the website for the Zoom link. [illinoisaudubon.org](http://illinoisaudubon.org). 217-544-2473.

#### Four generations of taxidermy and teaching

Thu., May 6, 12-1pm. Meredith Mahoney, curator of zoology, will discuss the Biggs family story and taxidermy specimens from the family collection that began in the 1800s, helped create a natural history museum and library and is now housed at the Illinois State Museum. Online. [illinoisstatemuseum.org](http://illinoisstatemuseum.org). Free with registration. 217-782-6044.

#### Herb and flower seedling sale

Ongoing. Donations are asked for seedlings so as many families as possible can enjoy the flowers, herbs and vegetables. Grown without chemicals. Call for ordering information or visit the Facebook page for more information. 217-787-6927. [jubileefarm.info](http://jubileefarm.info). Jubilee Farm, 6760 Old Jacksonville Road, 217-787-6927.

#### Herb and pollinator plant sale

April 30-May 1, 9am-1pm. A variety of herbs, plus Lantana and Salvia pollinator plants. University of Illinois Extension, 700 S. Airport Dr., 217-782-4617.

#### Open House

Sat., May 1, 9:30-11:30am. Open house and garden bed sign up. An annual fee of \$10 provides a 4' x 8' bed, access to tools, water and seeds, plus gardening advice as needed. Please bring exact cash or check. There is no residency requirement so beds can be rented by anyone. Free. Enos Park Community Garden, 1022 N. Fifth St., 217-747-8337.

#### Spring fundraiser

Through April 30. Beautiful grown geraniums, hanging flower baskets and pots provided by Seaney Farms. Each plant is full and will last all summer if kept watered. Pick up is May 3, 11am-1pm and 5-8pm at the Springfield Art Association. Directly supports beautification projects throughout Enos Park. Order online at [epnia.com/flowers](http://epnia.com/flowers). \$7-\$40. 217-747-8337.

## Bulletin Board

#### Life After Loss grief support group

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

#### Moonlight Market

First Wednesday of every month, 6-9pm. Highlighting local crafters, farmers, artists and artisans from around the central Illinois area. Live music. On Jackson Street between Fifth and Sixth streets. 217-670-0627.

#### Small Town Dreamers Outdoor Market

First Saturday of every month. Shop locally owned businesses while enjoying great live music and great food and drinks. Farmersville Square, Farmersville, Downtown.

#### Springfield Watch and Clock Show and Sale

Sat., May 1, 11am-2pm. A great opportunity to buy, sell or simply look and learn about mechanical clocks and watches. Bring your own clock, wristwatch or pocket to learn more about it or sell it. Hosted by the Route 66 Watch & Clock Club. Free. Casey's Pub, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-241-7101.

#### Why Protest

Mon., May 3, 7-8pm. Presented via Zoom by Susan Stokes, the Blake Distinguished Service Professor of Political Science and Faculty Chair of the Chicago Center on Democracy. Hosted by the World Affairs Council of Central Illinois. Visit [mywacci.org](http://mywacci.org) for Zoom login and more information. Free.

#### Adopt-A-Street litter pickup and spring planting

Sat., May 8, 9am-12pm. Help beautify downtown. Everyone will get a task they feel good about. Wear a mask. Gloves are optional. Bring some gardening tools if you want to help plant. Bags and other tools will be provided for the litter crew. Meyers Building, 1 West Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-544-1723.

#### Microsoft Word basics

Second Tuesday of every month, 11am-12pm. Learn how to create and edit a document with Microsoft Word. Hosted by Lincoln Library via Zoom. [lincolnlibrary.info](http://lincolnlibrary.info). 217-793-4900.

#### Virtual Kitten Shower

Sat., May 1, 8:30am-4:30pm. A great event for those interested in learning more about APL's kitten foster program or sign up for additional training. Kitten fosters are a vital part of APL's volunteer base and are the difference between life and death for hundreds of kittens in our community. [apl-shelter.org](http://apl-shelter.org). Animal Protective League, 1001 Taintor Road, 217-544-7387.

#### Black-owned business vendor fair

Sun., May 2, 1-4pm. The vendors include restaurants and caterers, fitness instructors, photographers, hair and makeup artists, deejays and bands, event planners and more. Masks are required for entry into the event and health mandates will be followed. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-585-2941.

## Health

#### Ageless Grace Zoom beginner fitness class

Tue., May 4, 6:30pm. Fitness for body and brain health based on neuroplasticity--the ability of the brain to change through movement, music and play. Seated practiced with simple exercise tools for balance, breath, muscle strength, cardio, brain fitness, flexibility, mobility and more. Signed waiver required. [ssnyder@jaxpl.org](mailto:ssnyder@jaxpl.org). Free. 217-243-5435.

## Sports & Fitness

#### A day in the life of a St. Louis Cardinals bat boy

Tue., May 4, 1-2pm. Kevin Corbin, a financial advisor with Edward Jones, will share all the excitement and hard work he experienced as a bat boy for the St. Louis Cardinals. Visit the website or call for the Zoom link information. [soci.org](http://soci.org). 217-528-4035.

#### Abe's Mini Triathlon

Sat., May 8, 8:30am. A 100-yard swim, 5-mile bike ride and 1-mile run. [triharderpromotions.com](http://triharderpromotions.com). Porta High School, Petersburg, 17651 Bluejay Road, 217-341-1309.

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**BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES** (IN SPRINGFIELD) Pavilion (Lincoln Park). Tuesdays, April 27-June 1, 2021  
**Basic East Coast Swing** 6:00-7:00 pm  
**Rhumba I** 7:15-8:15 pm  
**West Coast Swing I** 8:30-9:30 pm  
Second Week Start Allowed  
**Ron & Paula's Ballroom Dancing** 217-553-0446 [www.RonAndPaulaDance.com](http://www.RonAndPaulaDance.com)



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## Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. MARK C PAINTER; JACOB PAINTER A/K/A JACOB KNEER A/K/A JACOB M KNEER A/K/A JACOB M PAINTER; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 19 CH 000394 3325 SOUTH 4TH STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 JUDGE PRESIDING JUDGE NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on March 10, 2021, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 05/25/2021, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: TAX NO. 22-16.0-230-019 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3325 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 Description of Improvements: White vinyl siding, one story single family home, attached one car garage The Judgment amount was \$128,122.75. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (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# 20-042671L

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

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3166959

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, N.D., PLAINTIFF, VS.

HELEN M KERN A/K/A HELEN KERN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 20 CH 000029 3714 PET CEMETERY ROAD SPRINGFIELD, IL 62707 JUDGE PRESIDING JUDGE NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE 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 April 7, 2021, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 05/25/2021, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: TAX NO. 15-30.0-402-009 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3714 Pet Cemetery Road Springfield, IL 62707

Description of Improvements: White aluminum siding, one story single family home, attached two car garage The Judgment amount was \$86,659.12. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (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://iiforeclosuresales.mrplic.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 20-03850IL PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3167297

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE CSMC MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-3, PLAINTIFF

vs. ROBERT L. DUNBAR; LYNDA J. DUNBAR; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS NO. 2019CH000309 Address: 3417 South 2nd Street Springfield, IL 62703 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 7, 2021, I, Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on June 8, 2021 at the hour of 9:00 AM at the Sangamon County Building, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: COMMON ADDRESS: 3417 South 2nd Street, Springfield, IL 62703 P.I.N.: 22-16-254-013

The real estate is improved with a single-family residence. THE JUDGMENT AMOUNT WAS: \$131,422.68 Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, 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 and Plaintiff makes no representations as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512, the amounts of any surplus bid will be held by the sheriff until a party obtains a Court Order for its distribution, or for 60 days following the date of the entry of the order confirming sale, at which time, in the absence of an order directing payment of the surplus, it may be automatically forfeited to the State without further notice. 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: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, 230 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60606, telephone 312-541-9710. Please refer to file number IL 19 7388. Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite 1125 Chicago, Illinois 60606 Email: [ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com](mailto:ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com) Ph. 312-541-9710 / Fax 312-541-9711 JB&A # IL 19 7388 I3167482

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ) SS SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. FRED PRYOR, STEPHANIE PRYOR, EXCEL GUTTERS, INC., AN ILLINOIS CORPORATION, SCOTT SIERON, NANCY R. SIMPSON, JOHN R. SIMPSON and STATE OF ILLINOIS-DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, Defendants. CASE NO. 20-CH-195 PROPERTY ADDRESS:

1932 S. 1ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704 (PARCEL 1); 1917 E. KEYS, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 (PARCEL 2) AND 4120 S. 2ND SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 (PARCEL 3) PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on April 21, 2021, the following described real estate, to-wit: Permanent Index Number: 22-04.0-278-033 (Parcel 1) Permanent Index Number: 14-23.0-332-037 (Parcel 2) Permanent Index Number: 22-21.0-227-007 (Parcel 3) Commonly known as: 1932 S. 1st, Springfield, IL 62704 (Parcel 1); 1917 E. Keys, Springfield, IL 62702 (Parcel 2) and 4120 S. 2nd, Springfield, IL 62703 (Parcel 3) will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on May 25, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$210,645.38. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality

or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser 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.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. 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.

Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff, Veronika J. Miles (#6313161), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 740 Decatur, IL 62525 Send Notice/Pleadings to: Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) Email: [Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com](mailto:Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com) Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF LARRY P. DUHS, Deceased. Case No.: 2021-P-129 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF WILL AND CLAIMS Notice is hereby given of the death of Larry P. Duhs, Letters of Office were issued. The name and address of the Executor is Bobby G. Graves, 2838 S. 16th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62703. James Ackerman is counsel for the Executor. His address is Ackerman Law Office, P.C., 2601 South Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62702, or with the representative, or both, on or

before October 15, 2021. Any claim not filed on or before October 15, 2021, is barred. Copies of the 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 16th day of March, 2021. BOBBY G. GRAVES, Executor, By: /s/ James W. Ackerman James W. Ackerman, Executor's Attorney PREPARED BY: James W. Ackerman (06192795) ACKERMAN LAW OFFICE 2601 South Fifth Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 789-1977 [jim@ackermanlawoffices.com](mailto:jim@ackermanlawoffices.com)

# PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF SANGAMON TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that on the 21st Day of April, 2021 a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that Dexter D. Hughes Intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit: V Eight Auto and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business; and that the principal place of said business is located at: 345 N. Lincoln, Apt. 8, Springfield, IL 62702

COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF JANET STIEREN, DECEASED No. 2021 P 221 CLAIMS NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Janet Stieren, a/k/a Janet Mae Stieren, on March 10, 2021. An Order Admitting Will to Probate and Appointing Executor of Decedent's Estate and Letters Testamentary were issued on April 20, 2021, by the Sangamon County Circuit Court in this matter. Johnna Mae McCloughan, 129 Mayden Road, Springfield, Illinois 62707, was appointed as Executor of the Estate of Janet Stieren, Deceased. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Executor, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to, the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 20th day of April, 2021. Kevin N. McDermott Attorney 109 South Seventh Street Springfield, Illinois 62701 (217) 753-4070 III. Reg. No. 6196497 [www.KevinNMcDermott.com](http://www.KevinNMcDermott.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of STEVEN LEWIS, Deceased. NO. 2021-P-222 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Steven Lewis of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 15, 2021, to Angela Johnson, 3454 Bissell Road, Springfield, Illinois 62707, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Randy S. Paswater, 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, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 15th day of April, 2021. Randy S. Paswater - 06283705 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 (217) 544-4868 [paswater@barberlaw.com](mailto:paswater@barberlaw.com) 311135

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of TIMOTHY SEAN HANSEN, Deceased. NO. 2021-P-235 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Timothy Sean Hansen of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 19, 2021, to Robert Hansen, 1118 Koufax, Chatham, Illinois 62629, 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 26, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 19th day of April, 2021. Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of TIMOTHY SEAN HANSEN, Deceased. NO. 2021-P-235 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Timothy Sean Hansen of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 19, 2021, to Robert Hansen, 1118 Koufax, Chatham, Illinois 62629, 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 26, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 19th day of April, 2021. Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of TIMOTHY SEAN HANSEN, Deceased. NO. 2021-P-235 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Timothy Sean Hansen of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 19, 2021, to Robert Hansen, 1118 Koufax, Chatham, Illinois 62629, 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 26, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 19th day of April, 2021. Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of TIMOTHY SEAN HANSEN, Deceased. NO. 2021-P-235 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Timothy Sean Hansen of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 19, 2021, to Robert Hansen, 1118 Koufax, Chatham, Illinois 62629, 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 26, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 19th day of April, 2021. Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79

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

Estate of:  
JESSIE L. WEEMER, Deceased.  
NO. 2021-P-230  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Jessie L. Weemer of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 19, 2021, to Janet Blade, 1791 Hazel Dell Road, Greenup, Illinois 62428, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before October 26, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 20th day of April, 2021. Randall W. Segatto - 06193211 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 rsegatto@barberlaw.com 310936

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

Estate of:  
LORETTA JEAN EBBERSTEN, Deceased.  
NO. 2021-P-227  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Loretta Jean Ebersten, f/k/a Loretta Jean Gilbert, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 19, 2021, to Gayle P. Edwards, f/k/a Gayle P. Gilbert, 2300 Asheville Dr., Springfield, Illinois 62711, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before October 26, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 19th day of April, 2021. Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 bsegatto@barberlaw.com 310682

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
MARILYN LOUISE SCOTT, Deceased  
NO. 2021-P-187  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Marilyn Louise Scott, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on April 6, 2021 to Jonathan G. McCune, 4231 Bissell Road, Springfield, IL 62707, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP,

1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 18th day of October, 2021 or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 6th day of April, 2021. Gregory P. Sgro Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP 1119 S. Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 789-1200

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
DONNA J. FRITCHMAN, Deceased  
NO. 2021-P-195  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Donna J. Fritchman, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on April 6, 2021, to Timothy C. Lonergan, 46 W. Fairview, Springfield, IL 62711, and John M. Bozis, 1115 N. First Street, Montrose, CO 81401, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 18th day of October, 2021, three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 6th day of April, 2021. Gregory P. Sgro Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP 1119 S. Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 789-1200

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

In the Matter of the Estate of  
MARY ANN MATRISCH, Deceased  
No. 2021-P-216  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION – CLAIMS  
Notice is given of the death of Mary Ann Matrisch, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on April 19, 2021, to Kathryn Marie Friday, 1025 North Wheeler, Springfield, Illinois, 62702, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C., 232 West State Street, P.O. Box 550, Jacksonville, Illinois, 62651. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk of the court. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six months from April 29, 2021, being 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 10 days after it is filed. Dated this 20th day of April, 2021. Kathryn Marie Friday, Independent Administrator, By: RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C., her attorneys, By: H. Allen Yow, Attorney Attorneys for Administrator: RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C. H. Allen Yow, Counsel (#6202108) 232 West State Street, P.O. Box 550 Jacksonville, Illinois, 62651 Telephone: (217) 245-6177

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
DON E. BUTLER, Deceased  
NO. 2021-P-225  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of DON E. BUTLER, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on April 21, 2021 to Gregg Butler, 1708 Mollee Court, Kokomo, IN 46902 as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before October 22, 2021 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 22nd day of April, 2021. Alex B. Rabin Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP 1119 S. Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 217-789-1200

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
DANIEL JACKSON, Deceased  
NO. 2021-P-232  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of DANIEL JACKSON, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on April 21, 2021 to Helen Jackson, 149 Joan Dr., Divernon, IL 62530 as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before October 22, 2021 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 21st day of April, 2021. Alex B. Rabin

Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-789-1200

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

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

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

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
MARY K. RICHNO, Deceased  
NO. 2021-P -214  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Mary K. Richno, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on April 15, 2021, to Ralph A. Richno, 2737 E. Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Executor, whose attorney

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

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

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

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

Re: the marriage of  
Tammy J. Phillips, Petitioner  
and  
Jason R. Phillips, Respondent  
Case No. 2020-D-487  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you Jason R. Phillips, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 22nd day of May, 2021 a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition. Paul Palazzolo Circuit Clerk

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

Re: the marriage of

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

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

Re: the marriage of  
Mark A. Combs, Petitioner  
And  
Diane E. Combs, Respondent  
Case No. 2021-D-148  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you Diane E. Combs, 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 29th day of May, 2021 a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition. Paul Palazzolo Circuit Clerk

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF  
BRYAN STEPHENS,  
TO ADOPT  
BROOKLYN OLIVIA SHEPPARD and LEVI  
ALEXANDER SELF, Minors  
NO. 2021-AD-39  
ADOPTION NOTICE  
TO: Justin Self, All Unknown Persons, and All Whom It May Concern:  
Take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, for the adoption of a child named Brooklyn Olivia Sheppard and a child named Levi Alexander Self. Now, therefore, unless you, all whom it may concern, file your answer to the petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, on or before the 7th day of June, 2021, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said petition. Dated this 21st day of April, 2021. /s/ Paul Palazzolo (seal) Clerk of the Court Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP Attorneys for Petitioner P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com 310821

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

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

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

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Tijuana Chantay Akers  
For change of name to  
Tijuana Chantay Jones  
Case No.: 21-MR-358  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on June 22, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Tijuana Chantay Akers to Tijuana Chantay Jones pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: April 29, 2021

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

For change of name to  
Blake Allen Wingler  
Case No.: 21-MR-353  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on June 8, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Savannah Rose Wingler to Blake Allen Wingler pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: April 29, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Brandy Elaine Lee  
For change of name to  
Andy E Lee  
Case No.: 21-MR-458  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on June 22, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Brandy Elaine Lee to Andy E Lee pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: April 29, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,  
PLAINTIFF,  
VS.  
MARK C PAINTER; JACOB PAINTER A/K/A JACOB KNEER A/K/A JACOB M KNEER A/K/A JACOB M PAINTER; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.  
NO. 19 CH 000394  
3325 SOUTH 4TH STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703  
JUDGE  
PRESIDING JUDGE  
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE  
UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on March 10, 2021, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 05/25/2021, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: ALL OF LOT FOUR (4), AND THE SOUTH 20 FEET OF LOT THREE (3) IN BLOCK NINE (9) OF GOLDEN GARDENS ADDITION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 18, 20, 24, 25 AND 26 OF COUNTY CLERK'S SUBDIVISION OF PARTS OF SECTIONS 9, 10, 15 AND 16, IN TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY.  
TAX NO. 22-16.0-230-019  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3325 South 4th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
Description of Improvements: White vinyl siding, one story single family home, attached one car garage  
The Judgment amount was \$128,122.75.  
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must

deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.  
The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.  
The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.  
The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).  
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
For Information: Visit our website at <http://iforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.  
Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 20-042671L  
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, N.D., PLAINTIFF,  
VS.  
HELEN M KERN A/K/A HELEN KERN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.  
NO. 20 CH 000029  
3714 PET CEMETERY ROAD SPRINGFIELD, IL 62707  
JUDGE  
PRESIDING JUDGE  
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE  
UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE 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 April 7, 2021, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 05/25/2021, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF

THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; DESCRIBED MORE PARTICULARLY AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 30, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE QUARTER SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 13.15 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF ROUTE 36, SAID POINT BEING THE BEGINNING OF A 1432.69 FOOT RADIUS NONTANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT WHOSE CENTER BEARS SOUTH 40 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST, THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CENTERLINE CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 04 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 36 SECONDS A DISTANCE OF 114.02 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 44 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF ROUTE 36 A DISTANCE OF 198.34 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 208.65 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 153.33 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 359.55 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF ROUTE 36, THENCE NORTH 44 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 21 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE A DISTANCE OF 215.13 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID TRACT CONTAINS 1.00 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, ALL IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS, BASIS OF BEARING IS NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE QUARTER SECTION LINE. SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. TAX NO. 15-30.0-402-009  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3714 Pet Cemetery Road  
Springfield, IL 62707  
Description of Improvements: White aluminum siding, one story single family home, attached two car garage  
The Judgment amount was \$86,659.12.  
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.  
The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.  
The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.  
The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).  
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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# 20-038501L  
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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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: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, 230 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60606, telephone 312-541-9710. Please refer to file number IL 19 7388.  
Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois  
Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC  
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Chicago, Illinois 60606  
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JB&A # IL 19 7388  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE CSMC MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-3, PLAINTIFF  
vs.  
ROBERT L. DUNBAR; LYNDA J. DUNBAR; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS  
NO. 2019CH000309  
Address: 3417 South 2nd Street Springfield, IL 62703  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 7, 2021, I, Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on June 8, 2021 at the hour of 9:00 AM at the Sangamon County Building, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: LOT 5 IN BLOCK 5 OF WOODLAWN SUBDIVISION, SECOND PLAT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED APRIL 16, 1953 IN PLAT BOOK 15 AT PAGE 109 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 250376.  
EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LANDS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME.  
COMMON ADDRESS: 3417 South 2nd Street, Springfield, IL 62703  
P.I.N.: 22-16-254-013  
The real estate is improved with a single-family residence.  
THE JUDGMENT AMOUNT WAS: \$131,422.68  
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.  
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, 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 and Plaintiff makes no representations as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.  
Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512, the amounts of any surplus bid will be held by the sheriff until a party obtains a Court Order for its distribution, or for 60 days following the date of the entry of the order confirming sale, at which time, in the absence of an order directing payment of the

surplus, it may be automatically forfeited to the State without further notice. 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: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, 230 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60606, telephone 312-541-9710. Please refer to file number IL 19 7388.  
Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois  
Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC  
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Chicago, Illinois 60606  
Email: [ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com](mailto:ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com)  
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JB&A # IL 19 7388  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
RITA DUNHAM, AS TRUSTEE OF THE RITA DUNHAM TRUST 11-2013, JICTB INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
No. 21-MR-388  
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to Rita Dunham, as Trustee of the Rita Dunham Trust 11-2013, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that a Complaint for Demolition was filed in the above-named Court on April 5, 2021, and is now pending.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of:  
JESSIE L. WEEMER, Deceased.  
NO. 2021-P-230  
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES  
Possible heirs and legatees at law of deceased, Jessie L. Weemer, whose names, relationship and addresses are unknown, including but not limited to Richard Chambers.  
Notice is given to the above who are heirs or legatees in the above probate proceeding and whose name or address is not stated in the Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary - Independent Administration, that an order was entered by the Court on the 19th day of April, 2021, appointing Janet Blade as Executor.  
Janet Blade  
Independent Representative  
Filings are to be made with:  
Sangamon County Circuit Clerk  
Sangamon County Complex  
200 South Ninth Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Dated this 20th day of April, 2021.  
Randall W. Segatto - 06193211  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
831 E. Monroe, P. O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-4868  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
RITA DUNHAM, AS TRUSTEE OF THE RITA DUNHAM TRUST 11-2013, JICTB INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
No. 21-MR-388  
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to Rita Dunham, as Trustee of the Rita Dunham Trust 11-2013, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that a Complaint for Demolition was filed in the above-named Court on April 5, 2021, and is now pending.

The common address of the structure which is subject to demolition is 2160 S. 15th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, and said real estate is legally described as:

Lot Seventeen (17) of Spauldings 2nd Capitol Addition.  
PIN: 22-03.0-426-017.

The name of the title holder of record of said real estate is: Rita Dunham, as Trustee of the Rita Dunham Trust 11-2013. NOW THEREFORE, unless Rita Dunham, as Trustee of the Rita Dunham Trust 11-2013, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants file an answer to the Complaint for Demolition in this cause or otherwise file an appearance therein in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before May 15, 2021, a default judgment may be entered at any time after that day and an Order for Demolition may be entered in accordance with the relief requested in the Complaint for Demolition. /s/ Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County

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

THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs.

UNION SQUARE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP as Beneficiary of Trust Number 63906, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 21-MR-421

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that a Complaint for Demolition was filed in the above-named Court on April 9, 2021, and is now

pending.

The common address of the structure which is subject to demolition is 2716 Poplar Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62702, and said real estate is legally described as:

Parcel 1:

Part of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 35, in Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the West line of said Half Quarter Section 873.04 feet South of a stone at the Northwest Corner of said Half Quarter Section and running thence East 238.70 feet; thence South 82 feet; thence East 345 feet; thence South 183 feet; thence South 56 degrees and 28 minutes East 305.92 feet to a point which is 1307.4 feet South and 838.70 feet East of said stone at the Northwest corner of said Half Quarter Section; thence South 34 degrees, 22 minutes West 116.74 feet to a point which is 1405.40 feet South and 772.80 feet East of said stone; thence Southeastwardly along a curve to the right with a radius of 768 feet a distance of 143.95 feet to a point which is 1504.76 feet South and 876.96 feet East of said stone; thence South 40 degrees 20 minutes East 63.48 feet to a point which is 1553.04 feet South and 917.97 feet East of said stone; thence South 19 degrees 24 minutes East 66.37 feet; thence Southwardly along a curve to the right with a radius of 421.25 feet a distance of 217.87 feet to a point which is 1830.81 feet South and 956.55 feet East of said stone; thence Southwardly along a curve to the left with a radius of 357.89 feet a distance of 188.75 feet to a point which is 2016.60 feet South and 972.48 feet East of said stone; thence South 19 degrees 58 minutes East 90.68 feet to a point which is 2101.83 feet South and 1003.56 feet East of said stone; thence South 52 degrees and 09 minutes West 5.28 feet; thence South 19 degrees 58 minutes East 121.53 feet to a point which is 2219.27 feet South and 1040.89 feet East of said stone; thence Eastwardly and Southwardly along a curve to the right with a radius of 40 feet and the center point of which curve is 2256.89 feet South and 1054.41 feet East of said stone, 107.67 feet to a point which is 2284.81 feet South and 1083.05 feet East of said stone; thence South 45 degrees and 44 minutes East 114.02 feet, more or less, to a point in the Westerly line of the right-of-way of

the Illinois Terminal Road, which point is 2364.04 feet South and 1164.70 feet East of said stone and is 120 feet North-eastwardly from the intersection of said right-of-way line with the Northerly line of Rochester Road; thence Southerly along said right-of-way line 120 feet to the Northerly line of Rochester Road; thence Northwesterly along the Notherly line of Rochester Road 1284.34 feet, more or less, to its intersection with the West line of said Half Quarter Section, and thence North along the West line of said Half Quarter Section 934.97 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 23.33 acres, more or less.

Parcel 2:

Lot 31 of Garden Manor Addition No. 1, Springfield, Illinois.  
PIN: 14-35.0-476-002.

The name of the title holder of record of said real estate is: American National Bank and Trust Company, as Trustee under the provisions of a certain Trust, and known as Trust Number 63906.

NOW THEREFORE, unless Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants file an answer to the Complaint for Demolition in this cause or otherwise file an appearance therein in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before May 22, 2021, a default judgment may be entered at any time after that day and an Order for Demolition may be entered in accordance with the relief requested in the Complaint for Demolition. /s/ Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

WILLIAM GRANT as Heir at Law of Lola F. Grant, MARGIE GARREN as Heir at Law of Lola F. Grant, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LOLA F. GRANT, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, JICTB INC., SANGAMON COUNTY AS TRUSTEE OF TAXING DISTRICTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 21-MR-422  
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to William Grant as Heir at Law of Lola F. Grant, Margie Garren as Heir at Law of Lola F. Grant, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Lola F. Grant, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that a Complaint for Demolition was filed in the above-named Court on April 9, 2021, and is now pending.

The common address of the structure which is subject to demolition is 2809 Poplar Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, and said real estate is legally described as: Tract Seventeen (17) of Plat of Survey of part of the EastHalf of the Southeast Quarter of Section Thirty-give (35), Township Sixteen (16) North, Range Five (5), West of the ThirdPrincipal Meridian, as shown by Survey in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Illinois, Entry No. 238289 in Book 15 of Plats, Page 37. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
PIN: 14-35.0-478-017.

The names of the title holders of record of said real estate are: Myron R. Grant and Lola F. Grant.

NOW THEREFORE, unless William Grant as Heir at Law of Lola F. Grant, Margie Garren as Heir at Law of Lola F. Grant, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Lola F. Grant, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants file an answer to the Complaint for Demolition in this cause or otherwise file an appearance therein in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before May 22, 2021, a default judgment may be entered at any time after that day and an Order for Demolition may be entered in accordance with the relief requested in the Complaint for Demolition. /s/ Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Interest of:  
PHILLIP JAMES OZAI WILLIAMS, a minor.

Case No. 21-P-210

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, NOTICE IS GIVEN TO: UNKNOWN FATHER that a Petition for Guardianship has been filed for the guardianship of a child named PHILLIP JAMES OZAI WILLIAMS. NOW, THEREFORE, an answer or an appearance in this case in the Office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, is required on or before June 3, 2021. Unless an appearance or answer is filed, the Court will proceed in your absence.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY  
Richard J. Williams, Petitioner and

Britney M. Lunsford, Respondent

Case No. 2021-F-112

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Notice is given you Britney M. Lunsford, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced and you are summoned to a child custody case and for other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois on or before the 13th Day of May, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint. Paul Palazzolo  
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY  
Alantria C. Mackey, Petitioner vs.

Kanisha Mahr, Respondent

Case No. 2021-OP-188

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Kanisha Mahr, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before May 27, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint. Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Court  
Date: April 15, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY  
Ebony Grice, Petitioner

vs.

Perish Davis, Respondent

Case No: 2021-OP-282

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Perish Davis, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before June 3, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint. Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Court  
Date: April 29, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY  
Ebony Grice, Petitioner

vs.

James Capler, Respondent

Case No: 2021-OP-281

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

James Capler, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you

file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before June 3, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint. Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Court  
Date: April 29, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY  
Jazmin Kinsella, Petitioner

vs.

Rodney Neal Willis, Respondent

Case No: 2021-OP-56

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Rodney Neal Willis, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before May 13, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint. Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Court  
Date: April 15, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY  
Nicole A. Copelin, Petitioner

vs.

Tyler L. Schultz, Respondent

Case No: 2020-OP-2307

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Tyler L. Schultz, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before May 13, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint. Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Court  
Date: April 15, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ) SS SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

FRED PRYOR, STEPHANIE PRYOR, EXCEL GUTTERS, INC., AN ILLINOIS CORPORATION, SCOTT SIERON, NANCY R. SIMPSON, JOHN R. SIMPSON and STATE OF ILLINOIS-DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, Defendants.

CASE NO. 20-CH-195 PROPERTY ADDRESS:

1932 S. 1ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704 (PARCEL 1); 1917 E. KEYS, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 (PARCEL 2) AND 4120 S. 2ND SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 (PARCEL 3)  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on April 21, 2021, the following described real estate, to-wit:  
PARCEL I: THE NORTH 45 FEET OF LOT THIRTEEN (13) IN BLOCK ONE (1) OF SHAUGHNESSY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.  
EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS

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UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS.

PARCEL II: LOT 67 IN SPAULDING'S SECOND ILLINOIS WATCH FACTORY ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.

EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS.

PARCEL III: THE NORTH 104 FEET OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT:

THAT PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT 30 FEET EAST OF AND 832' FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 208 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE EAST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION, A DISTANCE OF 208 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 208 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE WEST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 208 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPT THAT PART DESCRIBED AS BEING A PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 6 IN THE NEUMAN SUBDIVISION, A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER, NORTHEAST QUARTER, SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.

THE LOCATION OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR SAID TRACT IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FROM AN IRON PIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER, NORTHEAST QUARTER, NORTHEAST QUARTER, SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SOUTH 88 DEGREES 20 MINUTES WEST 1.8 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 45 MINUTES EAST 832.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 20 MINUTES EAST 31.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE LAND IN SAID TRACT IS DESCRIBED IN DETAIL AS FOLLOWS: FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING NORTH 88 DEGREES 20 MINUTES EAST 15.0 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 2 DEGREES 27 MINUTES WEST 104.27 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 20 MINUTES WEST 7.5 FEET, THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 40 MINUTES WEST 104.0 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALL SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Permanent Index Number: 22-04.0-278-033 (Parcel 1) Permanent Index Number: 14-23.0-332-037 (Parcel 2) Permanent Index Number: 22-21.0-227-007 (Parcel 3) Commonly known as: 1932 S. 1st, Springfield, IL 62704 (Parcel 1); 1917 E. Keys, Springfield, IL 62702 (Parcel 2) and 4120 S. 2nd, Springfield, IL 62703 (Parcel 3) will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on May 25, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$210,645.38. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calcu-

lated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser 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.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have been due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1). If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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.

Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff, Veronika J. Miles (#6313161), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 740 Decatur, IL 62525

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## Monkey business?

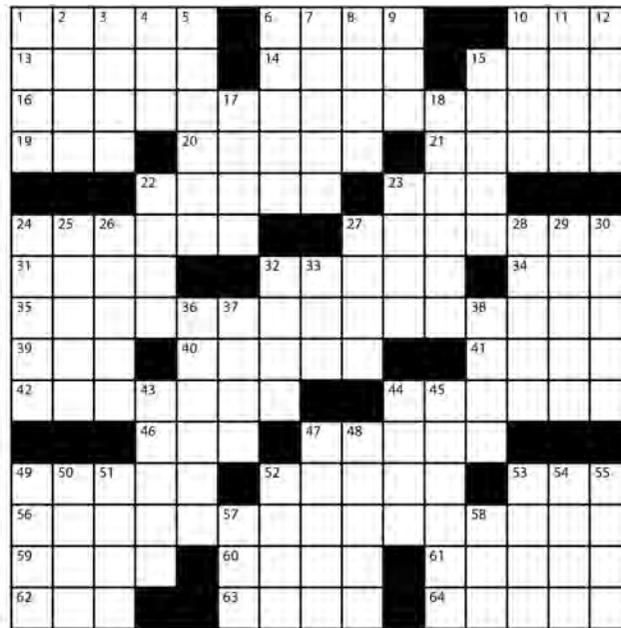
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### Across

1. Addition symbol
6. Gym set
10. Always, poetically
13. Bizet work
14. Buffalo's lake
15. Car bar
16. Steak and eggs, perhaps
19. Eccentric
20. Small drum
21. Packing heat
22. Word with trip or strip
23. To and \_\_\_
24. Caterpillar's quarters
27. Severe
31. Field measure
32. Exertion
34. "\_\_\_ to Joy"
35. Watch the ball drop?
39. Smidge
40. O. Henry device
41. Highlander
42. Con
44. America's Cup entrants
46. Consumes
47. Dolphins' home
49. Renaissance fiddle
52. Close-knit group
53. Freelancer's enc.
56. Provide an opinion
59. Blow off steam
60. Word that deals with the start of 16-, 35-, and 56-across
61. Send, as payment
62. Treat like a dog?
63. "Pee-\_\_\_ Big Adventure"
64. Foul moods

### Down

1. Small salmon

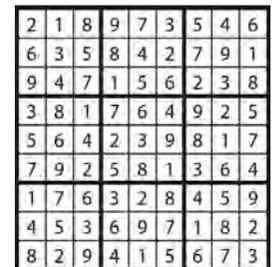


2. Acted like
3. Go through
4. Be mistaken
5. Kind of artist
6. Jewish teacher
7. It may get you to first base
8. Dock
9. Caribbean, e.g.
10. Final, e.g.
11. "... or \_\_\_!"
12. Abbr. after many a general's name
15. Big dos
17. Open wide
18. Kind of chop
22. Keats, for one
23. Scuffle
24. Flings
25. Arctic \_\_\_
26. Belief
27. Wet, as morning grass
28. Human \_\_\_ (Fantastic Four character)
29. Dostoyevsky novel, with "The"
30. Some change
32. High-hatter
33. Cyst
36. Hold up on the road
37. Cupid, to the Greeks
38. Fungal spore sacs
43. Toast choice
44. Ball material
45. Foreign heads of state
47. One of the Osmonds
48. Ruben Studdard and Kelly Clarkson
49. Invitation letters
50. Blunted blade
51. Crooked
52. Bay
53. 18-wheeler
54. Came down
55. New newts
57. Handful
58. One of 100 in D.C.

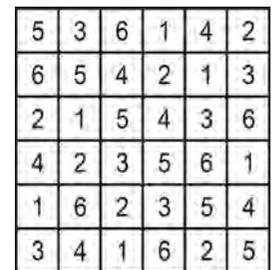
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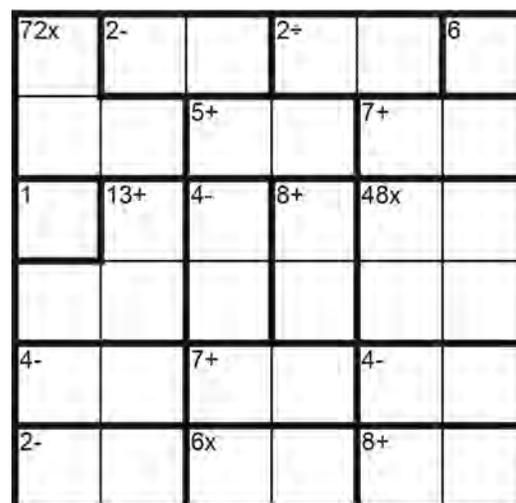
Sudoku answers from #683



JoshJosh answers from #683

## JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 684

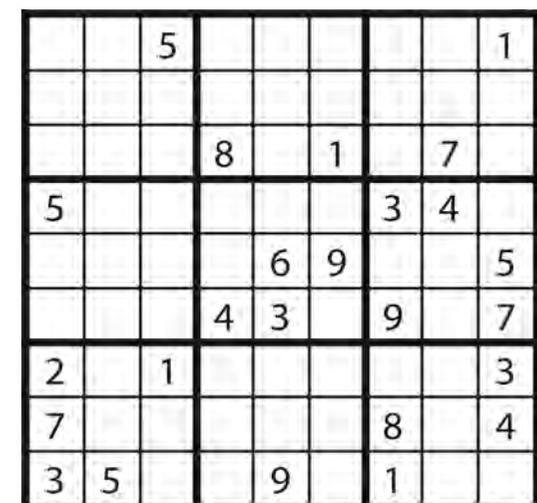
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



Difficulty hard

## Sudoku No. 684

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



Difficulty medium

Stand Up  
Vax Up

I feel  
**CONFIDENT**

I feel  
**READY**

I feel  
**DETERMINED**

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