



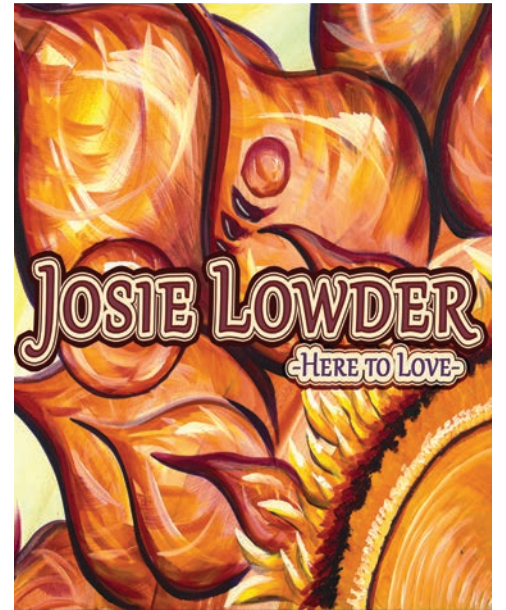
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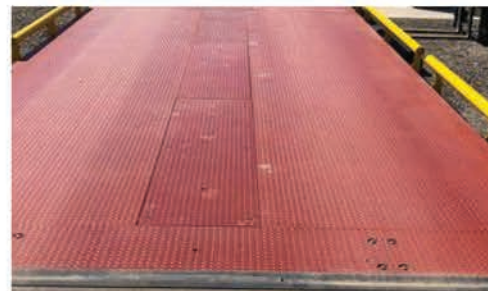
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Regulating massage parlors

Only state-licensed professionals would be allowed under potential city ordinance

PROSTITUTION | Dean Olsen

Springfield officials are crafting an ordinance to crack down on sites of suspected prostitution promoted as Asian massage parlors or spas.

Springfield Police Chief Kenneth Scarlette told *Illinois Times* that the ordinance would require establishments offering broadly defined massage services to register with the city. And only state-certified massage therapists or other state-licensed professionals would be allowed to perform those services.

“That’s a future ordinance I foresee coming here which will regulate the businesses that want to use the title,” Scarlette said. “Our goal is to ensure that there are no illegal houses of prostitution operating throughout our community, and if the public is aware of those happening, they need to notify the police department.”

The potential ordinance, which is expected to be introduced May 21 and voted on by the Springfield City Council in coming weeks, is in response to concerns about the proliferation in recent years of massage parlors – some in residential neighborhoods – suspected of offering sexual services.

The establishments employ women from other countries who are victims of human trafficking and often live where they work, according to documents filed in Springfield’s U.S. District Court.

Springfield resident Greg Fraase, 60, faces felony charges in two different federal indictments for allegedly conspiring to operate prostitution sites at multiple Asian massage parlors in Springfield and in Washington, Illinois. Fraase has pleaded not guilty and has been released pending the outcome of the cases.

Also indicted were two women who allegedly worked with Fraase to operate the sites – a woman of Chinese descent named Rao Guangxiang, who is being held in the Kankakee County Jail, and a Chinese woman named Jia Liu who hasn’t been apprehended.

Greg Moredock, the lawyer who heads the city’s legal department, wouldn’t comment on whether a



Hawthorne Place neighborhood residents Lindsey Trojahn and her husband, Ben, shown here in front of the now-closed Golden Relax massage parlor at 452 South Grand Ave. W., say they were upset when the establishment opened in their Springfield neighborhood earlier this year and hope it doesn’t reopen. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN.

massage parlor ordinance is in the works.

But before he worked for the city, Moredock helped craft an ordinance for Chatham that village officials adopted in November 2019 in response to an Asian massage parlor raided by the FBI that same month.

Research to write the ordinance for the Sangamon County village of 14,400 people began when Chatham police and the FBI initiated an investigation that led to the raid of Rainbow Massage in the 300 block of Williams Lane, Chatham Police Chief Vernon Foli said.

That establishment and another in Chatham, Queen Spa Massage, closed for good shortly after the raid, and no similar establishments have opened since then in the village, the chief said.

The possibility of an ordinance to help deal with the situation in Springfield was welcome news to residents of the historic Hawthorne Place neighborhood, though some said they wish the city would act quicker.

“The massage parlors are an issue all over the city,” said Jim Huston, 76, a retired librarian who

has lived in the neighborhood for 36 years. “We have struggled to keep the neighborhood as it was originally imagined. . . . For me, the question really is about city planning, or the lack of it.”

The neighborhood, with streets named after famous authors, covers several blocks near downtown and just south of South Grand Avenue West, between Whittier Avenue on the east, Holmes Avenue on the west and West Laurel Street on the south.

The neighborhood was the site of April 11 raids by Springfield police of two Asian massage parlors apparently not connected with Fraase, Guangxiang or Liu. Search warrants were served at Golden Relax at 452 South Grand Ave. W. and 88 Relaxing Massage at 526 South Grand Ave. W.

No arrests were made, and no criminal charges have resulted from the investigation into what a police department news release called “allegations of prostitution occurring at both locations.” The release said, “the investigation into these establishments and others is ongoing.”

Both establishments closed for about a week after the raid but then reopened, to the chagrin of neighbors. Golden Massage’s large sign in its front yard was removed after the raid, and the business now is closed again, according to a man who identified himself only as “Steve” when an *Illinois Times* reporter rang the front doorbell May 14.

Steve said he is a friend of the building’s owner, Xiaolin Ding, who Steve said splits his time living at the building and the home of a relative in Chicago. Ding wasn’t home, and, according to Steve, Ding hasn’t said whether Golden Massage

would reopen.

Neighbors said men of all ages, some driving nice cars and one identified as a physician, were seen coming and going at the two massage parlors. Many of the patrons park along the residential streets rather than in the parking spaces behind the establishments, according to neighbors.

Some neighbors have posted photos of the men and the license plates of their cars on Facebook. Neighborhood resident Lauren Lumsden, 35, a dental office worker, said she tracked down the identity of one patron who drives a pickup truck with a sign that says he’s a supporter of former President Donald Trump.

Lumsden said she wrote the caption under one photo of the man next to his vehicle that reads: “Someone come get your Trump-loving, grandpa Herb from the massage parlor by my house. He’s a frequent guest. Doesn’t support immigrants, but loves banging them.”

Lindsey Trojahn, 41, said she can see the back of Golden Massage’s building from her kitchen window. The parlor was open just a month or two before it was raided, but before that, men could be spotted visiting the business all day and sometimes late at night.

“I’m absolutely concerned,” said Trojahn, a homemaker. “You definitely have your guard up seeing all that activity.”

David Zhang, a real-estate agent who lives on the west side of Springfield, said he owns the building where 88 Relaxing Massage operates. He said he has nothing to do with what goes on there and has told the tenant, who has operated the business for four years, to make sure nothing illegal is taking place. Zhang wouldn’t identify the female owner of 88 Massage.

Because of complaints from the neighbors, Zhang said he doesn’t plan to allow 88 Massage to renew its lease. He wouldn’t say when the lease is up.

He said he checked with his lawyer, and he can’t break the lease because the tenant continues to pay rent, and because no criminal charges have been filed.

“It leaves me no option now,” Zhang said. “She refuses to leave.”

When an *Illinois Times* reporter stopped by 88 Massage on May 14, an Asian woman who couldn’t speak English used a smartphone app that translates English and Chinese to communicate. She declined to be interviewed and said no one was available to talk. Then she used the app to ask the reporter if he would like a massage. □

Editor’s note

The May 10 teacher walkout at Grant Middle School over student discipline issues, and the May 11 prayer walk at Southeast High School in the aftermath of a student killed by gun violence, raise big issues for next school year. Clearly the school administration and the teachers union need to double down on planning for what to do about fights, about verbal threats and students who “aren’t ready to learn.” (See “Not ready to learn,” p. 5.) The solution must include where to send disruptive students so they don’t interfere with schooling. The problem-solving must also take seriously issues of racism and antiracism. Gone are the days when smart people could get away with saying race doesn’t have anything to do with it. Race has a lot to do with it. The last day of school is May 24, the day this hard work begins in earnest. — Fletcher Farrar, editor



From Pride to produce: Downtown Springfield's weekend of festivities

DOWNTOWN | Courtney Wick

If you're looking to find the end of the rainbow this weekend, head to downtown Springfield where four vibrant community events converge into a kaleidoscope of family-friendly fun. There's a little something for everyone with live music, shows, art, books, vendors, and of course, delicious food. So, pack a bag (an empty one so you can fill it with stuff) and get on down to downtown.

Old Capitol Farmers Market

Saturday, May 18
8 a.m.-12 p.m.

The Old Capitol Farmers Market on Fourth and Adams streets, presented by HSHS St. John's Hospital, is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Following a grand opening this Saturday, it continues every Wednesday and Saturday through Oct. 26. The market supports small farms and local growers by providing an open-air venue to sell their produce and goods throughout the season.

Carlos Ortega, executive director of Downtown Springfield, Inc., said, "The Old Capitol Farmers Market has participated in the active development of the downtown ecosystem. It's an exciting time in downtown right now with a lot of growth."

New this year is an online, interactive market map for customers. The map links to the social

media sites of vendors and creates a short bio so customers can see which vendors will be at the market each week.

Lincoln Library Alliance book sale

Saturday, May 18
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

On the sidewalks surrounding the downtown Lincoln Library, bookworms of all ages will enjoy shopping more than 15,000 books, audiobooks, CDs, DVDs and library-branded merchandise. Pricing starts at two for \$1, and all proceeds go to support the Lincoln Library. Cash, credit and debit cards are all accepted forms of payment.

Tiffany Roe, president of the Lincoln Library Alliance, said, "We'll have two food truck vendors so everybody can keep their strength up. Hy-Vee is grilling out and Johnny O's is selling seven different flavors of mini-doughnuts, which is a dangerous thing."

The city of Springfield's Department of Waste and Recycling will be in attendance giving away flower seeds as part of the Mayor's Monarch Pledge. The Library Alliance has also partnered with Land of Lincoln Goodwill Industries for the second year in a row, which will have representatives available to talk about the programs offered. Customers will be able to drop off any Goodwill donations at the book sale.

"Admission is free and there is plenty of parking available," said Roe. "Hopefully it will be a beautiful day; we're super excited about it."

Old Capitol Art Fair

Saturday, May 18
10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, May 19
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Springfield's 63rd Old Capitol Art Fair is located on the grounds and surrounding sidewalks of the Old State Capitol. Admission is free to view the 115 art vendors (a third of which are brand new to the fair) selling and showcasing all mediums of art. There's also a children's tent, 10 food truck vendors and a brand-new live music stage with local acts such as Kapital Sound, Ben Bedford, Avery Kern and The Springfield Municipal Band.

Entertainment chair Micah Walk said, "it has been a goal of mine for many years to upgrade the live entertainment stage, and this year we've finally been able to make it happen."

With a new live performance space and a 15% increase in vendors and food, the Old Capitol Art Fair is growing exponentially. "Numbers are increasing again post-pandemic, which is hopefully a trend that will continue for many years," said David Hennessey, chair of the board of directors.

Springfield PrideFest

Saturday, May 18
11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Springfield's 14th annual PrideFest kicks off with a parade at 11:30 a.m., beginning on the corner of Fifth and Allen streets. At noon, Mayor Misty Buscher, Secretary Dulce Quintero from the Department of Human Services and other local leaders will hold a ribbon-cutting to kick off the festivities.

Jonna Cooley, Phoenix Center's executive director and the event chair, noted, "We have more than 100 vendors this year – many of them new to PrideFest – and great live music like The Rock 'n Roll Sisters and The Brat Pack, eight food truck vendors and a fun-filled family area."

Cooley said this year there will also be a free teen event called Race to the Runway. Starting at noon, the first 10 teens to register will receive a kit to create costumes and then perform a lip-synched song onstage at 2:15 p.m. PrideFest activities and performances culminate with a drag show on the main stage from 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Attendance is free to this day of celebrating the central Illinois LGBTQIA+ community. □

Courtney Wick is a freelance writer from Springfield who plans to attend all four downtown events this weekend.

Not ready to learn

District 186 teachers cite increase in violence and threats from students

EDUCATION | Scott Reeder

"I've been hit, struck, kicked, spit on and scratched," Brian Daugherty said as he explained the challenges he and other teachers face at Grant Middle School.

In response to what they perceive as escalating violence, Daugherty, a music teacher, and more than 30 other teachers and staff refused to go to work May 10. The walk-out happened despite a last-minute, in-person plea from Superintendent Jennifer Gill for the educators at the west-side school to stay on the job.

"The most fundamental need in order to learn is to feel safe," Daugherty said. "And if we have people in the school – teachers and students or staff – that don't feel safe, then they're operating in fright – chaos. When there's chaos, no one benefits, especially the kids. Ninety percent of kids are ready to learn, and we have 10% that I feel aren't ready to learn. They are messing it up for the rest," he said.

A few students ruining things for everyone is hardly a new lament among educators. But Daugherty and his colleagues say what they are dealing with is far different than what teachers faced in yesteryears. According to Daugherty, threats today are specific and the violence is calculated.

As an example, Daugherty shared a copy of an email that was recently sent to one of his female colleagues from a student's account. The student was unhappy with a grade he had received.

The email read: "I'm not gonna get mad but change my grade now. Or I will come in and kill you. I know where you live, ho. And I'm not playing. OK? Matter of fact, I'm gonna rape you. I'm gonna eat your ass. And I'm gonna have my brother put his dick inside you, ho."

The student believed to have emailed this note to his instructor faced no consequences, said Aaron Graves, president of the Springfield Education Association, the labor organization representing teachers. He added that these types of threats have become increasingly common.

Teachers at Grant say they are fearful when they walk hallways filled with students.

"The problem is, I have to be on high alert all the time. When I see four or five kids get together in the hallway, we all tense up immediately, said Heather Archey, a Grant English teacher. "It's almost like we play zone defense. Who's going to move forward to pull the crowd away (if there is a fight)? It's almost like a battle strategy. That's exhausting. I didn't sign up for that. I signed up to come in and teach children and nurture children and give them a foundation."

Larresa Kleinhertz, a Grant history teacher, said her ankle was injured during one hallway melee.

"I was trying to break up a fight that was going to happen. They were exchanging words and getting closer and closer. I was trying to get them away from each other and talk to them," Kleinhertz said. "And the next thing I know, I was surrounded by a group of more than 50 students, and I was right there in the middle of them fighting. I was getting stepped on, trampled. It was ridiculous. ... This is in the building outside of my classroom," she said.

Teachers respond to threats and acts of violence by sending the offending students to the principal's office.

"More often than not, he is back in the classroom 20 minutes later," Archey said of misbehaving students. She said it's not that the building administrators don't want to do anything, it is that there are few alternatives

available to them.

"The discipline structure and the consequences that are in place are no longer adequate," Archey said. "At one point in time, they worked, and that was enough to deter student behavior. Right now, it is not working. We have students who violently assault other students or have attacked a teacher.

"We're talking (about a) teacher punched in the face repeatedly, and the student is off for 10 days," Archey said. "Then they come back into the school because we're told that the alternative location is full, and we're told that they have no other option. (When) students come back in, they're bold. It's a 10-day vacation and they are back."

Superintendent Gill acknowledged in an interview with *Illinois Times* that Douglas Prep Academy, the alternative school for junior high students, is at capacity. The Springfield Learning Academy at White Oaks Mall for high school students is also at capacity.

"We can't just kick kids out to the street either, because then they're out in the streets," Gill said. "And that's not something that our community needs or wants. So, we're going to have to be creative and really think with our community partners about how we can educate kids in an alternative setting for even the shortest amount of time, if they're going to act like that during the school day."

One option Springfield Public Schools may consider is rehabilitating the building on East Laurel Avenue that once housed the Lawrence Education Center and making it a learning venue for recalcitrant youths.

"Our old Lawrence building is getting renovated right now – just some health and safety touch-ups, a heavy paint job and repairing some

things," said Gill. "That building's pretty old. It's got some old bones and needs some updates. ... When we can expand (alternative programs), we may want to look at how we can utilize that space differently."

However, Gill said she does not believe Grant Middle School is any more violent than it has been in previous years.

"I don't think it's just fights," she said. "I think sometimes it's the verbal threats and just the language that's being utilized. But it's a small number of students out of that total population."

School board member Erica Austin said one reason for the vociferous complaints of violence at Grant is that the school's demographics are changing, and its white faculty members lack the "cultural competency" to deal with a student body that is increasingly Black.

"Grant has changed over the last couple of years. And so, you're seeing more Black and brown children at that school," Austin said. "Washington and Jefferson (middle schools have) the bulk of the (minority) students, and they understood and knew how to deal with those students," she said. "I just think that Grant doesn't have all the tools needed to understand and know how to work with those kind of kids."

Graves, of the teachers' union, called Austin's statement "gaslighting at its worst."

He added that both Black and white teachers are speaking out about the problem of violence in Springfield schools.

Graves added, "It's happening at Lanphier (High School), Jefferson, Washington, Harvard Park Elementary School and Franklin Middle School. It's not just happening at Grant." □

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City of Springfield

City launches program to rehab east-side homes

My First Home initiative will target first-time homebuyers

DEVELOPMENT | Scott Reeder

The city of Springfield is launching a pilot program geared toward helping first-time homebuyers by rehabilitating dilapidated properties on the city's east side.

"On the east side of Springfield, we own properties as a city, and we're not doing enough to revitalize the neighborhoods," said Ethan Posey, Springfield's director of community relations. "We own a lot of property, and we're not selling it and we're not demolishing it quick enough. So, we came up with the My First Home initiative."

The city has allocated \$120,000 this year toward rehabilitating a vacant house at 1933 East Cedar St., Posey said. He added if this first rehabilitation project proves successful, the city will likely revitalize more homes in future years.

Several years ago, the Cedar Street house and three others were donated to the city by a bank, said Mike Lesko, the city's purchasing agent. He added he is not certain how the financial institution came to possess the properties.

Posey said Springfield owns other vacant homes, such as those along the planned high-speed rail corridor, but the focus of the My First Home initiative is on the city's east side. He said city leaders have a strong desire to promote homeownership.

"When you look at communities where there's not as much rental going on and there's more homeownership, it affects a number of things," said Posey. "People stay in the community longer. You see positive benefits with health outcomes and lower rates of violence. Because there's so much on the east side that needs to be revitalized, that's where our focus is."

"The mayor wants to see it. The administration wants to see it. We thought a good way to start would be to take properties that we already own and fix them up and turn them into places that people not only want to buy, but are going to want to stay in. There will be places you want to raise your kids," he said.

Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory represents much of the city's east side and said while he is encouraged by the initiative, its initial impact will be small.

"One of the things that has to come with it is whole block restoration," he said. "We have blocks in our community that have one house and then empty lot after empty lot after empty lot. So,

what it really needs to be about is whole block restoration."

Posey said various contractors will submit bids to revitalize each home. But Gregory said the community might benefit from the program more if it used the projects as training opportunities for those interested in entering the building trades.

"Not only do we want to repair the house that we want to sell to a homeowner, but we also want to put some workforce training in it as well," Gregory said. "Young people, middle-aged adults – even people my age – want to get good, decent paying jobs or learn a trade in the same community in which they're from. I'm always happy to hear about (city initiatives), but I'm asking, 'Is it enough?'"

Gregory and Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams were vocal supporters of a similar plan put forth by the previous mayor, Jim Langfelder, that would have utilized participants from the Southtown Construction Training Center to fix up city-owned houses. During his State of the City address in May 2022, Langfelder announced what he called the Whole Block Housing Initiative.

Brad Schaive, the business manager for Laborers 477, later addressed the city council and objected to the proposed partnership, citing an ongoing dispute over whether owner Calvin Pitts was current on his union dues. The council ultimately declined to move forward with the program.

Just how the purchaser of the rejuvenated home will be selected has yet to be determined, Posey said.

"We're going to be selling it to someone who is a Springfield resident and who is a first-time homebuyer," Posey said. "Now, the process for creating the application itself is still being done. So, we don't have the specifics on what the qualifications are going to be."

"We want to make sure that we consider different factors very carefully. And that includes economic income. ... We don't want anyone to purchase the house and then not be able to pay the mortgage or not be able to pay the taxes. That would be a detriment to the community. We don't want to put anyone in a position where they have this great opportunity, and then it ends up making their life harder." □



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NO FAVORS

So a guy buys a house for \$1 and somehow racks up more than \$40,000 in fines – do you expect that debt to ever be paid? That's why \$42,000 was waived by the city's administrative court ("Twelve years later, vacant house comes full circle," May 2).

Can *Illinois Times* explain to readers how the former mayor was in any way involved in the administrative court's decision on any matter? If not, *IT* is manufacturing this as a "political football." I believe as city treasurer Misty Buscher had access to who had debt waived and went on a fishing expedition through her opponent's donations to get you to write a story on it, attempting to link the two.

If George Petrilli had the political connections this article claims, especially to the former mayor's office, do you think he would constantly have inspectors at the house assessing it? Would he have even received fines if he was some good friend of the former mayor?

This story has too many holes in it to make sense, but good for Buscher, because it worked for her a year ago. I suppose that is all it was designed to do – try to damage Jim Langfelder and prop up Buscher right before the election.
Arthur Dunkin
Via *illinoistimes.com*

READY FOR NEW NEIGHBORS

I'm very glad to see that the house at 820 N. Sixth St. has finally been relinquished by the owner. I moved into the Enos Park neighborhood in 2017 and purchased a house down the block in 2018. Outside of a few new windows, there have been hardly any visible improvements made to the nearby property in this time.

I'm hopeful this house will now be renovated, like many in the



The house at 820 N. Sixth St. on April 29, the day George Petrilli transferred the property back to Enos Park Development. The house has remained uninhabitable since he originally acquired the property from the nonprofit 12 years ago and became a source of controversy during last year's mayoral election. PHOTO BY MICHELLE OWNBEY

neighborhood. We look forward to having more good neighbors on our block.

Carey Smith
Springfield

DON'T PAY FOR CHICAGO'S PROBLEMS

The Democrats are at it again, wanting all of Illinois to pay for Chicago mismanagement on the

backs of the rest of Illinois, and this time specifically, on the backs of small, family service businesses ("A state tax on services?" May 9). Let Chicago pay its own way. And if the Democrats really want to help, have them all donate part of their overpriced salary to pay for the Chicago mismanagement.

Cindy Ochs Backstein
Via *illinoistimes.com*

NELLIE KEDZIE JONES

My dad occasionally used to sing five notes with the words "Nellie Kedzie Jones" I never asked about it but in recent years I've remembered those notes and wondered what was the name, and why. Just now I've found a condolence letter to Grandma on the death of Grandpa from – guess who – Nellie Kedzie Jones! The name Dad sang to those five little notes! I've Googled and wow, what a history! She ends up at UWIS as Emeritus Prof of Home Ec, where Grandma would have known her. She'd fill a whole *Illinois Times* with music. Nellie Kedzie Jones! Nellie Kedzie Jones! Let's all sing.

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MAKE REPAIRS AFFORDABLE

The farmers shouldn't suffer because new and improved products require their own software and hardware for repairs ("Farmers want the right to fix their own tractors," April 25). And people shouldn't suffer because newer vehicles require the same. Bring back wing windows, hand-crank windows and lower-cost vehicles and tractors that not only work but you as an individual can work on and afford.

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NO PUBLIC MONEY

The Chicago Bears and Chicago White Sox should not receive a dime of public money for their proposed new stadiums ("Sports team stadium drama," May 2). For more than 50 years, the local and state/provincial governments of the U.S. and Canada have given tens of billions of dollars to sports teams wanting to build new stadiums.

Time and time again, proponents of subsidizing the construction of new sports facilities have touted the potential for job growth and economic development in the communities where they build their new stadiums. Studies show that the economic benefits do not materialize and sometimes even are unable to pay back the government which issued the bonds to build it.

With our state budget projected to run a deficit next year, the state cannot afford to give money to teams who easily have the means to pay for it themselves. After all, why should we have to chip in for new stadiums when the Bears are worth \$5.8 billion and the White Sox \$2 billion?

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Chicago mayor comes to Springfield

Brandon Johnson lobbies for budget requests

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Much of the Illinois Statehouse appeared to be girding itself for battle with Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson before his Springfield visit last week.

After dramatically announcing to Chicago reporters earlier in the week that the city's families are "owed" \$1 billion from state government, particularly education, Gov. JB Pritzker sent two distinct messages to the building.

First, Pritzker notified state agency directors to start preparing for \$800 million in budget reductions next fiscal year because of lack of legislative support for the governor's revenue proposals. The directors were told to focus on "grant programs and other discretionary spending that has increased in recent years."

Then, the governor's office issued an extensive background memo laying out how much more money Chicago's school system has received from the state, including a \$265 million increase in its annual General Revenue Fund outlays since Fiscal Year 2019, which worked out to a \$1,542-per-student hike, or a 30% increase. The annual Early Childhood Block Grant appropriation was increased by \$66.4 million in the same time period. Plus, more money for teacher pensions and enough money from the state's evidence-based funding formula to where Chicago Public Schools is now funded better than more than 400 Illinois schools and has moved out of the critically underfunded Tier One level to Tier Two.

And then, the Senate Executive Committee — tightly controlled by Senate President Don Harmon — unanimously approved Harmon's bill opposed by Mayor Johnson to protect selective enrollment schools from closure, entrance admissions changes and disproportionate budget cuts until a fully elected school board is seated. The measure was scheduled for a hearing before Johnson made known that he was coming to Springfield. But instead of delaying passage out of deference to Johnson, it was put on the agreed bill list, which was quickly zoomed to the floor without debate, where it may be amended.

Perhaps sensing the headwinds, Johnson's lobbying crew belatedly distributed a one-page memo to legislators containing far more modest budget requests than Johnson had previewed to city reporters, and nothing about direct public school funding.

The mayor's office asked for a little more money from the Local Government Distributive Fund, some lead service line replacement debt forgiveness and more money for lead removal from licensed daycare centers, a change in state law to allow the

city to collect more for its 911 services, and money to replace what ultimately turned out to be a federal budget cut for domestic violence hotline funding.

As a result, the mayor did not bring up the \$1 billion "owed" for schools during meetings with any of the leaders, I'm told. Instead, he focused on that one-pager, which was used during the discussion.

The governor's office starts putting the budget together in the fall, and they work through February to craft it. That's the best time period to make initial budget requests. A mayoral visit to Springfield in May should be for a victory lap, or to shore up last-minute support for the budget.

Johnson was asked by a reporter if maybe he should be in town more often or make his budget requests earlier in the process. "Well, look, we're at the right time," Johnson said. "As you all know, you all have been covering Springfield for a very long time, you know when stuff gets done. So we're down at the right time."

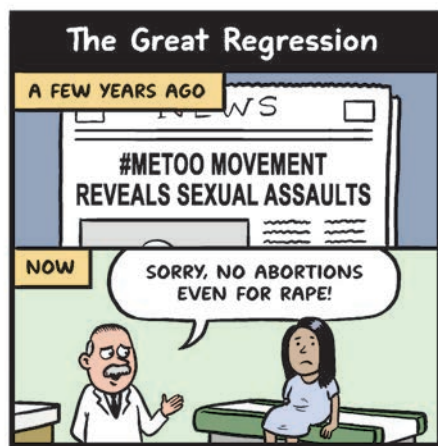
Um, now is when things are finalized. The governor, advocacy groups and legislators have been

pushing their own budgetary priorities for weeks, even months. Coming to town with two weeks left can mean settling for leftovers, and if the budget is as tight as the governor says, there may not be any leftovers.

Meanwhile, the Chicago city council's Black Caucus was in Springfield the same day for a long-planned lobby day. For whatever reason, the mayor did not attempt to coordinate with the caucus after he belatedly announced his Statehouse trip. That seems odd.

The mayor also held a Springfield press conference. Asked about education funding, the mayor said he wanted to push for that \$1 billion over time. When asked whether his proposals would "jump the line" ahead of other school districts, Johnson said, "This is not a zero-sum game. There's more than enough for everyone."

Except there's not, which is what the mayor's top allies at the Chicago Teachers Union will be told when they visit Springfield en masse for their own lobby day to demand that billion dollars the mayor didn't bring up. □



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Growing old gay

Life in Springfield for all these years

MEMOIR | Martha Miller

I started living openly gay in 1987. I lived in a house in Laketown and I moved my lover in with me and my sons. Many in the gay community seemed unimpressed by my story. I don't understand that. Maybe it's because they were accustomed to such things, and I was in my late 30s and used to a straight life. Maybe they thought, "Well, what did she expect?" To me it was a shock. The following things happened: My children suffered taunting and teasing. It seemed the neighbors waged a war against us by constant harassment. Someone reported us to the city for trumped-up violations like sticks in our yard, overturned trash not picked up quickly enough and so on. I got letters from the city. Nighttime phone calls started. I know there were other, quieter, gays in Laketown who appeared unbothered. I eventually sold the house at a big loss and left. Whatever the neighbors did to us, there was no law against wanting a queer out of your neighborhood. People who didn't even know me hated me. I realized with a new clarity that we were alone.

Then my ex-husband got a lawyer and tried to take my sons away from me. We finally split the boys up, one lived with him and the other with me. That was a horrible mistake. Even if he had taken both, it would have been better. First, they no longer had two parents and then, they no longer had each other. They suffered for it.

Eventually the relationship that cost me so much

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Martha Miller, left, and her wife, Ann Steiner, dancing at Clique, a bar at 411 E. Washington in Springfield, where Smokey's Den had been located.

ended. It was a lonely, painful time, much worse than ending my marriage. First, all my friends were the same as her friends and they backed away because they didn't want to take sides. Second, I couldn't talk about my troubles at work because, at that time, they didn't know I was gay. Third, when I tried to make new friends with other lesbians, there was confusion about the type of friend I was looking for. For example, I asked a woman to go to the movies or to lunch with me and she often thought it was a date. Too shy to undo the mistake, I backed away. In my old life as a straight woman this sort of thing never happened. So because of my old friends abandoning me, no one to talk to at work and awkward problems making new friends, there was no one to listen to the pain and loneliness I felt. I learned that lesbian breakups were worse than any other kind.

From those early days, there were two deaths that stand out in my mind. One was in April 1987. A man named Greg Young, a drag queen known as Natalie Nichols, who performed all over central Illinois, especially in Springfield, was killed. When the *State Journal-Register* wrote the article about the homicide, it reported the women's clothes in his closet, and included his two poodles and his job at Bettie's Wig Shop. We wondered if they were necessary details? He'd been strangled and small fires were set in his apartment. One night in Smokey's Den, a popular gay bar, to the tune of Dionne Warwick's "That's What Friends are For," we lined up and put what money we could in a basket. It was to help his family with expenses. The image of people snaking in and out of the tables and the meaning of the song sticks in my mind even today.

In July 1988, more than a year later, Michael Alexander was arrested. He immediately claimed that he and Young began fighting after Young made sexual advances toward him – still a standard excuse for killing a queer. Alexander, who judge Simon Friedman determined was also homosexual, eventually received a 25-year sentence for murder and arson.

The other death was a homicide in October 1975. Ray Hubert, a man who lived on West Madison, had a get-together. After the other guests left, the last one got out a hunting knife. Hubert was alone in the house except for his roommate, who was in his bedroom. The killer chased his screaming victim around the place, stabbing him over and over until he was dead. An autopsy measured 57 gashes. When "Smokey" – Mary Lou Schneider, owner of Smokey's Den – told the story, she started with, "There was blood everywhere." The dead man's roommate heard all of this. He called the police as soon as he felt safe enough to leave his room.

Martin Gutschenritter, the Sangamon County sheriff, arrested Richard Sims. A picture appeared in the *State Journal-Register*, with



Ann and Martha on their honeymoon at Niagara Falls in 2013.

Gutschenritter standing next to the suspect, Sims, who had a blanket wrapped around himself. Evidently, he'd left the house without his bloody pants. His wallet with his driver's license and his keys were found at the scene. His car was parked out front. Finally, in July 1976, Sims was on trial. After the testimony of a pathologist, Hubert's roommate, and others who'd seen Hubert and Sims together, and after several items of convincing physical evidence including a hunting knife, the assistant state's attorney rested his case. Many of us wondered where the money came from for Sims to hire an expert defense attorney, who quickly made a motion for a directed verdict of acquittal since all the evidence was circumstantial and the presence of the defendant and his opportunity were not enough. Most people thought it was just another crazy motion and the trial would go on. It didn't. The next day Judge Simon Friedman directed the jury to find Sims not guilty, and he walked out of the courtroom a free man. Sims harassed and threatened the roommate until he was forced to leave Illinois. The community, especially Smokey, collected money to help him.

When I wrote the book *Tales from the Levee*, a creative nonfiction look at gay life in Springfield from 1965 to 1975, published in October 2005, I put it together from interviews with bar owners, drag queens and anyone who had a story about those days. One of the themes of that book was the way the community held together. No matter what, they helped each other. However, as gay life became more acceptable, laws were passed – laws that we

fought hard for – so we didn't need each other and didn't help each other as much.

The woman I am married to today and I bought a house together in 1994. The neighbors tolerated us and eventually we became friends. We lived near the fairgrounds, and in



The writer, Martha Miller, soon after she moved out of Laketown.

the summer, during the State Fair the neighbors parked cars in their yards. Standing out there in the summer heat, we got to know them and they us. It's hard to explain to young people today what simply getting the right to keep our jobs and buy a house was like. Over the years, I saw people lose their jobs for being openly gay, and, of course, I'd already lost my house and children by then.

My introduction to AIDS came from *People*

Magazine. One week in 1988 I found an article about a man who'd been in the hospital in New York City, and when they'd done all they could for him, they released him with a prescription for painkillers; he had no insurance and no money. The piece of paper was useless. He had been living on the streets because of his inability to work anymore. No homeless shelter would take him in. His partner had died long ago. He walked to the steps of their old apartment and sat there, screaming in pain all night until he died. All I could do that day was cry.

During this time, in the 1990s, friends and the people we loved were dying. AIDS brought us together. It took a long time and tremendous effort to get anything done. Gays were blamed for this disease that was killing indiscriminately. Locally, the SARA Center (which is still in existence and has expanded) became a support system for people living with AIDS. I put together a memoir-writing class and the SARA Center provided a meeting place for several weeks. What was in my heart was that so much, so many stories, were lost with all the deaths. I thought recording some of the people's lives would help them as well as us. In 2004, after a long battle with the opposition, the first public monument in Springfield was funded. The labyrinth, completed in 2019, is at Lincoln Park here in Springfield. It has victims' names as well as contributors on bricks that surround an artistic symbol. I bought one for the man who screamed all night.

In 2003, several of us went to a City Council meeting called by the mayor. They met to vote on expanding human rights, including housing and jobs, for gays in Springfield. This was during Karen Hasara's final days as mayor. A few years before, in a meeting arranged by the leaders of the Springfield gay community, when she was asked about equal human rights for gays, she said, "I don't imagine that you are the people who voted for me."

That night, in 2003, at the City Council meeting, I sat there and listened to people who'd come to speak about why the council should vote no. One group that surprised me were some local Black ministers. It did something to me inside to listen to all those people. The City Council voted yes. We got our rights. But it was hard to hear people, who seemed nice in every other way, say the things they did. Today those rights seem like rights everyone should have (and back then everyone did have – except us).

At first gay marriage sounded strange to me. I didn't really want to get married. I'd been married and didn't care much for it. I couldn't see the advantages. (Today I know there are many.) But the community came together and started working on it. Channel 20 was looking for a gay couple to interview at their house. No one would volunteer. My partner didn't want

to, but I thought it would help our cause and I convinced her – I think there were some tears involved. I hated the way Channel 20 did the intro to the segment. Others in the community have told me they still remember the embarrassing lead, “They say they’re in love and want to get married.” I thought they made it seem funny that we should want such a basic right. At the time Hawaii had gained marriage equality. One of the interviewers asked my partner if we would go to Hawaii to get married, and she said, “I would rather marry her here.” They didn’t use that line in the segment, but suddenly I wanted to marry her. The next day at work, my coworkers having seen the interview, no one spoke to me. At my partner’s state job, they practically threw her a party. Then in June 2013, I came home from work, and my partner ran to me and proposed. Gay marriage had finally passed in Illinois. We went to Niagara Falls for our honeymoon.

Following that, came this change. I was teaching Freshman English and young people, my students, didn’t really think much about gays, and didn’t see a reason to protect them. The gay students in my classes, except for a few, were quiet about their sexual orientation. But there were gay organizations on some campuses. There were “safe rooms” at University of Illinois Springfield and other universities. Bigotry still existed, but it was subtler. The truth is, most people didn’t think about us anymore. Like we’d been saying all along, gays *were* just like others. Gradually things seemed to settle down.

Then in June 2016 a man walked into Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, and killed 49 people, wounding 53 more. Gays in the Springfield community came together with a demonstration at the Phoenix Center. I think the older of us understood. A group of writers put together an anthology called *Our Happy Hours: LGBT Voices from the Gay Bars*. I contributed a story that was a little like those from *Tales from the Levee*, only modernized. The purpose of the book was to explain how important gay bars had been to our community and needed to be again. A fence was put up around Pulse and security was increased for a while around Pride parades, other bars, and LGBT events.

For as long as I can remember, transgender men and women have quietly been part of our community. As states make new laws about their rights, they’ve come to the forefront. It seems these days, bigots and trolls are everywhere. I thought we’d already fought the battle with misguided church and faith groups. But bigotry seems to rule thinking today. Books are banned and women’s biological rights have been taken away. And while transgendered people are more visible – they’ve always been there if one looked – they are more hated than



Ann and Martha have been together for 30 years. “After all these years, life seems easier.”

ever.

In a recent incident involving two transgendered females in the women’s dressing room at the YMCA, a girl reported her encounter with them and made up some accusations that resulted in a lot of publicity.

On July 13, across the street from the Kerasotes branch of the Y on Springfield’s west side, where the alleged event occurred, an outdoor news conference hosted by the Freedom Caucus (seven conservative Republican members of the Democrat-controlled Illinois House) to show support of the lying girl, a busload of 300 raucous people showed up shouting down members of the media as they tried to ask questions of the speakers who did not want their inflammatory stories disputed. Among other slurs were “pedophile” and “demons.” The amount of hate and the number of haters for the few transgendered people and their supporters who were there was terrifying.

Here I am in my 70s and I wonder if it will ever end.

Throughout the years there have been organizations like SALO (Springfield Area Lesbian Outreach), GLAD (Gay and Lesbian Association of Decatur), both now gone, and currently Brothers and Sisters (a weekly social dinner gathering), CORAL (Coalition of Rainbow Alliances, currently a huge group) and the Fifth Street Renaissance, all led by responsible men and women who have the courage to

step forward. As far back as 2006 the first CORAL float was in the State Fair Parade and some people on the streets didn’t know what to think. It won the Governor’s Prize that year and for several years thereafter. It was fun and festive and parade-watchers soon forgot about bigotry. All it took was some members of the community to be visible, to stand up to the ignorance. These days the Phoenix Center has programs for gays and meetings for LGBT and transgendered young people and adults. These programs are educational and supportive as well as social. They are well attended. Phoenix provides something that is needed to help us to connect.

I believe if I started naming names of leaders in the Springfield area, there’d be nowhere to stop. But from 1996 to 2008, a local activist, Buff Carmichael and his husband put out a monthly paper called *The Prairie Flame*. These were the days before the internet and this paper became a way to communicate, among other things, current fights for social justice. Buff helped me with space for a funny column “Martha [Lesbian] Living” that I’m pretty sure helped me sell books. I met a writer at a conference in Michigan who told me she used to read my column when she was a student at Illinois State University.

Buff Carmichael came to Springfield in the early 90s and over the years became a pillar of our community and a powerful force. Until

his death in 2021, he did everything that was needed to be done, and he was always involved in social activism and politics. My wife and I, and probably others, never voted until we found out which candidate Carmichael supported. Never afraid of being openly gay, at first Carmichael went to Springfield leaders to fight for policy changes, and later they were coming to him.

Living a life in an unpredictable, sometimes hostile, environment is different from most people, who can just make assumptions about the way others see them. I’m always glad to find a friend, and disappointed (sometimes afraid) to find enemies. Truth is, these days most people don’t care about me one way or the other. And in all this mess, I’ve made some good friends and had some wonderful times. Over the years there have been parties, dinners and dances. Nobody celebrates Halloween like gays. One thing I treasure is holding my wife close to me and dancing at the annual Ritz celebration. We’ve been together for 30 years. At some point I realized I had a wife and friend that I could grow old with, and I have. After all these years, life seems easier; I think I know what to expect if it doesn’t involve busloads of haters.

At the end of *Tales from the Levee* I write about the roommate of the murdered man, Ray Hubert, who tells a story about a farmer in Macoupin County. Many years ago, when the prices for his regular crop dropped, he planted sunflowers. At sunrise, when Casey (a central character in the book) is driving home from St. Louis after putting the roommate – who was afraid to stay in Illinois because Richard Sims stalked him – on a plane, she watches “the sky turning gray and the black earth and fields swollen with crops on the misty prairie, and she tries to imagine 80 acres of sunflowers right in the middle of it all.”

I love my home. When I leave, I am always happy to return to these flatlands, to the beautiful sunsets and the smell of the black earth. I don’t think of gays as sunflowers; it’s an analogy. But here we are, different, living right in the middle of all the “normal” crops. □

Martha Miller was born in St. John’s Hospital and has lived in Springfield most of her life. When she was in her 30s she started publishing reviews and short stories. For years she wrote a column for the Prairie Flame called “Martha [Lesbian] Living,” a funny take on that other Martha, the domestic goddess who topped her by ending up in prison. In 1989, she started collecting stories for her book, Tales from the Levee. It was published in 1995 by Harrington Press. The book is only available in ebook all these years later. Her ninth book is coming out June 1. A retired English instructor, she lives in Springfield with her wife, two unruly dogs and two cats.

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The pandemic cost us a couple of years and temporarily lowered the number of artists participating in fairs like ours. However, I am excited to announce that we are growing yet again, bringing 115 artists to the heart of Downtown Springfield. This unique opportunity to display and sell brilliant works of fine art under the backdrop of the Old State Capitol continues to attract remarkable talents. Our regular patrons will recognize many familiar faces in the 2024 slate of artists but will also be presented with the opportunity to take in the works of 34 artists new to our fair. Variety is the spice of life and this year we have artists from 17 states presenting fine art in the categories of acrylic, ceramics, drawing, fiber, glass, jewelry, metal, mixed media, oil, photography, printmaking, sculpture, watercolor, and wood.

While you shop and enjoy the works of art, please do not miss the opportunity to view the winning pieces from our two student art competitions. This year, the Old State Capitol grounds are closed due to ongoing renovations, so those pieces can be viewed at the Northeast corner of 5th St. & Washington St. in the corner windows of the old PNC Bank branch. Our community is blessed with many fantastic art teachers, and their work with the next generation is something worth seeing. Thank you to all our wonderful student artists and their teachers!

A fun outing for the whole family awaits you at the 2024 Springfield Old Capitol Art Fair. Children love the opportunity to shop in our Children's Tent for cost-controlled fine art made possible by the generosity of our talented artists. Parents will love the beaming smiles on their children's faces as they exit the tent with their selections. Stop by and relax in our food and beverage area where you can enjoy a bite to eat, a beverage, and live music from local musicians throughout the weekend. You will notice that we have upgraded the stage to make sure everyone can hear these musicians put on a show! Also be sure to visit our Community Project where you can paint a square at no charge to help us create a mural of the work of one of our participating artists.

OLD CAPITOL ART FAIR

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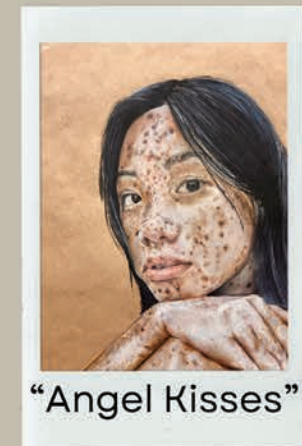
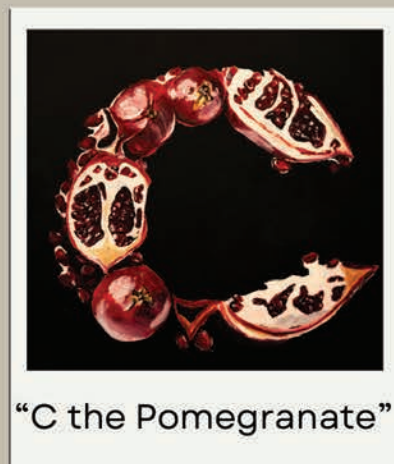
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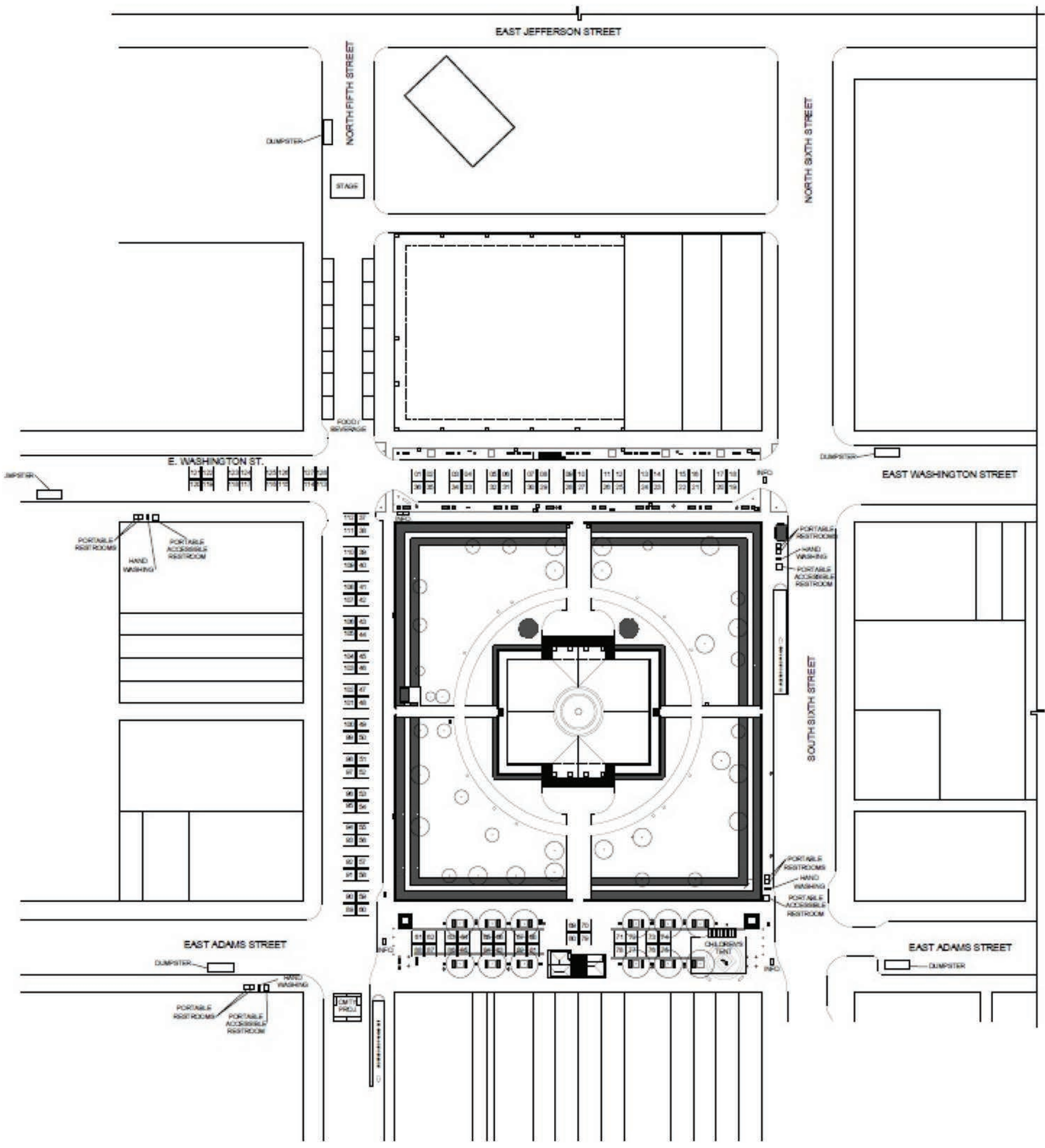
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Lane, Barry	12	Chatham, IL	Ceramics
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Ryan, Steven	63	Quincy, IL	Ceramics
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Bachers, Gary	91	New Boston, TX	Drawing
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Brown, Kevin	94	Taylorville, IL	Other
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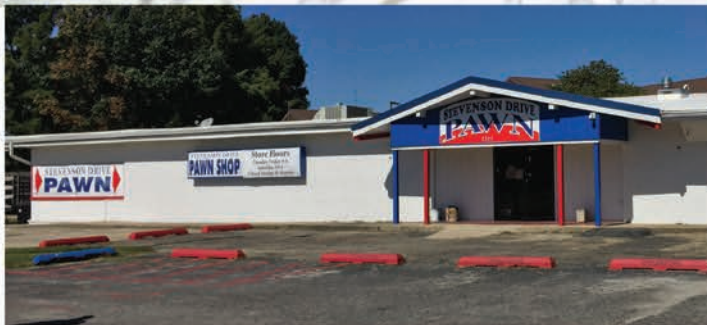
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Dips for dinner

Delicious hummus provides a blank canvas for cooking creativity

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

Whether you're worn out from yard work or looking for a breezy meal to welcome in the warm weather, these dinner-worthy dips are as nutritious as they are tasty. They all keep well in the fridge for three to five days, making them perfect for meal prep. They're economical as well. Homemade hummus costs half as much as the prepared stuff from the grocery store and is a blank canvas for culinary creativity. Enjoy it simply flavored with garlic and lemon or throw in some berbere-roasted carrots or a roasted beet for an added pop of color and flavor.

Whipped ricotta is one of my favorite low-key yet fancy-looking dishes to make for a party or just a luxe afternoon on the patio. Drizzled simply with good olive oil and a scattering of fresh herbs, it's delightful when smeared on a slice of crusty grilled baguette. A drizzle of verdant pea and asparagus pesto takes the dish to another level while adding visual interest, vegetable nutrition and bright, spring-infused flavors. The recipe was originally created by my Mom to toss with orecchiette pasta. This recipe makes more than you'll need for the whipped ricotta. Use the leftovers to toss with pasta, as a sandwich spread or dollop onto a deviled egg. It can also be frozen for up to two months although it will lose some of its bright color.

Homemade veggie cream cheese is obviously delicious on a toasted bagel, but it can also elevate a slice of avocado toast or even be used as a filling for a quick omelet. Allowing the diced vegetables to macerate with a little sugar and salt helps to pull out excess moisture that would otherwise make the spread too loose. Feel free to get creative with different veggies as they come into season such as summer squash, jalapenos and sweet corn.

Hummus

2 cloves garlic, peeled
 ¼ teaspoon salt
 1 15 ounce can chickpeas, preferably organic
 Juice of one lemon
 ¼ cup tahini
 3 tablespoons olive oil

Combine the garlic and salt in the bowl of a food processor and process until the garlic is finely chopped. Drain the chickpeas, reserving ¼ cup of the liquid, and add them to the garlic in the food processor along with the lemon juice. Process until smooth, then add the tahini and olive oil and continue processing until creamy. Add reserved chickpea liquid as needed to achieve the desired



Traditional hummus, herbs hummus, beetroot hummus and lentils humus.

consistency. Season to taste with salt and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Colorful variations:

- Beet hummus. Add two roasted and cubed beets, garnish with chopped pistachios.
- Roasted red pepper hummus. Add ½ cup diced roasted peppers and 1 teaspoon minced fresh rosemary.
- Spinach and artichoke hummus. Thaw 10 ounces frozen spinach and squeeze it as dry as possible before pureeing, adding it to the chickpeas along with ¾ cup drained artichokes.
- Charred scallion hummus. Trim the bottoms

off 12 scallions (green onions) and coat them lightly with olive oil, salt and pepper. Then grill over high heat until slightly softened and charred. Allow to cool before pureeing them along with the chickpeas. Serve with whole wheat pita and cut vegetables.

Whipped ricotta with herbs and spring vegetable pesto

2 cups whole milk ricotta (or substitute whole milk cottage cheese)
 8 tablespoons olive oil, divided
 Zest and juice of one lemon, divided
 1 cup frozen green peas

1 cup diced asparagus
 2 cloves garlic
 ¼ cup pine nuts or walnuts, lightly toasted and cooled
 ½ cup freshly grated parmesan
 Finely chopped chives and mint, to garnish

Place the ricotta, olive oil, lemon zest and a pinch of salt in the bowl of a food processor and puree until creamy and smooth. Transfer the whipped ricotta to a shallow serving dish and rinse out the food processor.

To make the pesto, bring a saucepan of salted water to a boil and have ready a bowl of ice water. Add the peas and asparagus to the boiling water and cook for two minutes, then drain and add to the ice bath. Drain again and reserve ⅓ cup of the blanched peas and asparagus, then add the remaining vegetables to the bowl of a food processor along with the garlic, nuts, Parmesan, lemon juice and a pinch of salt. Process until smooth, stopping to scrape down the bowl as necessary. With the motor running, drizzle in the olive oil. Season to taste with salt and black pepper.

Spoon or drizzle the pesto over the whipped ricotta. Garnish with the reserved vegetables and minced herbs. Serve with grilled bread and cut vegetables.

Veggie cream cheese

1 large English cucumber
 1 carrot
 ½ red bell pepper, finely diced
 ¼ cup finely diced red onion
 1 teaspoon each salt and sugar
 2 eight-ounce packages cream cheese, at room temperature
 3 tablespoons Greek yogurt
 2 tablespoons each minced parsley and chives
 ¼ teaspoon

Slice the cucumber in half lengthwise and use a spoon to scoop out the seeds, then grate it on the large holes of a box grater. Peel and grate the carrot. Combine the grated vegetables along with the diced red pepper, onion, salt and sugar. Let sit for 15-20 minutes to allow the salt/sugar to draw the moisture out of the vegetables, then rinse with cool water in a mesh strainer. Roll up the rinsed vegetables in a paper towel and squeeze them dry, then combine them in a bowl with the softened cream cheese, sour cream, herbs and black pepper and mix well. Transfer to a container and chill for at least an hour and up to 3 days. □

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Doris Kearns Goodwin returns to Springfield June 11

She'll discuss *An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s*

AUTHOR | Karen Ackerman Witter

Doris Kearns Goodwin, the renowned presidential historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, is returning to Springfield June 11 to share insights about her recent book, *An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s*. The Lincoln Presidential Foundation is hosting the event at 7 p.m. at the Hoogland Center for the Arts. The format will be a conversational interview moderated by Erin Carlson Mast, Foundation president and CEO. "Doris has been filling auditoriums around the country to hear her speak about her newest book," Mast told *Illinois Times*. "We're excited to host her in Springfield and greatly appreciate the long relationship she's had with the Foundation as an Honorary Life Board Member."

In advance of her visit, Goodwin told *Illinois Times*: "I will always feel connected to Springfield. I came there for research, to talk about *Team of Rivals*, and it is where I accompanied Daniel Day-Lewis as he began his journey to portray Abraham Lincoln for which he was awarded the Oscar for Steven Spielberg's film, *Lincoln*. As an honorary director I have returned many times to speak at the Lincoln Presidential Foundation, which honors the legacy and furthers the mission of our 16th president. There is no one like Lincoln, not simply for what he did, but for who he was. While my latest book is, centered on the 1960s, Lincoln is never far from my mind as he's a constant reminder of the ideals on which our country was founded."

An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s is Goodwin's eighth book. Her previous books include *Leadership in Turbulent Times*, in which Goodwin writes about Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Lyndon B. Johnson, the presidents she has studied most closely, and *Team of Rivals*, which was adapted by Steven Spielberg into the Academy Award-winning film *Lincoln*.

Doris and her late husband, Richard (Dick), have both had remarkable careers and an inside view of American history in the making. Doris was selected to join the prestigious White House Fellows as a 24-year-old graduate student at Harvard.



Goodwin: "I will always feel connected to Springfield."

Working with President Lyndon Johnson launched her career as a presidential historian, and her first book was *Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream*. She later assisted Johnson in writing his memoirs. Dick joined John F. Kennedy's speech-writing staff when he was in his 20s. In his 30s he was a speechwriter and special assistant in President Lyndon Johnson's administration. He wrote some of the most memorable speeches of the times. Over many decades, he was an author, journalist and political consultant.

Doris and Dick were married for 42 years. Dick died in 2018. In the latter years of his life, the Goodwins delved into more than 300 boxes of letters, diaries, documentaries and memorabilia that Dick had saved for decades. They came to realize these represented a remarkable personal time capsule of the 1960s. The book jacket states, "The voyage of remembrance brought unexpected discoveries, forgiveness and the renewal of old dreams, reviving the hope that the youth of today will carry forward this

unfinished love story with America."

"America has been at odds with itself before," writes Goodwin. She has been drawn to write about turbulent times, including the Civil War, Industrial Revolution and World War II. Her new book is a personal reflection on the turbulent times of the 1960s. "We see what historic opportunities were seized, what chances were lost, what light those years cast upon our own fractured time. 'The end of our country has loomed many times before,' my husband often reminded me, 'America is not as fragile as it seems.'"

Goodwin is called upon often to provide insights to American history and presidential elections and is a frequent guest on television news programs and late-night TV. She had a cameo appearance on "The Simpsons" as a second-grade teacher. She is also a devoted Red Sox fan and was the first woman to enter the Boston Red Sox locker room. During a March 24, 2024, story about her new book on "CBS Sunday Morning," Goodwin was described as "an historian with academic cred and pop culture cachet."

Goodwin has been to Springfield multiple times for book signings, public programs and research related to her books. She spoke at the Abraham Lincoln Association annual symposium in 2006. In 2010 she was the Foundation's honored guest at its members' reception for the *Team of Rivals* exhibition at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. The exhibit was based on her book. In conjunction with her visit, she also presented a lecture at University of Illinois Springfield, jointly sponsored by the Foundation and UIS and part of the Jim Edgar Lecture Series. The Foundation organized her return in 2018 to discuss her book, *Leadership in Turbulent Times*.

The Lincoln Presidential Foundation honored Goodwin with its Lincoln Leadership Prize in 2016 in Chicago. She was honored for her life's work to tell the stories of American history and for her award-winning, insightful work as an author, commentator and educator on American history, the presidency and Abraham Lincoln in particular.

The June 11 event will be the first time Goodwin is back in Springfield since before the pandemic. "Doris Kearns Goodwin has long been a valued adviser and champion of our mission," said Erin Mast. "Her work inspires each and every generation to care about history and to engage in the work of democracy. We look forward to what promises to be an engaging discussion about her extraordinary life and unique perspectives on our nation's history." □

About the event

The program is 7 p.m. June 11. Doors open to the public at 6:15 p.m. General admission tickets are \$40, or \$75 which includes a copy of the book. Order tickets at <https://www.lincolnpresidential.org/1826/Join-Us-for-An-Evening-with-Doris-Kearns-Goodwin/event-details/>.



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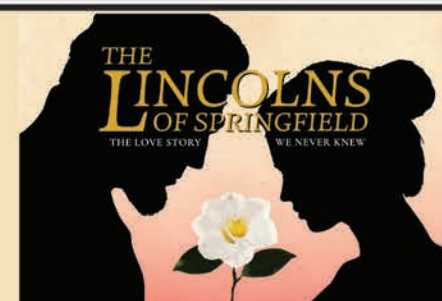
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Bridges of Madison County stirs the soul

THEATER | Mary Young

I didn't know what to expect when I attended a tech rehearsal of Springfield Theatre Centre's *The Bridges of Madison County* last week. I had seen the movie and remember finding it heartbreaking while loving the direction and the acting (it's Meryl Streep and Clint Eastwood, so...). And knowing how the first night of tech can go, I was prepared to see something a little rough around the edges. While it is an imperfect show, I was very impressed with the production and moved by what I experienced.

The story focuses on 1965 Iowa, on a hot summer day when Italian war bride Francesca Johnson (Sara Goeckner) finds herself alone for a few days as her husband Bud (Michael Claire) and their children, Carolyn and Michael (Sofia Flick and Jackson Thornton), head to Indianapolis to show their prize steer. Shortly after they leave, *National Geographic* photographer Robert Kincaid (Jeremy Goeckner) appears. He's in town photographing covered bridges and seeks directions to the last one on his list. There is a connection that is soon apparent between the two and they engage in a brief but meaningful affair.

The show opens with sweeping imagery of landscapes near and far, past and present – billowing oceans and fields, from the place where Francesca came from to where she landed. She sings in lyrical, operatic tones, telling the story of her life so far, from departing Napoli as a nervous young bride, arriving in New York, then traversing the country to build a home with her husband on a farm in Winterset, Iowa. Francesca sings with pride about the life she's built but also with some latent longing for the world she left behind. Meeting a stranger who reminds her of her past and stirs emotions within her she had long since packed away becomes too powerful for either one to resist.

Written by Marsha Norman with music and lyrics by Jason Robert Brown and based on the



Sara Goeckner plays Francesca Johnson, a woman struggling between fulfilling the duties of a wife and mother and pursuing love. PHOTO BY KARI BEDFORD PHOTOGRAPY

novel by Robert James Waller, the show's strength rests primarily on the musical score and those who perform it. While I didn't walk away humming any tunes, I was repeatedly blown away by the strength of the vocals and the warm, sumptuous compositions. The talented musicians comprising the orchestra, led by Blake Martin, play dreamy song after folksy tune. I heard from several in the band that they could not

say no to playing this music. I can understand why; it's quite gorgeous. Sung by the Goeckners, and the rest of the cast who were expertly guided by vocal director Chirssy Mauck, the music and spirit of the piece is elevated to extensive heights.

There's also a wider story and script which was more like a long Midwestern road trip. It has its moments, although overall, it's a little flat and kind

of corny. But like that road trip, once we reach our destination, we're grateful for the journey – the destination here being Francesca's resolution and the journey, the music.

Real-life husband and wife Jeremy and Sara Goeckner play Robert and Francesca (described by the actors as "a dream come true") and their passionate, aching performances are heartfelt and authentic. Sara as Francesca embodies the content woman at first resigned to a life of simplicity, then the conflicted woman whose soul has been set afire. You can feel her anguish as she walks an emotional tightrope between pursuing love and remaining the dutiful wife and mother.

Everyone else in the show performs ably – hat tip to LaDonna Wilson whose nosy, well-intentioned neighbor, Marge, brings some comic relief to the story – but their characters and storylines (for me, as written) seemed perfunctory. It very well could have been a successful two-person show.

Kudos to the directing team, John and Nicole Sivak (also married in real life), for staging a memorable production. I wondered what directing this show together meant to them. I found the answer in their director's statement:

"If you ask anyone who is familiar with this show what makes it so special, it is the music. The storytelling through song and the beautiful lyrics and orchestration drives the story and touches the heart. However, having a character like Francesca, a woman with so many layers who has lived life and raised her children and is embracing the possibility of change, is a story that is important to be told. Telling this story together has been an experience like none other."

The show continues May 17-18 at 7:30 p.m. and May 19 at 2 p.m. in the LRS theater of the Hoogland Center for the Arts. For tickets, visit <https://www.hcfta.org/tickets>. □

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More music in May

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

As we continue on this wild ride in our live music scene, hang on for dear life while the music-making hits its stride this weekend, as merrily we roll along through the merry month of May toward full-scale summer happenings. Walk this way and let's see what's out there.

Thursdays keep coming on strong with our old friends Rogers and Nienhaus hitting at the Curve Inn at 6 p.m. Expect great harmonies and guitar musicianship on originals and rock classics done duo-style while sounding like much more than two musicians on a stage.

Out at The Shed on the Illinois State Fairgrounds, Not Petty gets it going on with originals and Tom Petty tunes at the Illinois Products Farmers Market, a sure sign the spring season is upon us. This week, Casey's Pub dishes up Kerry Lee on the patio with local performers playing there every Thursday all summer long. This is the third Thursday of the month, so Casey Cantrall hosts his open mic downtown at the Wakery, Ricarda Rosalina plays it up at El Arriero and Manny Lee sings his songs at Casa Real. Top it all off with the weekly open mic jam at The Blue Grouch with Kortney and Friends, and we've had ourselves a heckuva Thursday night within our music community.

I'm very happy to announce another original music happening as Josie Lowder's *Here to Love* was officially released on May 10. The album (on CD, mp3 and WAV formats) is only available online at josielowder.com along with some cool merch, so you won't find it on the regular digital platforms. Catch her playing live this Saturday with Rock & Roll Sisters at Pridefest (2-4 p.m.) and as the Josie Lowder Band on Sunday at the Old Capitol Art Fair (2:30-4 p.m.) for your chance to peruse and purchase physical CDs and merch.

Two years in the making, Josie worked with her family on this project, including recording with her father, Jaigh Lowder (her old bedroom as a kid, she said, was their converted studio space) and having her mother, Peggy, singing on a Josie song. Quite a labor of love, she brought out tunes written in her younger days and used mostly acoustic instruments to produce a brilliant and beautiful recording of truly heartfelt and family inspired music. Congrats, Josie.

Recently, Brian Steinhauer retooled his



long-playing band, Square of the Roots, to add Zach Eymann on lap steel, harmonicas and vocal harmonies, plus the ubiquitous and righteous Bruce Williams on bass guitar. Brian continues on lead vocals as well as playing guitar and stomp drums. Experience the exciting new sounds of SOTR at the Slaughterhouse Brewery in Auburn on Saturday night.

On Saturday, I'm doing a short set starting at 6 p.m. at The Blue Grouch for the celebration of life for David Hawkes, who was a friend to our music scene for decades. David passed away last February, so friends and family are gathering for the evening to share the love and a DH story or three. Jay Larson Band and Birds of a Feather play from 7 on through the night doing songs that David would most certainly appreciate, as he was big on the sounds of the Grateful Dead and Bob Dylan and their extensive influence on popular music.

Don't forget that downtown lights up with music during the daytime on Saturday with Pridefest and on Saturday and Sunday at the Old Capitol Art Fair as both events bring on the musical acts in glorious gobs and beautiful bunches.

There's much more May music in our listings, so please take a look. □

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Thursday May 16

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

Kerry Lee
Columbian Grand Hall Knights of
Columbus 364, 5-8pm

Rogers and Nienhaus
Curve Inn, 6-9pm

Beige Desperadoes
Docs Just Off 66, Girard, 5-8pm

Ricarda Rosalina
El Arriero Mexican Restaurant,
6-8pm

Not Petty
Illinois State Fairgrounds, The
Shed, 3:30pm

Kortney and friends open mic
The Blue Grouch, 7-11pm

Open mic with Casey Cantrall
The Wakery, 7pm

Friday May 17

Ty Toomsen
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton,
7pm

Cut Flowers
Bar Bella, 5-8pm

The Rick Mari Band
The Blue Grouch Pub, 6-10pm

**Friday Night Jazz & Blues -
Springfield High School Jazz
Combo**
Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

Timo Arthur
Brookhills Golf Club, 7-10pm

Star 6 Nine
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**Josey Scott's Saliva, Trapt,
Tantric, Adema, One Day Alive**
Danenberger Family Vineyards,
New Berlin, 7:30pm

**Crash Planet, Cairo Jag,
The Blank Stairs, Martyr**
Dumb Records, 7pm

Folsom Prison Five
Edmo's, Edinburg, 7-9pm

Josh Holland
Harry's Adult Day Care, 7-10pm

Mattison Avenue
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews,
6-9pm

Robert Sampson
Hy-Vee Wahlburgers, 5:30-7pm

Ricarda Rosalina
La Fiesta Grande, 6-9pm

**Blue Note Quintet with
Buddy Rogers**
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

**Devin Williams and
the 7 String Blues Band**
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7-10pm

Jameson Freeway
Long Bridge Golf Course,
6-10pm

Lisa G and The Good Reasons
Mowie's Cue, 8-11pm

Johnnie Owens and Silk
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet,
5-7pm

Dave Littrell
The Railyard, 6-9pm

The Conspiracy, Cisco Drago
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill,
Museum & Entertainment Complex,
7pm

Bryor Rhodes Band
Sliderz Bar & Grill, Decatur,
8-11pm

Lick Creek
The Shed, Pawnee, 7pm

Whey Jennings
Twisted Tree Music Hall,
Jacksonville, 7-10pm

Stand Alone Steves
VFW Post #755, 7-10pm

Stereo Typical
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30-
10:30pm

Saturday May 18

Corey Smith
Boondocks, 8:30pm

The Tangents
BUNN Gourmet, 3-5pm

The Sweet Nothings
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co.,
7-10pm

Off the Wall
Curve Inn, 9pm

Brushville
Danenberger Family Vineyards,
New Berlin, 7:30pm

**The Antone Trio with Jeff
Kornfeld, Brian Moore**
The Funky Monkey, Taylorville,
3-6pm

**The Spoonbenders and Son of
Janus**
George Rank's, 8-11pm

EaZy PeTey
Goodfellas Pub, 7-11pm

The Jonnie Concaroo Band
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6pm

Rod Grant
Jamie's Route 66, Southern View,
2-5pm

**Jeff Young and the Bad
Grandpas**
KC Lake Club, Chatham, 5pm
8-11pm

**Blue Note Quintet with
Buddy Rogers**
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

Midwest Avenue
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7-10pm

Smokehouse Heads
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm

**Springfield Municipal Band, Avery
Kern, Robert Sampson, Kapital
Sound**
Old State Capitol Art Fair, 10am

Robot Army with BLIND MIND
Pizza Records, Jacksonville, 8pm-
12am

The Remedy
Pop's Place, Decatur, 8pm

Brandon Elliott
The Railyard, 6-9pm

Lick Creek
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill,
Museum & Entertainment Complex,
8pm

**Springfield Municipal Band,
Rock & Roll Sisters, The Brat
Pack**
Springfield PrideFest, 12:30pm

Ambrosia Moon
Springfield Ski and Boat Club,
6pm

Cherry & Jerry
Stella Coffee & Tea, 10am-
12:30pm

John Drake
Terra Ferment, 7-10pm

Colin Helton Band
The Bird Tavern, 6pm

**Birds of a Feather,
Jay Larson Band, Tom Irwin**
The Blue Grouch, 6-10:30pm

Smokestacks
Town Hall Pub, Loami, 7-10pm

Cisco Dragon
Twisted Tree Music Hall, Jacksonville,
7pm

99 Proof
VFW Post 99, Decatur, 7:30pm

Roxschool
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30-
10:30pm

Sunday May 19

Stuart Smith
Bar Bella, 1-4pm

**Aubrey Reed and The
Undecideds**
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

The Greg Bickers Trio
Coghlan's Hideout LLC, Bulpitt,
3-6pm

Robert Sampson
Downtown Jacksonville,
Jacksonville, 6-8pm

Curt Smith
Elks Lodge #158, 4-7pm

Tad O'Brien
Harvest Market Coffee Bar, 10am-
1pm

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Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews,
4-6pm.

The Guilty Boys
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford,
2-5pm

The Red Ribbon Revue
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

**Silhouette, Hipbone Sam,
Deja Voodoo**
Koo Koo's Nest, 2-6pm

Dyllan Martin
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 2-5pm

**Ben Bedford, The
Spoonbenders, Tom Irwin &
those Raouligans with Amy
Battles**
Old State Capitol Art Fair, 10am

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

Mississippi Leghound
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

Dave Littrell
Win, Lose or Draught, 2-5pm

Monday May 20

Jack Whittle
The Alamo, 7pm

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

Tuesday May 21

After School Special
El Arriero Mexican Restaurant,
6pm

Open jam with Silas Tockey
George Rank's, 7-10pm

Wednesday May 22

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

Levi Tucker
Obed and Isaac's, 6-9pm

**Jeff Young and the Bad
Grandpas**
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar &
Grill, Museum & Entertainment
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**Armed Forces Day
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HISTORY | Get a close-up look at military machines

it This Saturday is Armed Forces Day, a day to honor the nation's active-duty service members. For this year's holiday, the Illinois State Military Museum is hosting a military vehicle show featuring past and present wheeled equipment our men and women in uniform have used to defend the country. The vehicles on display will range from the classic World War II Willys Jeep to the modern-day Humvee and much more. In addition, living historians will be on hand to answer any questions. After checking out the vehicles, be sure to head inside the museum to check out the exhibits at the museum – one of Springfield's gems. Free. Donations accepted.

Special Music Events

Gospel concert

Sat., May 18, 6-7:30pm. Hear the New Jerusalem Singers perform traditional, Southern and country gospel music. Snacks available after the show. Atterberry Community Baptist Church, Petersburg, 20808 Atterberry St., 217-652-0423.

In Paradisum - Gabriel Faure Requiem

Fri., May 17, 7:30-9:30pm. The yearning for paradise has inspired great music! The Springfield Choral Society will present seven works, each painting a unique portrait of the paradisiacal. The Dale and Deborah Smith Center for Alzheimer's Research & Treatment as the benefactor of a portion of ticket sales. chorusconnection.com. \$20. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-522-3342.

Spring Cantata

Sun., May 19, 10:30am. "Beginning and Never Ending." Service will feature

the music of the New Life Choir with a full symphony orchestra of the area's finest musicians. Dr. See Tsai Chan will direct. Springfield First United Methodist Church, 2941 S. Koke Mill Road, 217-793-9760.

The Capital City Men's Chorus

Sun., May 19, 7pm. The chorus will present its concert titled "Fascinatin' Rhythm." \$10. Laurel United Methodist Church, 631 S. Grand Ave. W., 217-473-2045.

Books & Authors

Book signing

Sat., May 18, 11am-2pm. Meet Nina Ayers, author of crime novel *Joy of Murder: Life of a Serial Killer's*. The Sly Fox Bookstore, Virden, 123 N. Springfield St (Route 4), 217-965-3641.

Lincoln Library Alliance Book Sale

Sat., May 18, 9am-3pm. More than 15,000 pre-sorted books will be available in a variety of categories

as well as audiobooks, CDs, DVDs and library-branded merchandise. All proceeds benefit public library programs. lincolnlbraryalliance.org. Free admission. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Theater & Comedy

The Bridges of Madison County Musical

Fri., May 17, 7:30pm, Sat., May 18, 7:30pm and Sun., May 19, 2pm. Set in picturesque 1960s Iowa, this show follows the chance encounter between a passionate Italian-American housewife and a roving National Geographic photographer. Amidst the backdrop of covered bridges and sweeping landscapes, their forbidden love unfolds in a soul-stirring tale of sacrifice and longing. hcfta.org. \$22. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Capital City Improv Workshops

Third Thursday of every

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

Comedy open mic

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

Found Footage Festival: Vol. 10

Sat., May 18, 8-9:30pm. The Found Footage Festival is a celebration of the videos that time forgot, dredged up in dusty thrift stores and estate sales. Childhood friends Joe Pickett and Nick Prueher take audiences on a tour of their latest and greatest VHS

finds, providing commentary and where-are-they-now updates on the people in these videotaped obscurities. broadgauge.com. \$20. Broadgauge, Petersburg, 101 North 7th St., 217-386-5669.

Dance

Friday Night Open Dancing

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

Art & Architecture

"Art Mimics Nature"

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-5pm. Through May 23. See a collection of mixed media paintings mostly on wood by Missy Block in the Underground Gallery, which is the Collective's newest

exhibition space. The space is dedicated to providing an enhanced art experience by exhibiting a wide range of artists, media and styles - not only from collective members but also from other central Illinois artists. springfieldart.org. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

Old Capital Art Fair

May 18-19. Set against the backdrop of the Old State Capitol, the art fair is the jewel of the Midwest that brings artists and shoppers from across the country flocking to downtown Springfield. socaf.org. Free. Old State Capitol Plaza, between Fifth and Sixth streets at Adams.

Sangamon Watercolor Society Presents Mary Selinski

Fri., May 17, 5:30-7:30pm. View the work of watercolor artist Mary Selinski. Light refreshments will be provided. sangamonwatercolor.org. Free. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

History

Armed Forces Day Military Vehicle Show

Sat., May 18, 10am-4pm. Get a close-up look at historic and modern military vehicles. The Illinois State Military Museum Living History Detachment will be on hand to answer questions. Free admission. Illinois State Military Museum, 1301 N. MacArthur Blvd., 217-761-3910.

Masters' Back Porch Chautauqua Series

Third Sunday of every month, 2-4pm. Through Sep. 15. Listen to experts lecture on topics of local interest in literature, art and history followed by original performances by area songwriters. The Masters' Memorial Museum, at the corner of Eighth and Jackson streets, within walking distance of the venue, will be open for tours the hour preceding the event. Free. 1st and 3rd Boutique and Wine Bar, PETERSBURG, 105 S. 7TH St., n/a.

Sangamon County Historical Society meeting

Tue., May 21, 5:30-7pm. Six Underground Railroad

conductors will be honored. Two were white and four were African-American. Most had ties to President Abraham Lincoln. They came from all walks of life, but shared the same goal - to help slaves gain their freedom. The risk was enormous and jail time was a possibility for those involved. William Donnegan will be portrayed in period costume by local actor Reggie Guyton. An update on the Illinois Underground Railroad Task Force will be given by John Ackerman, task force member and Tazewell County clerk. Includes tour of the graves. Free. Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, 1440 Monument Ave., 217-525-1961.

Small Beginnings

Wed., May 22. 1:30pm. This one-act play tells the remarkable story of Robert Smalls, a man who led an group of enslaved people to freedom by way of a bold riverboat escape plan through Confederate waters in 1862. Starring Reggie Guyton with Randy Erwin providing live music. Museum admission. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Fairs & Festivals

Springfield PrideFest

Sat., May 18. The gayest of days embracing diversity and celebrating the local LGBTQ community. Great entertainment, drag show, 11:30am parade, food and drinks, a fun-filled family area, youth and teen talent shows, live music, vendors and pride merchandise. Organized by the Phoenix Center. springfieldpride.org. Downtown Springfield, Downtown.

Fundraisers and Galas

Mother & Daughter Paint Fundraiser

Sat., May 18, 1-3pm. Paint one of several different notable book covers for adults or children with guided instruction. Event raises funds for iMagic Nation, a Springfield literacy organization. imaginationcloud. Adult \$50 and youths under 18 with an adult \$20.

Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-220-6272.

Children's Corner

Kids Fare Garden Club
Mondays, 4-5pm. Through June 3. This gardening club for school-aged children will be taught by Alana Reynolds. Children will help manage three raised beds in the Enos Park Neighborhood Garden. Drop-ins are welcome. enosparkgardens.org. Free. Enos Park Neighborhood Garden, 1022 N. Fifth St., 217-610-0720.

Touch a Truck

Sat., May 18, 11am-2pm. Children of all ages are invited to see, touch and explore a variety of trucks, tractors, emergency vehicles and more. Donations will be accepted on behalf of APL, WILD Canine Rescue and Friends of Sangamon County Animal Control. Animals will be onsite. Free. Springfield Ski and Boat Club, 268 Maple Grove Lane, 217-529-9090.

Nature, Science & Environment

Spring Iris Show

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

Tuesdays Stewardship Workday

Work with others or independently on a variety of stewardship projects at various properties. Learn about our properties and the diversity of plants and animals. Call or text for location and details. Hosted by the Friends of the Sangamon Valley. 217-493-3115.

Lectures & Meetings

Loss of a Spouse GriefShare Seminar

Sun., May 19, 1-3pm. Grieving the loss of a spouse or know someone who is? Find help at this free standalone seminar in the parish hall. Preregistration is requested so the seminar can have enough workbooks. The seminar is in three parts: video, workbook and sharing.

Preregistration is requested. To preregister, call 217-899-9418 or email trinitygriefshare@yahoo.com. trinity-lutheran.com. Free. Trinity Lutheran School, 515 S. MacArthur Blvd., 217-899-9418.

Bulletin Board

Al-Anon District 19 of Greater Springfield

Mondays-Saturdays. Ten meetings are held in the local area each week. Five are in-person and four are hybrid of in-person and via Zoom. One meeting is Zoom only. Visit spi-alanon.weebly.com or call for more information. Various locations, Springfield, 217-891-2981.

Cat adoptions

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

Flag Lowering Ceremony

Tuesdays. Through Aug. 6. The evening begins at 6pm with a Civil War-era concert, along with a meet and greet with President Ulysses S. Grant, who will give a dedication speech for the Lincoln Tomb. The flag-lowering ceremony begins at 7pm with the firing of muskets and while the 114th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry performs. Part of History Comes Alive. Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site, 1500 Monument Ave., 782-2717.

Illinois Product Farmers Market

Thursdays, 3:30-7pm. Through Sep. 26. Local meats, produce, dairy products, baked goods, honey and jams, craft beers, woodworking, jewelry and more. Plus live entertainment and a food truck. agr.illinois.gov. Illinois State Fairgrounds, The Shed, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-524-9129.

Illinois Secretary of State Mobile DMV

Wed., May 22, 10am-2pm. Get new or renewed identification cards, renewed drivers license, plate sticker or Real ID. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

Nar-Anon Family Group

Thursdays, 6pm. A 12-step

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

Parents WILD Night Out

Fri., May 17, 6-9pm. Kids, ages 6-12 can play, create and learn about the zoo animals and conservation while you enjoy a few hours to yourself. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be provided, but you can bring your own meal. Residents are \$30 for first child, \$25 for additional children. Non-residents are an additional \$5. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-585-1821.

Passport registration event

Sat., May 18, 9am-12pm. Need a passport? The Sangamon County clerk is teaming up with the bank to make the process more accessible to the community. Includes photos. Warren-Boynton State Bank, New Berlin, 702 W. Illinois St., 217-488-6091.

Pinocle Group

Every other Tuesday, 6:30-8:30pm. Attention, pinocle lovers. Group gathers upstairs to play. Free. Harvest Market, 3001 Veterans Pkwy., 314-910-0491.

Health & Fitness

Girls on the Run 5K

Sat., May 18, 10-11:30am. A non-competitive race. Activities begin at 9am. Race begins at 10am. Fee increases after early registration deadline of May 4. gotcentralillinois.org. Adults \$30-\$40; youth \$20-\$30. Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-726-9808.

Sports

Drinkin' With Lincoln 5K Run/Walk

Sat., May 18, 10-11am. Begins and ends on the town square and kicks off the annual Drinkin' With Lincoln Street Fest. With registration fee, participants receive entry into the fest, a 5K T-shirt and Street Fest Cup with one drink ticket and sports swag bag. First 200 participants to cross the line also receive a 2024 DWL medal. \$40 until May 2. Petersburg Square, Petersburg, N. Seventh St. at W. Douglas Ave., 217-341-3208.

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Chris Iaria, QUINTAIROS, PRIETO, WOOD & BOYER, P.A., 111 W MONROE ST., STE 700, Chicago, IL, 60603, (312) 566-0040. E-Mail: il.foreclosure@pqwblaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
-SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.
SHANE M. MAURER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 2023FC000206
Property Address: 209 S. 4th Cross Street Mechanicsburg, IL 62545
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on April 17, 2024, I, Sheriff Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on June 11, 2024, commencing at 9:00AM, Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701 ROOM TBA, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit: Commonly known as: 209 S. 4th Cross Street, Mechanicsburg, IL 62545 P.I.N.: 16-26.0-339-020

1st Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$61,154.96 IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS

CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT.

Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County.

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
-SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FLAGSTAR BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.
ROBERT J. DAY-PUTNAM; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 2023FC000178
Property Address: 3102 S. 13th St. Springfield, IL 62703
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on February 21, 2024, I, Sheriff Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on June 11, 2024, commencing at 9:00AM, Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701 ROOM TBA, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit: Commonly known as: 3102 S. 13th St., Springfield, IL 62703 P.I.N.: 22-10.0-456-001

1st Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$57,713.33 IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT.

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS
SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC., Plaintiff(s), vs.
AARON O'DELL, Defendant(s).
Case No. 23 FC 133
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on June 11, 2024, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit: Common Address: 526 CRAVENS RD., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62712 P.I.N. 15-32.0-300-015 Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.

The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK
Plaintiff,

-v-
CYNTHIA SUTHERIN AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ESTATE OF HARRY W CASTLES AND SHIRLEY R CASTLES, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HARRY W CASTLES, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SHIRLEY R CASTLES, TERRI CASTLES, CAROLYN CASTLES, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, MONROE PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant

2021 CH 000001
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 20, 2023, the Sheriff of Sangamon County will at 9:00 AM on June 4, 2024, at the Sangamon South Auditorium, #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR. Building) 1st Floor, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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Property Index No. 14-31.0-

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The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was \$28,393.48.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: WILLIAM MICHAEL SCHNEIDER, Deceased.

NO. 2024-PR-199 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of William Michael Schneider of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 8, 2024, to William James Schneider, 4520 Ash Grove Drive, Apt. C3, 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 November 15, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 9th day of May, 2024. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com 352399

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of JANE RUNNING, Deceased, IN PROBATE

NO: 2024PR000192

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of JANE RUNNING, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on May 2, 2024, to WILLIAM E. RUNNING, Executor, 1623 THORNHILL DR., Springfield, Illinois 62711, whose attorney is Robert A. Stuart, Jr., Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th Street, Ste. 1000, Springfield, IL 62701.

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 November 20, 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2024.

Robert A. Stuart, Jr.
Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP
ARDC 2761122
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Springfield, IL 62701
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANKLIN L.R. FROHN, DECEASED Case #2024-PR-195 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of FRANKLIN L.R. FROHN. Letters of Office have been issued to PAULA FROHN, 4424 Venetian Drive, Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before November 25, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 8th day of May, 2024.

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF VIOLET E. JENSEN, Deceased.

No. 2024-PR-191 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Violet E. Jensen. Letters of Office were issued to Robert A. Jensen, as Independent Executor, whose address is 10134 Bond Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66214 The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before September 15, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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Attorneys for Independent Executor:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: LISA M. MERRILL, Deceased.

NO. 2024-PR-187 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Lisa M. Merrill of Fairfax County, Virginia. Letters of Office were issued on May 6, 2024, to Robert Keith Pitman, 5140 Meath Court, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, 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 November 13, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 6th day of May, 2024.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of: David L. Andrew, Deceased.

No. 2024-PR-188 NOTICE TO HEIRS AND

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE Notice is given of the death of David L. Andrew, of Iliopolis, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on April 30, 2024 to Kathy Gustafson, 1146 N Main St. Fremont Nebraska, 68025, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of David L. Andrew of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Kathy Gustafson, Julie Chappelle, Steven Hansen, Sherri Kumm, and Warren Hansen as the only heirs of David L. Andrew.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act, 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Sarah Delano Pavlik - 6269250
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: DAVID EUGENE THORPE, Deceased.

NO. 2024-PR-177 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of David Eugene Thorpe of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 30, 2024, to Craig Thorpe, 49 Covered Bridge Acres, Glenarm, Illinois 62536, 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 November 6, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 2nd day of May, 2024.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY JO MADONIA, Deceased

NO. 2024-PR-185 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of MARY JO MADONIA, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on April 25, 2024, to Karen M. Clemons, 2024 N. 19th Street, Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before October 26, 2024 or six (6) months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a

Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 29th day of April, 2024.

Alex B. Rabin
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1119 S. Sixth Street
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217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF: PAUL EDWARD PRESNEY, SR., Deceased.

No. 2024PR000013 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of PAUL EDWARD PRESNEY, SR. Letters of office were issued on January 17, 2024, to

Paul Edward Presney, II, 38 Lance-lot, Rochester, Illinois, 62563, and to Catherine J. Gonzalez, 2713 Rainier, Springfield, Illinois, 62704, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is Paul E. Presney, II, Presney & Gonzalez, 726 South Second Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62704. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice. 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. The representative reserves all statutory rights, including the right to require any claim be filed with the court pursuant to Section 18-11 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/18-11). Dated this 9th day of May, 2024 Paul E. Presney, II - Reg. #6182986 Presney & Gonzalez Attorneys for Independent Co-Executors 726 South Second Street Springfield, IL 62704 Telephone: (217) 525-0016 ppresney@presneygonzalez.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In re the Estate of AMELIA J. RANALLETTA, Deceased.

Case No. 2024-P-180 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Amelia J. Ranalletta. Letters of office have been issued to Janice M. Ranalletta, 1909 W. Governor St., Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is R. Phillip Reed, Attorney at Law, 2616 Hazelnut Dr., Springfield, IL 62702. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before November 12, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Sangamon County Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF CAROLYN B. OXTOBY, Deceased.

No. 2024PR000163 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Carolyn B. Oxtoby, a resident of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, who died in Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on January 12, 2024. MIKE SOUTH-WORTH, whose post office address is 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501, Springfield, Illinois 62701, was appointed executor of her estate on April 16, 2024. The attorneys for the executor are Hart, Southworth & Witsman, One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the executor, or both, within 6

months from the date of the first publication, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, of this notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 16th day of April, 2024. Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930) Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535) Hart, Southworth & Witsman One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501 Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 trigby@hswnet.com aprillaman@hswnet.com 8051-941569

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

-vs- ESTATE OF EDWIN M BARTOSH A/K/A EDWIN MICHAEL BARTOSH A/K/A MICHAEL E. BARTOSH, MARY J. BARTOSH A/K/A MARY JO BARTOSH, ILLINOIS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM, SECURITY BANK, S.B., STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL OF ILLINOIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, and THEODORE HARVATIN AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR EDWIN BARTOSH A/K/A EDWIN MICHAEL BARTOSH A/K/A MICHAEL E. BARTOSH, DECEASED. Defendants.

Case No. 2023FC000219 Property Address: 208 S. Feldkamp Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704 NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF EDWIN M. BARTOSH A/K/A EDWIN MICHAEL BARTOSH A/K/A MICHAEL E. BARTOSH:

Notice is given of the death of Edwin M. Bartosh. The Court has appointed Theodore J. Harvatin as Special Representative for Edwin M. Bartosh, deceased, in the above entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 208 S. Feldkamp Avenue, Springfield, Illinois. The address of the Special Representative is: Harvatin Law Offices, P.C., 1100 So. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp /S/ THEODORE J. HARVATIN Special Representative for Edwin Michael Bartosh, Deceased. THEODORE J. HARVATIN Attorney Reg. #06180268 Harvatin Law Offices, P.C. 1100 So. Fifth Street Springfield, IL 62703 Tel. 217-525-0520 Fax. 217-525-0901 ted@harvatinlaw.com 8051-941750

In the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit Sangamon County Illinois Estate of James J Miller of Loveland CO Deceased Case Nol 24-PR-77 Notice is given of the death of James J

Miller
Bond and Oath of Legal Representative issued on February 27, 2024 to Carla Miller whose address is 209 W Mulberry St, Chatham IL 62629 as independent executor.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex 200 South 9th St., Springfield IL 62701 or with representative on or before July 31, 2024
Any notice not filed within that period is barred.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: REBECCA J. HOLDER, Deceased.
Case No. 2024-PR-172
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE DEATH OF REBECCA J. HOLDER, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on March 2, 2024. Letters of Office were issued on the 25th day of April, A.D., 2024, to SAMANTHA A. CLAYBORNE, of 2538 Burton Drive, Springfield, Illinois, 62703, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois, 62701. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.
DATED this 25th day of April, A.D., 2024. Estate of REBECCA J. HOLDER, Deceased, BY: /s/ Pamela E. Hart
Pamela E. Hart, one of its Attorneys.
PREPARED BY:
Pamela E. Hart (6299974)
SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.
Attorneys at Law
611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Telephone: (217) 753-8200
Email: peh@scottscottlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES JAMES SPETA, DECEASED
Case #2024-PR-176
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE/NOTICE TO HEIRS
Notice is given of the death of CHARLES JAMES SPETA. Letters of office have been issued to ANDREW JOHNSON, 7700 Wilcox Street, Forest Park, IL 60130, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before November 8, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Notice is also given to CHARLES J. SPETA, JR. (whereabouts unknown) and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHARLES JAMES SPETA, that an Order was entered in

the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, on April 24, 2024, admitting Decedent's Will to Probate (said Will having been dated July 24, 2021). You are named as an heir of Decedent in the Petition for Probate of said Will.
Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of Admission, any heir may file a Petition with the court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or by other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 755, Act 5, Section 6-21), or successor provision.
Heirs also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 755, Act 5, Section 8-1), or successor provision, to contest the validity of the Will by filing a Petition with the Court within 6 months after April 24, 2024. Filings are to be made with the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701. 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 to your local Circuit Clerk's office.
Dated this 24th day of April, 2024.
William P. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of GENE R. RIGSBY, Deceased.
BY: /s/ Pamela E. Hart
Pamela E. Hart, one of its Attorneys.
PREPARED BY:
Pamela E. Hart (6299974)
SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.
Attorneys at Law
611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Telephone: (217) 753-8200
Email: peh@scottscottlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS - IN PROBATE
No. 2024-PR-174
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Gene R. Rigsby, deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on April 24, 2024, to Paul Rigsby and Anne Rigsby, as Co-Executors Under Independent Administration, whose attorney is Brandon R. Clark, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Court-house, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 31st day of October, 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
DATED this 24th day of April, 2024.
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
Brandon R. Clark
Registration No. 6329553
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000
P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62705-2459
(217) 544-8491
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LAWRENCE COFFEY, DECEASED.

NO. 2024-PR-173
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES
Notice is given of the death of LAWRENCE COFFEY, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 22nd, 2024, to MICHAEL E. COFFEY, whose mailing address is PO Box 9137; Springfield, IL 62791, and whose attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; 2160 S. 6th Street, Suite D1, Springfield, Illinois 62703.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 2nd day of May, 2024, being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
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. You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) and pursuant to Section 6-11 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-11) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate.
DATED this 23rd day of April 2024.
MICHAEL E. COFFEY, Independent Executor of the Estate of LAWRENCE COFFEY, Deceased
BY: DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney Atorneys for Estate:
Anthony J. DelGiorno (IARDC 6277358)
DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
2160 S. Sixth St., Ste. D
Springfield, IL 62703
Tel: (217) 773-5337
Service: service@delgiornolawoffice.com

IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS - IN PROBATE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MELISSA A. CANNING, Deceased.
2024PRO00031
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS - INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVE
Notice is given of the death of MELISSA A. CANNING, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 29, 2024, to ELIZABETH CANNING c/o her attorney, GREENLEAF LAW OFFICE, LTD., John L. GreenLeaf, Jr., Counselor at Law, 2456 North Main, Decatur, Illinois 62526.
The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under paragraph 5/28-4 of the Estates Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th St #5, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within 3 months from date of mailing or delivery of 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.
ELIZABETH CANNING, Independent Representative
By: GREENLEAF LAW OFFICE, LTD.
John L. GreenLeaf, Jr.
Counselor at Law
2456 North Main
Decatur, IL 62526
217-422-2771

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK Plaintiff,
-v-
CYNTHIA SUTHERIN AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ESTATE OF HARRY W CASTLES AND SHIRLEY R CASTLES, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HARRY W CASTLES, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SHIRLEY R CASTLES, TERRI CASTLES, CAROLYN CASTLES, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, MONROE PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant
2021 CH 000001
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 20, 2023, the Sheriff of Sangamon County will at 9:00 AM on June 4, 2024, at the Sangamon South Auditorium, #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR. Building) 1st Floor, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS: UNIT 1-13 IN MONROE PARK CONDOMINIUM AS DELINEATED ON A SURVEY OF PART OF LOT 4 IN MONROE PARK, A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4R OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 4, MEASURE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 4, 70 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 4, 60 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING RIGHT 47 DEGREES 25 MINUTES, MEASURE ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF LOT 4, 350 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING RIGHT 90 DEGREES, MEASURE 165 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING RIGHT 90 DEGREES, MEASURE 259.13 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING RIGHT 42 DEGREES 35 MINUTES, MEASURE 178.55 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, WHICH SURVEY IS ATTACHED AS PART OF A DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM ENTITLED MONROE PARK CONDOMINIUM MADE BY CAPITOL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, AS TRUSTEE UNDER LAND TRUST NUMBER TLT-186 AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON AUGUST 31, 1973 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 547821 AND AMENDED BY INSTRUMENT DATED MARCH 27, 1975 AND RECORDED MARCH 27, 1975 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 566282 TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED 4.1652 PERCENT INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS IN SAID PART OF LOT 4 OF MONROE PARK. EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS, AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Commonly known as 2525 W MONROE ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704
Property Index No. 14-31.0-327-003
The real estate is improved with a

condominium.
The judgment amount was \$28,393.48.
Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Chris Iaria, QUINTAIROS, PRIETO, WOOD & BOYER, P.A., 111 W MONROE ST., STE 700, Chicago, IL, 60603, (312) 566-0040. E-Mail: il.foreclosure@qpwblaw.com
9051-942130

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT -SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. SHANE M. MAURER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).
CASE NO. 2023FC000206
Property Address: 209 S. 4th Cross Street Mechanicsburg, IL 62545
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on April 17, 2024, I, Sheriff Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on June 11, 2024, commencing at 9:00AM, Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701 ROOM TBA, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit: THE NORTH 50 FEET OF LOTS 7 & 8 IN BLOCK 5 OF THE SOUTH ADDITION, ALSO KNOWN AS W.S. PICKRELL'S SOUTH ADDITION TO MECHANICSBURG, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as: 209 S. 4th Cross Street , Mechanicsburg, IL 62545 P.I.N.: 16-26.0-339-020
1st Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$61,154.96
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1),

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT.
Terms of Sale: CASH - 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County.
The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC
1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120
Naperville, IL 60563
(630) 453-6960
midwestpleadings@dallegal.com
8051-942008

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT -SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS FLAGSTAR BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. ROBERT J. DAY-PUTNAM; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).
CASE NO. 2023FC000178
Property Address: 3102 S. 13th St. Springfield, IL 62703
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on February 21, 2024, I, Sheriff Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on June 11, 2024, commencing at 9:00AM, Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701 ROOM TBA, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit: THE WEST 80 FEET OF LOT 30 IN BLOCK 12 OF THE TOWN OF MILDRED. ALL EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY.
SITUATED SANGAMON, COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as: 3102 S. 13th St. , Springfield, IL 62703 P.I.N.: 22-10.0-456-001
1st Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$57,713.33
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC., Plaintiff(s), vs. AARON O'DELL, Defendant(s). Cause No. 23 FC 133 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on June 11, 2024, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit: A TRACT OF LAND LYING IN AND BEING A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A FOUND STONE MONUMENT MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTH-

WEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER, 668.86 FEET TO A FOUND IRON PIN MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER QUARTER, 40.00 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 00 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST ON SAID EAST LINE 182.95 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 49 SECONDS WEST, 628.82 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF CRAVENS ROAD; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST, 143.25 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN BEING A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 39.72 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ON SAID CURVE WITH A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 44 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST A CHORD DISTANCE OF 56.15 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 589.16 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 2.633 ACRES MORE OR LESS. SHOWN AS TRACT 1 OF SURVEY RECORDED DECEMBER 28, 2018 AS DOCUMENT 2018R26610. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Common Address: 526 CRAVENS RD., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62712 P.I.N. 15-32.0-300-015 Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information. The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808 Timothy R. Yueill - ARDC #6192172 Greg Elsnic - ARDC #6242847 Aaron Nevel - ARDC #6322724 Andrew Chu - ARDC #6285924 175 North Franklin St. Suite 201 Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 357-1125 Pleadings@nevellaw.com SL # 23-01739 8051-942019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS STEARNS BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION) Plaintiff, v. POGBACK REAL ESTATE, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, HR ILLINI OPERATIONS I, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, PARADIGM INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, and ALL NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS and UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants. Cause No. 2024FC000071 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to ALL NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS and ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants in the above-titled cause. that the above-titled

mortgage foreclosure action was filed on May 1, 2024, and is now pending:
1. The names of all Plaintiffs and the Case Number are identified above.
2. The Court in which said action was brought is identified above.
3. The name of the titleholder is: Pogback Real Estate, LLC, a Florida limited liability company.
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:
PARCEL 1:
Part of the Southwest quarter of Section 8, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at a pin on the South right-of-way line of Wabash Avenue (also known as Routes 36 and 54) 70.00 feet East of the West line of Corbin Street extended South; thence East 175.00 feet along said South right-of-way of Wabash Avenue; thence South 175.00 feet parallel to the West line of Corbin Street extended South; thence West 175.00 feet parallel to the South line of Wabash Avenue; thence North 175.00 feet to the place of beginning, in Sangamon County, Illinois.
PARCEL 2:
An easement for ingress and egress described as follows: Part of the Southwest quarter of Section 8, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South right-of-way line of Wabash Avenue, 10.00 feet of the intersection of the West line of Corbin Avenue projected South; thence South parallel with aforesaid West street line 586.52 feet; thence East at right angles to the last described course 80.02 feet; thence North parallel to the first described course 589.13 feet to the South right-of-way line of Wabash Avenue; thence Westerly 80.00 feet to the point of beginning. Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed or reserved of record.
5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 1700 Wabash Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62704.
6. An identification of the Mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
a. Names of the Mortgages: Pogback Real Estate, LLC, a Florida limited liability company.
b. Name of Mortgagee: Stearns Bank National Association.
c. Date of Mortgage: June 8, 2022.
d. Date of Recording: July 18, 2022.
e. County Where Recorded: Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Illinois.
f. Recording Document Identification: 2022R15639.
NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, ALL NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS and ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants, file your answer to the complaint for foreclosure in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, held in the Sangamon County Courthouse at 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, on or before the 12th day of June, 2024, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a judgment for foreclosure entered in accordance with the prayer in the complaint for foreclosure. Dated this 1st day of May, 2024.
/s/ Joe Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
A public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 300 S. 7th Street, on May 21, 2024, for consideration of a petition for annexation, for the following legally described property:
The North One-Half of the South One-Half of Lot 5 as shown upon the Plat of the Partition of the Estate of Robert Archer, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, in Book "Y" at Page 444 being a part of the West One-Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 35, Township 16 North, Range 6 West of the Third Principal Meridian.
EXCEPT, a parcel of land lying in the Northeast Quarter of Section 35, Township 16, Range 6 West of the Third Principal Meridian, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, more particularly described as follows:
Commencing at a found iron pin, said iron pin being the Northwest corner of said Quarter Section; thence South 00 degrees 48 minutes 37 seconds East a distance of 992.65 feet, along the West line of said Quarter Section; to the point of beginning of the hereinafter described parcel of land; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 56 seconds East a distance of 496.32 feet to the South property line; thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes 56 seconds West, a distance of 54.77 feet, along said property line, to a point on the West Quarter Section line; thence North 00 degrees 48 minutes 37 seconds West, a distance of 496.32 feet, along the West Quarter Section line, to the point of beginning. Containing 410,667.205 square feet (9.428 acres), more or less.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
A public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 300 S. 7th Street, on May 21, 2024, for consideration of a petition for annexation, for the following legally described property:
Tract 18A of the Fairview Area in Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Sangamon County, Illinois, containing 0.440 acres, more or less.

Capitol Storage LLC
818 S Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL 62703
217-522-0300
Sale 5/18/24
Peoria Rd
#14 Mike Farmer
#9 Vernon Raglin
Dirksen
#176 Rae Ann Martin
#155 Mitzie Williams
#33 Pierre Berry
#94 Rachel Smith
Taintor Rd
HH24 Gregory Richard
HH27 Dion Birgans
HH5 Jennifer Shores
HH2 Michael Winder
To pay past due rent and fees call 1-217-522-0300. Private Sale will be May 18, 2024 at 9AM. The sale will begin at Dirksen Location. Please call to verify start location day before sale.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
CURRAN-GARDNER TOWNSHIP'S PUBLIC WATER DISTRICT
JOB TITLE: Water Plant/Distribution Operator
JOB DESCRIPTION: The District has an immediate opening for a full-time water plant/distribution operator. This position is represented by a collective bargaining agreement between the District and Teamsters Local 916. Candidate must

have a valid driver's license CDL is a plus, and be a high school graduate or equivalent, must be willing to obtain an IEPA water certification. Duties include but are not limited to, distribution repairs and maintenance, new main and service installs, treatment plant operation and maintenance. The position requires good public relation skills. Must reside within 30 minutes of the District headquarters. Interested candidates must be available for on-call rotation duties. The District offers a competitive benefits package which includes clothing allowance, IMRF retirement, health, dental, and vision insurance, paid holidays, paid vacation, and paid sick leave. For more information visit www.currangardner.com/operationspecialist Please send resume and cover letter to: Curran-Gardner Township's Public Water District 3384 Hazlett Rd. Springfield IL. 62707 Attention: Aaron Smith Operations Manager The Curran-Gardner Townships Public Water District is an equal opportunity employer.

ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE Wishing to avail themselves of the provisions under the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, the below storage facility gives notice of the sale under said act: Friday the 24th day of May, 2024 at 11:00 AM, on that day will conduct a sale to the highest bidder, with bidding to take place on lockerfox.com, and payment to seller via credit/debit card, the contents of spaces 10 Federal Self Storage, 2225 J David Jones Pkwy, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 600-2778 joel anderson 80. Eli Iglesias 556. Brandon Partridge 189. Drew Cosby 750. Monica Parker 606. John Gregorich P71. Rachelle Bast 77. Dustin Debrey 564. DeArius Johnson 523. Elijah Kennedy 858. Loyd Munson 869. Iaken Williams 571. SKY LEWIS 178. Christopher Gentry 844. Judith Hamm 100. Jeremy Word 445/446. kristopher vincent 121. Kayla shaw 192. Ashley Verry 447/448. matthew goldstein 615/598. Dalton Williams 616/597. Wilesa Parker 67. Phantayesia King 842. BRANDON REICHERT 37. Legacy Reese 90. Bradley Schroeder 772. June Word 5. Bradley Schroeder 276. Bradley Schroeder 773; 10 Federal Self Storage, 3500 South 6th Street, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 387-3951 Britney Dyer B212. Ryan Hinds A94. Laura Procarione A62. Eva Brooks A116; 10 Federal Self Storage, 500 W Browning Rd, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 339-3865 Alden Klingman 189D. Ashlee Cody 159C. Lila Howell 268E. Brennan Vandergrift 258E. Dustin Smith 271e. Terri Maberry 138 C. Terri Maberry 203D. Melissa Carter 144C. Dustin Smith 33A. Phyllis Tarvin 251E. Jonathon Halsey 106B. Phyllis Tarvin 100B. Alicia Davis 290e. Amanda Patton 262E. Alexis Lay 107B; 10 Federal Self Storage, 900 E Straight St, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 286-1550 Christal Simons 15. Sabrina Fore F463. grace randell 193. LaTasha Dotts 245. Trevion Day 208. James Smith 72. Lea Beach 189. Sue Beach 122. Sue Beach 124. Precious Cannon 106. Devon McKee E268. Stephanie Collins 130. Lashondra Davis F368/F469. Christopher Casper 229. Quinetta Lawrence 167

Publication notice
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. OLDE TOWN APARTMENTS OWNER LLC,

Legal Deadline, Thursdays at 4pm



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METROPOLITAN COMMERCIAL BANK, UNITED RENTALS (NORTH AMERICA), INC., R. P. LUMBER CO., INC., HD SUPPLY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE, LTD., BLEDSOE ELECTRIC, INC., ANGELES PAINTING AND REMODELING LLC, AIRTECH HVAC/R LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.)
No. 24-MR-160

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, OLDE TOWN APARTMENTS OWNER LLC, METROPOLITAN COMMERCIAL BANK, UNITED RENTALS (NORTH AMERICA), INC., R. P. LUMBER CO., INC., HD SUPPLY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE, LTD., BLEDSOE ELECTRIC, INC., ANGELES PAINTING AND REMODELING LLC, AIRTECH HVAC/R LLC, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on April 22, 2024 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 700 Bruns Lane, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:

Part of Lots 26, 28 and 31 of County Clerk's Division of Part of Section 29, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Sangamon County, Illinois, said Part being further described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast Corner of Lot 26 in said County Clerk's Subdivision; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 56 seconds West 191.60 feet to the Southeast corner of said Lot 26, thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes 46 seconds East along the North line of Lot 31 in said Subdivision, 335.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 56 seconds West along the East line of said Lot 31, a distance of 411.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes 46 seconds West, 335.00 feet to the East line of Lot 28 in said Subdivision; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 56 seconds West; 162.73 feet; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes 46 seconds West, 290.17 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 56 seconds West 249.59 feet to the North right of way line of West Jefferson Street; thence North 67 degrees 42 minutes 00 seconds West along said North right of way line, 232.49 feet; thence North 21 degrees 31 minutes 45 seconds West, a distance of 61.55 feet; thence North 00 degrees 51 minutes 09 seconds West along the East right of way of Bruns Lane, 523.53 feet to the South line of Lot 27 in said Subdivision; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 34 seconds East, 254.85 feet to the Southeast corner of said Lot 27; thence North 0 degrees 40 minutes 26 seconds East, 155.02 feet to the South line of Lot 26 in said Subdivision, being also the Northeast corner of said Lot 27; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes 46 seconds West along said South line, 0.47 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 50 seconds East, 192.38 feet to the North line of said Lot 26, being also the South right of way line of Karl Lane; thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes 21 seconds East along said South right of way line, 280.00 feet to the point of beginning. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

(Permanent Parcel No. 14-29.0-176-026 and 14-29.0-177-022); and for other relief.

UNLESS OLDE TOWN APARTMENTS OWNER LLC, METROPOLITAN COMMERCIAL BANK, UNITED RENTALS (NORTH AMERICA), INC., R. P. LUMBER CO., INC., HD SUPPLY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE, LTD., BLEDSOE ELECTRIC, INC., ANGELES PAINTING AND REMODELING LLC, AIRTECH HVAC/R LLC, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South

Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before June 3, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.

/s/ Joe Roesch
Clerk of Court
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
LBC2 TRUST, assignee of U.S. Bank National Association,
Plaintiff,
v.
CALVIN L. PITTS; UNKNOWN OWNERS; and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No. 2024FC000074

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is June 24, 2024. Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on May 10, 2024.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: LBC2 TRUST, assignee of U.S. Bank National Association; 2024FC000074.
2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois
3. The name of the title holder of record is: Calvin Pitts
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

THE SOUTH 39 FEET 3 INCHES OF LOT 56 OF ASSESSORS SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 27, AND PART OF THE EAST HALF OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.

5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 1011 N. 5th Street, Springfield, IL 62702
6. The Tax Identification Number for the real estate is as follows: 14-27.0-155-008
7. An identification of the judgment lien sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Name of Judgment Debtor: Calvin L. Pitts Name of Judgment Creditor: LBC2 Trust Date of Memorandum of Judgment: May 22, 2023

Date of recording: September 6, 2023
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois
Recording document identification: Document No. 2023R16410
/s/ Joseph B. Roesch
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
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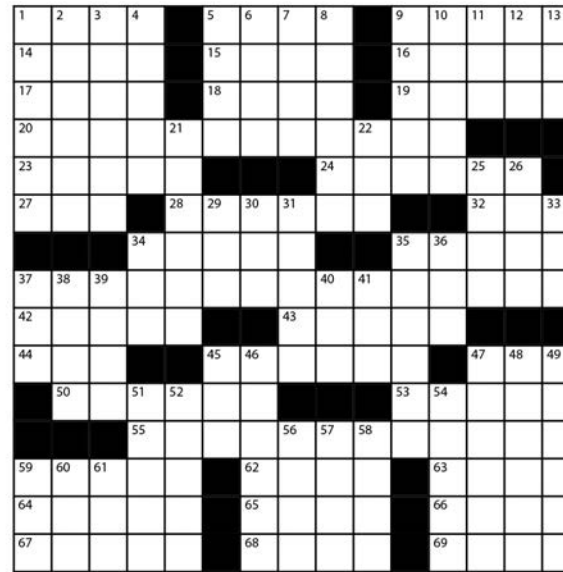
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Across

1. Cheese in a ball
5. Sink or swim, e.g.
9. Barbaric
14. April or May
15. "I had no ___!"
16. Vital vessel
17. Soon, to poets
18. Clothing line
19. Eat nachos, say
20. Bedroom basics?
23. Minimal
24. Gawkers
27. Building add-on
28. Not digital
32. Dr. Seuss's Sam

34. Europe's "boot"
35. Kind of queen
37. "The Greatest Show on Earth" purveyors
42. Go after
43. New York politico Andrew
44. Gear tooth
45. Broom closet item
47. Bro, for one
50. Words on a shoppe sign
53. Related on mom's side
55. Like a bruise
59. Tiny part
62. ___ account (never)
63. "___ Misbehavin'"
64. Part of a simple bouquet
65. Have to have
66. Stuntman Knievel
67. Like some furniture

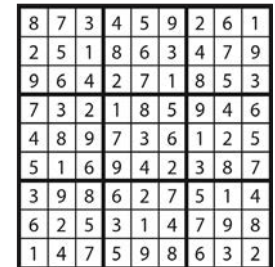


68. Moistens, in a way
69. Level, in London
- Down
1. Allow
2. Book after Ezekiel
3. Unprincipled
4. Patches up
5. Discover alternative
6. First family's home
7. Go through volumes
8. Cane material
9. Desert beast
10. Get up
11. Mantel piece
12. And so forth
13. "Well, ___ -dih!"
21. Lady Liberty, for example
22. ___ McMuffin
25. Iranian money
26. Ditto
29. "Platoon" setting
30. ___ king
31. "Eraserhead" director
33. Word of possibility
34. ___ and outs
35. Ill-fated
36. ___ Grande
37. Abbr. on top of some e-mails
38. Cry from a deck
39. Road ___
40. Clone: Abbr.
41. ___ constrictor
45. Toothpaste tube letters
46. Time division
47. Slobber
48. Online music mart
49. Retro car
51. Way too weighty
52. Bridges in movies
54. Buck or Bull, briefly
56. On bended ___
57. From square one
58. Nonverbal O.K.'s
59. Public health agcy.
60. "___ approved" (motel sign)
61. Sixty 46-downs: Abbr.

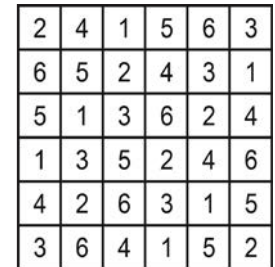
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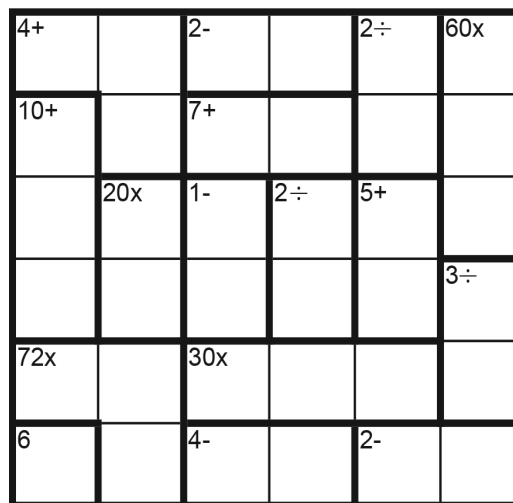
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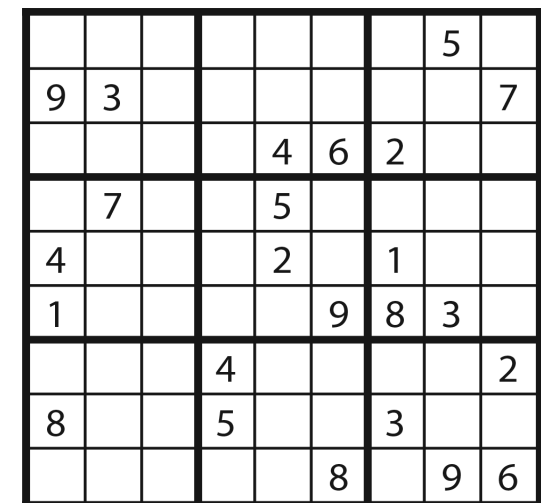
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



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



Difficulty hard

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