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DCFS keeps teenager locked in psych ward

Family member details conditions of child held beyond medical necessity

SOCIAL SERVICES | Beth Hundsorfer, *Capitol News Illinois*

Leah is a 13-year-old girl under Department of Children and Family Services care who lives in a psychiatric ward in a Chicago hospital.

Capitol News Illinois is using a pseudonym to protect her identity, but has confirmed she's been held for months behind locked doors, despite a doctor saying she was well enough to leave the hospital and a judge ordering that she should be moved.

On May 12, Department of Children and Family Services Director Marc Smith received his 10th contempt of court citation for failing to comply with that judge's order in Leah's case.

Leah is a typical teen, says a close relative whose identity *Capitol News Illinois* is not revealing due to the sensitivity of the case. She's smart, sassy, has many friends, loves school and reading, and aspires to someday attend Harvard University. The relative would end her phone calls with Leah by saying "I love you," and Leah would respond "to the moon and back."

That's when they could have phone calls. Leah's access to the phone is limited now.

Leah's case is complicated. The relative said she came into the care of child protective services in another state when she was 10 years old.

Her mom was at the end of a violent relationship and battling a growing dependence on drugs. Leah's biological father was in prison serving a lengthy sentence. She stayed with an aunt once, then was in foster care. Another relative obtained guardianship of Leah in 2019, picking her up the day after Christmas and driving her to her new home in Chicago.

It wasn't a happy arrangement. Three months after coming to Illinois, the guardian



Department of Children and Family Services Director Marc Smith, cited for contempt 10 times. PHOTO BY E. JASON WAMBSGANS

dropped her at Lurie Children's Hospital. When Leah was well enough for discharge, her guardian didn't come to get her. DCFS was called and assigned to care for her.

Leah moved from a shelter to hospitals and back to shelters. Once, the relative said, she spent the night in a DCFS office. She got depressed, the relative said, and became suicidal.

She ran away into the streets of Chicago one February night. Leah is originally from a small town in the Midwest with a population of about 5,000. She didn't know anyone in Chicago. It was a cold night.

Leah eventually knocked on a stranger's door and asked to use the phone to call her mom, the relative said. The next morning, Leah returned to the children's shelter. When she got back, Leah found out that no one had been looking for her.

In February 2022, Leah was once again hospitalized. Doctors discharged her on March 21, 2022. On April 14, 2022, the court directed Smith to get her out of the hospital and into an appropriate placement within a week.

Still, Leah remained in a locked psychiatric facility. She was there May 12 when Cook County Judge Patrick Murphy found Smith in contempt for the 10th time.

Birthdays, Christmases, Thanksgivings have come and gone. Leah remains separated from her family. Her mom is in Colorado now. Her

dad remains in prison in Kansas. The bright kid who once loved school and reading gets one hour a day of unaccredited classes in the hospital. When she is discharged and can begin school again, she must start over at seventh grade, the relative said.

The relative wasn't sure of Leah's psychological diagnosis, wasn't sure if she had one and wasn't sure if it was correct. The relative doesn't know what treatments Leah would have to face once she was released from the hospital.

A news release from the Cook County Public Guardian's Office, who represents children in state custody in legal matters, stated the court has repeatedly ordered DCFS to provide Leah with consistent, trauma-focused therapy to address a history of sexual abuse and exploitation. DCFS failed to provide the needed treatment, the release stated.

Leah joins nine other children in whose cases Smith is facing contempt charges for not following a judge's order to place them appropriately. Those include an 8-year-old girl locked in a psychiatric hospital for more than seven months after her discharge, a 13-year-old boy kept in a "temporary" shelter five hours away from the child's home for more than five months, and a 17-year-old boy placed in a locked psychiatric hospital for more than four months after he was cleared for release.

Three of the nine children have been moved and the contempt cases have been purged. As of May 13, Leah remained in the hospital.

Leah's relative can't help but wonder what the teenager's future will be. There's a lot stacked against her, but then the relative recalls Leah's sunny disposition and determination. And the silly children's song "Lava" the two used to sing together. The song is about a lonely volcano searching for someone to care for him.

In the song, an animated volcano sings: "I have a dream I hope will come true. That you're here with me and I'm here with you. I wish that the Earth, sea and sky up above, will send me someone to lava." □

Editor's note

Nothing said this week was better than Joe Biden in Buffalo. "Jill and I bring you this message from deep in our nation's soul. In America, evil will not win. I promise you. Hate will not prevail and white supremacy will not have the last word." He condemned the racism, violence and hate spread through the media, the internet and politics. Then he went further, to denounce all that goes into "the lie," big and small. "I call on all Americans to reject the lie, and I condemn those who spread the lie for power, political gain and for profit." He finished: "We have to refuse to live in a country where fear and lies are packaged for power and for profit. This is work that requires all of us. We can do this if we resolve to do it. If we taken on the haters. And those who don't even care, it's just about profit and politics. May the souls of the fallen rest in peace and rise in glory. And may God guide the United States of America." —Fletcher Farrar, editor

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Preserving abortion access

Politicians and protesters react to plans to undo Roe v. Wade

ABORTION | Dean Olsen

Gov. JB Pritzker and other prominent Democrats in Illinois have condemned a draft U.S. Supreme Court decision that would undo the landmark Roe v. Wade ruling issued almost 50 years ago.

They pledged to preserve abortion access in Illinois while half of the states, including the five surrounding states, are poised to ban abortion in most cases if the high court finalizes the draft in June or July.

When asked by a reporter to respond to Illinoisans who oppose abortion and want to see more restrictions enacted – not removed – Pritzker said at a May 12 news conference: “This is a pro-choice state. I’m a pro-choice governor. We have a pro-choice legislature. Yeah, we’re going to stand up for women’s rights and their ability to make decisions for themselves.”

Pritzker said Illinois residents who want to restrict the ability to get an abortion “don’t have to have one, then. They can make that choice for themselves.”

Pritzker called upon the U.S. Senate to codify the 1973 decision legalizing abortion nationwide. But on May 11, there weren’t enough votes to do that. All Republicans, joined by Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, voted “no.”

Pritzker said he was open to signing future bills into law that would make reproductive-health services more affordable and available for Illinoisans and people from other states who may come to the Land of Lincoln for abortion services if Roe falls.

The governor spoke May 11 from inside a Planned Parenthood clinic in Fairview Heights, near the Missouri border, where 75% of the clinic’s patients are from other states, including Missouri, Texas and Kentucky.

State Sen. Christopher Belt, D-Swansea, stood next to Pritzker and said, “Illinois is a safe haven for women because of our leaders who have advocated and fought for this fundamental right.” Laws restricting abortions don’t stop abortions but “ban safe abortions,” Belt said.

Pritzker said he signed the Reproductive Health Care Act into law in 2019 to establish a fundamental right to reproductive health care, including abortion and maternity care.

The governor in 2021 signed into law a bill that will repeal a state law requiring parents of minors seeking an abortion to be notified ahead of the abortion. The repeal takes effect June 1.

Pritzker’s predecessor, Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, signed into law a bill in 2017 repealing a “trigger” law that would have banned abortions except to save the life of a mother if the U.S.



Julie Laut got an abortion as a teenager 30 years ago and now advocates for abortion rights. PHOTO COURTESY JULIE LAUT

Supreme Court struck down Roe.

The bill also expanded taxpayer-subsidized abortions for women covered by Medicaid and state employee insurance.

It’s not surprising Democratic and Republican politicians are reminding voters about their views on abortion and reacting to the draft opinion, especially as the June 28 primary approaches, according to Kent Redfield, emeritus professor of political science at University of Illinois Springfield.

The final Supreme Court decision is expected before the Nov. 8 general election. Redfield said the abortion debate could further energize a Republican base that generally supports abortion restrictions and is capitalizing on voter frustration with President Joe Biden and inflation.

Democratic politicians, whose base isn’t as enthusiastic, have more to gain if Roe falls and pro-choice voters want to prevent restrictions on abortion at the state and federal level, Redfield said.

In Illinois, where Democrats control state government, concern about preserving abortion rights could mitigate voters’ concerns about crime, he said.

“It will have a more positive effect overall, and it will affect Democratic turnout,” he said. “This is something that motivates younger voters, who are more likely to be pro-choice.”

Public officials are being joined by an increasing number of people who have obtained abortions

and are calling for people who support abortion rights to become more politically active.

Julie Laut, an Urbana resident who said she got an abortion in Colorado 30 years ago in the summer after her senior year of high school, spoke at a recent pro-choice rally in Champaign County in response to potential fall of Roe.

Now 47, married and with two adult children, Laut said she was a straight-A student and captain of the girls’ basketball, volleyball and track teams at her rural high school.

The school had abstinence-only sex education, birth control wasn’t easy to get, and fear and shame surrounded unplanned teenage pregnancies, she said.

Laut said she got pregnant even though she and her then-boyfriend used condoms. She said she felt “very isolated” at the time and “was not in a healthy relationship.”

Laut said she “would have had to put my life on hold” to continue the pregnancy. Her parents helped her travel the two-and-a-half hours to a Denver clinic for an abortion at eight to 10 weeks gestation, and she could hear protesters chanting outside the building during the procedure.

“The people in the clinic were incredibly kind,” she said.

Laut said she felt relieved afterward, though she regretted not seeking psychological help to deal with the stigma she also felt. She went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in history and secondary education, master’s and doctorate degrees in history and taught high school students.

Laut said she wants to “demystify and normalize” discussion about abortion, a service that one in four women in the United States will receive sometime during her life.

She said she was furious about the draft decision on Roe and has been upset by legislative action across the country to restrict abortion.

“They want to take the choice away from women, and they fail to provide child care and a living wage and universal health care,” she said. “It’s so shortsighted.”

“No one knows what’s going on in a person’s life,” she said. “We can go out and yell and carry our signs. That’s fine. Where we have failed is to get out and vote and show lawmakers at the federal and state level that we are committed to protecting this aspect of health care.” □

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PHOTO COURTESY GIRLS ON THE RUN

Changing lives with Girls on the Run

CAP CITY | Karen Ackerman Witter

Everyone was a winner on Saturday, May 14, as 440 girls in 3rd-5th grades completed the Girls on the Run (GOTR) 5K at Lincoln Land Community College. Joining them were 150 coaches, 300 community and family members and 100 boys with YMCA STRIDE. The 5K race is a celebration and culmination of a 10-week program that combines physical activity with lessons to build healthy habits for life.

GOTR inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident. That was on full display Saturday. Girls gathered with their teammates and coaches, wearing GOTR T-shirts, race bibs with the number 1 and other embellishments such as tutus. They delighted in getting their hair sprayed a rainbow of colors at the Happy Hair station and selecting other adornments at the Star Power station. Smiles were abundant and excitement rampant.

Then they were off, running and/or walking the 3.1-mile out-and-back course with their coaches and family members. Volunteers cheered them on, ensuring no girl finished alone or last. With the heat and some hills, it was a challenge, and a significant accomplishment. Everyone received a medal at the finish.

There were 32 teams from public and private schools and community organizations throughout central Illinois. It was the inaugural year for teams of boys. STRIDE (Success, Teamwork, Respect, Inspiration, Determination = Excellence in Character) is a national program for boys, similar to GOTR. Andy Smith brought STRIDE to the YMCA Springfield. The program launched this year at Feitshans Elementary, Farmingdale Elementary and Blessed Sacrament schools.

Jennifer Sublett has been executive director of GOTR for a decade. She volunteered at the first 5K in 2004 and was inspired by seeing the faces of the girls as they cross the finish line. She deeply appreciates the hundreds of volunteers who make this event happen. To get involved, go to <https://www.gotrcentralillinois.org/>. □

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Sam McCann says he may plead guilty

Trial for former elected official delayed

COURTS | Dean Olsen

Former state senator and gubernatorial candidate Sam McCann says he is considering pleading guilty as part of an agreement with federal prosecutors to resolve charges that he illegally spent more than \$200,000 in campaign funds.

McCann, 52, a former Republican senator from the Macoupin County community of Plainview, represented the 50th Senate District, which includes parts of Springfield and Sangamon County.

His lawyer, assistant federal public defender Rosana Brown, filed a recent motion to delay a jury trial that was granted by U.S. Magistrate Judge Eric Long.

"A potential resolution has been reached between the parties," Brown's motion said.

"Additional time is required within which to receive a draft plea agreement from the government, to review it with the defendant and permit him time to consider the offers made, and for the entry of a guilty plea or to prepare for jury trial, if necessary," the motion said on McCann's behalf.

McCann didn't reply to a text message and email seeking comment. Brown didn't respond to a request for comment, and a spokeswoman for the Springfield-based U.S. attorney's office for the Central District of Illinois declined comment.

McCann said at a U.S. District Court hearing in February 2021 that he was living in Plainview with his then-13-year-old daughter and 18-year-old son, and was being supported by his wife's earnings as a nurse in the Washington, D.C., area.

McCann previously lived in Carlinville and owned and operated two construction-related businesses.

The next court hearing in the case – a video conference with Long in Urbana – is scheduled for June 13. A potential jury trial in front of U.S. District Judge Sue Myerscough scheduled for May 3 was delayed until at least July 5.

McCann was indicted by a federal grand jury Feb. 3, 2021, on charges of fraud, money laundering and tax evasion related to his "alleged misuse of campaign money for personal expenses," according to a news release from the U.S. attorney's office.

McCann wasn't arrested. He has pleaded not guilty and remains free while the case is pending.

The \$200,000-plus in misspent campaign contributions allegedly came from McCann's



Former state senator and gubernatorial candidate Sam McCann. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

Illinois Senate campaign funds and from money donated to his unsuccessful bid as a Conservative Party candidate for governor in 2018.

McCann served as a state senator for the 49th District from 2011 to 2013 and for the redrawn 50th District from 2013 to January 2019.

The wire fraud and money laundering charges carry potential maximum 20-year prison terms, and the tax evasion charge carries a maximum five-year prison term.

The charges allege McCann used more than \$60,000 in campaign funds to partially fund the purchases of a 2017 Ford Expedition in April 2017 and a 2018 Ford F-250 truck in July 2018 that he used for personal travel.

The charges also say McCann used campaign funds for loan payments on the truck, for fuel and insurance for both vehicles, for two separate personal mortgage loans, a personal loan, about \$187,000 in direct payments to himself, \$52,300 in payments for payroll taxes, credit card payments for a family vacation in Colorado and other personal expenses.

He also allegedly used campaign funds to buy a 2006 recreational motor home and travel trailer, established a recreational rental business in Ohio, then portrayed himself as a renter and used campaign funds to pay rent to himself in 2018. □

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A conservative community activist

Regan Deering seeks Republican nomination for 13th District

POLITICS | Scott Reeder

Smart, ambitious, community-minded.

Those are words those who know Regan Deering use to describe the candidate for the Republican nomination in the 13th Congressional District, an eel-shaped district that stretches from East St. Louis to Springfield to Decatur and ends in Champaign-Urbana.

But as soon as her name comes up, something else is often whispered: "You know she is an Andreas."

Her grandfather was Dwayne Andreas, the man who built Archer-Daniels-Midland Company into the agricultural processing giant that it is today. And no name carries more clout in Decatur.

"People look at that different ways, but I tend to think that most people look at the person, regardless of her relationship with the Andreas family, I mean, she's her own person. She's proven that in multiple ways," said Bruce Pillsbury, head of the Macon County Republican Party.

"I did invest in the first quarter of my campaign. Any future self-funding is yet to be determined," Deering said during a May 13 interview.

That investment came in the form of a personal loan to herself, noted Paul Osborne, a political analyst for WSOY radio, former Decatur mayor and editor of the *Decatur Tribune*.

"Big Andreas was her grandfather. So, there is money and I did notice that she loaned \$150,000 this last quarter to her own campaign. You have to take that into consideration. If she comes out of the Republican primary, she's probably going to have the money to run a pretty strong campaign," he said.

Nikki Budzinski is widely considered the

favorite to win the Democratic nomination. But David Palmer, a Champaign insurance broker, is also on the Democratic ballot. Besides Deering, there are three other GOP hopefuls seeking their party's nod: Terry Martin, a Springfield journalist; Matt Hausman, a Champaign engineer; and Jessie Reising, a Decatur lawyer.

Deering describes herself as a conservative who can work with people across the political spectrum. She holds a bachelor's degree in marine biology from Duke University and a master's in teaching and learning from DePaul University.

"I'm a commonsense conservative. I've worked in my community as a problem solver. I advocate for success for all. And I feel as though my experiences allow me to connect with people and talk about what their concerns are," Deering said.

Her experiences are varied. Shortly after college she worked at Chicago's Shedd Aquarium and then worked as a biology teacher at a private school in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago.

Later she owned a tutoring franchise serving central Illinois.

"I opened my own Huntington Learning Center franchise with a family member here in town," she said. "And it was nice to bring that service to Decatur. They didn't have anything that was tutoring for elementary-age students."

The business grew, and through a state grant, she provided tutoring services within Springfield and Decatur public schools.

"We provided our own teachers, our own curriculum. I had just about 100 teachers between the two districts. So, that was a great opportunity to

think through my passion for education and help a number of students too. But the state was granted a waiver to the No Child Left Behind contracts. And so that business ended in one day. It was really, really crushing. I provided a lot of jobs and a great service to the community, but I couldn't afford to maintain the business after we lost that revenue stream from the state in one day."

Deering, a Decatur resident, is married and has three children. Her two youngest attend Mount Zion public schools and her oldest attends school in Indiana.

Deering was one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit against Gov. JB Pritzker that successfully sought to end the mandate for children to wear masks in Illinois schools.

"I was unhappy that my local school district was changing what was originally a mask-optimal policy for the school year to a mask-mandatory policy based on Gov. Pritzker's renewal of his executive orders," she said. "I was attending my school board meetings. I was sharing the data and the science as far as it related to school-age children and the numbers that were here in our county. And I didn't feel like my parental rights were being recognized as far as making that choice for my children. So, I joined a lawsuit, (lawyer) Tom Devore opened up to families throughout the state."

Abortion is likely to be another central issue in the upcoming elections, and Deering identifies as pro-life.

"I value the rights of the unborn. I want to support women and families in crisis who might be facing an unplanned pregnancy. ... You know, it's

getting a lot of buzz with the Supreme Court leak. The leak gives me hope that the issue is going to return to the states where it belongs, in my opinion. ... I was adopted myself. I was just a few days old. My birth mother chose life. I have lived my life to the fullest, and I always have in the back of my mind, I have a responsibility to make something of my life and value that choice."

Deering said she voted for Donald Trump twice and supports gunowner rights. When asked if there are any gun-control measures she would support, she said she would have to evaluate the legislation on a case-by-case basis.

When asked her current occupation, she says she identifies as a "community activist."

For example, she serves on the board of the Northeast Community Fund in Decatur, a ministry that provides food and clothing and works to empower low-income families. The organization also helps with utilities, housing, medicine and provides for the needs of homeless people.

She has helped raise more than \$1 million for the organization, according to Jerry Pelz, the retired longtime director of the fund.

"When you had been doing this as long as I have, you can tell the difference between people who really have a heart for what we're doing and people who are there because it looks good on their resume. And she had a heart for what she was doing," he said. □

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Avrohom Turen reads from the Torah as Chuck Faingold and Eli Turen look on. The Springfield Chabad Center, 2467 S. MacArthur Blvd., is part of the Chabad movement, a subset of Judaism that stresses traditional worship and focuses on outreach to other Jews. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

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CHABAD IS NEW

The idea that Chabad is traditional worship in Judaism is flawed ("Teaching Jewish traditions," May 12). Chabad as a movement is really young in terms of Judaism's thousands of years of history. Not a great take on Judaism as a whole.

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STOP STEREOTYPING

Scott Reeder writes a column on being open and not making snap judgments and can't resist throwing in a snide generalization about Fox News ("Be curious, not judgmental," May 5). I am a Fox News watcher and have never heard a message that all Muslims hate all Americans. And to imply that his friend has this opinion because she watches Fox is as much a leap as a cow being a

symbol of Judaism.

Holladay Thompson
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Poll shows ‘‘undecided’’ leads GOP governor field

Last week Irvin dodged questions at a news conference, launched new Bailey attack ad

GUESTWORK | Jerry Nowicki, *Capitol News Illinois*

We're little over a month from the June 28 primary, and “undecided” was the lead vote-getter last week in a new poll of 1,000 likely GOP primary voters, with 36.9 percent of respondents falling into that camp.

For those polled who have picked a candidate, Aurora Mayor Richard Irvin had the lead at 24.1 percent, followed by state Sen. Darren Bailey, R-Xenia, at 19.8 percent, Gary Rabine at 7.8 percent, Jesse Sullivan at 7.3 percent, Max Solomon at 2.3 percent and Paul Schimpf at 1.9 percent.

The poll, by WGN-TV, The Hill and Emerson College, was conducted May 6-8, had a 3 percent margin of error, and methods included cellphone messaging, landline voice response and an online panel.

Bailey's camp was quick to say it shows the primary “is a two-person race for the heart and soul of our Republican Party.” Bailey, a former state representative and now state senator, gained notoriety by challenging Gov. JB Pritzker’s executive order authority in court throughout the pandemic, alongside GOP attorney general candidate Thomas DeVore.

He has a staunch conservative voting record in the General Assembly and he’s been jockeying for the endorsement of former President Donald Trump. Per the poll, 57.4 percent of respondents said they would be more likely to vote for a candidate endorsed by Trump, while 18.8 percent said less likely and the rest said it would make no difference.

The Irvin campaign, meanwhile, said it’s Democrats who are propagating Bailey’s campaign. The Democratic Governors Association, to which Pritzker has donated millions from his personal fortune over the past five years, has paid for ads attacking Irvin’s record as a defense attorney.

Last week the DGA also launched a new ad calling Bailey “too conservative for Illinois,” while

listing things that might play well in a GOP primary, such as his 100 percent anti-abortion voting record, his National Rifle Association membership and his support for the Trump agenda. The Irvin campaign pegged the total combined spend of his opponents and outside groups in the GOP primary at \$22 million, including \$8 million directly attacking Irvin.

Irvin’s campaign has spent at least \$12 million, backed by \$45 million from GOP megadonor Ken Griffin, founder of the investment firm Citadel, who was a financial backer of Republican former Gov. Bruce Rauner.

Bailey’s biggest backer is another megadonor, Uline founder Richard Uihlein, who at one time backed Rauner but ended up funding his GOP primary challenger in 2018. He’s given Bailey \$3.5 million.

The DGA ad buys greatly expand Bailey’s statewide exposure. “JB Pritzker is in desperation mode, funding a massive increase in TV ad spending to ensure he gets Darren Bailey as his opponent this November, and Darren Bailey is happily accepting Pritzker’s assistance,” Irvin spokeswoman Eleni Demertzis said in a statement. “Darren Bailey’s candidacy is so weak he needs JB Pritzker to do his dirty work.”

That statement came in an announcement from the Irvin camp that it was launching a new attack ad against Bailey, pegging him as “Pritzker’s favorite tax-raising Republican.” The “tax-raising” attack is aimed at Bailey’s time on the board of the North Clay School District from 1996 to 2012, when he frequently voted to raise tax levies, resulting in an 81 percent property tax increase in the district during his time on the school board.

Bailey has said he appreciates the DGA ads because they show both sides of the political establishment are underestimating him. And he’s



Aurora Mayor Richard Irvin speaks to reporters in Springfield in March during a campaign kickoff event.

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He mostly dodged questions, telling reporters “Let me finish” or “Can I finish?” more than 20 times as he restated campaign talking points and attacks rather than answering. A *Chicago Tribune* headline blared: “GOP candidate for governor Richard Irvin holds a news conference, but dances around questions on abortion, Trump.” Among the questions he dodged were those that sought to clarify his votes in the 2016 and 2020 Democratic primaries and whether he would support Trump in a 2024 election.

“That’s exactly what JB Pritzker wants to be talking about,” Irvin said.

Except Irvin’s camp has accused Bailey and Sullivan of being “never-Trumper” and attacked Bailey for his own vote in a 2008 Democratic primary.

We’ll see if the Irvin camp views last week’s news conference as an indicator that more practice with the media is needed, or if he reverts further into a campaign insulated by the Griffin money.

Pritzker, meanwhile, was pressed on the DGA ads at a May 13 news conference, stating he’s not afraid of any Republican candidates, and any attacks against them should be seen elevating “all of the good that Democrats have done in the state and that I as governor have done in the state.”

“Darren Bailey is the true conservative in this race who fought Pritzker over his lockdowns and mandates while Irvin was hugging and praising him.”

The poll was released two days after Irvin was in Aurora for his first news conference since March. While he called it to publicize a state audit that showed the Illinois Department of Public Health failed to respond quickly to a deadly COVID-19 outbreak at a state-run veterans home in the fall of 2020, reporters largely used the time to drill down on a number of issues Irvin has been avoiding.

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OPINION

Irvin and Bailey vie for Republican gubernatorial nomination

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Gubernatorial candidate Richard Irvin has spent tens of millions of billionaire Ken Griffin's dollars introducing himself to Republican primary voters. Yet, a recent poll taken for WGN TV by Emerson College Polling shows he's leading Sen. Darren Bailey by just 4 percentage points, 24-20, with 19% split between the other four candidates and undecideds "leading" with 37%.

Irvin's TV ads have tended to focus on crime (or corruption), but just 15% of Republican primary voters rate crime as their top Illinois issue, while 54% said the economy was at the top of their list.

Irvin has big leads over Bailey when asked which candidate "is best suited to tackle crime in Illinois." He's ahead of Bailey overall 30-20 with GOP primary voters on the issue, including 32-20 with whites (the vast majority of the GOP base), 38-18 in the suburbs, 33-13 in Chicago, 34-23 with men and 27-16 with women. Bailey is just barely behind outside of the Chicago metro region on the topic at 24-23. If crime were really and truly topmost to Republican primary voters, Irvin would be walking away with this.

Bailey is keeping it close overall partly because he's just slightly ahead of Irvin on the all-important economy issue, 22-21. And that's because Bailey leads Irvin by 8 points (25-15) outside metro Chicago on the topic and leads slightly among women (19-17).

According to the poll, 56% of whites, 57 percent of men, 51% of women, 54% of suburban voters and 61% of Downstaters put the economy at the top of their list, with just 32% of Chicago Republicans prioritizing it and putting the topic in second place.

On crime, the poll found that just 14% of whites, 15% of men, 14% of women, 13% of suburbanites and 10% of Downstaters had the issue at the top of their list, while 40% of Chicago Republicans said it was No. 1.

The Irvin people have said in the past that he is using the crime issue to signal to voters that, despite his outward appearance, he's actually a Republican, without having to trumpet his specific party affiliation in most (not all) of his advertising. It's worked as far as that purpose goes, but he's not yet speaking loudly to the top voter concern. Even so, there's plenty of time and Griffin money to

move on to other items. We'll see.

The Irvin campaign claims that the Democratic Governors Association and Dan Proft's People Who Play by the Rules PAC have spent about \$8 million attacking their guy, with another \$2 million or so on the way in new DGA ads. The Irvin campaign just reloaded with \$25 million from the state's wealthiest resident Griffin after apparently burning through most of Griffin's initial \$20 million "investment." The fact that he's only attracting less than a quarter of the primary vote after all that ought to be hugely concerning. But, as noted above, there's still time to crack the ceiling.

Those anti-Irvin ads are quite obviously having an impact on Irvin's numbers – holding the nominal frontrunner down with the hope that Bailey's campaign can somehow catch fire. But Bailey is such a hapless and cashless candidate that he's going to need something huge.

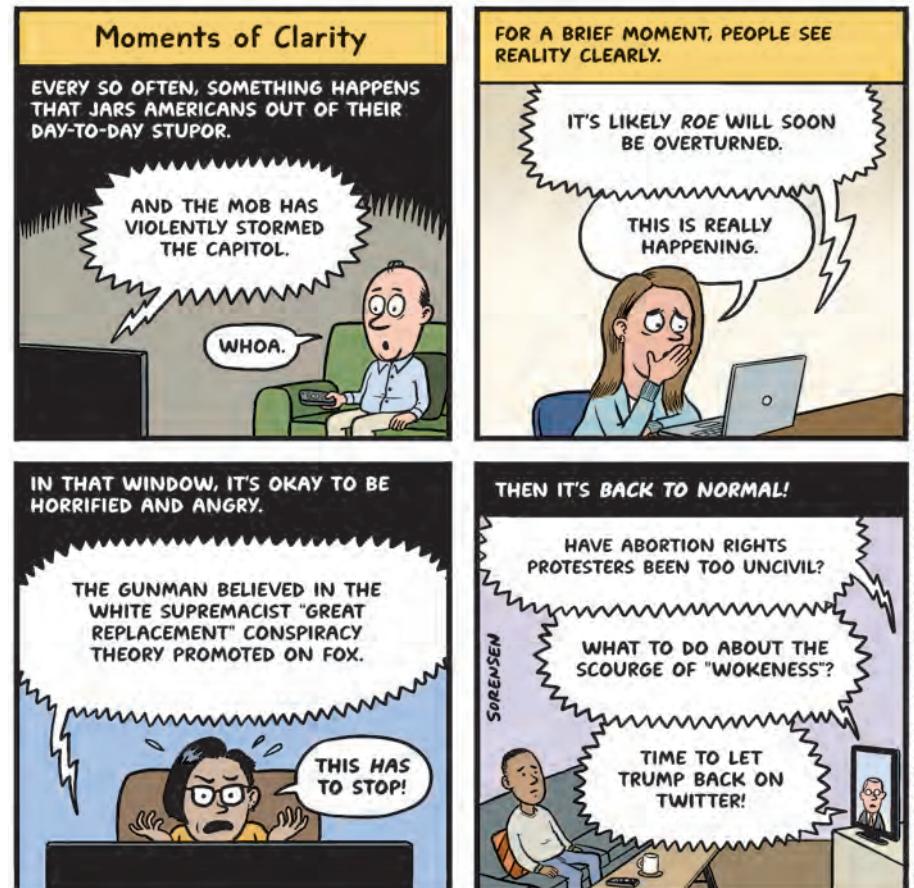
Sen. Bailey has been trying like heck to win former President Donald Trump's endorsement. Bailey recently attended a Mar-a-Lago

fundraiser for US Rep. Mary Miller and has been posting the photo he took with Trump on his social media feeds. He touts the fact that he was a Trump delegate in 2020 and has shown endless irritation at being labeled by Irvin as a Democrat never-Trumper Democrat. But a WTTW news story late last week about how Irvin once said he hated Trump and called the former president an "idiot" and "bigoted racist" might help Bailey secure that nod.

The poll showed that 57% of primary voters would be more likely to vote for a candidate who was endorsed by Trump. Of that large majority of folks who said they'd be more likely to vote for the candidate, 34% were undecided voters.

In other words, Bailey has to secure that Trump nod. It may very well be his only path to prevent those undecideds from eventually breaking toward Irvin. It'll hurt Bailey in the general election, of course, but that's for another time. □

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A slippery slope of subsidies

WEEKLY REEDER | Scott Reeder

Should the government subsidize nostalgia?

I've been thinking about that a lot this past week. The Illinois State Fair was in danger of losing my favorite attraction. No, not the butter cow or Turasky's thin-cut ribeye sandwiches or the annual steer show.

We are talking about serious high-brow entertainment: the Giant Slide.

Just about any ride in Happy Hollow is vomit-inducing for me. But I love that old slide. I've ridden down it with each of my three daughters as soon as they were old enough and brave enough to take the plunge.

The 40-foot-tall slide is for sale again, and several prospective buyers want to take the thing apart and move it out of state.

But Doug Knight, owner of Knight's Action Park, wants to keep it intact and on the fairgrounds.

The Springfield City Council voted Tuesday to support his purchase with a paid sponsorship of the slide, at \$30,000 a year for the next four years. For those who aren't mathematically inclined, that's \$120,000 in taxpayer dollars.

The idea is that the attraction could be embossed with advertising and that would help promote Springfield as a destination. The slide, which was built in 1968, could be decorated with a Route 66 logo and become part of the upcoming Mother Road 100th anniversary observances.

Sorry, I'm not buying it. Advertising isn't the goal of this project. The goal is to keep a beloved icon on the state fairgrounds and the advertising is a means to an end. While the city may get some benefit from the ad, I could point to a half dozen more cost-effective mediums.

Also, the slide isn't in Springfield. Yes, the fair is a wonderful local institution, but the Illinois State Fairgrounds has never been annexed into the city. So, despite the subsidy, the fair attraction will not

contribute to city taxes.

Cities often subsidize private enterprises in the name of entertainment or just as a community amenity. Just think of the number of professional sports stadiums erected by tax dollars. This type of subsidy is not without precedent.

But where do you draw the line? Give money to the Giant Slide and then you are on that slippery slope of subsidizing just about anything.

But sometimes we fund things because they have historic significance.

Well, the most newsworthy thing to happen on the slide was in August of 1978 when then-Gov. James R. Thompson took his newborn daughter down the slide while holding her in his arms.

I was in junior high at the time, and my mother was so outraged she mentioned it just about any time the governor's name came up. "How could he endanger his own child that way?" she would say with a tone of bewilderment bordering on disgust.

Fast-forward 21 years and I'm a statehouse reporter interviewing the now-former governor about his lobbying activities. During the phone interview he was in Las Vegas with his daughter, Samantha, celebrating her 21st birthday.

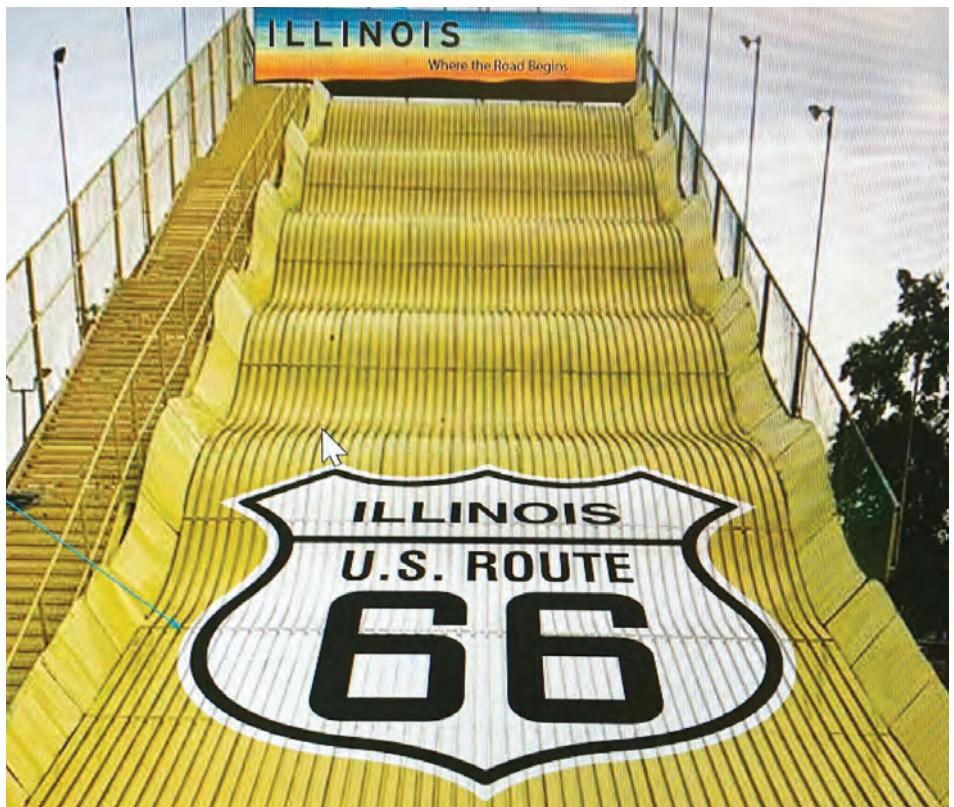
The state fair was going on at the time of our conversation. I did the math in my head and it dawned on me that Mom wasn't exaggerating. Samantha was fresh out of the womb when Big Jim took her plunging down 130-feet of fiberglass.

So, I asked Thompson if he remembered the controversy.

He laughed and said he still had mothers stop him on the sidewalk in Chicago and tell him he shouldn't have taken his daughter on that slide.

After that interview, I didn't give the Giant Slide much thought until I had children of my own.

I first went down the slide with my oldest, Gracie, when she was 3 or 4. We were on the same burlap sack together at the top ready to make



The city of Springfield wants to add a Route 66 emblem to the Giant Slide to promote Springfield as a destination.

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the plunge. She was afraid, but reassured by my presence.

We enjoyed our ride downward and have made it an annual family tradition.

Today my girls are 11, 14 and 16. It's no longer cool to be seen riding the slide with your dad, even if he is a few lanes over. I find myself begging my own kids to go to the slide. I get eyerolls in response. But usually on the final day of the fair we

take the plunge.

While I may think city tax dollars could be better spent, I can guarantee you when I ride down the Giant Slide this year with my three girls, I'll be glad it's still here. □

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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS | David Blanchette

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What happens around the world affects our health and safety, what we can buy and how much we pay for it, and what the future holds for our children. It may seem that big, impersonal, far-removed forces are determining how we live in central Illinois.

But there are a number of entities in the Springfield area that have direct international

connections and are helping to chart the course for our global future. They are businesses and organizations that are taking an active role in how we relate to the countries and citizens with whom we share the planet.

BRANDT

BRANDT products are sold in 82 countries and the Springfield-based company is playing a major role in feeding the world.

"We work in many countries where hunger and a low standard of living exist," said BRANDT

International Vice President Ramon Georgis. "Our role at BRANDT is to provide the yield and quality that will benefit the end user."

Georgis joined BRANDT in 2008 when the company's board of directors wanted to take the firm's products to a wider global market. International sales have gone from point-two percent of BRANDT sales to now accounting for ten percent of the total company revenue.

BRANDT manufactures plant nutrition products, including fertilizers and naturally derived enhancement products that increase yields and

improve plant growth. The company also produces adjuvant chemicals that get mixed with pesticides to improve performance and to reduce "drifting," or going where the chemicals aren't intended.

Six years ago, BRANDT acquired a company in Brazil with \$1 million annual sales, and now BRANDT Brazil is up to \$45 million annually. BRANDT Europe was established through an acquired company in Seville, Spain, five years ago and is doing well. BRANDT has a four-person group in China to manage sales and marketing efforts there, and has a major business

management presence in Australia, Chile, Argentina, Costa Rica, Turkey, Egypt, Morocco and Ukraine.

"We match the product to the country and the crop," Georgis said. "We have some unique technologies, because if you don't have unique technologies you can't compete in the marketplace. If you are the same as everybody else, the customer will simply seek the lowest price."

"Our specialty products are the Mercedes in our mind," Georgis said. "They always give you a predictable level of control and quality of yield enhancement."

BRANDT's global headquarters is located on Koke Mill Road in Springfield and the company has a major research and development complex in Pleasant Plains. BRANDT would like to continue its international expansion, and Georgis said strengthening the use of BRANDT products in the Balkan nations of Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia and Albania is next.

BRANDT is not immune to the global supply chain issues or the war in Ukraine, according to Chief Marketing Officer Karl Barnhart.

"Supply chain issues are very real, they are driving up costs and there are very scary things especially with what is going on in Ukraine, Belarus and Russia," Barnhart said. "A lot of the base fertilizers and commodities come from that part of the world and a lot of the food is grown in that part of the world."

But every business has its challenges and, despite those issues, BRANDT's international trajectory continues to go upward.

"We are taking technologies developed here in the U.S., proven in the fields of central Illinois, and using those technologies to help feed the world," Barnhart said. "But we are also bringing technologies back from different parts of the world that we can use here."

LRS, Inc.

Levi, Ray & Shoup, or LRS Inc., has sales and product support offices in the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Singapore, Australia and Costa Rica, as well as its United States regional offices in California and Connecticut.

The international offices are operated by LRS' Enterprise Output Management Division, the company's largest segment. The division deals with the product on which the company was founded in the early 1980s, software that is embedded in printers, scanners and similar devices.

The nature of LRS' business means that it hasn't been affected as much as other industries by supply chain or COVID-19 issues.

"Since we don't manufacture, we really aren't into hard products, the supply chain hasn't affected us terribly like it would if we were in manufacturing," said LRS Vice President Ryan Levi. "The COVID changes were really a net

benefit to some degree because it cut down on our travel expense.

"The customer understood that we couldn't get in front of them as much as we previously did," Levi said. "So that minimized our expense without affecting our revenue."

Still, there are challenges with doing business

time."

Several nations also make it hard to fire employees.

"The employees can be pretty well protected," Levi said. "Some of those countries make it very difficult, if not impossible, to terminate someone who is not working out."

that overseas expansion was the logical next step. But Levi said that most people who drive past the company's global headquarters on West Monroe in Springfield aren't aware of the firm's international ties.

"The story I hear the most is that people think it's a hospital building," Levi said.

Armbruster Manufacturing Company

The founder of Springfield's Armbruster Manufacturing Company came from Germany, and the 147-year-old firm continues to have foreign business dealings today.

R.H. Armbruster made canvas Conestoga wagon covers for settlers who were moving west in the 1870s, and about 20 years later his small business began making circus tents. The firm has been going strong making tents of all sizes ever since, and the current president, Hellar Armbruster, is the fourth generation to lead the company.

"We manufacture and ship to Europe, Asia, around the world," Armbruster said. "Not as much as we used to because of the pandemic, but we are starting to pick up again internationally. Foreign sales account for about 15 percent of our business."

Armbruster said the company has made tents for delivery to England for many years.

"Pretty much any event you do in England throughout the year needs to be under a tent because of the climate over there," Armbruster said. "I ship a lot of historically accurate tents around the world to different museums, or movies that are made overseas."

Nightmare Alley, a 2021 film featuring Bradley Cooper and Cate Blanchett, was filmed in Toronto and featured custom-made Armbruster circus tents. The movie was nominated for an Academy Award for set production, with the authentic period tents being a major factor in that nomination.

Another foreign filming venture featuring Armbruster tents was the *Anzac Girls* series that was filmed in New Zealand.

"I've shipped tents to Japan for historical productions, museums and art performances," Armbruster said. "We have also shipped a lot of tents to U.S. embassies in Cambodia, Nigeria and other places."

Armbruster said supply chain issues are having a major impact on his business.

"We are seeing raw material shortages in every department, from fabrics to metals to materials. That has really affected our ability to supply quoted products based on delivery," Armbruster said. "We are directing the customer into a product where we know we can get the raw materials and deliver on time. The shipping of supplies from overseas has really affected us and the fabric industry as a whole."

Another foreign business-related issue is



Top: BRANDT Brazil's new headquarters and operations complex. PHOTOS COURTESY BRANDT BRAZIL. Bottom: Employees of Armbruster Manufacturing Company of Springfield hand-craft tents to be shipped throughout the United States and overseas.

in other countries, and Levi said managing human resources with foreign workers is different than in the United States.

"One of the biggest challenges is managing all of the different employment laws such as maternity leave, vacation time, workday length, those kind of things," Levi said. "Some countries allow employees to take holidays for a month at a

Levi said the war in Ukraine has caused LRS to closely monitor its small trade actions in Russia to ensure the firm is in compliance with all current restrictions the United States government puts in place.

Levi said that the LRS decision to go international occurred in 1993 when domestic sales of their software products reached a point

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That lunch discussion 36 years ago resulted in the creation of a Springfield-based chapter of the World Affairs Council of Central Illinois. The lunch attendees, plus Robert Lanphier and Corinne Stocker, formed the organization's initial board of directors, and their first order of business was to establish the group's mission as "the furtherance of public education on international relations and U.S. foreign policy with a firm commitment to eschew political positions or advocacy."

Sangamon State University student Mary Nolan was invited to join the board and served as the World Affairs Council's first president. A monthly meeting schedule was established with dinners followed by a local or nationally known speaker. The annual "Great Decisions" eight-week program for small-group discussions on topical international subjects was added in the 1990s.

The World Affairs Council of Central Illinois has grown to become one of the largest and most active World Affairs Councils in the nation. Speakers through the years have included Nobel Economics Laureate Robert Solow, State Department Middle East negotiator Aaron David Miller, former U.S. Executive Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development James Hudson, Professor of National Security Affairs for the U.S. Naval War College Derek Reveron, and *Washington Post* Bureau Chief for Afghanistan and Pakistan Pamela Constable.

The organization's Young Diplomats program offers Sangamon County area high school students the opportunity to have a private meeting with invited speakers prior to the World Affairs Council's events. These private briefings allow four to five students and a teacher to ask their own questions and have a photo op.

The council hosts eight programs a year, once a month from February through May and September through December. The programs have been primarily via Zoom during the pandemic, with plans to resume in-person programs at the University of Illinois Student Center in September. Programs are free and open to the public. Visit www.mywacci.org for more information. -David Blanchette



Top: A graphic showing LRS offices around the world. COURTESY LRS. **Bottom Left:** Malany with Ukraine delegates: Barb and Lee Malany, right, with several Ukrainian Open World Program delegates. PHOTO COURTESY BARB MALANY. **Bottom Right:** An image taken by Open World Program delegates who had been in Springfield several years ago shows the destruction now occurring in Ukraine. PHOTO COURTESY BARB MALANY.

language, which is particularly crucial because every Armbruster product needs to be made to each individual customer's specifications.

"Sometimes language poses a challenge to be able to understand that I am delivering exactly what they need," Armbruster said.

Open World Program Exchange

The war in Ukraine is intensely personal for some in Springfield who have hosted emerging leaders from that country for several years.

"They have a democracy in Ukraine and they are fighting to save that democracy," said Barb Malany, one of several Open World Program volunteers whose families have hosted visitors from Ukraine and other countries over the past 10 years.

The city of Springfield has partnered with the federal Open World Program for several years to bring emerging young leaders from Ukraine to the capital city. The visitors were parliamentarians and media specialists, and Malany said they were

taken to visit city and county government offices.

"I am still in touch with eight or nine of them," Malay said. "One is a media person who had originally been with a television station, but she is now just reporting, and I read her reports almost every day."

Malany also follows the daily essays written by another Springfield visitor, a Ukrainian physicist who is part of a team of six young men who are doing all they can to help their fellow citizens.

"They find automobiles, fill them up with gas, and drive along the roadways and pick up families that are trying to get to safety in the west part of the country," Malany said. "They also pick up supplies to take back to the soldiers."

"The people that I am in contact with have positive, resilient attitudes. They know they are going to win," Malany said. "They are thankful for all of us who are sending them money or showing support. They feel lucky that we are paying attention to them."

Janet Kenney, chair of the Springfield

Commission on International Visitors, hosted Ukrainian delegates as part of the Open World Program. In the opening days of the war in Ukraine, she recognized Ivan Federov, the mayor of Melitopol, who had been kidnapped by Russian troops. Federov was part of the delegation that visited Springfield in 2019.

"I was watching it on the news and I recognized Ivan. I was actually the one that notified Open World that one of their delegates had been kidnapped," Kenney said. "It was just horrifying to see when they put a bag over Ivan's head and dragged him off. I finally had to turn it off, I couldn't watch it any more."

Kenney went to Ukraine in 2013 and visited three of the delegates she had hosted in Springfield.

"I have a lot of friends in Ukraine," Kenney said. "We always enjoy hosting them, and they have always been very pleased with the hospitality they have received here. That's why it is so difficult to watch what they are going through." □



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Maestro bids farewell with a spirited night of American music

MUSIC | Scott Faingold

This past Saturday, the Illinois Symphony Orchestra performed a program entitled "American Journey" at the UIS Performing Arts Center. The concert was the finale of an enjoyable, if somewhat disappointingly attended, 2021-2022 season, as in-person performance was cautiously reinstated in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. This concert will also be the last conducted by departing music director Ken Lam, who has accepted an unspecified position at a "major international music institution" after five seasons leading the ISO. Lam will reportedly continue as "artistic adviser" for the symphony orchestra, and plans are already underway to launch a search for a new music director.

Saturday's program consisted of works described by Maestro Lam as "three pieces by three iconic composers." The evening got underway with contemporary Iowa-born composer Michael Daugherty's brief but impactful musical travelog, "Route 66," which proved to be fast-paced, jazzy and uniquely percussion-driven. "The percussionists are very happy because they're not just counting rests, they're actually playing most of the time," Lam joked while introducing the piece, also noting that a few ISO musicians had donned earplugs due to the increased sonic wallop.

Internationally renowned guest violinist William Hagen next took the stage for a thrilling rendition of Erich Wolfgang Korngold's violin concerto, which was first performed in 1947 by the St. Louis Symphony with soloist Jascha Heifetz. Korngold, a Jewish citizen of Vienna, had fatefully accepted a job in California working on the musical score for Errol Flynn's 1938 film, *The Adventures of Robin Hood*, when the Nazis invaded Austria. The job likely saved his life. Korngold remained in America and became a naturalized citizen in 1943.

According to Lam, Korngold's highly dramatic, and cinematic, concerto has rarely been played over the years, largely due to how difficult it is to perform. The Salt Lake City-bred Hagen proved more than equal to the challenge posed by Korngold's complexity, responding with a fiery and charismatic virtuoso performance. Hagen's dynamism seemed to egg the ISO musicians to their own collective heights and there were even times when soloist and conductor, bursting with kinetic spirit, seemed almost to break into a spontaneous dance. The rousing climax brought an enraptured audience to its feet.



ISO music director Ken Lam. COURTESY OF ILLINOIS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

After a short intermission, the second half of the evening consisted of two pieces by Pennsylvania-born composer Samuel Barber (1910-1981). The melancholy "Adagio for Strings" came first, described as a "national lament" by Lam, who also recalled his first encounter with the composition, in his youth, listening over a car radio. "I was just blown away, it was the most incredible feeling," he said. "[Barber] just touches you with his writing."

The evening concluded with Barber's Symphony No. 1, which Lam described as "arguably the best American symphony" (with possible competition from Copland and/or Bernstein). The approximately 20-minute-long symphony is performed in one movement with four different sections. Characteristic of his enthusiastic and inclusive style, Lam began by walking the audience through elements of the piece, directing specific instrumentalists to demonstrate musical themes, providing uninitiated audience members with a "road map" of Barber's work. The musicians of the ISO proceeded to give an emotional final performance under the guidance of a conductor and musical director whose earnest, relatable presence and vision have served both these dedicated musicians and their sparse but appreciative audiences very well indeed over the last few uniquely difficult years. □

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Grilling on a budget

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

Grilling season is finally upon us.

Unfortunately, so is frequent sticker stock as prices continue to rise at the grocery and gas station. For those looking to celebrate the season on a budget I present three cookout menus just in time for Memorial Day. All are as delicious as they are wholesome while making good use of inexpensive ingredients like pork shoulder steak (truly the most delicious type of steak, in my opinion), perfect for a dinner party or potluck.

Grilled Pork Steaks with Radish Top Chimichurri, Grilled Potatoes and Asparagus

Serves 4-6

Ingredients

1 teaspoon kosher salt
 ½ teaspoon each pepper, garlic powder and dried thyme
 3 bone-in ½-inch-thick pork shoulder steaks, about 3 pounds total
 1 bunch radishes
 2 cloves fresh garlic (scapes work wonderfully here)
 ¼ teaspoon salt
 ¼ cup parsley leaves
 5 tablespoons olive oil, divided
 Zest and juice of one lemon
 A pinch of sugar
 1 ½ pounds new potatoes, scrubbed clean
 1 teaspoon cider vinegar or lemon juice
 1 ½ pounds asparagus
 Minced chives or green onions, to serve

Preparation

Combine the salt and dried seasonings, then generously sprinkle the pork steaks on both sides. Set aside while you prepare the rest of the menu (at room temperature for up to one hour or in the fridge for up to 12 hours).

Cut the tops off the radishes and set the radishes aside. Wash and dry the greens. Add the garlic cloves and salt to the bowl of a food processor and process until finely chopped. (You can also do this by hand.) Add the washed radish greens, parsley, lemon juice and zest and a pinch of sugar. Turn on the machine and pour in the olive oil in a slow, steady stream and process to a pesto-like consistency. Taste for seasoning, then transfer to a bowl and set aside.

If the potatoes are large, halve or quarter them so that they are uniform 1½-inch pieces. (Don't cut them so small that they'll fall through the grill grates.) Place in a



Lamb kebab

microwave-safe bowl and add ¼ cup water (or wine or beer). Cover and microwave for three minutes on high, then stir gently and return to the microwave to cook for another two to three minutes (exact time will depend on your microwave) until the potatoes are just fork tender. Drain, then immediately sprinkle with salt and toss with a dash of vinegar or squeeze of lemon. Set aside.

Trim 1 inch off the bottom of the asparagus stalks, then use a vegetable peeler to peel the bottom half of the stalk.

Preheat the grill to high heat. Brush the steaks with olive oil, then cook over high heat, turning every two minutes, until the steaks are lightly charred and an instant-read thermometer registers 140 degrees when inserted into the thickest part of the meat. Transfer the steaks to a cutting board to rest.

Reduce the grill heat to medium high. Toss the steamed potatoes and prepped asparagus with olive oil, then grill until the asparagus is crisp tender and the potatoes are nicely grill-marked.

Slice the steaks across the grain and arrange them on a platter along with the potatoes and asparagus. Thinly slice the reserved radish bottoms over the top and sprinkle with minced chives and serve with the radish top chimichurri on the side.

Grilled Sesame Orange Chicken with Ginger Soy Rice Salad

Serves 4-6

For the chicken:

8-12 chicken legs and/or bone-in thighs
 1 cup orange juice
 1 onion
 5 cloves garlic
 ½ cup soy sauce
 2 tablespoons sesame oil
 Minced scallions and sesame seeds for garnish, optional

For the rice salad:

2 cups brown sushi rice
 ½ cup soy sauce
 ¼ cup neutral vegetable oil
 Juice and rind of one lemon
 2 cloves garlic, minced
 4-6 green onions, thinly sliced
 1 cup sliced veggies such as bell peppers, snap peas or cucumbers
 1 cup roasted unsalted peanuts or ½ cup roasted sunflower seeds

Preparation

For the chicken:
 Combine the orange juice, onion, garlic, soy sauce and sesame oil in a blender. Process until smooth then pour over chicken. Cover and refrigerate overnight and up to three days. When ready to cook, there are two alternatives. Either cook the chicken directly on a medium grill, rotating frequently until cooked through, about 30 minutes, or you can prebake the chicken in a 350-degree

oven for 30 minutes or pressure cook for 8 minutes. Transfer to a medium-high grill to finish browning and crisp the skin. Let rest 15 minutes before serving.

For the rice salad:

Cook the rice according to the package directions. Mix in the soy sauce while still hot and transfer to a large mixing bowl to cool to room temperature.

Combine the oil, lemon rind and juice and pour over the cooled rice. Mix in the dressing, then add the sliced green onions and veggies and gently toss to combine. Stir in the peanuts or sunflower seeds just before serving.

Lamb Kebabs with Quinoa Tabbouleh

Serves 4-6

Ingredients

For the lamb:
 1 pound ground lamb (pork or beef work also)
 1 onion, minced
 2 cloves garlic
 2 tablespoons minced parsley
 1 teaspoon cumin
 ½ teaspoon each salt, coriander, paprika and turmeric
 ¼ teaspoon each cinnamon and black pepper
 12 bamboo skewers, soaked in water

For the quinoa tabbouleh:

2 cups cooked quinoa
 1-2 cloves garlic, minced
 1 bunch parsley
 2-3 large handfuls baby spinach
 1 seedless cucumber, diced
 1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
 Juice of one lemon
 ¼ cup olive oil
 Salt and pepper to taste

Preparation

To make the lamb skewers, combine the lamb, minced onion, parsley, garlic and dry seasonings. Mix well to combine, then refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or overnight. When ready to grill, divide the mixture into 12 pieces. Form each into a ball around the end of a skewer, flattening them into a flat oval shape. Brush lightly with olive oil before cooking on a preheated medium hot grill for about six to eight minutes until cooked through.

To make the salad, combine all the ingredients and toss gently to combine. Taste for seasoning and serve. □



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MUSIC



This week The Deep Hollow plays the Curve Inn on Thursday at 6 p.m. and downtown at PrideFest on Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

Mid-May music mayhem

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

As we roll the old chariot along through the merry month of May, the live music scene keeps rolling along as well. A delightful assortment of things is in store for you to experience if you're willing to make a move to see what's out there.

We have a Thursday worth crowing about, so let's get started with a visit to the venerable Curve Inn and a performance by the one-and-only The Deep Hollow from 6 to 9 p.m. The triumphant trio of Elizabeth Eckert, Dave Littrell and Micah Walk are nothing short of outstanding whenever they hit, and at Ric Major's super-duper soundstage at the Curve, you're guaranteed to hear it all just right. Next, the talented singer and guitarist known as Joel Honey brings his "Jams" front and center at the Hickory River Smokehouse, while Curt Smith, a songsmith of high caliber, takes it to the patio at Casey's Pub at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Meadowbrook Road during the big money raffle going on there. Downtown Springfield gives us the business this Thursday with three live music performances including Me, Myself & Schy at Boones, Joel Gragg at Buzz Bomb and Brandon Santini's Big Time Blues Trio at Whiskey Jack's.

Friday is so full of regular area acts hitting all the hot spots I'm not even going to go there this week, but you can find all the cool cats collected in one place in our live music listings, both online and in print. I'll drop a plug for the one entertainer not from these-here-parts and give a shout out to singer-songwriter Chris Knight playing at Boondocks with support from local mover-and-shaker, Cody Lee Moomey. Chris is no stranger to playing Springfield, and his life work as a successful Nashville songwriter and a killer touring performer precedes him, giving you all the confidence you need to know you're going to experience an incredible show.

In our fairs and festivals department, it's the

return of Springfield PrideFest and the Old Capitol Art Fair, both of which have plenty of live music action to supplement the "Pride" and the "Art" already abundantly in force at the respective events.

On Saturday, PrideFest begins with the PrideParade at 11:30, then after the noon ribbon cutting, vendors open and activities commence, along with live music by The Deep Hollow (12:30 p.m.), Thornhill (2:15 p.m.) and the Bluewater Kings Band (4 p.m.).

The OCAF, back after a two-year absence (what – what happened?), delivers bands galore including the Municipal Band (10 a.m.), Rhodes & Battles (10:15 a.m.), Solar Chariot (11:30 a.m.), Mary Jo Curry (1:15 p.m.) and Kapital Sound (3:15 p.m.) on Saturday and Levi & Jacqueline (10 a.m.), Blue Ribbon Revival (11 a.m.), Tom Irwin & the Raouligans (12:30 p.m.) and Suburban Mystics (2:30 p.m.) on Sunday. That's really an incredible bunch of music in just a couple days, all for free and for fun and for you to enjoy.

Other Saturday adventures include Danenberger's Nickipalooza with a stellar, all-day-long lineup of Brandon Santini, Birds of a Feather, The Station and Sunshine Daydream (in that order, starting at 2 p.m.), the African American History Museum's program, "Exploring the African American Genres," presented by Dr. Ann Joseph and featuring musicians Steve Alexander, Judy Betts Davis and Allen Davis as The JAS Trio (1-2:30 p.m.) and Off the Wall getting wild at the Springfield Ski & Boat Club's season opener on Saturday night (7 p.m.).

And this is where I say, check out our calendar listings, because even with all that, there's still plenty more to choose from in our terrific Springfield music scene. □

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Thursday May 19

George Caton
1st and 3rd Boutique and Wine Bar, Petersburg, 6-8pm

Me, Myself, and Schy
Boone's, 6-9pm

Joel Gragg
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

The Deep Hollow
Curve Inn, 6-9pm

Jackpot Karaoke with Debbie Cakes
Curve Inn, 7-11pm

Joel Honey Jams
Hickory River Smokehouse, 5:30-8pm

Curt Smith
Knights of Columbus Casey's Pub, 5:30-8:30pm

Brandon Santini's Big Time Blues Trio
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 7pm

Friday May 20

Johnnie Owens
The Alibi, Rochester, 9pm-12am

Brian Cutright
Anchors Away, 8pm

Off the Wall
The Blue Grouch Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

Open jam with Tom Beverly and Friends
Bob's Butternut Hut, 6-10pm

Chris Knight/Cody Lee Moomey
Boondocks, 7pm

Friday Night Jazz - Colin Helton Band
Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

Jambalaya Jazz with Frank Parker
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

RockHouse
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

B-Flat Karaoke
Dew Chilli Parlor Grill Pub on North Grand, 7-11pm

Solar Chariot
George Rank's, 8-11pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Band
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

X-Krush
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 6-10pm

Sushi Roll Band
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30-10:30pm

Kapital Sound
Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum, 8pm

Risky Rooster Band
Third Base Sports Bar, 7-10pm

Next Thing Smokin'
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30-10:30pm

Saturday May 21

3's Company
The Blue Grouch Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

William Clark Green
Boondocks, 7pm

James Taylor | Paul Simon | Jim Croce Tribute
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

Downstate
Chatham-Auburn Memorial VFW Post 4763, Chatham, 2-4pm

Samson Jones Gang
Chatham-Auburn Memorial VFW Post 4763, Chatham, 6-8pm

The Big Suns
Crows Mill Pub, 6:31-10:25pm

Sadistic Cowboys
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Nickipalooza
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 2-11pm

Wolf Crick Boys
George Rank's, 8pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Band
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

Fun DMC
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 6-10pm

UNCHAINED
Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum, 8-11pm

Blue Country Review
Sangamo Brewing Co., Chatham, 7-9pm

Off the Wall
Springfield Ski and Boat Club, 7-10pm

After School Special
Walnut Street Winery, Rochester, 7-10pm

Branded
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30pm

Sunday May 22

Morgan Peterson
1st and 3rd Boutique and Wine Bar, Petersburg, 2-4pm

Wowie Zowie
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

3's Company
Casey's Pub, 2-5pm

Nate Cozadd
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Classic Sounds
Sheedy Shores WineGarden, Loami, 2pm

Buckhart Road
Slaterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn, 12-3pm

Tom Irwin & the Raouligans
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 4-7pm

Michael Burnett
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 1:22-4:23pm

Monday May 23

The Drifter Kings
The Alamo, 7pm

Al Kitchen
The Stadium Bar & Grill, 6-9pm

Open mic with Joel Honey and Silas Tockey
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 8-11pm

Tuesday May 24

Open jam with Jeff Lapping
George Rank's, 8-11pm

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

Michael Burnett
Sky Lounge, 6:32am

Chris Camp and his Blues Ambassadors
The Stadium Bar & Grill, 6-9pm

Wednesday May 25

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas
KC Lake Club, Chatham, 6-9pm

Ella Gibson
Obed and Isaac's, 6pm

The Kitchens
Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum, 6-9pm



WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT

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Saturday, May 21 • 6pm
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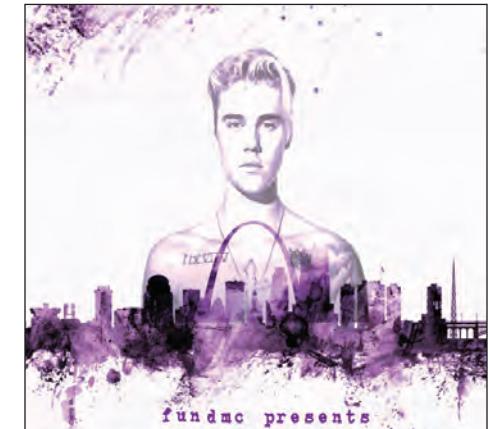
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THE CALENDAR

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■ Special Music Events

"Weird Al" Yankovic

Sun., May 22, 7-9pm. Almost four years after his first foray into unfamiliar concert territory with his highly-acclaimed Ridiculously Self-Indulgent, Ill-Advised Vanity Tour, he is pressing his luck again. Admission. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Good Vibes!

May 20-21, 7:30pm. From novelty songs to jazz and much more, Damien Kaplan and Mark Gifford bring you a show of artistry, entertainment and a bit of the antics for which they are known. hcfta.org. \$18-\$20. Hoogland Center for the Arts, Theatre III, 420 S. 6th St., 523-2787.

Just Pretend

May 25-28, 6-11:59pm. Featuring Johnny Cash tribute artist and Elvis tribute artist. A portion of the proceeds to benefit the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight. 45.00. Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, 625 E. Saint Joseph St., 515-212-9353.

it Music at the Museum

Sat., May 21, 1-2:30pm. Exploring the African American Genres, presented by Dr. Ann Joseph and featuring the instrumentalists of The JAS TRIO: Steve Alexander, drum percussionist, Judy Betts Davis on keyboard and Allen Davis on bass guitar. Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, 1440 Monument Ave., 217-6323.

Spring Cantata

Sun., May 22, 10:30am. New Life Choir along with a full symphony orchestra. Springfield First United Methodist Church, 2941 S. Koke Mill Road, 217-793-9760.

Theater & Comedy

Mama's Day

May 20-21, 7pm and Sun., May 22, 3pm. A woman has chosen to use her life to transform her corner of

the world. This is a transcendent love that crosses barriers of age, race, class, denomination, affiliation and time. Even in death, she is a compelling force for change. By local playwright Donna Jefferson. \$20. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

■ Art & Architecture

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May 21-22. A juried indoor art event. Lincoln Plaza Galleria, 4 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-679-2581.

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Through May 22. Girls Scouts of Central Illinois council-wide show and auction. Artwork by scouts will be on display for public viewing and bidding in the H.S. Smith Gallery. Silent auction held online. Meet the Artists reception Sunday, May 22, 3-5pm. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Old Capitol Art Fair

May 21-22. This tradition of fine art has brought artists and shoppers from across the country flocking to downtown Springfield's two-day outdoor art gallery for 60 years. socaf.org. Old State Capitol Art Fair,

Downtown Springfield.

Sketch & Sip: Nature

Fri., May 20, 6:30-8pm. An evening sketching. Supplies, guidance and refreshments will be provided. No artistic ability required. Must be 21 or older. Registration required. Limited space. illinoistatemuseum.org. \$18-\$22. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-6044.

■ Film & Television

King Richard

Fri., May 20. A look at how tennis superstars Venus and Serena Williams became who they are after the coaching from their father Richard Williams. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Part of the Movies in the Park series. Begins at sunset. Free. Velasco Tennis Center, 2500 S. Grand Ave. W., 217-753-6225.

■ Food & Drink

Old Capitol Farmers Market Wednesdays, Saturdays, 8am-1pm. Shop for fresh local produce, baked goods and products. Please note health guidelines will be followed. Old Capitol Farmers Market, Fourth and Adams streets, 217-544-1723.

■ History

Bike tours

Wednesdays. Five-mile tours at 10am. Eight-mile tours at 1pm. Ride your own bicycle on a guided, neighborhood-style ride going by the Dana-Thomas House, first Black firehouse, Lincoln's Home, Old State Capitol, Lincoln Tomb and others. Information provided at each site. Helmets required. A water bottle is recommended. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

Underground Railroad walking tour

Wednesdays, 1-1:45pm. Explores several locations in Springfield that have significance to the Underground Railroad, such as the Old State Capitol and the Lincoln Home neighborhood, plus other lesser-known locations. Part of History Comes Alive. Free. Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 413 S. Eighth St., 217-524-3971.

The Illinois Freedom Project

Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10am-4pm. This exhibit tells the story of Illinois' long fight for freedom from slavery. It is on loan from the National Park Service. Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, 1440 Monument Ave., 217-391-6323.

Military history hike

Wednesdays, 1-2:30pm. Visit the graves of both significant historical figures and individuals whose stories have been forgotten over time. Expect to walk on hills, stairs and on uneven and unpaved surfaces. Appropriate footwear and bottled water suggested. Reservations strongly recommended. Free. Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site, 1500 Monument Ave., 217-785-7960.

■ Faith & Philosophy

Tonglen Meditation

Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm. A six-week class on the Tibetan Buddhist practice of Tonglen meditation, an ancient meditation that uses the practices of visualization and sympathetic imagination to develop selfless compassion and kindness towards others. unityofspringfieldil.org. Love offering. Unity of Springfield, 417 Cordelia, 217-523-5897.

■ Fairs & Festivals

Springfield PrideFest

Sat., May 21, 12-10pm. A day of embracing diversity and celebrating the local LGBTQ community. Kid's area, live entertainment, great vendors and food and drinks.

Organized by the Phoenix Center. phoenixcenterspringfield.org. Y Block, Fourth and Jackson streets, 217-528-5253.

■ Fundraisers

Breakfast fundraiser

Thu., May 19, 7:30-8:30am. Guest speaker Jamar Scott. Donations are welcome as investments in the work of the Faith Coalition for the Common Good. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 S. Walnut St., 217-522-4415.

■ Children's Corner

Family Storytime on Lincoln's Lawn

Thursdays, 10:30-11am. Sun-soaked stories, songs and movement. Read, write, talk, sing and play. Children must be accompanied by an adult. In case of rain, event will take place in the Library. Free. Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 413 S. Eighth St., 217-752-4900.

Junior Naturalists

Sat., May 21, 10am-12pm. A drop-off program for young naturalists age 5-8 with hands-on activities and outdoor exploration. \$35 for three sessions or \$15 individual sessions. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-836-5400.

Senior Naturalists

Sat., May 21, 10am-12pm. A drop-off program for ages 8-12 with hands-on activities and outdoor exploration. Call for registration information. \$35 for three sessions, \$15 individual sessions. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

Tiny Adventurers

Wed., May 25, 10-11am, 1-2pm. A hands-on nature exploration program for children ages 3 to 5 with an adult chaperone. Call for registration information. \$5 per session per family. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

■ Nature, Science & Environment

Spring seedling sale

Mondays-Saturdays, 9am-2pm. Vegetable, herb and flower seedlings grown from organic seeds and no chemicals. Shop while seedlings last. Jubilee Farm, 6760 Old Jacksonville Road, 217-787-6927.

■ Lectures & Meetings

Al-Anon District 19 of Greater Springfield

Mondays-Saturdays. Ten meetings are held in the local area each week.

THE CALENDAR



King Richard

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FILM | Movies in the Park

it This summer the Springfield Park District will once again host a series of outdoor monthly movies which are free and family friendly. Each movie will begin at dusk, around 8 p.m. The first movie of the series is the 2021 American biographical sports drama film King Richard, starring Will Smith and Aunjanue Ellis. The film, which received six Academy Award nominations, takes a look at how tennis superstars Venus and Serena Williams became who they are after being coached by their father, Richard Williams. Bring lawn chairs or blankets, and stop by early to join in some fun family activities before the show. Part of the Movies in the Park series. springfieldparks.org.

Five are in-person and five are a combination of in-person and via Zoom. Call 217-891-2981 or visit spi-alanon.weebly.com for more information. Various locations, Springfield, 217-891-2981.

Gamblers Anonymous
Wednesdays, Sundays, 6:30-8pm. Do you or a family member have a gambling problem? Gamblers Anonymous of Springfield can help. No dues or fees and the only requirement is to have a desire to stop gambling. Call for more information. Hope Presbyterian Church, 2211 Wabash Ave., 217-414-6690.

Progress Not Perfection Al-Anon
Mondays, 6pm. Meets in person in handicapped-accessible private home in Riverton. Parking is available. Call for more information. 217-899-0432.

Refiner's Recovery
Thursdays, 6:30-8pm. A safe place to heal from addictions and life-controlling issues with a journey through nine biblically based pillars to healing, freedom and growth. Free. Destiny Church, 1425 N. Fifth St., 217-685-4124.

Keepin' It Real Al-Anon
Saturdays, 6pm. Meeting in person. Call for more information. Illiopolis United Methodist Church, Illiopolis, 501 Matilda St., 217-433-3671.

Bulletin Board

Gold Star Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

Monday, May 30, 8:00-10am. Bring pictures, memorabilia, yearbooks and any other items to help remember the 13 young men of Morgan County who gave their last full measure in the Vietnam War. Open to the public. Call for reservations no later than May 22. 904-314-0169. Hamilton's, Jacksonville, 110 N. East St., 904-314-0169.

it Grand Opening

Sat., May 21, 12pm-12am. Ceremonial kickoff at noon. Banquet hall tours at 12:30pm. Food and beer trucks, raffles, silent auction, bags tournament and live music. Chatham-Auburn Memorial VFW Post 4763, Chatham, 214 W. Chestnut St., 217-486-4613.

Sigma Gamma Rho Exhibit

Through May 31. Celebrating the 100-year anniversary of the sorority. Highlights notable members of the Springfield, Illinois chapter, and includes unique keepsakes and memorabilia. spiaahm.org.

Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, 1440 Monument Ave., 217-391-6323.

Business Development Center can help, offering consulting services and programs for individuals interested in starting or growing a business. cisbdc.com. Free. 217-522-2772.

State of the City Luncheon

Thu., May 19, 11:30am-1pm. Mayor Langfelder will provide a status report for the City of Springfield and review accomplishments and challenges of the past year. Springfield Chamber members \$50, others \$70. President Abraham Lincoln Hotel & Conference Center, 701 E. Adams, 217-544-8800.

Health & Fitness

Fasters meeting

Fourth Tuesday of every month, 6-7pm. A group discussion and support for a healthy lifestyle through intermittent fasting and eating real food. Springfield Clinic 1st, 900 N. First St., Room 1105A. Text or call with any questions. 217-725-6715.

Sports

The Grand Wrestling Spectacle X

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Experience with QuickBooks software and usage of standard accounting practices required.

Interest in history or the arts and non-profit organizations desired.

Respond to:
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Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS

Nationstar Mortgage LLC Plaintiff,

vs.

Matthew Duffy, AKA Matthew A. Duffy; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants.

Case No. 2022FC000012
 1833 East Keys Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702

Judge Adam Giganti

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on April 13, 2022, Jack Campbell will on June 14, 2022, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Second Floor, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 1833 East Keys Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702
 Parcel Number(s): 14-23.0-332-030, 14-23.0-332-031

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.
 Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property 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 will NOT be open for inspection.

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

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 22-000725.

Zachariah L. Manchester
 MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 One East Wacker, Suite 1250
 Chicago, IL 60601
 Telephone: 312-651-6700
 Fax: 614-220-5613
 Attorney No.: 6303885
 Email: StateEFilings@manleydeas.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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The UIS Division of Advancement is searching for a Business Manager who will serve as the primary assistant to the UIS Vice Chancellor for Advancement/Senior Vice President, University of Illinois Foundation. The position is responsible for initiating and coordinating the office support functions required for effective implementation of administrative policies and practice of the UIS Division of Advancement. Duties performed will require coordination of the activities of the Vice Chancellor/Senior Vice President and the UIS Division of Advancement including programs, policies and procedures of both the University of Illinois Springfield and the University of Illinois Foundation (UIF); assisting in budget development and coordinating fiscal operations within the unit, skill in managing and supervising clerical staff and student workers, managing the personnel functions of the office, work flow and records management; the ability to operate computer systems utilizing various office software packages.

Deadline to apply is 5/23/2022.

Minimum Starting Salary: \$25.64 per hour/7.5 hour workday

A more complete description of duties can be found at
<https://jobs.uis.edu/job-board/>



The UIS Division of Advancement is searching for a Stewardship and Donor Relations Coordinator who will play a crucial role in developing, implementing and managing stewardship efforts to complement the efforts of the UIS Division of Advancement. This position will create and manage the stewardship plans for donors of scholarships and other major gifts in coordination with the Division of Advancement Directors of Development and other staff; manage the UIS scholarship award process in conjunction with the UIS Office of Financial Assistance and affected programs on campus; work with Advancement event staff on the annual scholarship recognition event and additional stewardship events including, but not limited to, the annual PAR scholarship selection and other individual unit recognition; coordinate the processing and distribution of annual scholarship recipient bio and thank you letters to donors; provide annual reminders to gift officers of annual renewal for scholarships and upcoming pledge completions; support campus needs with ordering and updating campus plaques, signs and other stewardship recognition; provide guidance with the creation and spending of gift accounts for the University of Illinois Springfield.

Deadline to apply is 5/23/2022.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

In the Matter of the Estate of:

William T. Owen,

Deceased.

No. 2022-PR-157

NOTICE TO HEIRS AND

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given of the death of William T. Owen of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on April 27, 2022, to Carolyn O. Sommer, 5769 North Lake Road, Springfield, Illinois, 62711, 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 William T. Owen of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Carolyn O. Sommer, Daniel L. Owen, William Timothy Owen and Theodore T. Owen as the only heirs of William T. Owen.

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

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

Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Sarah Delano Pavlik - 6269250
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Springfield, Illinois 62701
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sdpavlik@delanolaw.com

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

In the Matter of the Estate of:

Aaron Richard Leake,

Deceased.

No. 2021-PR-191

NOTICE TO HEIRS AND

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given of the death of Aaron Richard Leake, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on May 5, 2022, to Daurene Leake, 2073 North 8th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62702 as Administrator, 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 Aaron Richard Leake of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Adrian Richard Leake the sole heir of Aaron Richard Leake.

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.

Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of:

Robert E. Garland,

Deceased.

No. 2022-PR-195

NOTICE TO HEIRS AND

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given of the death of Robert E. Garland of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on May 12, 2022, to Susan B. Garland, 3541 Glengate Drive, Springfield, Illinois, 62711, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

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

Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of:
JOANNA ELAINE RENTSCHLER,

Deceased.

No. 2022-PR-174

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Joanna Elaine Rentschler of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 25, 2022, to F. Otto Rentschler, 8286 Oak Crest Road, Dawson, Illinois 62520, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Randall W. Segatto, 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 1, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 25th day of April, 2022.
Randall W. Segatto - 06193211
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
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Springfield, IL 62705-0079
(217) 544-4868
rsegatto@barberlaw.com
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of:

Kelly Sullivan,

Deceased.

No. 2022-PR-198

NOTICE TO HEIRS AND

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given of the death of Kelly Sullivan, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on May 12, 2022, to Darlene McBride, 2501 South Glenwood Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, 62704 as Administrator, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

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 14, 2022, 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.

Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of:
FRANCES A. FEHRING,

Deceased.

No. 2022-PR-197

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Frances A. Fehring of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 11, 2022, to Patty J. Matthews, 17 Wind Cave Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62712, 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 18, 2022, 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 28th day of April, 2022.
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753
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Springfield, IL 62705
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bsegatto@barberlaw.com

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

ESTATE OF:
MARJORIE H. CRENSHAW, CASE NO.

No. 2022-PR-192

Deceased.

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of MARJORIE H. CRENSHAW. Letters Testamentary were issued on May 12, 2022, appointing DONNA J. GREEN, 5760 Hunter Rd., Rochester, IL 62563, as Executor, whose attorney is Herman G. Bodewes of Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C., 900 Community Drive, Springfield, IL 62703; Phone: (217) 525-1571.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before November 14, 2022, 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.

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

Estate of:

STEVEN R. HAINES,

Deceased.

No. 2022-PR-187

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Steven R. Haines of Rochester, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 6, 2022, to Caitlin J. Ramsey, 6001 Farmhouse Drive, Franklin, Tennessee 37067, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Randy S. Paswater, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before November 14, 2022, 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 12th day of May, 2022.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Sangamon County, Illinois
200 South Ninth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Herman G. Bodewes
ARDC No. 0241563
GIFFIN, WINNING, COHEN & BODEWES, P.C.

900 Community Drive
Springfield, IL 62703
Telephone: (217) 525-1571
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62701 or with the representative, or both, on or before November 24, 2022. Any claim not filed by 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 12th day of May, 2022.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Sangamon County, Illinois

200 South Ninth Street

Springfield, Illinois 62701

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executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 12th day of May, 2022.

Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930)

Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535)

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

ESTATE OF:

DARLENE MAE NAYLOR, Deceased

No. 2022-PR-37

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of DARLENE MAE NAYLOR, Letters of Office were issued

on May 4, 2022 to TINA MARIE PILE, 801 S Indiana Ave, Alexandria, IN as Independent Executive whose attorney is Donald M. Craven, 1005 N. 7th Street, Springfield, IL, 62702.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first Publication of this Notice. Any Claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a Claim filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

/s/ Donald M. Craven

Donald M. Craven (#6180492)

Attorney for Independent Executor

Donald M. Craven, P.C.

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Springfield, IL 62702

Telephone: (217) 544-1777

Faxsimile: (217) 544-0713

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

ESTATE OF:

DAVID SHAW,

Deceased.

No. 2022PR000181

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of DAVID SHAW (a/k/a David A. Shaw). Letters of office were issued on May 3, 2022, to Deborah J. Shaw, 903 N. Linden, #138, Normal, Illinois, 61761, as Executor, 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 3rd day of May, 2022

Paul E. Presney, II - Reg. #6182986

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF:
SARA JANE DEHNER MURPHY,
Deceased.
No. 2022PR000166

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of SARA JANE DEHNER MURPHY. Letters of office were issued on April 25, 2022, to Timothy James Murphy, 718 Bear Claw Way, Apt. 305, Madison, Wisconsin, 53717, as Executor, 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 25th day of April, 2022
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:
JOYCE ANN SMITH
DECEASED
Case No. 2022-PR-170

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of JOYCE ANN SMITH. Letters Testamentary were issued on April 21, 2022, appointing MARK ALLEN SMITH, 66 Axline Road, Chatham, IL 62629, as Executor, whose attorney is Creighton R. Castle of Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C., One West Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 600 ~ Myers Building, Springfield, Illinois 62701, which address will change to 900 Community Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703, beginning May 9, 2022. Phone: (217) 525-1571.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated: April 21, 2022
Clerk of the Circuit Court
200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL
62701
8051-922801

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:
JOHN W. SKERTICH,
Deceased.
Case No.: 2021-P-528

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of JOHN W. SKERTICH of Chatham, Illinois, and that Letters Testamentary were issued on September 27, 2021, to RUTH A. SKERTICH, as Executor, of 211 Fairway Drive, Apt. 6, Chatham, IL 62629, whose attorneys are Duane D. Young and Stephen Iden of Young Law Partners, P.C., 1300 South 8th Street, Suite Two, Springfield, Illinois, 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, and

Dolenc, deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on April 26, 2022, to Terry R. Dolenc, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Hugh F. Drake, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 7th day of November, 2022, 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 26th day of April, 2022.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:
JOYCE ANN SMITH
DECEASED
Case No. 2022-PR-170

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Linda Lee Blakeman, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on April 26, 2022, to Laura Beth Barrow and Amy Catherine Heuman, as Independent Co-Executors, 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 Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 7th day of November, 2022, 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 28th day of April, 2022.
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of
MARY ELLEN BOSTON, Deceased.
No. 2022PR000196

IN PROBATE
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of MARY ELLEN BOSTON, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on May 9, 2022 to MARK E. BOSTON as Independent Executor, whose attorney is HARVEY M. STEPHENS, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705-2459.

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, Illinois, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 21st day of November, 2022 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 10th day of May, 2022.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ERNESTINE W. ALLEN,
Deceased

NO. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ERNESTINE W. ALLEN,
Deceased
NO. 2022-PR-000178
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of ERNESTINE W. ALLEN, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on May 2, 2022 to Kimilyn Allen, 432 Windham Cove Dr., Crystal Lake, IL 60014 as Executor under Independent Administration, 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 the 2nd of November, 2022 or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 12th day of May, 2022.
Alex B. Rabin
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ERNESTINE W. ALLEN,
Deceased
NO. 2022-PR-000178

NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES
Attached to this Notice are copies of the Petition to Probate and the Order Admitting the Will to Probate. You are named in the Petition as an heir or legatee of the Decedent.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of Admission, any heir or legatee may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Last Will and Testament by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/6-21).

You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/6-1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate.

KIMILYN ALLEN, Executor under Independent Administration under the Last Will and Testament of
ERNESTINE W. ALLEN, Deceased
By:
One of Her Attorneys

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on May 12, 2022, I did mail (1) a copy of the above Notice; (2) a copy of the Will; (3) a copy of the Petition to Admit to Probate the Will of the above named Decedent; (4) a copy of the Order entered thereon showing the date of entry; (5) a copy of Rights of Interested Persons During Independent Administration; and (6) a copy of the Death and Claim Notice to each of the testator's heirs and legatees whose names and post office addresses are stated in said Petition, except those who personally appeared before the Court at a hearing or have filed a waiver of notice, as provided by Section 6-10 of the Illinois Probate Act.

SGRO, HANRAHAN, DURR, RABIN & REINBOLD, LLP
Alex B. Rabin, Registration No. 06280907
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ERNESTINE W. ALLEN,
Deceased

NO. 2022-PR-000178
RIGHTS OF INTERESTED PERSONS DURING INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION; FORM OF PETITION TO TERMINATE ADMINISTRATION

A copy of an Order is enclosed granting Independent Administration of Decedent's Estate. This means that the Executor or Administrator will not have to obtain court orders or file estate papers in Court during probate. The Estate will be administered without court supervision, unless an interested person asks the Court to become involved. Under section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/28-4), any interested person may terminate independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of the Court. However, if there is a Will which directs independent administration, the independent administration will be terminated only if the Court finds there is good cause to require supervised administration; and if the Petitioner is a creditor or non-residuary legatee, independent administration will be terminated only if the Court finds that termination is necessary to protect the petitioner's interest.

A petition in substantially the following form may be used to terminate independent administration:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ERNESTINE W. ALLEN,
Deceased
NO. 2022-PR-000178
PETITION TO TERMINATE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

_____, on
oath states:
1. On May 2, 2022, an Order was entered granting independent administration to Kimilyn Allen as Independent Executor.
2. I am an interested person in this Estate as (heir) (non-residuary legatee) (residuary legatee) (creditor) (representative)
3. The Will does direct independent administration.
4. I request that independent administration be terminated.

Petitioner
SUBSCRIBED AND SWEORN to before me this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Notary Public

In addition to the right to terminate independent administration, any interested person may petition the Court to hold a hearing and resolve any particular question that may arise during independent administration, even though supervised administration has not been requested. (755 ILCS 5/28-5). The independent representative must mail a copy of the estate inventory and final account to each interested person and must send notice to or obtain the approval of each interested person before the estate can be closed. (755 ILCS 5/28-6, 5/28-11). Any interested person has the right to question or object to any item included in or omitted from an inventory or account or to insist on a full court accounting of all receipts and disbursements with prior notice, as required in supervised administration. (755 ILCS 5/28-11).

KIMILYN ALLEN, Executor under Independent Administration of the Estate of ERNESTINE W. ALLEN, Deceased
SGRO, HANRAHAN, DURR, RABIN & REINBOLD, LLP
By: _____

One of Her Attorneys
SGRO, HANRAHAN, DURR, RABIN & REINBOLD, LLP
Alex B. Rabin
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1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ERNESTINE W. ALLEN,
Deceased
NO. 2022-PR-000178
ORDER APPOINTING LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF DECEDED'S ESTATE
On the verified Petition of KIMILYN Y. ALLEN for issuance of Letters of Office, KIMILYN Y. ALLEN has presented her bond and has been approved.
IT IS ORDERED, that independent administration is granted.

IT IS ORDERED, that Letters of Office be issued to KIMILYN Y. ALLEN.

ENTERED: May 2, 2022

/s/ Gail Noll

JUDGE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
GARY WAYNE LANE, DECEASED.
NO. 2022-PR-177
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS
Notice is given of the death of GARY WAYNE LANE, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 27, 2022 to Linda Morris; 4460 Cornland Rd., Buffalo IL 62515-7166, whose attorney is DiGiorno Law Office, LLC; 2160 S. 6th Street, Suite E, 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 St., room 405, Springfield, IL 62701 or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 12th day of May, 2022, 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.ilcourts.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.ilcourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Dated this 2nd day of May 2022.

LINDA MORRIS, Executor of the Estate of GARY WAYNE LANE, Deceased
By: DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney
Attorneys for Estate:
Anthony J. DelGiorno (IARD C 6277358)
DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
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Springfield, IL 62703
Tel: (217) 773-5337
Service: service@delgiornolawoffice.com

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD L. MARCOTTE, DECEASED.

NO. 2022-P-186
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS
Notice is given of the death of RONALD L. MARCOTTE, of Sherman, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on May 4, 2022, to CINDA S. MARCOTTE, 113 Crown Point Drive, Sherman, Illinois 62684, whose attorney is Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C., 232 West State Street, P.O. Box 550, Jacksonville, Illinois 62651.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 12th day of May, 2022, 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.

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

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.ilcourts.gov/service-providers.htm>

Dated this 4th day of May 2022.

CINDA S. MARCOTTE, Executor of the Estate

of RONALD L. MARCOTTE, Deceased

BY: RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C.

By: Jenna Tucker, Attorney

Attorneys for Estate:

Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Angela Wiser, Petitioner
And
Barion Wiser, Respondent
Case No. 2020-D-58
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given to Barion Wiser, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court

asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief.
Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the

12th day of June, 2022, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.

Paul Palazzolo
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Quincy A. Evans, Petitioner
And

Shunta D. Williams, Respondent
Case No. 2022-DN-104
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you Shunta D. Williams, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief.

Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the
12th day of June, 2022, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.

Paul Palazzolo
Circuit Clerk

ADOPTION NOTICE – STATE OF ILLINOIS,
County of Sangamon, Seventh Judicial Circuit Court of Sangamon County. In the matter of the Petition for the Adoption of Dominic Davian Porter and Demitrius Barnett Porter, male children. No. 2022-AD-32. To: Rayphiel Selfpheon Porter, Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern: Take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, for the adoption of minor children named Dominic Davian Porter and Demitrius Barnett Porter. Now, therefore, unless you Rayphiel Selfpheon Porter, Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Room 405, in the City of Springfield, Illinois, on or before June 21, 2022, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.

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.ilcourts.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.ilcourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>

/s/Paul Palazzolo, Sangamon County

Circuit Clerk

Dan E. Way, Attorney for Petitioner

1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Amanda Jo McGee
For change of name to
Karina Brynne McGee
Case No.: 22-MR-181
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on June 28, 2022 I will petition in said Court pray-

ing for the change of name from Amanda Jo McGee to Karina Brynne McGee, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: May 12, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Kayden Shawn Patel
For change of name to
Kaiden Shawn Fisher
Case No.: 2022-MR-205
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on July 12, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Kayden Shawn Patel to Kaiden Shawn Fisher , pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: May 19, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
PNC Bank, National Association
PLAINTIFF
Vs.

Glenda Wortley, as Administrator of the Estate of Keith Underwood; Deborah Ritchie; Glenda Wortley; Tami Underwood; Robin Wilson; Wade Smith; Rebecca Lyons; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Keith Underwood; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
DEFENDANTS
2022FC000031
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:
Rebecca Lyons
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Keith Underwood
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

26 Circle Dr

Springfield, IL 62703

and which said Mortgage was made by: Keith Underwood
the Mortgagor(s), to PNC Bank, N.A., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2021R02944; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court,

Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Sangamon County Courthouse

200 South Ninth Street, Room 405

Springfield, IL 62701

on or before June 21, 2022, A DEFAULT

MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY

TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT

MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH

THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2018 G-CTT

PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Diane Lappin; Unknown Heirs and

Legatees of William Lappin; Elizabeth

Lappin; Angela Meyer; Donald Sommers;

David Middlebrooks; Unknown Owners

and Nonrecord Claimants; Dan Way, as

Special Representative for William Lappin

(deceased)

DEFENDANTS

2022FC000036

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of William

Lappin

Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defen-

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
PNC Bank, National Association

PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Kelly Shinnick; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Patricia A. Nyilas; Robin Blasko; Lynne Cripe; DP Shaffer; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Dan Way, as Special Representative for Patricia A. Nyilas (deceased)

DEFENDANTS

2022FC000060

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Patricia

A. Nyilas

DP Shaffer

Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

1937 N. 20th St

Springfield, IL 62702

and which said Mortgage was made by:

Patricia A. Nyilas

the Mortgagor(s), to National City

Mortgage a division of National City Bank

of Indiana, as Mortgagee, and recorded

in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of

Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document

No. 2005R30795 Page 000430; and

for other relief; that summons was duly

issued out of said Court against you as

provided by law and that the said suit is

now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court,

Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Sangamon County Courthouse

200 South Ninth Street, Room 405

Springfield, IL 62701

on or before June 13, 2022, A DEFAULT

MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY

TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT

MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH

THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

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Our File No. 14-22-01162

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PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Diane Lappin; Unknown Heirs and

Legatees of William Lappin; Elizabeth

Lappin; Angela Meyer; Donald Sommers;

David Middlebrooks; Unknown Owners

and Nonrecord Claimants; Dan Way, as

Special Representative for William Lappin

(deceased)

DEFENDANTS

2022FC000036

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of William

Lappin

Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

That this case has been commenced in

this Court against you and other defen-

dants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

2042 Brentwood Dr

Springfield, IL 62704

and which said Mortgage was made by: William Lappin

the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC DBA Veteran Loan Center, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2014R00701;

and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court,

Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Sangamon County Courthouse

200 South Ninth Street, Room 405

Springfield, IL 62701

on or before June 13, 2022, A DEFAULT

MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY

TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT

MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH

THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, as successor to STATE BANK OF LINCOLN, Plaintiff,
v.

ARTHUR H. GRANDFIELD, DECEASED, MARQUETTA K. KIENZLER, UNKNOWN HEIRS OR DEVISEES OF ARTHUR H. GRANDFIELD, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
No.: 2021CH00102
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Notice is given to defendants, UNKNOWN HEIRS OR DEVISEES OF ARTHUR H. GRANDFIELD, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, of the following described real estate, that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action is now pending, and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said defendants is JUNE 6, 2022.

The Plaintiff has certified that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action was filed on October 20, 2021, and is now pending.

(i) The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.
(ii) The court in which said action was brought is identified above.
(iii) The name of the title holder of record is:

Arthur H. Grandfield, deceased.
(iv) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

The North 104 feet of Lot 129 in Wanless' Ridgewood Addition to the City of Springfield as platted by the plat recorded in Book 4 of Plats, Page 39 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Sangamon County, Illinois.

Except all coal and the right to mine and remove same by extending entries thereunder for the purpose of mining and removing coal from this and other lands. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Tax Identification Number: 14-24-378-014

(v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:

1424 North 28th Street, Springfield, Illinois

(vi) An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

(A) Nature of instrument: Mortgage.

(B) Date of mortgage: August 27, 2013.

(C) Name of mortgagor: Arthur H. Grandfield.

(D) Name of mortgagee: State Bank of Lincoln.

(E) Date and place of recording: August 30, 2013 and re-recorded on October 31, 2013 in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Sangamon County, Illinois.

(F) Identification of recording: Mortgage Document No. 2013R28837 and Re-Recorded Mortgage Document No.

2013R35296.

Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national

banking association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank,
Plaintiff,
v.

JULIE N. SMITH, n/k/a JULIE N. MOHAN, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
No.: 2022FC000005

NOTICE OF COURT SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. The sale shall be subject to Court approval. Buyer will be entitled to possession 30 days after the sale is confirmed by the Court.

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is:

Timothy J. Rigby

Hart, Southworth & Witsman

Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza

Springfield, Illinois 62701

Telephone: (217) 753-0055

(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is:

304 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg, Illinois 62545

(C) The legal description of the real estate is:

Parcel I:

Lot 4 in Block 1 in Simpson's Addition to the Town of Mechanicsburg.

Parcel II:

Lot 9 in Block 1 in Simpson's Addition to the Town of Mechanicsburg.

Parcel III:

The East 10 feet of Lots 5 and 8 in Block 1 in Simpson's Addition to the Town of Mechanicsburg.

Except any interest in the coal, oil gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Tax ID Number:

Parcel I: 16-26-403-003

Parcel II: 16-26-403-010
Parcel III: 16-26-403-015
(D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is:

3 bedroom 2 bathroom ranch style house with approximately 1,236 square feet of gross living area.

(E) No times have been specified in the judgment of foreclosure for inspection of the real estate prior to sale.

(F) The time and place of the sale are:

Time: 9:00 a.m. on June 7, 2022

Place: Sangamon County Courthouse

200 South Ninth Street

Second Floor Boardroom

Springfield, Illinois 62701

(G) The terms of the sale are:

Twenty-five percent (25%) of sale price at time of sale and balance within twenty-four (24) hours.

(H) Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances prior to the mortgage of INB, National Association, a national banking association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank, all general real estate taxes, special assessments if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all encroachments, if any.

INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank,

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

IN THE MATTER OF Aniyah Smith & Kaylen Smith
No. 2022-GR-78

To: Kaylen Smith at address unknown:

Please be notified that Cindy Perry has filed a Petition for Guardianship of the Estate and Person of Aniyah & Kaylen Smith , minor children. You are required to answer said Petition By June 27, 2022 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

Date of Sale: May 25, 2022, 1:00 P.M.
Location: Westside Storage, 3142 S Douglas Ave., Springfield, IL 62704

BLD I #58 5x10

Shanece Boyd

2735 S 14th Street Lot 21

Springfield, IL 62703

BLD H #7 5x10

Ms. Kathleen Groesch

1728 S Pastfield St

Springfield, IL 62704

BLD O #144 10x10

BLD O #148 5x10

Jamie Rompot

208 W Pine Apt B

Springfield, IL 62704

BLD 3141 #E 10x20

Chad Scaife

2517 S College

Springfield, IL 62704

In the circuit court for the seventh judicial circuit

sangamon county, illinois

U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust Series 2018 G-CTT,

Plaintiff,

Vs.

Diane Lappin, et al., Defendants.

No. 2022-FC-36

NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF William Lappin, Deceased:

Notice is given of the death of William Lappin. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as

Special Representative for William Lappin, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a

Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 2042 Brentwood Dr., Springfield, IL 62704.

The address of the Special Representative is: Way Law Offices, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing.

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/s/ Dan E. Way

Special Representative for William Lappin, deceased

Dan E. Way, #6204735

WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC

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dan@danwaylaw.com

Karissa Trevino, et al., Defendants.
2022-FC-35
NOTICE
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF Charles E. Turley, Deceased
Notice is given of the death of Charles E. Turley. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Charles E. Turley, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 1020 W. Madison St. Auburn, IL 62615. The address of the Special Representative is: Way Law Offices, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit 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/ Dan E. Way

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Notice to enforce Self-storage lien for non-payment of rents due to Prairie Land Mini Storage, 2171 S. 9th Street Springfield, IL, (217)522-1836. William Kopff-Unit 10, Diamond Kendrick- Unit 27, Linda Loyd- Unit 29, Mary Robinson- Unit 62, Joanna Brinkley- Unit 73, and Jason Martin- Unit 82. Disposal of said units will be Saturday June 4, 2022 unless payment is made in FULL by May 30,2022.

STATE OF ILLINOIS SS.
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Ally Bank and Ally Financial Inc., Plaintiffs, vs. Jesse White, in his capacity as Illinois Secretary of State, Shawn Jackson and Matthew Jones. Defendants. No. 2022MR000112
NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
TO – Shawn Jackson and Matthew Jones
Take Notice that a pending suit has been filed in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, entitled "Ally Bank and Ally Financial Inc. vs. Jesse White, in his capacity as Illinois Secretary of State, Shawn Jackson and Matthew Jones.", which has been assigned Sangamon County Case No. 2022MR000112, and is for a complaint for Declaratory Judgment and a Writ of Mandamus. Now, therefore, unless you all whom it may concern, file your answer to the Complaint in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Sangamon County, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, on or before the 11th day of June, 2022, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.
Dated May 5, 2022
Paul Palazzolo - Clerk
Riezman Berger, P.C.
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Abby N. Schneider
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STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY

Melissa A. Dunbar, Petitioner

vs.

Joshua D. Moser, Respondent

Case No: 22-OP-373

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Joshua D. Moser, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before June 23, 2022, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.

Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of the Court

Date: May 19, 2022

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY

Shanya Moore, Petitioner

vs.

Tyrice Hall, Respondent

Case No: 22-OP-277

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Tyrice Hall, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before June 9, 2022, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.

Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of the Court

Date: May 5, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:

LORI ANGELA EATON HAMILTON,
a/k/a ANGELA E. HAMILTON

Deceased.

Case No.: 2022-PR-180

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of LORI ANGELA EATON HAMILTON of , Illinois, and that Letters Testamentary were issued on May 12, 2022, to HAROLD GATES, as Executor, of 4850 Newberry Court, Jackson, MO 63755, whose attorney is Michelle Coady Carter of Young Law Partners, P.C., 1300 South 8th Street, Suite Two, Springfield, Illinois, 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL, and with the offices of Young Law Partners, P.C., Attorneys for Executor, or both, within six (6) months from the date of publication and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to their attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

HAROLD GATES, Executor of the Estate of LORI ANGELA EATON HAMILTON, Deceased Attorneys' Address:
Michelle Coady Carter

Registration No.: 06279022
YOUNG LAW PARTNERS, P.C.
1300 South Eighth Street

Springfield, Illinois 62703
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DELMAR DONLEY, JR.

Deceased.

No. 2022-PR-189

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Delmar Donley, Jr. of Sherman, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on May 10, 2022, to Todd M. Donley whose address is 3 Sebring Road, Springfield, IL 62707, as Administrator, and whose attorney is GORDON W. GATES of GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL, 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL, 62703.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice 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 ten (10) days after it has been filed.

DATED May 10, 2022.

Gordon W. Gates (#6192861)

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IN THE CIRUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the matter of the estate of:

James Russell Ford Sr., Deceased

Case No. 2022-PR-182

Claim Notice

Notice is given of the death of James Russell Ford Sr. Letters of Testamentary were issued to James Russell Ford Jr., 218 E. Raylots St., Spaulding, Ill. 62561, as Executor. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, with the Executor, on or before, Nov. 19, 2022. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor within 10 days after it has been filed.

Paul Palazzolo

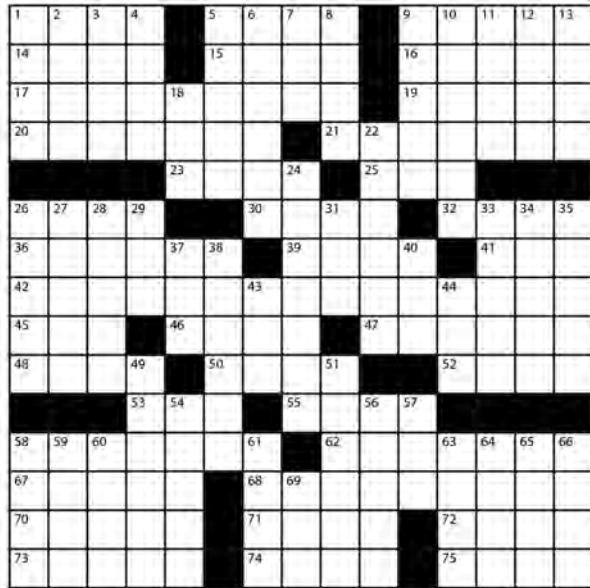
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Across

1. Long story
5. Bubble
9. Not to be missed
14. Self-images
15. The "A" of ABM
16. Rica
17. Leaders of hives
19. Computer key
20. Beer from upstate New York
21. Thank you, in Tokyo
23. Baseball stats
25. A Beatle bride
26. Gawk at
30. Printer's amount
32. Hightails it
36. Thresher shark
39. Bone-dry
41. First word of Dante's "Inferno"

42. Lion's title
45. Duke's grp.
46. Tower site
47. Closed in on
48. Some deer
50. Raunchy
52. Parting words
53. Compass dir.
55. Actress Winslet
58. Patron saint of aviators
62. Oreo maker
67. "That hurts!"
68. "King Kong" co-star, 2005
70. Beseech
71. "Waiting for the Robert ___"
72. Observer
73. Noblemen
74. Beach bird



75. "Look what I did!"

13. Tropical root
18. Direction opposite SSW
Down
1. Some movies: Abbr.
2. Rio contents
3. Traveler
4. Away from port
5. Storybook elephant
6. Like some garages
7. Mineral suffix
8. One of the Simpsons
9. ___ the hole"
10. Golden Horde member
11. Court grp.
12. Leave in, as text

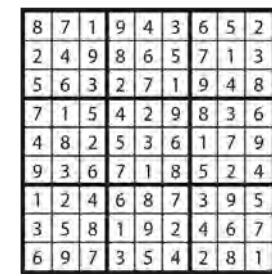
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54. Must-haves
56. In use
57. Dwindle
58. Work on a text
59. Granada greeting
60. Decorative pitcher
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63. "Why should ___ you?"
64. "Don't ___ word"
65. Sent a duplicate, briefly
66. Gumbo pods
69. A pint, maybe

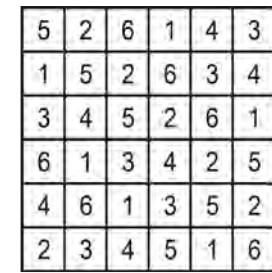
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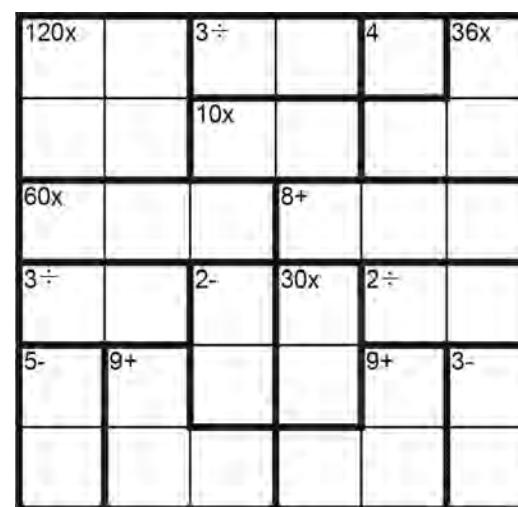
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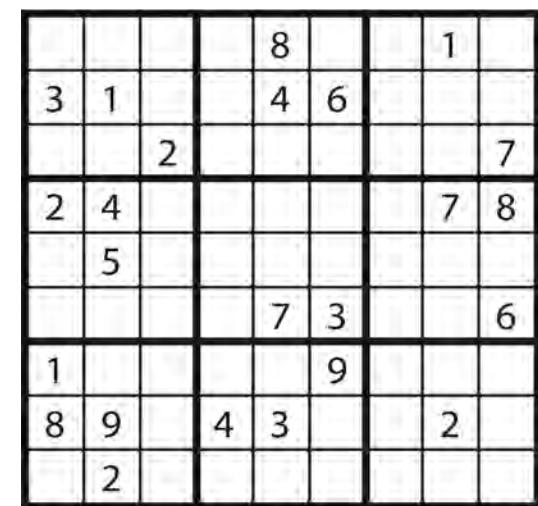
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Sudoku No. 741

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