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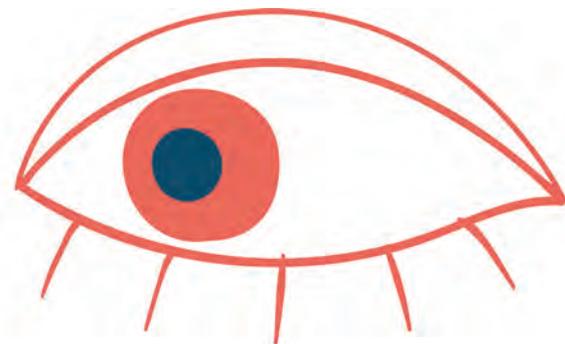
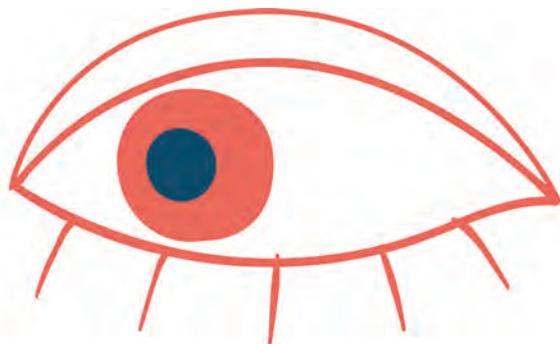


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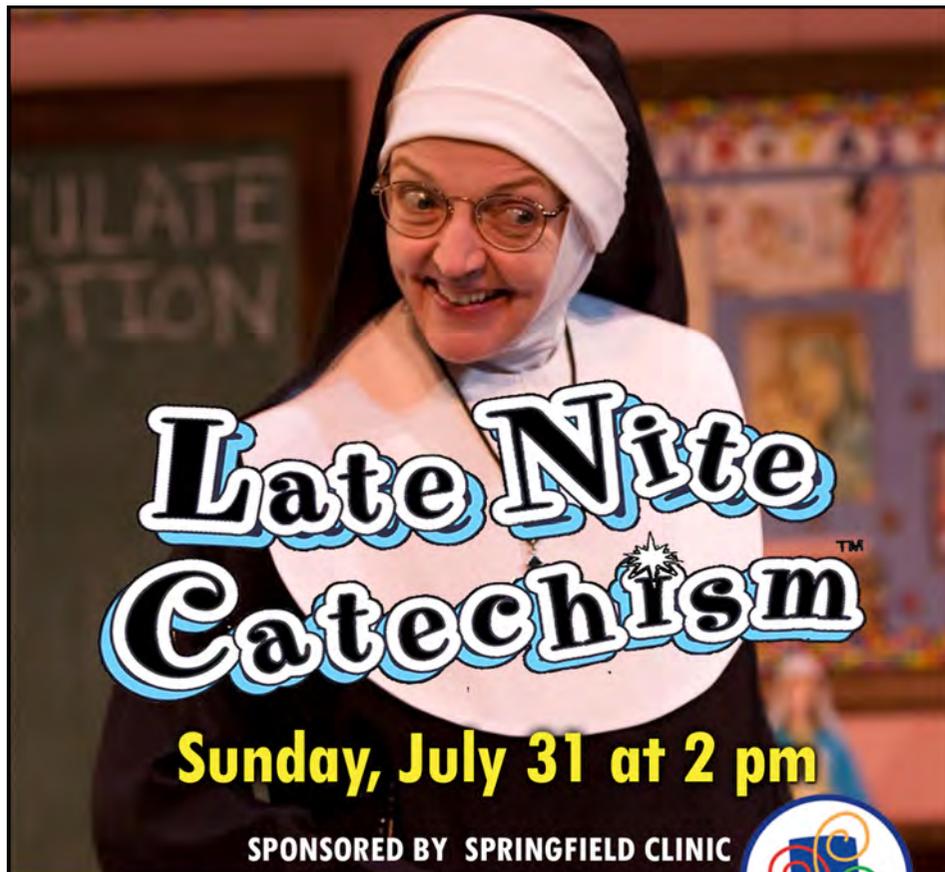
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More sheriffs join DHS lawsuit

Months-long delays in admitting jail inmates for mental health services

MENTAL HEALTH | Dean Olsen

Five sheriffs in downstate Illinois have joined Sangamon County Sheriff Jack Campbell in a lawsuit to clear a chronic logjam of mentally ill inmates sitting in county jails for months while awaiting psychiatric treatment from the state.

“It’s just not fair to the inmates,” Jeff Connor, Madison County chief deputy, told *Illinois Times*. “Our goal in this is to do the right thing for the right reason.”

Connor, second in command at the Madison County Sheriff’s Office, spoke after his boss, Sheriff John Lakin, and sheriffs from McLean, Macon, Knox and Rock Island counties on July 21 sought to join Campbell’s suit against Gov. JB Pritzker and Grace Hou, secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services.

Campbell and the other sheriffs complained in court documents about DHS’ months-long delays in admitting county jail inmates declared unfit for trial. State law requires them to be admitted within about 20 days of being notified of a judge’s finding of unfitness.

The sheriffs – including Republicans such as Campbell and Democrats such as Lakin – said in the documents that the delays, made worse during the COVID-19 pandemic, were violating inmates’ “due

process” rights, harming their mental health, creating potentially hazardous conditions for both inmates and jail personnel and costing counties thousands of dollars in unreimbursed costs.

Sangamon County Associate Judge Karen Tharp has scheduled an Aug. 3 hearing on the suit, which was filed by Campbell on June 22. Pritzker, a Democrat, has asked Tharp to dismiss the case and deny the temporary restraining order requested by Campbell.

Tharp hasn’t ruled yet on those requests or on Campbell’s request that the judge allow him to file an amended complaint adding the five downstate sheriffs to the case. Judges usually allow amended complaints.

Sangamon County incurred \$90,254 in unreimbursed costs in 2020, housing unfit inmates more than 20 days after they were declared unfit and before they were transferred to DHS facilities.

The cost was almost \$87,000 in 2021 and \$71,100 so far in 2022, according to the lawsuit.

The Sangamon County Jail has nine unfit inmates awaiting transfer to DHS. The totals include 19 inmates in the Madison County Jail, including one waiting since

February; eight in the McLean County Jail; three in the Macon County Jail; two in the Knox County Jail; and five in the Rock Island County Jail, according to the suit.

Campbell and the other sheriffs say in court documents that a July 6 executive order from Pritzker doesn’t make the sheriff’s complaints moot, contrary to arguments made by lawyers representing the state.

Campbell’s original lawsuit said Pritzker overstepped his legal authority when he issued an executive order in April 2020 that suspended admissions and the 20-day statutory time period for admissions.

The order gave Hou “sole and unfettered discretion” over which criminal defendants should be admitted to one of seven state-operated psychiatric hospitals for treatment to restore their mental fitness.

The executive order was issued as the COVID-19 pandemic hit Illinois and state officials were struggling to contain the spread of COVID-19 and deal with the pandemic’s effect on staffing levels.

The order has been renewed since then and was tweaked July 6 to eliminate the phrase that gave Hou sole discretion for admissions.

The updated order put in place “prioritization criteria” for admission. Those criteria include “dangerousness to self or others, acute mental health needs, likelihood of decompensation while in jail and length of time waiting” for admission to a DHS facility.

But Campbell and the other sheriffs said in court documents that the new order doesn’t solve the overall problem.

The sheriffs said Pritzker’s order is an “attempt to provide cover for years of resource allocation deficiencies and strategic planning failures which have resulted in a well-established pattern of substantial admission delays dating back years before the COVID-19 pandemic.”

The lawsuit calls for Hou to “implement an admissions process that comports with federal and state due process protections.”

A July 8 statement from the Illinois Sheriffs’ Association said Pritzker’s new order “is merely a cynical attempt to sustain a longstanding pattern of indefinite DHS admission and treatment delays without any

meaningful solutions from the state.”

The statement said Illinois residents “should demand that their government solve problems and not create and sustain conditions which jeopardize the safety of jail staff and vulnerable, mentally ill inmates.” Assistant Attorney General Maria Gray said in documents defending the governor’s actions that the provisions of the 2020 executive order challenged by Campbell “are no longer in effect.”

She said Pritzker didn’t overstep his statutory authority. She also said Campbell “does not allege any facts showing that individuals are not being admitted into DHS facilities as beds become available.”

Campbell asks the court to speculate that admissions would occur quicker if the executive order were declared invalid, she said.

DHS officials said in June the pandemic was to blame for an “unprecedented backlog” of about 150 people sitting in county jails throughout the state after being declared temporarily unfit for trial and waiting for a bed in a DHS facility.

Sangamon Circuit Judge Adam Giganti ruled the state in civil contempt of court June 29 for failure to transfer inmate Alfred Berry to a DHS facility. Berry, who was declared unfit April 7, was admitted June 30 to the state’s McFarland Mental Health Center in Springfield.

State’s Attorney Dan Wright so far has sought contempt-of-court rulings against the state in cases involving nine different criminal defendants who were found unfit and waited for transfer to DHS longer than 20 days.

Other than in Berry’s case, the state avoided potential contempt findings when it transferred four of the nine Sangamon County inmates to DHS before a judge had a chance to rule on the issue.

One inmate awaiting transfer was later determined fit for trial, and cases involving three other inmates have been scheduled for hearings on Wright’s contempt-of-court requests July 28 and Aug. 3. □

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Editor’s note

At the Association of Alternative Newsmedia conference in Chicago last week, some sessions were almost like the old days, 40 or so years ago, when a group of us who wanted to do world-saving journalism got together to learn from each other smart business models that might support our noble cause. It was here I learned where I could order newspaper racks and how free circulation works. Recent decades have not been kind to our association. Many of the more successful newspapers sold for more money than new owners could pay back to lenders. Then the pandemic put others out of business, or forced weeklies to become monthlies, or nonprofits, or digital only. But the alternative journalism survivors are still helping each other, on how to attract grants, or gain “members,” or publish a better “Best of” edition. I was asked what is our “business model” for *Illinois Times*. I said we publish weekly, in print and online, supported by advertising. “On actual newsprint?” Yes. They said, “Wow.” —Fletcher Farrar, editor and CEO

Mayor working to salvage Wyndham deal

Plans to ask city council to vote on zoning variance again Aug. 3

DOWNTOWN | Dean Olsen

Mayor Jim Langfelder is working to salvage a proposed deal to convert the downtown Wyndham City Centre hotel into a combined hotel and market-rate apartment complex so the Springfield City Council will change course and approve a zoning variance for the project Aug. 3.

A plan to convert most of the 30-story building's more than 400 hotel rooms into apartments failed July 19 when the council voted 5-5 on a zoning variance that would allow for more than 200 dwelling units at the site at 700 E. Adams St. Seven votes are needed to approve the variance, and Langfelder, who didn't vote July 19, said he would cast the deciding vote in favor of the project if one more council member will go along.

The mayor told *Illinois Times* he hopes at least one of the five council members voting "no" can be convinced to propose another vote on the plan at the Aug. 3 meeting and vote in favor of it.

Several members opposing the variance have said they doubted there would be adequate demand in Springfield for the mostly studio and one-bedroom apartments that GoodHomes said it would rent for \$700 to \$1,200 per month. Some were worried Springfield would lose conventions in the future if most of the building's hotel rooms go away.

Langfelder said there's "going to be a need" for more downtown apartments, and he would like to see the plan proceed.

The mayor said he hopes the proposed developer, New York-based GoodHomes, can be persuaded to retain more than 80 hotel rooms for conventions as part of the company's proposed \$25 million renovation of the building. He said he asked GoodHomes officials to consider providing up to 200 hotel rooms. The company originally proposed 80 hotel rooms and 320 apartments ranging in size from 320 to 800 square feet, according to GoodHomes spokesman and principal David Mitchell. Under GoodHomes' plan, convention space inside the building would be retained.

Scott Dahl, director of the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, told the council reducing the number of available hotel rooms to 80 would affect the city's ability to accommodate 26 conventions scheduled from 2023 through 2025.

Preserving 200 rooms at the site "would be less of an impact for future conventions" but still could affect the city's ability to retain and attract conventions amid an economic rebound during the COVID-19 pandemic, he said.

Mitchell and the building's current owner, Al

Rajabi of Tower Capital Group in San Antonio, Texas, couldn't be reached for comment on Langfelder's efforts to secure another vote on the project.

Langfelder commended Rajabi, who received \$847,000 in federal Payroll Protection Program funding during the pandemic, for keeping the Wyndham open in the early months of the pandemic when other hotels were shutting their doors.

Rajabi still owes \$1.12 million in electric bills to City Water, Light and Power because of a loss of business related to COVID-19, said Jim Zerkle, the city's chief legal counsel.

Rajabi told the council during more than 90 minutes of debate on the plan that the panel's failure to pave the way for GoodHomes' proposed renovations to the 49-year-old building would leave him no choice but to use current zoning to renovate the structure for low-income, government-subsidized housing. Existing zoning allows for up to 200 dwelling units.

A smaller number of apartments than 320 wouldn't generate enough revenue to make the renovations worthwhile, Mitchell said.

Voting for the zoning variance were council members Shawn Gregory of Ward 2; Roy Williams Jr. of Ward 3; Lakeisha Purchase of Ward 5 – the ward in which the hotel sits; Joe McMenamin of Ward 7; and Erin Conley of Ward 8.

Voting "no" were Chuck Redpath of Ward 1; John Fulgenzi of Ward 4; Kristin DiCenso of Ward 6; Jim Donelan of Ward 9; and Ralph Hanauer of Ward 10.

The proposal needs a supermajority of seven "yes" votes for approval because the project failed to receive enough votes from the Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission, an advisory group, to result in a positive recommendation to the council.

Rajabi said failing to accept the GoodHomes plan to buy and renovate the hotel – and include a new amenity for tourists, an observation deck on the top floor – would result in him closing the hotel, closing down the Starbucks he owns inside the building and renovating the building for the only other apartment option supported by his lender: Up to 200 low-income apartments in an arrangement with the federal government that would be locked in for decades.

Rajabi didn't say when those changes might take place. He said he wasn't willing to give up the hotel and allow it to revert to his lender so the bank could continue to operate it as a hotel

temporarily and potentially sell it to a future hotel operator.

Ward 1 Ald. Chuck Redpath told Rajabi that his argument to the council sounded like a threat.

Rajabi responded, "I apologize if it comes across as a threat." But he said he had limited options in the current climate for the hospitality industry.

Continuing to operate the Wyndham as a full-service hotel wouldn't work financially because of a downturn in occupancy related to the COVID-19 pandemic, he said.

The Wyndham fell on hard times and was purchased by Rajabi's company, Tower Capital Group, in 2019 for \$7.4 million after a foreclosure proceeding.

Rajabi said Tower was 70% finished with a design to renovate the hotel and convert it into a Delta by Marriott hotel when COVID-19 hit in early 2020. Average occupancy at the hotel plummeted from 42.6% before the pandemic to 22% currently, Rajabi said.

Hotel occupancy citywide, however, was at 66% in June – better than similar points in 2018 or 2019, Dahl said.

Rajabi said he hasn't been able to find a bank or other lender willing to finance renovation of a "big box" hotel like the Wyndham in the current climate for the hospitality industry.

Mitchell told the council before the vote, "Our goal is to be your partner in revitalizing downtown Springfield."

He said the entire project would cost GoodHomes about \$40 million, which includes purchase of the property, design costs, environmental studies and other non-construction expenses. The company might pursue tax-increment financing funding from the city to help offset some expenses, he said.

DiCenso said she doubted Mitchell's estimate that there were 54,000 workers employed within a one-mile radius of the Wyndham, and his claim that plenty of the workers would jump at the chance to live downtown in relatively small apartments and pay the rents Mitchell would charge for the ability to walk to work.

"This isn't Chicago," she said. "We're a different demographic. We need the hotel rooms, but this is a tough one for us. ... We're a corn dog and doughnut type of town. Visitors come here because we're affordable." □

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Good news in cap city

CAP CITY | Karen Ackerman Witter

Bad news seems to dominate, but fortunately, there is good news worth celebrating here in the capital city.

The *Springfield Business Journal*, sister publication to *Illinois Times*, recently named the 2022 **Forty under 40** – outstanding men and women with highly diverse careers who are giving back to the community and helping Springfield reach its full potential.

In a spirit of **ecumenical cooperation**, Grace Lutheran Church has been worshiping in the First Presbyterian Church sanctuary after the steeple at Grace Lutheran at Seventh and Capitol was struck by lightning and the threat of falling stones caused the church to be shuttered.

The Outlet celebrated graduations of four mentees at the end of the school year and a yearlong partnership with District 186. Outlet mentors worked with teachers at Douglas school to identify how mentorship could support students and build positive relationships. Mentors worked with students in the classroom and in teacher-led social/emotional learning sessions, and engaged with students outside the classroom. Outlet mentors participated in 204 one-on-one sessions and 531 social/emotional learning sessions with Douglas students.

Springfield Art Association summer camp students built a second giant wooden troll at **Lincoln Memorial Garden**. Aco, meaning one who helps or defends mankind, resides in the Cawley Meadow across from the garden's main entrance.

When the Illinois State Fair canceled its annual professional art competition, **Betsy Dollar** offered to host the exhibit at the Springfield Art Association, where she is executive director. The exhibit, *No Place to Show*, with more than 60 pieces from artists across the state, is on display in the M.G. Nelson Family Gallery through Aug. 6. □

Mayor picks economic development director

Better late than never, council member says

GOVERNMENT | Bruce Rushton

Springfield Mayor Jim Langfelder has picked a retired banker to become director of the city's Office of Planning and Economic Development, a position that's been vacant for more than a year.

Lynne Wooden will start work Aug. 1. She will be paid \$105,000 a year, Langfelder said, about what her predecessor Val Yazell earned before the mayor fired her in the spring of 2021.

Langfelder said that he spoke with "a handful" of other people before settling on Wooden.

"I asked others who I probably would have brought on sooner if they had that interest," the mayor said. "They didn't."

Politics and job security, Langfelder said, have played roles.

"There's an election coming up," Langfelder said. "It's an exempt position. She's in a position in life where she can take the position."

The directors of the various city departments are at-will employees, meaning they can be dismissed for any reason, other than an illegal termination, and it is common practice for newly elected mayors to appoint their own directors.

Langfelder noted that the city council has one year to confirm his choice. He said that he doesn't plan on asking the council to confirm Wooden until after municipal elections set for next spring, when he and all aldermanic positions will be on the ballot.

"When the year's up, I'll bring her to the council for confirmation," the mayor said.

Wooden said she doesn't expect to be a

long-term municipal employee.

"I'm here to fill a void, and I want to do the best I can and go from there," she said. "He (Langfelder) contacted me not very long ago, knowing I was going to be retiring. ... I thought I could do this for awhile. I'm looking at this as something to help the city through the election."

Wooden retired in June after spending 10 years at INB, according to the bank's website. She'd previously worked for Illinois National Bank for 17 years, where she began her banking career in 1981, according to a resume that Langfelder emailed to city council members. She attended Lincoln Land Community College in the early 1990s but did not earn a degree. Wooden left Illinois National Bank, where she was a vice president, in 1999 to take a job as a vice president at JP Morgan Chase Bank. She left that job in 2012 to work for INB, where she managed accounts for corporate and government clients, according to the bank's website, working with more than 150 commercial clients.

Langfelder said he isn't concerned that Wooden doesn't have a college degree. "Usually, it's a degree or years of experience," the mayor said. "I'm glad she accepted the position."

Ward 6 Ald. Kristin DiCenso said that she hasn't had time to study Wooden's resume but is pleased that Langfelder has filled the job.

"We've all been begging for it – it's come up several times," DiCenso said. "Inaction on this appointment has really cost the city."

Examples of the city suffering for lack of



Lynne Wooden

an economic development director include the collapse of a proposal to convert hotel rooms at the Wyndham City Centre hotel, said DiCenso, who voted against the idea. She voted for gunshot-detection technology and license-plate readers that are being funded with American Rescue Plan money but has questioned such programs and whether federal money could be better spent on other

things.

"We could have used this over the last several months, with all these federal dollars coming in and this hotel debacle," she said.

DiCenso questioned Langfelder's plan to wait until next summer before asking the council to confirm Wooden.

"To me, that says he doesn't have a whole lot of confidence in his new appointee," DiCenso said. She noted that the council recently confirmed Summer Griffith as director of the city library, shortly after Langfelder asked for confirmation. Griffith had served as acting director since Langfelder fired her predecessor in February.

"I'm not sure what the difference is," DiCenso said.

Langfelder said that priority projects for Wooden include downtown development, including establishing a university presence and finding a solution to the Wyndham City Centre puzzle. A sports complex near Scheels, also, is important, he said.

What if Wooden and the mayor disagree on an issue, as happened with the last economic development director, whom Langfelder fired after she refused to approve a request for federal grants to improve a building used by the NAACP?

"That's a tough one – it can happen," Wooden said. "To be honest, when we talked about the position, that was in the back of my mind as well: What happens? That's something that will just have to play out." □

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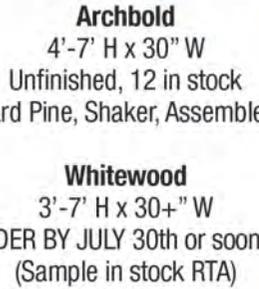
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Union roofers staged a protest outside Staab Funeral Homes on July 25.

Inflatable rat stabbed at Staab Funeral Homes

Funeral home employee arrested for damaging property during union protest

UNIONS | Scott Reeder

A 15-foot-tall rat met its demise in front of a Springfield funeral home Monday, July 25.

It all started when a group of union roofers were protesting outside Staab Funeral Homes, 1109 S. Fifth St. They objected to the longtime Springfield business using nonunion labor.

As part of the protest, they inflated a giant rat, which is intended to call public attention to companies employing nonunion labor. A woman came out of the funeral home angry.

"She came out running, hollering and screaming and had a knife that was maybe four, six or seven inches long. I don't know what she was screaming, but she was screaming, and then she stabbed the rat eight times – in the back," said John Nicks, business manager for Roofers Local 112.

Nicks said he wasn't afraid until the woman got done stabbing the rat.

"I didn't know what she was going to do with the knife then," he said. Nicks said he called the police and the woman returned to the funeral home.

Lauren Staab, 31, a funeral home director, is charged with criminal damage to property. She is the daughter of Paul John Staab II, the funeral home owner who was named on the banner accompanying the inflatable rat.

Staab, when reached by *Illinois Times* on Tuesday, said she needed to consult

with her lawyer to see if it was advisable to be interviewed. The newspaper did not immediately hear back from her.

Nicks said there was not a funeral happening at the time of their protest.

"We would never picket a funeral. That's just something we would never do. We were well within our rights protesting," he said. He added he does not believe the flaccid rat can be repaired. The value of the balloon is placed at about \$5,000.

The first inflatable rat was reportedly used by the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150 in Chicago in 1989, according to photos from the *Local 150 Engineer*. It has now become a ubiquitous means of protesting the use of nonunion labor.

Employers have filed lawsuits charging that the use of giant inflatable rats constitutes unlawful picketing. In 2011, the National Labor Relations Board held that union use of an inflatable monster rat is not considered an unlawful activity when directed at a secondary employer.

Paul John Staab II, president of the funeral home, did not immediately respond to a request for comment. □

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Dr. Meredith Volle speaks to a group of new medical residents from SIU School of Medicine who were part of a bus tour of Springfield to better understand the “social determinants of health” that influence 80% of a person’s overall health. Despite Springfield’s status as a regional hub for medical care, SIU officials say it hasn’t equated to good health outcomes for everyone. PHOTO BY BEN ROMANG

6th grade poem

it was common knowledge like the medes and persians were we ever even taught it? “when you read write do sums etc you should have your light coming over your left shoulder” somehow this edict came up in 6th grade and someone asked for the first time ever “why?” wow! what a fascinating discussion ensued why indeed? we came to a reasonable solution: people are right-handed; this means you’re not working in your own shadow – but now the next remark became inevitable “what about lefties?” the class surveyed itself our only lefty was billy woods it was with great ceremony and glee that he and his desk were moved so that HIS light would come over his right shoulder: this was as vital as any lesson we learned in our grade school, maybe any school whether we realized it then – two lessons: assumptions need analysis to prove or disprove veracity – and the world will usually favor the majority

2022. Jacqueline Jackson

LETTERS

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UNCALLED FOR

I found the article “Future doctors tour Springfield” interesting but felt the “mostly slim” description to be a little snarky and uncalled for (July 21). Dean Olsen could have said “smartly dressed, smiling, energetic and attentive.” He could have mentioned most were brunette or only one person showed up in jeans.

Patricia J. Johnson
Sherman

PROTECT HORSES

Scott Reeder needs to research where horse meat really comes from (“Horsing around,” July 21). Based on Reeder’s thoughts, he would support slaughter of cats and dogs for food as they do in other countries. This is something most Americans find appalling, and many are active in saving the animals from slaughter. America has plenty of meat sources without taking to slaughtering more species.

Reeder apparently doesn’t know where the horses for meat would come from. They wouldn’t all be old horses no one wants.

Wild horses are rounded up by helicopter by the Bureau of Land Management, despite objections from local officials, governors and facts showing the horses are not a danger to the

ecology of their homelands. These roundups are done during foaling season and are inhumane. Many horses are injured, some killed, foals separated from their mothers and then confined to holding pens. Some of the horses remain in the pens for years and suffer.

What do the Bureau of Land Management do after removing the horses from their homes? They allow ranchers to graze their cattle and sheep on our public lands. Sheep destroy the ecosystem, not the horses.

If horse slaughter was allowed in the United States again, this cruel practice would only increase.

MaryAnn Brownlow
Springfield

OLD SYSTEMS

I noticed Bob Immel’s letter stating Ninth Street needs help (July 21). Progression has never been great on Ninth Street because it is more difficult to provide good progression on two-way streets. However, it appears to me the downtown signal system has failed completely or is subject to frequent problems by the number of intersections out of step, disrupting normally good progression on one-way streets. That system is in the range of 20 years old, and the master computer could be subject to failure.

The progression on Ninth Street will vary during the day or night according to whether it is on one of the 80-second cycles (AM peak, PM peak or off-peak) or the 60-second overnight

program. It is highly possible the progression has degraded on Ninth Street or other streets due to failure of the master computer or equipment at the individual intersections.

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My two grade schoolers have been lucky enough to partake in the Kidzeum summer camp, and it’s been incredible (“Kidzeum kids plant milkweed,” July 14). The staff ensures that everyone is safe, happy and healthy. They really have gone above and beyond to ensure every child at the camp has the opportunity to learn at their level. From Morse code and creating their own electric circuits to pollinator gardens and art projects, I’ve loved hearing about everything my children have learned at Kidzeum this summer.

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When CAT made glowing statements in 2015, Bruce Rauner was governor (“CAT’s Illinois departure erodes public trust,” July 21). JB Pritzker is governor now and has spent his administration burnishing his anti-business bona fides.

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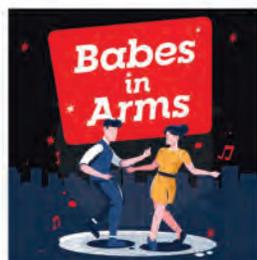
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OPINION

America has lost its way

We had some swagger. We have little swagger left.

GUESTWORK | Jim Nowlan

America has lost its way, or so I worry. Can we get back on track?

What do we mean by The American Way? Each of us might define it differently, though I think there are some common threads. In 1937, social commentator William Herberg gave it a shot in a lengthy paragraph, from which I extract here some key words: self-reliant, striving, success, humanitarian, idealistic, stewardship, character.

America helped save the globe during World War II, with our sacrifice and materiel. When I grew up post-WWII, America was on top. The rest of the developed world was prostrate from war devastation. We had some swagger. We were positive and generous. It was a great time to grow up. I thought of America as perfect, though we weren't. After all, Blacks were still being casually lynched in the South, and until recently, Congress hadn't been able to pass a simple anti-lynching law.

Since my childhood, other nations have been catching up with us, as would be expected of energetic, well-educated, emerging nations. We also lost some of the kick in our step with our failure in Vietnam.

In the 1970-80s, we allowed our manufacturing base to be hollowed out. And we can't seem to climb up from mediocrity in educational achievement. This may not have been important when I was a kid, but it is now. Our university and government-sponsored research have been top drawer, yet China is investing much more in their rapidly developing research centers and universities than are we. They know where the future lies.

Nor can we seem to resolve our "us v. them" squabbles among whites, blacks and browns; elites v. rural folks, and regarding gender roles.

Luxury has a corrosive effect on the spirit, I would contend, possibly weakening our resilience as a people. On my three visits to China as a visiting professor over the past 15 years, I found that the Chinese are not that impressed with us, maybe agreeing with their supreme leader Xi Jinping that Americans have become soft.

Then we have the mind-bending, unsettling, warp speed rate of change in our world, with digital devices pushing the human aside, or threatening to do so. And, of course, the pandemic. And now, medieval bestiality in Ukraine, which I had hoped, naively, we had evolved away from in the 21st century.

So, we have little swagger left. Where are we? Where are we headed?

Many of my senior generation appear to have given up, taking their still-fertile brains to

Florida and the links. The political class on the left appears to think the way out of our plight, if such we be in, is to shower us with government money. On the right, the objective appears to be to protect the incredible wealth being scooped up by a tiny fraction of us.

From what I see among my former university students, our well-educated young are buoyant with energy and optimism, which is great. At 81, I think my generation, with its immense aggregate wealth, needs to do a better job of supporting my former students, and our grandchildren.

I have cynically mused that the U.S. could use a "good little war" to unite us in behalf of a renewal, an awakening. We have such a little war in progress in the Ukraine, plus an economic war with China. In the Middle Ages, war was economic development; today economic development is "war." This can be seen by China's efforts to extend its sphere of dominant influence, from Southeast Asia to Africa.

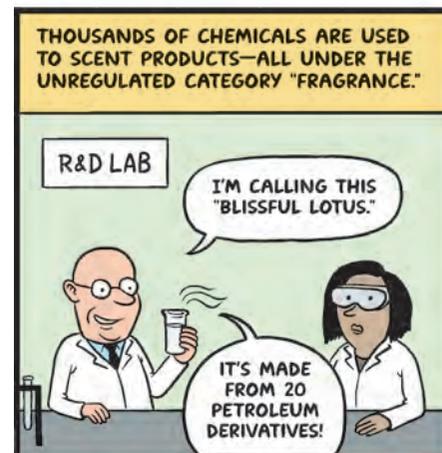
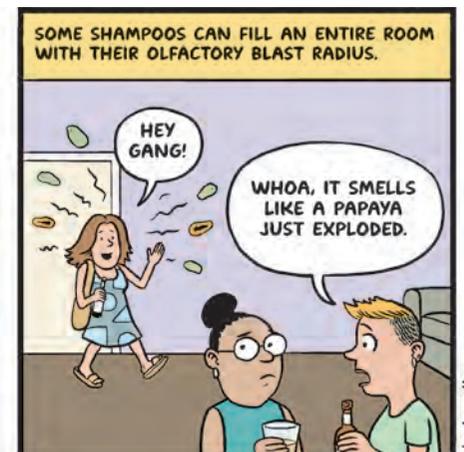
Yet most Americans are so consumed with our pursuit of material stuff that we are blithely ignorant of what is transpiring in the world

beyond our border.

If anything, The American Way has been about success, achievement, stability, example. These are the really big issues that aspiring national leaders should be trumpeting to the American public. Yet, I fear many so-called leaders fear such declarations would fail to capture voter imagination and spirit, and so they tap into voter fears and anger. One of the downsides of democracy is that, to stay in office, leaders often become followers.

I smile when I see the bumper stickers: "Ask me how much I love my grandkids!" How much, indeed? Enough to provide them a stable nation and world? If we can do that, we will have reclaimed The American Way. □

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Choosing your battles

Democrats fund opponents' campaigns

WEEKLY READER | Scott Reeder

Two of the biggest contributors to hard-core, Trump-supported candidates are not who you might guess: Gov. JB Pritzker and U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Pritzker and his allies spent \$30 million trying to help Sen. Darren Bailey, a Trump devotee, to be the Republican gubernatorial nominee. Pelosi worked hard to see that two Colorado "Make America Great Again" candidates won the Republican primary.

I'm not a fan of Pritzker, Pelosi or Trump.

As *New York Times* columnist David Brooks pointed out June 30, the Democratic Party is behaving recklessly and unpatriotically.

They think far-right Trumpist candidates will be easier to beat in the general election than more moderate opponents. So, they are intervening in the other party's primary to ensure that voters have the worst possible choices.

It's not even a remotely patriotic thing to do. Folks who love their country ought to want the very best candidates to advance – not the worst.

But here is the problem: These far-right yahoos whom Democrats are supporting could end up winning.

A retired state lawmaker took me aside recently and gave his objection to this relatively new phenomenon.

"You've heard because of redistricting that politicians are choosing their voters, rather than voters choosing their politicians. Well, this is even worse. The politicians are choosing their opponents."

And there is the rub. Democracy is based on a vigorous competition of ideas.

When the system is rigged to deter competition and limit voter choices, we no longer have a democracy.

Some Democrats believe that the U.S. Supreme Court's decision overturning *Roe v. Wade* will motivate pro-choice voters to come out en masse to support their candidates.

Sigh. How often in a lifetime does the average voter contemplate whether to have an abortion? How often do they fill their car with gasoline or their shopping cart with groceries?

In a world of hyper-inflation, voters will be voting their pocketbooks. And that

does not bode well for Democrats, the party in power. It's also worth noting that the party controlling the White House almost always loses seats during the mid-term elections.

The more the Democratic Party becomes a group of Prius-driving vegans intent on fighting cultural battles, the less they understand working-class voters. You know, those folks who bag our groceries, pick up our garbage and babysit our kids.

They are hurting. Escalating gas prices have made their drive to work expensive, and skyrocketing food prices have made feeding their families difficult. And no, they don't want a handout from the government. They just want to make ends meet.

An unbelievable 83% of Americans believe the economy is poor or not so good, according to a May *Wall Street Journal*-NORC poll. And an equally staggering 83% of Americans are dissatisfied with the way things are going in the country, according to a Gallup Poll.

And what kind of nonsense are we seeing debated? Whether mothers should be called child-bearers, and whether menstruators should be called "people with vaginas" rather than "female." Academics love such debates. But working-class folks find it off-putting. They see "mother" as a term of endearment, a point of pride -- not a word of exclusion.

When centerist candidate Bill Clinton defeated George H.W. Bush, he did it with the campaign mantra: "It's about the economy, stupid."

Increasingly, party elites have lost touch with this message.

And before you think I'm defending Republicans, I'm not. Increasingly, the GOP has descended into cult-like devotion to a man who seeks to divide and, for at least one day, posed a threat to democracy itself.

But that doesn't mean his disciples won't do well at the polls. Voters are angry, and his politics of grievance will play well in November. If they win, Democrats like Pritzker and Pelosi, who donated to their campaigns, deserve the blame. □

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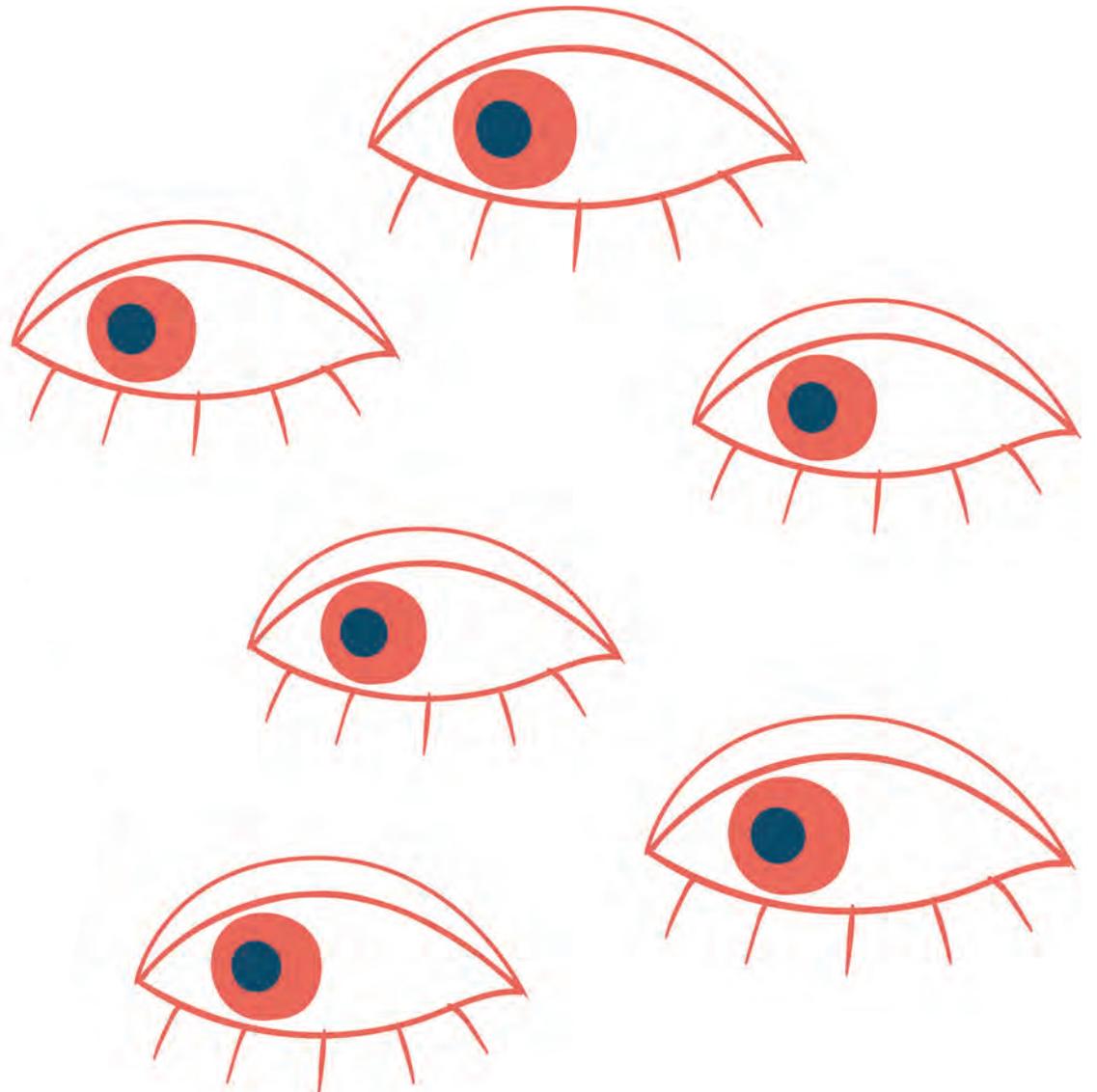


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Privacy in the digital age is a thing of the past

CYBERSECURITY | Annie Fulgenzi

You're being watched.

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So who are these surveillants? They're called data brokers.

Data brokers are the reason we've all had a

moment scrolling online and coming across an advertisement so specifically targeted to your interests it seems almost eerie, if not downright creepy. They profit off gathering your personal information and then packaging and selling it. That data can be purchased by pretty much anyone, including government agencies, such as the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Springfield Police Department.

It probably doesn't surprise you that you're tracked online – a 2019 report from the Pew Research Center shows that 62% of Americans believe they can't get through daily life without corporate and government entities collecting data

about them. Notably, that same report suggests only 6% of Americans feel they understand what's being done with their data. The truth is that data brokers know far more about you and do more with that information than you probably know.

How does it work?

Anytime you use the internet, you leave breadcrumbs behind that data brokers collect, aggregate and sell. They scrape the web using tools like online trackers and phone apps to gather your personal information.

Peter Hanna, a recognized expert in the realm of data privacy, is the legal adviser to the Illinois

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on privacy and technology. He is also a professor at Chicago-Kent College of Law teaching privacy law.

"When you think about data brokers, what you should be thinking about is an entity that is vacuuming up as much information as possible at all times, using whatever tools are available in its arsenal," explained Hanna. "They then slice up and categorize that data into packages – either linking it to specific people or linking it to categories of people."

These different demographic categories can range from personal activities to life preferences:

political preferences, travel preferences, where you do your banking, what sort of products and services you buy – but also demographic information like your age, race, where you live, how much money you make and so on. Lists can get even more targeted, even down to names and addresses of people with certain medical conditions or sexual preferences.

Often, data brokers will claim that this information is anonymous. However, Hanna explained that it can be surprisingly easy to directly link data back to specific people. If data was truly anonymized, it would be impossible to reverse-engineer that data back to a specific person. However, this de-identified data can often be traced back to an individual by combining it with a few other pieces of data.

How your personal data is used

Data brokering is an extremely lucrative market, generating \$200 billion in revenue every year in the U.S. Advertisers use this data to feed consumers with targeted ads.

January Spring is a Denver-based advertising agency that works with businesses nationwide, including *Illinois Times*. In digital advertising campaigns, they utilize data acquired from third-party brokers, website cookies and geofences, which are basically detectors keeping track of every unique mobile device that comes into a specific area. Walking into a business with a phone in your pocket or purse leaves a digital footprint of where you've been.

“Our goal is to put the right message in front of the right person, at the right time. For example, we can target pet people based on where they shop, the dog parks they visit or the types of content they read online,” said January Spring CEO Charity Huff. “That said, we can do that based on publicly available data without identifying individuals.”

January Spring emphasizes there are important benefits with this niche-audience approach to digital advertising by way of data collecting: “The benefit to the consumer is that we aren't wasting your time with things you aren't interested in,” said marketing coordinator Shannon Livick.

Hanna says that it starts to raise more serious privacy concerns when this data is purchased and utilized by government entities like law enforcement; these agencies are rapidly becoming major buyers. The ACLU has been warning about this for years, citing concerns about the Fourth Amendment.

The Fourth Amendment protects Americans from government intrusions into their reasonable expectation of privacy. However, it does not provide protection from private or commercial intrusions. According to the ACLU, this leaves a loophole for the government to purchase the same information from third parties they could not constitutionally acquire themselves.

“If the government can sidestep or end run completely around the Fourth Amendment just by buying data that would be unconstitutional for them to collect,” said Hanna, “our constitutional



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protections are rendered meaningless.”

In the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade*, anxieties have come to the surface regarding this very issue. U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Illinois, and U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Illinois, recently signed a letter to the Federal Trade Commission with concerns after an investigative reporter for *Vice* revealed data broker SafeGraph was selling location data for everyone that visited over 600 Planned Parenthood locations within a week's time for \$160 total.

“If I told you that the Springfield police were making a list of everyone that visited an abortion clinic on the border of Illinois and Missouri, that would be scandalous,” said Hanna. “That would be a big deal, but they could just go to a data broker and try to buy a list of everyone who has searched or bought abortion-related services or sought information about abortion care with no Fourth Amendment concerns whatsoever. It's really problematic,” Hanna said.

Springfield Assistant Police Chief Joshua Stuenkel says that SPD has never purchased any data broker lists, to his knowledge. However, he said SPD does have contracts with TLOxp, a Chicago-based company that compiles information obtained from data brokers to “support and enhance investigations.”

“There are some law enforcement agencies that use people-finder sites. We have contracts with companies that assist us with investigations. For example, if I were to type your name in, it would give us as much as they can find open-source on you,” said Stuenkel.

TLOxp describes its database service as helping to build a profile on suspects “from basic information like names, phones, emails

and addresses to detailed data on employment, aliases, assets, criminal history, bankruptcies and much more.” In addition to public documents, the service scrapes social media profiles and web data. TLOxp's website boasts that “in a single search, you can discover more about a subject's digital identity through information not readily accessible via other forms of public records data – helping you gather information and assess risk more effectively.”

TLOxp isn't the only third party SPD utilizes for data in their investigative police work. They have other partnerships with companies like Shotspotter and the phone app Neighbors by Ring, which allows department access to Ring doorbell footage residents upload.

Project Safe Neighborhoods encourages residents and businesses to register the locations of their outdoor video surveillance systems with the SPD. When an incident occurs, police will then be able to identify the locations of nearby video cameras and residents will be asked to upload footage via a secure link provided by a third party vendor so that SPD can review it.

The city also entered into contracts last year with Flock Safety to install automated license plate readers in various parts of the city. The motion-activated cameras capture and store data about vehicles for 30 days and allow police to search by vehicle make, color, type, license plate and unique details like roof racks, bumper stickers and more.

Privacy concerns have been raised in Springfield regarding the Flock cameras, including from the Illinois Chapter of the ACLU, but Stuenkel says that these surveillance tools are valuable to residents.

“All this technology, while maybe there are

some privacy concerns, is worth it,” said Stuenkel. “Just wait for the first time one of these finds a missing kid. If there's an Amber Alert situation where we're able to enter that vehicle and be able to save someone quickly – it's one thing to be able to solve a crime quicker and be more efficient, but if you can save a life... how is that not worth it? Is your privacy driving on a public road in a car that's registered by the government with a license plate you buy from the government worth saving someone's life?”

SPISec is a Springfield group of local cybersecurity experts. Its founder, Michael, has worked in cybersecurity for the last decade and has gone to great lengths to protect his identity and privacy online, which is why he asked to be referenced only by his first name. He has major concerns with increased use of surveillance technology.

“Today it's for safety, but my concern is that we are building the infrastructure that can easily be used for oppression in the future. If you look at what they're doing in surveillance states like China, the technology they are using is really no different than what we have here with Flock Safety, Ring doorbells, the trackers we have on mobile platforms and websites – it's all the same thing. In my mind, there's a huge iceberg of danger with so much power and information out there on individuals that can so easily be tracked and cataloged forever with our technology today,” said Michael.

IDOT purchased precise geolocation data of Illinois residents

In a contract that ended last June, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) purchased access to precise geolocation data from 2018-2019 for over 40% of the state's population – more than 5 million people. The device-specific location data was acquired from Denver-based data broker SafeGraph for just \$49,500.

Guy Tridgell, IDOT's director of communications, told *Illinois Times* the data was purchased to assist in the development of IDOT's first statewide, comprehensive travel demand model, which predicts future travel behavior and traffic patterns to understand the state's transportation needs.

SafeGraph, which was banned from the Google Play Store last year for unethical practices, collected this location data from users of seemingly innocuous apps, like a weather app. The public was made aware that IDOT purchased this data thanks to an investigation by the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a nonprofit digital rights advocacy organization.

The ACLU's Hanna believes the lack of transparency with this data is a huge concern: “This is just one alarming example of many unknown possible examples of the government directly purchasing very sensitive information about state residents,” said Hanna. “Every time a government entity buys this type of information, the public should be informed, at minimum. At least then we can be informed and begin to

open our eyes to the volume of this sort of data gathering.”

Tridgell stressed that IDOT followed federal guidelines in developing the model at all times and that “all personal information was strictly excluded from the data used by the department.”

Though the data IDOT acquired was de-identified, Hanna said this shouldn't bring comfort: “If I had your location data for just a couple of days, I could tell you a lot about your life. I could tell you about where you go to school, where you work, who your friends are, if you have a significant other, your parents, your family, if you have a pet, where you shop. You can get a lot of that information with great ease. Geolocation data is so sensitive and important,” said Hanna.

Legal protections for personal data

Illinoisans actually enjoy far more protections for their personal data than most of the country, thanks to some first-of-their-kind-laws in this realm.

Hanna says there are three key Illinois laws on the books in regards to data protection: the Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA), the Protecting Household Privacy Act (PHPA) and the Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA).

The first and most popular Illinois data protection law is PIPA, with a few key components. First, it requires that a company with our personal data on its servers notify us if it's been compromised. PIPA also requires our data to be disposed of when it's no longer needed for ongoing business operations and has security requirements for protection of our personal data

to a certain level.

The second law is the PHPA, which went into effect on Jan. 1, 2022, and is the first and only of its kind anywhere in the nation. It expressly limits law enforcement access to household digital device data, like Ring doorbells and Amazon Alexa devices. Prior to the act's passage, law enforcement could simply get this data from a third-party company, like Amazon, without needing a warrant.

“The PHPA says that if the police want to get information from internet-connected devices in the home, they need a warrant – plain and simple. It recognizes that we have a reasonable expectation of privacy inside the home, regardless if it is a piece of paper or an electronic record like a digital recording,” Hanna explained.

The final core legislation is the reason many Illinoisans received a few hundred dollars from a Facebook and Clearview AI settlement earlier this year. BIPA protects our biometric data, or the measurements of physiological characteristics that can be used to identify an individual.

“One of the most important privacy laws in the country is BIPA, which states that any entity that wants to collect biometric information from Illinois residents has to get written consent first. The reason it's so important is because you can't change your biometric identifiers – you can't change your iris, fingerprint, voiceprint or the scan of your hand. So, we want to be sure that if someone is taking that information from you, you are giving it to them with informed and explicit consent,” said Hanna.

Outside of these three main areas, regulations



Peter Hanna is the legal adviser to the Illinois American Civil Liberties Union on privacy and technology. He says it is surprisingly easy to directly link data back to specific people.

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on collecting and selling data don't go much farther in Illinois. Currently, there is no comprehensive federal data protection law, either.

American Data Privacy Protection Act

U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-Chicago, is the chair of the Consumer Protection and Commerce Subcommittee, which deals with data privacy issues. She has introduced the American Data Privacy Protection Act into the House that, if passed, would provide the most protections for consumers from data brokers to date.

“This legislation will finally offer consumers some safety and privacy online, because we know the vast majority of Americans are feeling absolutely helpless when it comes to controlling their own data,” Schakowsky told *Illinois Times*.

Highlights of the ADPPA include protections for minors, a data broker registry and, perhaps most notably, a mechanism for consumers to opt out of data collection and requirements for affirmative consent before collecting sensitive data like geolocation, genetic and biometric information and browsing histories.

“The idea is to put the power back in the consumer's hand,” said Schakowsky. “Under this law, all data brokers will be required to register with the Federal Trade Commission. Consumers will then be able to skirt this database and have their data permanently deleted by data brokers. The FTC would set up a central mechanism for consumers to have their data deleted everywhere at once. I think that is an option a lot of consumers will take,” she said.

Some groups, including the ACLU, have raised concerns about the ADPPA's ability to hold companies accountable while lacking a strong private right-of-action, which allows private citizens to bring a lawsuit against a company for breaking the law. Schakowsky says she agrees with those concerns, but ultimately the bill “was a very delicate negotiation with all stakeholders.”

“There are some concerns, but to get

bipartisan support for a very strong data privacy bill was to delay actual action on private right-of-action for four years. It isn't something that I love, but to get the votes to pass the bill, that is what we needed to do,” said Schakowsky.

The ADPPA is one of only a few privacy bills to even be considered on Capitol Hill, largely because lobbying by the data broker industry rivals that of Facebook and Google. Additionally, many politicians now rely on information on voters from data brokers in political campaigns.

Schakowsky hopes to see the bill voted on in the House before the August recess, but in the meantime, those interested in protecting their data may need to take matters into their own hands.

How to protect your data

There are steps individuals can take to protect their data, such as using a virtual private network (VPN), secure web browsers and reading privacy policies. If you have an iPhone, you can go to your privacy menu and turn off “allow apps to request to track you.”

Most people are familiar with cookies, which allow websites to remember you. Data brokers use third-party cookies that plant a bit of code in your browser that allow these companies to track your activity across the web. Hanna suggests paying attention to your cookie settings: “Instead of having settings set to opt out, have it set to opt in. That way, whatever cookies you accept are cookies you are aware of from trusted services.”

There are more advanced options out there as well, but Hanna says at the end of the day, citizens must hold lawmakers accountable: “Unfortunately, many people don't have all the technical know-how necessary to adequately protect their personal data from misuse. Most people have to rely on personal data protections in the law, so people need to be informed advocates for themselves and their privacy rights to make sure the law meets their needs,” said Hanna.

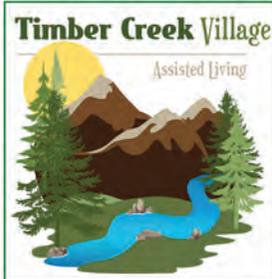
However, SPISec founder Michael thinks average citizens don't fully comprehend the problem because it happens in the shadows: “If someone tells you they don't care about privacy, ask them to unlock their phone and let you look through it. People really do care about privacy, but I don't think society recognizes what's going on. We think it's OK because it's commercially done and we get some free benefit out of it usually, but it just leaves that dangerous door open for abuse,” said Michael.

“For me, because I'm so deep into technology, I can see the writing on the wall. At some point, there will be a privacy meltdown. Then it will make more sense in people's eyes that they don't want every aspect of their life to be tracked and surveilled forever, but that just hasn't happened yet.” □

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Miss Daisy doesn't get old

Spencer Theatre Co. brings the 1980s hit to the Hoogland

THEATER | Phil Funkenbusch

The 1988 Pulitzer Prize for drama was awarded to a small, three-character off-Broadway play, *Driving Miss Daisy*, a play that still has lessons for us today. The Pulitzer Prize is awarded to distinguished work by an American author, preferably original in its source, and dealing with American life.

Driving Miss Daisy premiered 35 years ago, running 1,195 performances. Spencer Theatre Company now offers a chance to take a look at the play, running through this weekend at the Hoogland Center for the Arts, featuring a polished ensemble consisting of Felicia Coulter, Tim Crawford and Greg Floyd. It has to be noted that the effervescent, and at the top-of-her-game Felicia Coulter reigns as star over all the proceedings. I imagine director Chuck McCue took his cues from Coulter's obvious instincts for playing this role.

Driving Miss Daisy spans 25 years and is based on playwright Alfred Uhry's own grandmother at a time in later life when this proud Jewish woman in Bible-belt Atlanta was forced to hire a chauffeur when she was not allowed to drive anymore. The 1989 film won Jessica Tandy an Oscar. Morgan Freeman played the chauffeur and originated the role on stage with Dana Ivey.

The fact that a small, 90-minute play with almost no scenery and an automobile comprised of two chairs became such a hit in New York and won the Pulitzer Prize was a surprise. (A runner-up that year was Eric Bogosian's gritty *Talk Radio*.) This current production is a welcome surprise too, mainly because the play and film have somewhat receded in most people's memory through the years. And it's a chance to see talented actors work together so beautifully.

Greg Floyd has been seen on stage in the area for several decades now, which is hard to believe with his youthfulness. He and Coulter perform together so truthfully, it's as if they have their own shorthand to play off each other.

Tim Crawford grabs onto the character of Hoke, and his scenes with both Floyd and Coulter are rich with all of their good comic timing. Miss Daisy is cruel to Hoke in the early scenes of the play, and he mainly lets it roll off of him in his stoic way. It's a lesson in acting, watching these two slowly learn to deal with each other, and who, eventually, become people who look out for each other.

Guided by director McCue, the actors age



Felicia Coulter as Daisy Werthan and Tim Crawford as Hoke Coleburn as they take a trip to Mobile.

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25 years during the play. There is no heavy-handed, overly theatrical tricks at play here. You notice a different gait as they walk and move about the stage. A subtle slowness creeps up on them in certain scenes; even their voices change.

The production runs smoothly and I give kudos to Michelle Tebrugge's stage crew who move set pieces around like a ballet. There are many nice touches in Gene Hinckley's lighting and sound design.

The 90-minute performance is rich with laughs and some sobering moments. By play's end we feel we know these people, and probably see some of our own relatives in it.

The play also has one of the most poignant and moving scenes ever played on a stage, still as breathtaking and powerful now as it was when I first saw it 35 years ago.

Alfred Uhry wrote two more plays in what he called his Atlanta Trilogy: the comedy-drama *The Last Night of Ballyhoo* and the musical *Parade*. He always wrote his plays with elements of historical background: *Ballyhoo* takes place the night of the world premiere of *Gone With the Wind* in Atlanta. (Please, Spencer Theatre Co., think about producing this one.) *Parade* was based on the 1913

imprisonment and eventual lynching of Leo Frank. In *Daisy*, it was the bombing of the Hebrew Benevolent Congregation Temple and a dinner in Atlanta honoring Martin Luther King's 1964 Nobel Peace Prize that are historical pinpoints.

When the film was released and won the Oscar for Best Picture, a backlash began. The film (and to some extent the play) was considered by many a too-safely-told story in which racial problems were addressed, but that suggested lessons had been learned and the past was past. We are reminded today that the past is certainly not merely the past.

That same year Spike Lee's landmark film *Do the Right Thing* was released and was glaringly *not* nominated.

Driving Miss Daisy continues this weekend: Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m. Tickets at www.SpencerTheatreCompany.com or Hoogland Center, 217-523-2787. □

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Peach bounty

Delicious dishes, with memories of Mom

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

Years ago I was given a white peach tree as a memorial for my mother by some thoughtful colleagues. Before her death my mom, Julianne Glatz, was the original author of the *Illinois Times* food column, and one of my coworkers recalled that she'd once written that white peaches were one of her most favorite things. I was touched by their kindness and planted the tree in a sunny corner of my yard. Since then the tree has thrived and grown into a beautiful specimen, bursting forth with bright pink blossoms each spring.

Fruit trees, however, are tricky. The deluge of blossoms that greeted us in April would give way to lush green leaves in June but the quantity of actual peaches on the tree was negligible. You see you can't just stick a fruit tree in the ground, water it and expect a harvest. Fruit trees, especially stone fruit types like peaches, nectarines and plums must be pruned annually in order to be strong and fruitful. Pruning should be done in late winter, while the tree is still dormant and the buds have not yet begun to swell. For years we missed the boat, realizing when we'd see the peach blossoms open that we once again forgot to prune.

Determined to no longer neglect our fruit-keeping duties, this year we scheduled pruning reminders on our calendar. One sunny morning in early March, my husband headed out armed with sharp loppers and a bevy of YouTube tutorials. A while later he came in and said he thought he was done, and for me to come take a look. I gasped when I saw the tree – it was comically cut back to what looked like a sad stick poking up out of the ground. “Oh honey... wow. Um, I thought you were only supposed to cut back 25 percent...” I looked down at the massive pile of branches on the ground and hoped that he hadn't just killed my mom's memorial tree.

It turns out that a severe pruning was exactly what that tree needed. As spring progressed, the peach tree proceeded to put on its greatest show of blossoms yet, before giving way to an overwhelming bounty of fruit. Branches packed with clusters of peaches hang lower and lower under the increasing weight of the fruit as they morph from fuzzy green balls to sunset-hued orbs. We just started picking this week and I'm trying to wrap my head around what I'll do with the haul. This fresh summery salad has been my go-to favorite lately for a not-so-sad desk lunch – it's crisp and satisfying and makes good use out of all the garden has to offer right now. Undoubtedly



Ashley's memorial peach tree. PHOTO BY ASHLEY MEYER

my brown butter peach cobbler will make an appearance also. And with any luck I'll stash away some jars of brandied peaches to give as gifts at Christmastime. Most of all I'm looking forward to enjoying these succulent white peaches the way my mom liked them best – freshly sliced and drizzled with honey atop a bowl of vanilla ice cream.

Peach and sweet corn salad

1 medium cucumber, sliced thin
1 ripe tomato, cut into wedges
2 peaches, peeled and cut into wedges
1 ear sweet corn, cooked, cooled and cut off the cob
¼ cup crumbled feta
¼ cup pickled red onions (see recipe at: <https://www.illinoistimes.com/springfield/yucatan-pickled-red-onions/Content?oid=11447657>)

2 tablespoons minced basil or mint
1 tablespoon olive oil

Preparation

Layer the ingredients onto a plate or serving bowl in the order listed. Drizzle olive oil over the top and season to taste with coarse salt and black pepper.

Brown butter peach cobbler

10 tablespoons butter
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 1/2 cups sugar, divided (more if peaches are tart)
1 tablespoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup whole milk, at room temperature
4 cups peeled and sliced peaches
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Freshly ground nutmeg

Preparation

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

In a medium saucepan, brown the butter over medium heat. (For more on melting butter check out: <https://www.illinoistimes.com/springfield/the-magic-of-brown-butter/Content?oid=12648343>). Allow to cool slightly, then pour the butter into a non-reactive 9-inch by 13-inch baking dish. Wait to wash the saucepan. You will reuse it.

Combine the flour, one cup of the sugar, baking powder and salt in a mixing bowl, then add the milk and stir until moistened. Pour the batter over the browned butter in the baking dish but do not stir. Add the peaches, lemon juice and the remaining ½ cup sugar (add up to ½ cup more sugar if peaches are tart) to the saucepan and bring to a boil. Pour the hot peach mixture over the batter in the baking dish but do not stir. Top with freshly grated nutmeg then transfer to a preheated oven and bake for 40-45 minutes until the top is golden and the filling is bubbly.

Brandied peaches

4 pounds peaches (about 12 medium)
3 ½ cups brandy (or you can use whisky)
2 cups sugar
1 ¼ cups water

Preparation

Wash and pit the peaches.

Cut them into eight wedges each.

Bring the brandy, sugar and water to a boil in a large saucepan over medium high heat.

Sanitize six pint jars by scalding them in a large pot of simmering water fitted with a canning rack. Remove the jars from the hot water and place them on the counter. Keep the lids submerged in hot water until ready to use.

Pack the sliced peaches into the jars then top with the hot brandy syrup. Remove any air bubbles and add more syrup as needed to fully submerge the peaches. (Make sure to leave a half-inch of headroom at the top of the jar.) Wipe the rim with a towel, top with a clean lid, and screw on the bands.

Place the jars in the hot water bath and bring to a boil. Process for 15 minutes once they come to a boil. Carefully remove the jars and place on a towel-lined tray to cool.

The brandied peaches will keep for several weeks once opened, as long as they stay submerged in the syrup. Use in cocktails, in desserts, or simply over ice cream. □

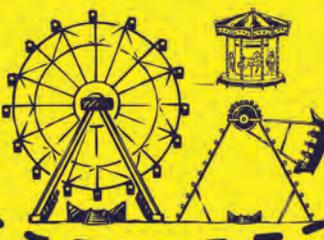
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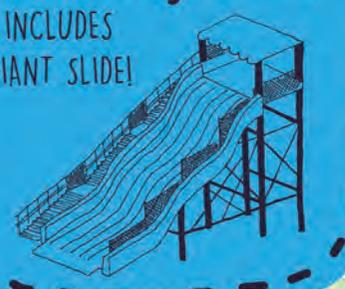
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Now that was a mostly fun and seemingly speedy ride through the muggy month of July for 2022. Here we are hitting old “Jewel-Eyes” last weekend with lots of doings, so let’s take a look at the upcoming days ahead and see what’s out there to hear.

We have a couple of festivals going on this weekend, one old friend in the city and a newcomer in the country. Let’s start with the Downhome Music Festival happening downtown on Seventh between Washington and Adams. The fest, kicking off at 5 on Friday evening and Saturday at 2 in the afternoon and ending at the stroke of midnight on both nights, features two stages, one on each end of the Seventh Street stretch, with alternating bands so there’s only one music group playing outside at a time, but no lag between performances. Then there’s a third stage inside Anvil and Forge with acoustic acts on Saturday, plus plenty of craft beer stands, food vendors and local artists all over as well. Check out the fest’s Facebook page for a lineup (too many to mention here) and other important information.

The neat thing about Downhome is the all-original, locally based lineup with everyone participating playing their own songs, and the money made at the door after expenses is distributed among the festival performers. That’s some real dollars and cents encouragement for writing and performing your own stuff. Now in its 11th year, mucho thanks go to Josh Catalano and crew, as well as the many volunteers, for doing the hard work necessary so this fun showcase for a whole bunch of our area’s songwriting bands goes on year after year. And it’s good to know there are plenty of other original acts that aren’t playing here, just to give you a glimpse of what the Springfield scene of homemade

music covers.

Now let’s head for the hills and check out the Rumble Down Festival held on Friday and Saturday (all day and night both days) at The Kampground near Mechanicsburg. This is a mostly progressive jamgrass-band event with camping available (primitive, cabins or RVs) including lots of kid-friendly activities and craft vendors, plus food and drinks as well. The music lineup is loaded, so I’ll ask you to visit their Facebook page to learn of all the acts scheduled and find info on what to do and where to go.

This is the first annual Rumble Down fest and it’s organized and promoted by Bear’s Havyn, an area group of music lovin’ folks getting together to get the vibe out to other music lovin’ folks who share a love for good-time get-togethers in a, shall we say, Dead-ish kinda way, if you know what I mean. Here’s to wishing Bear and bunch well on starting a tradition of a successful live music festival, because we like those things around here.

There’s lots else going on, so let’s take a peek around. Downtown on Fourth and Adams, Buzz Bomb Brewing Company keeps things a-hoppin’ with The Pickin’ Pear, a “folk ‘n’ roll” duo on Thursday, the national touring act of 60s-70s-influenced singer-songwriters, Marty Bush and Natalie Prauser on Friday. Saturday night brings our very own David Lumsden Blues + Band, with special guest Kylan Davis, along with able openers Joel Gragg and the Filaments.

Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters booked a big weekend in the area with shows at Coz’s Pizza on Friday, Girard’s Festival Days on Saturday and Motorhead’s Motordome on Sunday afternoon. Go Geech, go.

Well, I’m all worn out just thinking about everything there is to do. See you later. □

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The Pickin' Pear
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

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

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke
La Fiesta Chatham, 7-11pm

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

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

Charles Tiner
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 8-11pm

Friday Jul 29

Michael Burnett & The Suns
The Blue Grouch Pub, 6:26-10:19pm

Friday Night Jazz - Capital Big Band
Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 8pm-1am

Marty Bush and Natalie Prauser
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters
Coz's Pizza and Pub, 7pm

Damned Torpedoes
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8-11pm

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

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



Samba Llamas perform at BUNN Gourmet on Thursday.

Boogie Chyld
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30-10:30pm

Karaoke with Jamie Lynn
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm-12am

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

Karaoke with DJ Dan Suter
Pier 55 Lounge, 8pm-12am

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

Saturday Jul 30

The Risky Rooster Band
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-10pm

Jonnie Concaroo Band
Boone's, 11am-2pm

David Lumsden Blues + Band
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

Lick Creek
Coz's Pizza and Pub, 8pm

ReMix
Crows Mill Pub, 6:30pm

Brandy Kristin
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters
Girard Festival Days, Girard, 7pm

RockHouse
Jackson's HandleBar, 6-10pm

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

Off the Wall
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7-10pm

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

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Sheedy Shores WineGarden, Loami, 4pm

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas
Slaughterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn, 6-9pm

Mary Jo Curry
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30-10:30pm

Sunday Jul 31

Joel Honey Jams
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

Wolf Crick Boys
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 4:30pm

Nate Cozadd
It's All About Wine, 3pm

RockHouse
Longbranch Tavern, Athens, 1-5pm

Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters
Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum, 2-5pm

John Drake
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 4-7pm

Monday Aug 1

John McVey
The Alamo, 7pm

The Kitchens
The Stadium Bar & Grill, 7-10pm

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

Tuesday Aug 2

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke
The Alibi, Rochester, 8pm-12am

Karaoke with Debbie Cakes
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-11pm

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

Wednesday Aug 3

John Kennedy and The Multiple Shooters
Aqua Sports Club, 6-9pm

Open mic
Boone's, 7-10pm

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

Karaoke
Crows Mill Pub, 8pm

The Kitchens
Jamie's Route 66, Southern View, 6-9pm

it Ella Gibson
Obed and Isaac's, 6pm

Karaoke with Debbie Cakes
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-11pm

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Saturday, July 30 • 7:00pm
Girard Festival Days (Girard)

Sunday, July 31 • 2:00pm
Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum

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Friday, July 29 • 8:00pm
Down Home Festival

Saturday, July 30 • 8:00pm
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■ **Special Music Events**

Arlo McKinley
Thu., July 28, 6pm. Honest country music that also draws on street soul, punk and gospel. Part of the Levitt AMP Music Series. Y Block, Main Stage, Fourth and Jackson streets, 217-789-2000.

Davina and the Vagabonds
Wed., Aug. 3, 6pm. A retro jazz swing sound that is alive. Part of the Levitt AMP Springfield Music Series. Y Block, Main Stage, Fourth and Jackson streets, 217-789-2000.

Hells Bells - AC/DC Tribute
Sat., July 30, 6-10pm. With opener Guns N' Roses tribute band Nightrain. \$10. 18 and under free. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr., 217-496-2621.

Nancy Rogers
Sun., July 31, 6pm. Part of the Concerts in the Park series hosted by the Pilot Club of Jacksonville. Jacksonville Community Park, Jacksonville, 1201 S. Main.

Violin and piano recital
Sat., July 30, 6pm. Outdoor performance by the students of The Fleming Academy of Performing Arts. Bring a lawn chair. Tickets will be sold only in advance by phone. \$10 for ages 3 and older. 217-787-6556. First Church of the Nazarene, 5200 S. Sixth St.

Zoso - Led Zeppelin tribute band
Fri., July 29, 6-10pm. Show opens with Pink Floyd tribute band, This One's Pink. \$10. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr., 217-496-2621.

■ **Books & Authors**

African Americans in Springfield
Sat., July 30, 11am. Mary Frances will give a PowerPoint presentation about her book which was co-authored by Beverly Helm-Renfro. The book features the family's private collection of photography by Doc Helm and other sources from 1886-1975. Free. Books on the Square, 427 Washington St., 217-965-5443.

Book signing and discussion
Tue., Aug. 2, 4-7pm. Lois Britton will discuss her book, *Once Upon a Felony-True Stories of Four Women Who Reshaped Their Lives After Prison*. Free. Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 406 E. Adams St., 303-834-5244.

■ **Theater & Comedy**

Babes in Arms
Through July 30. Set at a summer stock theatre, a group of young apprentices are determined to mount the original revue they've created while dodging the underhanded attempts of the surly theatre owner to squash their every effort. theatreinthepark.net. Adults \$15, seniors \$13, children under 12 \$10. Theatre in the Park, Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-632-5440.

Driving Miss Daisy
Through July 30, 8pm and Sun., July 31, 4pm. Presented by the Spencer Theater Company. This play won the 1988 Pulitzer Prize for drama. hcfta.org. \$18-\$20. Hoogland Center for the Arts, Theatre III, 420 S. 6th St., 523-2787.

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Sun., July 31. Starring Mary Zentmyer. \$30. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

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2022 River Country Quilt Show
Fri., July 29, 10am-5pm and Sat., July 30, 10am-4pm. Quilt appraisals, bed turnings, over 200 quilted items on display. textile art silent auction, vendors, raffles and more. Concessions available. \$6.00. Jacksonville High School, Jacksonville, 1211 N. Diamond St., 217-602-0426.

Acrylic Art Class
Fridays, 10am-12pm. Artist Lonnie Cain will guide participants through making acrylic art. Call to register. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-503-4643.

Collage art
Fri., July 29, 6-8pm. New York-based artist Michael Albert will teach teens and adults how to collage with common cereal boxes. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

■ **Food & Drink**

it Community BBQ

Sun., July 31, 3pm. Burgers, sides, cold drinks and more. Sponsored by the Gracie Jo Foundation and the Foursquare Church. Free. Foursquare Gospel Church, 830 E. Stanford Ave., 217-522-8008.

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Sat., July 30, 8-10am. Hosted by the Union Baptist Church in recognition of Sarcoma and Bone Cancer Awareness Month. Complete the 1-mile trail as many times as you would like. Donations will be accepted for the American Cancer Society. Free. Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-544-8115.

■ History

History Cooks: Lincoln Family Dinner

Fri., July 29, 1pm. We can imagine with four sons, dinner was lively in the Lincoln home. Typical dinners would feature corned beef and cabbage, pig feet, venison and apples. Sean Keeley, executive chef of the Sangamo Club, will prepare some favorites. Free. Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 413 S. Eighth St., 217-391-3221.

Pathways to Freedom

Sat., July 30, 1:30-2:30pm. A presentation on the Illinois portion of the Underground Railroad. Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, 1440 Monument Ave., 217-391-6323.

■ Faith & Philosophy

Compassion and Community
Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30pm. Ages pre-K through adult are welcome for a meal, fellowship, Bible stories and creative activities. First Congregational Church, 2100 S. Bates Ave., 217-546-7170.

■ Fairs & Festivals

Downhome Music Festival

July 29-30. One of the best ways to enjoy a great lineup of local talent. Over 100 craft beers and fantastic food vendors. Check the website for the fantastic lineup. downhomemusicfest.com. Downtown Springfield, Seventh and Washington streets, 217-622-1374.

Rumble Down Festival

July 29-30. Two days of music, art, vending, pickin' and more.

The line up includes a variety of amazing progressive jamgrass bands. Visit the Facebook event. thekampground.com. \$50 and up. Ages 13-16 \$30-\$60. The Kampground, Mechanicsburg, 11380 Darnell Rd.

■ Children's Corner

Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party

Fri., July 29, 2-3pm. An outdoor party to celebrate summer reading. Enjoy the Bubble Bus with music and bubbles and sidewalk-chalk drawing, too. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

■ Nature, Science & Environment

Sangamon Valley Iris Society Sale

Sat., July 30, 1-4pm. A beautiful selection of iris varieties from the collections of the society members. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

Springfield Civic Garden Club

Mon., Aug. 1, 6pm. Bill Harmon, ag program coordinator and professor of agronomy, will lead a tour of the new Kreher Agriculture Center which as been recognized with two national architectural design awards. Open to the public and prospective club members. LLCC Kreher Agriculture Center, 5250 Shepherd Rd., 217-546-7709.

■ Bulletin Board

Aging Mastery Program

Tuesdays, 2-4pm. Build your own personal playbook for aging well. This fun, innovative program empowers you to take key steps to improve your well-being, add stability to your life, and strengthen ties to your community. \$65.00. South Side Christian Church, 2600 S. MacArthur, 217-528-4035.

IATP Programs & AT for Seniors

Wed., Aug. 3, 12:15-1pm. Lynette Strode will discuss Illinois Assistive Technology Programs and Assistive Technology Programs. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

Legal Aid

First Wednesday of every month, 9am-3pm. Land of Lincoln Legal Aid provides free civil legal help to eligible seniors. To Call 217-503-4643 to make an appointment. Senior Services of

Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

Springfield Newcomers and Neighbors Club

Dinner meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 10, 5:30pm. Open to new and present members. Meet other members and enter a raffle to benefit Contact Ministries. Cost of dinner is \$30. For reservations, send email to ann3hm@aol.com by August 1. Panther Creek Country Club, 3001 Panther Creek Dr., 217-546-4431.

it Summer Showcase Furniture Sale

Sat., July 30, 9am-1pm. Refurbished furniture and home decor at great prices. July 31 discount sale at 11:30am. Hosted by Wooden It Be Lovely. Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church, 501 S. Douglas Ave., 217-546-4631.

Thank You reception

Fri., July 29, 5-7pm. Stop by to say thank you to Mark McDonald, the creator, producer and director of the long-running PBS show, "Illinois Stories." Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-473-5969.

■ Health & Fitness

Family Fun Night - Fitness Night

Thu., July 28, 5-8pm. Fitness court and other fitness games and events. No pre-registration required. Sponsored by the Springfield Park District and the city of Springfield. Free. Comer Cox Park, Capitol Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, 217-843-0012.

■ Sports

Stoneman Sprint Triathlon, Abe's Olympic and Route 66 Half Tri

Sat., July 30. One day, three races. Staggered start times. Covid precautions will be practiced. Lake Springfield Beach House, 100 Long Bay Dr., 217-341-1309.

it Tuesday Night Basketball

Tuesdays, 5-8pm. Free Tuesday basketball fun. No pre-registration required. Free Gatorade and water while supplies last. Sponsored by the Springfield Park District and the city of Springfield. Free. Comer Cox Park, Capitol Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, 217-843-0012.



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

MidFirst Bank Plaintiff, vs. Nicholas A. Praia, AKA Nicholas Praia; Capital One Bank (USA), N.A.; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. Case No. 2022CH000002 311 South Douglas Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704 Judge Gail L. Noll

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on March 16, 2022, Jack Campbell will on August 16, 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 311 South Douglas Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704 Parcel Number(s): 14-33.0-106-016
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: 21-027851.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY ESTATE OF DARREL A. SAMPLE, DECEASED IN PROBATE No. 2022 PR 000243 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of DARREL A. SAMPLE1, of 9674 State Route 124, Sherman, IL 62684. Letters Testamentary were issued on June 28th 2022, to DEVAN A. PFEIFFER, of 6668A Lost Creek Lane Sherman, IL, 62684, whose attorney is Jeffrey J. Cocagne of Drake, Narup & Mead at 107 E. Allen, Springfield, IL 62704. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Circuit Court 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Administrator, or both, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within three months from the date of the mailing of this notice, whichever is later, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the 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 July 2022. Prepared by: Jeffrey J. Cocagne Drake, Narup & Mead, P.C. 107 East Allen Street Springfield, IL 652704 217-528-9776 cocagne@dnmpc.com

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

In the Matter of the Estate of: Doris C. Robinson, Deceased.

No. 2022-PR-261
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE
Notice is given of the death of Doris C., Robinson of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on July 7, 2022, to Colleen Robinson, 410 Nottingham Place, Findlay, Ohio, 45840, 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 Doris C. Robinson of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Colleen Robinson, and Jaclene Robinson-Ivy as the only heirs of Doris C. Robinson. 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 DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC Attorneys for Executor

One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: 217-544-2703 Fax: 217-544-4664 sdpavlik@delanolaw.com

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

Estate of DON E. SCOTT, SR., Deceased. NO. 2022-PR-279
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Don E. Scott, Sr., of Riverton, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 20, 2022, to Karen Kirby, 24083 DiGiovanna Avenue, Athens, Illinois 62613, 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 January 27, 2023, 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 21st day of July, 2022. Randall W. Segatto - 06193211 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 (217) 544-4868 rsegatto@barberlaw.com

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

Estate of LINDA K. HAMMOND, Deceased. NO. 2022-PR-269
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Linda K. Hammond of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 20, 2022, to Scott Hammond, 4109 Clearwater Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62712, and Michael Hammond, 805 Grove Street, Chatham, Illinois 62629, as Independent Co-Administrators, 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 January 27, 2023, 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 21st day of July, 2022. Randall W. Segatto - 06193211 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 (217) 544-4868 rsegatto@barberlaw.com

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

CARZELLA C. PRITCHETT, Deceased. No. 2022-PR-250
CLAIMS NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Carzella C. Pritchett, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on July 5, 2022, by the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, to Nykile Pritchett, 403 SW 2nd Street, Bentonville AR, 72712 and Keziah Pritchett, 3110 Cedar Plaza Lane #1122, Dallas TX, 75235, whose attorney is August Appleton, 725 S. Fourth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court or with representative, or both, on or before January 15, 2023, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed. By: /s/ August Appleton Attorney for the Estate of Carzella C. Pritchett, deceased. Prepared By: AUGUST APPLETON Stratton, Moran Townsend, Reichert, Sronce, & Appleton 725 S. 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 Phone: 217-528-2183 Att. Reg. No. 6304584 AppletonLawIllinois@gmail.com

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

Estate of: JERALDINE A. MAXEY, a/k/a, GERALDINE A. MAXEY, Deceased. NO. 2022-PR-263
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Jeraldine A. Maxey, a/k/a, Geraldine A. Maxey, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 12, 2022, to Edward C. Maxey, II, 315 10th Street, Pawnee, IL 62558, as Independent Administrator with Will Annexed, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before January 19, 2023, 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 July, 2022. Brittany Kink Toigo - 06306334 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 bk@barberlaw.com 324293

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

Estate of: RUSSELL EUGENE COOPER, Deceased. NO. 2022-PR-253
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Russell Eugene Cooper of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 6, 2022, to Carmen Elaine Maurer, 415 East Locust Street, Chatham, Illinois 62629, 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 January 13, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 6th day of July, 2022. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com 322793

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

In re the Estate of AMELIA VOGEL, Deceased. Case No. 2022-PR-258
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Amelia Vogel. Letters of office have been issued to Lisa A. Crifasi, 8102 Leafland Ct., Affton, MO 63123-2614, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is R. Phillip Reed, Attorney at Law, 1129 S. Seventh St., Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Executor, or both, on or before January 23, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor 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 <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. R. PHILLIP REED Attorney at Law 1129 S. Seventh St. Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 528-7333 reedlaw@sbcglobal.net ARDC No. 2300478

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

In the Matter of the Estate of TONIA R. CASS, Deceased. IN PROBATE NO. 2022PR000248
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of TONIA R. CASS, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on June 29, 2022 to, RHONDA CASS MACKINEY, Executor, 3528 Banyan Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62712, whose attorney is Robert A. Stuart, Jr., Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th 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 January 8, 2023 or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any

claim not filed within that period is barred. Dated this 5th day of July, 2022. Robert A. Stuart, Jr. ARDC # 2761122 Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP 205 S. 5th St., Suite 1000 Springfield, IL 62701 (217) 544-8491

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHAUN O. WALTER Deceased NO. 2022PR000260
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of SHAUN O. WALTER, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on July 11, 2022, to Brittany Mendenhall, 13075 Water Tower Rd., Buffalo, IL 62515 as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before 12th day of January, 2023 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 July, 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 IN PROBATE BETTY R. FAFOGLIA, Deceased. No. 2022-PR-271
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Betty R. Fafoglia, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on July 18, 2022, to Ronald E. Fafoglia, 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 27th day of January, 2023, 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 20th day of July, 2022. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Hugh F. Drake (Registration No. 6269666) 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705-2459 (217) 544-8491 hdrake@bhsllaw.com

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

In the Matter of the Estate of IN PROBATE CARLA L. SHAFFER, Deceased. No. 2022-PR-276 (a/k/a CARLA L. DONATHAN)
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Carla L. Shaffer (a/k/a Carla L. Donathan), deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on July 18, 2022, to Carolyn L. Kennedy, 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 27th day of January, 2023, 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 21st day of July, 2022.

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In the Matter of the Estate of Stella May Buchholzer, Deceased.
22-P-145

NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS AND UNKNOWN HEIRS / LEGATEES. Notice is given of the death of Stella May Buchholzer, from Illiopolis, in Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on April 11, 2022, to Dale Buchholzer, from 503 Beaman Dr., Illiopolis, Illinois, whose attorneys are the Noll Law Office, LLC, 930 E. Monroe St., Springfield, IL 62701. Claimants claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th St., Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before January 21, 2023 or three months after date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later, 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 representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. A copy of an order granting executorship and probating of will can be obtained from the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless an interested person asks the court to become involved. Notice is given to unknown heirs / legatees, who are heirs or legatees in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose name or address is not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, that within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or 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 5/81) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Dated this 14th day of July, 2022

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

DALE L. MENDENHALL, DECEASED.
NO. 2022-P-164

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of DALE MENDENHALL, of Alhambra, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on the 20th Day of April, 2020 to MICHAEL GASS 113 Hankin Rd., Springfield, Illinois 62712, whose attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC 2160 S. 6th St., Suite E, Springfield, Illinois 62703.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 28th day of July, 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.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Dated this 19th day of July, 2022
MICHAEL GASS, Executor of the Estate of DALE MENDENHALL, Deceased
BY: DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
/s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno Attorney
Attorneys for Estate:
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

CONNIE JEANNE HAWK, Deceased.

NO. 2022-PR-244

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of Connie Jeanne Hawk. Letters of office were issued July 1, 2022, to Linda Sue Ridgley as Independent Administrator, 5500 Walmsley Road, Decatur, Illinois 62521, whose attorney is Jon D. Robinson, Bolen, Robinson & Ellis, LLP, 202 South Franklin Street, Decatur, Illinois 62523.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at 200 South 9th Street, Room 405, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, except any creditor to whom the Independent Administrator is required to mail or deliver notice by the provisions of Section 5/18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/18-3) may file a claim on or before the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before the applicable date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk of

the Court must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and to the attorney of record within (10) days after it has been filed.

The estate will be administered without court supervision unless, under Section 28-4 (755 ILCS 5/28-4) of the Illinois Probate Act, any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition to Terminate to the Clerk.

DATED July 11, 2022.

Linda Sue Ridgley, Independent Administrator

By Bolen Robinson & Ellis, LLP
By Jon D. Robinson, Attorney for Estate

Jon D. Robinson

Bolen Robinson & Ellis, LLP

202 South Franklin Street

Decatur, Illinois 62523

Telephone: 217-429-4296

Fax: 217-329-0034

NOTICE OF HEARING

In the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, in the Matter of the Petition of Donald and Rebecca Delong, to Adopt Gavin Osterman, Abigail Osterman, and Dillon Osterman, Minors, Case No. 2022-AD-27.

NOTICE is hereby given you, Respondent, ERIC OSTERMAN, that a hearing is set for Wednesday, August 23, 2022 at 3:30 p.m., in front of the Honorable Gail L. Noll, in the courtroom usually occupied by her at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, on the Petitioner's Petition for Adoption.

Attorneys for Petitioner:

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217/544-4868

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the matter of the Petition of

Valerie Lynn Eubanks

For change of name to

Valerie Lynn Hodge

Case No.: 2022-MR-285

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on

August 30, 2022 I will petition in said

Court praying for the change of name

from Valerie Lynn Eubanks to Valerie Lynn

Hodge, pursuant to the statute in such

case made and provided.

Dated: July 14, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the matter of the Petition of

Sara Katherine Wilcockson

For change of name to

Sara Katherine Ettinger

Case No.: 2022-MR-276

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on

August 30, 2022 I will petition in said

Court praying for the change of name from

Sara Katherine Wilcockson to Sara Katherine

Ettinger, pursuant to the statute in such

case made and provided.

Dated: July 14, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the matter of the Petition of

Brandon William Sokolis

For change of name to

Brandon William Lehnen

Case No.: 2022-MR-182

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on August 30, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Brandon William Sokolis to Brandon William Lehnen, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: July 14, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the matter of the Petition of

Amy Kristen Rebbe

For change of name to

Amy Kristen Hallmark

Case No.: 2022-MR-273

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on August 30, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Amy Kristen Rebbe to Amy Kristen Hallmark, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: July 14, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the matter of the Petition of

Julissa Placencio

For change of name to

Julissa Placencio Braimoh

Case No.: 2022-MR-280

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on August 30, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Julissa Placencio to Julissa Placencio Braimoh, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: July 14, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the matter of the Petition of

Maria Dawn Pearce

For change of name to

Maria Dawn Lyons

Case No.: 2022-MR-282

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on August 30, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Maria Dawn Pearce to Maria Dawn Lyons, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: July 14, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the matter of the Petition of

Jade Aubrey Anderson

For change of name to

Jade Aubrey

Case No.: 2022-MR-264

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on August 30, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Jade Aubrey Anderson to Jade Aubrey, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: July 14, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the matter of the Petition of

Cierra Naomi Weems

For change of name to

Corey N. Weems

Case No.: 2022-MR-299

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on September 13, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from

Cierra Naomi Weems to Corey N. Weems, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: July 28, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD

ILLINOIS

MidFirst Bank

Plaintiff,

vs.

Nicholas A. Praia, AKA Nicholas Praia;

Capital One Bank (USA), N.A.; Unknown

Owners and Non-Record Claimants

Defendants.

Case No. 2022CH000002

311 South Douglas Avenue, Springfield,

IL 62704

Judge Gail L. Noll

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that

pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure

and Sale entered in the above entitled

cause on March 16, 2022, Jack Campbell

will on August 16, 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:

The North Half of Lot Four of the Subdi-

vision of the Sangamon County Fairgrounds,

which Subdivision is otherwise known as

Lot Four of the Northwest Quarter of Sec-

tion Thirty-three Township Sixteen North,

Range Five West of the Third Principal

Meridian, in the City of Springfield, Ex-

cept the West 125 feet. Situated in Sangamon

County, Illinois.

Commonly known as 311 South Douglas

Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704

Parcel Number(s): 14-33.0-106-016

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: 21-027851.

Edward R. Peterka

MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC

Plaintiff,

v.

CYNTHIA PISTORIUS WIETIES,

WILLIAM PATRICK PISTORIUS, MARY

KATHLEEN ZERFAS, AS HEIRS OF

GARY M. PISTORIUS;

Defendants.

CASE NO. 21CH50

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication hav-

ing been filed, notice is hereby given you:

CYNTHIA PISTORIUS WIETIES, WILLIAM

PATRICK PISTORIUS, MARY KATHLEEN

ZERFAS, AS HEIRS OF GARY M. PISTORIUS;

defendants in the above-entitled cause,

that suit has been commenced against

you and other defendants in the Circuit

Court for the Judicial Circuit by said

plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a

certain mortgage conveying the premises

described as follows, to wit:

LOT 71 IN WANLESS' DOUGLAS AVENUE

ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

AS PLATTED BY THE PLAT RECORDED

IN BOOK 4 OF PLATS, PAGE 61, IN THE

OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS IN

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 245 N. ILLINOIS

STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

PIN#: 14-28.0-351-034

OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE. CLERK OF THE COURT THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Julie Beyers (#6217185) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 740 Decatur, IL 62525 Send Notice/Pleadings to: Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 8051-925484

20-092784 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS MIDFIRST BANK PLAINTIFF, -vs- Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Barbara Jean Dooley, Deceased; Denise Neumann; L.C. Clay; Thomas Van Hook, as Special Representative for Barbara Jean Dooley, Deceased; United States of America; City of Springfield, an Illinois Municipal Corporation; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS DEFENDANTS NO. 20 CH 27 PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Barbara Jean Dooley a/k/a Barbara Clay a/k/a Barbara J. Dooley, Deceased; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Unknown Occupants. Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT THIRTY-NINE (39) OF WHITE CITY SUBDIVISION, SECOND PLAT. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD.

Commonly known as 512 White City Boulevard, Springfield, IL 62703 Permanent Index No.: 14-35.0-280-004 and which said Mortgage was made by Tyrone Price Dooley and Barbara Jean Dooley Mortgagors, to National City Mortgage Services Co. as Mortgagee, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, Document No. 1999R48762. And for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the suit is now pending.

Now therefore, unless you, the said above named defendants, e-file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, on or before the 30th day after the first publication of this notice which is August 15, 2022. Default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or

talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Clerk LOGS Legal Group LLP Attorney for Plaintiff 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 (847) 291-1717 ILNOTICES@logs.com THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION. 8051-925037

Casey Rentals And/or Casey Development Group Storages 2700A Old Rochester Road Springfield, Ill. 62703 Hereby gives Public Notice That the contents of the following units Will be disposed of on: August 6, 2022 Due to default of storage payments Tom Oxtaby, Unit D1

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of: David L. O'Shea, Deceased. No. 2022-PR-255 NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE Notice is given of the death of David L. O'Shea, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on July 5, 2022, to Michael E. O'Shea, 2306 W. Lake Shore Drive, Springfield, Illinois, 62712, and Linda Marie Howell, 827 Brookcreek Lane, Kirkwood, Missouri, 63122 as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of David L. O'Shea of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Judith A. O'Shea, Michael E. O'Shea, Linda Marie Howell, David L. O'Shea, II and Maureen J. Holcomb as the only heirs of David L. O'Shea. 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 representatives, 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 representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of the Circuit Court Sarah Delano Pavlik – 6269250 DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC Attorney for Executors One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: 217-544-2703 Fax: 217-544-4664 sdpavlik@delanolaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of: Robert L. Falzone, Deceased. No. 2022-PR-251 NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE Notice is given of the death of Robert L. Falzone of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on July 5, 2022, to Sharron A. Falzone, 2860 East State Route 29, Springfield, Illinois 62712 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 Robert L. Falzone of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Sharron A. Falzone, Robert M. Falzone, Randy L. Falzone, and Regina M. Jones as the only heirs of Robert L. Falzone. 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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. END OF THE ROAD, LLC, INTEGRITY INVESTMENT FUND, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants. Case No. 22-MR-296 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, End of the Road, LLC, Integrity Investment Fund, LLC, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on July 13, 2022 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 1815 S. 16th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:

Lot 23 in Block 2 of Spaulding's South Park Addition. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 22-03.0-277-023); and for other relief. UNLESS end of the road, llc, integrity investment fund, llc, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL

62701, on or before August 22, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT. /s/ Paul Palazzolo Clerk of Court James K. Zerkle Corporation Counsel Kateah McMasters ARDC #6309668 Assistant Corporation Counsel Attorneys for Plaintiff Room 327, Municipal Center East 800 East Monroe Street Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 789-2375 kateah.mcmasters@springfield.il.us

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. APPOLLONIA MACKAY, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 22-MR-297 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Appollonia Mackey, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on July 14, 2022 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 1000 S. 17th Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:

Lot 15 in Block 7 of J.H. Spear's Second Addition to the City of Springfield. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 14-35.0-315-001); and for other relief. UNLESS Appollonia Mackey, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before August 22, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT. /s/ Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of Court James K. Zerkle Corporation Counsel Kateah McMasters ARDC #6309668 Assistant Corporation Counsel Attorneys for Plaintiff Room 327, Municipal Center East 800 East Monroe Street Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 789-2375 kateah.mcmasters@springfield.il.us

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. MICHAEL L. JOHNSON, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 22-MR-298 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Michael L. Johnson, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on July 14, 2022 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 2026 Elizabeth Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:

The South 50 feet of the North 100 feet of the West 1/2 Lot 18 of Catherine Woods' Subdivision of the NorthHalf of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 22 in Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Sangamon County, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 14-22.0-207-006); and for other relief. UNLESS Michael L. Johnson, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before August 22, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT. /s/ Paul Palazzolo Clerk of Court James K. Zerkle Corporation Counsel Kateah McMasters ARDC #6309668 Assistant Corporation Counsel Attorneys for Plaintiff Room 327, Municipal Center East 800 East Monroe Street Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 789-2375 kateah.mcmasters@springfield.il.us

Subdivision of the NorthHalf of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 22 in Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Sangamon County, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 14-22.0-207-006); and for other relief. UNLESS Michael L. Johnson, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before August 22, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT. /s/ Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of Court James K. Zerkle Corporation Counsel Kateah McMasters ARDC #6309668 Assistant Corporation Counsel Attorneys for Plaintiff Room 327, Municipal Center East 800 East Monroe Street Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 789-2375 kateah.mcmasters@springfield.il.us

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. RITA MONTGOMERY, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 22-MR-300 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Rita Montgomery, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on July 14, 2022 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 919 W. Maple Ave. North, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:

Lots 92 and 93 of Camp Lincoln Subdivision of part of the East half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 14-21.0-379-014 and 14-21.0-379-015); and for other relief. UNLESS Rita Montgomery, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before August 22, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT. /s/ Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of Court James K. Zerkle Corporation Counsel Kateah McMasters ARDC #6309668 Assistant Corporation Counsel Attorneys for Plaintiff Room 327, Municipal Center East 800 East Monroe Street Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 789-2375 kateah.mcmasters@springfield.il.us

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

a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. JONATHAN D. SMITH, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 22-MR-301 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Jonathan D. Smith, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on July 14, 2022 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 605 McClelland Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:

The South 133 feet of Lot 4 in Block 1 of Robert Allen's Subdivision of Blocks 1 and 4 in Robert Allen's Subdivision. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 14-22.0-378-017); and for other relief. UNLESS Jonathan D. Smith, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before August 29, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT. /s/ Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of Court James K. Zerkle Corporation Counsel Kateah McMasters ARDC #6309668 Assistant Corporation Counsel Attorneys for Plaintiff Room 327, Municipal Center East 800 East Monroe Street Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 789-2375 kateah.mcmasters@springfield.il.us

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. DWAYNE E. BIAS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 22-MR-302 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Dwayne E. Bias, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on July 14, 2022 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 1926 E. South Grand Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:

Lot 4 (Four) in Block 1 (One) in B.M. Griffith's Subdivision, as shown on Plat recorded June 22, 1891 in Plat Book 2, Page 164. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 22-02.0-102-008); and for other relief. UNLESS Dwayne E. Bias, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before August 29, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT. /s/ Paul Palazzolo

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

vs.
DEXTER HUGHES, STEPHANIE R.
SHEPHERD, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-
RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.

Case No. 22-MR-303

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Dexter Hughes,
Stephanie R. Shepherd, Unknown Owners
and Non-Record Claimants, that a com-
plaint has been filed in the above named
court on July 14, 2022 for demolition of
the structure or structures located on the
real estate commonly known as 500 Hay
Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally
described as:

Lot 30 of Miller's Subdivision of parts of
Lots 4 and 5 in Herndon and Edwards' Ad-
dition of out Lots to the City of Springfield.
Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
(Permanent Parcel No. 14-28.0-253-024);
and for other relief.

UNLESS Dexter Hughes, Stephanie R.
Shepherd, Unknown Owners and Non-
Record Claimants FILE an answer or other-
wise file an appearance in this case in the
office of the clerk of this court, Room 405
Sangamon County Building, 200 South
Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or
before August 29, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR
DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED
AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE
RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.

/s/ Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of Court
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD,
ILLINOIS
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS,
a Municipal Corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs.
RUBIN BROOKS, U.S. BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS and
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.

Case No. 22-MR-310

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Rubin Brooks, U.S.
Bank National Association, Unknown
Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that
a complaint has been filed in the above
named court on July 20, 2022 for demoli-
tion of the structure or structures located
on the real estate commonly known as
1904 E. Pine Street, Springfield, Illinois,
and legally described as:

Lot Ten (10) in Jefferson State Bank Addi-
tion to the City of Springfield. Situated in
Sangamon County, Illinois.
(Permanent Parcel No. 22-02.0-104-002);
and for other relief.

UNLESS Rubin Brooks, U.S. Bank National
Association, Unknown Owners and Non-

Record Claimants FILE an answer or other-
wise file an appearance in this case in the
office of the clerk of this court, Room 405
Sangamon County Building, 200 South
Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or
before August 29, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR
DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED
AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE
RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.

/s/ Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of Court
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD,
ILLINOIS
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS,
a Municipal Corporation,

Plaintiff,
vs.
GERALDINE MERCER, PNC BANK, NA-
TIONAL ASSOCIATION AS SUCCESSOR OF
NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE SERVICES CO.,
UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.

Case No. 22-MR-311

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Geraldine Mercer,
PNC Bank, National Association as Suc-
cessor of National City Mortgage Services
Co., Unknown Owners and Non-Record
Claimants, that a complaint has been
filed in the above named court on July
20, 2022 for demolition of the structure
or structures located on the real estate
commonly known as 2045 E. Monroe
Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally
described as:

Lot 27 and the West 15 feet of Lot 28
in Block 5 in Edwin A. Wilson's Second
Capitol Subdivision. Situated in Sangamon
County, Illinois.
(Permanent Parcel No. 14-35.0-130-024);
and for other relief.

UNLESS Geraldine Mercer, PNC Bank, Na-
tional Association as Successor of National
City Mortgage Services Co., Unknown
Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE
an answer or otherwise file an appearance
in this case in the office of the clerk of this
court, Room 405 Sangamon County Build-
ing, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield,
IL 62701, on or before August 29, 2022, A
JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY
BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT
DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE
COMPLAINT.

/s/ Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of Court
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD,
ILLINOIS
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS,
a Municipal Corporation,

Plaintiff,
vs.
B.O.N.E., LLC, GREAT RIVERS COMMUNITY
CAPITAL, INCORPORATED, UNKNOWN
OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.

Case No. 22-MR-312

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, B.O.N.E., LLC, Great
Rivers Community Capital, Incorporated,
Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claim-
ants, that a complaint has been filed in the
above named court on July 20, 2022 for
demolition of the structure or structures
located on the real estate commonly
known as 931 S. 17th Street, Springfield,
Illinois, and legally described as:
Lot 9 in Block 11 of J.H. Spear's Second
Addition to the City of Springfield, Illinois.
Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
(Permanent Parcel No. 14-35.0-310-017);
and for other relief.

UNLESS B.O.N.E., LLC, Great Rivers Com-
munity Capital, Incorporated, Unknown
Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE
an answer or otherwise file an appearance
in this case in the office of the clerk of this
court, Room 405 Sangamon County Build-
ing, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield,
IL 62701, on or before August 29, 2022, A
JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY
BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT
DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE
COMPLAINT.

/s/ Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of Court
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD,
ILLINOIS
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS,
a Municipal Corporation,

Plaintiff,
vs.
MATTHEW MARSH, HEN NISIM, UNKNOWN
OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.

Case No. 22-MR-313

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Matthew Marsh, Hen
Nisim, Unknown Owners and Non-Record
Claimants, that a complaint has been filed
in the above named court on July 20, 2022
for demolition of the structures located on
the real estate commonly known as 2160
E. Jackson, Springfield, Illinois, and legally
described as:

The West 40 feet of the East 47 feet of
the North 160 feet of Lot 5 in Keys and
Matheny's Subdivision of the West Half of
the Northeast Quarter and the West Half
of the Southeast Quarter of Section 35,
Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the
Third Principal Meridian.
The East 7 feet 2 inches of the North
160 feet of Lot 5 in Keys and Matheny's
Subdivision of parts of the West half of the
Northeast Quarter and the West half of the
Southeast Quarter of Section 35, Town-
ship 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third
Principal Meridian.

The West 7.24 feet of the North North
160 feet of Lot 4 in Keys and Matheny's
Subdivision of parts of the West half of
teh Northeast Quarter and the West half
of the Southeast Quarter of Section 35,
Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the
Third Principal Meridian.
Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
(Permanent Parcel No. 14-35.0-253-026);
and for other relief.

UNLESS Matthew Marsh, Hen Nisim,
Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claim-
ants FILE an answer or otherwise file an
appearance in this case in the office of the
clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon
County Building, 200 South Ninth Street,

Springfield, IL 62701, on or before August
29, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE
BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY
TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF
REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.

/s/ Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of Court
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SEALED BID SALE OF MENARD COUNTY
FARM REAL ESTATE

Notice is given that a 125.00 acre tract
of real estate comprised of an 80 acre
tract and a 45.00 acre tract, known as
the "Edith Masters Farm", will be sold
by sealed bid on Wednesday, August 10,
2022, at 10:00 a.m., at Alliance Commu-
nity Bank, 321 N. 6th Street, Petersburg,
Illinois 62675. The real estate is described
as follows, to-wit:

The South Half of the Northwest Quarter
of Section 22;
The North Half of the Southwest Quarter of
Section 22, EXCEPTING
THEREFROM a tract described as follows:
Beginning at the Southwest corner of the
Northwest Quarter of said
Southwest Quarter of Section 22 running
thence East 32 poles, thence
North 30 poles, thence West 32 poles and
thence South 30 poles to the
place of beginning.

ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM a tract
described as follows:
Part of the North Half of the Southwest
Quarter of Section 22, more
particularly described as follows:
Beginning at the Southeast corner of the
North Half of the Southwest
Quarter of the aforesaid Section 22,
thence North 00 degrees 02 minutes
16 seconds East, along the Quarter Sec-
tion Line, 1067.99 feet, thence
South 89 degrees 29 minutes 25 seconds
West, 1205.57 feet to a set iron
pin, thence South 00 degrees 02 minutes
16 seconds West, 1067.99 feet
to the South line of the aforesaid South-
west Quarter, thence North 89
degrees 29 minutes 25 seconds East
along said South line, 1205.57 feet
to the point of beginning.
All situated in Township 19 North, Range 7
West of the Third Principal
Meridian.

Situated in the County of Menard and
State of Illinois.
Tax Identification Numbers: 06-22-100-
002 (80.00 acres)

06-22-300-004 (45.00 acres)
Said tracts are a total of 125.00 acres
of farm real estate. The tracts are
unimproved and the farm is bound on the
South by Masters Road and to the east by
Fairgrounds Road. There is 119.65 tillable
acres. The non-tillable land is made up
of a waterway located on the southeast
corner of the farm and roadway. The
tracts will be sold together and will be sold
on a per acre basis. The Productivity Index
is 134. Soil type - Broadwell, Lawndale,
Broadwell-Onarga, Middletown & Thorp -
silt loams and complexes.

Sealed bids must be received by Attorney
Charles K. Smith on or before August 10,
2022, at 10:00 a.m. The bids will then be
opened and the Bidders will be allowed to
raise their bids, at which time the property
will be sold to the highest and best bidder,
subject to Seller's approval.

A bid should be in a sealed envelope
marked "Sealed Bid Sale". The successful
Buyer will be required to enter into a
written Purchase Agreement on said date
with Seller and pay ten percent (10%)
of the bid price as a down payment. The

balance of the bid price shall be due at
closing. Closing will occur within thirty (30)
days of August 10, 2022, or any date, time
and location as is mutually agreeable and
acceptable to Seller and Buyer. Bidding is
not contingent upon financing. Title insur-
ance in the full amount of the purchase
price shall be provided by Seller. The
2021 real estate taxes due and payable
in 2022 and the 2022 real estate taxes
due and payable in 2023 will be paid by
Seller. All subsequent real estate taxes
shall be paid by Buyer. The real estate
taxes for 2021 are \$5,263.36. Possession
shall be given at time of Closing, subject
to 2022 farm tenancy rights. Seller shall
retain the Owner's share of 2022 crop and
current Tenant shall retain his share of the
2022 crop.

The farm being sold is free and clear of
any farm tenancy rights for the 2023
crop year. All announcements at time of
sale shall take precedence over any prior
advertising, either written or oral. Any
Buyer should verify the information to
their satisfaction. There are no express or
implied warranties pertaining to the real
estate. The real estate is being sold "as
is". For additional information contact
Charles K. Smith, Attorney at Law at (217)
632-7750 or kimsmith@casscomm.com
or Drew Stevens, Alliance Community
Bank at (217) 632-3241.

TAKE NOTICE Filed: 7-8-22
Certificate No.139-399-3

NOTICES TO

American Housing Trust X, c/o Bankers
Trust Co. of California
American Housing Trust X, Contract
#83788574 (Moushon) % Corelogic R E
Tax Service
Don Gray, Sangamon County Clerk
Persons in occupancy or actual possession
of said property -unknown owners and
parties interested in said land or lots
A Petition for Tax Deed on property
described below has been filed with the
Circuit Clerk of
Sangamon County, Illinois as Case
2022TX000151
Property is located at: 908 N. 13th St.,
Springfield, IL 62702
Legal Description or Permanent Index No.
14-27.0-280-007
Lot 12 in Block 8 of Furniture Factory
Park Addition to the City of Springfield,
Sangamon County, State of Illinois
Said property was sold on November 8,
2019 for delinquent real estate taxes and/
or special assessments for the year 2018.
The period of redemption will expire on
November 7, 2022.

On November 18, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in
room TBA the Petitioner will make applica-
tion to such court in said county for an
Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed.
Kathy Belleme, Petitioner
Circuit Clerk: Paul Palazzolo

TAKE NOTICE Filed: 7-8-22
Certificate No.139-73-8

NOTICES TO

Lee T. Reinhart
Kathleen M. Jensen
Don Gray, Sangamon County Clerk
Persons in occupancy or actual possession
of said property -unknown owners and
parties interested in said land or lots
A Petition for Tax Deed on property
described below has been filed with the
Circuit Clerk of
Sangamon County, Illinois as Case
2022TX000150
Property is located at: 461 3rd St., Il-
liopolis, IL 62539
Legal Description or Permanent Index No.
18-07.0-178-022
Lots 1, 4 and the North 6 feet of Lot 5 in
Block 5 of the Town, now Village of Illiopo-
lis, Sangamon County, State of Illinois

Said property was sold on November 8,
2019 for delinquent real estate taxes and/
or special assessments for the year 2018.
The period of redemption will expire on
November 7, 2022.

On November 18, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in
room TBA the Petitioner will make applica-
tion to such court in said county for an
Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed.
Kathy Belleme, Petitioner
Circuit Clerk: Paul Palazzolo

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

Jessica D. Johnson, Petitioner
vs.
Eugene J. Johnson, Respondent
Case No: 22-0P-878
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Eugene J. Johnson 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 Sept. 1, 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: July 28, 2022

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

Lisa Meyer, Petitioner
vs.
Andrew Wiersma, Respondent
Case No: 22-0P-755
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Andrew Wiersma 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 Aug. 18, 2022, a judgment or de-
cree by default may be taken against you
for the relief asked in the complaint.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Court
Date: July 28, 2022

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

Robert Banks, Petitioner
vs.
Joshua Manning, Respondent
Case No: 22-0P-765
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Joshua Manning this cause has been com-
menced against you in this Court asking
for an Order of Protection. Unless you file
your Answer or otherwise file your Appear-
ance in this cause in the Office of the Cir-
cuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon
County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room
405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before Aug.
18, 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: July 14, 2022

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

Robert Banks, Petitioner

vs.
Joshua Manning, Respondent
Case No: 22-OP-766
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Joshua Manning 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 Aug. 18, 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: July 14, 2022

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Savanna Gower, Petitioner vs.
Robert J. Buckley, Respondent
Case No: 22-OP-687
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Robert J. Buckley 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 Aug. 4, 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: July 7, 2022

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Sunset Eskew, Petitioner vs.
Richard A. Sampson, Respondent
Case No: 22-OP-884
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Richard A. Sampson 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 Sept. 1, 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: July 28, 2022

RESOLUTION No. 2022-2
WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has enacted "An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by the State, county, city or any public body or any political subdivision or by anyone under contract for public works," approved June 26, 1941, codified as amended, 820 ILCS 130/1 et seq., (1993), formerly Ill. Rev. Stat., Ch. 48, par. 39s-1 et seq. and
WHEREAS, the aforesaid Act requires that the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority of the County of Sangamon investigate and ascertain the prevailing rate of wages as defined in said Act for laborers, mechanics and other workers in the locality of said Sangamon County employed in performing construction of public works, for the said Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION AND AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY:
SECTION 1: To the extent and as required by "An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by State, county, city or any public body or any political subdivision or by any one under contract for public works," approved June 26, 1941, as amended, the general prevailing rate of wages in this locality for laborers, mechanics and other workers engaged in construction of public works coming under the jurisdiction of the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority is hereby ascertained to be the same as the prevailing rate of wages for construction work in Sangamon County area as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois as of June of the current year a copy of that determination being attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. As required by said Act, any and all revisions of the prevailing rate of wages by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois shall supersede the Department's June determination and apply to any and all public works construction undertaken by the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority. The definition of any terms appearing in this Ordinance, which are also used in aforesaid Act, shall be the same as in said Act.
SECTION 2: Nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply said general prevailing rate of wages as herein ascertained to any work or employment except public works construction of the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority to the extent required by the aforesaid Act.
SECTION 3: The Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority shall publicly post or keep available for inspection by any interested party in the main office of the said Authority this determination or any revisions of such prevailing rate of wage. A copy of this determination or of the current revised determination of prevailing rate of wages then in effect shall be attached to all contract specifications.
SECTION 4: The Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority Secretary shall mail a copy of this determination to any employer, and to any association of employers and to any person or association of employees who have filed their names and addresses, requesting copies of any determination stating the particular rates and the particular class of workers whose wages will be affected by such rates.
SECTION 5: The Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority Secretary shall promptly file a certified copy of this Ordinance with both the Secretary of State (Index Division) and the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois.
SECTION 6: The Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the area a copy of this Ordinance, and such publication shall constitute notice that the determination is effective and that this is the determination of this public body.
Passed this 25th day of July, 2022
/s/Mike Coffey, Jr., SMEAA Chairman
/s/Brad Mills, SMEAA Secretary
CERTIFICATE
TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:
I, Mike Coffey, Jr., Chairman, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of Ordinance/Resolution number 2022-2 adopted by the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority on July 25, 2022.
/s/Mike Coffey, Jr., SMEAA Chairman

SECTION 1: To the extent and as required by "An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by State, county, city or any public body or any political subdivision or by any one under contract for public works," approved June 26, 1941, as amended, the general prevailing rate of wages in this locality for laborers, mechanics and other workers engaged in construction of public works coming under the jurisdiction of the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority is hereby ascertained to be the same as the prevailing rate of wages for construction work in Sangamon County area as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois as of June of the current year a copy of that determination being attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. As required by said Act, any and all revisions of the prevailing rate of wages by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois shall supersede the Department's June determination and apply to any and all public works construction undertaken by the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority. The definition of any terms appearing in this Ordinance, which are also used in aforesaid Act, shall be the same as in said Act.
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/s/Brad Mills, SMEAA Secretary
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I, Mike Coffey, Jr., Chairman, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of Ordinance/Resolution number 2022-2 adopted by the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority on July 25, 2022.
/s/Mike Coffey, Jr., SMEAA Chairman

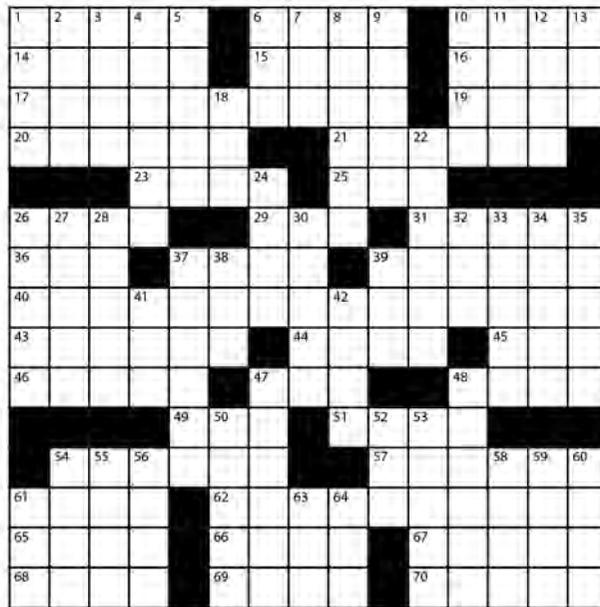
SECTION 1: To the extent and as required by "An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by State, county, city or any public body or any political subdivision or by any one under contract for public works," approved June 26, 1941, as amended, the general prevailing rate of wages in this locality for laborers, mechanics and other workers engaged in construction of public works coming under the jurisdiction of the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority is hereby ascertained to be the same as the prevailing rate of wages for construction work in Sangamon County area as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois as of June of the current year a copy of that determination being attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. As required by said Act, any and all revisions of the prevailing rate of wages by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois shall supersede the Department's June determination and apply to any and all public works construction undertaken by the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority. The definition of any terms appearing in this Ordinance, which are also used in aforesaid Act, shall be the same as in said Act.
SECTION 2: Nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply said general prevailing rate of wages as herein ascertained to any work or employment except public works construction of the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority to the extent required by the aforesaid Act.
SECTION 3: The Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority shall publicly post or keep available for inspection by any interested party in the main office of the said Authority this determination or any revisions of such prevailing rate of wage. A copy of this determination or of the current revised determination of prevailing rate of wages then in effect shall be attached to all contract specifications.
SECTION 4: The Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority Secretary shall mail a copy of this determination to any employer, and to any association of employers and to any person or association of employees who have filed their names and addresses, requesting copies of any determination stating the particular rates and the particular class of workers whose wages will be affected by such rates.
SECTION 5: The Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority Secretary shall promptly file a certified copy of this Ordinance with both the Secretary of State (Index Division) and the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois.
SECTION 6: The Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the area a copy of this Ordinance, and such publication shall constitute notice that the determination is effective and that this is the determination of this public body.
Passed this 25th day of July, 2022
/s/Mike Coffey, Jr., SMEAA Chairman
/s/Brad Mills, SMEAA Secretary
CERTIFICATE
TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:
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Ground rule sorts

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Across

1. Ishmael's people
6. Microsoft product
10. Trunk growth
14. Deadly snake
15. Black-and-white treat
16. Mine: Fr.
17. Shut-in's anxiety
19. Safety org.
20. Bartered
21. Mascara mishaps
23. Dog warnings
25. That, to Juanita
26. Possess
29. Switch settings
31. Little rascal
36. Gasteyer of "Mean Girls"
37. Peek-___
39. Stab in the back
40. Tech school offering
43. Gov. Schwarzenegger
44. Reddish horse
45. Goal
46. Union member
47. Allow
48. "___, old chap"
49. Language suffix
51. Declares
54. Big to-do
57. Ranger's domain
61. Military vehicle
62. Masks are worn here
65. Largest of seven
66. "___ Kampf!"
67. "I'll do it!"
68. Like Cheerios
69. LBJ or RMN, e.g.
70. Swings around



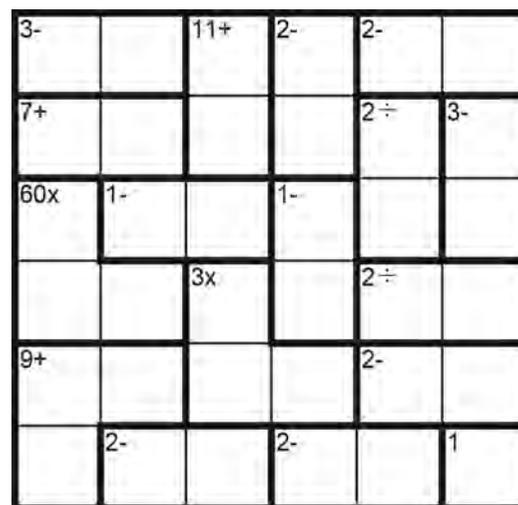
Down

1. Billing abbr.
2. Crowd sound
3. "Dancing Queen" group
4. River crosser
5. Not so crazy
6. Trial
7. Redenbacher, to friends
8. Big Cup maker
9. College quarters
10. Doll's cry
11. Actor Sharif
12. Lays down the lawn
13. Luckman of Chicago Bears fame
18. New Deal pres.
22. Enter cautiously
24. Any day now
26. Loud chuckles
27. "Dying / Is ___ like anything else": Plath
28. "Wheel" woman
30. ___ Dame
32. Cigarette pkg.
33. Met highlights
34. Craze
35. Miniature
37. Out for the night
38. Hunk's pride
39. Call to Bo-peep
41. Part of an E-mail address
42. Decomposes
47. It's not quite a ringer
48. Jerusalem's land
50. Dry spell
52. It's south of Eur.
53. Cat calls
54. ___ cow (flips out)
55. "I'm working ___!"
56. "Fine by me"
58. "___, Brute?"
59. Sown, on the Seine
60. "___ bien!"
61. Eastern "way"
63. Fizzle out
64. Coast Guard rank: Abbr.

JoshJosh

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

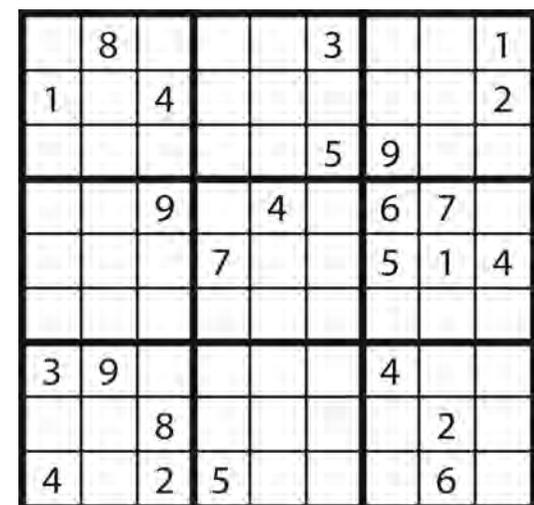


Difficulty medium

Sudoku

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



Difficulty hard

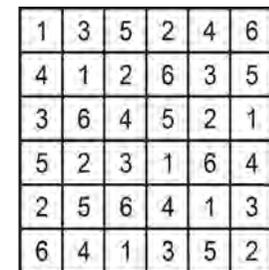
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