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Drag queens, scripture and division

RELIGION | Scott Reeder

The United Methodists are not so united these days.

The nation's third-largest denomination is teetering on a schism over the role of the LGBTQ community.

At the center of this maelstrom of discontent is Isaac Simmons, a drag queen lay preacher in Bloomington, which is part of the Great Rivers Conference encompassing Springfield and much of Illinois.

Simmons is viewed as emblematic of bigger issues within the denomination, not only LGBTQ matters, but also the authority of the Bible. United Methodists, unlike some other mainline denominations, continue to prohibit same-sex marriages and the ordination of sexually active gay people in their churches.

A push is afoot to allow both.

And in response, more traditional congregations are breaking away and forming the Global Methodist Church. One of the churches that has been contemplating such a move is Sherman United Methodist Church.

On Aug. 28, the congregation voted on secession. The informal vote was to be a precursor for legal moves necessary to make the divorce complete.

Bishop Frank Beard said it is his understanding that the congregation opted to remain within the denomination.

"We take a Biblical view on sexuality — that it should only be between a man and woman who are married," said the Rev. Jon Carrell, senior pastor of Sherman United Methodist. "While homosexuality has drawn much of the media's attention, the issue goes much deeper. It goes to how we view the authority of the Bible and basic Christian doctrines."

Carrell views the Biblical epistles written by Paul and Peter as prohibiting homosexual activity, while some more progressive voices



Left: Rev. Jennie Edwards Bertrand, lead pastor at Hope Church in Bloomington, with Isaac Simmons, a staff member who is a candidate for ordination in the United Methodist Church. Right: Isaac Simmons in drag as Ms. Penny Cost. PHOTOS COURTESY ISAAC SIMMONS



in the denomination contend the verses in question are poorly translated from the original language.

"It's not just about homosexuality. Some of the denomination's leaders reject the miracles of Jesus, salvation through his shed blood or believe there are paths to salvation other than through Christ. There is no accountability in the denomination," Carrell said.

A Methodist committee made up of members of a district within the Great Rivers Conference approved Simmons, who identifies as nonbinary, as a pre-ordination candidate.

Sexually active gay people are barred from the ministry, and all candidates for the ministry sign a pledge to be celibate in singleness and faithful in marriage. Bishop Beard noted an unmarried heterosexual pastoral candidate in the conference was recently rejected for failing to be celibate.

The vote on Simmons' pastoral candidacy captured national attention. It has been widely reported that Simmons is the first openly gay person to receive such approval within the conference and the first known drag queen to receive the designation in the history of the denomination.

The 23-year-old Bartonville native and Illinois Wesleyan graduate will soon enter seminary at Boston University. Until recently, Simmons was the associate pastor at Hope Church in Bloomington.

"I'm a drag queen, a drag artist. Much of my ministry and much of the work that I do is helping people heal the wounds of religious trauma and embracing themselves. The divine happens within gay bars as well as pulpits while in full drag. It's a ministry I never thought I would be doing," Simmons told *Illinois Times*.

Simmons' drag queen alter ego is Miss Penny Cost, a name derived from Pentecost, the festival day celebrated by Christians as the

event when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' disciples.

"There is a disarming fact about laughter. I think when people see a drag queen in a pulpit, they're like, 'Oh, anyone can be in that pulpit.' That pulpit becomes the pulpit, not only of God, but the pulpit of the people. I like to believe that God dwells in and among us."

Carrell, the Sherman pastor, said of Simmons, "People in the congregation are well aware of the drag queen (ministerial candidate) and question how it squares with scripture."

Don Goodenow, pastor of Kumler United Methodist in Springfield, said members of his congregation reflect a variety of theological views and he anticipates the congregation will remain within the denomination.

"We have people on both sides of the fence. Church politics are the worst kind of politics for sure," he said.

But he said the pending schism is creating anxiety and frustration among Methodists.

"When I get together with other pastors, we really don't talk about it, because I don't know where they fall on this issue. It's very awkward. Methodism is supposed to be a big tent where everyone is welcome."

Al Riddley, who attends Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church in Springfield, supports same-sex marriage.

"The issue shouldn't be whether they are of the same sex, but whether they love each other," he said.

Riddley, who is an ordained Southern Baptist pastor, said he stopped attending Baptist churches because he felt they should be more inclusive of women in leadership roles. He said he sees the LGBTQ controversy in much the same light.

"I hate that conservative mentality. They view gays as freaks of nature. ... The church is leaving people out," he said.

Death threats and hate messages arrive daily for Simmons. Still, following seminary, Simmons looks to return to Illinois.

"I love central Illinois, and I love the people in the Great Rivers Conference. ... I am incredibly privileged to have the support that I have. ... I think that there are a thousand folks who can minister to the LGBTQ community in places like Chicago or San Francisco. But it does take a bit of a different approach when it's LGBTQ communities in small towns." □

Scott Reeder, a staff writer for *Illinois Times*, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com.

Editor's note

We who value churches share the pain of the United Methodists as they struggle through their latest battle, as reflected in the news story on this page. Churches and other religious bodies throughout the country have lived through difficult times over the past two years of pandemic and racial upheaval. Political divisions, also, can't help but infiltrate congregations. Instead of using the values of their faith to help each other through the stress, church members, like everybody else, too often find new reasons to dislike each other. Yet, for all the heartache, there are heroes in churches everywhere who spread the gospel of loving one another anyway. —Fletcher Farrar, editor

City fined for housing discrimination

Prosecutors also seeking civil penalty and injunction

GROUP HOMES | Dean Olsen

Charlene Bennett wonders why Springfield officials fought so hard – at public meetings and in court – to prevent three men with developmental disabilities from renting a home in a quiet, residential neighborhood.

“It just seemed cruel,” said Bennett, chief executive officer of Romeoville-based Individual Advocacy Group, a nonprofit that helps people with disabilities live as independently as possible.

“It’s beyond me to understand why people’s hearts were so cold,” Bennett told *Illinois Times* after a federal jury on July 26 awarded IAG, its clients and clients’ families \$293,000 in damages against city government for illegally discriminating against people with disabilities.

Compensatory damages of \$162,000 were awarded to residents of a group home on South Noble Avenue and their guardians, and IAG was awarded \$131,000 in damages.

The city hasn’t decided whether to appeal the verdict in the case, which stemmed from action taken in 2016 by the Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission and Springfield City Council that determined the home’s operation violated the city’s zoning ordinance and should be shut down.

U.S. District Court Judge Richard Mills, in a summary judgment ruling March 2, 2020, in favor of IAG, its clients and the U.S. Department of Justice, determined the city was liable for violating the federal Fair Housing Act. A two-day trial in July decided on any damages to be paid by the city. The trial was delayed in part due to COVID.

“This verdict recognizes the significant pain and real harm that results when officials undertake discriminatory action to block group homes,” Assistant U.S. Attorney General Kristen Clarke of the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division said in a news release.

“We will continue to vigorously enforce the FHA to ensure that people with disabilities can live in the communities and housing of their choice, free from discrimination,” she said.

Federal prosecutors also are seeking a civil penalty and an injunction requiring the city to take corrective and preventive actions. Those issues remain pending.

Bennett and Mary McGlauchlen, executive director of Lincoln-based Central Illinois Service Access, which advocates for people with disabilities, said the case could have an impact nationwide to discourage discrimination in housing.

The three Springfield men, one of whom

has since died, had been renting the home on Noble Avenue and receiving 24-hour services there from IAG since 2014 in an arrangement approved by the state and funded by Medicaid. The home allowed the men to avoid institutions where they were bullied and their needs weren’t met, Bennett said.

The city began a zoning enforcement action against IAG in 2016, saying the home violated a 600-foot spacing rule in a zoning ordinance because it was on the same block as another group home, or Community Integrated Living Arrangement, operated by Sparc, and hadn’t received a “conditional permitted use permit” from the city as required by the ordinance.

IAG contended it didn’t know there was another group home nearby and that they deserved a waiver from the zoning requirement.

The zoning commission received a recommendation from its staff to deny the CPU permit because IAG failed to show how the home would “minimize the adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area.” The commission voted 4-3 in November 2016 to recommend the City Council deny a CPU, and the City Council voted 8-2 the next month to deny the CPU.

In Mills’ ruling, he said Zoning Commission and City Council members, as well as Mayor Jim Langfelder, indicated they were concerned that granting the CPU would set a precedent and would be unfair after the council in August 2016 denied a similar request from a group home in the 100 block of Pinehurst Drive. The Pinehurst home then had to close.

The State Journal-Register reported that 30 neighbors signed a petition opposing the Noble Avenue home, and more than 100 signed petitions opposing the Pinehurst Drive home.

IAG filed suit against the city in December 2016, and the Justice Department joined in November 2017.

Mills wrote in his ruling that city officials’ concerns about setting a precedent allowed discriminatory behavior by the city to continue.

The judge said the ranch-style, three-bedroom home on Noble Avenue doesn’t look different from other houses on the block, and had created no traffic or parking issues for the city.

“It also has not been the subject of any police or emergency calls other than a domestic

disturbance call in 2014 that was unrelated to and did not involve the residents,” Mills wrote.

The city’s lawyer, Jim Zerkle, said in a statement to *IT* that the city zoning ordinance in question was adopted in 1990 at the request of the state and used an invalid definition of a family. The court, Zerkle said, ruled that the home was exempt from the zoning regulation and should be treated as a family.

Mills said Springfield permits five unrelated people without disabilities to reside together as a “family” anywhere in a single-family residential zoning district “as a matter of right.”

The 600-foot spacing requirement involving group homes for people with disabilities, which doesn’t apply to comparable housing for non-disabled people, “plainly imposes discriminatory ‘terms’ and ‘conditions’ on housing on the basis of disability” and in violation of the law, Mills said.

The city admitted in the case that the 1990 ordinance was discriminatory toward the Noble Avenue home residents, but the city denied “any specific intent to discriminate” or violate federal laws when the ordinance was adopted. But Mills said the city’s claim that it “lacked any discriminatory motive does not absolve the city of liability.”

Lawyer Sarah Jane Hunt of St. Louis-based Kennedy Hunt P.C., who represented IAG and its clients, said: “This has been a long road to justice. My clients fought for six years to get this case to trial despite the city’s numerous delay tactics and attempts to stonewall.”

Mary Valencia, sister of Alan Dennis, a former resident of the Noble Avenue home who died in September 2017 of natural causes at age 62, said she was “beyond ecstatic” after the verdict.

“I feel like I can finally lay Alan to rest,” she said. “This case is now part of his wonderful legacy, and I am very proud of the result.”

Valencia, a former Springfield resident who now lives in Missouri, said her brother resided at Murray Developmental Center in Centralia before moving to the Noble Avenue home. The landlords, Christine and Robyn Hovey, modified the home to make it handicapped-accessible.

Valencia said her brother’s independence improved while at the home. He was spoon-fed at Murray but learned to feed himself at the home, she said.

The IAG clients were able to continue living in the home while the case proceeded in court because of a preliminary injunction. □



Floyd Mansberger PHOTO BY KAREN WITTER

An archaeologist’s ultimate project

CAP CITY | Karen Ackerman Witter

Archaeological investigations by Floyd Mansberger, Fever River Research, led to the discovery of remains of five houses burned during the 1908 Springfield Race Riots. Hanson Professional Services hired Fever River Research to conduct archaeological surveys at 10th and Madison Streets as part of the Railroad Relocation Project. The site was formerly a St. John’s Hospital parking lot. Mansberger said in his wildest dreams he couldn’t have imagined his work leading to the site being considered for inclusion in the National Park System.

Typically, there isn’t much interest in 20th century archaeology. Archaeology is usually about the artifacts, which provide an understanding of the past. Melted window glass is a poignant insight to our history, but this project is different. “Our research has given voice to the individuals,” said Mansberger. Robert Wright was a young Black man who fought in Cuba. His Cuban War medals are among the recovered artifacts. Bessie Black was a young Black woman striving for middle-class respectability. The remnants of a trunk and dresser with her clothing reveal this perspective. Silas Greenlee lived in one of the houses. Before coming to Springfield, he lived on plantations in the Carolinas and served in a Black regiment in the Civil War. By 1890 he was the oldest living Civil War veteran.

“I’m humbled to be working on this project,” says Mansberger. “It has changed my life. It’s given me new perspectives. We grow, we change, we become better with time.” Mansberger is now a lifetime member of the NAACP – not something he anticipated would result from being an archaeologist. Mansberger says he is in the twilight of his career, and this is the most significant project he’s worked on. “It will be a good one to go out on,” he said. □

A new model for Lincoln Christian University

Focus shifts to seminary and graduate students, off-campus training

EDUCATION | Dean Olsen

Lincoln Christian University officials say they are pleased by initial reactions to the institution's new model, though the transition was wrenching and mournful for the 78-year-old institution and pillar of the Logan County seat.

The model features a slimmed-down undergraduate program, continued focus on seminary and graduate-level ministry degrees and an expansion of off-campus education for students and church members.

The private university asked its regular donors for two years to prove the new model would work, and "almost all of them have stuck with us," university President Silas McCormick told *Illinois Times*.

There were 463 students in the spring, when the changes began. Of those, 227 were graduate and seminary students, McCormick said.

"Our goal for the new model is 250 or more graduate students and another 50 or more undergraduate students," he said.

The change, which pares down undergraduate programs to those directly tied to vocational ministry, has caused some nervousness among the remaining undergrads and some graduate and seminary students, he said.

"As long as we can work through the fear from prospective students of whether we're going to be here, I think this will work for its season, which I think could be a lengthy one," McCormick said. "A university that doesn't have students really isn't a university."

The university announced the changes in February, which included the elimination of all competitive sports after spring 2022. Undergraduate students caught in the middle of the change are being allowed to finish their degrees at LCU.

Many small, private colleges across the country are struggling financially or have closed. Those institutions include MacMurray College in Jacksonville, which closed in 2020, and Lincoln's own Lincoln College, which closed this year, citing the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on recruitment and fundraising efforts, sporting events and other campus-life activities.

Lincoln Christian's decision, based on finances and affected by enrollment trends



Silas McCormick, university president

exacerbated by the pandemic, resulted in the closing of the residence halls, the layoff of 29 full-time employees and the departure of another 10 full-timers who either retired or resigned. Thirty-two full-time employees remain.

The \$9.8 million annual budget now is down to \$5.7 million.

"That number will decline further as we implement the new model," McCormick said. "Our goal over the next couple of years is to get our expenses down under \$4 million."

To improve cash flow and reduce overhead, the university sold the student apartment complex for \$1.23 million to an out-of-town businessman who is renting to students and the rest of the community.

The university entered into a 10-year lease agreement with Lincoln-based Open Arms Christian Fellowship for Hargrove Chapel, Laughlin Center, the Field House, athletic fields and residence halls. The agreement includes an option for Open Arms to purchase the property during the first year of the lease.

The university is expanding its work with churches to offer in-the-field training for students wanting to become full-time

ministers and counselors, McCormick said.

Creation of the new Lincoln Christian Institute allows the university to expand non-credit workshops, retreats, conferences and other educational opportunities led by university faculty.

The institute, which provides programs at minimal or no cost to churches, helps to solidify their spiritual and financial connections with the university, McCormick said.

LCU junior Emma Kindred, 20, is on track to complete bachelor's degrees in youth and family ministry and in worship ministries in December 2024. She said she wants to provide Christian mentorship to high school students full time after she graduates.

Kindred said she is grateful LCU is allowing her to complete her education at the university even though the degrees she is earning are being eliminated.

Kindred said she appreciates the commitment of the remaining faculty members.

"It's just cool to see their passion for serving the students and serving the Lord," she said.

A benefit of the downsizing has been that some vacated offices on campus have been converted to new rooms for students who are practicing leading worship services. The rooms are nicer than the former practice rooms in the chapel, she said.

David Upchurch, a rural Rochester resident who has been LCU's director of Christian ministries for more than a decade, said most churches have had "very positive" reactions to the university's new model.

"There's a little bit of grieving about what we used to be, but they're happy that we're still in existence, producing kingdom workers," said Upchurch, 63, who earned his bachelor's in church and family life from LCU in 1980.

He said he is optimistic the new model can be "very successful. I believe the next two or three years will determine that." □

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Good citizenship

Bob Gray steps down from Citizens Club, but the work continues

CIVICS | Dean Olsen

Bob Gray says the Citizens Club of Springfield has accomplished many of the goals he set as founder and president since the club's inception 16 years ago.

"I think we've done a good job at getting a good mix of ideas and civil conversations on major issues," Gray told *Illinois Times* after his retirement from the volunteer post in July. John Kelker, the club's new leader after retiring in April after 26 years as president and chief executive officer of United Way of Central Illinois, said he appreciated Gray's work and plans to continue the club's tradition as an 'apolitical' group that doesn't take stands on issues.

"We don't want to tell people what to think but hope to help them know what to think about," Kelker said.

The club's board of directors and other club members are planning to recognize and thank Gray for his leadership at a public reception in the near future, he said.

Gray, a widower who retired from the state in 2002 after a long career in vocational education and other education work, said he turned 82 in March and "just reached a tipping point where it was time for a change."

Gray said he will remain involved with the club, which generally meets the fourth Friday of each month in the Club Room of the Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St.

On those days, club meetings, which are open to the public, include a coffee reception that begins at 7:30 a.m. and a public program from 8 to 9 a.m.

Speakers brought in by the Citizens Club have included local and statewide politicians seeking office and area experts to discuss everything from the Hunter Lake proposal, race relations, health care, fracking, an efficiency study on the

Springfield Fire Department and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The club includes a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer among its board members, who serve alternating three-year terms. The president serves a two-year term, and there are no term limits.

Gray has lived in the Springfield area – first in unincorporated Woodside Township and then in the city – since 1966. He said he got the idea for the Citizens Club from the City Club of Chicago, which bills itself as "Illinois' premier public affairs forum since 1903."

"My feeling was that people needed to know more about what was going on," Gray said.

He was born in West Frankfort and grew up in several communities in southern Illinois, later earning bachelor's and master's degrees in industrial technology from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He has one son, Kent Gray, a lawyer based in Springfield.

Bob Gray, who is white, conservative and a former Republican precinct committeeman, said he is proud of the diverse range of people who have participated in the club.

Founding members included prominent Black Springfield residents who have since died, including Rudy Davenport, James Forstall and Kenley Wade Jr.

Other founding members include Ward 9 Ald. Jim Donelan, Willis "Bill" Logan and John Allen.

The club tries to schedule speakers so various sides of issues can be discussed and debated, with time set aside at each meeting for questions from the audience, Gray said.

Attendance at the club's meetings, which used to range from 100 to 125 people and sometimes attracted several times as many – has dropped



John Kelker, left, who recently retired from the United Way of Central Illinois, is taking over as president of the Citizens Club. Bob Gray, right, helped found the community organization 16 years ago. PHOTO BY LEE MILNER

during the COVID-19 pandemic, he said. Attendance currently averages about 50 to 60 per meeting.

Gray, who received the First Citizen award from *The State Journal-Register* in 2009, said he thought more community leaders would regularly attend club meetings. That's an area that could be targeted for improvement in the future, he said.

But Gray said the breadth of topics explored at club meetings was better than he expected.

Kelker, 64, was born in Pennsylvania and raised in Ohio and in Wheaton, Illinois. He first moved to the Springfield area when he came to attend the now-closed MacMurray College. He played goalkeeper on the soccer team and graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1980.

Kelker said he doesn't plan changes to the club "in terms of what Bob has built." The group's goal is to illuminate and explore issues, he said.

"My intent is never to be adversarial," he said, adding that the lack of a political bent helps the club promote discussion of issues affecting the state capital.

"It's a politically divisive community," he said.

Kelker said he is working with John Stremsterfer, president and chief executive officer of the Community Foundation for the Land of

Lincoln, to formally incorporate the Citizens Club as a tax-exempt organization so donations to it will be tax-deductible.

Kelker also plans to delegate more tasks and has put in place committees to promote engagement by members.

He only had compliments for Gray and the club's other pioneers.

"I think Bob should be thanked for being a visionary," Kelker said.

He said Gray and others have done "yeoman's work" in developing a relationship with the Hoogland center and arranging for livestreaming of club meetings and archiving of videos on the club's Facebook page.

Dues to join the club and offset expenses for the all-volunteer organization are \$30 per year.

Anyone wishing to be included on the club's email list, which has 700 to 800 recipients, can send a request to citizensclubofspringfield@gmail.com.

Upcoming programs include the Oct. 28 meeting, which will feature the Heartland Continuum of Care's soon-to-be-released strategic plan for addressing homelessness in the region, and the Dec. 16 meeting, which will feature Dr. Janet Gooch, new chancellor of University of Illinois Springfield. □



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Calvin Christian III headed to prison

CRIME | Bruce Rushton

Calvin Christian III, whose battles over Springfield police files won him a six-figure settlement with the city while helping topple former Mayor Mike Houston, is headed to federal prison.

U.S. District Court Judge Sue Myerscough on Aug. 25 sentenced Christian to 24 months on six charges of possessing equipment to make phony credit cards and convincing codefendants to use fake cards at two Dollar General stores in Morgan County on March 22, 2015. Six charges that Christian possessed equipment to create phony cards in Macoupin and Sangamon counties were dismissed when Christian pleaded guilty in 2019. A codefendant who pleaded guilty to using fake cards received a 98-day sentence in 2019, another was sentenced to two months that same year and a third got probation, also in 2019.

The defense in Christian's case had asked for one year and one day in prison; prosecutors wanted slightly less than three years. Mark Wykoff, Christian's lawyer, declined comment.

Christian is the son of T.C. Christian, former publisher of *Pure News USA*, which printed its final edition in July. The younger Christian became a Springfield celebrity of sorts more than a decade ago, when he amassed over 100 traffic citations, mostly issued by Springfield police, and demanded internal affairs files on officers. Police handed him his first ticket in 2007, when he turned 16 and got a driver's license. Ensuing tickets included citations for fleeing and eluding police, reckless driving and at least 19 infractions for driving without a valid license. Christian often failed to appear in court to answer traffic charges.

In a 2013 federal lawsuit against the city and a dozen officers, Christian claimed that police targeted him over a three-year period in retaliation for him filing records requests for police disciplinary files on officers. U.S. District Court Judge Colin Bruce dismissed the lawsuit in 2015, ruling that Christian had failed to pursue the matter.

Christian had more success suing the city of Springfield.

In 2011, Christian, who has filed more than 160 records requests with the city, many concerning police, won a lawsuit filed under the state Freedom of Information Act, with a judge ruling that internal affairs files are public records. The city fought hard, asking for reconsideration at least twice after Christian received favorable rulings. The city paid Christian's attorneys \$18,000 in legal fees.

In 2013, Christian won \$103,000 from Springfield after requesting every internal



PHOTO VIA FACEBOOK

affairs file held by city police. He made the request after asking for internal affairs files on former deputy chief Cliff Buscher, who'd been arrested in 2008 in Missouri after allegedly firing a gun while drunk.

Instead of turning over the Buscher file, police shredded it, leading to the six-figure settlement and the eventual ouster of former police chief Robert Williams and former corporation counsel Mark Cullen. Incumbent Mayor Houston, who took heat over the destruction of police records in the episode that became known as Shredgate, didn't make it past the 2015 primary.

While the Shredgate lawsuit was pending, Christian in 2013 won a lawsuit against the city, again for police disciplinary records, with Sangamon County Circuit Court Judge John Schmidt, who died in 2017, rejecting city arguments that release of files could compromise investigations, reveal identities of people whose names should be confidential and result in the release of information deemed preliminary.

"I always liked Calvin," said John Myers, a former Springfield attorney who represented Christian in his lawsuits seeking release of

internal affairs files. "He was fearless – a courageous client. He wanted to know what was going on in his neighborhood. He wanted to know what the Springfield Police Department was doing on the east side of Springfield."

When federal charges were filed in 2017, prosecutors said that accusations against Christian in central Illinois were a fraction of his misdeeds relating to possessing equipment that created phony credit cards. Crimes stretched over two years, prosecutors alleged.

Christian was suspected of creating and using phony credit cards in Missouri, Oklahoma, Wisconsin and Nebraska, assistant U.S. attorney John Childress told former U.S. Magistrate Thomas Schanzle-Haskins in 2017. A month before federal prosecutors filed charges, police in Springfield stopped Christian and found 114 fake credit cards and computer gear that contained more than 900 partial or complete credit card account numbers that had been stolen, Childress, who went on to become an acting U.S. attorney in Indiana, told the court when charges were filed five years ago. □

Bruce Rushton is a freelance journalist.

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OPINION



A recently released Illinois Department of Transportation study found that Springfield police officers are five times more likely to pull over Black motorists than white ones. One area resident told *IT* her story of a recent traffic stop in which she felt she was unfairly targeted. A video of the traffic stop can be viewed at illinoistimes.com.

we remember we forget

I had a great idea once was I four? five? I was standing on the walk between the big house and the little house on the farm I could hardly wait to tell my sisters they came tumbling out of the little house their heads filled with their own great ideas I tucked mine away to bring up later but when later came it wasn't there all my life I have wondered what that great idea was even now long useless to implement I still remember I'd had that great idea once still wonder what it was

2022 Jacqueline Jackson

LETTERS

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NOT A VICTIM

The last article *Illinois Times* posted in this regard had the officer playing loud country music as he pulled over a Black female ("Force to be reckoned with," April 29, 2021). This article is called "Driving while Black," and yet the driver was a white female in a souped-up Dodge Charger with high-end rims and a specialty paint job, tinted windows and a Black boyfriend in the passenger seat (Aug. 25). There were no tickets issued and no warrants involved. *IT* obviously doesn't realize kids are drag racing and there are numerous car clubs that race and compete illegally. A few deaths have been reported locally – but yeah, that poor white girl.

Brian Bowles

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SOLVE RACIAL PROFILING

The whole point of regulating tinted windows is to make racial profiling possible. A solution would be to require auto manufacturers to make all windows totally opaque from the outside. There's zero legitimate reason for anybody to see into a vehicle.

Larry Stevens

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THANK THE UNIONS

I found the level of criticism from

Scott Reeder for Roofers Local 112 a bit unfair ("Crossing the line," Aug. 4). My dad was treated fairly when he was fortunate enough to finish his working career in a good union shop. He would have absolutely loved knowing "Scabby" the inflatable rat was outside a union-busting place when services for him were performed.

Over the years, ignoring and abusing workers has happened, and mistreatment was not stopped by one person. It took leaders and organized followers to make improvements.

The rank-and-file and union leaders are just people; they are not perfect. What is perfect is that despite all the criticisms, the discomfort of picket lines, contract struggles, intimidations, etc., these men and women, and sometimes children, stood up for themselves and others.

Resulting from the determination, struggles, sacrifices and efforts of their predecessors and mine, we now have the eight-hour work day, minimum wage, overtime pay, paid vacations, child labor laws, safer working conditions, injury compensation, retirement protection, health benefits, the right to strike and picket and, praise the Lord, collective bargaining.

Roz Stein

National Association of Letter Carriers, Springfield

THANK THE THERAPISTS

I would like to thank the therapists at Springfield Clinic Rehabilitation Services for all of their assistance in my time of need. They are Ellen,

my occupational therapist; Juan, my physical therapist; and Sara, my speech therapist. You all were wonderful in helping me with what I needed to recuperate. May God bless all of you.

Annie Delores Williams
Springfield

ULTERIOR MOTIVES

The attention of the U.S. and its allies have not historically, or currently, been positive toward Africa ("Africa deserves our attention," Aug. 11). African governments plagued by tyranny and corruption have often been the result of direct and indirect influence of the U.S. government and its European allies for decades. The installation of Mobutu Sese Seko in the Democratic Republic of Congo is a prime example of how the U.S. and its allies have continued to interfere with African self-governance. Neither Europe or the U.S. withdrew from Africa following the post-WWII African independence movements. France alone still controls the currency of six African states through its monetary imperialism. Africa's destiny has never been in the hands of Africans.

History has shown that the U.S. has only been concerned with its political and economic influence in Africa, not the well-being of Africans. This renewed interest in the continent is not out of goodwill. It is solely because China is increasing its international role in global affairs.

Austin Worley
Via illinoistimes.com

Special session on abortion appears unlikely

Legislation would require supermajority to pass before end of the calendar year

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Back in early July, after the US Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, Gov. JB Pritzker and the two Democratic legislative leaders, House Speaker Chris Welch and Senate President Don Harmon, issued a joint statement, which in part said: "We plan to work closely together for the remainder of the summer to assess every possibility of what we can do and convene a special session in the coming months."

But the fine print of the rest of that statement has slowed things down: "As we build on Illinois' nation-leading abortion protections and access, it is essential to bring lawmakers and advocates into the room to continue to work together. In the coming weeks, as the ripples of the decision to overturn Roe are felt throughout the nation, we expect to get an acute sense of our needs and how Illinois can play an even more vital role in standing up for reproductive freedom."

Lawmakers and advocates have been brought together for talks ever since that special session statement was issued, but, as always, the devil is in the details.

Advocates and several legislators appear to only want to pass bills with immediate effective dates. And that means each chamber would have to come up with three-fifths super-majorities if anything is passed before the end of this calendar year. The voting threshold for immediate effective dates drops to simple majorities starting Jan. 1. Until then, per the state constitution, the earliest a bill passed with a simple majority can become law is next June 1.

And it almost seems like every few days brings a new legal twist from another anti-abortion state legislature. Just the other day, for instance, a federal judge temporarily blocked part of Idaho's near-total abortion ban because it appears to violate a federal law mandating the provision of emergency health care. The suit was brought by the US Attorney General. Indiana's sweeping new anti-abortion law takes effect in September. Iowa's supreme court flip-flopped in June and ruled that the state's constitution does not protect abortion rights after all. And new bans took effect last week in Tennessee, Texas and North Dakota, according to NPR.

Also, new ideas are popping up with frequency as laws from other states are being analyzed. An idea from Democratic secretary of state candidate Alexi Giannoulias' campaign to block anti-abortion states from using Illinois traffic camera images to track their residents who travel here for abortions is just one of them.

Giannoulias' proposal would prohibit data gathered by automatic license plate readers from being used to assist other states track their residents while they're in Illinois for possible violations of abortion laws in their home states. "Illinois must enact protections to ensure that data is not used to target women seeking access to abortion services or employing it as any type of surveillance system to track them," Giannoulias told WBBM Radio.

His Republican opponent, Rep. Dan Brady, has responded by saying he'll stick to improving services and cutting wait times and not involve himself in policy. Giannoulias replied that he could "walk and chew gum" at the same time.

It was a clever move to tie the mostly ministerial secretary of state office to actual public policy that's in the headlines every day and driving the nation's political dialogue. And that's clearly a sign of a strong campaign.

Along those lines, one of the measures that the legislative leaders and the governor hoped to pass in a special session was an advisory

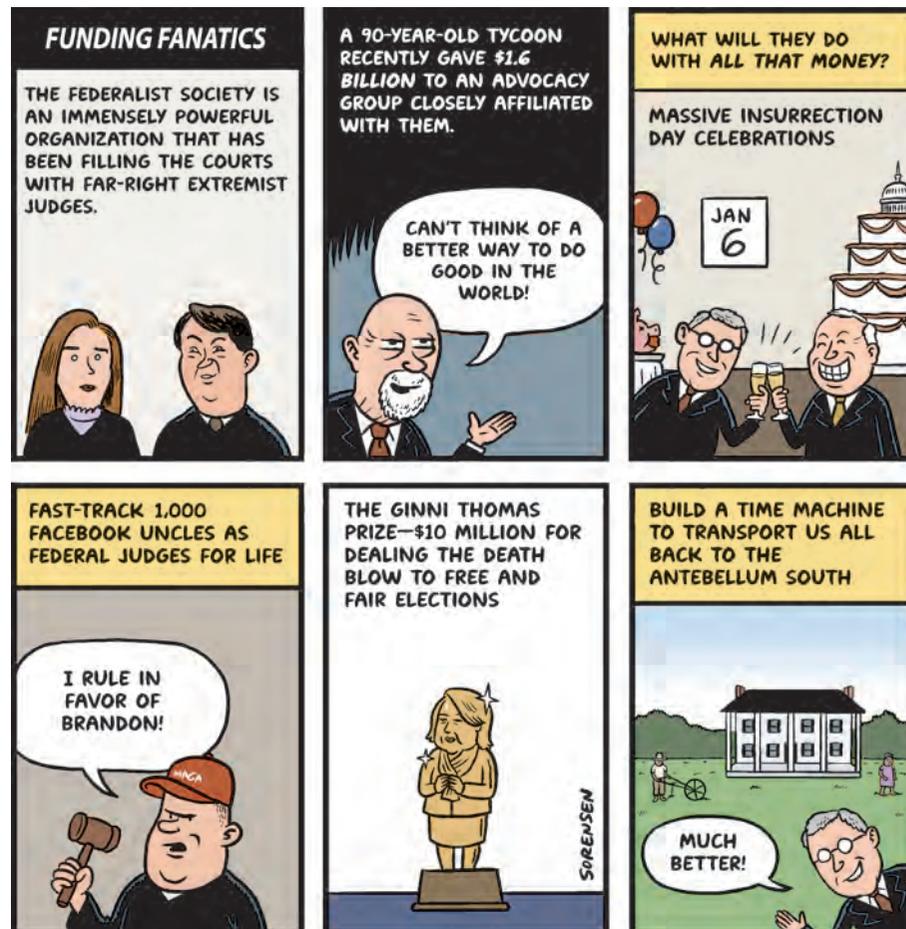
referendum on this November's ballot asking if voters wanted a constitutional amendment protecting abortion rights.

These sorts of referenda were a favored tool of former House Speaker Michael Madigan, who would use issues like a tax surcharge on millionaires to drive up Democratic election-day turnout and, to a lesser extent, provide a boost to future legislative initiatives on the topic, or provide an excuse for not doing anything further.

A referendum has been rejected by many advocates and pro-choice legislators alike, who want to see actual results, not symbolism for obvious political gain.

The bottom line here is that a special session on abortion rights is not looking all that likely any longer.

And the same thing goes for gun law reforms. There are a lot of moving parts to this issue and some legislators, particularly Downstaters, would rather not poke the gun lobby before election day. □



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Menard County Festivals

The following is a listing of Festivals in Petersburg and Menard County

- Sept. 3 Greenview CIA Jeep Run at Indian Creek Farmstead near Petersburg
- Sept. 4 Annual Labor Day Festival at Hill Prairie Winery in Oakford
- Sept. 5 Labor Day Celebration in Greenview
- Sept. 9 & 10 Bluegrass Concerts at Kelso Hollow, New Salem (evenings)
- Sept. 10 Traditional Music Festival at Lincoln's New Salem
- Sept. 10 & 11 Annual Heritage Festival at Historic Marbold Farmstead in Greenview
- Sept. 11 Annual Rib Fest at Hill Prairie Winery in Oakford
- Sept. 17 Harvest Fest in Petersburg
- Sept. 17 Opening of Pumpkin Season at Indian Creek Farmstead, through Oct. 30
- Sept. 18 Oktoberfest at Hand of Fate Brewing Co. in Petersburg
- Sept. 25 Pork at the Patch at Indian Creek Farmstead

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OPINION

The real cost of a college education

WEEKLY REEDER | Scott Reeder

When I first met my wife 21 years ago, her mother wasn't so sure about me.

After all, I was a decade older than her daughter, and we were engaged to be married within five weeks of meeting. So, she tried to come up with things that might scare me off.

"Has Joan mentioned that she has \$85,000 in student loan debt?" she said to me one day. I replied, "Yes, she has; I still want to marry her."

For those economists reading this column, that's \$142,000 in today's dollars. Add interest paid on top of that, and you are talking about really big bucks.

But the debt is now paid off.

And now we have three daughters who will soon be leaving for college themselves.

President Joe Biden's recent announcement that he will unilaterally forgive \$500 billion in student loan debt sounds magnanimous until you figure out it really means folks who either didn't go to college or who have already paid for college will end up footing the bill for someone else's college education.

After all, these are federal loans that are underwritten by the American taxpayer.

The predicament we are now in is not all that different than the housing crisis in 2008.

Back then, bank presidents were giving loans to homebuyers who would not likely be able to pay the loan off. Why would a banker do such a thing? Because they could immediately sell off those loans to the federally sponsored organizations Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and leave the taxpayers on the hook if the borrower defaulted.

University presidents are doing the same thing today. They are admitting students into degree programs where there is little chance individuals will earn enough to pay for the cost of their education.

Why would a college president do this? Because students are able to borrow federally backed student loans, and if they can't pay it back, again, the taxpayer is responsible.

The current student loan system contributes to the tuition hyperinflation we are now experiencing in higher education.

Colleges raise tuition because they know students will cover the cost with borrowed money. Students borrow more money because tuition has been raised. And the self-perpetuating cycle continues.

The interesting thing about this cycle is where the money is going.

"The student/professor ratio has remained unchanged over the years," Antony Davies, a professor of economics at Duquesne University, told me a couple years ago. "The growth we have seen is in the area of administrative overhead. More and more people are being



hired to do things like make sure the university is complying with government regulations. They have no direct contact with students."

Now President Biden says the debt should be forgiven.

This is a reverse Robin Hood program. It is disproportionately benefitting wealthier households at the expense of others. More significantly, it does nothing to solve the underlying problem of the cost of higher education.

The *Washington Post* noted in an Aug. 24 editorial, "Widely canceling student loan debt is regressive. It takes money from the broader tax base, mostly made up of workers who did not go to college, to subsidize the education debt of people with valuable degrees. Though Mr. Biden's plan includes an income cap, the threshold does not reflect need or earnings potential, meaning white-collar professionals with high future salaries stand to benefit. Student loans, moreover, are a poor proxy for household income: An analysis by policy researcher Jason D. Delisle found that, in 2016, students from high-income and low-income families were just as likely to take on debt for their first year in an undergraduate program — and students from high-income families borrowed the largest amounts."

So how do we reform the system? The most obvious way is to have student loans underwritten by the college the student is attending, rather than the federal government. This would force university administrators to ask tough questions like, can someone earning an art degree pay off a \$100,000 debt?

Another option would be for the government to treat colleges the way Biden wants to deal with big pharmaceutical corporations. Since taxpayers foot the bill for medicine purchased

through Medicare, he wants to use that clout to negotiate down the price of prescriptions for all of us. Good for him.

But he ought to be doing the same with colleges and universities. If they want their students to be eligible for federally backed student loans and grants, they need to lower the cost of a college education.

In the 1970s, 25% of high school graduates between 18 and 25 attended college. Today that number is 50%. But don't fool yourself. Kids are not twice as smart as they were back then.

Instead, we are putting more and more people on the path toward credential-seeking. Some people even make the mistake of confusing learning with credential-seeking.

When my dad taught me carpentry and concrete masonry skills as a teenager, that was just as much a learning experience as sitting in a classroom and memorizing the periodic table. But there are some highfalutin' folks who don't think much of such learning experiences. To them, education only counts if it comes with a degree (and a price tag) attached.

Trade unions, employers and others offer excellent training opportunities that don't require the assumption of debt. Some of the best journalists I've worked with never attended college. They started at small weeklies and worked their way up.

When a plumber comes to my house, it doesn't matter to me if the person attended college. And yet, they are paid well and their work is critical to society.

College isn't for everybody. But opportunities to succeed should be available for everyone. □

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Progress is real on The Next 10

GUESTWORK | John Stremsterfer

In late 2020 when the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln asked community members to submit ideas for the betterment of their community, we weren't sure what reaction we would get. It turned out that hundreds of ideas, big and small, were submitted. In the spring of 2021, we weren't sure what would happen with the dozens of projects in The Next 10 Report, which set forth a Community Visioning Plan for Greater Springfield. Now, as the world around us is looking more normal and familiar to the pre-Covid world, I swell with pride for what our community is accomplishing and what our new normal may be as we look ahead.

The Community Foundation has just released The Next 10 Progress Report (see full report at TN10.org) and progress abounds. Here a few highlights:

After decades of neglect, the former Pillsbury plant on Springfield's northeast side is being cleaned up for redevelopment. A newly established nonprofit, Moving Pillsbury Forward, has taken ownership of the property, volunteers are devoting their time and treasure to clean up the site and this citizen-driven effort is attracting more financial resources to get the job done.

If you were at this year's State Fair, you probably saw many physical improvements already underway on roads and buildings that had been long neglected. As an initiative of The Next 10, a master planning process is now in full swing for our beloved fairgrounds. This plan will include recommendations on how to expand the usage of the fairgrounds as a year-round center for social and economic activity. With a clearer roadmap for the future of the fairgrounds, new possibilities for improvements and activities are sure to emerge.



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A comprehensive development known as Community Access Project (CAP) 1908 has also made progress in improving the South Town neighborhood. Led by The Springfield Project and Springfield Black Chamber of Commerce, this project will support entrepreneurs and community activists to grow their businesses and improve our community. If you haven't driven by the corner of 11th and South Grand recently, go give it a look.

As you may have seen, construction cranes are looming over the State Capitol Complex and there's an awfully big hole in the ground north of the Stratton Building. Hundreds of millions of dollars are being spent on renovations in and around the Capitol Building over the next few years. On the

other side of downtown Springfield, you'll see more construction around the Sangamon County Complex as the new transportation hub is taking shape. I can't recall a time where so many public construction projects are happening downtown.

Dozens of agencies and community leaders have been hard at work on the development of a strategic plan to address homelessness. The plan, which is on the cusp of completion, will address how we can create solutions for the needs of some of our most vulnerable neighbors. The Community Foundation and many others in our community are committed to seeing the plan's recommendations brought to fruition by housing our fellow citizens who need our collective help.

There are more Next 10 projects on their own trajectories and paths, being led by project champions who just want to make our community better in all kinds of ways. I hope The Next 10 has shown that we do have the ability to get things done, especially when we get organized and work together. As we look ahead to these projects and others that we have not yet imagined, let's not stop. Let's keep going. Let's get these things done and figure out the next 10 projects and the next 10 after that. □

John Stremsterfer is the president and CEO of the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln. To learn more about the Community Foundation, visit CFLL.org

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Scaling up the farmers market

Mt. Pulaski grows new ideas in local food

LOCAL FOOD | David Blanchette

When Market on the Hill opened in 2020 in downtown Mt. Pulaski, its founders took the producer-to-consumer concept of the farmers market one step farther. Now, the community grocery store's organizers are thinking on a much larger scale.

"At the time we were putting the market and grocery store together, we also, on a parallel track, were trying to create a fresh food processing and distribution center," said Market on the Hill founding board member Tom Martin. "This would allow us to get more fresh food into hospitals, nursing homes and places like that."

That four-year vision of a processing and distribution center is one more step closer to reality. Martin is spearheading the development of the FarmFed Processing Center, and recently announced that a lease agreement has been reached to transform 5,000 square feet of space in the old Stahl's Furniture building into a facility where local producers' goods can be processed, stored and then sent out to institutional customers.

Right now the 40,000-square-foot Stahl's

building at the junction of Routes 54 and 121 at the south edge of Mt. Pulaski is surrounded by a fence and is being used by Kwik-Wall of Springfield, which purchased the structure when the furniture store closed. Martin hopes to have the FarmFed Processing Center open and operating in that location by next summer.

"That will hopefully allow some of our local producers to grow and increase their production while we take on the challenge of marketing, processing and transportation for them," Martin said.

"People can acquire fresh produce all year long."

Tom Martin is no longer on the Market on the Hill board, and is instead focusing his efforts on getting the processing operation up and running as the FarmFed Cooperative board president.

"One of our main goals is to allow producers to do what they do best, and that's produce, and not get involved in all the business management," Martin said.



Workers at Maddox Sweet Corn Farm tend vegetables by hand. PHOTO COURTESY OF MADDOX SWEET CORN FARM

“They bring it in, sell it to us, and we handle everything else.”

FarmFed will be a year-round, large-scale fresh food resource.

“We will have immediate use of fresh produce where we will process it, bag it and provide it to cafeterias so they can use it right away,” Martin said. “But our goal is to have this so it’s not just in-season. People can acquire fresh produce all year long.”

“We want to take it at its ultimate freshness, process it, and the flash-freezing process will lock in the flavor and freshness to provide product throughout the year to more institutional-type buyers,” Martin said. “We will put it in our freezers and have a regular time period throughout the winter when we will deliver that to our customers.”

FarmFed last year was awarded a \$185,000 Local Food Promotion Program grant from the United States Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Marketing Service program. The grant enabled the cooperative to hire a Washington, D.C., consulting firm to help organizers reach out to producers and potential institutional users. Martin has been in contact with organizations in Chicago, Minnesota and elsewhere who are watching what is unfolding in Mt. Pulaski.

FarmFed is a cooperative funded by approximately \$150,000 in stock sales, with possibly more stock sales to come as the operation moves forward. Martin said that several of the producers who will utilize FarmFed are stock owners and hopefully they will realize an investment return on both dividends and product sales.

A processing and distribution center for local products may seem like a sure thing



New Market on the Hill general manager Lorene Wilham and outgoing general manager Crystal Siltman display some of the many locally produced food items at the Mt. Pulaski store. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE.

during these times when consumer trends shift toward local and fresh food. But Martin said it isn’t a slam-dunk.

“There are still a lot of closed doors and we don’t always know what door we will be walking through,” Martin said. “We are going at a slow pace because we want to do things right.”

Ted Maddox is the owner of Maddox Sweet Corn Farm near Warrensburg, just northwest of Decatur. He grows sweet

corn, green beans, zucchini, yellow squash, peppers, tomatoes, onions, cabbage, broccoli, cantaloupe, watermelon and herbs on much of his 150 acres. Maddox was an initial investor in FarmFed, served on the organization’s interim board for one year, and was then elected a board member.

“FarmFed will create an avenue for us to be able to market or move our products into areas that are not accessible for me as a seller,” Maddox said. “We are looking at contracts for school systems, nursing homes, hospitals, colleges and prisons.”

Maddox currently sells his produce at retail markets in Decatur and Bloomington, the weekly farmers market in Lincoln, and County Market and Harvest Market grocery stores. He also participates in the Community Supported Agriculture box program where consumers pay up front for a 14-week program where they pick up a box once a week that contains fresh produce, fruits or herbs and a newsletter with recipe ideas and nutritional information.

Maddox will expand his produce farming operation if the FarmFed initiative is successful.

“We now rotate about 50 acres of our land with corn and soybeans, so we have the capacity to grow if the need arises,” Maddox said.

“The market is a wonderful vehicle to do that.”

What FarmFed envisions on a larger scale, Market on the Hill has been doing on a

smaller scale since opening in downtown Mt. Pulaski in the spring of 2020.

“From the get-go, the board of Market on the Hill has been made up of local producers and farmers, so that was the initial driving force,” said Crystal Siltman, who supplied produce to the cooperative store and then served as the store’s general manager from May to August this year. “People had products that they needed to move and the market is a wonderful vehicle to do that.”

The Market on the Hill concept started in 2017 when Mt. Pulaski’s local grocery store closed and forced residents to travel to Lincoln, Springfield or Decatur for most of their grocery shopping. That was about the same time that Mt. Pulaski formed a new economic development board, and one of the board’s first priorities was to bring a grocery store to the community.

The board soon discovered that Mt. Pulaski was too small for grocery store chains to consider, so the community would be on its own if they wanted local food access. Organizers were inspired by the popularity of farmers markets and formed a cooperative so that locally grown fruits and vegetables, locally produced meats and dairy, and staple grocery items could be stocked to serve consumers in the southern Logan County area.

“You have to take into consideration who our customers are, so we’ve tried some new things based on customer recommendations,” Siltman said. “I had a lot of local senior citizens who came in and I might be the only interaction they had that day with a live



The new FarmFed operation will be located in the old Stahl's Furniture building in Mt. Pulaski. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE.

person, so we always went above and beyond with customer service. It's like 'Cheers' where everybody knows your name."

"There are a lot of food deserts in Illinois so I think every community should have something like this," Siltman said. "I think that people should know that this is possible in their community, meeting their needs while supporting the local community, keeping their tax dollars in the area."

Lorenne Wilham is the new Market on the Hill general manager and has worked in the store for more than a year.



A sampling of locally made food products for sale at Market on the Hill. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE.

"What we have going on now works fairly well, but I'm always open to trying new stuff and our board members come in here with new ideas all the time," Wilham said. "I work with the customers, especially the regulars, and ask them what they want to see in here. They can fill out a Google Doc on our Facebook page to request an item."

Right now Market on the Hill features locally sourced produce, meat, dairy, honey, coffee, syrup, flour, sauces and other items, plus some dry, canned and frozen goods that aren't produced locally.

"I am an employee but also a customer, I try to get all of my groceries here, and for the most part I can," Wilham said. "The things that we carry, I think about them as a customer, would I want these here locally?"

Wilham reminded potential customers that even though Market on the Hill is a cooperative, and memberships are still being sold, you don't need to be a member to shop there.

"When they say local milk, it's really local milk."

The Little Brown Cow Dairy near Delavan has been supplying milk products to Market

on the Hill since the store opened. The dairy is a prime example of the type of small local producer that benefits from a cooperative farm-to-table effort.

"Market on the Hill was with us from the get-go. It's one of those things where everybody works with each other to try to make it work for each one of us," said Terry Hoerbert, who co-owns the dairy with her husband, Bob. "They were the ones that reached out to us to provide our milk. We are 30 minutes from them so when they say local milk, it's really local milk."

The Little Brown Cow Dairy began in 2006 as a small, family milking operation and in 2019 the farm became licensed to sell raw milk. The Hoerberts built a small processing plant the next year and began shipping their own milk. The dairy produces whole milk in half-gallon and one-gallon containers plus kefir, a drinkable yogurt with a Greek flavor.

"We use just what the cows produce here, we don't ship in anything else, and everything is done by our family," Hoerbert said. "We process milk for orders so it's fresh within a day of delivery. The milk isn't sitting in a warehouse anywhere."

Besides 22 dairy cows, the Hoerberts' operation also raises non-GMO cattle to provide freezer beef hamburger, plus chickens for meat and eggs.

"It means a lot to us that we are able to provide a wholesome product which is what we feel the customers are looking for," Hoerbert said. "We list milk as the sole ingredient because that's all that is in there. We don't do two percent milk because we didn't want to have to add synthetic vitamins back into it."

Little Brown Cow Dairy currently delivers enough milk and kefir per week to Market on the Hill to satisfy demand, but they are careful not to overstock the store, since the fresh milk products have a very limited refrigerated shelf life. The dairy also supplies milk products to a grocery store in Lincoln.

"When Market on the Hill customers come back and say, 'We love this milk, we haven't tasted anything like it,' it gives you the encouragement on those below-zero days when everything is frozen and stuff doesn't work right," Hoerbert said.

Encouragement is what FarmFed's Tom Martin hopes the new large-scale food processing and distribution center will offer to local producers. It's the same type of feeling that Martin had when, during the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, Market on the Hill opened and became an outlet for locally produced food products.

It hasn't been easy, but Martin said it's been fulfilling.

"We've had to constantly adjust," Martin said. "But it's a feel-good story because we are still there."



The Market on the Hill retail store in downtown Mt. Pulaski. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE.



Terry Hoerbert of Little Brown Cow Dairy near Delavan bottles fresh milk to sell at Market on the Hill.

PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE.

Closing the equity gap for public schools

New state money narrows the disparity between best-funded and worst-funded schools

EDUCATION | Peter Hancock, Capitol News Illinois

Five years ago this month, Illinois lawmakers passed legislation that overhauled the way public schools in the state are funded.

The so-called Evidence Based Funding formula, or EBF, was designed to calculate the actual cost for each district to provide the kind of education the state expects, and then gradually increase the share of that cost that's paid for by the state.

Over time, it was also supposed to narrow the disparity between the best-funded and worst-funded districts in the state, with the hope of lowering property taxes and improving academic achievement in the most underfunded districts.

Five years later, huge disparities still exist among districts, both in funding and academic performance, but lawmakers from both parties who were part of negotiating the new law say it has provided huge benefits, especially to those schools that were most underfunded.

"I use the example of East St. Louis, that I think at the time had the highest property tax rate but was nowhere near adequate spending," said Andy Manar, a former state senator and now deputy governor who was a chief architect of the plan.

"And if you did the math at the time, the math would show that East St. Louis could not tax itself enough to generate the funds needed to say that the school district has an adequate level of spending to achieve the results that we as a state expect of that school district. They literally could not tax themselves into equity. It was mathematically impossible."

In fiscal year 2018, the first year under the formula, the East St. Louis district was funded at 66 percent of adequacy. This year, it is funded at 96 percent of adequacy.

Republican state Sen. Chapin Rose, who represents a largely rural area in east central Illinois, said many of the districts in his area faced the same challenge.

"For many of the areas I represent, it was a lifeline," he said. "It's kept doors open and, in some instances, provided a much-needed infusion, because they simply couldn't keep going back to the property tax well. That was dried up."

History of inequity

Illinois has traditionally relied on local property taxes to fund most educational spending. That has automatically led to built-in inequities because districts with relatively



low levels of property wealth per-pupil must levy higher tax rates to raise the same amount of money as wealthier districts.

To offset those differences, prior to adoption of the EBF formula, the state used a complex formula to distribute state aid that was supposed to guarantee districts with modest tax bases a certain minimum level of "foundational" funding, although even the wealthiest districts received aid under that formula, even if they were more than able to raise adequate funding on their own.

Many districts complained that the formula never lived up to its promise of guaranteeing adequate funding to all districts, in part because the General Assembly did not fully fund the formula. Instead, it distributed "prorated" amounts, based on how much money was available in the state budget at the time.

Manar cited the example of Harrisburg High School, in southern Illinois, where the ceiling of the library had been removed because the district didn't have enough money

for basic repairs and maintenance.

"We held a town hall on school funding in that library – the location underscored the need for the bill," he said. "And Harrisburg High School wasn't unlike so many other places across Illinois, not just rural parts of the state. It was a result of years of proration of general state aid, and years of the inability to tackle the very complicated nature of school funding."

For decades, school districts across Illinois tried to turn to state courts to correct the inequities, arguing, among other things, that the 1970 Illinois Constitution provides that, "The state has the primary responsibility for financing the system of public education."

But state courts have consistently declined to get into the school finance fray. As far back as 1973, the Illinois Supreme Court ruled that that provision was merely "a hortatory expression of a goal to be achieved" and not a mandate for the state to take over school funding.

In 1990, a group of 50 school districts

calling themselves the Committee for Educational Rights sued the state, claiming the system produced vast disparities in educational resources between rich and poor districts in violation of several provisions of the Illinois Constitution, including its equal protection clause and a clause requiring the state to provide "an efficient system of high-quality public educational institutions and services."

But when that case reached the Illinois Supreme Court six years later, the justices ruled there were no judicial standards to determine whether the state was providing "high-quality" education and that the decision about how to fund schools – and how to balance the competing interests of equity and local control – was a legislative matter, not a judicial one.

The EBF formula

After more than a year of negotiations, Illinois lawmakers finally struck a deal that would, over a period of years, put more state money into public schools to bring the least-funded districts up to a level of adequacy – assuming, of course, that the General Assembly lives up to its obligations.

The final vote came during a special summer session in August 2017, during which lawmakers also ended the two-year budget stalemate with Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner.

The goal of the new formula is to gradually bring all districts up to an "adequate" level of funding, or having enough resources to cover the cost of providing the educational services the state expects. That takes into account a district's total enrollment, poverty rate, the number of English language learners and a host of other factors.

Each year, under the law, the state is to add at least \$350 million in new funding for schools, with the bulk of that money going to those furthest from adequacy. But the law provided that no district would see a reduction in funding from the final year before its passage, a so-called "hold-harmless" provision that meant even the wealthiest districts would continue to receive state aid.

People on both sides of the aisle said that was necessary because without a hold-harmless provision, the bill never would have passed.

"It's a living, breathing formula, and it changes year to year, and so the mechanics of the formula eventually fade that out," Manar said. "But I think it brought a level

of certainty. It brought a level of guarantee and, frankly, a level of comfort to a very complicated question of how we reform a very complicated and important system. ... So a lot of people didn't like it. I personally did not. But it was necessary to get it done."

So far in the first five years, the state has met or exceeded that funding target in all but one year, raising the state's share of school funding from \$6.9 billion in fiscal year 2017, the last year under the old formula, to \$9.8 billion allocated this year.

It also drove the state's percentage of K-12 education upward, according to ISBE data. In FY 2017, the state provided 24.4 percent of K-12 funding. In FY 2020, the latest year for which audited numbers are available, that number rose to 27 percent.

Signs of progress

According to data from the Illinois State Board of Education, it would still take another \$3.6 billion in state funding this year alone to bring all districts up to 90 percent of "adequate" funding, a goal set in statute. But the state has made some progress toward addressing the needs of the least-funded districts.

In the first year of evidence-based funding, there were 168 districts that were funded at less than 60 percent of adequacy. Those were the ones that were first in line for new funding when the EBF formula took effect.

For the upcoming year, there are only two districts below that level – Washington Community High School District 308 in Tazewell County and Chaney-Monge School District 88, an elementary district in Will County. Both are funded this year at 59 percent of adequacy.

The gap between the least-funded and best-funded districts has also narrowed, if only slightly. During the first year, funding levels ranged from a low of 47 percent to a high of 288 percent of adequacy. This year, the gap ranges from 59 percent to 270 percent.

Gov. JB Pritzker said during a recent news conference he believes the state must continue to increase its investment in education to increase outcomes and decrease reliance on property taxes.

"A lot of good has been done, there's no doubt about it," he said. "And as you know, Evidence-Based Funding was both necessary to get money to the schools that needed it most and to make sure that we're improving the education funding overall, across the state of Illinois. I personally think that we need to fund our education system even more."

So far, though, there is little evidence that the new money has helped improve academic performance for students because the COVID-19 pandemic severely interfered

with annual testing in 2020 and 2021.

Prior to the pandemic, though, the connection between school funding and student achievement was evident.

For example, in 2019, the last year before the pandemic, Central City School District 133, an elementary district in Marion County in southern Illinois, was the least-funded district in the state at 52 percent of adequacy. That year, only 26.8 percent of its students met or exceeded state standards in English language arts, and only 8.5 percent did so in math.

By contrast, Rondout School District 72, an elementary district in Lake County, which includes Waukegan, was the best-funded district, at 280 percent of adequacy. There, 65.1 percent met or exceeded state standards in English language arts while 49.4 percent did so in math.

Like many states, Illinois did not administer state assessments in 2020 due to the pandemic, and results from the 2021 tests are believed to have been affected by the pandemic. Results of the 2022 tests will be released later this year.

Sen. Jason Barickman, R-Bloomington, a key negotiator when the legislation was under consideration, recalled there was a debate over whether to tie increased funding to improved student outcomes, to hold districts accountable for the new money they would receive. In the end, he said, lawmakers chose to go another route by pairing the new funding system with a form of taxpayer-supported scholarships for private schools, what is now known as the Invest in Kids Act.

"No one was fully, you know, exactly happy, which generally means we probably did a decent job, I suppose," he said. "We chose not to penalize failing school districts, but to equip children and families with resources that might give them a choice on their educational experience. And I think we've seen a lot of success with that program."

Manar, meanwhile, argued that the achievement gaps are the result of many factors, including decades of inequitable funding, which the state has only recently started to address.

"What would those test scores have been had the least equitable system of school funding in the country been allowed to continue?" he asked.

He said as more money was put into the old formula, it made the inequity gap wider.

"So you know, those stats and that data aren't gathered in a sterile, perfect environment. There's a lot of things happening in 850-some-odd school districts in the state that have an impact on that too." □

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Lincoln lore on stage

New play by a local writer explores assassination plot

THEATER | Phil Funkenbusch

Summer's end brings a new play to Springfield with the premiere of *The Baltimore Plot*, by local writer and director John Woodruff, playing in the newly renovated Peggy Ryder Theatre at Hoogland Center for the Arts, Sept. 2-4, and produced by MASS Media.

Based on real characters and events, the play tells the almost-unbelievable story about an attempt to assassinate Abraham Lincoln on his way to his first inauguration in Washington.

Woodruff is a familiar face on area stages for many years, both in musicals and dramas. He has always had an affinity for history and has written other scripts from stories of America's past.

Not only are Abraham and Mary Lincoln featured, but we also follow detective Alan Pinkerton and staff (the first detectives?) as they discover the plot and try to convince the president-elect to change his travel plans. Another of Springfield's great talents, Dennis Rendleman, plays Pinkerton. A character many may not know is Pinkerton's assistant, Kate Warne, played by Cynthia Higginson. Warne herself is a fascinating character who has become more known in recent years after being discovered by researchers and scholars.

The plot revolves around a mysterious character named Cypriano Ferrandini (played by John Olmstead), who takes control of a band of southern sympathizers and turns them into would-be assassins.

Even if you've heard this story countless times (which goes with the territory of living in Lincoln country), this new production will bring it to new life and make you think. What makes the story so unbelievable is how all the characters and their plans are hatched and put into place. Timing and subterfuge were vital in Pinkerton's plan and had it not succeeded, we might never have had what many consider to be our greatest president.

Randy Duncan of Collinsville portrays Lincoln and Pam Brown once again plays Mary Lincoln, as she has played the role in several Lincoln-related plays here over the years. Duncan has also been portraying Lincoln in the area for several years and can be seen walking thru the Lincoln Home neighborhood and appearing at historic sites.

Woodruff has been working on this script for four years. After reading several articles and books on the subject, he began



Pam Brown as Mary Lincoln and Randy Duncan as Abraham Lincoln.

writing, but the more he researched, the more confused he became and stopped for a time. Several disagreements among historians about what actually happened also became a stumbling block.

"I realized the problem was there were so many stories and so many interesting characters that I was having a hard time figuring it out," says Woodruff. "Finally, last year I settled on a story line where the

progress of the plotters in Baltimore parallels the progress of Lincoln's train as he traveled from Springfield to Washington through Baltimore."

He added that by choosing this route, he also had to drop some great characters along the way.

"All of the basic events are true," says Woodruff. "Of course, most of the dialogue is imagined. Being in Springfield, we have

been very much aware of historical accuracy and have made as sure as we can that it is correct."

One of the disagreements among scholars over the years is the question about why Mary Lincoln stayed behind in Springfield and met Lincoln the next day in Indianapolis.

This was something Pam Brown had to think about as she portrays Mrs. Lincoln in this production.

"Mary loves, respects and worries about her husband during this trip to Washington," Pam Brown says. "In this play, May Lincoln reminds the audience that Lincoln was a husband and family man as much as a politician."

Historical theater is more prevalent in Springfield than in many cities, and our historic sites have featured theater as a part of interpreting history for visitors.

Woodruff's plays began with his adaptation of *John Brown's Body* by Stephen Vincent Benet. Written in the 1930s, the use of Benet's poetic language made it a good page-to-stage play.

His next play was *Civil War Journeys*, which was based on Woodruff's great-great-grandfather and his best friend as they served through the Civil War. This was a moving theater work and should be revived.

John's third play was *Drummer Girl*, about a young woman who escapes an abusive father and abusive marriage, disguises herself as a boy, and is conscripted into the army as a drummer during the Civil War.

Playing at the Hoogland along with *The Baltimore Plot*, the musical *Million Dollar Quartet* finishes its run this weekend – another telling of a major moment of music history.

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The Baltimore Plot plays Friday and Saturday, Sept. 2-3, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 4, at 2 p.m. Tickets at www.hcfta.org or call 217-523-2787.

Don't throw away your cantaloupe rinds

FOOD | Peter Glatz

The latest stop in my culinary journey has landed me in the Research and Development and Fermentation Laboratory of Audrey, Sean Brock's new restaurant in Nashville. The lab manager, Elliot Silber, holds a degree in food chemistry from McGill University, in addition to being a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America. He is passionate about science and sustainability and is always looking for ways to utilize the so-called waste products generated by the restaurant. Throughout the day, prep cooks bring their produce and protein trimmings to the lab to be turned into sauces, seasonings, condiments and beverages. Cantaloupe season has arrived in full force and we are turning buckets of cantaloupe rinds and seeds into a beverage called tepache.

Tepache is a traditional Mexican fermented probiotic drink which dates back to pre-Hispanic times. It is typically made from fermented pineapple rinds, cinnamon sticks and unrefined sugar known as piloncillo. It is a vibrant sweet-tart, slightly effervescent chilled beverage sold by street vendors from Chihuahua to Mexico City to Oaxaca.

Tepache is mildly alcoholic, with about a 0.5-2 percent alcohol content. The shorter the fermentation process, the lower the alcohol content. After fermentation, there will be some carbonation. Because of its low alcohol content, even children are allowed to drink it. Adults can increase the alcoholic content by allowing it to ferment longer or by mixing it with beer. Nowadays tepache is even finding its way into craft cocktails. Rice Vice, a sake bar in Nashville, serves a highball they call Ginjoka, a light, bubbly citrusy offering made with cantaloupe tepache, ginjo sake and fresh lime. Grey Sweater in Oklahoma City serves a low-alcohol Mula de Tepache made from tepache with chili pepper, fresh lime and ginger beer.

Like most fermented drinks and foods, tepache is rich in beneficial bacteria and probiotics as well as beneficial acids. The microorganisms associated with the production of tepache include various species of lactic acid bacteria, as well as acetic bacteria and yeasts. Lactic acid bacteria are the same microorganisms that are responsible for turning cabbage into sauerkraut and kimchi. These microorganisms are important because of their essential role in supporting gut health. Most tepache brews will also contain beneficial yeasts like *saccharomyces boulardii*, which is associated with increased enzymatic activity and better nutrient delivery in the gut. It plays a role in restoration of the gut barrier, which may be beneficial in treating leaky gut



Melon Tepache PHOTO BY ANN SHAFER GLATZ

syndrome.

The fermentation process for making tepache is simple and quick, which makes it a beverage easily produced at home. A plus is that making tepache is a no-waste project, utilizing the rinds and seedy interiors, parts of the fruit typically thrown away.

Though tepache can be made with grocery-store brown sugar, it's best to use piloncillo cones, which can be found in Hispanic grocery stores. Conventional brown sugar is just purified white sugar with some molasses mixed back in. Piloncillo is unrefined and minimally processed. It is pure cane juice boiled down to a thick, crystalline syrup, which is poured into cone-shaped molds to harden (the name piloncillo derives from "pylon"). Piloncillo gives tepache a distinct floral note with mineral undertones. Because it's unrefined, piloncillo

retains trace nutrients which conventional refined sugar doesn't have. However, it's still sugar, so enjoy in moderation.

Here are a few tips to ensure smooth fermentation and flavor:

1. Use a very ripe melon. Ripe fruit has higher sugar content, adding flavor and accelerating the fermentation.
2. Use organic melons when possible. Tepache utilizes the exterior rind, which often gets sprayed directly with chemicals.
4. Skim away any white foam that forms on the surface at the end of fermenting. Simply skim off the scum, and strain.
5. Even though tepache is fermented, it still tastes sweet, which means there's still plenty of sugar remaining in your brew. So drink small amounts, especially if you are diabetic or pre-diabetic.

Melon Tepache

This fizzy, refreshing fermented beverage is wonderful not only because of its flavor but because you are using what would otherwise be scraps.

Ingredients

1 large cantaloupe, honeydew or muskmelon
 ½ piloncillo cone, shaved with a microplane grater (or substitute ½ cup brown sugar)
 1 Mexican cinnamon stick
 Pinch of salt

Preparation

Scrub the melon in cool water. Cut in half and scoop out and reserve the seeds. Cut the melon into chunks and reserve the rind. Transfer the rind and seeds into a gallon jar. Top off with the melon chunks or save them for another purpose.

In a small pot, toast the cinnamon over high heat, stirring constantly, until fragrant, one to two minutes. Add the water, piloncillo shavings and a pinch of salt and bring to a boil. Once the sugar is mostly dissolved, remove from the heat and let cool to lukewarm.

Pour the spiced piloncillo syrup over the rinds and add more water until the rinds are completely covered. Position a small jar, fermentation weight, or water-filled resealable baggie over the melon rinds to submerge them and prevent mold from forming at the surface. To prevent bugs from finding their way into the jar, cover it with a breathable, tightly woven cloth secured tightly to the mouth of the jar with a rubber band or twine. Set the jar aside at room temperature in a shaded area and allow it to ferment until there is foam on the surface and the texture of the liquid is slightly viscous, two to four days. Stir and taste daily. The tepache will begin to bubble vigorously between one and five days. It should start to taste sweet and tangy in two to three days.

Discard the white foam that has developed on the surface.

When you like the flavor, strain the tepache over a cheesecloth-lined funnel into clean bottles, leaving 2 inches of head space at the top. You can drink it right away or store it in the refrigerator. (You can even reuse the peels and start a second batch). The tepache will keep for a few months in the refrigerator, however, it tastes best soon after it's ready to drink. If you leave the bottles in the refrigerator, vent them every 2 weeks to release built-up carbonation.

Serve well chilled.



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Labor Day Weekend music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Well, we made it to Labor Day 2022 and the holiday weekend attached fairly unscathed from the bustling summer music schedule. Now let's move forward with eyes and ears wide open to catch all the bountiful music bursting onto our local scene with verve and gusto, plus some good, old-fashioned fun in the sun.

This week's adventures begin with a trip to Jacksonville, our neighboring city to the south and west, to visit the Prairieland Chautauqua event (au-au-ua is how I remember to spell the striking word correctly). For 2022, new organizer Chad Boehlke is focusing on the history of the original Jacksonville Chautauqua that ran from 1912 to 1930 through adding contemporary ideas that fit into the basic concept of the popular gatherings found all across the nation in the early part of the 20th century. Now held at historic Nichols Park where the earlier chautauquas were presented, this one, like the originals, features a good deal of live music and is free and open to the public, hence our mention in this column.

Friday kicks off with a fine lineup, including the Community Summer Band (5 p.m.), Orpheus Mandolin Orchestra (6 p.m. and yes, mandolin orchestras were very popular in the early 1900s) and finishes with extraordinary Illinois musician, folk singer and labor scholar, Bucky Halker (8 p.m.). Saturday gives us Jacksonville's own Mike "the Dulcimer Guy" Anderson (11:30 a.m.), folk musician and multi-instrumentalist Chris Vallillo presenting his Civil Rights musical program *Oh, Freedom!* (4 p.m.), old-time and country fiddle music by The Dennis Stroughmatt Trio (6 p.m.) and contemporary folk musician and singer-songwriter Ben Bedford (8 p.m.) closing out the event. These are only the music listings, so be aware of other things going on in and around these exceptional acts, plus food trucks, displays and various other concoctions meant to occupy your time with pleasurable experiences. All hail the return of the Chautauqua.

We surely do like to support original music here, and on Saturday, check out The Lovelorn, Go Tsunami! and Josh Catalano of Wayward Motel (solo show) at the Blue Grouch for a triple threat of songwriting acts. They all have CDs and cool merch for sale, along with digital online streaming too, so please support our mighty melodious creators, plus here's a huge hurrah to the venue itself for hosting homegrown music.



Chris O'Leary and his band play at Third Base this Saturday night. PHOTO BY MARGARET STAHL

Now for one of the best blues guys you might not have heard of, the fabulous Chris O'Leary slides into Third Base (right next to the Blue Grouch) on Saturday as well. Chris, an acclaimed songwriter, singer, bandleader and harmonica virtuoso, for several years worked directly and toured with Levon Helm, drummer, singer and spirit of The Band, plus spent time on stage with the likes of James Cotton, Dave Edmunds, Albert Lee and Dan Akroyd, to name drop a few other big names he's hung out and played with.

But hey, we appreciate all music-makers, especially area legends like the Groove Daddies grooving at Motorheads Friday night and Rockhouse rocking at KooKoo's 2 on Saturday night. On Sunday, founding Suns of Circumstance guys Mike Burnett and Bob "Cowboy" Berning, along with longtime members Mike McCormick, Rick Mari and Dion Doss, shine on at Danenberger's Family Vineyard, as the Suns rise again, joined by the Rick Mari Band. Also, this weekend is your final chance to experience the locally produced Million Dollar Quartet show at the Hoogland, directed by Stephan Kaplan.

Be sure to look in our music listings for all the other weekend happenings going on around town, especially the added entertainment when Sunday becomes an extra big Funday with Monday being a day off for the Labor Day celebration. □

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Mike Burnett
Casey's Pub, 5:30-8:30pm

Roxschool
Curve Inn, 6-9pm

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

Wolf Crick Boys
George Rank's, 7-10pm

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke
La Fiesta Chatham, 6-10pm



Wolf Crick Boys play George Rank's Thursday night.

Friday Sep 2

it Jeremiah Johnson
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-10pm

Friday Night Jazz - John Drake Blues Trio
Boone's, 6-8pm

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

Banjo Joe and Danielle
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

X-Krush
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

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

Joel Honey Jams
El Taco Guapo, 6-9pm

Tom Beverly
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

UNCHAINED
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 6-10pm

Deja Voodoo
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30-10:30pm

Wowie Zowie
Mowie's Cue, 8-11pm

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

Dan Wilson & Classic Country
VFW 10302 Northenders, 7-10pm

Off the Wall
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-10pm

Saturday Sep 3

John Drake
1st and 3rd Boutique and Wine Bar, Petersburg, 3-6pm

Tsunami, The Lovelorns, Wayward Motel
The Blue Grouch Pub, 6-10:30pm

Kapital Sound
Crows Mill Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

Deja Voodoo
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

After Sunset
Elks Lodge #158, 4-10pm

RockHouse
Koo Koo's Nest, 9pm-1am

Josh Holland Band
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 6-10pm

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas
One More, Kilbourne, 1-5pm

Myers - Brant - Paoni
Sheedy Shores WineGarden, Loami, 4-7pm

it Chris O'Leary
Third Base Sports Bar, 7-10pm

Killer of Giants
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30-10:30pm

Sunday Sep 4

Lil' Higgy and The House Reckers
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

The Tangents
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Pentagram String Band, Abraham and the Old Gods
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 6-9pm

Brandy Kristin
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Suns of Circumstance and Rick Mari Band
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 3:11-7:20pm

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas
Edinburg Labor Day Picnic, Edinburg, 8pm-12am

Joel Honey Jams
Elks Lodge #158, 4-7pm

Julie Jules, José Gobbo and Frank Parker
Harvest Market, 10am-1pm

Folsom Prison Five
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

Stuart Smith
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

After Sunset
Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum, 7-10pm

Wowie Zowie
Sheedy Shores WineGarden, Loami, 4-7pm

The Kitchens
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 4-7pm

Open mic
Walnut Street Winery, Rochester, 2-5pm

Monday Sep 5

Skylar Burrell
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 Sep 6

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 Sep 7

Open mic
Boone's, 7-10pm

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

Karaoke
Crows Mill Pub, 8pm

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

The Kitchens
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it Hey, all of you cerevisaphiles (including hopheads, you know who you are), if you're looking for a way to round out the summer with good beer and good food, all while helping a good cause, check out the annual Springfield Oyster and Beer Festival at The Inn at 835. Over 50 different craft beer brands from across the Midwest will be represented and they will be offering over 150 beer varieties. Festival organizers upped the number of gourmet oysters to 6,000 this year, so there will be plenty for everyone. Don't worry if oysters aren't your thing, though, as food trucks will be on hand with culinary selections to complement your cold craft beer. While you are indulging in all the fine food and libations, Off the Wall and Me, Myself and Schy will be on stage to keep the festivities lively. As you may know, this annual festival has an awesome tradition of raising money for local charities and this year's recipient is the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois, which provides a supportive place for families to stay while their child is receiving medical care, and supports programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children. The festival will go on rain or shine (you can duck under one of the tents if the raindrops obliterate the sunshine) and, as it is a charitable event, refunds will not be issued. Visit the website at sobfestival.com for advance tickets or pay at the gate.

Special Music Events

Artist on the Plaza

Fri., Sep. 2, 12-1pm. Vocalist Monica Hay. Old State Capitol Plaza, between Sixth and Fifth streets at Adams.

Carillon concerts

Sundays, 2pm and 4pm. Wednesdays, 12pm. Master carillonneur, Carlo van Ulf, and assistant carillonneurs play a variety of music from original carillon compositions

to arrangements of popular classics and pop music. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-306-1838.

Organist Nathan Laube

Fri., Sep. 2, 7pm. Known for his brilliant playing, gracious demeanor and creative programming of repertoire spanning five centuries (including his own virtuoso transcriptions of orchestral works), Laube has earned high praise from both critics and

peers. Part of the First Fridays concert series. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-522-3342.

Theater & Comedy

The Baltimore Plot

Sep. 2-3, 8pm and Sun., Sep. 4, 2pm. A story based on real characters and events surrounding an attempt to assassinate Abraham Lincoln before his first inauguration.

Presented by MASS Media. \$20. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Million Dollar Quartet

Through Sep. 4. It's December 4, 1956, when an extraordinary twist of fate brings together Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley for what would be one of the greatest jam sessions ever. Relive the era with all the smash-hit sensations. hcfta.org. \$20. Hoogland Center for the Arts

LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

it The Portuguese Rodeo Clown Company

Sep. 2-3, 7:30pm. Live improv comedy. Five actors take the stage and perform comedy with no script. The only thing they have are suggestions from you in the audience. \$17. Hoogland Center for the Arts Club Room, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Art & Architecture

Drawing studio

Tuesdays, 6:30-9:30pm. An opportunity to improve drawing skills, hand-eye coordination and analytical skills in a studio setting. Work in the medium of your choice. All skills levels are welcome. Donations are welcome. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 801-810-9278.

Expression Session - recovery through creativity

Sun., Sep. 4, 4-6pm. An engaging and relaxed space for people to create through visual art, writing and with open mics for small musical performances and spoken word. Open to all but aimed towards nurturing the creative drive of those in recovery. DIM Art House, 319 Chatham Rd.

Friday Nights at DIM

Fridays, 6-8pm. First Friday offer or get art critiques, on the second Friday try model live drawing, hang out with the artists on the third Friday and fourth and fifth Fridays are for projects. DIM Art House, 319 Chatham Rd., 773-235-5600.

"Making Our History"

Mondays-Fridays, 9am-5pm and Saturdays, 10am-3pm. Artists render Lincoln's legacies. Showcasing original paintings, sculptures, prints, photography, virtual reality, conceptual and video art of 20 Illinois artists who have been in a virtual residency with the UIS Center for Lincoln Studies to create original artworks on Lincoln's legacies. springfieldart.org. Free. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Sangamon Valley Woodcarvers Show

Sat., Sep. 3, 10am-4pm. Exhibits by woodcarvers, pyrographers, intarsia carvers and wood turners. Carvings, wood and tools for sale. Sign up for beginners' classes. Door prizes and a carving competition.

Williamsville Community Center, Williamsville, 141 W. Main St., 217-306-6080.

Food & Drink

Illinois Products Farmers Market

Thursdays, 3:30-7pm. Illinois meats, produce, baked good and more. Illinois State Fairgrounds, The Shed, 801 Sangamon Ave.

History

Race Riot walking tour

Thursdays, Saturdays, 10-11am. Meet on the Adams Street side of the Old State Capitol. Hosted by the Dept. of Natural Resources. Visit the website for reservation information. Free. Old State Capitol, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-9363.

"Susan Lawrence Dana: A Woman of Progress"

Through June 1, 2023. Learn about Susan Lawrence Dana's involvement in the suffrage movement and her local charitable activities. Showcased within the current exhibit "Sangamo Country: 200 Years of Sangamon County History." UIS Public Affairs Center (PAC), One University Plaza, 217-206-6073.

Faith & Philosophy

GriefShare Grief Recovery Program

Begins Wed., Sep. 7. A Christ-centered, biblically based weekly seminar and support group to help rebuild lives after losing a loved one led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help others through difficult days. \$20 for cost of materials. Athens Christian Church, Athens, 1411 E. Route 29, 217-636-8463.

Wednesday Night Connection

Wednesdays, 5:40am-7:30pm. Free blood pressure screenings begin at 5:30pm. Supper served 5:40-6:15 pm. Classes for all ages meet 6:30-7:30, with nurseries provided. Gym will open for students grades 7-12 at 7:30pm. athenschristian.net. Donation for meal. Athens Christian Church, Athens, 1411 E. Route 29, 217-636-8463.

Fairs & Festivals

Greenview Labor Day Celebration

Sep. 3 Jeep run at 9am at Indian Creek Farmstead. Family activities planned at stops. Sep. 4 church service in the park

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at 10:30am. Sep. 5 activities include a parade, pie contest, car show, tractor display, petting zoo, food and more. Greenview, 217-638-0290.

Prairieland Chautauqua

Fri., Sep. 2, 5-8pm and Sat., Sep. 3, 10am-8pm. "Celebrating Our Chautauqua, 1912 - 1930." Traditional events from the early years, plus storytellers, poetry recitations, science lectures, music, history and a children's show. morgancountyillinoishistory.com. Free. Nichols Park, Jacksonville, Holken Brink Dr., 217-271-7824.

Healing Arts Fest

Sat., Sep. 3, 1-10pm. Local bands 2-9:30pm, food, art and practitioners of healing arts. Free. Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 406 E. Adams St.

Springfield Oyster and Beer Festival

Sat., Sep. 3, 12-5pm. Features over 150 different types of craft beers, 6000+ gourmet oysters, live music and local food trucks. Having a good time is much easier when it's for a great cause. sobfestival.com. The Inn at 835, 835 S. Second St., 217-522-3123.

Fundraisers and Galas

Labor Day Duck Derby
Mon., Sep. 5, 11am. All ducks purchased will be entered into the derby in the Wild River. Duck prices range from \$5 for one duck to \$150 for a Grand Pack of 50 ducks. All proceeds will support the families at Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois. rmhc-centralillinois.org. Free admission. Knight's Action Park, 1700 Knights Recreation Dr., 217-528-3314.

A New Journey

Sep. 6-Oct. 3, 8am-8:30pm. Professional clothing drive. Accepting blouses, blazers, slacks, suits, dress shirts, etc. Drop off clothing through Oct. 3. Clothing giveaway is Oct 12. All In One Laundry, 801 South Grand Ave. East, 217-415-3751.

Children's Corner

Parent's WILD Night Out
Sat., Sep. 3, 5:30-8:30pm. Bring the kids ages 6-12 to the zoo to play, create and learn about zoo animals and conservation while you enjoy an evening out. Snacks provided or kids can bring their own. \$20-\$25 for first child.

\$15-\$20 for additional children. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-585-1821.

Nature, Science & Environment

Outstanding Leadership in Sustainability Awards

Wed., Sep. 7, 6-9pm. A celebration to recognize local individuals, organizations and businesses that have demonstrated leadership in actions to care for our climate. Hosted by Sustainable Springfield. \$25. Maldaner's Restaurant & Catering, 222 S. Sixth St., 217-652-7489.

Lectures & Meetings

Public Meeting

Thu., Sep. 1, 4-7pm. Open house-style meeting to which you can come at anytime to offer your thoughts on the Third Street rail corridor redevelopment. There is no formal meeting. Held in conjunction with the city of Springfield, Sangamon County, RDG Planning and Design and Hanson Professional Services. Free. BOS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 800-745-3000.

Bulletin Board

Cat adoptions

First Saturday of every month, 11am-2pm. Forever Home Feline Ranch will have cats available for adoption. Opportunities are also available for fostering and volunteering. Donations welcome. Ace Hardware, 1600 Wabash Ave., 217-787-5100.

Challenge yourself to power up your purpose

Thu., Sep. 1, 12-1pm. Learn how to use power postures of yoga to build your confidence around your purpose and elevate your business to the next level. Hands-on practice, e-book and 30-day challenge calendar. Beginners welcome. Free. Innovate Springfield, 15 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-801-7464.

Cruise

First Friday of every month, 4:30-8pm. All wheels are welcome. Cars, trucks, 4x4s, bikes, trikes whether vintage, restored, off-road, new or just plain unique. Hosted by Small Town Taylorville with the 40 M.P.H. Club. Taylorville Square, Taylorville, Washington St.

First Sunday Midwest Bazaar

Sun., Sep. 4, 8am-4pm. Everything you could ever need

all in one place. Illinois State Fairgrounds Exposition Building, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-782-6661.

Jubilee Regional Championship Morgan Horse Show

Through Sep. 3, 9am-10pm. The stamina and spirit of the Morgan, combined with its build and way of traveling, contributed greatly to the formation of other American breeds including the Standardbred, Quarter Horse, Tennessee Walking Horse and American Saddle Horse. Coliseum, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 E. Sangamon Ave., 217-836-5055.

Legal Aid

First Wednesday of every month, 9am-3pm. Land of Lincoln Legal Aid provides free civil legal help for eligible seniors. Call 217-503-4643 to make an appointment. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

PrideLinc Senior LGBT Connections

Thursdays, 11:30am. Weekly congregating meals open to LGBTQ seniors and an ally or caregiver. Includes time for education and socialization. Meals provided by Senior Services of Central Illinois. Call by Tuesday for a Thursday meal. Visit the Facebook page for more information. AgeLinc, 2731 S. MacArthur Blvd., 217-787-9234.

Health & Fitness

Overeaters Anonymous

Mondays, 5:30pm. The only requirement is a desire to stop eating compulsively. Unity Church, 417 E. Cordelia St., 217-416-1648.

Overeaters Anonymous

Saturdays, 10am. The only requirement is a desire to stop eating compulsively. Springfield First United Methodist Church, 2941 S. Koke Mill Rd., 217-416-1648.

Sports

Springfield Mile 1 and 2

Sep. 3-4. The world's premier flat track motorcycle racing series will celebrate its annual Labor Day weekend doubleheader. Ticket prices will increase the week of the event. \$20-\$150. Children 12 and under \$5-\$25. Illinois State Fair Grandstand, 801 E. Sangamon Ave., 217-782-6661.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on September 27, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit:
Common Address: 515 SOUTH GRAND WEST, CHATHAM, IL 62629
P.I.N. 28-12-456-006 A/K/A 28-12-0-456-006

Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125, for further information.

The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
AMERICAN ENTERPRISE BANK;
Plaintiff,
v.
ALFA OIL & FOOD INC.; a dissolved Illinois corporation; WORKAFERAHU SHIFERAW d/b/a ALFA OIL AND FOOD, PRIME OIL AND FOOD, INC., an Illinois corporation, MIDWEST OIL CO., INC., ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants.

No.: 2010-CH-19
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above cause on January 7, 2011 against Alfa Oil & Food Inc., Workaferahu Shiferaw, Prime Oil and Food, Inc., Mid-West Oil Co., Inc., Illinois Department of Revenue and United States of America that the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on October 11, 2022 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PARCEL 1:
PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
TRACT A:
COMMENCING AT A STEEL PLATE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 21; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 1427.97 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 30 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE 125 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 16 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST 28 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, BEING AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR PARCEL I; THENCE NORTH 73 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 150 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 16 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST 170 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 73 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST 144.56 FEET TO AN IRON PIN ON A CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 497.96 FEET; AND ITS CENTER LOCATED NORTH 65 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST FROM SAID POINT; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ABOVE DESCRIBED CURVE 73.64 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 16 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST 96.63 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY.

TRACT B:
COMMENCING AT A STEEL PLATE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 1427.97 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 30 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE 125 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 53 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST 39.35 FEET TO A RIGHT OF WAY MARKER; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 03 SEC-

ONDS EAST 118.35 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 16 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST 6.25 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 73 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST 150 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 16 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST 28 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY.

TRACT C:
PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 21 DESCRIBED MORE PARTICULARLY AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A STEEL PLATE IN THE PAVEMENT MARKING THE NORTH ONE QUARTER CORNER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 21; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 1625.12 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 30 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 276.90 FEET TO AN IRON PIN MARKING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 16 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 176.20 FEET TO AN IRON PIN ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY HIGHWAY; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 339.63 FEET TO A RIGHT OF WAY MARKER; THENCE SOUTH 16 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF I-55 A DISTANCE OF 73.19 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 73 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 323.78 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY. ALL IN TOWNSHIP 13 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.
TAX ID NO. 35-21.0-228-014 (Affects part of the land)
100 Reichert Rd.
Divernon, IL 62520
PARCEL 2:

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 13 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER SECTION; THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 16 FOR A DISTANCE OF 5.80 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF THE PROPOSED NORTHWEST SERVICE DRIVE; THENCE DEFLECTING TO THE RIGHT 90 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 32.5 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 112.00 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING TO THE RIGHT 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.41 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING SAID POINT BEING THE ACCESS CONTROL POINT; THENCE DEFLECTING TO THE LEFT 88 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 24 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 133.08 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING TO THE LEFT 26 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 14 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.42 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING TO THE RIGHT 24 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 38 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 162.00 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING TO THE RIGHT 90

DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 317.52 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING TO THE RIGHT 89 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 28 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 332.23 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING TO THE RIGHT 86 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 32 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 299.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY.

SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
TAX ID NO. 35-16.0-400-042 (Affects part of the land)
100 N. Henrietta St.
Divernon, IL 62530
The Judgment amount was:
\$1,256,462.60

Sale terms: Cash or certified funds at the time of sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the funds paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney:
Thomas C. Pavlik, Jr., Delano Law Offices, LLC, 1 Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Please refer to file number 2010-CH-750.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that this law firm is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
SECURITY BANK,
Plaintiff,

vs.
MARK A. LEHMANN AND STATE OF ILLINOIS - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES,
Defendants.

CASE NO. 22-FC-77
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
3104 STONEHILL DR.
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on July 20, 2022, the following described real estate, to-wit:
Permanent Index Number: 22-18.0-105-002

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vendue on September 13, 2022, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$119,816.23. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1). If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting

to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

SECURITY BANK,
Plaintiff,
Dated
By
Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549), Its Attorney
Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC
Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549)
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC
Attorneys at Law
P.O. Box 740
Decatur, IL 62525
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Veronika J. Miles (#6313161)
Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbatlys.com
Telephone: (217) 422-1719
Facsimile: (217) 422-1754

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
Freedom Mortgage Corporation
PLAINTIFF

Vs.
Doris Murray; Cedric Tucker; State of Illinois; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
DEFENDANTS
2022FC000136
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:
Cedric Tucker
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

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

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
1837 Greentree Rd
Springfield, IL 62703
and which said Mortgage was made by:
Doris Murray
Cedric Tucker
the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2013R25536; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.
NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court,

Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Sangamon County Courthouse
200 South Ninth Street, Room 405
Springfield, IL 62701
on or before October 3, 2022, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100
Burr Ridge, IL 60527
(630) 794-5300
DuPage # 15170
Winnebago # 531
Our File No. 14-22-05146
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
For The Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois
Sangamon County, Springfield, Illinois
Estate of James Gasparin
Case No. 2022-PR-288
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of James Gasparin. Letters of office were issued on July 27, 2022 to Jeremiah Gasparin, 181 9th St., Lincoln, Illinois 62656 as Administrator whose attorney is William T. Panichi, 843 S. Fifth St., Springfield, Ill. 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Sangamon Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 22nd day of August, 2022.
William T. Panichi
Attorney for Jeremiah Gasparin
843 South Fifth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 753-1596
Email: panichi@springnet1.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of:
Barbara J. Phillips,
Deceased.
No.: 2022-PR-313
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE
Notice is given of the death of Barbara J. Phillips, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on August 11, 2022, to Ginger Kuhn, 2508 Winfield Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Administrator, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.
Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Barbara J. Phillips of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring, Ginger Kuhn, Barbara Marler, Edward Phillips, and Jason Phillips as the only heirs of Barbara J. Phillips.
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 Administrator
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:
Shirley E. Ramey,
Deceased.
No. 2022-PR-329
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE
Notice is given of the death of Shirley E. Ramey, of Fort McCoy, Florida. Ancillary Letters of Administration were issued on August 24, 2022, to Donna Meiseman, 412 West Chenery Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, as Ancillary 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 Shirley E. Ramey of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring William E. Peet, Jonathan Tanner, Gary Tanner, Jr., Josh Tanner, Madison Tanner, Valentin Purvis, Alice Collins, Parish Tanner, Jr., Gloria Schwartz, April Cano, and Donna Meiseman as the only heirs of Shirley E. Ramey.
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
Alan J. Jedlicka - 6291659
DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC
Attorneys for Administrator
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ajedlicka@delanolaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
CLARENCE E. CURRIE, JR.,
Deceased.
NO. 2022-PR-332
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Clarence E. Currie, Jr. of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 25, 2022, to Michael Anthony Currie, 1112 Steeplechase Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62712, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before March 6, 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 ten (10) days after it has been filed.
Dated this 25th day of August, 2022.
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705
bsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF
HAZEL WANETA BOEHNER,
Deceased.
Case No. 2022-PR-000304
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE is given to claimants of the death of Hazel Waneta Boehner, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on August 3, 2022 to Susan Diane Kepner, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Daniel E. Kepner, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, Illinois, 62705-2459. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Independent Executor or in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, on or before FEBRUARY 27, 2023. Any claim not filed on or before FEBRUARY 27, 2023 is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it is filed. Dated this 17th day of August, 2022.
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP

Daniel E. Kepner
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of
SAMUEL L. SEXTON,
Deceased.
NO. 2022-PR-326
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Samuel L. Sexton of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 23, 2022, to Angela Sexton, 3517 Banyan Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62712, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Bernard G. Segatto, III, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before March 2, 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 23rd day of August, 2022.
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
CLARENCE E. CURRIE, JR.,
Deceased.
NO. 2022-PR-332
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Clarence E. Currie, Jr. of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 25, 2022, to Michael Anthony Currie, 1112 Steeplechase Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62712, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before March 6, 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 25th day of August, 2022.
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
RONALD E. DELONG,
Deceased.
NO. 2022-PR-330
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Ronald E. DeLong of Sangamon County, Illinois. Let-

ters of Office were issued on August 25, 2022, to Julie Hermes, 317 Stetson Road, New Berlin, Illinois 62670, 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 March 6, 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 25th day of August, 2022.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF:
JAMES ANDREW TITONE,
Deceased.
No. 2022-P-242
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of James Andrew Titone, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on June 27, 2022, to Jenny Agbortogho and Tim Mella, whose address is 4601 S. Balsam Way, Apt. 1623, Littleton, CO, as Administrator, and whose attorney is JAMES R. ENLOW OF GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL, 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL, 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
DATED this 10th day of August 2022.
James R. Enlow (#6199891)
GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL
Attorneys at Law
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
WILLIAM JEFFERY NORVELL, DECEASED
Case #2022-PR-322
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of WILLIAM JEFFERY NORVELL. Letters of Office have been issued to CRAIG NORVELL, 11555 Pheasant Drive, Rochester, IL 62563 and KATHY TEGA, 219 N. Main Street, Spaulding, IL 62561, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Co-Executors, or both, on or before February 28, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent

Co-Executors and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 17th day of August, 2022. Patrick J. Sheehan, III SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED LOANS STRUCTURED TRANSACTION TRUST, SERIES 2018-2, Plaintiff(s),

vs. RICHARD E. DOWELL, SUZETTE M. DOWELL, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC, Defendant(s).

Case No. 19 CH 214 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on September 27, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit: LOT SIX (6) IN SPRUCE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JULY 29, 1955 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 261415. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Common Address: 515 SOUTH GRAND WEST, CHATHAM, IL 62629 P.I.N. 28-12-456-006 A/K/A 28-12.0-456-006

Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.

The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808 Timothy R. Yueill - ARDC #6192172 Greg Elsnic - ARDC #6242847 Aaron Nevel - ARDC #6322724

Daniel Diamond - ARDC #6323815 175 North Franklin St. Suite 201 Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 357-1125 Pleadings@nevellaw.com SL # 19-01169 8051-926293

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF HONEY LYNN SPENCER Deceased. No.: 22-PR-294 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION Notice is given of the death of Honey Lynn Spencer. Letters of office were issued on August 18, 2022 to Carrie Walker as Independent Representative whose attorney is

FELDMANWASSER, 1307 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois or with the Representative, or both, on or before February 18, 2023, or within 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery to a creditor whose name and post office address is known to or reasonably ascertainable by the representative, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or

before that date is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative or the attorney within 10 days after filing. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 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. You may obtain a copy of a form of a petition to terminate independent administration from the Clerk of court at the above address. Dated this 18 day of August, 2022. Ashley D. Davis FeldmanWasser 1307 S. Seventh St. Springfield, IL 62703 217/544-3403

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT L. NAUGLE, Deceased. IN PROBATE No. 2022PRO00298 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of ROBERT L. NAUGLE, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on August 2, 2022, to Co-Executors Glen A. Naugle, 2424 Yale Blvd. Springfield, IL 62703 and Nancy Grant, 714 S. 7th Street Petersburg, IL 62675, whose attorney is Robert A. Stuart, Jr., Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before February 12, 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 10th day of August, 2022.

Robert A. Stuart, Jr. Registration No. 2761122 Brown, Hay & Stephens 205 S. 5th Street, Suite 1000 Springfield, IL 62701 (217) 544-8491 rstuart@bhslaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE ESTATE OF: Jasper J. Madonia, DECEASED, NO: 2022-PR-321 CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE DEATH OF Jasper J. Madonia. LETTERS OF OFFICE WERE ISSUED ON August 18, 2022, TO John J. Madonia, 5764 Cypress Bluff Ln., Hoschton, GA 30548, as Executor, whose attorney is Thomas R. BILLINGTON, 1400 W. LAWRENCE AVE., SPRINGFIELD, IL., 62704. CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE MAY BE FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT CLERK, PROBATE DIVISION, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 SOUTH NINTH ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, OR WITH THE REPRESENTATIVE, OR BOTH, ON OR BEFORE February 28, 2023, AND ANY CLAIM NOT FILED ON, OR BEFORE THAT DATE IS TO BE 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 18th day of August, 2022. THOMAS R BILLINGTON ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTOR #2029899 1400 W LAWRENCE AVE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704 TELEPHONE: (217) 546-3223

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of Juan Salas, Petitioner And

Rebecca Bayless, Respondent Case No. 2022-DN-195 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you, Rebecca Bayless, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 18th day of September, 2022, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition. Paul Palazzolo Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of Tiffany Joy Jefferson Miles, Petitioner And Larry J. Miles, Respondent Case No. 2022-DN-33 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you, Larry J. Miles, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before

the 25th day of September, 2022, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition. Paul Palazzolo Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of Jeremiah Whiteside, Petitioner And Trina Whiteside, Respondent Case No. 2022-DC-165 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you, Trina Whiteside, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 18th day of September, 2022, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition. Paul Palazzolo Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Oluwa Funmilayo McClinton For change of name to Jade Dena Alexandrov Case No.: 2022-MR-336 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on September 27, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Oluwa Funmilayo McClinton to Jade Dena Alexandrov pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: Aug. 18, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Crystal Leeona Greathouse For change of name to Crystal Leeona Ochoa Case No.: 2022-MR-330 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on October 11, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Crystal Leeona Greathouse to Crystal Leeona Ochoa pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: Aug. 18, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Lilly Leeanne Bentley For change of name to Lilly Leeanne Thaxton Case No.: 2022-MR-329 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on October 11, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Lilly Leeanne Bentley to Lilly Leeanne Thaxton, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: Aug. 25, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF NORMAN J. CLARK, Deceased. No. 2022PRO00213 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Norman J. Clark, a resident of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, who died in Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on March 16, 2022. Cathy S. Bridgewater, whose post office address is 2417 Sutherland Road, Springfield, Illinois 62702, and Jeremy C. Bridgewater, whose post office address is 813 Oakbrook Avenue, Chatham, Illinois 62629, were appointed co-administrators of his estate on July 28, 2022. The attorneys for the co-administrators are Hart, Southworth & Witsman, One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the co-administrators, or both,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, within 6 months from the date of the first publication, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, of this notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the co-administrators and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 9th day of August, 2022. Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930) Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535) Hart, Southworth & Witsman One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501 Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 trigrby@hswnet.com aprillaman@hswnet.com 8051-926163

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, vs. JACK L. SKAGGS, SR., and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 2022-FC-163 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is September 30, 2022. Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on August 19, 2022.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; 2022-FC-163. 2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois 3. The name of the title holder of record is: Jack L. Skaggs, Sr. 4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: LOT FOUR (4) IN BLOCK SEVEN (7) OF CHARLES G. BROWN'S SUBDIVISION. EXCEPT THE COAL AND MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. 5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 28 W. Kenney St., Divernon, Illinois 62530 6. The Tax Identification Number(s) for the real estate is/are as follows: 35-21-138-003 7. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Name of Mortgagor: Jack L. Skaggs, Sr. Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank Date of Mortgage: October 23, 2008 Date of recording: November 6, 2008 County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois Recording document identification: Document No. 2008R41750 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Emmet A. Fairfield Registration No. 6180505 205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

–SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,
Plaintiff,

vs.

DAVID J. GERMAN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 2022FC000121
Property Address: 3213 S. Palmer St. Springfield, IL 62703

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, DAVID J. GERMAN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS ; , defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT 56 OF SOUTHLAWN.

EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

P.I.N.: 22-14.0-127-015

Said property is commonly known as 3213 S. Palmer St., Springfield, IL 62703 and which said mortgage(s) was/were made and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 2016R15799 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County on or before September 26, 2022, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.

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

Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC

Attorneys for Plaintiff

1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
AMERICAN ENTERPRISE BANK;
Plaintiff,

v.

ALFA OIL & FOOD INC.; a dissolved Illinois corporation; WORKAFERAHU SHIFERAW d/b/a ALFA OIL AND FOOD, PRIME OIL AND FOOD, INC., an Illinois corporation, MIDWEST OIL CO., INC., ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNKNOWN OWNERS and

NONRECORD CLAIMANTS

Defendants.

No.: 2010-CH-19

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above cause on January 7, 2011 against Alfa Oil & Food Inc., Workaferahu Shiferaw, Prime Oil and Food, Inc., Mid-West Oil Co., Inc., Illinois Department of Revenue and United States of America that the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on October 11, 2022 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PARCEL 1:

PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: TRACT A: COMMENCING AT A STEEL PLATE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 21; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 1427.97 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE 125 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 16 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST 28 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, BEING AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR PARCEL I; THENCE NORTH 73 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 150 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 16 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST 170 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 73 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST 144.56 FEET TO AN IRON PIN ON A CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 497.96 FEET; AND ITS CENTER LOCATED NORTH 65 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST FROM SAID POINT; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ABOVE DESCRIBED CURVE 73.64 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 16 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST 96.63 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY.

TRACT B:

COMMENCING AT A STEEL PLATE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 1427.97 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE 125 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 53 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST 39.35 FEET TO A RIGHT OF WAY MARKER; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST 118.35 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 16 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST 6.25 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 73 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST 150 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 16 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST 28 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY.

TRACT C:

PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 21 DESCRIBED MORE PARTICULARLY AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A STEEL PLATE IN THE PAVEMENT MARKING THE NORTH ONE QUARTER CORNER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 21; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 1625.12 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 276.90 FEET TO AN IRON PIN MARKING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 16 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 176.20 FEET TO AN IRON PIN ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY HIGHWAY; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 339.63 FEET TO A RIGHT OF WAY MARKER; THENCE SOUTH 16 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF I-55 A DISTANCE OF 73.19 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 73 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 323.78 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY. ALL IN TOWNSHIP 13 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.

TAX ID NO. 35-21.0-228-014 (Affects part of the land)

100 Reichert Rd.
Divernon, IL 62520

PARCEL 2:

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 13 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER SECTION; THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 16 FOR A DISTANCE OF 5.80 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF THE PROPOSED NORTHWEST SERVICE DRIVE; THENCE DEFLECTING TO THE RIGHT 90 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 32.5 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 112.00 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING TO THE RIGHT 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.41 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING SAID POINT BEING THE ACCESS CONTROL POINT; THENCE DEFLECTING TO THE LEFT 88 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 24 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 133.08 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING TO THE LEFT 26 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 14 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.42 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING TO THE RIGHT 24 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 38 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 162.00 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING TO THE RIGHT 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 317.52 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING TO THE RIGHT 89 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 28 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 332.23 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING TO THE RIGHT 86 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 32 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 299.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY.

SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TAX ID NO. 35-16.0-400-042 (Affects part of the land)

100 N. Henrietta St.

Divernon, IL 62530

The Judgment amount was:

\$1,256,462.60

Sale terms: Cash or certified funds at the time of sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the funds paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Thomas C. Pavlik, Jr., Delano Law Offices, LLC, 1 Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Please refer to file number 2010-CH-750.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that this law firm is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
SECURITY BANK,
Plaintiff,

vs.

MARK A. LEHMANN AND STATE OF ILLINOIS - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES,
Defendants.

CASE NO. 22-FC-77

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

3104 STONEHILL DR.

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on July 20, 2022, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lot 56 of Westchester 12th Addition. Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Permanent Index Number: 22-18.0-

105-002

Commonly known as: 3104 Stonehill Dr.,

Springfield, IL 62704

will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on September 13, 2022, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$119,816.23.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof

of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

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

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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SECURITY BANK,

Plaintiff,

Dated

By Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549), Its Attorney

Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC

Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549)

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CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDI-

CIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF Jeremiah Amos,

Rakeya Amos & Rakiya Amos

No. 2022-GR-119

To: Miesha Lashay Price at address unknown: Please be notified that Jeanette Price has filed a Petition for Guardianship of the Estate and Person of Jeremiah Amos, Rakeya Amos & Rakiya Amos , minor children. You are required to answer said Petition By September 19, 2022 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

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

IN THE MATTER OF Izabella Wilson

No. 2022-GR-143

To: Veronika Wilson at address unknown: Please be notified that Tyrone Hall has filed a Petition for Guardianship of the Estate and Person of Izabella Wilson , minor child. You are required to answer said Petition By October 3, 2022 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

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.

PNC Bank, National Association f/k/a National City Mortgage, Lynne Cripe as Heir of Patricia Nyilas, Kelly Shinnick as Heir of Patricia Nyilas, Robin Blasko as Heir of Patricia Nyilas, DP Shaffer as Heir of Patricia Nyilas, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Patricia Nyilas, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants. Case No. 22-MR-338

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Lynne Cripe as Heir of Patricia Nyilas, Kelly Shinnick as Heir of Patricia Nyilas, Robin Blasko as Heir of Patricia Nyilas, DP Shaffer as Heir of Patricia Nyilas, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Patricia Nyilas, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on August 4, 2022 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 1937 N. 20th Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:

Lot Sixty-one (61) in Fred W. Wanless' Victory Addition. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

(Permanent Parcel No. 14-23.0-176-031); and for other relief.

UNLESS Lynne Cripe as Heir of Patricia Nyilas, Kelly Shinnick as Heir of Patricia Nyilas, Robin Blasko as Heir of Patricia Nyilas, DP Shaffer as Heir of Patricia Nyilas, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Patricia Nyilas, 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 September 19, 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

800 E. Monroe, Room 327

Springfield, IL 627010-1653

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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.
Manuele Kirkwood, PNC Bank, National
Association, UNKNOWN OWNERS and
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants. Case No. 22-MR-339
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Manuele Kirkwood,
Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claim-
ants, that a complaint has been filed in the
above named court on August 4, 2022 for
demolition of the structure or structures
located on the real estate commonly
known as 1551 E. Ash Street, Springfield,
Illinois, and legally described as:
Lot 16 and the South half of Lot 17 in
Spaulding's Capital City Addition to the
City of Springfield. Situated in Sangamon
County, Illinois.
(Permanent Parcel No. 22-03.0-281-033);
and for other relief.
UNLESS Manuele Kirkwood, 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 September 19, 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
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD,
ILLINOIS
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS,
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Plaintiff,
vs.
Flora Dickerson, UNKNOWN OWNERS and
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants. Case No. 22-MR-340
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Flora Dickerson,
Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claim-
ants, that a complaint has been filed in the
above named court on August 4, 2022 for
demolition of the structures located on the
real estate commonly known as 2171 S.
19th Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally
described as:
Lots 196 and 197 in Spaulding's Second
Capital City Addition. Situated in Sang-
amon County, Illinois.
(Permanent Parcel No. 22-02.0-301-042
and 22-02.0-301-043);
and for other relief.
UNLESS Flora Dickerson, Unknown Own-
ers 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 September 19, 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
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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.
Timothy E. Farley, UNKNOWN OWNERS
and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants. Case No. 22-MR-341
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Timothy E. Farley,
Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claim-
ants, that a complaint has been filed in the
above named court on August 4, 2022 for
demolition of the structure or structures
located on the real estate commonly
known as 1620 Matheny Avenue, Spring-
field, Illinois, and legally described as:
Lot 16 in Block 23 of Harris Hickox's
Second Addition to the City of Springfield.
Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
(Permanent Parcel No. 14-26.0-154-008);
and for other relief.
UNLESS Timothy E. Farley, Unknown Own-
ers 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 September 19, 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.
Larry E. Daily, Margaret E. Daily,
UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS,
Defendants. Case No. 22-MR-342
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Larry E. Daily,
Margaret E. Daily, Unknown Owners and
Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint
has been filed in the above named court
on August 4, 2022 for demolition of the
structure or structures located on the real
estate commonly known as 3941 N. 8th
Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally
described as:
The East 550 feet of the North Quarter
of the South Half of the North Half of the
Northwest Quarter of Section 10, Town-
ship 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third
Principal Meridian. Situated in Sangamon
County, Illinois.
(Permanent Parcel No. 14-10.0-100-030
and 14-10.0-100-032);
and for other relief.
UNLESS Larry E. Daily, Margaret E. Daily,
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
September 19, 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.
Anthony Finrock, UNKNOWN OWNERS
and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants. Case No. 22-MR-343
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Anthony Finrock,
Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claim-
ants, that a complaint has been filed in the
above named court on August 4, 2022 for
demolition of the structures located on the
real estate commonly known as 2178 S.
14th Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally
described as:
Lots 17 and 18 in Block 1 of Spauld-
ing's South Lawn Addition to the City of
Springfield. Situated in Sangamon County,
Illinois.
(Permanent Parcel No. 22-03.0-406-020
and 22-03.0-406-021);
and for other relief.
UNLESS Anthony Finrock, Unknown Own-
ers 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 September 19, 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.
Turtle Creek Partnership L.P., UNKNOWN
OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants. Case No. 22-MR-344
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Turtle Creek
Partnership L.P., Unknown Owners and
Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint
has been filed in the above named court
on August 4, 2022 for demolition of the
structure or structures located on the real
estate commonly known as 3430 Niccolls
Road, Springfield, Illinois, and legally
described as:
Beginning at the Southwest corner of the
Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter
of Section 36, Township 16 North, Range
5 West of the Third Principal Meridian;
thence Easterly along the South line of
said Northeast Quarter Quarter, 216 feet
to a point of beginning the place of begin-
ning; thence Easterly along said Quarter
Quarter Section line 451.50 feet to a
point; thence North parallel to a Section
line 548 feet more or less to a point in the
South right of way line of a public road
formally known as U.S. route 36; thence

ORDINANCE NO 22 - 01
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET AND MAKING AP-
PROPRIATIONS FOR THE PLEASANT PLAINS RURAL FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT, SANGAMON AND MENARD COUNTIES,
ILLINOIS FOR THE CORPORATE (GENERAL), INSURANCE AND
AUDIT FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2022
AND ENDING MAY 31, 2023.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PLEAS-
ANT PLAINS RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION I. That the following is an estimate, by source, of the
expected receipts for the Pleasant Plains Rural Fire Protection
District for all funds for the Fiscal Year beginning June 1, 2022
and ending May 31, 2023:

Cash On Hand and Anticipated Receipts – All Funds	
Cash Balance on June 1, 2022	\$ 187,821.00
Real Estate Taxes	164,000.00
Personal Property Replacement Taxes	700.00
Interest	200.00
Total Anticipated Receipts and Cash on Hand	\$352,721.00

SECTION II. That the following sums of money be and hereby
are budgeted and appropriated for corporate (general), audit,
and insurance purposes for the Pleasant Plains Rural Fire
Protection District, a Fire Protection District in Sangamon and
Menard Counties, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year beginning June 1,
2022 and ending May 31, 2023 for the following purposes:

ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES ADMINISTRATIVE FUND	
Insurance	\$10,000.00
Membership dues	\$ 2,000.00
Physicals	\$ 500.00
Printing, Postage, Office Supplies	\$ 1,500.00
Publication of Notices	\$ 500.00
Software	\$ 3,600.00
Surety Bonds	\$ 500.00
Telephone	\$ 700.00
Tuition & Training	\$ 5,000.00
Utilities - Farmingdale	
Substation Firehouse	\$ 3,500.00
Utilities Pleasant Plains Firehouse	\$ 6,500.00
Workman's Comp	\$ 3,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,500.00
Total Administrative Fund	\$ 40,300.00
FIRE EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES FUND	
Purchase of Firefighting Equipment	\$ 15,000.00
Purchase of Firefighting Supplies	\$ 5,000.00
Repairs, Equipment & Maintenance	\$ 12,000.00
Gasoline & Oil	\$ 4,000.00
Equipment Purchases	\$ 50,000.00
Fire Hydrant Rental	\$ 100.00
Total Fire Equipment & Supplies Fund	\$ 86,100.00
BUILDING FUND	
Firehouse Grounds & Improvements	\$ 3,000.00
Cleaning Firehouses	\$ 1,100.00
Equipment for Buildings	\$ 10,000.00
Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00
Total Building Fund	\$ 17,100.00

SALARY FUND	
Compensation - Fire Chief	\$ 1,000.00
Compensation - Assistant Fire Chief	\$ 750.00
Compensation - Deputy Chief	\$ 750.00
Compensation - Medical Assistant	\$ 150.00
Compensation - Training Officer	\$ 150.00
Compensation - Community	\$ 150.00
Compensation - Firemen	\$20,000.00
Compensation - Trustees	\$ 1,800.00
Legal & Professional Services	\$ 3,000.00
Unemployment Tax - State & Fed	\$ 300.00
FICA / Medicare	\$ 3,000.00
Total Salary Fund	\$ 31,050.00
TOTAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION OF ALL FUNDS	\$ 174,550.00
ESTIMATED CASH ON HAND MAY 31, 2023 FOR ALL FUNDS	\$ 178,171.00

SECTION III. The Trustees shall have the power and au-
thority during the aforesaid Fiscal Year from time to time, as in
their judgement may be necessary, to make transfers among
the various line item appropriations for the purpose of meeting
exigencies that may arise during the year, as permitted by
law. To the extent permitted by applicable law, all unexpended
balances of any item or items of any general appropriation
made by this Ordinance may be expended in making up any
deficiency in any item or items in the same general appropria-
tion made by this Ordinance. The sums herein appropriated
are appropriated from all sources of income, including but not

limited to all sources of income from property taxes, and all
other revenues of the Fire Protection District received from all
sources of revenue. Should a deficiency exist in any fund or
line item other than the General Fund for a purpose for which
money may be legally appropriated and spent from the General
Fund, that deficiency may be made up from the General Fund.
The amount of any such deficiency in any such fund or line
item other than the General Fund is hereby appropriated from
the General Fund.

SECTION IV: If any section, subdivision or sentence of the
Ordinance is held invalid, it shall not affect the validity of the
remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION V: This Ordinance shall be known as Ordinance
22 - 01 and shall be published in the newspaper of general
circulation in the Pleasant Plains Rural Fire Protection District,
Sangamon and Menard Counties, Illinois, within thirty (30) days
of the date hereof. The newspaper shall furnish a certificate
of publication to the Secretary of the Fire Protection District,
which certificate shall be placed in the official records of the
Fire Protection District and this Ordinance shall be in full force
and effect from and after ten (10) days of its publication.

PASSED by the Board of Trustees of the Pleasant Plains
Rural Fire Protection District of Sangamon and Menard Coun-
ties, Illinois this 2nd day of August, 2022, and filed with the
Secretary of the said Fire Protection District the same date.

AYES: 3

NAYS: 0

/s/ Larry D. Kane

Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the

Pleasant Plains Rural Fire Protection District

Approved by the President of the

Pleasant Plains Rural Fire Protection

District Board of Trustees this

2nd day of August, 2022

/s/ Thomas Harms

President

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the
Pleasant Plains Rural Fire Protection District, a Fire Protection
District organized and existing under the laws of the State of
Illinois, certifies that on the day and date hereof, he was the
duly appointed, acting and qualified Secretary of the said Fire
Protection District; that in his capacity as Secretary he is the of-
ficial keeper of the records, minutes and resolutions of the said
Fire Protection District; and that the document attached hereto
is a true and correct copy of the Ordinance No 22 - 01 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET AND MAKING AP-
PROPRIATIONS FOR THE PLEASANT PLAINS RURAL FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT, SANGAMON AND MENARD COUNTIES,
ILLINOIS FOR THE CORPORATE (GENERAL), INSURANCE AND
AUDIT FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2022
AND ENDING MAY 31, 2023.

The original of which is part of the official records of the said
Pleasant Plains Rural Fire Protection District.
Dated this 2nd day of August, 2022.

/s/ Larry D. Kane

Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the

Pleasant Plains Rural Fire Protection District

The undersigned certifies that on the day and date hereof,
he was the duly appointed, qualified and acting President of
the Pleasant Plains Rural Fire Protection District; that on the
day and date here of LARRY KANE was the duly appointed,
qualified and acting Secretary of the Pleasant Plains Rural
Fire Protection District and in such capacity was the keeper
of the official records, minutes and resolutions of the said Fire
Protection District.

Dated this 2nd day of August, 2022.

/s/ Thomas Harms

President of the Board of Trustees of the

Pleasant Plains Rural Fire Protection District

The undersigned, being the duly appointed and acting
Treasurer of the Pleasant Plains Rural Fire Protection District,
as chief fiscal officer of said District, certifies that the estimate
of receipts set forth above in Ordinance No 22 - 01, being the
Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Pleasant Plains Ru-
ral Fire Protection District for the fiscal year beginning June 1,
2022 and ending May 31, 2023 correctly states the revenues,
by source, anticipated to be received by the said Fire Protec-
tion District for the fiscal year indicated. This certification is
made in compliance with the provisions of 35 ILCS 200/18-50.
Dated this 2nd day of August, 2022.

/s/ Nancy Miles

Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the

Pleasant Plains Rural Fire Protection District

Southwesterly along said right of way line 465.21 feet more or less to a point 230.39 feet East of the West line of the Northeast Quarter Quarter Section; thence South to the point of beginning. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

(Permanent Parcel No. 14-36.0-276-014); and for other relief. UNLESS Turtle Creek Partnership L.P., 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 September 19, 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 800 E. Monroe, Room 327 Springfield, IL 627010-1653 (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. Leopoldo Mariscal, Adela Torres, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 22-MR-351 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Leopoldo Mariscal, Adela Torres, Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on August 9, 2022 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 910 S. 15th Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as: LOT THREE (3) BLOCK NINE (9) OF EASTMANS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. (Permanent Parcel No. 14-34.0-437-003); and for other relief.

UNLESS Leopoldo Mariscal, Adela Torres, 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 September 19, 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 800 E. Monroe, Room 327 Springfield, IL 62701-1653 (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. Lois Hickman-Clary as Heir and Legatee of Thelma L. Rumball, Marilyn McConnell as Heir and Legatee of Thelma L. Rumball, Ronald Rumball as Heir and Legatee of

Thelma L. Rumball, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 22-MR-358 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Lois Hickman-Clary as Heir and Legatee of Thelma L. Rumball, Marilyn McConnell as Heir and Legatee of Thelma L. Rumball, Ronald Rumball as Heir and Legatee of Thelma L. Rumball, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on August 18, 2022 for demolition of the structures located on the real estate commonly known as 1322 N. 8th Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:

Lot 15 of Albert L. Converse's Subdivision of part of the West half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 14-22.0-452-007); and for other relief.

UNLESS Lois Hickman-Clary as Heir and Legatee of Thelma L. Rumball, Marilyn McConnell as Heir and Legatee of Thelma L. Rumball, Ronald Rumball as Heir and Legatee of Thelma L. Rumball, 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 October 3, 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 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. JULIE ANN WINDSOR AS HEIR OF Patricia E. Scott, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF PATRICIA E. SCOTT, PNC Bank, National Association, Irisdale Homeowners Association, Sangamon County as Trustee for Taxing Districts, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 22-MR-359 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, JULIE ANN WINDSOR AS HEIR OF Patricia E. Scott, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF Patricia E. Scott, Irisdale Homeowners Association, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on August 18, 2022 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 4004 Marie Drive, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as: Lot 10 of Irisdale Subdivision. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 15-17.0-325-010); and for other relief.

UNLESS JULIE ANN WINDSOR AS HEIR OF Patricia E. Scott, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF Patricia E. Scott, Irisdale Homeowners Association, 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 October 3, 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 800 E. Monroe, Room 327 Springfield, IL 627010-1653 (217) 789-2375 kateah.mcmasters@springfield.il.us

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That on 9/16/2022, a sale will be held at Prairie Services of Illinois 1102 West Dean St Virden, IL 62690 2179653113, to sell the following articles to enforce a lien existing under the laws of the State of Illinois against such articles for labor, services, skill or material expended upon a storage furnished for such articles at the request of the following designated persons, unless such articles are redeemed within thirty days of the publication of this notice.

Name of Person: Raymond Guijosa Description of Article: 1984 GMC 2500 plus storage fees VIN: 1GTGC23M8ES533516 Amount of lien: \$6251.09

The Unit Storage 4823 Rodger Street Springfield, IL 62703 Darrion Thomas, Springfield, IL Unit #63 Johnny Boyd, Chatham, IL Outdoor Parking Spaces To pay past-due rents, please call 217.391.3533. Private sale will be held September 16, 2022 @ 8:00am at The Unit Storage, 4823 Rodger Street, Springfield, IL 62703. For information regarding sale, please call 217.391.3533.

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Courtney Koke, Petitioner

vs. Jordan Cobb, Respondent Case No: 22-OP-967 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Jordan Cobb 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. 15, 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: Aug. 18, 2022

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Crystal Rogers, Petitioner

vs. Emir Cave, Respondent Case No: 22-OP-1024 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Emir Cave 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. 22, 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: Aug. 25, 2022

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Jacilyn McGinley, Petitioner

vs. Beau McGinley, Respondent Case No: 18-OP-237 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Beau McGinley 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. 22, 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: Aug. 18, 2022

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

vs. Jwaun Coates, Respondent Case No: 22-OP-957 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Jwaun Coates 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. 15, 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: Aug. 18, 2022

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Sierra Harrison, Petitioner

vs. Neil Black, Respondent Case No: 22-OP-1034 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Neil Black 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. 15, 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: Aug. 18, 2022

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Stephen Plummer, Petitioner

vs. Ronald Willett, Respondent Case No: 22-OP-1148 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Ronald Willett, 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. 29, 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: Sept. 1, 2022

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Tammy Plummer, Petitioner

vs. Ronald Willett, Respondent Case No: 22-OP-1147 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Ronald Willett, 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. 29, 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: Sept. 1, 2022

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Uniquika L. Boyd, Petitioner

vs. Leonardo A. White, Respondent Case No: 20-OP-2289 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Leonardo A. White, 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. 29, 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: Sept. 1, 2022

LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION FOR BID / IFB #2022-05 ADMIN OFFICE REMODEL The Sangamon Mass Transit District (District) seeks to enter into a FIRM, FIXEDPRICE

CONTRACT with a qualified company capable of performing office remodeling work at 928 S. 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or Bid Bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid price and made payable to the Sangamon Mass Transit District, Springfield, Illinois. Plans and specifications for the purpose of bidding may be obtained from the SMTD website at www.smtd.org or after Thursday, September 1, 2022. Bids will be received in the District office at 928 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703-2497 in SEALED envelopes marked "IFB #2022-05, Attn. Ms. Michelle Alexander," NO LATER THAN 3:30 PM CENTRAL TIME, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022. The Invitation for Bid may be obtained from the SMTD website at www.smtd.org or after Tuesday, September 1, 2022. Plans and specifications for the purpose of bidding may be obtained by contacting Capitol Blue Print, by visiting the website, www.capitolblueprint.com, to print documents, drawings, specifications, and any addenda. Any contract resulting from this IFB shall be conditioned upon compliance with all provisions of the IFB documents. Additionally, any contract

resulting from these Bidders is subject to financial assistance contracts between and/or among the District, the United States

Department of Transportation and the Illinois Department of Transportation. This project is funded, in full or in part, by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) with participation by the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation. The right is reserved to accept any bid or any part or parts of any and all bids. Acceptance of any bid may be subject to concurrence by the Illinois Department of Transportation and the United States Department of Transportation. Furthermore, the District, the United States Department of Transportation and the Illinois Department of Transportation reserve the right to reject any or all Bidders and to waive irregularities therein, and all submitting Bidders must agree that such rejection shall be without liability on the part of the District for any penalty brought by a Bidder because of such rejections, nor shall the submitting Bidder seek any recourse of any kind against the District because of such rejections, and the filing of any bid in response to this solicitation shall constitute an agreement of the submitting Bidder to these conditions. Sangamon Mass Transit District 928 South Ninth Street Springfield, Illinois 62703-2497

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

vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WILLIAM J. ECK, II; MARY C. SHARP; THOMAS W. ECK; JANICE A. STOCKUS AKA JANICE STOCKUS; WILLIAM J. ECK A/K/A WILLIAM ECK, I; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;

Defendant(s). CASE NO. 2022FC000151 Property Address: 3128 E. Carpenter Street Springfield, IL 62702

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WILLIAM J. ECK, II; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS ; , defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:THE EAST FIFTY FEET (50) OF LOT SIXTY-TWO (62) IN WANLEES' BERGEN PARK ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, AS PLATTED BY THE PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK OF PLATS, PAGE 40, IN THE OFFICE OF RECORDER OF DEEDS OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 14-25.0-377-003

Said property is commonly known as 3128 E. Carpenter Street, Springfield, IL 62702 and which said mortgage(s) was/were made and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 2001R66095 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County on or before OCTOBER 3, 2022, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an

e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank,
 Plaintiff,
 v.
 LARRY D. CARVER, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS OR DEVISEES OF LARRY D. CARVER, JAMES SULLIVAN, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
 Defendants.
 No.: 2021CH91
 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
 Notice is given to defendants, UNKNOWN HEIRS OR DEVISEES OF LARRY D. CARVER, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, of the following described real estate, that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action is now pending, and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said defendants is OCTOBER 3, 2022.
 The Plaintiff has certified that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action was filed on September 10, 2021, and is now pending.

(i) The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.
 (ii) The court in which said action was brought is identified above.
 (iii) The name of the title holder of record is:
 Larry D. Carver, Deceased.
 (iv) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:
 Lot 49 of Westchester Fifteenth Addition, a Subdivision of part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Sangamon County Illinois, as platted by plat filed of record in the Office of the Recorder of Sangamon County, Illinois, on November 11, 1971, and recorded as Document No. 343491 in Book 20 of Plats, at Page 65.
 Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
 Tax ID Number: 22-18-252-018
 (v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:
 3224 Dorchester Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62704
 (vi) An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
 (A) Nature of instrument: Mortgage.
 (B) Date of mortgage: September 9, 2008.
 (C) Name of mortgagor: Larry D. Carver.
 (D) Name of mortgagee: Illinois National Bank.
 (E) Date and place of recording: September 18, 2008 in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Sangamon County, Illinois.
 (F) Identification of recording: Document No. 2008R35737.
 Paul Palazzolo
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930)
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 ESTATE OF
 MARK OWEN ROBERTS, JR.,
 Deceased.
 2022-PR-000324
 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
 NOTICE is given to claimants of the death of Mark Owen Roberts, Jr., Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on August 18, 2022 to Sula Mae Roberts, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Daniel E. Kepner, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, Illinois, 62705-2459. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Independent Executor or in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, on or before MARCH 1, 2023. Any claim not filed on or before MARCH 1, 2023 is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it is filed. Dated this 29th day of August, 2022.
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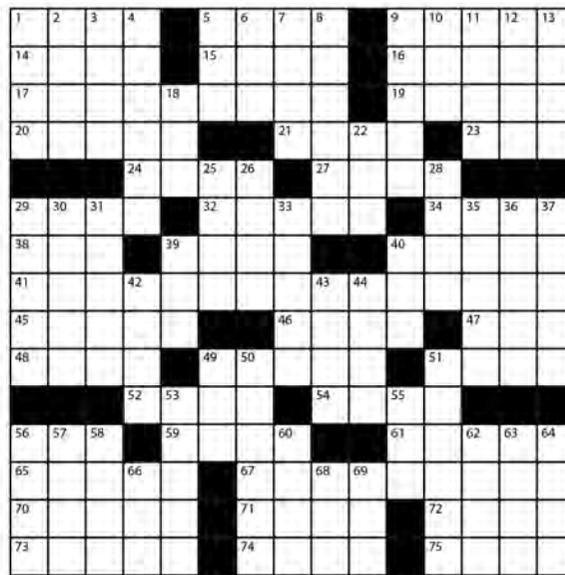
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Change

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Across

1. Super Bowl XXXIV champs
5. Government agents
9. Panama, e.g.
14. Australian export
15. "...way to skin"
16. Boxing site
17. Woolworth's e.g.
19. Guinness, e.g.
20. Garden tool
21. Hatchling's home
23. Ave. crossers
24. Equipment
27. Face-off
29. Gen. Robert
32. Flirt with
34. Convenience
38. Costa del
39. Breakfast, lunch or dinner
40. Magic Johnson was one
41. Shortly after quitting time, for many
45. Minneapolis-to-Fargo hwy.
46. Places for holsters
47. "Wait a ___!"
48. Checked out
49. Arcade name
51. "___ that special?!"
52. Identical
54. Rebounds, e.g.
56. Baseball's Ripken
59. Reaction to bad news
61. Some big trucks
65. Got out of bed
67. Where "all the people that come and go stop and say hello"
70. Mob scenes
71. Black-and-white treat
72. Flatten, in a way
73. Takes out
74. Preschoolers
75. Street fleet



9. Hindu social division
10. Gallery display
11. Modernists
12. "Sometimes you feel like ___"
13. Back muscles, for short
18. "What'd I tell ya?"
22. Seek damages
25. Suit to ___
26. Bring up
28. Fall faller
29. Suffix with Roman
30. Rotten
31. Fill with joy
33. Primary
35. "Sealed with ___"
36. Brad Pitt thriller
37. Not slouching
39. Atlas abbr.
40. Capt.'s inferiors
42. Cincinnati team
43. Broadcasts
44. Rod at a pig roast
49. I love: Lat.
50. Bag holder
51. Slanted
53. "Don't make ___!"
55. One of Alcott's "Little Women"
56. King or queen
57. Soprano's song, maybe
58. Plunder
60. Claudius's successor
62. Irene of "Fame"
63. Door opener
64. D.C. figures
66. Jeanne d'Arc, e.g.: Abbr.
68. Court divider
69. Rejections

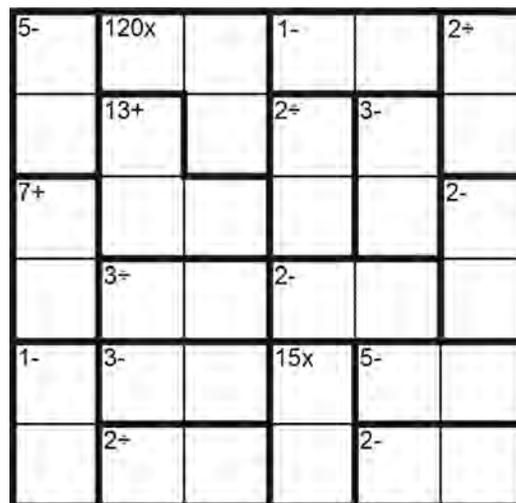
Down

1. Fishing gear
2. "You're ___!" (Archie Bunker comment)
3. Cry from a crib
4. Heavy hammer
5. Blubber
6. Green: Prefix
7. "Phooey!"
8. War horses

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.

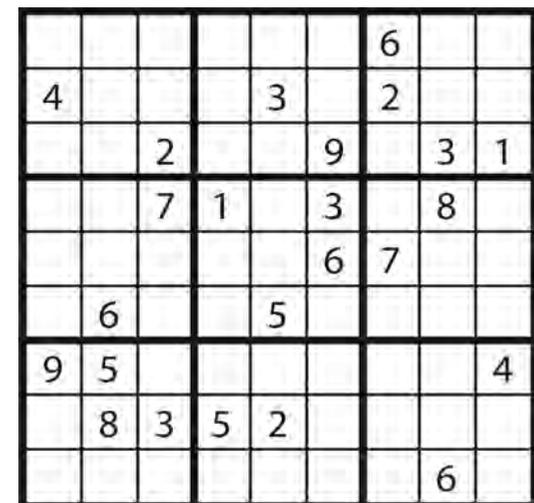


Difficulty hard

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 medium

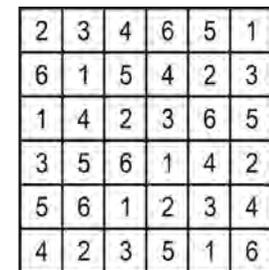
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