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Blight brigade

City targeting east-central area for services, improvements

CITY | Scott Reeder

The city of Springfield is hosting a program Oct. 7 designed to target 55 neighborhood blocks deemed to be in need of extra attention from municipal departments.

The targeted area was identified using police data on where gunfire is most often detected and public works information on areas receiving the most complaints for problems such as dilapidated housing, said Sai Joshi, the city's Bloomberg Harvard fellow who is coordinating the initiative.

"So, we're using both of these data sets to overlay and then map out a geography," Joshi said. "Basically, it's an agglomeration of blocks within specific neighborhoods where we could go in and pool all these resources."

Last year, Springfield was one of seven U.S. cities selected to participate in the Bloomberg Harvard City Hall Fellowship program. Joshi is an architect, urbanist, researcher and a graduate of Harvard Graduate School of Design. She joined the city's Office of Planning and Economic Development in August 2022 for a two-year fellowship, and her focus has been on developing a "whole block restoration strategy" for Springfield.

The boundaries for the initiative are from North Grand Avenue to East Carpenter Street and North Ninth Street to North 19th Street. The area encompasses some of the city's highest concentrations of blighted homes, property crimes, violence, rental properties and housing and environmental code violations, she said.

Police officers and other city employees will knock on every door within the designated area and ask residents to identify



Sai Joshi joined the city's Office of Planning and Economic Development in August 2022 for a two-year fellowship funded by the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative. Her focus has been on developing a "whole block restoration strategy" for Springfield and, for the second year in a row, the city will hold an outreach event in October designed to target specific areas determined to be in need of additional city services.

persistent problems in their neighborhoods such as illegal drug dealing, fly dumping, derelict houses and yards overgrown with weeds.

The office of Public Works will be in the area for about three weeks following the Oct. 7 launch trimming trees, assessing sidewalks, performing alley cutbacks, sweeping streets, replacing signs and performing engineering

assessments. City inspectors will be assessing possible code violations and answering residents' questions.

Mayor Misty Buscher said this is her flagship initiative. She said she intends to have similar endeavors in other parts of the city during her time in office but they are starting in central and east Springfield because the need is perceived to be greater.

She said she will be among those knocking on doors and listening to concerns.

"The concerns could be about neighborhood cleanup. It could have to do with food needs. It could have to do with educational needs. We just will be really open and listening. Our volunteers will document where a household is and what their request is."

From 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Oct. 7 there will be a gathering of various city department heads and representatives from various medical and social service agencies at Bunn Field, 1300 East Division Street. Firefighters and police officers will have child-friendly displays.

"Sometimes children, including children of color, can perceive police negatively because of only seeing police officers in

negative situations," Haley Wilson, the city's director of communications, recently told the Springfield Downtown Kiwanis Club. She added that is why it is important to have children interact with officers in other settings.

Police Commander Joe Behl added, "We're just starting a conversation — a non-law-enforcement contact with the community members. It is always good to bridge that gap and break down those barriers. And that's our intention, to build back our community and make a safer, more healthy community."

Behl said between 20 and 25 police officers will participate in the project. Overtime expenses and expenses related to the project are being paid for through a \$500,000 state grant.

Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams praised the program, which began last year under the name Community Connections. The initial outreach efforts in October 2022 focused on an area bounded by 11th to 18th streets and South Grand Avenue to Cook Street.

"I think it's a good program. If the citizens participate, it will take us a long way because it's putting the directors — people in powerful positions — right in the face of ordinary people from the neighborhood," he said. "In other words, instead of calling and making demands or calling the city and reporting a problem over and over, they're going to be able to talk directly to someone who can solve the problem."

Williams noted that much of the outreach area is within his ward.

"I'm from near east, and Pillsbury is a part of Ward 3, just like the rest of the east side. Pillsbury is dirt poor, and (there is) very, very primitive housing over there. ... If they do it right, (department heads) can see some examples of these houses that I have turned in over and over and over," he said. "I'm going to make the people show them instead of me showing them. Seeing these situations, they'll see these houses should have been gone years ago."

Williams later added, "It's outright disgusting that these places continue to exist. If the mayor's out there — I'm hearing rumors she's going to walk through there — I think she will see things that are much worse than she ever imagined." □

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Editor's note

I gave my new friend a ride to Dollar General but when he asked for \$10 I said no. "Thank you for your candor," he said, no big deal. We're finding new ways to describe those who are "unhoused" and "experiencing homelessness" because it's a reminder that those in that circumstance are not alike, though they share certain problems. This friend can pray like an angel in public, reflecting his seminary education, but he hasn't been in church in years. His drug use has been hard on his mind and his body. The people behind All In One Laundry Center, 801 South Grand Ave. East, and the nonprofit Clean Slate Advocates are among those who get it. They provide laundry services and clean linens and towels free to those who need them. This is the "Soap to Hope Challenge." "Clothes have a unique way of shaping how we feel about ourselves," the program's flyer says. "The sensation of wearing fresh, clean clothes makes one feel renewed, dignified and empowered." More than anything else, hope helps. — Fletcher Farrar, editor

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About 300 people from the area's business community and units of local government turned out for the groundbreaking ceremony, capping a multi-year effort to create a 95-acre indoor and outdoor site expected to open by the end of 2025. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

Momentum after many delays

Construction begins on Scheels Sports Park, set to open in 2025

DEVELOPMENT | Dean Olsen

Ceremonial shovels turning over dirt Sept. 20 signaled the start of construction for a \$67 million sports complex that city officials said will make Springfield a popular destination for young people competing on traveling athletic teams from throughout the Midwest and beyond.

"This puts Springfield on the map for sports tourism," Springfield Mayor Misty Buscher said at a groundbreaking ceremony on the city's south side at the future site of the Scheels Sports Park at Legacy Pointe.

About 300 people from the area's business community and units of local government, as well as a handful of young soccer players and high school athletes, turned out for the groundbreaking ceremony, capping a multi-year effort to create a 95-acre indoor and outdoor site expected to open by the end of 2025.

Buscher, whose administration continued the work begun by former mayor Jim Langfelder's administration on the unique public-private partnership, said the sports park is expected to bring \$25 million a year in new

spending to Springfield.

About 250,000 people from across the country are expected to visit Springfield each year to use the sports complex, increasing visitors overall by 10% to 15% after the first year of operation.

"You will have people coming to the community who have never been here and may never have come here," Buscher said.

Buscher, who took office in May after defeating Langfelder in his bid for a third consecutive term, asked residents to welcome athletes and their families and encourage them to eat at local restaurants, stay at Springfield hotels, visit historic sites and patronize local shops.

Ryan McCrady, president and chief executive officer of the nonprofit Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance, helped to spearhead the project and said, "Sports tourism is a great way to separate people from their money, and we want to do it in Springfield to benefit our local businesses."

McCrady, who has acted as a spokesperson for landowners Steve Luker and Dirk

McCormick of Legacy Pointe Development, thanked Springfield-area elected officials who voted to take part in economic incentives to move the project forward.

He also thanked business people such as Luker and McCormick "who are not afraid to dream big, take risks and gather a lot of parties together to help bring things to reality."

"This project will change how Springfield sees Springfield," McCrady said. "It'll change how other people see Springfield. It's a sign that we can achieve big things in our community when we work together between the public sector, the private sector, all the large governmental bodies (and) the financial institutions."

Sales taxes and hotel-motel taxes paid in the city over a 23-year period are expected to pay for half of the complex's construction costs, totaling about \$33.5 million.

The rest will be financed by the developers, who McCrady said have received financing commitments from about a dozen area banks, including Bank of Springfield.

The Springfield City Council recently

dissolved the former South Central Business District to create a new one with a maximum 23-year lifespan that coincides with other economic incentives in the city's agreement with Legacy Pointe Development.

The business district, about double the size of the previous district, includes the sports complex and imposes an additional 1% sales tax on purchases at Scheels and other businesses in the district for use by the city for infrastructure improvements in the district.

The development agreement also calls for more than 70% of the city's portion of sales taxes in the business district, above a base of \$1.48 million annually, to be reimbursed to the sports complex, which will be owned and operated by Legacy Pointe Development.

Springfield city government, as well as Sangamon County government, District 186, the Springfield Park District, Lincoln Land Community College, Capital Township, Springfield Airport Authority and other governmental units agreed to not collect additional property taxes associated with

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the construction for the life of the 23-year agreement.

All of the entities working together to get the project moving “really shows Springfield’s strength – how we can pull together if everybody keeps their mind on the goal, and that should be what’s in the best interest of the city and our residents moving forward,” Langfelder told *Illinois Times* before the groundbreaking.

“This is a decades-long project that Springfield always yearned for ... and we appreciate all the partners that brought it to fruition,” Langfelder said.

McCrary said the sports complex “will be the best youth sports destination in Illinois because of the outdoor and indoor facilities, its proximity to interstates and central location in Illinois to attract athletes from across the region.”

The outdoor areas will include lighted turf fields for soccer, softball, rugby, lacrosse, football, baseball and other sports.

The site will include an air-supported, inflated and domed structure for year-round indoor use. It will cover 190,000 square feet and provide enough space for eight basketball courts, 16 volleyball courts, performance areas and turf training areas, McCrary said.

Compared with the nearby Scheels store, the domed structure will be at least as tall and twice as long, he said.

Some city officials have said the groundbreaking and banks’ approval of financing for the sports park’s developers was delayed somewhat by the fact that the city, under Langfelder’s administration, didn’t pursue creation of a new business district.

But Langfelder, in response to questions from *Illinois Times*, said there were several factors that contributed to the delay, including the opinion of Jim Zerkle, the city attorney appointed by Langfelder, that the City Council could take action to extend the life of the former business district so it coincided with bond-related borrowing to pay project costs.

Buscher said the legal advice she received after taking office pointed to the need for dissolving the old district and creating a new district. The council didn’t have the power to extend the life of the former district, she said.

Langfelder said: “Few have fought harder for the sports complex than my administration – having to work through competing sports complex projects’ interests, changing dynamics, creating a tax-incentive package and successfully getting it approved through City Council.” □

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An architectural rendering shows an aerial view of a section of Scheels Sports Park at Legacy Pointe, which includes an air-supported, domed structure (left) that will provide various options for indoor sports competitions and practice sessions. The dome will be branded with the name and logo of Springfield Clinic. COURTESY OF SPRINGFIELD CLINIC

Springfield Clinic to be major sponsor

DEVELOPMENT | Dean Olsen

Springfield Clinic’s name and logo will appear on the inflated dome of a 190,000-square-foot structure for indoor practices and competitions at Scheels Sports Park at Legacy Pointe.

That name recognition for the clinic, one of the largest multispecialty medical groups in Illinois, is just one part of its involvement as the park’s official Health and Performance Partner, according to Cal Thomas, the clinic’s chief development officer.

Though all the plans haven’t been finalized, the clinic’s “multimillion-dollar commitment over a 20-year period” will include construction of a brick-and-mortar building attached to the dome for sports-medicine, rehabilitation and performance-enhancing services for competitive and casual athletes in the region, he said.

Outside the park but still in the Legacy Pointe development, the clinic plans to build a walk-in clinic where patients will be able to receive services ranging from urgent and primary care to specialty care.

That clinic will cater to area residents as well as young athletes and their families who may be visiting Springfield for a

tournament, Thomas said.

The park, which is being constructed through a public-private partnership and expected to be completed by the end of 2025, could become a place where the clinic provides a central location where already-existing strength, conditioning and speed-enhancement businesses can offer services, Thomas said. The clinic, an 80-year-old, for-profit entity, is reaching out to those businesses to collaborate, he said.

“Instead of replicating what’s (already) here, we want to be that central force that pulls all of those together and develops a true, integrated program that’s offered here on this complex,” Thomas said.

He said he didn’t have specific estimates for the cost of the new buildings and for exercise and calisthenics stations that will be placed throughout the park.

He declined to say what the clinic will pay for naming rights that allow the clinic’s brand to be placed on the dome. Park organizers said the dome, also known as an air structure, will be the largest of its kind in the world for youth sports and will be held up with air pressure and not columns.

Thomas said he did research on other partnerships between medical providers and youth sports complexes in Illinois and other parts of the country, but he found none quite like this.

“We think we can bring something unique to a project that’s already unique in its own right. ... Nothing is really like this in the Midwest,” he said.

“We’re deeply committed to redefining the future of health care in our communities, so our support for this project goes beyond dollars and cents,” Thomas said. “We see it as an opportunity to create a one-of-a-kind destination for performance and wellness that this region has never seen.”

Ryan McCrary, chief executive officer of Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance, said: “This investment by Springfield Clinic is a game-changing development for this project. It’s a shining example of the strong sense of community that Springfield has always had, and I hope it encourages other hometown organizations and businesses to get behind this effort that we will all benefit from.” □



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INVEST IN ALL KIDS

The principal of St. Patrick’s Catholic School says it will be able to survive without the Invest In Kids Scholarship Tax Credit Program, but wants the program to continue so they don’t have to worry about survival (“St. Patrick’s wants tax credits to continue,” Sept. 14). We have public schools that struggle to make ends meet, but we should keep a program alive to allow private, religious-based schools to continue to make a profit?

If these schools are truly doing God’s work and wish to be able to keep their doors open to all children, then they should do that. Money shouldn’t be a factor. Most of these schools offer ways to save a few bucks on tuition by helping in the classroom; expand these programs and offer it to those in need first. Create a group that focuses on fundraising and helping those in need pay their tuition. Think how many kids could go to school off the money Sacred Heart-Griffin makes on their Mega Raffle – 4,500 tickets are sold at \$100 and only about 25% of that is the prize money given away.

These schools chose to be tax-exempt and private, so they shouldn’t be able to rely on tax dollars to stay open, or to ensure they continue to make a profit. These schools were developed to provide a religious education to



Camryn McKnight runs along a row of her classmates to receive congratulations Sept. 7 after Principal Michael Carlson gives her the award for Most Improved Student of the Week in kindergarten at St. Patrick’s Catholic School in Springfield. PHOTO BY LEE MILNER

Incendiary Incident

At the small college I attended a big thing was made of “Homecoming” wherever it fell during the season. The football game had its emphasis but mainly the festivity was of parties and dances and especially a celebratory bonfire: The year I was a freshman it was a momentous occasion for a bunch of students hauled in from the country a large two-holer, well-built outhouse and balanced it atop the pile. The fire was glorious crowned with its magnificent (but to the students outdated) item – the farmer however, saw no humor and demanded recompense for his purloined property. So shortly after the students held a dance to raise the moola; it was advertised as “The Privy Polka.” The administration however, made strong objections to this title, so all subsequent publicity became “The Homecoming Deficit Dance”!

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those who can afford it, a pretty clear message to who they wish to have in their classrooms.

This program does not need to continue, and the state needs to focus on improving and funding its education system that is truly there for all kids, no matter their color or economic status.

Kristin Barnett
Via illinoistimes.com

WELCOME ALL

After reading “Coming back to Mass” (Sept. 14), I’m again reminded of why I am no longer a practicing Catholic. I was baptized at St. Agnes and attended church every Sunday until I turned 18 and my mom no longer forced me to go. However, it was around middle school when I realized what they were teaching every Sunday was hateful and alienated a whole community, including some of my family members.

Instead of deciding to alter their Mass each week to be more appealing, the Springfield Diocese has instead decided to bribe parents of school members with the promise of paying less tuition for their children’s education. I have not attended Mass in over 20 years, mostly due to our

diocese’s anti-LGTBQ+ views. Maybe instead of bribing parents they can just get rid of Bishop Paprocki and join the rest of the 21st century in becoming more inclusive.

I find it funny that Father Dan Bergbower said, “It’s not about a money thing. It’s just about a faith thing.” If it really is about a faith thing, then be more welcoming to all people and stop with the hate.
Patrick Walwer
Springfield

ADDRESS THE CAUSE

Wouldn’t it be better to determine why attendance is down at Mass and address the cause? Coercion may work in the short term, but the seeds of resentment may yield a bitter harvest down the road.

Jim Winhold
Via illinoistimes.com

THEIR RULES

The Catholic church is a private enterprise and it can set its own rules. Don’t like it, leave. Also, parents are not forced to donate money to the church, just attend.

Brent Harris
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Small counties struggle to implement SAFE-T Act

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Hannah Meisel's recent report for Capitol News Illinois included a line that jumped out at me: "Per state law — which hasn't been updated since 1949 — only counties with 35,000 or more residents are required to set up offices of public defender."

According to information posted on numerous websites (Illinois Demographics, Wikipedia and World Population Review), a majority of 62 out of 102 Illinois counties have fewer than 35,000 residents. Fifty counties have less than 25,000 residents. Another 31 have less than 15,000 inhabitants, 15 have less than 10,000 people and seven don't even have 5,000 residents. For perspective, a single Chicago ward contains about 54,000 people. Only 24 counties have at least that much population.

All counties in the state are required by the Illinois Constitution to have sheriffs, county clerks and treasurers. State statutes heap on many more responsibilities, as do local county ordinances.

We've long seen advocates calling for school district consolidation and township elimination. But the SAFE-T Act's implementation last week highlights how the state should probably start a conversation about how dozens of small Illinois counties can effectively govern in a modern society.

A recent WBEZ story noted that Cass County has "one attorney and one resident judge handling all the criminal cases." Cass is just northwest of Sangamon County and has a bit more than 13,000 residents.

Meisel's story profiled a public defender who does part-time work in two counties: Gallatin and Hamilton. The combined population of those two counties is about 13,000, according to her report.

The counties want more money from the state to implement the new law, which fully took effect Sept. 18. Public defenders outside of Cook County received \$10 million in this fiscal year's budget, which doesn't seem like much.

I don't know what the answer is here, but I do know that local mandates are regularly approved at the Statehouse without taking the population of most Illinois counties into consideration.

And the lack of resources in Illinois' plethora of tiny counties is only one problem. There will be other problems with the new SAFE-T Act.

A prosecutor will decide not to ask a judge to keep someone in custody who has been busted for a detainable offense, or a judge will overrule a prosecutor who wants someone detained, or a loophole will be exploited and that suspect will then go out and commit

another crime and maybe hurt someone, or worse.

This sort of thing is not new, of course. A small minority, but still a significant number of people who bailed out of jail, wound up going back after committing more offenses. But that history may easily be lost in the debate as bad things happen under the new law.

Controversy arose on the very first day of the new law when WTTW reported that the Cook County state's attorney's office decided not to ask for the detention of the very first person given a hearing. The suspect was accused of pepper spraying four Chicago police officers and sending three of them to the hospital, and is facing four counts of aggravated battery to a police officer.

"This highlights the misplaced priorities of Illinois' criminal justice system when the prosecutor prioritizes the freedom of a violent offender over the safety of those police officers dedicated to protecting and serving our communities," said Senate Republican Leader John Curran in response.

Elsewhere, though, prosecutors used the new law to keep people behind bars who likely

would've previously walked away.

McLean County State's Attorney Erika Reynolds has been a staunch critic of the new law, but her office persuaded a judge to keep a man locked up who was accused of possessing a gun as a felon, a consortium of Public Radio stations reported. The man was arrested before the SAFE-T Act officially took effect, and his public defender wanted him charged under the old statute so he could potentially bond out of custody. The judge disagreed and the man remained in custody.

Proponents just haven't focused on how the SAFE-T Act will make it easier in many cases to keep physically dangerous people locked up without bail.

But no mere law can eliminate human error or prevent all unforeseen circumstances. As those cases emerge, we can probably expect legislative fights over whether to expand the list of detainable offenses.

Those battles could wind up being the new version of the old legislative tradition of annually enhancing criminal penalties, which proceeded unabated for decades until more progressive members finally put a stop to it. □



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Dying and disabled Illinois prisoners

Hundreds who are medically incapacitated are kept behind bars, despite new medical release law

INCARCERATION | Carlos Ballesteros of Injustice Watch, Shannon Heffernan of WBEZ, and Amy Qin, WBEZ

Phillip Merritt's dementia is so advanced he's lost the ability to speak. But with the help of his cellmates at Western Illinois Correctional Center, the 71-year-old still manages to get on the phone with his brother every few weeks.

"He has to have someone call me, and then I don't know what to say to him because he can't understand anything, so I'll just talk," said Merritt's brother, Michael Merritt, in an interview. "All he can say are two words. ... I mean, he's just gone."

Merritt's deteriorating condition makes him a prime candidate to get out of prison under the Joe Coleman Medical Release Act, a pivotal criminal justice reform bill touted by Gov. JB Pritzker and Illinois Democrats as an effective way to alleviate the state's decrepit prison health care system, reduce the "staggering" costs of caring for ailing people in prison, and reunite families with frail loved ones.

Under the act – named after a decorated Army veteran who died of prostate cancer while incarcerated – Illinois prisoners can

request early release if they're terminally ill and expected to die within 18 months or if they're medically incapacitated and need help with more than one activity of daily living, such as eating or using the bathroom.

But a year-and-a-half since the Coleman Act went into effect, an investigation by Injustice Watch and WBEZ found far fewer prisoners have been released under the law than expected, as the medical release process has become mired in the charged politics of criminal justice reform in the post-George Floyd era.

Behind the lower-than-expected numbers is the Prisoner Review Board, a state body appointed by Pritzker and confirmed by the Illinois Senate with final say on medical release requests.

As of mid-August, the board had denied nearly two-thirds of medical release requests from dying and disabled prisoners who met the medical criteria to get out of prison under the Coleman Act – including Merritt.

"I couldn't believe it," his brother said.

"How could they deny him? He can't even talk!"

More than half of the 94 denied applicants were older than age 60, and half had spent at least 15 years behind bars, according to an analysis of state prison data. At least two died in prison, including an 81-year-old who had been incarcerated for more than three decades and was scheduled to be released in 2025. Another man died five days before the board denied his request.

Meanwhile, the Prisoner Review Board has only granted 52 medical releases – a rate of fewer than three releases per month on average since board members began voting on those requests, records show.

Advocates say the board is undermining the Coleman Act and forcing ill-equipped prison staff to care for dying and disabled prisoners, even those with families practically begging to take them off their hands.

"Our prison system is now completely overburdened by people who pose absolutely no risk to public safety but are tremendously

expensive to care for," said Jennifer Soble, lead author of the Coleman Act and executive director of the Illinois Prison Project, a nonprofit legal group that represents dozens of medical release applicants.

"From a cost-saving perspective, and truly from a moral perspective, we need to be doing something differently here," she said.

Donald Shelton, chair of the Prisoner Review Board, declined an interview request, but he defended the board's record on medical release requests in an email sent through a spokesperson.

"Each case that comes before the board comes with its own set of circumstances to be studied and evaluated by members," he wrote. "Due diligence is given by the board to every person who sets a petition before them."

More medical releases could save taxpayers millions

It's unclear exactly how many of Illinois' nearly 30,000 prisoners could qualify for

medical release. Under the Coleman Act, the Illinois Department of Corrections is required to keep track of that number, but department officials said they don't have it yet. A department spokesperson said the data would be published by year's end.

What is clear, from years of scathing reports from an independent monitor appointed by a federal judge, is Illinois prisons are unfit to provide health care for the thousands of aging, disabled and incapacitated prisoners.

Half of the state's prison medical staff jobs are currently vacant. Prisoners with mobility issues suffer bed sores and frequent falls because no one is around to care for them. Some are even left sitting in their own waste, according to the monitor's reports.

"Prescriptions go unrefilled, cancers go undiagnosed. In the worst cases, as everyone here knows, people die painful deaths because of the lack of care," attorney Camille Bennett with the ACLU of Illinois said at a recent hearing on health care in state prisons.

Even this substandard care is expensive. Illinois paid \$250 million last fiscal year to Wexford Health Sources, a for-profit company contracted to provide health care to state prisoners, according to state records.

Wexford's 10-year contract expired in 2021, but the company continues providing care as Illinois seeks new bidders. Releasing more people under the Coleman Act could bring down the long-term cost of prison health care, said Alan Mills, executive director of the Uptown People's Law Center, a legal clinic in Chicago whose lawsuits against the state led to the appointment of the independent monitor.

"The more prisoners there are who are medically needy, the higher the cost of caring for them, and the higher the bids will be," Mills said.

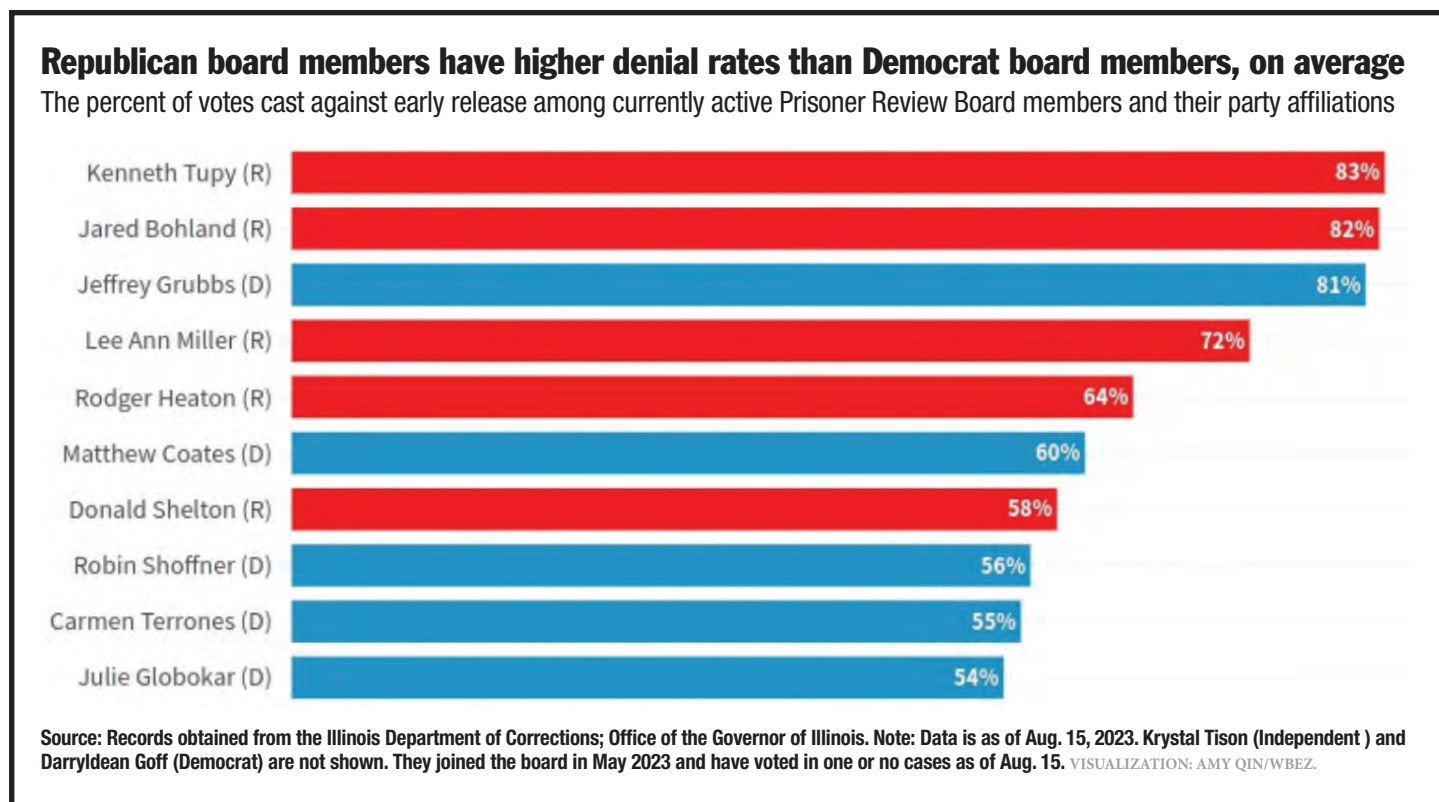
Conversely, if the Prisoner Review Board approved more medical releases, the cost savings for taxpayers in the long term could be in the millions, Mills said.

Daniel Conn, chief executive of Wexford Health Sources, did not respond to an interview request. LaToya Hughes, acting director of the Illinois Department of Corrections, declined to comment.

There are other, more immediate savings for Illinois taxpayers if more ailing prisoners were released, Mills said.

A recent government report showed Illinois spends more than \$76,000 on average to incarcerate a single person for a year. Experts say terminally ill and incapacitated prisoners are much more expensive to care for. Prisoners whose medical needs can't be met in prison infirmaries are escorted to and from hospitals by guards. With prisons short-staffed, officers already routinely require overtime pay.

By refusing to release more ailing prisoners, the Prisoner Review Board is also making



it harder for prison medical staff to care for everyone else, Mills said.

"What limited resources we have are being devoted to people who are most seriously mentally or physically ill, and that doesn't leave any health care for anybody else at all," he said.

At the same time, the overburdened health care system is also blocking more prisoners from getting out under the Coleman Act.

Prisoners must be found qualified for



Jennifer Soble, founder and executive director of the Illinois Prison Project, a nonprofit that advocated for the Joe Coleman Medical Release Act and represents prisoners seeking release. CREDIT: MANUEL MARTINEZ / WBEZ

medical release by a prison doctor or nurse before the board votes on their case. But prisoners often wait weeks or months to know whether they'll qualify, records show. In one case, a prisoner at Illinois River Correctional Center waited 152 days before finding out he didn't qualify for release, records show.

Prison medical staff have said 240 prisoners who applied were unqualified for medical release. At least a handful of those prisoners lived in a prison infirmary, used wheelchairs, or had terminal diseases like end-stage liver disease; and at least three died in prison, records show.

There are other frail and disabled prisoners who don't see a doctor on a regular basis, "so there's no way for the doctors to know about their condition," Soble said.

Michael Merritt knows the limitations of the prison health care system all too well. His brother, Phillip Merritt, hasn't received proper medical treatment in prison for years, he said, and he's afraid of what could happen as his brother's dementia worsens.

He wishes the state would let his brother die at home, where his family can take turns caring for him, instead of a prison cell, where he's unsure whether there's anyone to properly look after him.

"I don't know what the problem is," Merritt said. "They know they can't take care of him in there the way he is supposed to be taken care of."

Medical release decisions dictated by politics

The Prisoner Review Board never told Merritt

why they denied his brother's medical release request. Their deliberations happen behind closed doors, and the law doesn't require them to provide an explanation.

Board chair Shelton said members weigh many factors when voting on medical release requests, but they primarily focus on an applicant's prior convictions, where they plan to live once they're released, and testimonies from the victims of their crimes.

An analysis of the board's decisions shows there's likely another factor at play: politics.

Under state law, the board is required to be roughly evenly split between Democrats and Republicans. The 12 current members include former law enforcement officials, educators, attorneys and counselors. Pritzker appoints all board members, who are then confirmed by the state Senate.

Medical release requests are decided by panels of three board members; at least two must agree to either approve or deny a request. Shelton said board members are "chosen randomly" for the panels.

But so far, Republicans have cast more votes in medical release cases than Democrats – and they are much more likely to vote to deny those requests, an analysis of voting data shows.

Three out of the four board members with the highest denial rates – Jared Bohland, Kenneth Tupy, and LeAnn Miller – are Republicans. Each of them voted to deny release in more than 70% of the cases they heard, and each voted on more than a third of all medical release requests, voting data shows.

Bohland and Tupy, along with Democrat

Matthew Coates, were on the panel that denied Phillip Merritt's medical release request in July. They voted to deny six out of seven requests that day, records show.

A month earlier, Bohland was part of another panel, this time with two other Democrats, when they heard the case of 82-year-old Saul Colbert.

Like Merritt, Colbert developed dementia while serving time for armed robbery. They both also had previous violent convictions, records show; Merritt had a conviction for attempted murder, while Colbert was convicted of murder.

Both had family ready to take them in, and both were represented by the same attorney with the Illinois Prison Project. But the board voted 2-1 to release Colbert, with Bohland voting against.

"The only difference between those cases was the panel," Soble said.

Through a spokesperson, Bohland, Tupy and Miller declined to answer questions about their voting records.

Lisa Daniels, a former board member and a restorative justice practitioner, said she believes some of her former colleagues are ideologically against letting anyone out of prison early.

They "simply believe that a person should complete the entirety of their sentence, no matter the circumstances they present in their petition, no matter how that person may have shown themselves to be redeemed, and no matter (if they're) no longer a threat to public safety," Daniels said.

Daniels resigned from the board in January, one of six Democrats to step down or fail to be appointed since 2021. In the past few years, the state GOP has turned the board into a new front in the ongoing debate over criminal justice reform.

Democrats, who have a supermajority in the state Senate, have failed to muster enough support among their ranks to get Pritzker's appointments through, leaving the board with three vacant seats.

In a statement, Pritzker acknowledged his administration has had a hard time recruiting potential board members because of the frayed political atmosphere around its work.

"In today's political climate where supporting commonsense criminal justice reform has become a lightning rod, the Coleman Act's initial success should be seen as major progress in the right direction," he said. See sidebar for more Pritzker reaction.

Coleman Act has 'failed to live up to its promise'

The day Pritzker signed the Coleman Act, its main sponsor, state Rep. Will Guzzardi, D-Chicago, said in a press release the law would transform Illinois' prison system and allow families to properly say goodbye to their loved ones.

"I'm sorry we couldn't afford this mercy to

Joe Coleman, but I'm proud that we'll be able to do so for hundreds of other Illinoisans," Guzzardi said.

Criminal justice reformers celebrated the Coleman Act as a model for other states to follow. In a report last year, FAMM, a prominent national advocacy group, said the Coleman Act was one of the strongest "compassionate release" laws in the country.

But so far, the act has "failed to live up to its promise," said Mary Price, FAMM's general counsel and the report's author.

Advocates want lawmakers to institute several changes to the Coleman Act to encourage the Prisoner Review Board to release more people.

Lawmakers should require board members to visit prison infirmaries to see firsthand the state of prison health care, advocates said. The board should also receive more training on how to evaluate the medical conditions of prisoners applying for release.

Advocates also want the state to provide prisoners who are applying for medical release with an attorney to argue their case. Guzzardi said he'll advocate for funding for that in the upcoming fall legislative session.

Lawmakers should also allow prisoners to reapply for medical release sooner than currently allowed, said William Nissen, an attorney who represents prisoners pro bono, including on medical release requests.

Prisoners denied medical release currently have to wait six months before they can reapply, unless they get a special exemption from the board. Shelton has only approved three out of 10 requests so far, according to figures provided by the board's chief legal counsel.

"If you're representing a terminally ill person, then a large part of their remaining life is gone before you can even apply again," Nissen said.

Nissen said lawmakers should also require the board to explain why they denied a medical release to "instill a certain amount of discipline in the decision-making process." If board members have to articulate their reason for denying someone release, maybe they'll reconsider the decision, he said.

Phillip Merritt's attorney is in the process of refiling his medical release request. His brother Michael doesn't know whether he'll get out this time. And he hasn't been able to reach Phillip in three weeks – the cellmate who had helped facilitate the calls was apparently transferred.

But he's certain he and his family can give Phillip a more humane send-off than any prison could.

"At least he could go peacefully," he said. □

This article was produced by WBEZ, Chicago's NPR news station, and Injustice Watch, a nonprofit news organization in Chicago focused on issues of equity and justice in the court system.



Gov. JB Pritzker: "We're not going to push everybody out the door just because there's somebody who complains that we haven't done it the way they would like it done."

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Pritzker defends denials of medical release requests

Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker defended the number of dying and disabled prisoners released under a landmark law that went into effect early last year at a news conference Aug. 31.

"The Coleman Act is, in fact, being carried out as it should be," Pritzker told reporters in response to an Injustice Watch and WBEZ investigation, which found only 52 prisoners had been granted release under the law – far below the hundreds of terminally ill and incapacitated prisoners advocates say could have been released by now.

The Prisoner Review Board – a state body whose members are appointed by Pritzker – denied nearly two-thirds of requests from ailing prisoners made under the law, known as the Joe Coleman Medical Release Act, as of mid-August.

Pritzker acknowledged some medical release applicants "really can't function" and are unlikely to commit another crime if released. But "just because the person is ill, doesn't mean that there aren't factors that are being considered and need to be considered about a case and whether somebody should be released or not," he said.

"I've encouraged the Prisoner Review Board to do the right thing, to encourage release wherever it's appropriate," Pritzker said. "But we're not just going to push everybody out the door just because there's somebody who complains that we haven't done it the way they would like it done."

But that outlook undermines the intent behind the Coleman Act, said Jennifer Soble, the act's main author and executive director of the Illinois Prison Project, a nonprofit legal group in Chicago that's represented dozens of medical release applicants.

"The eligibility conditions are extremely strict and narrowly tailored to apply to only the sickest and most expensive people in the prison health care system," she said. "With that in mind, almost every eligible person should be released if we are to realize the Coleman Act's purpose."

But Pritzker expressed confidence that board members "are people who care deeply about criminal justice reform (and) who care deeply about making sure that we're being fair to prisoners – and to the community in which we're releasing people."

In a statement sent in response to follow-up questions, Pritzker's spokesperson said the governor was expressing "frustration with the characterization that progress in the right direction isn't enough." But she also said "there are undoubtedly improvements that should be discussed among stakeholders and the General Assembly as the law continues to be implemented." □

Carlos Ballesteros, Injustice Watch. WBEZ reporter Alex Degman contributed reporting.

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Echoes of Yesteryear at Oak Ridge Cemetery

Actors at graveside portray prominent citizens Oct. 1

HISTORY | Cinda Ackerman Klickna

The annual Echoes of Yesteryear Oak Ridge Cemetery walk, sponsored by the Sangamon County Historical Society, has become a popular Sunday event every October. This year the date is Oct. 1. Actors in period costume will portray seven prominent citizens from Springfield who are buried at the beautiful cemetery.

Park near the bell tower. Board a bus to the first site. Walk to each subsequent gravesite (total of ½ mile) and return by bus to the parking area.

Enjoy the stories of interesting and influential men and women who stand out for their contributions to Springfield and Sangamon County.

Edgar Shanklin (1877-1926) was co-founder of Shanklin Manufacturing. The company produced the Dropper carbide lamp which was invented by Springfield miner Frank Guy and used in coal mines from about 1913 until the 1930s. Shanklin Manufacturing factory became Park Sherman, maker of cigarette lighters, smoking accessories and other novelty items. Portrayed by Andy VanDeVoort.

Erma Garrison Templeman (1878-1974) was the first woman to practice law in Sangamon County. She and her husband, J.W. Templeman, took the bar exam on the same day. As Erma took the exam, her son sat on the floor next to her, and she held her infant in her lap. The couple opened their first law office together. She founded the Springfield Business and Professional Women's Club. Portrayed by Erica Smith.

Edna Dye Weaver (1877-1934) was the first woman to own an auto dealership in Springfield, Capital Motors, which was located at Seventh and Monroe streets in the 1930s. In fact, it is believed she was the only woman in the United States to own a car dealership then. She was the wife of Ira Weaver, one of the brothers behind Weaver Manufacturing. Portrayed by Tracy Petro.

Nora Deuel (1890-1984) will share the story of her husband, **Thorne**, a former anthropologist and military aviator, who was appointed director of the Illinois State Museum by Governor Henry Horner in 1938. He served until 1963. He oversaw unprecedented expansion of the museum, along with its move into the present building. Portrayed by Mary Disseler.

Herbert Georg (1893-1964) was one of a family of local photographers who made their names elsewhere. Herbert worked as a photographer in Springfield for 50 years and helped develop a 35-millimeter sound system



Patrick Foster will portray Herbert Georg. Right, Erica Smith will portray Erma Garrison Templeman.

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for films. He was the official still photographer for Cecil B. DeMille's *The Greatest Show on Earth*. Portrayed by Pat Foster.

Vera Shoultz will talk about herself and her husband, **Rev. Rudolph Shoultz** (1918-2000). He was the pastor of Union Baptist Church for more than 30 years and was an influential leader in the Springfield African American community. He believed in helping his parishioners find jobs and gain better conditions and so lobbied with legislators and others to help his church expand its services. Portrayed by Willa Barger.

Dr. Don Deal (1879-1952) was a physician who performed the first blood transfusion in Sangamon County in the 1920s. He performed the transfusion at St. John's Hospital for a woman whose husband was the blood donor. Deal predicted that Springfield would become a strong medical center. Portrayed by Dave VanDeVoort.

Details about the walk

Oct. 1 Noon-4 p.m. (the last tour will be at 3:15). The event is free to the public, although donations are suggested. Parking will be available in designated areas of the cemetery. Refreshments will be available for purchase by the Sangamon County Historical Society.

Each year the Sangamon County Historical Society chooses people to be portrayed, making sure the time to walk to each site is easy and yet far enough apart so that actors and actresses are easily heard. Research is conducted to ensure accuracy of facts and information about each person.

Immediately after the day of the walk, the society begins plans for the next year, looking at an area of the cemetery that is walkable, easy to get to, and has several important people to portray. The popular cemetery walk was held annually for 12 years, beginning in 1996 and ending in 2008. It was brought back eight years ago by popular demand.

Established in 1961, the Sangamon County Historical Society is dedicated to preserving and promoting the history of the area through educational programs, tours, grants and special projects including providing support to the Sangamon Valley Collection of Springfield's Lincoln Library. Monthly programs feature topics of local historic interest and are open to the public.

For more information about the event and the Sangamon County Historical Society, visit www.sangamonhistory.org or call 217-525-1961. □

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The Niceties, a campus clash of ideas onstage

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THEATER | Mary Young

"It takes *work* to not be a bad person...you can't just be the least bad person in a lineup and call yourself good." That line, according to one of the actors, stands as a powerful summation of the struggle faced in a provocative new play currently running at the UIS Studio Theatre.

The two-act, two-character play involves a meeting in the office of "Janine Bosko" a tenured professor of American history at a prestigious university who is an accomplished author and expert on revolutions around the globe and throughout history. Her ambitious student, "Zoe Reed," has come to Janine's office for an early critique of her latest term paper. Zoe believes "a successful American Revolution was only possible because of the existence of slavery" and her paper presents this theory. The meeting with the unfiltered professor and her radical student features deft writing and sharp witty words that escalate into intense exchanges and a clash of ideas about race, privilege and social justice.

The play features Regina Ivy as "Zoe" and Meredith Vogel-Thomas as "Janine" and is co-directed and stage-managed by V. June Chappelle, produced and co-directed by Carly Shank. Scenic and lighting design by Sarah Brewer. I was able to sit down with the cast and co-directors before a rehearsal last week for a discussion about the play, its themes and why it's important people come to see it.

Q: What attracted you to the play/part?

Meredith: "I like to see more authentic representations onstage, characters from minority backgrounds telling underrepresented stories, where the plot doesn't hinge just on who the people are. I love that Janine is a whole person: messy and complicated. It takes guts to be that messy in front of a room of strangers and I've



Meredith Vogel-Thomas as "Janine," left, co-director V. June Chappelle, center, and Regina Ivy as "Zoe," right.

PHOTO BY CARLY SHANK

always gravitated toward those kinds of characters.

Q: Why/when did you become interested in the play?

Regina (a current undergrad at UIS): "Carly gave it to me and I read it in one sitting. Zoe is very different than me. She's a little mean, but the more I read it, and the more I perform it, the more I came to understand and empathize with her."

Q: What questions do you think the story raises?

Meredith: "How it's a ruse and a trap in higher education to think that it's not a place for (learning) practical skills. It's easy to lie to yourself in the pursuit of excellence in higher ed because there's a myth of pushing narratives forward and not learning more about diverse people and things."

Q: What drew you to the project?

June (co-director): "I come from a place of understanding, as I have encountered many 'Janines' in my life. I understand Zoe a lot in how I was raised, what I encountered at school and at home. I can relate to her passion, what drives her and what she stands for."

Q: What have you gained or what has surprised you going through this process?

Regina: "I find myself examining theories more and trying to understand what Zoe is saying. It's allowed me to look inward, as well as at parts of society. It's made me excited to do things that will help shape a better society and make it the way I want to see it."

Meredith: "It's so refreshing to play this character and be able to walk away each night

and know I'm not her. It pushes me to be uncomfortable, to get out of sometimes being a 'lazy white lady,' to be a better person. It's a great leaping off point to understanding privilege."

Q: Why this play, now?

Carly (co-director and producer): "The subject matter seems the right fit in the university setting, especially as so many have established DEI programs, and it's a good time to have this kind of discussion." There's the hope too of establishing the black-box-style Studio Theatre as one of *the* places to go for these kinds of intimate works. "Everyone I handed the play off to read it in a single sitting. I'm really excited to present it and talk about it at UIS. I've been pounding the pavement (here) because I think it is going to cause a lot of great discussion and I don't want people to end up saying, 'Oh, I wish I would have known about that.'"

The Niceties continues Thursday through Saturday, Sept. 28-30, at the UIS Studio Theatre; limited seating available. Tickets are \$20; UIS faculty/students/staff – \$15 with ID and can be purchased here: *The Niceties* By Eleanor Burgess – UIS Performing Arts Center. Curtain is at 7:30. This event is presented in partnership with the UIS Diversity Center and will include talk-backs at the end of each performance. □

Mary Young was born and raised in Springfield and has been performing in, producing and directing live theater for decades. She's done film and voice-over work, performs occasionally with local bands and likes to make up funny stuff with improv troupe The Portuguese Rodeo Clown Company.



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FOOD | Peter Glatz

Cold weather is just around the corner, and I'll miss being able to cook outside. My favorite way to cook most foods is open-air grilling over wood or charcoal. Elizabeth Karmel agrees: "Grilling is the best way to cook, bar none. There is no other cooking technique that gives you this much flavor for your effort." Karmel is a nationally respected authority on grilling, barbecue and Southern food and the author of *Taming the Flame*. I don't presume to match her experience and expertise, but when it comes to burgers, I beg to differ. The best burger is a burger cooked on a cast iron pan or griddle, smashed thin and cooked crisp on its edges.

It's often said that "fat is flavor" and when you cook a burger on a grill grate, the fat that drips down onto the coals is lost flavor. Cooking in a cast-iron skillet traps the fat and prevents it from falling into the heat source. When you smash ground beef onto a hot cast-iron surface with a heavy object, it gives the beef greater contact with the heat source and creates a crispy crust with intensified flavor. This savory crust is a result of the *Maillard reaction* (pronounced my-YAR), a chemical reaction between amino acids and sugars, which creates compounds that give browned foods their distinctive flavor.

I converted to cooking burgers in a cast-iron skillet during my year working for Sean Brock. Brock is arguably the South's most prominent chef. He's won the James Beard Award for Best Chef, Southeast, and authored two best-selling cookbooks. He's been featured in the Emmy Award-winning television show *Mind of a Chef* and the popular Netflix show, *Chef's Table*. Brock operates three high-end fine-dining restaurants in Nashville. But when asked about his favorite thing to eat, he'll reply: "If I had to pick one thing that made me the happiest when I ate it, it would certainly be a cheeseburger."

"Everyone has their own idea of the perfect burger; mine was inspired by the drive-in that my family used to take me to when I was young. Robo's was the only real "restaurant" in my hometown, and my family just loved it. We would go there after my Little League baseball games. As the game wound down, I would be daydreaming about that burger, shake and crinkle-cut fries. It's probably the reason for some missed fly balls."

When Brock tastes something he likes, he laughs with joy. His lifelong obsession and passion for cheeseburgers led to his



Joyland's Crustburger PHOTO BY JOYLAND

opening Joyland, a fast-casual addition to his restaurant roster. Brock's goal with Joyland is to make other people laugh with joy when they take their first bite.

The signature item on Joyland's menu is the Crustburger, which he describes as "crispy crust, onions and Kraft American cheese, on flattened, buttered and inverted Martin's Potato Roll" with "fancy sauce on the side for dipping."

A Crustburger is basically a Smashburger set between two buns that have also been smashed paper-thin and griddled until crispy. The idea behind the Crustburger is that the entire burger is made up of crunchy bits of meat that are normally only found around the edges of a burger. Joyland's Crustburger is made from a custom-blended, dry-aged beef blend from Bear Creek Farm, a sustainable cattle and heritage hog farm. Brock is dogmatic about the choice of cheese. "I choose American cheese because it isn't really a cheese – it's more of a sauce when it melts, so you end up with a burger covered in

delicious cheese sauce." The buttered potato bun is griddled under a burger press on both sides and the cheeseburger is assembled with the cut side of the bun facing outward to create a crusty exterior, much like a good grilled cheese sandwich.

Last fall Nashville was featured in an episode of the Netflix travel documentary, *Somebody Feed Phil*, and Joyland was one of the eateries visited by Phil Rosenthal and his guest, country singer Brad Paisley. Paisley threw both hands in the air in approval after taking a bite of the Crustburger and exclaimed: "Oh my gosh! So inappropriate, the thoughts I'm having as I eat this... I'm not hearing anything you're saying right now!"

After the episode aired, Joyland became swamped and I was asked to work a few shifts there on my days off from my job in Brock's Fermentation Lab. I hadn't worked in a fast food restaurant since college and the experience was totally exhausting. But I learned the secrets of making a proper Crustburger.

Joyland's Crustburger

Serves 4

Equipment needed:
Cast-iron skillet or griddle
Thick metal spatula

Ingredients:
For the burger:
½ pound ground beef, preferably 70/30 grind
1 red onion, sliced into rings 1/8-inch thick.
4 slices Kraft American cheese
4 hamburger buns – preferably a potato bun
4 tablespoons butter
Salt and pepper, as needed

For the "fancy" sauce:
1 cup mayonnaise
½ cup ketchup
1 tablespoon hot sauce
1 teaspoon fish sauce
Salt, as needed

Preparation:
Preheat a large cast-iron skillet in a 400°F oven.

Make the "fancy" sauce: Whisk all the sauce ingredients together and season to taste.

Gently measure out 4-ounce portions of the ground beef with an ice cream scoop or spoon, and form in loose balls about 2 inches high. Try not to handle too much.

Generously butter the tops and bottoms of the buns. Transfer the skillet to the stovetop with the burner set to medium-high. Place the buns in the skillet and flatten with a heavy spatula. Toast for about 30 seconds and flip. Press again and toast for another 15 seconds. Set the buns aside.

Increase the heat to high. Position the balls of beef in the skillet, leaving plenty of room between. Using the heavy spatula, press the meat very thin, moving the spatula in a circular motion while pressing to smear the meat even further, then season with salt and pepper.

Place a few rings of red onion on each patty and top with a piece of American cheese. Cook until the edges of the burgers have achieved a deep, burnished crust and the cheese is melty. This should take less than 2 minutes. Using the spatula, scrape the burger off the griddle. Place between the two flattened buns with the inside of the buns facing out and return the whole Crustburger to the skillet, toasting one more time, roughly 30 seconds per side.

Serve with fancy sauce on the side for dipping. □

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MUSIC

September music moves

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Here we are wrapping up another month of mighty music-making as we slip on into October for the year of 20 & 23 or the Year of the Rabbit in Chinese culture or 5784 in the recently started Jewish new year. But all that matters not, for we are not here to do a thing except hear music and find out where that stuff is in our little town. So let's do so right now.

Thursday evenings are still booming with live music, and I sure do like the sound of that. For some Latin-flavored "musica," take in the Samba Llamas' sweet samba sounds at BUNN Gourmet (5-7), while Gabriel strums and sings solo (solista) mariachi at El Arriero Mexican restaurant (6-8). Me, Myself & Schy go all-Americana in Boone's beautiful beer garden (6-9) as Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas go all-American rock on Mowie's stage area (7-10). Dan Grover hosts an open mic for all comers at Casey's Pub (6-9) while Kortney Leatherwood leads a very well-attended, long-running open mic jam at the Blue Grouch (7-11).

Friday runs the gamut (whatever a gamut is) this week as the Wolf Crick Boys float into Mama Lee's Sandbar (4-7), Tom & Geoff turn up at BUNN Gourmet (5-7) and Friday Night Jazz, sponsored by the Springfield Area Arts Council, hosts the inimitable John Coss and his No Jive Blues Band (5:30-7:30).

The next shift kicks in soon after with Elvis Himselvis taking care of business at Harvest Market (6-9), Ambrosia Moon shining on in Chatham at Sangamo Brewing (6-8), Devin Williams and Stumpy Joe slapping the swinging blues around at The Bird Tavern (6-9), UNCHAIiNED breaking out at Weebles (6:30-9:30), After Sunset settling in at the Curve (6:30-9:30) and Jeff Young hauling his Bad Grandpas out to Long Bridge (6:30-10:30).

The third shift kicks in with Rhodes & Battles Trio at Ad Astra's Folk Music Fall series (7-9), Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Band being smooth and blue at Lime Street (7-10:30), Nick Dittmeier & the Sawdusters cutting up at the Backroom Lounge (7-9) and The Stone Giants going big at the Blue Grouch (7-10). Then it's the Tangents at Mount Pulaski's Next Stop Lounge (8-11) and Fool House reliving the '90s (the 1990s, I think) at Danenbergers (8-10) to mop up on the late shift.

Saturday contains multitudes of cool stuff all day (and night) long from the Waterloo German Band on the Chatham town square



James Armstrong plays his blues this Saturday evening at the Curve Inn.

(12-4) to John Drake paying the blues dues in Petersburg at 1st & 3rd Boutique and Wine Bar (3:30-6:30), then from Black Dirt Duo plus Brandon Elliot in Petersburg at Broadgauge (7-10) back to Menace to Sobriety on the Chatham town square (6-9) and everything in between.

For a real treat and outright gift to music lovers, James Armstrong makes a way-too-rare local appearance as he hits Saturday at the Curve Inn (6:30-9:30) for some world-renowned blues playing on Ric Major's exquisite sound stage. James took some time off recently and is now back in the thick of it with several mid-October shows lined up around the Midwest before flying off for a busy European tour in November. JA lands back in the 'Patch for a Dec. 4 gig at the Alamo at ICBC's Blue Monday and then makes a run up to Buddy Guy's in the Windy City on Dec. 8. Right on, keep on and play on and on and on for us all, James.

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Samba Llamas
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Open mic with Dan Grover
Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 7-9pm

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

Gabriel solo mariachi
El Arriero Mexican Restaurant, 6-8pm

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

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas
Mowie's Cue, 7-10pm

Friday Sep 29

Rhodes & Battles Trio
Ad Astra Wine Bar & Market, 7-9pm

Nick Dittmeier & The Sawdusters
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke
Bald Buddha Brewing, 7-11pm

Friday Night Jazz - No Jive Blues (John Coss)
Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

Tom and Geoff
BUNN Gourmet, 5-7pm

After Sunset
Curve Inn, 6:30-9:30pm

it Fool House
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Elvis Himself
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

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

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30-10:30pm

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

Wolf Crick Boys
Mama Lee's Sandbar, 4-7pm

Karaoke with DJ Dan Suter
Pier 55 Lounge, 8pm

Ambrosia Moon
Sangamo Brewing Co., Chatham, 6-8pm

Devin Williams and Stumpy Joe
The Bird Tavern, 6-9pm

The Stone Giants
The Blue Grouch, 7-10pm

The Tangents
The Next Stop Saloon, Mount Pulaski, 8-11pm

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



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Saturday Sep 30

John Drake
1st and 3rd Boutique and Wine Bar, Petersburg, 3:30-6:30pm

Hellbound Glory with Jared Hill
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

Black Dirt Duo, Brandon Elliot
Broadgauge, Petersburg, 7-10pm

Rhodes & Battles Trio
Boone's, 11am-2pm

Waterloo German Band
Chatham Town Square, Chatham, 12-4pm

Menace to Sobriety
Chatham Town Square, Chatham, 6-9pm

James Armstrong
Curve Inn, 6:30-9:30pm

Thunderstruck: America's AC/DC Tribute
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Hipbone and The Joints
Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 8:30-11am

The Tangents
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

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

it Father Hank & The Hammerheads
Mad Jack's Bar & Grill, Kilbourne, 9pm-1am

Thomas J Beverly
Mowie's Cue, 7-10pm

Renegade Karaoke
Northern Lights Lounge, 8:30pm-12:30am

Curt Smith
The Office Sports Bar and Grill, 7-10pm

Randy Erwin
The Wakery, 8pm

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas
VFW Post #755, 7-10pm

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

Lil Higgy and the HouseReckers
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 7-10pm

Sunday Oct 1

Naughty & Nice
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

Fantastical Folk Jam
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 4-6pm

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas
Harry's Adult Day Care, 2-5pm

Lacey & Kirsten
Harvest Market Coffee Bar, 10am-1pm

Junction 51
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

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

Gage McCoy
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 4-7pm

Monday Oct 2

Brother Jefferson
The Alamo, 7pm

Tuesday Oct 3

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

Open jam with Casey Cantrall
George Rank's, 8-11pm

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

Open Mic with Jim Ackerman
Silver Sevens Gaming Pub & Parlor, 6:30-9:30pm.

Wednesday Oct 4

Open mic
Boone's, 7-10pm

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

Karaoke
Crows Mill Pub, 8-11pm

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Open mic with Roger and Mandy
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■ Books & Authors

it A House That Made History
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■ Theater & Comedy

The Niceties
Through Sep. 30, 7:30pm. By Eleanor Burgess. Called a "barnburner of a play" by *The Washington Post*, it tells the story of university professor Janine and her brilliant student Zoe, as their routine office hours discussion unexpectedly careens

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Fri., Sep. 29, 6:30-8pm. Enjoy the September Full Moon, a Harvest Moon, during this event featuring trail walking, s'mores and beverages, music and more. For adults older than 21. lincolnmemorygarden.org. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

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Sat., Sep. 30, 1-2:30pm. Celebrate the completion of an inspirational 118-mile bicycle journey by Justin "Thanasi" Harris. Justin is raising money for the Children's Miracle Network, HSHS Children's Hospital, Rehab Center of St. Louis, and the Mary and Martha Pregnancy Ministry. Justin, a person with quadriplegia, will power his bicycle the entire trip. theride.ai. Free. St. Anthony's Hellenic Orthodox Church, 1600 S. Glenwood Ave., 217-202-0188.

■ History

it Echoes of Yesteryear

Sun., Oct. 1, 12-4pm. A walk through Oak Ridge Cemetery. Actors in period costumes will tell personal stories of seven people who made significant contributions to our community. Last tour begins at 3:15pm. Refreshments available for purchase. Hosted by the Sangamon County Historical Society. Free. Oak Ridge Cemetery, 1441 Monument Ave., 217-525-1961.

■ Faith & Philosophy

Worship Arts Explosion 2023

Sat., Sep. 30, 3-4:30pm. Praise and worship expressed through dance and mime. Half of proceeds will go to Mothers Against Drunk Driving. freshvisionschurch.com. Free. Fresh Visions Community Church, 1551 J. David Jones Pkwy., 217-726-5988.

■ Holiday Happenings

Boo Crew Haunted House

Fridays, Saturdays.. Through Oct. 28. Boo victims should be at least age 10. Matinee hours are available for youngsters. Concessions available. Box office opens at 6:30pm. Haunting begins around 7pm, rain or shine. boocrew.com. \$25-\$40, matinee hours \$15 and \$7 for children. Boo Crew Haunted House, Mechanicsburg, 11083 Buckhart Road, 217-551-6969.

■ Fundraisers and Galas

Drink for the Pink!

Wed., Oct. 4, 5-8pm. Benefit for the Cancer Patient Assistance Fund supported by the Springfield Memorial Foundation. Includes music, celebrity bartenders, raffle and more. See the Facebook page for more info. Free. Bar Bella, 2805 West White Oaks Dr., 217-741-4529.

A Night on Broadway

Sat., Sep. 30. The center's annual gala. The evening includes cocktails, silent action, a thrilling performance by Broadway star Alton Fitzgerald White. Call for ticket information. hcfta.org. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Walk to End Alzheimer's

Sat., Sep. 30, 8:30am. Hosted by the Alzheimer's Association. All funds raised by 2-mile event further the care, support and research efforts of the association. Free to register. Those raising \$100 receive T-shirt. act.alz.org. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 847-324-0372.

Luncheon and Style Show

Tues., Oct. 3, 10:30am. Annual event includes style show, silent auction, market place for treasures and bake sale. Raises funds for King's Daughters Organization to provide grants to organizations committed to the support and well-being of the elderly. kdospringfield.org. Crowne Plaza

Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Parkway. 217-299-0747

■ **Children’s Corner**

Family Evening Storytime
Thursdays, 6:30-7pm. Through Sep. 28. This storytime for children of all ages and their adults to enjoy features fun books and simple crafts/activities. No registration required. chathamlib.org. Free. Chatham Area Public Library, Chatham, 600 E. Spruce St., 217-483-2713.

Little Lincoln’s Fireside Tales
Sat., Sep. 30, 10-11am. Blast off with planets, stars and astronauts as the ALPLM celebrates its 50th edition of Little Lincoln’s Fireside Tales. Join the ALPLM Education Team in the library’s classroom for an “out of this world” party. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Nickelodeon’s Worldwide Day of Play
Sat., Sep. 30, 9am-4pm. Join the staff and special guests for a day full of playful activities and games. Includes toddler time, hula hoops, guided activities and more. kidzeum.org. Kidzeum of Health and Science Children’s Museum, 412 E. Adams St., 217-679-2123.

Preschool Storytime
Thursdays, 10:30-11am. Through Nov. 2. Children ages 3-5 and their grownups will explore stories and activities designed to promote language and listening skills, expand their imaginations, arouse their curiosity about the world, and encourage a love of reading and learning. lincolnlibrary.info. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900 ext. 5612.

Preschool Storytime
Fridays, 10:15-11am. Through Sep. 29. Preschool children and their adults join Catherine Broadbooks for some fun books and a craft or activity. No registration required. Free. Chatham Area Public Library, Chatham, 600 E. Spruce St., 217-483-2713.

Toddler Time Storytime
Mondays, 10:15-11am. Through Oct. 30. Books, songs and fun activities designed to help children from 18 to 36 months old develop language skills. Must be accompanied by an adult. lincolnlibrary.info. Free.

Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900 ext. 5612.

■ **Nature, Science & Environment**

Bird Hike
Saturdays, 8-9:30am. Through Oct. 14. Join local birder Kevin Veara for seasonal migratory bird hikes. Hikes begin at Nature Center. Program open to all skill levels. No registration required. lincolnmemorialgarden.org. Free. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

Illinois Native Plant Society gathering
Sep. 29-Oct. 1. Features field trips to natural areas around Springfield. Dr. Doug Tallamy will be Saturday’s keynote speaker discussing “The Nature of Oaks.” Register at web site. illinoisplants.org. The State House Inn, 101 E. Adams St., 708-613-0163.

Moonlight Meander - Harvest Moon Walk
Fri., Sep. 29, 6:30-8pm. Guests age 21+ can walk the trails, make s’mores from the gourmet s’mores bar and enjoy the music of guitarist Jim Ackerman and bassist Manny Lee – all under September’s full moon. Attendees are welcome to bring their own drinks including alcohol. Suggested donation of \$5. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

Springfield Civil Garden Club
Mon., Oct. 2, 9:30am. Guest speaker Chris Young, a former *State Journal-Register* photographer, will talk about photographing nature. Visitors welcome. scgc-il.org. Free. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-899-3283.

UIS Star Parties
Fridays, 8-10pm. Through Oct. 28. All ages. Patrons encouraged to pre-register. uis.edu. Free. UIS Observatory, Brookens Library, One University Plaza, 217-206-8342.

■ **Lectures & Meetings**

Lincoln Land Depression Era Glass & Pottery Club
Mon., Oct. 2, 2-4pm. Learn more about Depression Era glass and pottery. Informative lectures with show-and-tell time. Call for more info. Free. Hope Presbyterian Church, 2211 Wabash Ave., 217-529-

3055.

■ **Bulletin Board**

AgeLinc Dementia Caregiver Support Group
First Tuesday of every month, 1-2pm. Through June 30. Group educates and informs participants about dementia and helps participants develop methods and skills to solve problems. Call to register. Free. AgeLinc, 2731 S. MacArthur Blvd., 217-787-9234, 800-272-3900.

Blessing of the Animals
Sun., Oct. 1, 3pm. This longtime APL tradition marks the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and ecology. All animals are welcome and must either be on a leash or in a carrier at all times. apl-shelter.org. Free. 217-544-7387. Animal Protective League, 1001 Taintor Road, 217-544-7387.

Metaphysical Weekend
Sat., Sep. 30, 8pm and Sun., Oct. 1, 1-6pm. Join nationally-known psychic mediums Katherine Glass and Jill M. Jackson for a Saturday theatrical presentation and readings of those present, as well as a Sunday workshop, “Awakening Your Psychic Intuition.” atthelegacy.com. \$44-\$54 for presentation, \$222 for workshop. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 217-528-9760.

RISE Professional Clothing Drive drop-off
Through Oct. 4, 8am-4pm. Clean, gently used professional clothing items sought. No holes or stains. Also being accepted by Springfield Lucky Horseshoes, 1415 N. Grand Ave. W., from 9am to 5pm. Organized by RISE Springfield. gsc.org/rise. Free. Express Employment Professionals, 3000 Professional Dr., 217-528-3000.

■ **Sports**

Full Moon Trail Run
Fri., Sep. 29, 7pm. Walking and running participants venture off-road through the night trails for a 3-mile run or a 1-mile walk. With the moon as their guide, runners bring a light source for added illumination. Free headlamps will be given away to the first 150 registrants. Visit the Facebook event for online registration info. Free. Lewis Park and Trails, 399 S. Koke Mill Road.

MARKETPLACE

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421 Lucy Rd, Lake Ozark MO. Waterfront, turnkey 3 BR 2.5 BA, Loft, huge deck, dock w/ boat lift. Quiet cove leads to main channel. \$460,000 contact Annamarie Hopkins at Smarter Move Real Estate Group/Ozark Realty 573-544-3587

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Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

~SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF
PAUL D. OGAN; BRIAN OGAN; BRIAN
OGAN AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR
OF PAUL D. OGAN; UNKNOWN OWNERS
AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;

Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 2023FC000004

Property Address: 2206 S. 12th Street
Springfield, IL 62703

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

Public notice is hereby given that in
pursuance of a judgment of said Court
entered in the above-entitled cause on
July 19, 2023, I, Sheriff Jack Campbell of
Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale
on November 7, 2023, commencing at
9:00AM, Sangamon County Courthouse,
200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL
62701 ROOM TBA, to sell to the highest
bidder or bidders the following described
real estate, or so much thereof as may be
sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit:
Commonly known as: 2206 S. 12th
Street, Springfield, IL 62703
P.I.N.: 22-03-408-003

First Lien Position; Single Family Resi-
dence; Judgment Amount \$53,215.65
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-
1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS
605/9(g)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1),
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE
PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER
THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE AS-
SESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED
BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF
SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND
COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSEC-
TION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE
ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT.
Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the
time of sale and the balance due within
24 hours of the sale. All payments for
the amount bid shall be in certified funds
payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon
County.

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

-v.-

ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY, JOY STROUBLE, JACQUE-
LINE MCBRIDE, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND
LEGATEES OF FRANK C. TONTILLO, JR.,
DECEASED, AMIR MOHABBAT AS SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ESTATE OF
FRANK C. TONTILLO, JR., DECEASED,
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS

Defendant

2022 FC 000073

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale entered in the above cause on

July 19, 2023, an agent for The Judicial
Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on
October 20, 2023, at the Do Realty Ser-
vices, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL,
62701, sell at a public sale to the highest
bidder, as set forth below, the following
described real estate:
Commonly known as 1400 N MACAR-
THUR BLVD, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
Property Index No. 14-21.0-376-016
The real estate is improved with a single
family residence.

The judgment amount was \$81,262.38.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid
by certified funds at the close of the sale
payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation.
No third party checks will be accepted.
The balance, in certified funds/or wire
transfer, is due within twenty-four (24)
hours. The subject property is subject to
general real estate taxes, special assess-
ments, or special taxes levied against
said real estate and is offered for sale
without any representation as to quality
or quantity of title and without recourse
to Plaintiff and in “AS IS” condition. The
sale is further subject to confirmation by
the court.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspec-
tion and plaintiff makes no representa-
tion as to the condition of the property.
Prospective bidders are admonished to
check the court file to verify all informa-
tion.

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 com-
munity, the purchaser of the unit at the
foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee
shall pay the assessments required by
The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS
605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-
OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO
REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS
AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSES-
SION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification
issued by a government agency (driver's
license, passport, etc.) in order to gain
entry into our building and the foreclosure
sale room in Cook County and the same
identification for sales held at other
county venues where The Judicial Sales
Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, contact CHAD LEWIS,
ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE
& PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys,
205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810, CHICAGO,
IL, 60601 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to
file number 22-022034.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor,
Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales
Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day
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CHAD LEWIS
ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE
& PARTNERS, PLLC
205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810
CHICAGO IL, 60601
561-241-6901
E-Mail: ILMAIL@RASLG.COM
Attorney File No. 22-022034
Attorney ARDC No. 6306439
Case Number: 2022 FC 000073
TJSC#: 43-2973

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collec-

tion Practices Act, you are advised that
Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt
collector attempting to collect a debt and
any information obtained will be used for
that purpose.
Case # 2022 FC 000073
I3229375

NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY,
Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF
JOAN E. FARRIS, DECEASED, UNKNOWN
CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST
THE ESTATE OF JOAN E. FARRIS,
DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND
LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN
HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF JOAN E. FAR-
RIS, DECEASED, PNC BANK, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, MATTHEW FARRIS AND
THEODORE HARVATIN, AS SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE OF JOAN E. FARRIS,
DECEASED,
Defendants.

CASE NO. 22-FC-196

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

2118 CLAREMONT DR.

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pur-
suant to a Judgment of the above Court
entered in the above entitled cause on
August 16, 2023, the following described
real estate, to-wit:

Permanent Index Number: 22-23.0-128-
013 aka 22-23-128-013
Commonly known as: 2118 Claremont
Dr., Springfield, IL 62703
will be offered for sale and sold at public
vendue on October 17, 2023, at 9:00 AM,
in the Auditorium on the 2nd Floor,
300 South 9th St, Springfield, Illinois.
The Judgment amount is \$100,335.66.
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 Ju-
dicial 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 resi-
dential real estate pursuant to its credit
bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judg-
ment 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, spe-
cial 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 confirma-
tion of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspec-
tion. Prospective bidders are admonished
to check the Court file to verify all in-
formation.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attor-
ney: 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 re-
main 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 as-
sessments which accrued before he or
she acquired title. If this property is a
condominium unit which is part of a com-
mon 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 Mortgagee,
the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's at-
torney.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-
OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO
REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS
AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSES-
SION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE LAW.

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HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY,
Plaintiff,

Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549), Its Attorney
Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC
Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549)

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Attorneys at Law
P.O. Box 740

Decatur, IL 62525

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF, VS.

TONI A MERCHANT A/K/A TONI MER-
CHANT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-
RECORD CLAIMANTS,
DEFENDANTS.

NO. 22 FC 000040

1113 NORTH WESLEY STREET

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

JUDGE PRESIDING

JUDGE

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDG-
MENT OF FORECLOSURE
UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLO-
SURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale entered by the Court in the
above entitled cause on June 8, 2022,
Sheriff of Sangamon County will on Oc-
tober 31, 2023, in the boardroom of the
Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St.,
Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell

at public auction and sale to the highest
bidder for cash, all and singular, the
following described real estate mentioned
in said Judgment, situated in the County
of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much
thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy
said Judgment:

TAX NO. 14-25.0-104-006 & 14-25.0-
104-007

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1113 North

Wesley Street

Springfield, IL 62702

Description of Improvements: The
property is a single family. The property
has a morton type building garage. The
garage is detached. The exterior is vinyl
siding. The color is tan. The property has
a fence. The property is occupied. Fence
has damage to it

The Judgment amount was \$81,221.14.
Sale Terms: This is an “AS IS” sale for
“CASH”. The successful bidder must
deposit 10% down by certified funds; bal-
ance, by certified funds, within 24 hours.
NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general
real estate taxes, special assessments
or special taxes levied against said real
estate, water bills, etc., and is offered
for sale without any representation as
to quality or quantity of title and without
recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further
subject to confirmation by the court.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspec-
tion. Prospective bidders are admonished
to check the court file to verify all in-
formation.

The successful purchaser has the sole
responsibility/expense of evicting any
tenants or other individuals presently in
possession of the subject premises.
If this property is a condominium unit, the
purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure
sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay
the assessments and the legal fees
required by The Condominium Property
Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-
OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO
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SION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE
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Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only -

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC,

Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St.,

Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No.

(312) 346-9088. Please refer to file#

22-08818IL

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

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to
provide additional information other than
that set forth in this notice of sale.
I3228684

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

ILLINOIS

Marine Bank

PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Jeannie M. Neal a/k/a Jeannie M. Mort;

et. al.

DEFENDANTS

No. 2023FC000108

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL
ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale entered in the above cause on
08/30/2023, the Sheriff of Sangamon
County, Illinois will on October 24, 2023
at the hour of 9:00 AM at 300 S. 9th
Street Springfield, IL 62701, 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:

PIN 22-08.0-478-034

Improved with Residential

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

18 Goodwin Court

Springfield, IL 62704

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest
bid by certified funds at the close of
the auction; The balance, including
the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned
Residential Property Municipality Relief
Fund, which is calculated 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, is due
within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject
property is subject to general real estate
taxes, special assessments, or special
taxes levied against said real estate and
is offered for sale without any represen-
tation 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 property is a condominium and the
foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007,
purchasers other than the mortgagees
will be required to pay any assessment
and legal fees due under The Condo-
minium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)
(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common
interest community, purchasers other
than mortgagees will be required to pay
any assessment and legal fees due under
the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS
605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the
Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled
only to a return of the deposit paid. The
Purchaser shall have no further recourse
against the Mortgagee, 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 Confirma-
tion of the sale. The successful purchaser
has the sole responsibility/expense of
evicting any tenants or other individuals
presently in possession of the subject
premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspec-
tion and Plaintiff makes no representa-
tion as to the condition of the property.
Prospective bidders are admonished to
check the Court file to verify all informa-
tion.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-
OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO
REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS
AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSES-
SION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file
or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis &
Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage
Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527,
(630) 794-9876. Please refer to file
number 14-23-03500.
I3228525

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

Yolanda R. Woods; et. al.
DEFENDANTS
No. 2023FC000061
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 06/14/2023, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on October 24, 2023 at the hour of 9:00 AM at 300 S. 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, 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:
PIN 22-03.0-380-015
Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
2417 S. 10th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated 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, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (g)(4).
If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit 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 successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-01660.
I3228466

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.
RYAN M GRIFFIN AKA RYAN MATTHEW GRIFFIN AKA RYAN GRIFFIN, JENNIFER L GRIFFIN AKA RYAN GRIFFIN AKA JENNIFER DEMARCO AND DISCOVER BANK, Defendants.
CASE NO. 23-FC-45
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
2263 RAMSEY AVE.
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on May 31, 2023, the following described real estate, to-wit:
Permanent Index Number: 14-23.0-428-050
Commonly known as: 2263 Ramsey Ave., Springfield, IL 62702
will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on October 31, 2023, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.
The Judgment amount is \$76,241.36. 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.
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,
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
Send Notice/Pleadings to:
Veronika J. Miles (#6313161)
Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com
Telephone: (217) 422-1719
Facsimile: (217) 422-1754

PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of:
Helen B. Whitlock
Deceased.
No. 2023-PR-327
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE
Notice is given of the death of Helen B. Whitlock, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on September 13, 2023 to David S. Whitlock, 423 N. Old Covered Bridge, Springfield, Illinois, 62711, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701. Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Helen B. Whitlock of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring David Beal and Patsy Bourdounmis as the only heirs of Helen B. Whitlock.
The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act, 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Sarah Delano Pavlik - 6269250
DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC
Attorneys for Executor
One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Telephone: 217-544-2703
Fax: 217-544-4664
sdpavlik@delanolaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUANITA HARRIS, DECEASED
Case #2023-PR-339
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of JUANITA HARRIS. Letters of Office have been issued to JUANETT ELIZABETH BROWNLOW, 1717 Windycrest Drive, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before March 27, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 20th day of September, 2023.
William P. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703

(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOANN ROWLEY, DECEASED
Case #2023-PR-340
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of JOANN ROWLEY. Letters of Office have been issued to PAMELA JO KINK, 716 Old Tipton School Rd., Sherman, IL 62684, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before March 27, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 20th day of September, 2023.
William P. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MELGE O. MEIER, DECEASED
Case #2023-PR-336
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of MELGE O. MEIER. Letters of Office have been issued to CARLA LOUISE MEIER, 4880 Worth Ave., Titusville, FL 32780 and JEFFREY ALAN MEIER, 5205 Deerwood Lake, Springfield, IL 62703, 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 March 26, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Co-Executors and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 19th day of September, 2023.
Patrick J. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
DIANA K. GRIFFITTS,
Deceased.
NO. 2023-PR-332
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Diana K. Griffiths of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 19, 2023, to Steve H. Griffiths, 16 Cottage

Grove, 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 26, 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 19th day of September 2023.
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705
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bsegatto@barberlaw.com
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COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF
SAMUEL NUDO,
DECEASED
No. 2023 PR 323
CLAIMS NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Samuel Nudo. Notice is given to all heirs and creditors that Letters Testamentary were issued on September 11, 2023, to Kevin N. McDermott, 109 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 as Executor of the Estate.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704, or with the Executor, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 17th day of September, 2023.
Kevin N. McDermott
Attorney for the Estate of Samuel Nudo
109 South Seventh Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 753-4070
Ill. Reg. No. 6196497
Kevin@KevinNMcDermott.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of Rickey Holmes,
Deceased.
No. 2023-PR-300
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF WILL AND CLAIMS
Notice is hereby given of the death of Rickey Holmes. Letters of Office under Independent Administration were issued on August 22, 2023, to Sylvia Yvonne Baltimore (formerly Sylvia Yvonne Holmes), 40 Villa Nova Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703, whose attorneys are Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, L.L.P. (Michael M. Durr, of counsel), 1119 South Sixth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the Representative of the Estate or both, within six (6) months from the date of this publication and any claim not filed within this period is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING THE ANNUAL TAXES FOR NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. That Whereas there was passed by the Board of Trustees of NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT on September 12, 2023, approved September 12, 2023, and published in a newspaper of general circulation within said District, the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, which annual budget and appropriation ordinance is in words and figures as follows:

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT has prepared a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and through the Secretary of said Board has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on the 12th day of September, 2023, notice of such hearing was given at least thirty (30) days prior to such hearing and all other legal requirements having been complied with;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. That the following budget containing an estimate of revenue and expenditures be, and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of said NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

PART I. ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Cash on hand at beginning of year	\$ 0.00
General taxes for the year to be used for payment of expenses incurred during fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024	\$145,000.00
Total Estimated Receipts	\$145,000.00

PART II. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

(Constituting the appropriation for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, as provided in Section 2 of this Ordinance)

Attorneys' compensation	\$ 5,000.00
Salaries of Trustees at \$1,000.00 per year	\$ 3,000.00
Publication costs	\$ 300.00
Trustee's bond premiums	\$ 300.00
Miscellaneous administrative expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Auditing fees	\$ 4,000.00
City of Springfield-fire protection	\$131,400.00
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$145,000.00

SECTION 2. That there is hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2023, the sum of \$145,000.00, being divided among the several objects and purposes, specified and enumerated and

in the particular amounts stated for each purpose in Part II of Section 1, and said statement in Section 1 hereof entitled "Part II. Estimated Expenditures (constituting the appropriations for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023, as provided in Section 2 of this Ordinance)" is hereby incorporated by reference as part of this Section 2 with the same effect as if said statement was repeated in its entirety; and that this Section 2 shall be and is the annual appropriation ordinance of this NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED: September 12, 2023
APPROVED: September 12, 2023

/s/ Frank Stroble
President, Board of Trustees of
NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ATTEST:

/s/ Thomas Everhart
Secretary, Board of Trustee of
NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

THEREFORE, THERE IS HEREBY LEVIED on all real and personal property within the corporation limits of NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, subject to taxation, as the same is assessed equalized, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the sum of \$145,000.00 for the following purposes:

Attorneys' compensation	\$ 5,000.00
Salaries of Trustees at \$1,000.00 per year	\$ 3,000.00
Publication costs	\$ 300.00
Trustee's bond premiums	\$ 300.00
Miscellaneous administrative expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Auditing fees	\$ 4,000.00
City of Springfield-fire protection	\$131,400.00

Total Estimated Expenditures \$145,000.00

Making the amount to be raised by taxation and levied on all taxable property in said North Side Fire Protection District for the uses and purposes aforesaid, the sum of \$145,000.00

That the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, upon the passage and approval of this Ordinance, shall file a duly certified copy thereof with the County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois, in such case made and provided.

This Ordinance shall be in effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED: September 12, 2023
APPROVED: September 12, 2023

/s/ Frank Stroble
President, Board of Trustees of
NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ATTEST:

/s/ Thomas Everhart
Secretary, Board of Trustee of
NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Michael M. Durr (Reg. No. 6210512)
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP
Attorneys for the Rickey Holmes, deceased
1119 South Sixth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62703
Telephone: (217) 789-1200
Email: mike@casevista.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
JAMES B. KLUCKMAN,
Deceased.
NO. 2023-PR-318
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of James B. Kluckman of Mason County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 7, 2023, to Gregory J. Kluckman, 405 Armor Road, Springfield, Illinois 62704, 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 14, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 8th day of September, 2023.
Matthew J. Cate - 06272040
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
BRUCE HENRY LYON,
Deceased.
Case No. 2023-PR-324
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of BRUCE HENRY LYON, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on September 12, 2023, to CAROL MARIE LYON 18900 Mechanicsburg Rd, Buffalo, IL 62515, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before March 13, 2024 or six (6) months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 12th day of September, 2024.
Alex B. Rabin
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
217-789-1200

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

WAYNE PAUL WELCH,
Deceased.
Case No. 2023-PR-273
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of WAYNE PAUL WELCH, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on July 27, 2023, to SARA EVANS WELCH, 1530 w. Jerome Ave, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before January 28, 2024 or six (6) months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 12th day of September, 2024.
Alex B. Rabin
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JAMES L. CLAUNCH,
Deceased.
Case No. 2023-PR-000325
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of JAMES L. CLAUNCH, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on September 12, 2023, to GREG CLAUNCH, 5320 N. Sheridan Rd., Apt. 801, Chicago, IL 60640, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before March 13, 2024 or six (6) months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 12th day of September, 2024.
Alex B. Rabin
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
LOUIS JAMES BENNETT,
Deceased.
Case No 2023-PR-303
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of LOUIS JAMES BENNETT, of Rochester, Sangamon County, Illinois, on June 26, 2023. Letters of Testamentary were issued on the 17th day of August, A.D., 2023, to HANNE BENNETT, 2680 N. Walnut, Rochester, Illinois 62536, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Sangamon County Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.
DATED this 21st day of August, A.D., 2023.
ESTATE OF LOUIS JAMES BENNETT, Deceased,
BY: /s/Pamela E. Hart
Pamela E. Hart, one of his Attorneys.
PREPARED BY:
Pamela E. Hart (6299974)
SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.
Attorneys at Law
611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200
Springfield, IL 62701
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of:
David L. Oliver, Deceased
Case No. 2023-PR-279
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of David L. Oliver. Letters of Office were issued on Sept. 7, 2023 to John T. Oliver as Administrator 1620 Fairfield Drive, Springfield IL 62702. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the Administrator, on or before, March 14, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the executors within 10 days after it has been filed.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JEFFREY SCOTT NICKELSON, DECEASED
Case #2023-PR-322
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of JEFFREY SCOTT NICKELSON. Letters of Office have been issued to CECELIA M. NICKELSON, 1126 N. Bradfordton Road, Springfield, IL 62711, as Independent Administrator, 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 Administrator, or both, on or before March 15, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 7th day of September, 2023.
Patrick J. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of: Gerald Staples, Deceased.
No. 2023-PR-315
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE
Notice is given of the death of Gerald Staples, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on August 31, 2023 to Samantha Staples, 1612 Devonwood Drive, Springfield, Illinois, 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.
Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Gerald Staples of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring William C. Staples, Sr. as the only heir of Gerald Staples. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act, 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Sarah Delano Pavlik - 6269250
DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC
Attorneys for Executor
One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Telephone: 217-544-2703
Fax: 217-544-4664
sdpavlik@delanolaw.com

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of Feven C. Mulu, Petitioner And
Endene Kassa, Respondent
Case No. 2023-DN-000267
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Endene Kassa, 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 28th day of October, 2023, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joe Roesch
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of Jeremy Robert Mueller, Petitioner And
Ashley Milford, Respondent
Case No. 2023 DC 000167
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Ashley Milford, 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 21st day of October, 2023, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joe Roesch
Circuit Clerk

ADOPTION NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE THE ADOPTION OF:
AMELIA STARR BENTLEY, a minor,
Case #2023-AD-78
TO: ALL UNKNOWN FATHERS AND ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, Respondent
TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, for the adoption of Amelia Starr Bentley, a minor. Now, therefore, unless you, ALL UNKNOWN FATHERS and ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, file your Answer to the Petition in this action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, Family Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before October 30, 2023, 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 Petition, including a judgment terminating your residual parental rights.
E- filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.
Dated: September 20, 2023
/s/ Joseph B. Roesch, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk
William P. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
Attorneys for Petitioners
1215 South 4th Street, Suite A
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Conner Zachary Tibbs-Sampson
For change of name to Conner Zachary Sampson
Case No. 2023-MR-000324
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Nov. 14, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Conner Zachary Tibbs-Sampson to Conner Zachary Sampson pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Sept. 28, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Jonathan Charles Eastvold Jr.
For change of name to Aerwyna Gwendolyn Astrid Eastvold
Case No. 2023-MR-000275
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Nov. 14, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from

Jonathan Charles Eastvold Jr. to Aerwyna Gwendolyn Astrid Eastvold pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Sept. 21, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Peyton Ann Woodyard
For change of name to Peyton Ann Harris
Case No. 2023-MR-000225
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Nov. 14, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Peyton Ann Woodyard to Peyton Ann Harris pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Sept. 21, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Amayah Jade Buie-Turasky
For change of name to Amayah Jade Turasky
Case No. 2023-MR-000321
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Oct. 31, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Amayah Jade Buie-Turasky to Amayah Jade Turasky pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Sept. 21, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Gabriel Sebastian Wayne Riggs-Bloomfield
For change of name to Gabriel Lee Sebastian Riggs-Dillard
Case No. 2023-MR-000297
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Nov. 14, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Gabriel Sebastian Wayne Riggs-Bloomfield to Gabriel Lee Sebastian Riggs-Dillard pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Sept. 21, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of: CLAUDIA HUFFMAN BRENNAN,
For change of name to: CLAUDIA ANNE HUFFMAN.
No.: 2023-MR-317
NOTICE OF COURT DATE
FOR NAME CHANGE PETITION BY CLAUDIA HUFFMAN BRENNAN
Notice is hereby given by CLAUDIA HUFFMAN BRENNAN that there will be a court date on her Petition for Change of Name to CLAUDIA ANNE HUFFMAN in the above-captioned matter. The court date will be held on November 14, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois in a courtroom to be later named.
Joe Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Thomas C. Pavlik, Jr. - 06211912
DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC
Attorney for Petitioner
One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Telephone: 217/544-2703
tpavlik@delanolaw.com

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING THE ANNUAL TAXES FOR WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. That Whereas there was passed by the Board of Trustees of WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT on September 13, 2021, approved September 13, 2021, and published in a newspaper of general circulation within said District, the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, which annual budget and appropriation ordinance is in words and figures as follows:

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT has prepared a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and through the Secretary of said Board has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on the 13th day of September, 2023, notice of such hearing was given at least thirty (30) days prior to such hearing and all other legal requirements having been complied with;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. That the following budget containing an estimate of revenue and expenditures be, and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of said WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

PART I. ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	
Cash on hand at beginning of year	\$ 0.00
General taxes for the year to be used for payment of expenses incurred during fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024	\$230,000.00
Total Estimated Receipts	\$230,000.00

PART II, ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

(Constituting the appropriation for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, as provided in Section 2 of this Ordinance)

Attorneys' compensation	\$ 5,000.00
Salaries of Trustees at \$1,000.00 per year	\$ 3,000.00
Publication costs	\$ 450.00
Trustee's bond premiums	\$ 150.00
Miscellaneous administrative expenses	\$ 125.00
Auditing fees	\$ 1,000.00
City of Springfield-fire protection	\$ 219,975.00
Curran-Gardner Water District	\$ 300.00
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$ 230,000.00

SECTION 2. That there is hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, the sum of \$230,000.00, being divided among the several objects and purposes, specified and enumerated and in the particular amounts stated for each purpose in Part II of Section 1, and said statement in Section 1 hereof entitled "Part II. Estimated

Expenditures (constituting the appropriations for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, as provided in Section 2 of this Ordinance)" is hereby incorporated by reference as part of this Section 2 with the same effect as if said statement was repeated in its entirety; and that this Section 2 shall be and is the annual appropriation ordinance of this WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED: September 13, 2023
APPROVED: September 13, 2023

ATTEST:

/s/ Samuel Collins
President, Board of Trustees of
WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

/s/ Jack Hampton
Secretary, Board of Trustee of
WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

THEREFORE, THERE IS HEREBY LEVIED on all real and personal property within the corporation limits of WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, subject to taxation, as the same is assessed equalized, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the sum of \$230,000.00 for the following purposes:

Attorneys' compensation	\$ 5,000.00
Salaries of Trustees at \$1,000.00 per year	\$ 3,000.00
Publication costs	\$ 450.00
Trustee's bond premiums	\$ 150.00
Miscellaneous administrative expenses	\$ 125.00
Auditing fees	\$ 1,000.00
City of Springfield-fire protection	\$219,975.00
Curran-Gardner Water District	\$ 300.00

Total Estimated Expenditures	\$230,000.00
Making the amount to be raised by taxation and levied on all taxable property in said Western Fire Protection District for the uses and purposes aforesaid, the sum of	\$230,000.00

That the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, upon the passage and approval of this Ordinance, shall file a duly certified copy thereof with the County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois, in such case made and provided.

This Ordinance shall be in effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law

PASSED: September 13, 2023
APPROVED: September 13, 2023

/s/ Samuel Collins
President, Board of Trustees of
WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ATTEST:

/s/ Jack Hampton
Secretary, Board of Trustee of
WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Karen Cecilia Piper-Smania
For change of name to
Karen Cecilia Piper
Case No. 2023-MR-000318
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Nov. 14, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Karen Cecilia Piper-Smania to Karen Cecilia Piper pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Sept. 21, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Mary Maureen Hoover
For change of name to
Mary Maureen Kennedy
Case No. 2023-MR-000310
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Oct. 31, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Mary Maureen Hoover to Mary Maureen Kennedy pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Sept. 14, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
-SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF
PAUL D. OGAN; BRIAN OGAN; BRIAN OGAN AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF PAUL D. OGAN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendant(s).
CASE NO. 2023FC000004
Property Address: 2206 S. 12th Street Springfield, IL 62703
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on July 19, 2023, I, Sheriff Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on November 7, 2023, commencing at 9:00AM, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701 ROOM TBA, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit: LOT 262 AND THE SOUTH 2 FEET OF LOT 263 OF LENOX SUBDIVISION. 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
Commonly known as: 2206 S. 12th Street, Springfield, IL 62703
P.I.N.: 22-03-408-003
First Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$53,215.65 IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT.

Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County.
The person to contact for information regarding this property is:
Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC
1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120
Naperville, IL 60563
(630) 453-6960
midwestpleadings@dallegal.com
8051-936250

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
-v.-
ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, JOY STROUBLE, JACQUELINE MCBRIDE, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF FRANK C TONTILLO, JR, DECEASED, AMIR MOHABBAT AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ESTATE OF FRANK C. TONTILLO, JR, DECEASED, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant
2022 FC 000073
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 19, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on October 20, 2023, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
LOT 71 OF CAMP LINCOLN SUBDIVISION. EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND OTHER MINERALS. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as 1400 N MACARTHUR BLVD, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
Property Index No. 14-21.0-376-016
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$81,262.38.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the

purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (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.
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, contact CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 22-022034.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
CHAD LEWIS
ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC
205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810
CHICAGO IL, 60601
561-241-6901
E-Mail: ILMAIL@RASLG.COM
Attorney File No. 22-022034
Attorney ARDC No. 6306439
Case Number: 2022 FC 000073
TJSC#: 43-2973
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 2022 FC 000073
I3229375

NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF JOAN E. FARRIS, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JOAN E. FARRIS, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF JOAN E. FARRIS, DECEASED, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, MATTHEW FARRIS AND THEODORE HARVATIN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF JOAN E. FARRIS, DECEASED, Defendants.
CASE NO. 22-FC-196
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2118 CLAREMONT DR. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on August 16, 2023, the following described real estate, to-wit:

LOT 162 OF FRANKLIN PARK ESTATES 5TH ADDITION. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Permanent Index Number: 22-23.0-128-013 aka 22-23-128-013
Commonly known as: 2118 Claremont Dr., Springfield, IL 62703
will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on October 17, 2023, at 9:00 AM, in the the Auditorium on the 2nd Floor, 300 South 9th St, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$100,335.66. 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.
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.
HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff,
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
Send Notice/Pleadings to:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-1, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1 PLAINTIFF,
v.
BRIAN K KNOOP; JESSIE M KNOOP; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;
DEFENDANTS.
CASE NO.: 2023FC000142
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 304N CARTWRIGHT PLEASANT PLAINS, IL 62677
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you:
JESSIE M KNOOP
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
that Plaintiff commenced this case in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County against you and other defendants, for foreclosure of a certain mortgage lien recorded against the real estate described as follows:
THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE:
PARCEL I: LOT 27, EXCEPT THE EAST 14 FEET THEREOF AND LOT 28 IN EPLER'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF PLEASANT PLAINS.
PARCEL II: ALL OF THE FORMER RIGHT OF WAY OF THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD COMPANY, LYING SOUTH OF AND ADJACENT TO REAL ESTATE LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 27, EXCEPT THE EAST 14 FEET THEREOF AND LOT 28 IN EPLER'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF PLEASANT PLAINS.
Common Address: 304N CARTWRIGHT PLEASANT PLAINS, IL 62677
PIN: 04-31.0-482-013
Said mortgage was executed by JESSIE M. KNOOP AND BRIAN K. KNOOP, as mortgagor(s) and BEST RATE FUNDING CORP., as mortgagee, on 11/9/2005 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois as Document Number 2006R00938.
You have been sued. Read all documents attached to this Summons. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Summons called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the

court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case.
After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail.
You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees.
It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this.
Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegalaid.org. All documents referred to in this Summons can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website.
¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411-1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios.
Unless you file your Appearance and Answer/Response in this case in the office of the clerk of this court by 10/23/2023 A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT.
David Mazzella
6344319
Robertson Anschutz Schneid Crane & Partners, PLLC
205 N. Michigan Suite 810
Chicago, IL 60601
Phone: (561) 241-6901
E-mail: ILmail@raslg.com
File: 23-133283
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
8051-936054

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF,
vs.
TONI A MERCHANT A/K/A TONI MERCHANT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 22 FC 000040
1113 NORTH WESLEY STREET
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
JUDGE PRESIDING
JUDGE
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE
UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on June 8, 2022, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on October 31, 2023, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County

of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:
LOTS FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE (573) AND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR (574) IN SPAULDING'S CAPITAL PARK ADDITION. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SAID LANDS TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS .
TAX NO. 14-25.0-104-006 & 14-25.0-104-007
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1113 North Wesley Street
Springfield, IL 62702
Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a morton type building garage. The garage is detached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is tan. The property has a fence. The property is occupied. Fence has damage to it
The Judgment amount was \$81,221.14. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.
The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For Information: Visit our website at http://iiforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com.
Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 22-08818IL PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
I3228684

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
Marine Bank
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Jeannie M. Neal a/k/a Jeannie M. Mort; et. al.
DEFENDANTS

No. 2023FC000108
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 08/30/2023, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on October 24, 2023 at the hour of 9:00 AM at 300 S. 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, 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:
LOT EIGHTEEN (18) OF GOODWIN COURT SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
PIN 22-08.0-478-034
Improved with Residential
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
18 Goodwin Court
Springfield, IL 62704
Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated 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, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, 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 successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-03500.
I3228525

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
U.S. Bank National Association
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Yolanda R. Woods; et. al.
DEFENDANTS
No. 2023FC000061
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 06/14/2023, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on October 24, 2023 at the hour of 9:00 AM at 300 S. 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, 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:
LOT SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY (720) IN HARVARD PARK, SECOND PLAT 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.
PIN 22-03.0-380-015
Improved with Residential
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
2417 S. 10th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated 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, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, 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 successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING THE ANNUAL TAXES FOR EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. That Whereas there was passed by the Board of Trustees of EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT on September 11, 2023, approved September 11, 2023, and published in a newspaper of general circulation within said District, the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, which annual budget and appropriation ordinance is in words and figures as follows:

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT has prepared a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and through the Secretary of said Board has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on the 11th day of September, 2023, notice of such hearing was given at least thirty (30) days prior to such hearing and all other legal requirements having been complied with;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. That the following budget containing an estimate of revenue and expenditures be, and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of said EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

PART I. ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Cash on hand at beginning of year	\$ 4,000.00
Real Estate Taxes to be received FY 2022-2023	\$145,000.00
Personal Property Replacement Tax	\$ 8,850.00
Foreign Fire Insurance Premiums Tax	\$ 2,500.00
Bank interest	\$ 50.00
Total Estimated Receipts	<u>\$160,400.00</u>

PART II. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

(Constituting the appropriation for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, as provided in Section 2 of this Ordinance)

Salaries of Trustees	\$ 3,000.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 400.00
Publication costs	\$ 500.00
Trustee's bond premiums	\$ 400.00
Bookkeeping Expenses	\$ 2,200.00
Attorney Fees	\$ 6,000.00
Auditing Fees	\$ 2,500.00
Maps and Contingencies	\$ 3,400.00
City of Springfield - Fire Protection and Foreign Fire Tax	<u>\$138,000.00</u>

Total Estimated Expenditures	\$156,400.00
Estimated Cash on Hand at End of Year	\$ 4,000.00

SECTION 2. That there is hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, the sum of \$156,400.00, being divided among the several

objects and purposes, specified and enumerated and in the particular amounts stated for each purpose in Part II of Section I, and said statement in Section I hereof entitled "Part II. Estimated Expenditures (constituting the appropriations for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, as provided in Section 2 of this Ordinance)" is hereby incorporated by reference as part of this Section 2 with the same effect as if said statement was repeated in its entirety; and that this Section 2 shall be and is the annual appropriation ordinance of this EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED: September 11, 2023
APPROVED: September 11, 2023

/s/ Leland Rhodes
President, Board of Trustees of
EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ATTEST:

/s/ Alan Dickson
Secretary, Board of Trustee of
EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

THEREFORE, THERE IS HEREBY LEVIED on all real and personal property within the corporation limits of EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, subject to taxation, as the same is assessed equalized, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the sum of \$145,000.00 for the following purposes:

Salaries of Trustees	\$ 3,000.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 250.00
Publication costs	\$ 200.00
Trustee's bond premiums	\$ 300.00
Bookkeeping Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
Attorney Fees	\$ 6,000.00
Auditing fees	\$ 1,900.00
Maps and Contingencies	\$ 2,200.00
City of Springfield-fire protection	<u>\$129,150.00</u>

Total Estimated Expenditures \$145,000.00

Making the amount to be raised by taxation and levied on all taxable property in said North Side Fire Protection District for the uses and purposes aforesaid, the sum of \$145,000.00

That the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, upon the passage and approval of this Ordinance, shall file a duly certified copy thereof with the County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois, in such case made and provided.

This Ordinance shall be in effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED: September 11, 2023
APPROVED: September 11, 2023

/s/ Leland Rhodes
President, Board of Trustees of
EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ATTEST:

/s/ Alan Dickson
Secretary, Board of Trustee of
EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-01660.

I3228466

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.
RYAN M GRIFFIN AKA RYAN MATTHEW GRIFFIN AKA RYAN GRIFFIN, JENNIFER L GRIFFIN AKA JENNIFER GRIFFIN AKA JENNIFER DEMARCO AND DISCOVER BANK, Defendants.
CASE NO. 23-FC-45
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
2263 RAMSEY AVE.
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on May 31, 2023, the following described real estate, to-wit:
The West 47 feet of Lot 103 and the East 3 feet of Lot 102 of Wanless' Fairview Addition. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
Permanent Index Number: 14-23.0-428-050
Commonly known as: 2263 Ramsey Ave., Springfield, IL 62702
will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on October 31, 2023, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County

Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.
The Judgment amount is \$76,241.36. 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 (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
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,
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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8051-933923

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
Plaintiff,
vs.
2010 CHEVROLET IMPALA
VIN # 2G1WB5EK0A1196953
Brandi Shabazz
No. 23-MX-325
23-AF-038
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. Daniel K. Wright, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on March 23th , 2023. UNLESS YOU file a verified answer with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.
Joe Roesch
Clerk of Court
J.W. Pierceall
Assistant State's Attorney
200 S. 9th Street, Room 402
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 753-6690
Sangamoncounty.SAO.civil@sangamonil.gov

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
Plaintiff,
Vs.
ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE DOLLARS (\$1,171.00) USC
Anthony Flynn
No. 23-MX-292
23-AF-036
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. Daniel K. Wright, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on March 17th , 2023. UNLESS YOU file a verified answer with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
Plaintiff,
vs.
1996 CHEVROLET ASTRO
1GCDM19WXTB131318
Cleaning General Janitorial Service
No. 23-MX-141
23-AF-021
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. Daniel K. Wright, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on February 4th , 2023. UNLESS YOU file a verified answer with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.
Joe Roesch
Clerk of Court
J.W. Pierceall
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
Plaintiff,
vs.
SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$775.00) USC
Morian Jones
No. 23-MX-630
23-AF-051
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. Daniel K. Wright, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on March 24th , 2023. UNLESS YOU file a verified answer with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.
Joe Roesch
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J.W. Pierceall
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
Plaintiff,
vs.
TWO THOUSAND TEN DOLLARS (\$2010.00) USC
Deangelo Bills
No. 23-MX-786
23-AF-064
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. Daniel K. Wright, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on July 5th , 2023. UNLESS YOU file a verified answer with the State's Attorney

of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.
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Publication notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
GROWTH INTERNATIONAL INC., BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
No. 23-MR-316
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, GROWTH INTERNATIONAL INC., Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on September 8, 2023 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 1009 N. 4th Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:
Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian more particularly described as: The East Half of Lot 7 according to a Plat of the partition of estate of Lewis Kirsch, deceased, as recorded in Chancery Records book 3, Page 401 in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, Except the West 7 feet thereof for use as an alley. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
(Permanent Parcel No. 14-27.0-153-031); and for other relief.
UNLESS GROWTH INTERNATIONAL INC., 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 23, 2023, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.
/s/ Joseph B. Roesch

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Corporation Counsel
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TIF-funded Project
ZNS 51, LLC hereafter referred to as the "Company" is seeking bids for the property renovations located at 214 S. Sixth St. Apartments, Springfield, IL, hereafter referred to as the "project."
The project consists of renovations in accordance with the specifications

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prepared for the company. All activities in the project shall conform to the relevant provisions of the City of Springfield Code of Ordinances (the "Code") including but not limited to, acquisition of necessary permits and other matters. Specifications for the project and bidder packet containing the scope of work and bid requirements may be obtained from 214 S. Sixth St., Springfield IL 62702, S.B., 217-891-1297.

The Project will be a redevelopment project using Tax Increment Financing funds. Bidders shall comply with all relevant terms and ordinary and customary redevelopment agreements pertaining to contract activities including, but not limited to, compliance with the Illinois Prevailing Wage, proof of participation in a US Dept of Labor certified apprenticeship program, comprehensive general liability, employer liability and workman's compensation insurance and equal employment opportunity. The successful bidder will be the lowest responsible bidder whose bid conforms to the requirements of the project and complies with all the provisions of the specifications. Bidders should respond to this notice by presentation of a proposed contract as provided in the bidders' packet containing a fixed- price bid for the work and such additional terms and conditions as bidder deems necessary or appropriate. Female and Minority Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit bids for this contract. All qualified bidders will receive consideration, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, handicap, unrelated to ability or national origin. This is an Equal Opportunity Contractor. Sealed bids are to be submitted to 214 S. Sixth St., Springfield IL 62701 by Oct. 9, 2023. Bids are to be addressed to the attention of ZNS 51, LLC and identified as Sixth Street Project on the exterior of the envelope. All bids will be opened publicly on Oct. 9, 2023.

Awarding of the contract and commencement of work shall occur as immediately thereafter as is practical and after proper certificates of insurance for contractor and redeveloper have been submitted to City. The company reserves the right to reject any bids that do not meet the requirements stated in this notice. Questions regarding the company, project or the bid should be directed to 214 S. Sixth St., Springfield IL 62702, S.B., 217-891-1297.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
Plaintiff,
vs.
SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$774.00) USC
Kevin Robinson
No. 23-MX-806
23-AF-065
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. Daniel K. Wright, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on July 7th, 2023. UNLESS YOU file a verified answer with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.
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Request for Proposals Notice
Computer Assisted Legal Research and Related Services
The Circuit Court of Sangamon County Illinois is accepting proposals for legal research services. The Request for Proposals document is available by request at CRTRFP@sangamonil.gov
Proposals must be submitted and received by October 11, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. local time at CRTRFP@sangamonil.gov

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In Re the Matter of:
M.H. born 11/5/2008,
A Minor Child,
-vs-
No: 2023-GR-152
JENNIFER DOWNS
Respondent,
KELLY COLEN,
Intervenor.
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, DEREK HUCKABEE, that a Petition for Guardianship has been filed in the captioned cause asking that KELLY COLEN be the Guardian of M. Huckabee, born November 5, 2008. You are hereby required to respond to this Notice at the Sangamon County Court Complex located at 200 South 9th St. Springfield, IL on or before October 1, 2023 or a Default Judgment may be ordered.
Respectfully Submitted,
KELLY COLEN, Intervenor
BY: /s/ William Panichi
William Panichi, his attorney
PROOF OF SERVICE
I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the above and foregoing document(s) by placing in the US Mail for delivery to:
Jannifer Downs
109 N. 9th St.
Auburn, IL 62547
Derek Huckabee
Notice by Publication
and by US Mail delivery of the same, on this 1st day of September, 2023.
/s/ Rebecca A. Kraisser
Legal Secretary, Panichi Law Office

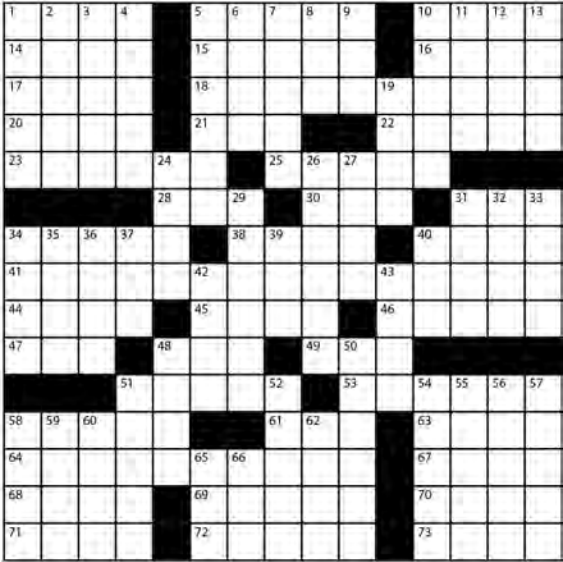
LEGAL NOTICE
SANGAMON COUNTY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Notice is hereby given that the County of Sangamon will receive sealed competitive proposals from vendors for:
RFP# 2023 Sangamon County On-Site/ Near-Site Healthcare Clinic
Proposals will be accepted at the offices of Troxell Insurance, Attention: Shannon Wilmarth, 214 S Grand Avenue W, Springfield, IL, 62704, until:
Friday, October 20, 2023 at 2:00 P.M.
No proposals will be accepted subsequent to the preceding time and date. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.
Proposal documents can be requested starting on September 28, 2023 by sending an email with the requester's name, address, telephone number and email address to swilmarth@troxellins.com.

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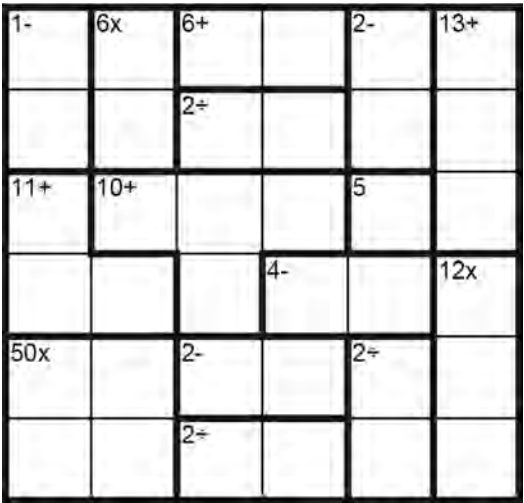
1. Word that follows the start of each starred answer
5. On the ocean
10. "...hear ___ drop"
14. Pound of poetry
15. Tips
16. Russo of "Outbreak"
17. Chop ___
18. *** Edward Teach, familiarly
20. Asia's ___ Sea
21. Dark time for poets
22. Lets up
23. Many four-doors
25. Billionaire Bill
28. The Braves, on scoreboards
30. Middle of many German names
31. "Go on ..."
34. March 17 honoree, for short
38. Close to closed
40. Mine, in Marseille
41. *** Cold comfort
44. Ones born before Virgos
45. Jessica of "Dark Angel"
46. "___ Johnny!"
47. Hosp. areas
48. ___ Jeanne d'Arc
49. Stimp's cartoon pal
51. Some college students
53. Greets nonverbally
58. Popular typeface
61. Gallery display



63. Rough breathing
64. *** Place for miscellaneous stuff
67. Baja's opposite
68. "If all ___ fails ..."
69. Vow taker
70. Farm sounds
71. Beliefs
72. Common thing?
73. "Green Gables" girl
7. What "yo mama" is
8. Abbr. after a comma
9. Inquire
10. Fields
11. Potpie ingredients
12. About, on a memo
13. Beatty and Buntline
19. "___ here long?"
24. Defense acronym
26. Personification
27. Actress Spelling
29. Served, as soup
31. Mideast ruler
32. ___ of the above
33. Pad
34. Presidents' Day event
35. Bleacher feature
36. Major-leaguers
37. Coolers, for short
39. Triangular sail
40. "Wheel of Fortune" buy
42. ___ the Great (boy detective)
43. "___ you don't!"
48. Auction cry
50. Main course
51. Candle holders?
52. Greeted at the door
54. Pulitzer Prize category
55. Where dos are done
56. Illinois city
57. Kid
58. "Leaving on ___ Plane"
59. Govern
60. M.I.T. part: Abbr.
62. Cincinnati team
65. N.F.L. ball carriers
66. "___ we there yet?"

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

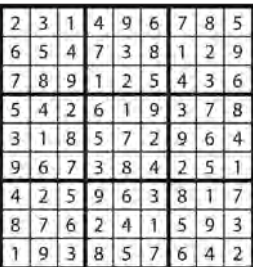


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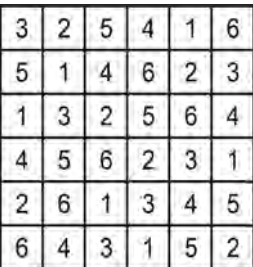
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Crossword answers from #808



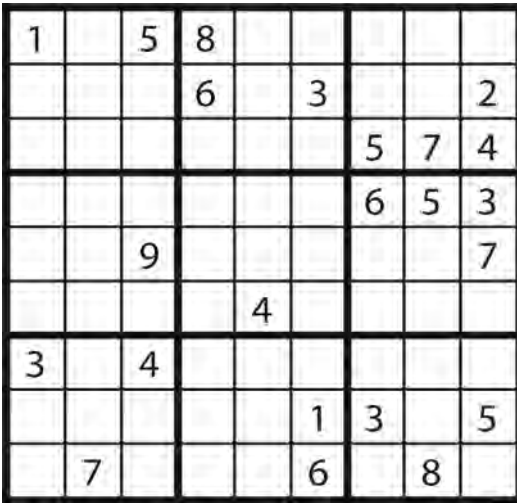
Sudoku answers from #808



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Sudoku No. 809

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



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