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Hope in sentencing

Illinois considers bringing back parole

LAW | Scott Reeder

People serving life prison sentences deserve to have hope that they may someday be free.

That is the contention of a group of Illinois lawmakers who want to make inmates sentenced to lengthy prison terms eligible for parole.

"We just want to reestablish hope within the prison system," State Rep. Rita Mayfield, D-Chicago, said. The measure, House Bill 2399, could come up for a vote as early as this month.

Katrina Bulet, campaign strategy coordinator and operations manager with Parole Illinois, said her group is in negotiations with key lawmakers to have the measure included in a package of criminal justice reform legislation that may be voted on during veto session. Parole Illinois is a Chicago-based nonprofit that works toward a more just and humane legal system.

Unlike other criminal justice reform endeavors recently passed by the General Assembly, this legislation would almost exclusively benefit those convicted of violent offenses.

"I believe in an opportunity, not so much to get out, but to at least have their stories told, to give them an opportunity to basically connect with a qualified panel of individuals about why they deserve a second chance," Mayfield said.

The measure would make all inmates serving lengthy prison sentences eligible for a parole hearing after 20 years.

Illinois abolished its parole system in the 1970s. While inmates sentenced before 1978 can still be considered for parole, they account for fewer than 50 of the state's 38,000 prisoners.

The proposal doesn't sit well with some family members of murder victims.

"Illinois should not bring back parole," said Marilyn Wagner of Jacksonville. "It's not fair to the families of those killed."

Her brother, Larry Boyer, was killed in his Springfield apartment at 613 1/2 S. Ninth St. on the

morning of June 24, 2010. An autopsy indicated Boyer had been beaten to death with a two-by-four.

"I think my brother must have known the person who did this. If someone knocked on his door and asked for help, he would help them. That was just the kind of person he was," Wagner said.

Her brother worked for the Norfolk Southern Railroad for 40 years, was active with St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Springfield and enjoyed playing golf and discussing politics.

Prie Patterson, 49, pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in his death and was sentenced to 31 years in prison.

"It was important to us that he serve at least 31 years because that would mean he would not get out of prison before he was 70," Wagner said.

"But if they bring back parole, he could get out much sooner than that. He's been in and out of prison since he was 16. That should tell you that people don't get

better while they are in prison."

And there is the rub. Are people sent to prison for punishment or rehabilitation?

Kathryne Young, a parole expert who is an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, said while more needs to be done to prepare prisoners for reentry into society, some

individuals do get better during their time behind bars.

For this reason, it's important to have an objective group of professionals screen prisoners for potential release, she said.

But parole hearings often serve another purpose: cathartic release for victims and families.

"They are not actually getting any free therapeutic or psychological treatment from the state," she said.

"The only way that many people have to heal is to come to these hearings. So, I don't think it's a downside of parole. ... Parole hearings can become somewhat of a safety valve for emotions, anger and sadness that don't have anywhere else to go."

If parole is brought back to Illinois, Wagner said she will testify against the early release of her brother's killer.

"I will go if I'm still alive. But I'm getting up there in years and so is my sister in Missouri," she said. "Once we are gone, who will go? That's an awful burden to leave for your kids to do."

In the meantime, if the measure comes up for debate within the General Assembly, she plans to lobby against it.

Jennifer Bishop-Jenkins, a victims' rights advocate whose sister and brother-in-law were murdered in Winnetka in 1990, said every time there is a parole hearing families relive the trauma.

The Northfield resident said she is not necessarily opposed to reinstating parole but questions whether the state has a mechanism to notify victims and their families of parole hearings, which she contends would be required by the Illinois Constitution.

"It would take a lot of research to find the contact information for all of those victims and family members. That information hasn't been collected over the years because no one knew there might be a need for it," she said.

The legislation, as it is currently worded, would allow for the first parole hearing after 20 years of incarceration for any crime. If parole is denied, hearings would be held every two years, Bulet of

Parole Illinois, said.

Rep. Mayfield, a co-sponsor of the bill, said she anticipates some provisions of the legislation will be revised.

"I've had a lot of conversations on this, and we can't seem to get on the same page. There are those individuals who want to just open the door and say, any and everybody that's incarcerated deserves an option for parole. I want to take out sex offenders and anybody who has committed a crime against a police officer. ... These two categories we may need to treat just a little bit differently. And multiple murderers. You know, obviously we don't want to let out someone like John Wayne Gacy."

Mayfield added she would like to see parole hearings every 10 years, rather than every two, after an inmate is rejected by the board.

"We want to minimize the trauma for the victims' families," she said.

But contrary to some public perceptions, there are prisoners serving long sentences who are ready to be released early, said Gary Davis of Lincoln, who taught religion at Lincoln Land Community College and now is chairman of the Logan County Democratic Party.

About five years ago, Davis said his church, First Presbyterian in Lincoln, received a letter from a woman serving time at nearby Logan Correctional Center. She requested help paying tuition for a college correspondence course.

The woman, Paula Aiardo, was convicted of first-degree murder in DuPage County and began serving a 35-year sentence in 1999. A disabled woman she was caring for was robbed and killed by her boyfriend, Davis said. Aiardo was convicted as an accessory.

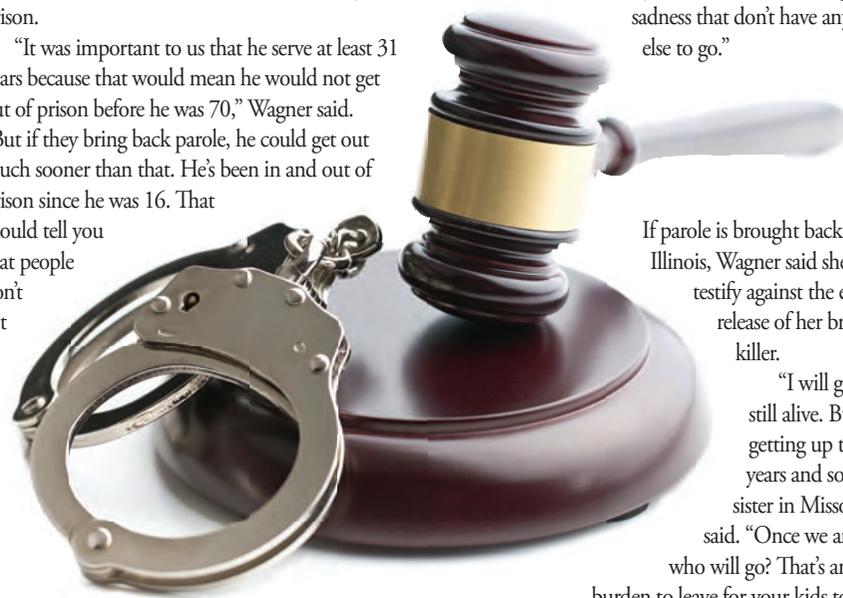
"I went out to the prison and I talked to her," he said. "I was impressed. She had the talent of the top 10% or 20% of students I've taught over the last 40 years. Why shouldn't she have a chance to go to college? So, I paid the tuition myself for the past five years. She takes the classes and I pay the tuition."

The church has since created a fund to help.

"We want her to be released and become a productive citizen — not a burden to the state as she is now," he said. Davis said she acknowledges her role in the crime, has been a model prisoner and has worked hard to improve herself.

Right now, she has at least 10 years left to serve. It's not a life sentence, but it is close. "She would be an excellent candidate for parole if Illinois ever brings it back. And I believe it should," he said. □

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Editor's note

The best part of refurbishing the Old State Capitol is the plan to renovate the interpretation of the building as a monument to freedom and equality. Abraham Lincoln wasn't pure on issues of race, but he steadily progressed as an antiracist, and in the building in June 1858 he said the nation, divided over slavery, was doomed. "I believe this government cannot endure, permanently half slave and half free." In April 1866, a year after Lincoln's death, Frederick Douglass, the former slave who had become a famous orator, came to Springfield and the Statehouse that was even then a monument to antiracism. Beyond an end to slavery, he said, "all persons must stand secure in the broad basis of equal rights for all." The *Illinois State Journal* reported that Douglass concluded his address by asking that Blacks be given "justice, simple justice." Let reopening of the building include rededication to the cause. —Fletcher Farrar, editor.

Cover: Justin Blandford, superintendent of Springfield's state historic sites for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, has spearheaded restoration of the Old State Capitol. PHOTO BY RICH SAAL

Survey reports more mental health struggles and less trust in police

COUNTY | Kenneth Lowe

Many Sangamon County residents struggle with their mental health, see race as a barrier to career success and distrust police. Those are among the findings of a University of Illinois Springfield (UIS) citizen survey. UIS conducts the survey on local quality of life every two years. The most recent results were announced in late September.

The Sangamon County Citizen Survey heard from more than 700 Sangamon County residents this time. Results showed that the fewest respondents since at least 2013 believe Sangamon County is “heading in the right direction,” with 50% saying they believed it was. While the results didn’t differ much between respondents of different races or sexes, there was a split between parents and nonparents: 53% of nonparents say Sangamon County is headed in the right direction vs. 40% of parents.

Kenzie Anderson, president of the Junior League of Springfield, said parents offer a certain perspective. “If kids are the future of our community, what are we doing to make that positive impact for them?”

The survey also found a sharp increase in the number – 56% within the past month – of people who report having had a bad mental health day. The number was 18% in 2013, and besides a slight decline in 2015, has steadily increased in each successive survey.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made matters worse, and is occurring at the same time as providers of mental health care are experiencing staffing shortages, said Diana Knaebe, president of Memorial Behavioral Health.

“I think since the beginning of COVID, we’ve seen everything from folks who were concerned about COVID itself, about being isolated, about all of the additional demands, people whose financial situations were impacted due to loss of a job or something along those lines,” Knaebe said. Knaebe added, in a more positive light, stigma around mental health may be subsiding.

The survey also found a stark divide between men and women when it came to mental health, with 63% of women saying they had experienced a day of poor mental health compared to 50% of men. And while 45% of respondents said they had a day of poor physical health, the split was pronounced between those who earn more than \$100,000 – just 33% – and those who earned \$30,000 or less – 60%.

An overwhelming majority – 70% – of respondents said they believed racism could hinder the



career of a person of color. Dominic Watson, president of the Springfield Black Chamber of Commerce, said the sentiment is unsurprising.

“Oftentimes, from a Black-community perspective, we are motivated to become entrepreneurs because we have limited alternatives to growth from a career standpoint. But once we become an entrepreneur, we face lack of access to capital or lack of being taken seriously,” Watson said. “Even as an organization that serves people of color, we see barriers ourselves to funding.”

Watson said after last year’s civil rights uprising, more people appear to be aware of the racial equity work that needs done. The survey’s results found hardly a gap between whether white and nonwhite respondents said they thought race was a career barrier.

“I think when America slowed down during COVID and everyone was working from the confines of their home, and then the death of George Floyd happened, people started to think about the marches, the challenges of access to health care, the disproportionate deaths of minorities,” Watson said. “Those who were compelled to get involved in a more concentrated way did so, and oftentimes dollars came with that.”

Springfield Black Lives Matter president Sunshine Clemons said the survey results should be a wake-up call that discrimination is happening in Springfield. Another signifi-

cant change over recent years reflected in the results was a decline in respondents who said they trust local police. Of respondents, 54% reported they have a “great deal” of trust in police. That number has been on the decline since at least 2013, when 68% said yes.

“I think trust in police in general is declining nationwide because we don’t see a whole lot of improvement,” Clemons said. “We are constantly seeing police mistreating people, especially communities of color. Corrective actions are so very few and far between.”

There has also been a significant increase in the last four years of those who say they have thought of moving out of Sangamon County, with 36% of respondents saying they were thinking about it in 2017 and 58% saying so in the 2021 survey, though only 19% of respondents in 2021 reported applying for jobs outside the county. The most-cited reasons for pondering leaving included state and local taxes, government and politics.

Watson said Springfield needs to put more effort into convincing people to stay.

“I think we’re all in agreement that the city has work to do in order to continue to grow the number of individuals that they’re retaining,” he said. “Oftentimes that is due to a lack of forward thinking and execution.” □

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Workers process waste dropped off at a previous collection. PHOTO BY KAREN WITTER

Get rid of hazardous waste Oct. 23

CAP CITY | Karen Ackerman Witter

Now is a good time to clean out your garage and basement and get rid of unwanted products that shouldn’t be thrown into the garbage. The city of Springfield is collaborating with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for a household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. This is open to all Illinois residents, but not businesses or organizations.

Participation is free, but you must register in advance to receive a voucher. Appointments are available every 15 minutes from 8:15 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. When registering, you must designate the category of materials you will bring. This makes the process more efficient and prevents long waits. Acceptable items include lawn chemicals, pesticides, aerosol and oil-based paints, paint thinners, cleaning products, fluorescent tubes and bulbs, old medications, motor oil, lead acid and lithium batteries and solvents. To register and for a complete list of items that are accepted, go to <https://www.springfield.il.us/Departments/PublicWorks/HHW.aspx> or call the Office of Public Works at 217-789-2255.

Latex-based paint is NOT accepted because it has a low toxicity level and disposal through household hazardous waste collections is expensive. Liquid latex paint should not be placed in your trash, but dried latex paint can be legally and safely disposed of in the garbage. Use kitty litter to dry out the can. Or, pour paint in thin layers on a disposable material and allow to dry. Better yet, use the paint for another project or donate leftover paint to an individual or organization that can use it.

Registration is open through noon on Friday, Oct. 22. On the day of the collection, you will stay in your vehicle while designated staff unload items from your trunk. Enter through Gate 6 on Taintor Road at your designated time. Facemasks are required. □



Stopping stigma

Scholarship honors students who are open about their mental health

HEALTH | Rachel Otwell

People who struggle with mental health disorders often also struggle with stigma. This year, Gift of Voice – an Edwardsville-based technical assistance and mental health training center led by those in mental health recovery – kicked off its Disclosure Scholarship. Winners were announced last month. The scholarship awards students who have gone public with their mental health experiences in ways that promote dignity. Disclosure is one key to unlocking resources.

AJ French, CEO for Gift of Voice, is open about having attempted suicide multiple times in the past. “I myself am a person in recovery, and it was the disclosure of other people that helped me tremendously in my own journey.”

French said she found support in her church and in mental health treatment. Often, as in her own case, recovery takes a mixture of various resources. The more the public is aware of ways to support those in need, the better. And often, hearing from others who have struggled is the most effective way to reach those still struggling, said French.

The new Disclosure Scholarship, which will be offered annually, is one step Gift of

Voice is taking to make discourse around mental health a more common and celebrated occurrence. This year, an anonymous donor helped initiate the scholarship.

Morgan Rondinelli, 26, was one of two winners. She lives in Bloomington-Normal and is studying creative and professional writing. She is co-founder of Not Alone Notes, a nonprofit that mails handmade cards to people with obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) and their caregivers. For several years, Rondinelli has written about her own experience with OCD on her blog, MyOCDVoice.com. Entries on the site include resources such as ways to find OCD specialists and ways to talk about the disorder with loved ones. The insights are personal. While people have different experiences, even when they have the same diagnosis, firsthand accounts are especially helpful, echoed Rondinelli.

And there is a benefit for Rondinelli as well when it comes to being open about her experiences. “It reduces internalized shame and stigma too, because it’s easy to be like, ‘Oh well, I don’t care what other people think,’ but we can still judge ourselves.”

When she was a student at University of Michigan, Rondinelli helped facilitate a show called the *Mental Health Monologues*. “They were terrified,” Rondinelli said about the students who shared their own experiences on stage. “But after they were done you could just see the look of relief on their faces and how proud they were,” she said. “That really showed me the power of speaking out.”

Traci Carrano Jones is the other scholarship winner. She is a Chicago School of Professional Psychology student. “Not disclosing keeps us shackled and stagnant in life. It holds us to that stigma that society places upon us,” she said. Carrano Jones is open about her post-traumatic stress disorder. “I saw opportunities by sharing my own lived experiences to help others navigate their struggles,” she said.

After the loss of an infant daughter and later her husband, Carrano Jones said a love of animals helped her and her surviving daughter cope with the mental anguish. She started the nonprofit Rise Phoenix Rise, Inc., based in Colorado. It also has a focus on peer recovery, where those seeking support learn from others who have been through treatment.

Peer recovery grants

In September, the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health announced an \$8 million grant meant to enhance career pathways for those in recovery from mental or substance use disorders. Through the grant, the state will contract with higher education institutions to develop programs for peer recovery credentials.

The grants will be awarded to Illinois colleges and universities to go toward developing curricula that meets training standards as set by the Illinois Certification Board Peer Recovery Support Training Program Accreditation Standards, according to a news release. The deadline to apply is Oct. 18 at noon. The link tinyurl.com/t3fknyz3 contains more information about the grant and how to apply.

French said there are many paths to recovery, and those who gain credentials in peer support are trained on how to share their own experiences in ways that can best help others. “It gives so much hope and so much encouragement for people to know that they’re not alone in their own journey,” she said. □

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NEWS

Sweetening the shot

Aiming to convince the vaccine-hesitant with incentives

PUBLIC HEALTH | Maria Gardner

Teresa Haley, president of the Springfield NAACP chapter, lost her father to COVID-19. He died of complications from the disease in December. “I was only able to see him a few times before he died and we could not touch him,” Haley told *Illinois Times*.

The nursing home Haley’s father was living in shut its doors to visitors due to COVID-19. She said her father died before his nursing home had access to vaccines. “It’s terrible,” she said of the inability to comfort her father with an embrace or simple touch of his hand. Haley said having one-on-one conversations to educate and encourage folks to get the vaccine makes a difference in people’s attitudes about taking the shots. “If you tell people that you’ve gotten the shot, then you are living proof” of the vaccine’s safety and efficacy, Haley said.

Health providers and community partners hope an upcoming vaccine outreach campaign tied to incentives will improve rates for the lowest-vaccinated neighborhoods in the city.

Haley said NAACP, a member of the state’s Pandemic Health Navigator program, has hosted eight vaccination clinics thus far in Springfield, one per month, and looks forward to this upcoming vaccine outreach effort.

Springfield Memorial Hospital, HSHS St. John’s Hospital, SIU School of Medicine and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), in partnership with the state’s Pandemic Health Navigators, are planning vaccine sites and outreach with a launch date of Oct. 9. That’s according to Angie Muhs, communications manager for Springfield Memorial Hospital.

Muhs also said that participants will receive a \$50 gift card for their choice of either a grocery store or for City Water, Light and Power after receiving each shot. Those who choose the one-dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine will receive a \$100 gift card. The incentives are funded by a grant from Molina Healthcare, a health insurance company. Proposed sites for the upcoming walk-in vaccination clinics include the Springfield NAACP office, Union Baptist Church and One in a Million Inc.

The Springfield ZIP codes with the lowest rate of fully vaccinated population are 62703 at 40%, and 62702 at 48%, according to recent IDPH data. The percentage of the population fully vaccinated in Sangamon County is 56%, compared to 65% for the total state population and 56% for the U.S. population.



A billboard near the corner of Laurel and 11th streets features Rev. T. Ray McJunkins of Union Baptist Church and urges the community to get vaccinated. PHOTO BY MARIA GARDNER

Outreach efforts will involve community organizations, religious leaders and elected officials, including Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory, Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams, Jr. and Ward 5 Ald. Lakeisha Purchase, said Lingling Liu, equity, diversity and inclusion program coordinator for Springfield Memorial Hospital. The door-to-door canvassing and social media campaign will focus on majority-Black communities residing in the targeted areas, Liu said.

The Black and Latino community has died of COVID-19 at higher rates compared to other groups, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Several factors contribute to the higher death rates, according to Johns Hopkins Medicine, such as living in crowded spaces, having jobs considered essential, a lack of access to health care, ongoing health conditions and stress.

“Income inequality, discrimination, violence and institutional racism contribute to chronic stress in people of color that can wear down immunity, making them more vulnerable to infectious disease,” according to Johns Hopkins Medicine. Addressing residential segregation, the lack of affordable housing and access to health care can greatly improve health outcomes in the Black community, according to the school.

Regarding barriers to receiving the vaccine, Liu

wrote in an email that “transportation to and from vaccination sites and access to devices and the internet to schedule vaccine appointments” are some of the obstacles. Liu stated this outreach effort aims to tackle the transportation issues by hosting sites in the community where outreach is conducted.

Community leaders know they’ll confront fear and misinformation about taking the vaccine with some hesitancy tied to mistrust of the government, said Michael Williams, president of One in a Million, Inc. — a community resource center.

When it comes to distrust in the Black community, examples of medical racism, such as the Tuskegee syphilis experiment, come to mind. From the 1930s to the 1970s, the U.S. government conducted a study in which about 400 Black men, without their consent, were intentionally untreated for syphilis, although there was a readily available cure, according to the CDC.

Williams said he points out to those who are hesitant about getting the vaccine that the shot is similar to other immunizations taken for community safety. For instance, children get vaccines against diseases such as measles and polio “and if they don’t have them, they can’t attend school.” □

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Pope Francis has criticized the Latin Mass and restricted its use, but Springfield Bishop Thomas Paprocki is a leading advocate. Sacred Heart Church on Springfield's east side has become a destination for families throughout central Illinois who want to worship in the traditional way. PHOTO BY SCOTT REEDER

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2021 Jacqueline Jackson

LETTERS

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MASS FOR MEN

By definition, the Latin Mass is a rejection of Vatican II (“Mass disagreement,” Sept. 30). The men of the church who reject Vatican II want a return to the way of life that represses women and people of color. They want to return us to a time when white men were in control of all things, including the definition of public morality. They see that the men-only club may actually come to an end in the church, and they are desperate to stop it.

Jen D. Rock

Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

NOT THE BEST WAY

I was born and raised Catholic and attended Little Flower Grade School and Ursuline Academy. I was taught by the church that only those who were baptized Catholic could be saved. Pope Francis has welcomed all people to the Catholic Church and Bishop Thomas Paprocki has not. It's especially interesting that the Latin Mass at Sacred Heart doesn't even allow females as

altar servers. They wonder why church attendance has dropped? The old ways are not the best ways.

Melinda Franke Orum

Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

FOID IS INCONSISTENT

My son and I had expired FOID cards and my co-worker had never had one (“Finding fault with FOID,” Sept. 30). We all went online using the same computer on the same day on April 8 of this year and applied for a card. My son received his within a month and my co-worker received his within three months. I have still not received mine; when I check online it says it's under review. I have emailed and have received no response.

Why is mine taking so long? My son and I even live at the same address. Is it because I am female? Just thinking it is odd.

Leslie Cutright

Via illinoistimes.com

BIGGER PROBLEMS

FOID is the least of Illinois' worries. A national registry of gun serial numbers tied to names and addresses would do much to aid investigators of violent crimes. It would eventually weed out the criminals and leave us respectable owners intact.

It's absurd to me that I can legally carry a concealed firearm that can kill 14 people, but I can't legally carry a concealed knife, baton or throwing star.

Scot Stah

Via illinoistimes.com

SLOW PROCESS

The house that WICS Channel 20 filmed for its report on blighted properties is one block from my house (“Destined for demolition,” Sept. 30). I've lived here for 14 years and it's been boarded up since then. It's pitiful the length of time it takes for the city to take care of the problem.

Bryan Aymer

Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

GREAT PAPER

This past Sunday, my wife and I drove to Springfield from downtown Chicago to visit family. They took us to lunch at Casa Real. As we were leaving, I noticed a few *Illinois Times* by the front door. We took several with us to read later. While we were driving home, my wife could not get over what a great paper it is. When we got home, I had a chance to look it over and agreed with her. Keep up the good work.

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OPINION

Can Don Harmon and JB Pritzker get along?

POLITICS | Rich Miller

At the end of August, after the Illinois Senate had been unable to find a consensus on the massive climate/energy bill and punted the issue to the House, I asked Senate President Don Harmon during a press conference why he hadn't addressed Gov. JB Pritzker's list of problems, legal and otherwise, with the Senate's proposal. "I don't know if the governor's team understood how fundamental some of those provisions were to getting the agreement among all stakeholders," Harmon replied.

That seemed to me to be quite an extraordinary statement about the governor and his team.

So, when I did a one-on-one interview with Harmon the other day, I asked whether that misunderstanding had been a continuing problem during negotiations, because some folks in the governor's office were saying at the time that Harmon and his team didn't quite grasp the implications of what they were proposing.

Harmon pointed out that, since the Senate was convening the talks, "our team was familiar with all the details and all of the trade-offs" in the proposal. Some of the suggested changes coming from the governor's office, Harmon said, "would have so up-ended the negotiations and the accommodations that had been reached, people would have walked away from the table."

I am far from the only person who has picked up on the ongoing tension between Harmon and Gov. JB Pritzker and their respective staffs. Harmon backed his then-Senate colleague Daniel Biss in the 2018 Democratic gubernatorial primary. Pritzker not-so-covertly backed Kimberly Lightford in the Senate President's race that Harmon won. But the tension between the two offices seemed to boil over at times during the climate/energy talks.

"I'm a JB Pritzker fan," Harmon insisted. "He and I have known each other for 30 years. We have always been friends."

"Let me just talk about my relationship with him," Harmon continued, then repeated something he's said often in the past when asked about this topic. "He and I probably agree on 99 percent of policy issues. I think we might have a harder time figuring out what one percent we disagree on."

But then Harmon talked about some things that I don't think he's discussed publicly before.

"My job as Senate President is to try to encourage the Senate to be as productive and as responsible as the chamber can be. My job vis-à-vis the governor is to advise him as to what legislation can pass and in what form it can pass,

and sometimes to tell him something can't pass.

"Now, there have been legislative leaders who did anything a governor asked, however inane or harmful it was. There have been legislative leaders who obstructed the governor's agenda, whether for sport or to settle scores. Neither is a responsible way to govern.

"So, I will continue to give the governor the best advice I can as to how to get his legislative agenda through the Senate and the General Assembly. Sometimes he will listen to me, sometimes he won't. That's fine.

"And while we always seem to agree on policy, we might disagree sometime on tactics. That's okay, too. I think it's a sign of a healthy and productive relationship."

So, I asked Harmon, that's how you define your relationship with the governor? Healthy and productive?

"Absolutely," he said.

Um, OK, then how about your staff's relationship with his staff, I asked Harmon. And, more importantly, his staff's relationship with yours?

"I think our staffs are both extraordinarily and

understandably protective of us," Harmon replied.

That was quite an understatement, to say the least. The two staffs have often been openly hostile. But he is right that they are very protective of their respective bosses.

Speaking of governors, I asked Harmon if he thought that the House and Senate Republicans grew too financially dependent on wealthy Republican Bruce Rauner during Rauner's term in office and two statewide campaigns. Rauner put millions into electing other Republicans, particularly early on.

"I do," Harmon said. "It's hard to raise money," he continued. "I know this even better now that I've raised money as Senate President for the caucus. It takes a lot of work. It takes a lot of trust and relationship. And anytime you're too dependent on one person or one interest, it leaves you vulnerable." I'm assuming that goes for the current governor, too.

Harmon also said that he was "confident that we're going to have the resources we need to run through the primary election cycle and the general election cycle and to defend all 41 seats." □



Sports subsidies

Taxpayers foot the bill for wealthy teams' demands

WEEKLY READER | Scott Reeder

Rich people own professional sports teams, and for some reason, politicians just can't resist shoveling cash their way.

My first exposure to this concept came on June 30, 1988, a few minutes before midnight. I was following Gov. James R. Thompson at a dead run, charging from the Senate chambers to the House in the Illinois Capitol.

Thompson was literally racing against the clock to pass a \$120 million subsidy for the White Sox, who were threatening to move to Florida. The measure needed to pass before midnight, when the legislative session would go into overtime and a supermajority would be needed.

I was just a journalism intern watching grown-ups do stupid things with other people's money. What I didn't realize back then was that I was witnessing the dawn of a new age where taxpayers would fund ever-bigger stadiums and ballparks for professional teams.

I was thinking about that trip through the Statehouse corridors recently when I read that the Chicago Bears bought land 30 miles northwest of Chicago's Soldier Field, the city-owned stadium where they have played since 1971.

It has been almost two decades since the Bears last demanded – and received – renovations to Chicago's lakefront stadium. In 2000, Mayor Richard M. Daley agreed to spend about \$660 million installing a modern stadium inside historic Soldier Field.

So, what could this move mean? Well, taxpayers, hang on to your pocketbooks. Don't be surprised if the Bears come hat in hand wanting money from the state or municipalities to fund their endeavor.

"What we are seeing here is classic subsidy-seeking behavior," said Robert Baade, an economics professor at Lake Forest College. "The owners of the Bears are going to threaten to leave Chicago unless the city builds them a new stadium or assists them in some way."

Baade, who has written extensively about subsidies for professional teams, doesn't claim any insider knowledge of what the Bears management is thinking. He bases his perspective on what he has seen play out in cities across the country.



Fans settle into their seats prior to the start of a game between the Chicago Bears and the Detroit Lions at Soldier Field. PHOTO BY CHRIS SWEDA

"A modern stadium costs about \$1.5 billion, and they want someone to pay for it. I don't see the Bears putting themselves at a competitive disadvantage by paying for it themselves. So, they are going to seek taxpayer support," he suggested.

Michael Farren, an economics research fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, said the cities and states that subsidize stadium projects never see enough new economic activity to justify their investment.

So why do politicians keep doing this?

Well, it gives them bragging rights that they "saved" a local sports team. They believe pandering to sports fans gives them votes. And if they can't show how the dollars add up, they can point to such intangibles as "civic pride."

Besides that, most politicians are cowards who fear an opponent will blame them for losing the beloved hometown team.

When the White Sox subsidy vote was

brought before the House, a majority of lawmakers voted against the proposal. But instead of counting the votes, the presiding officer – a top Mike Madigan lieutenant – left the roll call open as Thompson walked to the desks of each lawmaker voting "no" and persuaded them, one by one, to change their votes.

The last lawmaker necessary to make a majority switched his vote when the hands on the main clock in the House Chamber were a few minutes past midnight, but the presiding officer, Majority Leader Jim McPike, said it was a few minutes before midnight on his watch and declared the bill passed.

A disgraceful bill passed in a shameful manner? It's the Illinois way.

Madigan, Thompson and their fellow pols claimed to have kept the Sox in Illinois. But don't be fooled, that was us, one tax dollar at a time. □

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We have a city plan. Now what?

GUESTWORK | Steven Simpson-Black

The biggest hurdle in Springfield's urban planning process is the actual implementation of our comprehensive plan. The most recent one, Springfield's 2037 Comprehensive Plan, references transit and also calls for individual neighborhood plans to be developed. It was approved by the city council, but other levels of government have to go along with it, voluntarily, to make it a reality. For example, transit is not provided by city government, but instead by the Sangamon Mass Transit District (SMTD), whose board is appointed by county government.

Our planning process is like herding cats. It requires getting various units of government on the same page, to play nice with one another and to do so with little conflict.

That's a lot of work.

On the August agenda for the Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission (of which I am a commissioner), we had a request to change the zoning of one lot from R-1 (single family) to R-3 (multi-family) to allow for a new apartment complex. The location was on a narrow street that is maintained by Woodside Township, but the lot itself was in the city limits. There are no sidewalks in the area, lighting is limited and transit service is at least a half-mile north on Wabash Avenue. Because it's not a city street, it would be unlikely to receive any upgrades. Yet, there we were, being asked to intensify the land use and allow some 50-60 residents to live in an area that was previously occupied by one family. This is an example of multiple units of government not coordinating well with each other, and landowners and residents being left to hold the bag.

The landowner was potentially being denied use of their property for a good economic return

and the community was potentially being denied more affordable rental housing, yet the nearby residents would be faced with increased traffic and inadequate infrastructure if we approved it. There was no right answer. The commission ultimately approved the petition, and the full city council

Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission (SSCRPC) staff make recommendations that may or may not be followed by city hall.

If our zoning process were different, perhaps Woodside Township representatives would be in the room and be made aware of the increase of

like it is giving yet another bit of its power to the Republican-leaning county government, despite the SSCRPC being independent of county government. As a result, city hall tends to wield power within its boundaries without fully considering the regional planning consequences of its actions.

The planning process is choppy because of this power dynamic. Some council members have called for the city to hire a city planner. However, we have a staff of professional planners at the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission. Another city planner on the payroll is going to say: Follow the plans that already exist. Listen to professional staff. Spend more than five minutes on the petition during the zoning portion of the city council meeting.

What we really need is to listen to the professional staff we already pay to guide us, give that staff more authority in areas of zoning and planning and review our ordinances to make sure they are in line with our goals in the comprehensive plan and in line with best practices for the 21st century.

This is a call for us to review how we plan and coordinate our land use, zoning and infrastructure. Right now, it is a choppy, cumbersome process that does not provide the kind of results people in Springfield are seeking. If we want better outcomes, including the ability to attract new employers, we have to focus on a truly comprehensive plan and an implementation process. □

Steven Simpson-Black is a Springfield resident and the newest member of the Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission. He is pursuing a degree in urban planning at University of Illinois Springfield.



A developer received approval for a zoning change to allow construction of 24 two-bedroom apartments at 3526 S. Park St., although nearby residents expressed concern about increased traffic and inadequate infrastructure. The property is within Springfield city limits, but the street is maintained by Woodside Township. PHOTO BY STACIE LEWIS

approved the zoning change 8-2 at the Sept. 21 meeting.

Zoning is handled entirely within city government, but land subdivisions go through the regional planning commission. When a lot is subdivided, we tend to get slightly better planning results, as a more comprehensive view is taken. When we change zoning, the Springfield-

traffic on its streets. Perhaps more coordination could occur and outcomes would be improved for everyone involved.

Ostensibly, SSCRPC exists to help smooth some of these wrinkles, and generally it does a fantastic job. But sometimes it is unable to do its work unimpeded because of a power struggle. The Democratic-leaning city government feels

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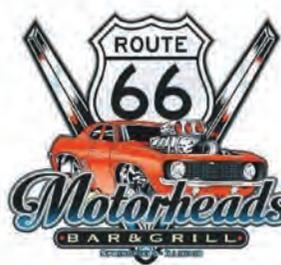
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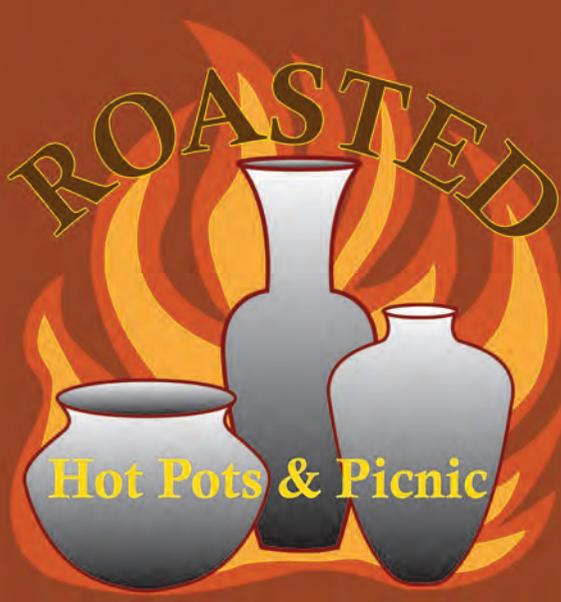
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The Old State Capitol renovation team includes, from left, Roger Scroggins, Ferry and Associates Architects; Justin Blandford, Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR); Robert Talavera, Abateco, Inc.; Donald Ushman, Apache Industrial United; John Goetz, R.D. Lawrence Construction Co.; Caitlin Goetz, R.D. Lawrence Construction Co.; Bruce Ferry, Ferry and Associates Architects; Jerry Norris, Illinois Capital Development Board; Mike Jones, Jones Plaster Co.; Drew Jennings, Jennings Painting, Inc. Not pictured, Jane Rhetta, IDNR Project Designer and Architect. IDNR PHOTO BY RICH SAAL

The Old State Capitol renovation

Refreshing a symbol of democracy

ARCHITECTURE | Karen Ackerman Witter

“The Old State Capitol is not just a building but an artifact, with numerous stories to tell,” says Justin Blandford, superintendent of Springfield’s state historic sites for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The state of Illinois is making a major investment to preserve this historic and iconic landmark. A \$1.65 million capital project is nearing completion. “If we do our job well, we will use the building to illustrate a larger picture of the past,” said Blandford. The interior of the Old State Capitol reopens to the public Oct. 7.

For months scaffolding has surrounded the dome as part of a capital project to restore the dome and drum and address water infiltration issues. The project is funded through Gov. JB Pritzker’s “Rebuild Illinois” capital plan. R.D. Lawrence Construction Co., Ltd. is the general contractor. Ferry and Associates Architects is the architectural/engineering firm.

“The character of downtown makes a community,” says Springfield architect Bruce Ferry, who has had his office in downtown since the early 1990s. “Downtown is the cultural center

and core of the community. The Old State Capitol is the core of Springfield’s downtown.”

“Maintenance is not a glamorous topic,” says Blandford. However, deferred maintenance can result in significant damage and higher costs for repair. Problems at the Old State Capitol have been addressed in small ways over the last eight to ten years to mitigate damage caused by water infiltration. This undertaking, however, is much more than a maintenance project. It is part of ensuring the important stories of freedom that transpired in this very

historic place continue to inspire people today and into the future.

History and significance

The Old State Capitol served as Illinois’ fifth Statehouse from 1840 to 1876. It was the power base for all of state government, including the governor, legislature and Supreme Court. In this building Lincoln served his final term as a state legislator in 1840-1841 and represented cases before the Illinois Supreme Court. Here,

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Old State Capitol, Sept. 27. The building reopens to the public Oct. 7. PHOTO BY KAREN ACKERMAN WITTER

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on a hot summer day in June 1858, Lincoln gave his famous House Divided speech at the Illinois Republican State Convention when he was a candidate for the U.S. Senate. It was also here that Illinois became the first state in the nation to ratify the 13th Amendment on Feb. 1, 1865. Shortly thereafter, due to the tireless efforts of John Jones, an abolitionist and civil rights leader, Illinois voted to repeal most of the existing Black Laws that discriminated against African Americans. Blandford describes this as “one amazing week in history.” Once a new State Capitol was constructed, the Old State Capitol served as the Sangamon County Courthouse from 1876 until 1966. The 1960s marked the centennial of the Civil

War, which sparked renewed interest in the historic significance of the Old State Capitol. Concurrently, the county needed more space and decided to build a new courthouse. The Old State Capitol was returned to state ownership and a massive reconstruction occurred from 1966 to 1969.

Don Ferry and Wally Henderson of Ferry and Henderson Architects developed an audacious plan to remove the 3,300 exterior dolomite stones, dug from a quarry that is now under Lake Springfield, number and store the stones, and then painstakingly put them back in their original places from 1837. Architects photographed the building and labeled each stone with a code to identify its original location. Master prints of the codes were stored in four separate locations to ensure the plans would not be lost to fire or other calamity. The stones were stored at the Illinois State Fairgrounds until being reinstalled. After the stones were removed, the old courthouse was demolished. A two-level parking garage and space for the Illinois State Historical Library

were built underground. All of the indoor surfaces were rebuilt as identical as possible to the date Lincoln delivered his House Divided speech, but all materials were new. Original building materials were dumped in deep coal mines, which architect Wally Henderson said was “to prevent an endless supply of authentic or simulated souvenirs.” Each stone weighed 900-1,200 pounds. A large crane was used to swing the old stones back into place. The reconstructed Old State Capitol has a steel frame that supports the old stones and the reconstructed interior. There were many skeptics, but the project was a remarkable undertaking and highly acclaimed. Only a few of the original stones were cracked and unusable.

The new House chamber was used for the Illinois Constitutional Convention in 1970. In the ensuing years, the Old State Capitol has been an important state historic site and tourist attraction as well as a venue for many ceremonial functions. Naturalization ceremonies are just one example of how this historic building is making history today.

Thousands of people have gathered at the Old State Capitol to mark both the end and the beginning of a presidency. Lincoln’s body lay in state in the same room where he delivered his most memorable speeches. A crowd of 75,000 mourners filed past to pay their respects. In February 2007 then-U.S. Sen. Barack Obama officially announced his candidacy for the presidency at the Old State Capitol, and in August 2008 formally introduced his vice-presidential candidate, Joe Biden.

Need for maintenance

Time takes its toll, and historic sites require ongoing maintenance. There are numerous components to the \$1.65 million state capital project which is nearly finished. These include replacing the flagpole with a safer and more efficient model, replacing the coating on the iconic dome, inspecting and refurbishing the columns, restoring the windows and installing storm windows, re-roofing the drum and replacing damaged materials, restoring the interior drum and repairing and painting damaged interior plaster.

Restoration of the dome is the most obvious component of the current capital project. Blandford describes the dome as an inspiring symbol of democracy. “The project to restore the dome and drum is critically important to the preservation of the historic site,” said Blandford. “It has been more than 20 years since substantial work was completed in these areas, and the damage caused by water entering the historic site was significant and spreading.”

The drum is the portion of the building from the gabled roof to the base of the dome,



Candidate Barack Obama inside the Old State Capitol in 2008 during his visit to announce his vice-presidential running mate, Joe Biden. PHOTO BY RICH SAAL

with the surrounding colonnade. The roof of the drum had been leaking, causing damage to the interior plaster. In order to avoid damage to the interior of the building during restoration, the decision was made to access the drum through scaffolding on the outside of the building rather than the inside.

Bruce Ferry explains that restoration needs to start from the outside of the building to the inside and from the top of the building down. Initially the dome was not part of the project but, given the magnitude of the expense for the exterior scaffolding installed on the exterior, architects recommended evaluating the dome. Binoculars and drones were used initially to inspect the dome. Ferry and Associates hired the Chicago office of Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates to conduct a detailed examination of the dome’s condition. Individuals rappelled down the dome, conducted adhesion tests and determined that the coating, which provides protection for the dome’s metal panels, needed to be replaced. As a result, the scaffolding was extended higher. The coating of the dome is being removed and new coating applied.

Bruce Ferry considers it a privilege to work on this significant building, just as his father did before him. Ferry was a kid growing up in Springfield getting ready to go to prep school when his father, Don Ferry, was a partner in the team that carried out the massive restoration project in the 1960s. Bruce Ferry says he was completely taken by the project at the time. He was “totally infatuated” and cut out every article from the newspaper that he kept in a spiral-bound notebook.

After months of being closed to the public, the Old State Capitol reopens Oct. 7. The

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exterior work will be completed later this fall. A second, even larger, project is in the design phase which will include new fencing, walk-

that features a number of artifacts original to the building. A powerful new 11-minute video, developed in partnership with Storyteller Studios, conveys the historical significance of the Old State Capitol and its relevance today. The purpose is to communicate the magic of the building to people who aren't able to witness firsthand events such as the emotional naturalization ceremonies. For example, the video introduces guests to people who have experienced naturalization ceremonies, youth



Top photo: Augie Wisnosky, field project architect, during the 1960s Old State Capitol reconstruction project. Exterior stones were removed and carefully labeled before the interior of the old original building was demolished. Bottom: The Old State Capitol during 1960s reconstruction, with original stones back in place. Surrounding the building are hyperbolic paraboloids used to create wells for soil to accommodate landscaping over the underground parking garage.



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ways, elevators, plumbing and other internal systems.

Expanding educational programming

While the site was closed to the public, improvements have been made to enhance educational programming. The law library has been transformed into a video room, and the auditor's office is now an educational gallery

who have worked at the site and NAACP meetings held to help bridge the racial divide. The video is also accessible online at historicspringfield.dnr.illinois.gov.

The Old State Capitol is a window to the past. While Abraham Lincoln is the most famous person associated with the Old State Capitol, the intent is to tell stories of people

beyond Lincoln, such as Frederick Douglass, who was the first African-American to deliver a speech in the Illinois Capitol. In April 1866, a year after Lincoln's assassination, Douglass spoke at the building on two consecutive days about the assassination and its consequences and reconstruction. And the building's story includes John Jones, who was a civil rights leader and first African American to be elected to public office in Illinois. Historical documents, including a June 18, 1852, pay

In the new video, Justin Blandford introduces people to the significance of the Old State Capitol – “There are many voices in the Old State Capitol – voices that shape the meaning of freedom. History connects us with those voices, so that we can be inspired to make a difference in the world today and in the future.”

Visit the Old State Capitol to learn more. Beginning Oct. 7, the building will be open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Check the website his-



Trim beneath the drum of the Old State Capitol - before and after recent restoration to repair damage. The drum is the circular structure with columns, just below the dome.

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warrant in the collections of the Illinois State Archives, will also come to life in telling the story of William H. Butler. He was a janitor who worked inside the Old State Capitol, where he had few rights. Outside the building he was a civil rights leader. Stories about the role of women in the building are also being developed.

toricspringfield.dnr.illinois.gov for more information and current visitation guidelines. □

Karen Ackerman Witter retired from a long career in state government. She was the associate director of the Illinois State Museum, where she had the opportunity to collaborate with Justin Blandford on many projects.

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Spencer Theatre’s royal *The Audience*

THEATER | Dennis Thread

For the many fans of the Netflix series *The Crown* – and for anyone wondering just how good theater in Springfield can get – Spencer Theatre’s production of *The Audience*, playing through the weekend at the Hoogland, is a must-see.

The Spencer, with Julie Staley as producer, launched pre-lockdown with *Blithe Spirit*. As we continue our struggle with the pandemic, *The Audience* is a welcome gift. It’s a play about personal sacrifice, service to others and power politics that is remarkably enjoyable and deeply touching.

It’s a memory play, an informed but imagined look at history. It’s the story of a young girl fated for great things, and her older self who happens to be “Elizabeth II, By the Grace of God of the United Kingdom Queen and of Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.”

The true “realms” of the play are their inner lives. The “territories” are the high-stakes struggles between a woman held in great esteem but possessing no real power and the various prime ministers who have served during her nearly seven-decade reign.

The structure is deceptively simple. A series of speculative peeks into the confidential, every-Tuesday meetings between the monarch and her prime ministers. No records are kept, but playwright Peter Morgan has a genius for this meticulously researched but fanciful form of drama. From *Frost/Nixon* to *The Queen* to *Bohemian Rhapsody* (about another famous “Queen”) to his best-known creation, *The Crown* (based on this play), his style is accessible, plausible and endlessly entertaining.

As the queen, Mary Young gives us a royal night out. The story is told non-chronologically, with an intentionally fragmented portrait of Her Majesty, but in Young’s hands it is a full-bodied one, full of strength, self-doubt and especially wit. Avoiding mere impersonation, she focuses on the inner life.

Aging from 25 to 86, Young embodies change with modulations of voice and demeanor, facilitated by rapid costume changes (I lost count at nine or ten). The period-perfect costumes by Rene Blank are fabulous. James Lathim is the capable wig master.

All dramatic depictions of monarchy, from Shakespeare’s *Henry V* to *The Crown*, are studies of solitude, an idea that resonates in the imagined interactions between the queen and her younger self. Mary Donathan is touching and affecting



Her Majesty the Queen played by Mary Young. PHOTO BY CHUCK MCCUE

as the young princess, struggling with her loss of freedom, while the mature Elizabeth focuses on responsibilities. Nancy Cole is fine as Bobo, Elizabeth’s nurse and companion. Donathan is especially impressive in the wartime radio address the 14-year-old made to the children of the Commonwealth. And yes, there is a charming and well-trained Corgi onstage.

Our guide is a droll Equerry (the delightful Jim Dahlquist) hilariously describing etiquette, history and the decor of Buckingham Palace.

The terrific Rich McCoy captures the iconic essence of Winston Churchill. When the young queen raises questions, she is told to shut up and listen. But Elizabeth is savvy enough to use the ailing Churchill’s precarious political situation to her advantage.

Troy Kemp is elegantly deceptive as Anthony Eden, destroyed by the mid-50s Suez Canal fiasco. The queen tries to stop Eden’s misadventure, which ended the illusion that Britain was still a superpower.

She has a similar reaction to Tony Blair five decades later. Greg Floyd is an unctuous Blair, the shining star of the 90s “Cool Britannia” era (and the subject of Morgan’s *The Queen*, about the death of Princess Diana). She sees through his lies on the eve of the 2003 invasion of Iraq, equating “nation-building” with neo-colonialism.

The queen’s role varied. She plays therapist to Gordon Brown – the touching Chuck McCue – who suffered from depression.

The big showdown is with “Iron Lady” Margaret Thatcher. The very fine Cynda

Wrightsmen captures Thatcher’s hollow soul. She berates the queen, who supports sanctions against apartheid South Africa. When Thatcher reveals that her son is doing business there, the queen’s reaction is priceless.

John Major (Patrick Foster), an anti-monarchist hounded by the tabloids, reports Princess Diana’s scathing views of the queen. Yet, like all the others, he needs her support.

The queen says, “It is my duty not to have preferences,” but she befriends the rough-hewn Labor leader Harold Wilson. Dennis Rendleman gives a great performance, a closet monarchist who hits it off with the royal (perhaps) closet lefty. Rendleman and Young are heartbreaking when he reveals Wilson’s Alzheimer’s diagnosis.

The octogenarian queen nods off as David Cameron (the amusing Mike Krcil) recaps a European summit. But he sums up, “You have a way of saying nothing, yet making your view perfectly clear.”

And that sums up Mary Young’s compelling performance. She gives away little of the queen’s political views, yet reveals much we long to know about Her Majesty’s heart, and yes, even her soul. □

The Audience is at the Hoogland (217-523-2787) Friday and Saturday at 8 and Sunday at 4. Tickets are limited due to distanced seating and playgoers will be asked to wear masks.

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Don't throw away your Swiss chard stalks

FOOD | Peter Glatz

The restaurant I've been working at serves over 200 guests a day and we go through a lot of vegetables. When the produce orders come in, our prep cook, Alberto, trims off the parts that won't be used and transfers them into plastic boxes to be put on the shelves of the walk-in cooler. The trimmings go into a big blue compost bin which gets hauled away by one of our farmers to feed to his pigs.

Back at home, I often have a slow-cooker simmering away with homemade vegetable or chicken stock. I usually start my stock with carrots, celery, leek tops, parsley stems, onions and garlic. For stock you don't need perfect pieces of vegetables. You can use the root ends and skins of onions, the small inner cloves of garlic that are a pain in the butt to peel, the tops and bottoms of celery and carrots. So when I plan on making stock, I'll tell Alberto and the other cooks in the prep kitchen to save me their trimmings.

Now to be more accurate, when I say that "I" plan on making stock, it usually means that my wife will be making the stock because I get home late from work and have to leave super early in the morning. My transit bus commute takes over an hour each way.

My bus route takes me through some sketchy neighborhoods and my commute is often full of drama. Some really weird characters ride my bus. I sit up front in the section reserved for senior citizens and try to avoid making eye contact. However, when I board the bus after work toting a five-gallon bucket full of vegetable trimmings or poultry carcasses, I realize I must seem pretty weird myself.

I've come to view the concept of "waste not" as a moral imperative and I take pride in finding uses for stuff that usually gets thrown away. The other day at the restaurant I had to make a big batch of cheese filling with Swiss chard for our new tortellini pasta dish. The recipe calls for 1,200 grams of chard – just the leafy parts, not the stalks. It really takes a lot of chard to weigh out to 1,200 grams. Our farmer grows beautiful rainbow chard so, after prepping 1,200 grams of leaves, I was left with a big pile of multicolored stalks. I couldn't bear to toss them into the compost can for the pigs, so I tied them up into a bundle to take home to my wife.

"Look what I brought home for you!" I exclaimed enthusiastically. My wife rolled her eyes and asked: "What am I supposed to do with all that?" It's very easy to be enthusiastic about scavenging for food when you've got someone else to do all the work. Out of kindness and mercy, I gave her three easy recipes.

Lacto-fermented Swiss chard stalks

This one is quick and easy and good for your gut health.

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons fine sea salt or 3½ tablespoons kosher or coarse white sea salt
1 quart filtered or distilled water
Reserved stalks from Swiss chard

Cover with an airlock fermentation lid.

Alternately, cover with a canning lid and "burp" daily by briefly loosening and retightening the lid to let the gases escape.

Place the jar in a cool, dark place and ferment for 2-5 days. Once chard is fermented to your desired taste, cover with a solid lid and refrigerate. The fermented chard stalks will keep for up to 2 months in the refrigerator.

½ teaspoon fennel seeds.

Preparation:

Make the pickling solution: Combine the vinegars, water, sugar and salt in a small, nonreactive saucepan. Gently warm and stir until the sugar and salt dissolve. Remove from the heat and allow to cool.

Toast the mustard and fennel seeds in a skillet over medium to medium-high heat, stirring frequently until fragrant, but not burned.

Trim the chard stalks of any bits of leaves and cut into 1-2-inch lengths.

Place the garlic, scallions, jalapeno and toasted seeds into the bottom of a clean quart jar. Add the chard stalks.

Fill the jar with the pickling solution. Cover and shake. Refrigerate for about one week before using.

Lebanese Swiss chard stalk dip

Lebanon has a tradition of making dips from roasted or boiled vegetables. Baba ghanoush is the best-known example. This rustic dip combines boiled chard stalks with tahini, garlic, lemon and olive oil. It is great with raw vegetables and pita. This dip can be refrigerated for up to three days.

Ingredients:

2 cups chopped chard stalks, trimmed and chopped
2 garlic cloves, peeled
¼ cup tahini
¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
Juice of 1 medium lemon
½ teaspoon kosher salt
Chopped fresh parsley for garnishing

Preparation:

Bring a large pot of water to boil and cook the chard stalks until soft and tender. Depending on the size of the stalks, it may take anywhere from 10 to 20 minutes. Drain, squeeze out as much water as possible.

Place the garlic in a food processor and pulse until chopped. Add the chard stalks and purée. Add the tahini, salt and lemon juice and process until smooth, scraping down the sides of the bowl with a rubber spatula.

Transfer to a shallow bowl, drizzle with olive oil, garnish with chopped parsley and serve at room temperature. □

Bertha Bus is on the road again. This time it's heading to the Southeast coast to explore the Low Country cuisine of the slave descendants known as the Gullah Geechee. Stay tuned, y'all!



Bringing home a beautiful bouquet of rainbow chard stalks. PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

1 dill sprig
1 teaspoon red pepper flakes

Preparation:

Make the brine: Dissolve the salt in the water by warming in a small saucepan. Remove from the heat and allow to cool to room temperature.

Trim the chard stalks of any bits of leaves and cut into 1-2-inch lengths.

Place the dill and red pepper flakes into the bottom of a clean quart jar. Add the chard stalks.

Fill the jar with enough brine to cover the chard stalks, leaving at least a 1-inch headspace. Top with a fermentation weight or a small resealable sandwich bag filled with the remaining brine.

Swiss chard stalk refrigerator pickles

These are quick pickles and not meant to be kept a long time, a month or two at the most. They make a nice addition to a charcuterie platter.

Ingredients:

½ cup white vinegar
½ cup rice vinegar
1 cup water
3 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons fine sea salt or 3½ tablespoons kosher or coarse white sea salt
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The Lovedahls play West of Wise Winery for the Foddershock Festival this Saturday at 1 p.m.

Fall for the music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

As we delve into the second weekend of October, reminders of seasonal changes are all around us. To music-goers in Springfield, that means we're nearing the end of the year for our many outdoor beer/music garden spaces and popular open-air festivals. Let's do our best to enjoy the sweet sounds under the skies, trees, tents or whatever out in the great outdoors as long as possible.

Get your blubber buttocks ready as the Fat Ass 5K Race for Charity makes a triumphant return downtown on Friday night and all-day Saturday. Before you laugh at the name (it's OK, that's the plan) just remember this "race" has no recorded times and considers any form of forward movement acceptable ambulatory actions, and it also includes concessions of corn dogs, ice cream, doughnuts and beer, plus live music along the race route. The Fat Ass has raised over \$1.5 million for local charities since its inception. That's some serious money done in fun, and it's all happening again around the Celtic Mist Pub, where organizers first came up with the idea in 2008 during the St. Pat's parade.

All the skinny is at the Fat Ass website, which is well-done and easy to navigate. On Friday evening, Off the Wall kicks in at 5, After Sunset sails on at 7:15 and the Shenanigans play at 9:30. Saturday after the race, Captain Geech gets the street party going from noon to 3 p.m. Good to see the Fat Ass back.

Live music finds its way back to Lincoln Memorial Garden at their Fall Market Festival this weekend. Music is presented at the event on the quite excellent and definitely bucolic outdoor stage across the road from the LMG main entrance on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

each day. Saturday features Joel Gragg, Kraig Kenning and Cactus Ranch, while Sunday has River Ramblers, Tom and Owen Irwin (yes, that's us) and The Deep Hollow, with each act doing about an hour-and-a-half performance. There's lots more stuff to do out at the Garden, but hey, this is a column about live music, so ya know, you're on your own to discover the other.

In another neat-o and nifty outdoor event, this Saturday from noon to 5:30 p.m., West of Wise Winery near Petersburg hosts their annual Foddershock Festival with libations, food, and of course, live music. You're encouraged to bring your preferred form of mobile outdoor seating, make yourself at home near the lovely sycamores and enjoy the music of The Lovedahls at 1 p.m. and Stuart Smith at 3 p.m.

The Keg, a well-known and longtime local bar located on the corner of Ash and Eleventh streets is now under new ownership and management. Fortunately for us, they intend to host live music most every weekend, get an open mic going and generally be a part of our scene starting soon. This Saturday marks the grand opening with stuff happening all day and into the night, including live music from 6 to 9 p.m. hosted by me, Tim Harte and Bruce Williams, and whatever other wayward musicians drift in to play.

Take your beautiful self on down to Bar None this Sunday when rockabilly rockers Delta Bombers, Hillbilly Casino and Volk hit the corner stage and hit it hard. Check out the FB invite page for tickets and info.

As usual, there are many more activities involving music happening this week, and I sure hope you check out our listings to see what tickles your fancy. □

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Roots Latin Grill, 5:30-7:30pm

Friday Oct 8

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

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

Tail Light Rebellion
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

Broken Stone and No Backup Plans
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Brandy Kristin and the Revival
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7pm

Off the Wall
Fat Ass 5k, 5pm

After Sunset
Fat Ass 5k, 7:15pm

Shenanigans
Fat Ass 5k, 9:30pm

The Cocktails
George Rank's, 7-10pm

Wreckless Whiskey
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

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

Gabe Marshall
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7-10pm

Solar Chariot
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30-10:30pm

Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters
Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill and Museum, 7:30pm

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

Saturday Oct 9

Tad Derek O'Brien
3Sixteen Wine Bar, Chatham, 6-8pm

Remix
The Blue Grouch Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

Ryman's Way
Boar's Nest, Athens, 8pm-12am

Drake White
Boondocks, 7pm

Pop Ninjas
Crows Mill Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

Brandy Kristin
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Brushville
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7pm

Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters
Fat Ass 5k, 12pm

Highway 615
Garage II Tavern, Edinburg, 7pm

it Mid October
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

The Kitchens
Jelleybean Bar and Gaming, Mechanicsburg, 7-10pm

Tom Irwin and Friends
The Keg, 6-9pm

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

LiveWire
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 6-10pm

it Larry Black Jazz Quartet
Sangamo Brewing Co., Chatham, 6-9pm

Gracia Harrison
Sheedy Shores WineGarden, Loami, 4pm

Bluesmattic Blues Band
Springfield Art Association, 3pm

JackAsh
Trailblazer Pub, 7-10pm

Ready for Petty
VFW Post #755, 4-8pm

After School Special
Walnut Street Winery, Rochester, 6-9pm

Josh Holland Band
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30-10:30pm

The Lovdahls
West of Wise Winery, Petersburg, 1pm

Stuart Smith Band
West of Wise Winery, Petersburg, 3pm

Mississippi Leghound
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 3:15pm

Sunday Oct 10

Daniel Stratman
3Sixteen Wine Bar, Chatham, 4-7pm

Square of the Roots
The Alibi, Rochester, 4:30-7:30pm

The Tangents
Athens Corner Pub, Athens, 2-5pm

Josh Morningstar
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 6pm

JJ Bradley
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 6:30-9:30pm

Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 3pm

Delta Bombers, Hillbilly Casino, Volk
The Gin Mill, 7pm

Joel Gragg
Harvest Market Coffee Bar, 10am-1pm

Joel Gragg
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

AI Kitchen
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 4-7pm

LiL Higgy & the House Reckers
The Uptown Saloon, Farmersville, 3pm

Monday Oct 11

Blue Monday
The Alamo, 7pm

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

Open mic
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 8-11pm

Tuesday Oct 12

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

Wednesday Oct 13

Wolf Creek Boys
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

AI Kitchen
Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill and Museum, 6-9pm

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Norby's Pub (Clayton)
Saturday, October 9 • 9:00pm

CAPTAIN GEECH & THE SHRIMP SHACK SHOOTERS

Rt. 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill, & Museum
Friday, October 8 • 7:30pm

Fat Ass 5k (7th & Washington • Spfld)
Saturday, October 9 • 12:00pm

Danenberger Family Vineyards
(New Berlin)
Sunday, October 10 • 2:00pm

BUD LIGHT

PARTY NIGHT



JACKASH

Trailblazer Pub (Springfield)
Saturday, October 9 • 7:00pm



THE GET DOWN

Jimmy D's Bar & Gaming
(Tower Hill)
Saturday, October 16 • 6:00pm

THE CALENDAR



Fall Harvest Festival
Saturday and Sunday
Oct. 9 and 10,
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Lincoln Memorial Garden
2301 E. Lake Shore Drive
217-529-1111

FESTIVALS | Celebrate the season

it Lincoln Memorial Garden has managed to pack a full season of fall activities into one fun weekend. The annual Fall Harvest Festival will feature family activities such as crafts, live music, face painting, puppet shows and pumpkin decorating. Explore the popular fairy house building, which is constructed of natural materials such as acorns, twigs, bark, leaves and grasses, then take a stroll down the troll trail. Adults can enjoy shopping the handiwork of artists and crafters who take natural materials and make jewelry, toys and artwork, and everyone will enjoy all the food and treat options. You will be able to choose from fair food favorites – cotton candy, nachos, mini donuts, cheese on a stick – plus other more substantial selections like BBQ, pulled pork sandwiches, hamburgers and macaroni and cheese. The festival runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days. Admission is \$8 for everyone age 11 and older. Kids age 10 and under are admitted free. lincolnmemorialgarden.org.

THE CALENDAR

Send us your events! Deadline: 5pm Fri.
Submit online at: www.illinoistimes.com.
Email: calendar@illinoistimes.com
Dates, times and locations are subject to last-minute changes, so we suggest calling before attending events.

Special Music Events

Outstanding Opening
Sat., Oct. 9, 7:30pm. Season opening performance by the Illinois Symphony Orchestra. ilsymphony.org. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Theater & Comedy

Arsenic and Old Lace
Oct. 8-10. A clever combination of the farcical and the macabre. Written by Joseph Kesselring and directed by Kim Shafer. Springfield Theatre Centre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

The Audience

Through Oct. 10. This play was the inspiration for the TV series *The Crown*. Presented by the Spencer Theatre Company. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Art & Architecture

"National Park Project"
Through Oct. 31. Paintings by Beth Shadur. David Strawn Art Gallery, Jacksonville, 331 W. College Ave., 217-243-9390.

Juried Artisan Fair
Sat., Oct. 9, 10am-3pm. Artisans, live music, food vendors, beer, wine and mimosas. Central Park Plaza, Jacksonville, 32 N. Central Park, 217-243-5678.

The Many Faces of Lithuanian America
Mon., Oct. 11, 6-7pm. See photos and hear descriptions of Lithuanian churches, social halls and cemeteries across America. Learn what they meant to the immigrants who built them,

what they mean today and how to preserve them as part of the rich tapestry of American history. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

"Reflective Rhythms"

Through Nov. 4. Juried artists come together to reflect with their current artwork. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

Roasted: Hot Pots + Picnic
Sat., Oct. 9. Join in this unique ceramic raku fundraiser event. Glaze a pot, fire it in an outdoor kiln and then it is ready to take home. Enjoy the fire, food and live music. Admission \$20 or \$30 + pot, children 12 and under \$15. All prices increase \$5 on the day of event. springfieldart.org. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Sangamon Watercolor Society
Fri., Oct. 8, 5-7pm. Join the opening reception for the Sangamon Watercolor

Society annual exhibit. Light refreshments provided. Masks required. Free. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

History

Conference on Illinois History
Thu., Oct. 7 and Fri., Oct. 8, 8:30am-6pm. Two full days of panels highlighting research on Illinois's history, culture, politics, geography and archaeology open to everyone with an interest in the past. Visit the website or call to register. Lunch presentations require additional registration. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. \$25 - \$90. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Holiday Happenings

Boo Crew Haunted House
Open every Friday and Saturday night through October. Both the Trail of Lost Souls and the haunted house are back

this year. Recommended for ages 10 and over. Box office opens at 6:30pm. Haunting begins around 7pm. Rain or shine. Admission \$20 or \$35 VIP. Boo Crew Haunted House, Mechanicsburg, 11083 Buckhart Road, 217-551-6969.

Carve for the Carillon

Oct. 9-10, 11am-4pm. Scooped pumpkins will be ready for your creative carving. Bring your carving tools, family and friends. The carved pumpkins will be displayed at the following week's Jack O Lantern Spectacular. Free. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-3853.

Trunk-or-Treat

Fri., Oct. 8, 6-8pm. Food truck, free vouchers for pizza, games, face painting and several trunks full of treats. Free. Damon Priddy State Farm, 2951 Montvale Drive, 217-787-5400.

Fairs & Festivals

Fall Harvest Festival

Oct. 9-10, 10am-4pm. Fun for the whole family. Live music each day, nature playscape, fall craft activities, concessions and food truck. lincolnmemorialgarden.org. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

it Fat Ass 5K & Street Party for Charity

Fri., Oct. 8 and Sat., Oct. 9. Craft beer and cigar festival on Friday. Register for the Saturday 5K and street party at fatass5k.com. Use promo code ILLINOIS TIMES for a \$7 discount. Food and live music. Downtown Springfield.

Fundraisers

Fall furniture sale
Sat., Oct. 9, 9am-1pm. Hand-painted items including furniture, pillows, door hangers and new T-shirts. Hosted by Wooden It Be Lovely, an organization that provides women in transition with a unique and empowering job. Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church, 501 S. Douglas Ave., 217-546-4631.

Friends of Sangamon Valley fundraiser

Sun., Oct. 10, 4-8pm. The evening will feature an auction of items including an original short-eared owl painting by

Kevin Veara. Solar Chariot Acoustic will provide the entertainment. Call to make an auction item donation. Admission is \$10 at the door. Lake Springfield Beach House, 100 Long Bay Dr., 217-525-1410.

Sanga-Run 45-Mile Challenge

Oct. 1-30. A virtual event to support the Junior League's mission of addressing food insecurity. Get moving at least 1.5 miles per day for the entire month, virtually traveling about the distance across Sangamon county. 30. (217) 544-5557.

Lectures & Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm. A judgement-free, safe environment for those who have come to admit that alcohol has become unhealthy for them and those they love. 217-502-4494. free. Athens Christian Church, Athens, 1411 E. Route 29, 217-636-8463.

Central Illinois Numismatic Association

Wed., Oct. 13, 6:30-9:30pm. October meeting and auction. Doors open at 5:30pm. Current pandemic guidelines will be strictly followed. Round tables will be spaced out throughout the room, four seats to a table. A directional flow line will be used to examine lots. Free. Knights of Columbus Hall Council 4175, 2801 West St., 217-899-9996.

McBrian Lincoln-Douglas Toastmaster Club

Thursdays, 6pm. The club is dedicated to the development of communication and leadership skills. Red School Mall, 1275 Wabash.

The Network Group

Second Tuesday of every month, 11:45am. Sangamo Club, 227 E. Adams St., 217-544-1793.

Women Entrepreneurs of Central Illinois (WE-CI)

Second Wednesday of every month. Meets every month for a luncheon or social. Check the Facebook page for more information.

Bulletin Board

APL Pet Adoptions

Sundays, 11am-4pm. All animals will be spayed or neutered, microchipped and

THE CALENDAR



Outstanding opening

Saturday, Oct. 9,
7:30 p.m.
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MUSIC | Illinois Symphony Orchestra

it The Illinois Symphony Orchestra welcomes its audiences back to the concert hall for a full season of live performances. It is on a mission to inspire audiences through exceptional live orchestral performances and programs, and the 2021-2022 schedule shows it. Music director Ken Lam has created a remarkable season filled with triumphant masterworks, inspiring guest artists and exciting pops concerts. From Ludwig van Beethoven's celebratory "Seventh Symphony," to the movie-inspired fireworks of Erich Wolfgang Korngold's "Violin Concerto" and a rock 'n' roll adventure celebrating the Best of Queen and Journey, it's everything for which we have been waiting. The season begins this weekend when award-winning classical pianist Claire Huangci opens the upcoming outstanding performances with Camille Saint-Saens' show-stopping "Second Piano Concerto" and the relentless energy of Cindy McTee's "Circuits." Tickets are available online at uispac.com or by calling the UIS box office.

will have received all age-appropriate vaccinations by the time of their adoption. PetSmart, 3183 S. Veterans Pkwy., 217-544-7387.

Holiday food drive

Mondays-Fridays, 8am-5pm. Senior Services of Central Illinois' RSVP program is accepting donations of food items for holiday baskets to be given to seniors in need. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

Microsoft Word basics

Second Tuesday of every month, 11am-12pm. Learn how to create and edit a document with Microsoft Word. Via Zoom. lincolnlbrary.info. 217-793-4900.

Open House Job Fair

Tue., Oct. 12, 10am-12pm, 2-3, 4-6pm. The Office of the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives is hosting a job fair. Learn about the opportunities they have available. You can also attend a

virtual job fair via Zoom between 2-3 p.m. Call for the link info. Free. Illinois State Capitol Building, First Floor Rotunda, Capitol Avenue and Second Street, 217-782-5330.

Young at Heart

Second Tuesday of every month, 9:30am-12pm. Seniors and retirees are invited for free blood pressure checks, followed by a presentation at 10am, then a free lunch. Call or visit the website for details. Continues on the second Tuesday of each month. athenschristian.net. Free. Athens Christian Church, Athens, 1411 E. Route 29, 217-636-8463.

Youth Charity Horse Show

Oct. 8-10. Class sessions are 8am-10pm Friday and Saturday and 8am-6pm Sunday. The organization donates its annual proceeds to an area charities. Free. Coliseum, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 E. Sangamon Ave., 217-494-1215.

Zine-making workshop

Thu., Oct. 7, 6-7pm. Springfield-based musician and creator, Clare Frachey, will facilitate this hands-on workshop. Learn about the types of zines, view a zine collection and experience creating a zine. For high school age and older. Free. Chatham Area Public Library, Chatham, 600 E. Spruce, 217-483-1713.

■ Sports

Ron Milton Race of Champions
Fri., Oct. 8. MOWA sprints. 305s, mods, street and micros. Jacksonville Speedway, Jacksonville, 110 N. Westgate Ave., 217-207-3005.

Springfield Marathon

Sun., Oct. 10. A marathon, half marathon and quarter marathon. This is a USATF-certified course for qualifying for the Boston Marathon and other large iconic marathons. An easy, mostly flat route. No race-day registration. Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 12341 Irish Road, 217-488-6321.

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This position will be provided a comprehensive group insurance program; paid sick and vacation days; full tuition waiver for employee; retirement and disability program. If interested in applying for this position at the University of Illinois at Springfield, see the detailed job description and apply on-line at: <https://jobs.uis.edu/>. **DEADLINE to apply is October 11, 2021.**

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Desired Qualifications: Experience in finance and accounting. Candidate should have a complete understanding of bank account management and generally accepted Accounting Principles.

Must be proficient in QuickBooks or comparable accounting software & MS Excel. Must pass a criminal, credit and drug/alcohol check. Must qualify for fiduciary bonding

Submit resume to: Curran Gardner Township Public Water District, 3382 Hazlett Road, Springfield, IL 62707 Attention: Jim Mitchell Chairman, Call 217/546-3981.

Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
American Advisors Group
PLAINTIFF

Vs.
Michael Cashen; et. al.
DEFENDANTS
No. 2021CH000035
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 09/08/2021, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on November 9, 2021 at the hour of 9:00 AM at in the Second Floor Boardroom of the Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South 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 36-07.0-327-014
Improved with Single Family Home
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
909 Madison St
Pawnee, IL 62558

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

For information: 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 14-21-00796. I3177290

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL

CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER Plaintiff,
 -v- ANNETTE STEVENS Defendant
 19 CH 243
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 18, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on November 5, 2021, 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:
 Commonly known as 2523 SOUTH 15TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703
 Property Index No. 22-10.0-204-016
 The real estate is improved with a multi-family residence.

The judgment amount was \$48,565.53. 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, including the Judicial Sale fee for the 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 residential 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 Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders

are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. 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, The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm. Please refer to file number 19-090900. 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.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. LOGS Legal Group LLP 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301 Bannockburn IL, 60015 847-291-1717 E-Mail: ILNotices@logs.com Attorney File No. 19-090900 Case Number: 19 CH 243 TJS# 41-1584 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 # 19 CH 243

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT
 Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of September, 2021, a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that:
 Rose Marie Eason intends to transact, or is transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit:
 Key Fob Love and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principal place of said business is located at:
 401 East Jefferson Street, Apt 710, Springfield IL 62701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF MOHAMMED E. RAHMAN Deceased
 Case No. 2021 P 372
 CLAIM NOTICE
 Notice is given of the death of Mohammed E. Rahman of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 11, 2021, to M. Adil Rahman, 3315 Mackinaw Lane, Springfield, Illinois, 62711, as Independent Representative, whose attorney is Bruce S. Bonczyk, Bruce S. Bonczyk Law Office, 601 West Monroe Street, Springfield, 62704. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Representative, or both, on or before March 23, 2021, 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 representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 23rd day of September, 2021. Bruce S. Bonczyk
 Bruce S. Bonczyk Law Office
 601 West Monroe Street
 Springfield, IL 62704
 (217) 525-0700

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of: Mary Catherine Grega, Deceased
 Case No. 2021-P-501
 Claim Notice
 Notice is given of the death of Mary Catherine Grega. Letters Testamentary were issued to Joni Winhold, 10670 Salisbury Road, Pleasant Plains, Illinois 62677, as Executor. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, with the Executor, on or before, March 30, 2022. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor within 10 days after it has been filed. Paul Palazzolo
 Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

ARYA RAY WINKLER, Deceased.
 NO. 2021-P-539
 CLAIM NOTICE
 Notice is given of the death of Arya Ray Winkler of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 23, 2021, to Tara Marie Winkler, 4308 Lavender Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62711, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Bernard G. Segatto, III, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before March 30, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 24th day of September, 2021. Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753
 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79
 Springfield, IL 62705-0079
 (217) 544-4868
bsegatto@barberlaw.com
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of CRUZ LEE WINKLER, Deceased.
 NO. 2021-P-540
 CLAIM NOTICE
 Notice is given of the death of Cruz Lee Winkler of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 23, 2021, to Tara Marie Winkler, 4308 Lavender Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62711, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Bernard G. Segatto, III, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before March 30, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 24th day of September, 2021. Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: PHYLLIS J. WINKS, Deceased.
 NO. 2021-P-513
 CLAIM NOTICE
 Notice is given of the death of Phyllis J. Winks of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 14, 2021, to Richard Ross Winks, Jr., 1538 Dietrich Chase Lane, Ballwin, Missouri 63021, and Jason R. Winks, 34327 Black

Diamond Trail, Pawnee, Illinois 62558, as Co-Executors, 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 representatives or both, on or before March 21, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 17th day of September, 2021. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: RAMONA E. MARR, Deceased.
 NO. 2021-P-516
 CLAIM NOTICE
 Notice is given of the death of Ramona E. Marr of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 23, 2021, to Jacob Andrew, 118 Cottonwood Drive, Chatham, Illinois 62629, and Jessica Tuttle, 3107 Elmhurst Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Independent Co-Administrators with Will Annexed, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representatives or both, on or before March 30, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 23rd day of September, 2021. Bernard G. Segatto, III - 0620210753
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF: WILLIAM GILLAM GIBBONS, Deceased
 No. 2020 P 416
 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
 Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of William Gillam Gibbons, Deceased. Letters of Administration were issued on June 3, 2021 to JoElyn Gibbons and Zabrina Coontz, as Co-Administrators, whose attorney is David O. Edwards, Edwards Group LLC, 3223 S. Meadowbrook Road, Suite A, Springfield, IL 62711. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, SANGAMON COUNTY, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before April 4, 2022, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representa-

tive and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this September 23, 2021. EDWARDS GROUP LLC
 David O. Edwards - 6229192
 3223 S. Meadowbrook Road, Suite A
 Springfield, Illinois 62711
 (217) 726-9200
amanda@edwardsgrupp.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN RE THE ESTATE OF: FREDIE JOE PATTERSON, No. 2021-P-552 Deceased.
 CLAIM NOTICE
 Notice is given of the death of Fredie Joe Patterson. Letters Testamentary were issued on September 29, 2021 to Larry J. Patterson, 111 Oak, Riverton, IL 62561 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Dan E. Way, WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 4, 2022, which is not less than six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. 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 contact your local Circuit Clerk's office. Dated this 29th day of September 2021. Dan E. Way, #6204735
 WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC
 1100 S. Fifth Street
 Springfield, IL 62703
 (217) 525-7003

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RUBY M. LAURENZANA, Deceased
 NO. 21-P-512
 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
 Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of RUBY M. LAURENZANA, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on September 13, 2021, to TERESA FRAZIER, 11672 Price Street, Petersburg, IL 62675, 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 14, 2021 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 13th day of September, 2021. Alex B. Rabin
 Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP
 1119 S. Sixth Street
 Springfield, IL 62703

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LYNNIE M. MENENDEZ, Deceased NO. 2021-P-543

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Lynn M. Menendez, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on September 28, 2021, to Tammy L. Dawson, 635 Racastle Road, Chatham, IL 62629 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, 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 the 7th day of April, 2022, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2021.
Gregory P. Sgro
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF CAROL JEAN ANDERSON, Deceased.

Case No. 2021 P 168

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Carol Jean Anderson. Letters of Office were issued on March 22, 2021, to Michelle L. Thielen of 6421 Westwind Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62711 as Executor, and whose attorney is JAMES R. ENLOW of GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL, 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL, 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

DATED this 23rd day of September, 2021.
James R. Enlow (#6199891)
GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL
Attorneys at Law
1231 South Eighth Street
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Langdon Charles Willis, Petitioner
And
Ann Corvett Willis, Respondent
Case No. 2021-D-442
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Notice is given you Ann Corvett Willis, 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 23rd day of October, 2021, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Paul Palazzolo
Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Serenity Nicole Stairwalt
For change of name to Serenity Nicole Files
Case No.: 21-MR-1219
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Nov. 23, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Serenity Nicole Stairwalt to Serenity Nicole Files pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Sept. 23, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Sarah Marie Hacker
For change of name to Sarah Marie Fisher
Case No.: 21-MR-1220
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Nov. 23, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Sarah Marie Hacker to Sarah Marie Fisher pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Sept. 23, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Nkpome Derick Aymar Ngbome
For change of name to Derick Aymar Ngbome
Case No.: 21-MR-1271
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Nov. 23, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Nkpome Derick Aymar Ngbome to Derick Aymar Ngbome pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Oct. 7, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Kingstown Jordan Smiley
For change of name to Alan James Smiley
Case No.: 21-MR-1105
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Nov. 23, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Kingstown Jordan Smiley to Alan James Smiley pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Oct. 7, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PRAIRIE STATE BANK & TRUST,

an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
No. 2021-CH-000089
JOHN A. SANDOVAL, a deceased person, ESTATE OF JOHN A. SANDOVAL
JOHN A. SANDOVAL LIVING TRUST dated February 22, 2018,
425 NORTH GRAND, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, Illinois, A Municipal Corporation, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO: UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the Complaint to Foreclose Mortgage filed in the above-entitled cause on the 7th day of September, 2021 and that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said Court. The day on or after which a default may be entered against UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS is October 19, 2021 following information applies to said foreclosure proceeding:

1. The name of the Plaintiff and the case number are identified above.
2. The Court in which the action is brought is identified above.
3. The name of the titleholder of record is: 425 NORTH GRAND, LLC, A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: THE SOUTH 160.90 FEET OF THE EAST 155.70 FETT OF LOT 1 OF THE SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLING 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.

4. A common address or description of the location of the real estate: 425 E North Grand Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702 P.I.N 14-22-354-043.
5. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
a. Name of mortgagor: JOHN A. SANDOVAL
b. Name of mortgagee: PRAIRIE STATE BANK & TRUST.
c. Date of mortgage: September 22, 2017.
d. Date of recording: September 26, 2017.
e. County where recorded: Sangamon County Recorder's Office.
f. Recording document identification: Document number 2017R24665.

/s/ Maureen Faller
Maureen Faller, attorney for
Prairie State Bank & Trust
Maureen Faller
Attorney for Plaintiff
3751 West Wabash Avenue
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
American Advisors Group
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Michael Cashen; et. al.
DEFENDANTS
No. 2021CH000035
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 09/08/2021, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on November 9, 2021 at the hour of 9:00 AM at in the Second Floor Boardroom of the Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South 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:

LAND SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF PAWNEE IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON IN THE STATE OF IL LOT 19 IN BLOCK 1 IN LAWDALE ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF PAWNEE, ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PIN 36-07.0-327-014
Improved with Single Family Home
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
909 Madison St
Pawnee, IL 62558

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 14-21-00796.
I3177290

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, vs. DANIEL KAISER, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HOMER C. KAISER, JR., deceased, AMY LYNN KAISER, THEODORE J. HARVATIN, Special Representative of Homer C. Kaiser, Jr., deceased, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No. 2020CH000044
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
Notice is hereby given to AMY LYNN KAISER, Defendant in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendant is November 12, 2021.
Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on February 5, 2020.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 2020CH00044
2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois
3. The names of the title holders of record are: Heirs and Legatees of Homer C. Kaiser, Jr., deceased
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: Lot Twenty-Five (25) and the North 30 feet of Lot Twenty-Four (24) in Lewis Paper Subdivision being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 13 North Range 4 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Tax ID No.: 36-07-203-005
5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 1107 N. 5th Street, Pawnee, Illinois
6. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

Count I
Names of Mortgagors: Homer C. Kaiser, Jr. and Lucinda A. Kaiser
Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank
Date of Mortgage: October 5, 2015
Date of recording: October 26, 2015
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois
Recording document identification: Document No. 2015R30488
Count II
Name of Mortgagor: Homer C. Kaiser, Jr.
Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank
Date of Mortgage: January 19, 2018
Date of recording: January 24, 2018
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois
Recording document identification: Document No. 2018R01572
/s/ Paul Palazzolo
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, vs. TARA HOLLO, ERIN LANCASTER, MEAGN LANG, JESSE LANG, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF PENNY LANG, Deceased, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
No. 2021CH92
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF PENNY LANG, DECEASED and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is November 5, 2021.

Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on September 17, 2021.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 2021CH92
2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois
3. The name of the title holder of record is: Heirs and Legatees of Penny Lang, deceased
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

The North 40 feet of the South 120 feet of Lots 1 and 2 of Block 3 of Mrs. Ulrich's Addition to the City of Springfield. Excepting and reserving the West 20 feet. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 905 S. Henrietta Street, Springfield, Illinois
6. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
Name of Mortgagor: Penny Lang, an unmarried person
Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank
Date of Mortgage: December 14, 2001
Date of recording: December 28, 2001
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois
Recording document identification: Document No. 2001R67164
/s/ Paul Palazzolo
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Capitol Storage LLC
818 S Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL 62707
(217)522-0300
818 S Dirksen
Troy Wise #05-80
Cornelius Jones #05-189
Unknown occupant #05-154
909 N Taintor Rd
Unknown Occupant 04-JJ9
2420 N Peoria Rd
Xavier Sims- Thomas #08-08
Cierra Pitts #08-02
Melissa Williams #08-35 &37
3012 Great Northern Dr
Stephanie Weiss Kawaski #533

To pay past due rent and fees call 217-522-0300. Private sale will be held October 9, 2021 A.M at Capitol Storage LLC, 818 S Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703

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

IN THE MATTER OF Larryion Givan No. 2021-P-483
To: Larry Givan at address unknown and All Persons Having A Right To Notice: Please be notified that Yolanda Walker has filed a Petition for Guardianship of the Estate and Person of Larryion Givan, minor child. You are required to answer said Petition BY November 8, 2021 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

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

IN THE MATTER OF Colten McCowen No. 2021-P-521
To: Estrella Ramos and Dustin McCowen at addresses unknown and All Persons Having A Right To Notice: Please be notified that Sharon Painter has filed a Petition for Guardianship of the Estate and Person of Colten McCowen, minor child. You are required to answer said Petition BY November 8, 2021 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

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

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS Plaintiffs,
v.
FIFTEEN HUNDRED NINETY FIVE DOLLARS (\$1,595.00) USC CHRISTOPHER P WALLACE Defendants.

**NO. 20-MR-157
20-AF-33**

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 11, 2020. **UNLESS YOU** file a verified claim 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.**

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

THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
Norman Leaderbrand, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No. 21-MR-1221
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Norman Leaderbrand and Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed

in the above named court on September 16, 2021 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 2725 Old Ash Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:

Lot Five (5) in the Subdivision of Lot Twelve (12) of the Subdivision of the Northeast Quarter and part of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section Two (2), Township (15) North, Range Five (5) West of the Third Principal Meridian, excepting and reserving the North ¼ 4 acres of said Lot Five (5).
(Permanent Parcel No. 22-02.0-278-013); and for other relief.

UNLESS Norman Leaderbrand and 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, 2021, **A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.**

/s/ Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of Court
James K. Zerkle
Corporation Counsel
Kateah McMasters ARDC #639668
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.

ANDREW BIRNEY, UNITED COMMUNITY BANK AS SUCCESSOR TO ILLINI BANK, DEMETRI COLLINS, MARY COLLINS, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, TAZMANIAN INVESTMENTS, INC., TOWER LOAN OF ILLINOIS, LLC, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC, NG SOLUTIONS, LLC, SANGAMON COUNTY AS TRUSTEE FOR TAXING DISTRICTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No. 21-MR-1223
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Andrew Birney, Demetri Collins, Mary Collins, Tazmanian Investments, Inc., Tower Loan of Illinois, LLC, Midland Funding LLC, NG Solutions, LLC, Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on September 16, 2021 for demolition of the structure or structures located on and a declaration of abandonment for the real estate commonly known as 626 S. Glenwood Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:

Lot Fifteen (15) and the South 25 feet of Lot Fourteen (14), Block One (1), A.M. Bradford's Additon. Situated in Sanagmon County, Illinois.
(Permanent Parcel No. 14-33.0-182-043); and for other relief.

UNLESS Andrew Birney, Demetri Collins, Mary Collins, Tazmanian Investments, Inc., Tower Loan of Illinois, LLC, Midland Funding LLC, NG Solutions, LLC, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants file an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before October 23, 2021, **A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT**

DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.

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

THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
PAMELA HART, CEFCU, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No. 21-MR-1225
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Pamela Hart, CEFCU and Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on September 16, 2021 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 1715 E. Kansas Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:

LOTS 9 AND 10 IN BLOCK 7 OF B.S. EDWARDS THIRD ADDITION. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUTNY, ILLINOIS.
(Permanent Parcel No. 14-35.0-315-018); and for other relief.

UNLESS Pamela Hart, CEFCU, 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, 2021, **A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.**

/s/ Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of Court
James K. Zerkle
Corporation Counsel
Kateah McMasters
Assistant Corporation Counsel
Attorneys for Plaintiff
800 E. Monroe, Room 327
Springfield, IL 62701-1653
(217) 789-2375
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

HEALTHCARE & FAMILY SERVICES, ex rel,
Terra Luttrell
Petitioner,
-vs-
Benjamin Wicker
Respondent.
No.21-F-243
P.A. NO. C03328216

NOTICE TO PRESUMED FATHER
IN THE MATTER OF NOTICE TO Samuel Uhlhorn., PRESUMED FATHER:
You have been identified as the presumed father of Braelynn Wicker, born 05/05/2017.

The mother of the child is Terra Luttrell. An action is being brought to establish the parent and child relationship between the named child and a man named by the mother, Benjamin Wicker. Under the law, you are presumed to be the father if (1) you and the child's mother are or have been married to each other, and the child was born or

conceived during the marriage; or if (2) after the child's birth, you and the child's mother married each other and you were named, with your consent, as the child's father on the child's birth certificate.

As the presumed father, you have certain legal rights with respect to the named child, including the right to notice of the filing of proceedings instituted for the establishment of parentage of said child. If you wish to retain your rights with respect to said child, you must file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, whose address is 200 South Ninth Street, Fourth Floor, Springfield, Illinois, within 30 days after the date of receipt of this notice, a declaration of parentage stating that you are, in fact, the father of said child and that you intend to retain your legal rights with respect to said child, or a request to be notified of any further proceedings with respect to the parentage of said child.

If you do not file such declaration or request for notice, then whatever legal rights you have with respect to the named child, including the right to notice of any future proceedings for the establishment of parentage of the child, may be terminated without any further notice to you. When your legal rights with respect to the named child are so terminated, you will not be entitled to notice of any future proceedings.

/s/ Cheryl Drda
Attorney for: Healthcare & Family Services
Room 309, County Complex
200 South Ninth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 753-6395

NOTICE OF LOST PROPERTY

In April of 2021, over \$100 in U.S. currency was found along Hazel Dell Road, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois and turned over to the Springfield Police Department. If you are the owner of this money and wish to claim it, you must file a proof of claim with the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk in the lawsuit captioned **In re: John C. Meyer v. Unknown Owners.** Case No. 2021-MR-908 on or before October 21, 2022. If you file a timely claim and the court determines that you are the owner of the money, the money will be awarded to you, less the costs and expenses incurred by the finder as required by the Illinois Estrays and Lost Property Act.
Don Gray
Sangamon County Clerk

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

Arizona M. Phillips, Petitioner vs.
Carlos Little, Respondent
Case No: 2019-OP-1450
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Carlos Little, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before November 4, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Court
Date: Sept. 30, 2021

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

Cyrenna Broyles, Petitioner vs.
Todd Mercer, Respondent
Case No: 2021-OP-1274
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Todd Mercer, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before October 28, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Court
Date: Sept. 23, 2021

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

Johniesha Cliff, Petitioner vs.
Qubia Porter, Respondent
Case No: 2021-OP-1369
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Qubia Porter, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before November 4, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Court
Date: Sept. 30, 2021

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

Michael Gottschalk, Petitioner vs.
Tyler Schultz, Respondent
Case No: 2021-OP-1376
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Tyler Schultz, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before November 10, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Court
Date: Oct. 7, 2021

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

Michelle Noel, Petitioner vs.
Jevon Waddy, III, Respondent
Case No: 2021-OP-1017
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Jevon Waddy, III, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the

Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before November 4, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Court
Date: Sept. 30, 2021

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

Mitchell Dutz, Petitioner vs.
Todd Mercer, Respondent
Case No: 2021-OP-1276
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Todd Mercer, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before October 28, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Court
Date: Sept. 23, 2021

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

Mitchell Dutz, Petitioner vs.
Ryan Mercer, Respondent
Case No: 2021-OP-1275
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Ryan Mercer, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before October 28, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Court
Date: Sept. 23, 2021

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

Nicole Yates, Petitioner vs.
Percy Crawford, Respondent
Case No: 2021-OP-1128
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Percy Crawford, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before October 28, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Court
Date: Sept. 30, 2021

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

Robert Terry, Petitioner vs. Nicole Tennison, Respondent
 Case No: 2021-OP-1308
 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
 Nicole Tennison, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before October 28, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.
 Paul Palazzolo
 Clerk of the Court
 Date: Sept. 23, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 SANGAMON COUNTY
 Steve DeFreitas Sr., Petitioner vs. Steve DeFreitas Jr, Respondent
 Case No: 2021-OP-1381
 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
 Steve DeFreitas Jr, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before November 4, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.
 Paul Palazzolo
 Clerk of the Court
 Date: Sept. 30, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER
 Plaintiff,
 -v-
 ANNETTE STEVENS
 Defendant
 19 CH 243
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 18, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on November 5, 2021, 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 60 OF MILDRED PARK SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 369 FEET OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND MINERALS WITH RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME.
 Commonly known as 2523 SOUTH 15TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703
 Property Index No. 22-10.0-204-016
 The real estate is improved with a multi-family residence.
 The judgment amount was \$48,565.53. 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, including the Judicial Sale fee for the 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 residential 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 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.

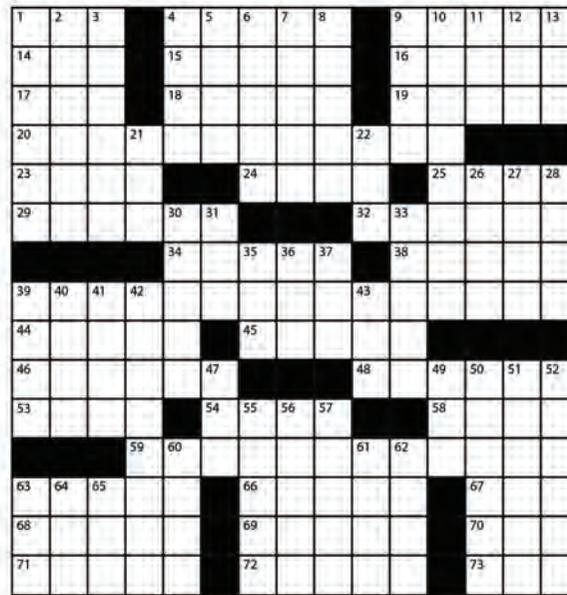
For information, The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm.. Please refer to file number 19-090900.

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.
 LOGS Legal Group LLP
 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301
 Bannockburn IL, 60015
 847-291-1717
 E-Mail: ILNotices@logs.com
 Attorney File No. 19-090900
 Case Number: 19 CH 243
 T.JSC#: 41-1584
 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 # 19 CH 243
 8051-918464

Flat stuff Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 708

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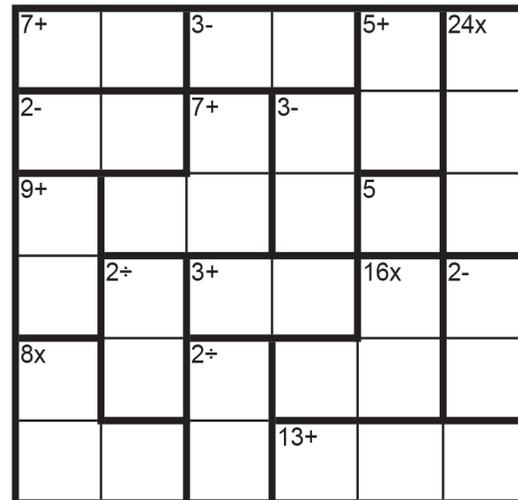
1. Tavern
4. Call on, again
9. Moves, briefly
14. Poetic palindrome
15. Author Zola
16. Beauty pageant wear
17. Missile's path
18. Farm machine
19. James of jazz and others
20. High School infatuation
23. Chaps
24. "The ___ the limit!"
25. Dutch cheese
29. Builds
32. Motionless
34. Debate
38. Red dye
39. Big name in news
44. Backyard border
45. Wait on
46. Flinches, say
48. ___ Pieces (candy in "E.T.")
53. Gymnast Korbut
54. Powerful D.C. lobby
58. "___ Karenina"
59. Side dish
63. Moving about
66. So far
67. Stephen of "V for Vendetta"
68. Red
69. Model Campbell
70. Canal locale
71. Baseball's Musial and Hockey's Mikita



72. Bacon bit
73. RR stop
13. Carrier to Oslo
21. Foreign policy grp.
22. ___ Today
26. Not those, in Brooklyn
27. Garage sale warning
28. High pts.
30. Be silent, in music
31. ___ Lanka
33. Crow's home
35. Exxon product
36. Colorado native
37. Always, in verse
39. 60's hairdo
40. Sew shut, as a falcon's eyes
41. Catch
42. Special time
43. TiVo, for one
47. Friend of Frodo
49. ___ de Cologne
50. Gets game
51. Put on a throne
52. 1943 Bogart film
55. "It's ___ world"
56. Convened anew
57. Comedian Richard
60. Coffee dispensers
61. 18-wheeler
62. Medicine cabinet item
63. Stomach muscles, briefly
64. Took a load off
65. ___ la la

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 708

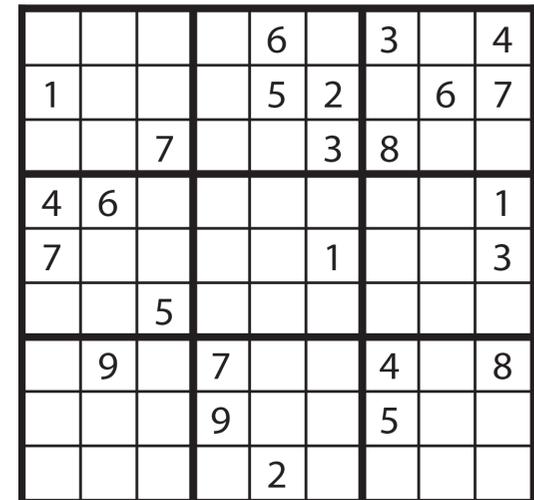
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



Difficulty medium

Sudoku No. 708

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

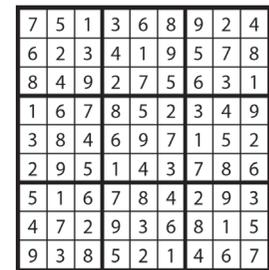


Difficulty hard

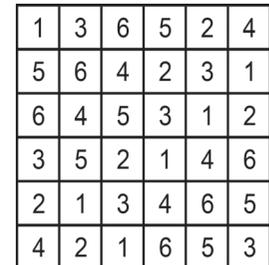
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