

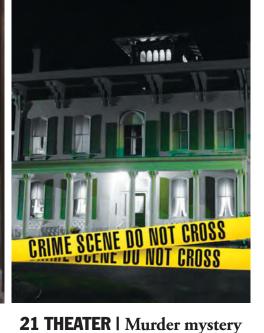
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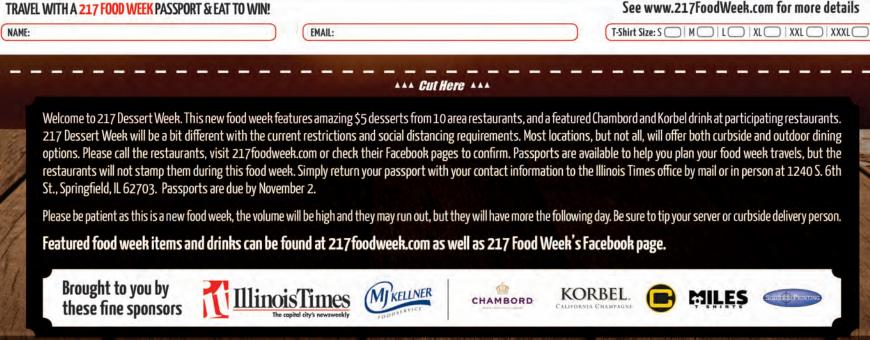
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OPINION

House hunters City council spends \$186,000 on uncertain rail project

UPON FURTHER REVIEW | Bruce Rushton

Luann Hickman's house on East South Grand Avenue is one of the nicest on the block. Which isn't saying much.

Like too many other East Side neighborhoods, Hickman's has seen better days. Paint flakes from nearby homes, several of which need new roofs. Fire has destroyed a garage and scorched the back of Hickman's house. The alley in back is choked with weeds, branches and other debris. The home's front is decorated with wreaths for all seasons: A sign near the porch declares them for sale. No one answers the door.

Hickman has lived here since 1993, thanks to Habitat for Humanity, which renovated the home and set up a contract for deed. Hickman made the final \$100 monthly payment in 2017.

Last week, the Springfield City Council agreed to buy the property for \$51,000, the value established by an appraiser after the garage fire, plus provide an additional \$135,190 for relocation expenses. The property, the city says, is needed for a railroad improvement project. On paper, at least, Hickman appears to have done well. But there is more to this than paper.

Issues include disabilities. The city is allocating \$32,000 for accessibility features in Hickman's new home – her current abode has a wheelchair ramp outside. "She's 62 years old," Ward 7 Ald. Joe McMenamin observed before the 7-2 vote – proponents called it a hardship case. "From what I understand, she's not wheelchair-dependent now, but she anticipates being in that way down the road."

In addition to purchasing Hickman's home, the city, as part of relocation expenses, will provide \$78,900 to ensure that Hickman's new house will be like her old one, which meant finding a threebedroom, two-bath ranch with a basement and a certain number of square feet, says Steve Warren, land acquisition manager for Hanson Professional Services, the engineering firm that is guiding the project. The search, he says, took six months. It is not clear how far Hickman's new \$129,900 house might be from railroad tracks. The public purpose in play may never play out. The city says that we will, eventually, need Hickman's house to make room for a railroad overpass on South Grand Avenue at 19th Street, but there is no construction money or timetable. With four overpasses yet to be built, funding hasn't been secured to complete an expansion of the 11th Street rail corridor eight blocks west of Hickman's house and eight years after a plan was approved. That project has priority.

In arguing to spend more than \$186,000 of somebody else's money to buy out Hickman – the city figures on getting reimbursed by the state -- Ward 3 Ald. Doris Turner reminded colleagues that the proposed underpass is in the same federally approved plan that includes the 11th Street project. But railroad realignment and improvement schemes, mostly unrealized, have been around nearly a century. What chance is there that we'll be shoveling dirt on 19th Street any time soon, and for what purpose?

Former Ward 2 Ald. Frank McNeil, who lives a block or so from Hickman, says the number of trains is down to two or three a day, considerably fewer than when he moved to the neighborhood in 1988 - the feds tallied four trains a day in the 2012 plan that calls for buying 21 homes, including Hickman's, to make room for the South Grand overpass. The trains through his neighborhood, McNeil says, mostly carry coal. How long will that last? Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory says he expects the overpass and another planned for Ash Street to help beautify east side neighborhoods, and he's been promised by Hanson officials that the projects will come to pass: "They've assured me it's a real thing and not smoke and mirrors," he said before the vote. Considering the uproar in Ward 6, where residents say railroad overpass construction has damaged foundations and harmed home values, the alderman might consider what he wishes for.

Ward 6 Ald. Kristin DiCenso said she's not voting to acquire anything until the city addresses complaints about 11th Street railroad

Editor's note

Every day of Amy Coney Barrett is another day of Joe Biden safe in the basement, not getting sick, welcoming the gift of a canceled debate, while Americans vote early in record numbers. Waiting for Christmas was never as dramatic as waiting for November. *—Fletcher Farrar, editor and CEO*



The city council has voted to buy Luann Hickman's home, yellow at center, on South Grand Avenue. PHOTO BY BRUCE RUSHTON

construction in her ward; McMenamin, who also voted no, observed that the city will lose property tax revenue and now must demolish the house, then mow grass indefinitely until the promised overpass comes through. "It all adds up to about \$180,000 to relocate someone in a home that's assessed at \$30,000 by the tax assessor for bridge construction that might not take place for 10 years," the alderman calculated.

Last month, the council balked at buying four rental houses across the street for \$101,500 whose owner, like Hickman, asked for hardship consideration – he's living in assisted care and can't look after the property, says Warren, Hanson's acquisition manager. Turner, who voted to table the deal, says there's no comparison to the Hickman purchase. "Those properties were vacant and dilapidated – they were unoccupied and never will be able to be occupied," she said before last week's vote.

Laws governing property acquisition with public dollars are strict. The government, for example, must provide decent, safe and sanitary housing for displaced people, no matter the condition of homes purchased, Warren said. Generally speaking, I asked, do you have an opinion on whether some folks end up better off after getting bought out?

"My opinion is, when the state comes to buy your property, it's not always a bad deal," he replied. □

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Joshua Fabian Kpakpo Allotey Sr. of Springfield.

Springfielder from Ghana on conflict back home

GUESTWORK | Andrew Leonard

Ghana is one of Africa's biggest postcolonial success stories. Since declaring independence from the United Kingdom in 1957, the West African state has enjoyed a high degree of prosperity and rule of law, due to sustained economic growth and a strong societal emphasis on education. Robust governmental institutions have flourished over the past 63 years and, especially during the Fourth Republic (1993 onwards), when decentralization and power-sharing mechanisms were adopted in a new constitution emphasizing democratic governance. As a result, the West African state has traditionally been among the least corrupt, most politically stable countries on the continent.

Ghana native and 31-year Springfield resident Joshua Fabian Kpakpo Allotey Sr., retired from the state, is a product of Ghanaian civic and democratic dynamism. Born in 1949 in the Ghanaian capital Accra, Allotey immigrated into the U.S. in 1976 and earned a degree in accounting and finance at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. He attributes much of his homeland's success to its hospitable culture. "In Ghanaian culture, people are very peaceful and very friendly. Ghanaians will welcome you even if they don't know you and embrace you." Allotey maintains the Golden Rule is also held in high esteem in Ghana. "Here [in the U.S.] we are taught to beware of strangers, but in Ghana we embrace strangers because our culture teaches that we don't know what tomorrow will bring. So if you are nice to somebody today, tomorrow the same person will be the one saving you."

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OPINION

Will Madigan hearings have substance?

POLITICS | Rich Miller

House Republican Leader Jim Durkin is a former prosecutor, and that outlook on life has never really left him.

He's not big on a lot of criminal justice reforms, even standing up to his party's president to oppose the early prison release of former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich. He was staunchly opposed to legalizing cannabis. I'm sure that House Speaker Michael Madigan's highly public legal troubles grate on Durkin to no end, as they would on almost any former prosecutor.

So, even though Durkin's petition which triggered the creation of the House Special Investigating Committee to look into the allegations against Madigan is steeped in the politics of the moment (for the obvious campaign reasons, but also to satisfy the demands of some of his members and some major GOP campaign donors who want him to get much tougher on Madigan, Gov. JB Pritzker and other Democrats), I would argue that his main thrust is legitimate from his own perspective.

Even if Madigan didn't directly engage in "conduct unbecoming a legislator," as the petition alleges, people under his control most certainly did say and do some things that, if not all illegal, are certainly distasteful and disreputable. Madigan created this environment and yet says he cannot and should not be held responsible for those acting within the confines of that environment; and refuses to cooperate with a committee that is enshrined in the very same rules that Madigan insists must be approved by his members every two years.

Leader Durkin held a press conference last week to express his outrage that the investigatory committee's chairman, Rep. Chris Welch (D-Hillside), had delayed all future hearings until after the November election.

"Citizens of Illinois must know what the single most powerful person in the state's role is in this scandal, this ever-growing scandal," Durkin said. "Illinois residents deserve so much better and they deserve the truth."

"He needs to stand up and answer those questions," Durkin quoted Pritzker as saying about fellow Democrat Madigan, then called on Pritzker to "immediately demand those answers he has been requesting from Speaker Madigan or demand that he resign immediately."

But Durkin's answer to the press conference's very first question demonstrated how the demand for Madigan's testimony is far more about putting Madigan in a bad spot than it is about an actual investigation.

Durkin was asked: "What would the speaker

say that he has not already said in writing?" a question which referred to Madigan's long, singlespaced letter denying all allegations and explaining why he would not cooperate with the committee, which he said was nothing more than a political stunt.

"Well, based on what I know," Durkin replied, "I think the speaker at this point, the only thing you can say is that 'I take the Fifth Amendment.""

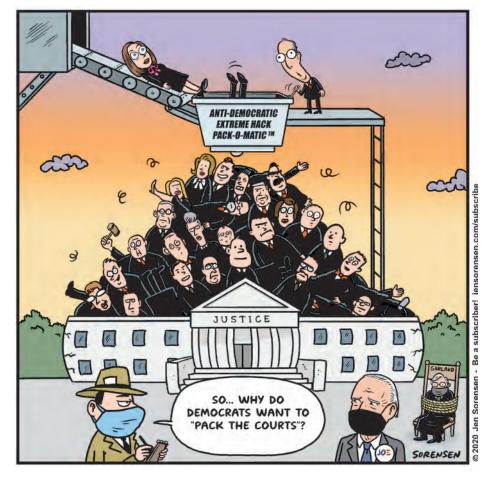
"This isn't politics," Durkin insisted later. But the Leader's answer gave up the ghost. He essentially admitted that this demand for testimony is about political advantage and not a search for truth. Yes, I know, it's all so very shocking. Politics in a legislative committee during an election year? My goodness, that's simply unprecedented.

"Remember," Durkin told reporters, "the committee's name is the Special Investigative Committee. The committee has a duty and an obligation to investigate."

OK, but forcing a televised spectacle where almost everyone including Durkin himself believe that Speaker Madigan will take the Fifth would be more akin to a show trial than an actual investigative hearing. Yes, such a thing would undoubtedly be immensely satisfying for everyone who despises Madigan (and that's a very long list), but that's about it. Durkin is doing a good job of keeping Madigan's name out there and putting the Democrats on defense, but don't hose down my shoes and tell me it's raining.

The committee's Republicans have requested documents from ComEd specifically related to testimony by the company's compliance officer during its last hearing. Fulfilling that request should be simple and relatively quick. Chairman Welch, on the other hand, has requested what could be thousands of documents containing correspondence between the company and just about everybody under the Illinois political sun going back years. That's the ostensible reason for the hearing's delay, along with the claim that Republicans are playing politics. Welch says it shouldn't take long to fulfill his request, but I still have my doubts.

Hopefully, the Republican request can be fulfilled and the ComEd documents released soon. Maybe we can get some actual substance out of this process going forward. \Box





debate poem #1

I don't intend to make any judgments on the high or low points of last week's vp debate except that I'd be a pro-vaxxer if science endorsed but I do want to note that the fly was bored

2020 Jacqueline Jackson

LETTERS

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VOTE EARLY

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The day my husband and I voted, the line continually moved with everyone mindful of the social distancing and mask requirements. We were finished in no time and were pleasantly surprised how organized it all was.

We walked away feeling satisfied that we had personally entered our ballots into the computer, and that they were being securely stored until Election Day. We were assured by the election judges that on Nov. 3, our early in-person votes would be combined with those who had voted at the polls that day.

Why not consider voting early and on your own schedule at the Sangamon County building? On the night of Nov. 3, sit back and confidently watch the election totals knowing that nothing unforeseen prevented you from registering your choices. You could feel proud, relieved and assured that your voice will have been heard for this most important election. *Sharon L. Miner Springfield*

FAIR TAX JUST THAT

In this era of the COVID-19 pandemic, my wife and I have kept ourselves sane by driving around in the countryside near Springfield, visiting small towns we've not seen previously. Occasionally, there are yard signs proclaiming "no" to the Illinois progressive income tax amendment. I don't understand the logic in this.

What is the downside to households with joint incomes totaling less than \$250,000 annually who will either see no change, or a reduction in their state income taxes? I don't imagine that there are numerous high-income earners in places like Middletown and New Holland.

The argument has been made that the Fair Tax amendment opens the door to additional tax increases, but the current state income tax rate can just as easily be raised by the legislature. Many other states have progressive income taxes, and the additional revenue that the Fair Tax amendment will bring to Illinois is sorely needed to help fund education, prisons, pensions, infrastructure, the maintenance of historic sites and so on.

The state budget, as it now stands, depends partly on aid from the federal government that is far from certain. Republicans in the Senate are against sending money to populous Democrat-controlled states that need federal funds the most. Additionally, the pandemic has resulted in a loss of revenue from sales taxes imposed on businesses and the motor fuel tax, plus reduced income tax revenue due to increased unemployment. These factors make the Fair Tax amendment more necessary than ever.

I believe that the people with the yard signs are misinformed about how the Fair Tax will affect them. *Richard F. Herndon Springfield*

WHAT DOES BOARD DO?

The recent article, "Police residency and review" notes of Springfield's Police Community Review Commission, "...there has been one case for review in the past three years" (Oct. 1). On average, it only takes the U.S. Supreme Court about six weeks to decide a case (https:// www.supremecourt.gov/ publicinfo/reportersguide.pdf).

Maybe the entire board needs to be replaced. Jack Carter Via illinoistimes.com

Conflict back home

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eastern Volta region of the country, between Lake Volta to the west and neighboring Togo to the east, has in recent years jeopardized Ghana's political stability. It is inhabited primarily by the culturally and linguistically distinct Ewe tribe, whose presence stretches beyond the border into Togo. Allotey claims that because of the arbitrary demarcation between French-held Togo and the British colony of Ghana, the Ewe tribe was split between the two countries. "The Volta region was given to Ghana [in 1957]. The present-day Volta region is what we used to call Western Togo, which used to be a part of the British Gold Coast. The problem started because when they were dividing this portion of Western Togo, they didn't consider the culture, the language or the people. There were Ewes living on both sides [of the border] -- in Togo and in Ghana. On both sides of the border, they speak the same language, they are the same people."

As is often the case with ill-conceived colonial borders, the Ewes of the Volta region have felt marginalized from greater Ghanaian society. "In 2017 they started organizing themselves. They called themselves the Western Togoland Restoration Front [WTRF]. They made an attempt in 2017 to form a secessionist group and went ahead and declared independence," says Allotey.

While the attempt failed to secure an independent state, the WTRF on Sept. 1 this year again declared independence from Ghana. Accordingly, separatists blockaded entrances to the Volta region with burning tires and heaps of sand, attacked and raided local police stations, and took police captive while demanding the release of fellow separatists. Transportation facilities were also attacked, and radio stations were taken over during the insurrection.

On Oct. 2, the Ghanaian government granted autonomy to the town of Alavanyo in a concession to the breakaway Volta region, whose inhabitants maintain that political underrepresentation is the root cause of the insurrection. Allotey concedes the secessionists have legitimate grievances. Ghanaian President Nana Akufo-Addo, "who is running for reelection, has sent soldiers there [Volta region] to intimidate people because it's said that people from Togo come to the border region and register as Ghanaians and vote."

"They think that they are marginalized. And they have a point in some places. Personally, I feel if they want to leave, we should let them go... there will be peace."

Andrew Leonard of Springfield has an appetite for current events, particularly foreign policy and international politics.

NEWS

Taxing messages

A proposed change to state income tax is mired in conflicting rhetoric

POLITICS | Rachel Otwell

It's hard to avoid the debate about a proposed change to the way income is taxed in Illinois. You may have already voted one way or the other. Gov. JB Pritzker, one of the wealthiest politicians in the country, has made it a pet issue. He and other proponents of the proposal, which would lead to a graduated income tax rate that would mean higher taxes for the wealthy, call it the "fair tax."

If you've watched television lately then "you've seen an onslaught of TV ads that are talking about who will pay higher and lower taxes if the proposed amendment is passed," said Kent Redfield during a Citizens Club of Springfield debate he moderated last month. "You might be confused." Redfield, an emeritus University of Illinois Springfield political science professor and author, said some \$80 million has been raised to campaign either for or against the proposal. The average voter could indeed have a hard time making sense of what's at stake based on conflicting and insidious messaging that has also made its way to social media advertisements.

Opponents – such as the Illinois Policy Institute, a libertarian nonprofit organization funded by the ultra-rich, including former Gov. Bruce Rauner's foundation – have framed it as a "tax hike." They have claimed the amendment to the state's constitution would open the door to more taxation. Illinois Policy Institute is a plaintiff in a lawsuit meant to derail the effort.

To pass, the constitutional amendment needs either 60% approval from those who vote on the proposal, or 50% of all those who vote in the election. If passed by voters, in 2021 an already approved law would go into effect. Tax rates would rise in steps, with the first \$10,000 for a single filer taxed at 4.75%. Single filers with a net income of \$10,001 to \$100,000 would have a rate of 4.90%. And those with an income of more than \$100,000 and up to \$250,000 would trigger the current flat rate of 4.95%. Income more than that, for an individual, would mean a rate of 7.75%, which would rise to 7.85% for income at more than \$350,000. For single filers, the largest increase would be for income greater than \$750,000, with a rate of 7.99%.

Most Illinois residents, who make less than \$250,000 annually, would see a decrease in their income taxes. But opponents claim it would open the door to further tax increases. "Removing the constitutional flat-tax protection



would lead to large tax hikes on middle-class Illinoisans," an August article from Illinois Policy Institute claimed. When it comes to income taxes, that argument is unlikely, according to the Institute of Government and Public Affairs, or IGPA, based at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

IGPA released an October report that found states don't often increase their income tax rates. "The debate over Illinois' graduated tax proposal made me wonder, do other states change their personal income tax rates frequently?" said report author and IGPA senior scholar David Merriman in a release. "It turns out the answer is no, and that goes for states with graduated-rate structures and flat-rate structures. Changes to personal income tax rates just aren't that common."

During the Sept. 25 Citizens Club debate in Springfield that Redfield moderated, state Sen. Andy Manar, a Democrat, and state Sen. Steve McClure, a Republican, encapsulated arguments on either side of the issue. Potential additional tax revenue "just goes into the state piggy bank, which is constantly mismanaging and destroying our future as a state because it's very poorly run, unfortunately," said McClure. Manar, a proponent, said it would "provide revenue to take the place of property taxes to fund public schools in Illinois." Both legislators represent parts of central Illinois.

Keri Tate heads the Springfield chapter of the League of Women Voters. The league advocates for civic engagement and abstains from partisan issues. The league has been supportive of a progressive income tax for 50 years, she said. "The way taxes are structured right now, moderate and low-income families are being taxed on ... a larger proportion of their income," said Tate. "It's definitely an equity issue."

In the midst of conflicting messaging, one thing seems certain. Taxes for Illinois residents could increase one way or the other. In late September, Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton warned that if the state is not allowed to move forward with a new income tax plan, all Illinoisans could face a 20% across-the-board hike in their income taxes. \Box

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SHOW US YOUR (CAMPAIGN) BUTTONS

CAP How did politicians get themselves elected before television and the internet came along? The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum knows the answer - or at least has examples - dating back to, well, Lincoln's time and will enlighten anyone interested during two online events highlighting campaign memorabilia (the ALPLM uses the term "tshotchkes") scheduled for 7 p.m. Oct. 15 and again at 7 p.m. on Oct. 29. The presentation titled "Beyond Bumper Stickers," set to appear on the institution's Facebook page, (https://www.facebook.com/Lincoln.Museum) will draw heavily on relics donated by the Stevenson family, which includes a former U.S. vice president, governor and presidential candidate. It's not just campaign buttons. Jacob Friefeld, ALPLM research historian who is in charge of the show, promises things fascinating, creative and even weird. The museum wants to see what else is out there and so is asking collectors who have interesting or weird items of their own to send photos to alplm. showandtell@illinois.gov. with the museum planning to show some during the Oct. 29 session.

DIFFERENT KIND OF MUSIC

CAPP Springfield was set for another summer of outdoor concerts on the Y block this year. The pandemic canceled that. The Levitt Foundation, which had planned to provide grant money for the concert series, instead provided a \$5,000 grant for other creative endeavors. "Constructing our 2020 project in this way allows us to spread the love to a wider array of organizations and causes," said Lisa Clemmons Stott of Downtown Springfield, Inc. The grant includes free meal giveaways from two Black-owned restaurants on Saturday, Oct. 17. Both Anchors Away and Boyd's New Generation will offer meals of gumbo and fried chicken, respectively. The Illinois Symphony Youth Orchestras will host instrument "petting zoos" for people to try out instruments. The Garvey-Tubman Cultural Arts and Research Center will provide socially distanced, private music lessons, with a focus on children of color from single-income families. And First Try Sessions is connecting experienced guitarists with kids seeking lessons. Instrument donations will be accepted for these efforts. And if all goes to plan, Springfielders will be able to gather and listen to concerts on the Y block again next year. More information on the projects is at: tinyurl.com/y3gb9eb8



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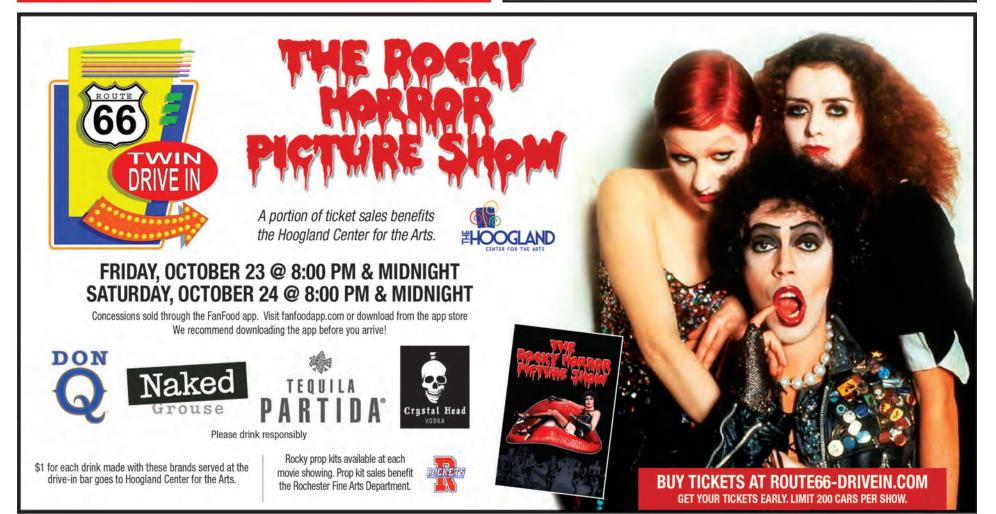
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Prison puzzle Lawmakers talk reform

CORRECTIONS | Bruce Rushton

Illinois prisons house 18% fewer inmates today than in March, and more change is needed, state corrections director Rob Jeffreys told lawmakers during an Oct. 13 hearing focused on prison reform.

"The numbers haven't looked like this since 1992," Jeffreys told a joint meeting of the Illinois Senate Criminal Law committee and Senate Special Committee on Public Safety, which is holding a series of hearings on criminal justice reform. "We're focused on implementing new reforms that will end the cycle of incarceration for thousands of families."

Early releases aimed at corralling coronavirus account for much of the reduction in prisoners since March, Jeffreys testified. The state's inmate population peaked at 49,401 in 2013 and stood at 32,167 on June 30, with reductions in the number of inmates beginning under former Gov. Bruce Rauner. Fifty-five percent of the state's inmates are African American and an additional 14% are Hispanic.

Activists on Tuesday testified that too many people are going back to prison for violations of release conditions and that conditions of release, particularly for offenders who are homeless or on electronic monitoring, are unnecessarily onerous.

Prison buildings are dilapidated, testified Phil Whittington, corrections policy analyst for the John Howard Association, a Chicagobased prison watchdog group, and there are few programs to keep inmates occupied. Whittington joined others in criticizing the state's mandatory supervised release program, Illinois' version of parole, which critics say results in people being unnecessarily returned to prison. "There is no doubt that MSR needs to be overhauled," Whittington told lawmakers who convened in a virtual meeting.

Jeffreys didn't necessarily disagree with critics, particularly those who said that the mandatory supervised release program isn't distinguishing offenders who pose genuine risk from those who do not, and so people are being returned to prison who pose no threat to public safety.

"I will be mute on it," Jeffreys said on the question of whether the state's release program is setting up people to fail instead of helping them succeed. "But everybody was spot on. We have work to do. We can make some real reform here in Illinois." The series of hearings was prompted by the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus, which aims to push for reform legislation as soon as the upcoming veto session, which is scheduled for after the November election.

Madeleine Doubek, executive director of Change Illinois, urged lawmakers to put an end to a practice dubbed prison gerrymandering in which inmates are counted as residents of towns where they are incarcerated instead of communities they consider home. That results in under-representation of neighborhoods when congressional and other election districts are drawn every 10 years, while artificially inflating the population, and political influence, of areas with prisons. No politician, Doubek said, holds town hall meetings in prisons.

That drew a muted challenge from Rep. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, a member of the House Criminal Law Committee who attended the Senate hearing as a guest. "I'm certainly willing to do that," said Bryant, who asked corrections officials for protocols so she could hold town hall meetings in prisons within her district. "If you would all put together what that procedure would look like, I would appreciate it." A corrections official at the hearing said the department would do so.

Bryant, a former prison administrator, agreed with reformers on at least one point. The state, she said, needs more transition centers for offenders close to release. Such centers typically offer vocational and substance abuse programs aimed at helping inmates succeed on the outside. The state has four such centers, none, Bryant noted, south of Peoria. Victor Dickson, president of the Safer Foundation, a Chicago nonprofit that helps former inmates find jobs and housing, said a 200-bed transition center would cost \$7 million a year to run and would house 400 people during the course of a year while providing employment and contracts for vendors. "You can easily cost-justify it," Dickson told lawmakers. "It's creating jobs in areas that need jobs."

Bryant noted that offenders in the mandatory supervised release program have not completed their sentences, and she declared her mind open. "It's an early release," she said. "I'm willing to support some of these ideas, I'm not willing to support others."

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Tallying misery

Surveyors hit Tent City

HOMELESSNESS | Bruce Rushton

As a plan forms for sheltering the homeless during winter, outreach workers and police last week visited Tent City as part of an attempt to count the number of people living outside in Springfield.

Beyond simply counting, the city and social service providers want to know why people have nowhere else to sleep and what sorts of health issues might be in play. The hope is to land federal funding to provide housing throughout the city for up to nine months for each person while more permanent arrangements are made. Written surveys are being used to establish need.

How old are you? If the answer is 60 or older, that's worth a point. Additional points are awarded based on answers to more than 20 other questions. During the past three years, how many times have you been homeless? How many times have you been to the emergency room or jail during the past six months? Ever been beaten up while homeless? Have you ever been kicked out of an apartment or shelter due to mental illness or a past head injury? Are you pregnant? Do you have chronic issues with your kidneys, liver, stomach, heart or lungs? To some degree, it sounds like a misery index, and the more points accrued, the higher the priority for housing. There are no essay questions.

"The goal is to make it not subjective," said Josh Sabo, coordinator for the Heartland Continuum of Care, a consortium of social service agencies established as a conduit for federal funding. "That's where the yes-no comes from." Four days after the visit to Tent City, Sabo said he did not yet have a homeless head count.

A man sipping beer outside a tent who asked that his name not be used said that he filled out the survey even though he likely could get help from a local church where he works as a handyman. He said that he's embarrassed by his situation and doesn't want the pastor to know his plight.

Mayor Jim Langfelder, who's come under fire from city council members for allowing Tent City at the intersection of 11th and Madison streets, said that he pushed for the head count, with help from police, in hopes of securing federal housing money earmarked for pandemic relief. He defended Tent City after last week's city council meeting.

"Is it an ideal situation? No," the mayor said. "Is it unsightly? Yes. Is it as unsightly as being in front of our businesses or sprawled out throughout our city? I don't think so. I think it gives us an opportunity, which we have to take advantage of, of finding out who's there."

Langfelder said he told police chief Kenny Winslow to send officers to Tent City along with social workers because he wanted answers. "I said, 'I want you to get with the continuum, and everybody go in there and find out what's happening and who's there and get their contact information," the mayor said. "Something as simple as a phone number is not even in the ... system. How can you get someone housed or find out where they're at if you don't have their phone number?"

The count comes amid rancor between the mayor and social service providers who have bristled at Langfelder hiring John Fallon, a Chicago-area consultant with years of experience in housing the homeless, to assess the situation in Springfield and provide advice. Fallon, who was at Tent City last week while surveys were completed, has upset local social service providers and some civic leaders by criticizing agencies, saying that the capital city is missing chances to house the homeless. The mayor last month gagged Fallon, saying that he can't talk to the media without prior approval.

Fallon has invited city council members to speak with him but has received a chilly response, with council members telling him that they have nothing to discuss until there is a plan ready for a vote. Last week, Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory told colleagues that they should listen to Fallon, who he said has good ideas.

"He's a little rough at times – I can see how he can maybe rattle some cages and things," Gregory said. "Whether we like it or not, the mayor went out and spent some money for this guy to come in and be a consultant to us. I don't want that money to be wasted. ... That money's going to go to waste because everybody's got an ego, everybody's tripping."

A plan to buy a vacant Salvation Army complex across the street from Tent City for \$2.94 million is now before the city council. Part of the facility, which includes a kitchen, warehouse and sleeping quarters large enough for 80 people, is needed for railroad consolidation on 11th Street, which borders the property. The mayor and social service agencies are eyeing the facility as a winter homeless shelter that would provide adequate room for social distancing while keeping people warm.

While Fallon has dismissed the need for a homeless shelter, saying that the needy can be otherwise housed, the mayor has said some type of shelter is needed. But Langfelder praised Fallon after last week's council meeting.

"He's moved the ball forward, a couple tackles here and there, but he has moved the ball forward," the mayor said. Australian rules football or rugby? "I think it's rugby," Langfelder replied. □

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NEWS

Back to class? District 186 parents petition for hybrid

EDUCATION | Rachel Otwell

Hundreds of people in Springfield apparently signed a petition demanding students be allowed to reenter public classrooms. In the city, private schools have welcomed students back to in-person learning. However, District 186 decided it would begin the 2020-'21 school year remotely for all.

During the Oct. 5 school board meeting, Sarah Rogers spoke on behalf of those who had signed the petition sent to board members. "Talking with so many families and students of the struggles they're experiencing has been both eye-opening and heartbreaking," she said. "These kids and their parents are literally begging to go back to school. The current model has not been working for them. This petition, as well as numerous letters and pleas, should be enough evidence to add the hybrid model." A copy reviewed by Illinois Times showed more than 600 signatures from parents, students, teachers and "concerned citizens." The district is set to open schools for hybrid learners, who would attend in-person classes some days, once metrics based on public health data are met for a period of two consecutive weeks.

"We had over 6,000 students signed up for hybrid when we did registration in July and August. I know there are quite a few people out there who definitely do want to go back to school," said school board president, Scott McFarland. "I'm one of them." McFarland said his own children will return once the hybrid option is enacted, but that won't happen until metrics based on health guidance are met. The district is basing the metrics on levels deemed to have minimal or moderate risk by the state health department. "If cases are continuing to rise in the community, unfortunately we can't control that, we can only control what's inside the schools." And with the way data has trended, he doesn't project the hybrid option to be considered until at least early November. On Oct. 10, Sangamon County hit a record high of newly confirmed cases, with 89 reported in a single day. The hybrid option, as outlined in plans from earlier in the year, would have students attend in-person class two days per week.

Gail O'Neill, Sangamon County Public Health Department director, said she doesn't know of any COVID-19 outbreaks in the county resulting from schools. Private schools opened their doors to students this fall. In an Oct. 12 interview with *Illinois Times*, she said the health department so far had known of a single case of transmission "within a school."

On Oct. 8, *ProPublica Illinois* and *Chicago Tribune* published a report that the Illinois Department of Public Health had confirmed outbreaks in at least 44 schools statewide. According to the report, more than 1,800 public schools in Illinois are operating in person at least partially, as well as an "unknown number of private schools." IDPH does not publicize where school outbreaks have occurred or the number of cases tied to certain schools.

During the Oct. 5 meeting, Supt. Jennifer Gill said plans have been underway to prepare for when a return does happen. "We have been working very hard to get all of the supplies and materials that we can in place so that when students do return to learn in District 186 that we are ready." Each school has its own safety plan, with details as granular as how students can safely get a drink of water, Gill said. Social distancing markers have been placed and new hand sanitizer stations have been purchased. Plexiglass has been installed in office areas. The list goes on.

During the public comment period, Aaron Graves of the Springfield Education Association, the union representing teachers and staff, said workers are prepared to return upon review and approval of the safety plans. "If those are solid, SEA is entirely behind a hybrid return." The union has asked for an advanced notice of 10 days before hybrid learning would begin in order for families and teachers to prepare.

The district added a section to its website, sps186.org, tracking the metrics being used to decide when it's safe to return. As reported for the week of Sept. 27-Oct. 3, the new case rate and number of youth cases were both in the "substantial" risk category. And when students do return, protocols for safety will mean it won't be a true return to normalcy. About half of students have enrolled to finish the calendar year remotely regardless. □

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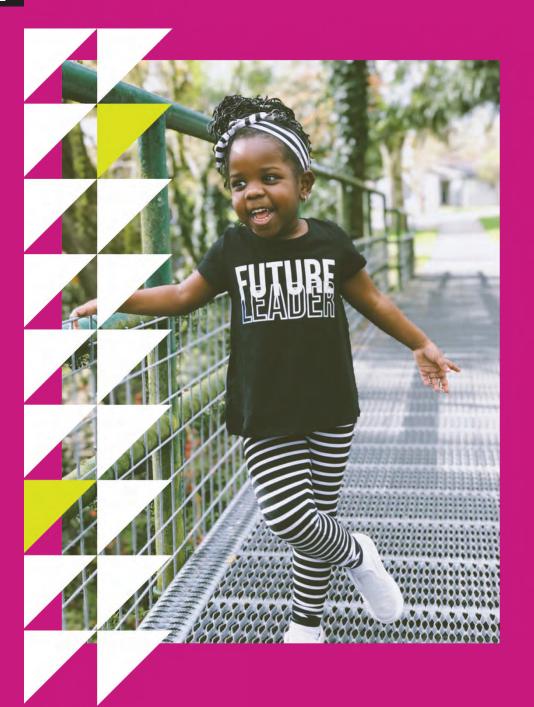


Hank is a big, handsome 3-year-old chocolate lab mix. He loves balls, walks, and smiling. Smiling is his favorite!

Watson is 10-year-old and is looking for a nice relaxed home to make his own. He is a great guy that keeps to himself and loves chin scratches.



FEATURE



Share your ideas about the future of Springfield

Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln launches a community engagement project

VISIONING | Karen Ackerman Witter GRAPHICS COURTESY CFLL o you have an idea – big or small – about the future of the capital city? The Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln (CFLL) wants to hear from you.

Over the next six weeks, from now until Thanksgiving, local citizens are invited to share their ideas about the future of the greater Springfield region. "The Next Ten" is a collaborative community engagement initiative led by the CFLL. According to the CFLL, the purpose is to "put the wheels in motion on bold, visionary and catalytic projects to spark a fresh conversation about Springfield's potential – and lay out steps to elevate the community's livability, economy, creativity and spirit."

"We don't know what the next 10 minutes, 10 weeks, 10 months or 10 years will hold, and we can't simply wait to find out," says John Stremsterfer, president and CEO of CFLL. "We must take the next 10 steps together for the future of Greater Springfield."

This is not another survey. Nor is it intended as a long-range plan that sits on a shelf. It is results oriented. The initiative is designed to identify actionable projects and ideas that can be implemented in the near term, have a clear source of funding and have champions to lead the projects.

A steering committee has been named to help promote community participation, review and vet ideas and identify leaders to move projects forward. Stremsterfer describes the steering committee (p.15) as a group of optimistic-minded people who want Springfield to be a better place. They all have strong ties to the community and have experience bringing initiatives from the idea stage to fruition.

A consultant with expertise in community visioning has been hired to bring fresh approaches and innovative ways to engage the community. The process is grass-roots and community-driven, not top-down, government-driven. It is designed to be open and inviting to ensure all voices are heard. This approach has the support of community organizers as well as elected officials. Projects will be announced in the first quarter of 2021, along with the next steps to move them forward from idea to reality.

Dominic Watson, president of the Springfield Black Chamber of Commerce, agreed to serve on the steering committee. He graduated from Benedictine University, started his own business at the age of 22 and is a dedicated Black business advocate and community organizer working to make Springfield equitable for all who live here. His full-time job is as a lobbyist with AFSCME. He supports "The Next Ten" initiative, citing the importance of it being a

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community-driven project. He emphasizes the need for diverse voices and wants to ensure the future looks bright for all of Springfield. Watson credits John Stremsterfer and the Community Foundation as being forward-thinking. He says the people on the steering committee are creative thinkers across diverse industries who are stakeholders in the community. They will use their relationships to spread enthusiasm about the project, put boots on the ground and give creative projects legs on which to stand.

Mayor Jim Langfelder also supports the CFLL leading this initiative. He says there are plenty of plans that don't get implemented due to lack of funding or community buy-in. He endorses this bottoms-up community engagement approach, led by a neutral party, to help identify community needs and opportunities that can help move the city forward. He says the community-driven approach by the CFLL is reinforced by successful initiatives of the Mayors' Institute on City Design, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the U.S. Conference of Mayors. He's experienced how a top-down approach, even if well-intentioned, may not be well-received and that true community buy-in is essential. He's interested to see what ideas emerge about how best to use community assets, such as the now-vacant Benedictine University campus.

How to share ideas

An interactive website is designed for people to share their ideas, learn what others are proposing and engage in a conversation around those ideas. Go to https://tn10.org/ to get involved and for more information about how to stay connected. One section of the website is an "ideas wall" to capture ideas related to business and the economy, social services, youth and education, environment and health, culture and recreation,

infrastructure and mobility. Another section is map-based, where people can share ideas about specific locations. Put a pin in your neighborhood, your school or any place that is important to you and share your ideas. The interactive website allows others to see and comment on your idea. Have a suggestion about what should happen with the old Pillsbury Mills plant, the Y block or any other site or geographic area? You can enter your comments and start a conversation.

Al Grosboll, CFLL vice-chair and board member from Petersburg, emphasizes that this visioning project extends to the Greater Springfield area, not simply the city of Springfield and Sangamon County. He notes the extraordinary cultural and historic resources of central Illinois and the need to do a better job attracting tourism and economic development that capitalizes on these regional assets. He also cites the potential opportunity of growing farm-to-table restaurants and how adjoining counties are integral as the food source. Recreational opportunities are also a reason to extend the conversation beyond neighborhood visioning. Her commitment to revitalization of cities led her to run for mayor of Denver in 2019. She lost the race against a two-term incumbent, but this experience influenced how she works with communities to look at untapped opportunities and focus on different ways of building strong and healthy communities.

Giellis says Centro guides individuals in identifying alternatives and possibilities, grounded in the stories and history of a place, and works to unite stakeholders in realizing a vision. She was drawn to this project for many reasons. She says Springfield has great people and great opportunities and needs a shot in the arm. She is inspired by what the Community Foundation is trying to do and pursuing visioning in a time when we don't opportunity to work with the CFLL to think boldly and act. Giellis says it is important to inspire people to think fresh, push back on old ways of doing things and work from the ground up. Knowing a story line, being authentic and having everyone at the table are critical to achieving the best outcomes, says Giellis.

From ideas to action

The hard work will begin after the community engagement period. While all ideas are welcome and will be reviewed, the intent is to deliver tangible results. Initiatives will be selected only if they can be implemented in the short term, have a clear source of funding and have a champion to lead the initiative.

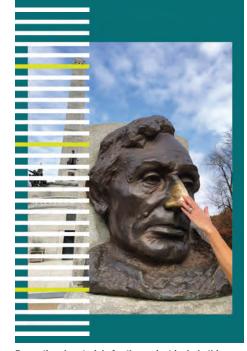
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Other innovative ways to gather public input will be rolled out over the next six weeks. Responses will be tracked by ZIP code, and efforts will be made to reach out to any areas that are underrepresented. The CFLL wants to hear from individuals, not just community leaders. And, it is a priority to hear from those whose voices aren't always heard.

Centro, a Denver-based consulting firm, is assisting with community engagement. Stremsterfer said Centro was chosen in response to a request for proposals because of the innovative ways it approaches community engagement, its creative marketing strategies and its understanding of how to get things done. Centro's clients are diverse, including communities in Colorado, the Chicago Loop Alliance and Urban Redevelopment Authority in Singapore. Centro assembled a national advisory council for this project comprised of people with expertise in the arts, placemaking, workforce development, health care, retail strategy, equitable development, creative business concepts and community engagement.

Jamie Giellis is the founder and president of Centro. She grew up in a small town in Iowa, worked in community development in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and moved to Denver where she founded a consulting company involved in downtown revitalization and urban John Stremsterfer, president and CEO of CFLL



Promotional materials for the project include this photo with the words "Because tomorrow can't be dependent on just luck."

know what's in store for tomorrow or next year. There's no protocol for engaging people during a pandemic, she says. She welcomes the The CFLL will work with members of the steering committee to prioritize actions and develop details about champions, resources, partners and policies necessary to turn an idea into a plan of action. Availability of funding is often a barrier to implementation. Marshaling its network of supporters and partners to get things done will be a top priority for the CFLL. The CFLL will have some funding to allocate to projects and ideas, drawing on a variety of its funds. For several years the CFLL has been laying the groundwork for this initiative among local stakeholders.

The mission of the CFLL is to "connect people who care with causes that matter," which is what the CFLL will work to accomplish as priorities and opportunities are identified. Stremsterfer is optimistic that individuals, businesses and organizations will entertain funding good initiatives that fit their respective missions and passions, once the ideas are prioritized and people can see the benefits. "It won't be easy, for sure, but we believe it's worth the effort and are hopeful this process inspires many to pitch in," says Stremsterfer.

"The Next Ten" projects will be announced in the first quarter of 2021, along with the action steps to move them forward.

How this came about

The community visioning project has been a few years in the making, sparked in part by visiting similarly sized communities with community foundations known for exceptional initiatives that ramped up the vibrancy of their cities. Two years ago, CFLL staff and board members visited Dubuque, Iowa, and Madison, Wisconsin. A community visioning project in Dubuque a decade ago led to a transformed downtown and policy changes that made things possible, with results continuing today. After seeing this potential, the CFLL made community visioning an integral part of its strategic plan.

"If you've seen one community foundation, you've seen one community foundation," says Stremsterfer. While there are commonalities among community foundations, how each community foundation serves its community is unique. Stremsterfer says that more and more groups have come to the CFLL asking for help on how to get things done. Addressing homeless issues and expanding diversity on nonprofit boards are just two examples. These requests have intensified after launching Innovate Springfield and handing it off to University of Illinois Springfield, says Stremsterfer. The CFLL was also alarmed by recent surveys that revealed a significant increase in the number of people who are considering leaving Sangamon County.

Stremsterfer says the CFLL strives to be forward-thinking and forward-looking for the betterment of the community. Because it has a broad mission, it isn't restricted by a single focus and can work on all sorts of projects. It also brings a nonpartisan approach to issues. So, for a number of reasons, the timing was right to lead a process to bring people together to envision the future of Springfield. COVID-19 delayed the launch, but the uncertainties of the future due to COVID make it more important than ever to proceed, says Stremsterfer.

Get involved

Organizers say there is a need to develop a longer-term vision for the future of Springfield and bring people together to get things done. It's easy for people to be cynical about whether their voice will be heard. The CFLL has stepped up to take on a community visioning initiative, and the organization is widely recognized as an honest broker. The groundwork has been laid for a community visioning project that is supported by business and community leaders, city and county elected officials and state elected officials who represent the greater Springfield community.

Now it is your turn. Get involved and share your ideas about the future of our community.

To get started, go to https://tn10.org/. □

Karen Ackerman Witter is a frequent contributor to Illinois Times. As a part-time freelance writer and community volunteer, her goal is to connect people, organizations and ideas to achieve greater results. She serves on the steering committee for the Women for Women giving circle of the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln.

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION for the Land of Lincoln

About the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln

The Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln (CFLL) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that is involved in many of the big issues facing the greater Springfield community. It began in 1924 when three banks provided financial resources for local charitable causes. Incorporated as the Sangamon County Community Foundation in 2002 with one fund and \$800,000 in assets, it has grown to over 220 funds with more than \$44 million in total assets. In 2011 the name was changed to the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln to provide an opportunity to serve both philanthropists and charitable organizations in neighboring communities that don't currently have a community foundation. The CFLL now serves Sangamon, Cass, Christian, Logan, Macoupin, Menard, Montgomery and Morgan counties. John Stremsterfer, the founding president, has served as president and CEO since 2003.

In 2019, the CFLL awarded more than \$2.8 million in grants. The CFLL manages many types of funds, with a myriad of ways for donors to invest in causes that matter to them. Many individuals and families have established funds that allow them to direct their gifts to a specific charity or charities. Donors can also contribute to a specific cause, with the Community Foundation managing a process to fund specific projects. Examples include historic preservation, the arts, education, the environment and accessible recreation. The CFLL manages endowment fund investments on behalf of many nonprofit community organizations. There are also numerous scholarship funds as well as unrestricted funds that the CFLL directs to priority community needs. There are two giving circles – Women for Women and Young Philanthropists – where like-minded donors pool their resources in order to provide larger scale and more impactful grants than they could do individually.

The CFLL is no stranger to being a catalyst and facilitator to tackle big issues. Examples include helping launch Innovate Springfield, a social innovation and business incubator; partnering with other organizations to fund a coordinator position to address homelessness issues in Springfield; and providing community organizations with greater access to training about understanding and dismantling systemic racism.

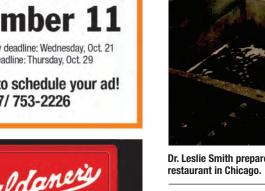
Most recently the CFLL partnered with the United Way of Central Illinois to create a COVID-19 Response Fund. Nearly \$1,000,000 was distributed through 89 grants to 80 organizations to help vulnerable populations and support nonprofit organizations impacted by the pandemic. Individuals, corporations, community organizations and private foundations responded to the call, and more than 260 donors contributed to the fund. A Pandemic Community Advisory Group comprised of local leaders helped identify emerging community needs and select projects to be funded. Grants helped local agencies provide emergency food and supplies, utility assistance, support for children impacted by child care and school closings and assistance to vulnerable populations. *–Karen Witter*





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Culinary meds for colds and flu

Including chicken soup **FOOD** | Ashley Meyer

Flu and cold season will soon be upon us, and with the COVID-19 pandemic still in full swing, many are increasingly concerned with their health and well-being. It's easy to worry over every little sneeze and sniffle, especially if you have kids in school or you yourself have to go out into the world to make a living. Getting a flu shot is especially important this year, not only to decrease your own chances of falling ill, but also to help protect others who are immune-compromised and can't get vaccinated themselves. And while getting the flu vaccine is critical in limiting the spread

of illness, it is but one of the many tools that we can all use to stay well.

Dr. Leslie Smith, the director of Integrative and Culinary Medicine at SIU School of Medicine in Springfield, explains that the daily choices we make can greatly impact our body's ability to ward off infection. Listening to one's body is key, she explains, and prioritizing adequate sleep, water intake and exercise are essential factors to fortify oneself against infection. Likewise, it is important to avoid those things which are known to diminish the body's ability to fight in

fection, particularly alcohol and stress. Wh en a person is stressed – whether physically or psychologically – the body generates more cortisol and other stress-related hormones. Those hormones suppress the immune system, she explains.

Some of the most powerful forms of culinary medicine are likely sitting in your kitchen cabinet. Eating for health involves consuming a rainbow of fruits and vegetables every day because they each have their own profile of vitamins, minerals and phytonutrients that our bodies need to stay well. While no one food will serve as a magic cure, there are some that have shown compelling results, both anecdotally and through peer-reviewed research. Smith highlighted some of her favorite ingredients for promoting health and wellness and explained the delicious way they help our bodies stay strong.

Onions and garlic

These members of the allium family have broadspectrum antibacterial and antifungal properties. Studies have suggested they help to regulate the body's immune system and reduce the occurrence and severity of colds and flus. These properties can be enhanced, Smith explained, by crushing cloves of garlic and finely chopping onions and then allowing them to sit for 10 minutes before cooking. When onions and garlic are whole, sulfur-based compounds and enzymes are separated within the cell walls. When they are chopped or crushed, the cell walls are ruptured, allowing these two compounds to interact and form a new compound known as thiopropanal sulfoxide, which gives onions and garlic their powerful health-promoting properties. Allowing your chopped onions and garlic to rest before cooking ensures maximum synthesis of this new compound. Avoid the jarred prechopped and granulated types of garlic, Smith advises, as they are largely denuded. Luckily, she said, the pre-peeled fresh garlic is just fine and a great time saver.

Ginger

Ginger has long been recognized for its antinausea effects and is much more potent when used fresh rather than dried. The volatile oils in ginger work similarly to anti-inflammatory agents (NSAIDs like aspirin), which make ginger helpful for cold symptoms like a sore throat or headache. Large knobs of fresh ginger are available in most grocery stores and can be frozen whole in a zip-close bag for longer storage. When it's time to cook, simply grate as much frozen ginger as you need for your recipe, then return the rest of the frozen knob back to the freezer for later use. It can also easily be used in a tea.

Shiitake mushrooms

These fragrant mushrooms have long been

valued in Asia for their healing properties. They are a rich source of vitamin D, a nutrient lacking in many American diets, and have been shown to have antibacterial, antiviral and antifungal properties. Smith recommends buying whole mushrooms and eating the caps, saving the woody stems for a flavoring in sauces or broth base. Shiitakes are sold both in fresh and dried form and can be purchased at the Asian Market on Wabash Avenue in Springfield.

Lemon

Citrus fruits are in peak season in the U.S. from November to April, which nicely coincides with the typical flu and cold season. Lemon and other citrus fruits are loaded with vitamin C, which has been implicated in helping to shorten the duration of colds when taken regularly before the onset of symptoms. Because it is acidic, Smith explains, lemon also has antibacterial properties. Try it warm with ginger and honey as a tea.

Cayenne

Capsaicin is the active component in cayenne peppers that gives them their burning heat. Ironically, it actually helps cool the body thanks to its stimulating effect on the hypothalamus. It also helps to stimulate the mucus membranes of the nose and sinuses and open sweat glands, which is useful when battling congestion.

Cumin

More than just an essential ingredient in a savory pot of chili, cumin is high in zinc, which research has found to be helpful in fighting colds and flus. The oils in cumin are effective against multiple strains of bacteria, in some studies even superior to antibiotics. The cuminaldehyde in cumin is helpful for the upset stomach that often accompanies a cold, particularly in little ones. It can be used in cooking as well as in a tea. Smith advises using whole cumin seeds, as they are easier to strain in a tea than the powder, although the powder works just fine in a pinch.

Chicken soup

Grandma's chicken soup has more going for it than just typical comfort food. Research has shown that both the broth component of the soup and the particulate matter all have inhibitory effects. Truly a perfect storm of cold-fighting power, the ingredients that go into a great pot of chicken soup seem to play off of one another to result in a final product that is greater than the sum of its parts. You might even try adding some of the herbs above to your soup for a more powerful punch. For more on making chicken soup from scratch check out https://www.illinoistimes.com/springfield/ the-healing-power-of-chicken-soup. □





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MUSIC

Mid-October music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Centuries ago we might say, "Welcome to the Ides of October," but that seems a little confusing since we aren't Romans. So since "ides" means basically the middle of the month, let's stick with "mid" and find out what's going on around here.

I'm sure our on-the-ball readers remember a band based out of Springfield called The Graduate, who in the mid-2000s did respectably well in the busy and beguiling indie-emo market. Two ex-Grad members, Max Sauer and Tim Moore, along with the addition of Chris Rhein, created a "synthpop trio" called Starwolf in early 2016 and they're releasing their latest recorded concoction, "Astro Lobo," this Friday, available online and on vinyl. The intrepid threesome already garnered a good review in American Songwriter magazine, plus released three singles from the EP that happened to be co-produced by the hip and cool Jason Kingsland (Washed Out, Deerhunter, Band of Horses). The first single, Bad Feeling, features Tim Lefebvre (David Bowie, Black Crowes, Empire of the Sun) on bass and also is set to a very awesome animated video on YouTube. It's always good to see local folks kickin' out the jams and even better when they're receiving national recognition for their efforts. So get out there and get into supporting these guys with a listen and a purchase, if so inclined.

Friday looks good this week, but Saturday is outstanding with several shows lined up that will make you wish you could be in 14 places at once. Let's start with the annual Foddershock Festival held out at West of Wise Winery just this side of Petersburg on Route 97. The family friendly winery just happens to be owned and operated by a friendly family with a hankering for having a good time, making fine wine and celebrating it all well. Live music comes from Jacksonville singer-songwriter Levi Tucker (1-3 p.m.), who with influences from the likes of Guy Clark and Todd Snider brings a profound and impacting thoughtfulness to his art, and Gracia Harrison (3-5 p.m.), who is also a singer-songwriter from central Illinois who made it big time on "The Voice" TV show and continues to follow her heart in making her music sing.

Look who's back in the saddle again as the venerable Groove Daddies grace Skip's soundstage at the Curve Inn on Saturday night. You won't find a more revered



Levi Tucker plays West of Wise Winery's Foddershock Festival near Petersburg, this Saturday, 1-3 p.m.

and respected band in town, as the GDs come at you with several of our finest and longest running rockin' musicians including founding members Jeff Kornfeld and Gary Bloom. As stated on their Facebook "about" section, all the guys in the band have lived through and played with an assortment of area bands that make up our local "rocklore," so if you really want to know something about one of these long players or their history, "just come up to him at a show and ask him what he remembers" and see how that story goes.

If you're looking for live-streamed online music on Saturday night, check out this month's edition of host Chris Vallillo's Hickory RIdge Virtual Concert with Crystal and Pete Damore as the award-winning duo, Ordinary Elephant, on Facebook and YouTube at 7. The family that plays together stays together, and this married couple of musicians have created a wonderful aesthetic, basing their thoughtful songs on a firm musical foundation of clawhammer banjo and acoustic guitar laced with sweet vocal harmonies to produce a sound that's "as genuine as it gets," according to legendary Texas producer and musician, Lloyd Maines.

Well that's all I got room for now, but you obviously need not beware the Ides of October. □



Carl Bopp Friday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m. Lime Street Cafe

BAND SPOTLIGHT | Carl Bopp

In a lifetime of music that started at age seven and began professionally during college, Carl Bopp indeed epitomizes the words "lifelong musician" and continues to live up to that moniker every day. Based out of Pekin, his Facebook page "about" section says it all: "I'm a musician/entertainer and a photographer performing at events and venues in the Midwest," and that's what he is and does. Carl fits the music and the musicians to the gig, playing solo or with bands, including Class Act, featuring horns and drums, Water Street Stompers, doing authentic New Orleans jazz, and StyleCatz as a Ratpack/Vegas revue. Generally, he accompanies himself on piano while singing, but Carl is also well-versed in all kinds of keyboards, plus flute and vibes, as well as swinging a mean accordion, which comes in handy for real-deal Oktoberfest polkas and other such stuff. It's been awhile since he's played in Springfield, so come on out and say hey, especially you old friends from the heyday of our piano bar era.

LIVE MUSIC

Live music within 40 miles of Springfield.

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Attention bands, bars and musicians: submit your shows and photos online at www.illinoistimes.com or by email calendar@illinoistimes.com.

Thursday Oct 15

Open mic with Sam and Kortney The Blue Grouch Pub, 6-9pm

Open mic with Devin Williams Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

Rogers and Nienhaus The Curve Inn, 7-10pm

Take a break with Cowboy Randy Facebook with Randy Erwin, 7pm

Friday

Oct 16

Tom Grassman Band The Blue Grouch Pub, 6:30-10:30pm Hat Trick

Crows Mill Pub, 6:30-10:30pm Fun DMC

The Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Lime Street Cafe, 7:30pm

Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill and Museum, 7-10pm

Saturday

Oct 17

The Blue Grouch Pub, 6:30-10:30pm Midwest Avenue

Boar's Nest, Athens, 8-11:59pm

Tail Light Rebellion Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm The Remix Crows Mill Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

Groove Daddies The Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Carl Bopp Lime Street Cafe, 7:30pm

Ryman's Way Port Royal Gastropub, Decatur, 7-11pm

Connor and Griffin Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill and Museum, 6:30-9:30pm

Tom Beverly and Geoff Ryan Sheedy Shores WineGarden, Loami, 4-7pm

June Taylor Trailblazer Pub, 7-10pm

Levi Tucker West of Wise Winery, Petersburg, 1-3pm Gracia Harrison

West of Wise Winery, Petersburg, 3-5pm

Sunday Oct 18

Ella Gibson 3Sixteen Wine Bar, Chatham, 4-7pm

Gabe Marshall The Blue Grouch Pub, 2-5pm

Buckhart Road Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

Avery Kern Locals Bar, Pawnee, 2-5pm

Micah Walk Long Bridge Golf Course, 2-5pm

Brandy Kristin Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill and Museum, 2-4pm

Monday Oct 19

Paul Bonn and The Bluesmen The Alamo, 7pm

Tuesday Oct 20

Tom's Turtle Tank Tuesdays Facebook with Tom Irwin, 8:30pm

Wednesday Oct 21

Rick and Tom Facebook with Tom Irwin, 7:30pm

Open mic with John Stevens and Geoff Ryan Trails End Saloon, Curran, 7:30-10pm COOLS LIGHT



FUN DMC Friday, October 16 • 5pm The Curve Inn



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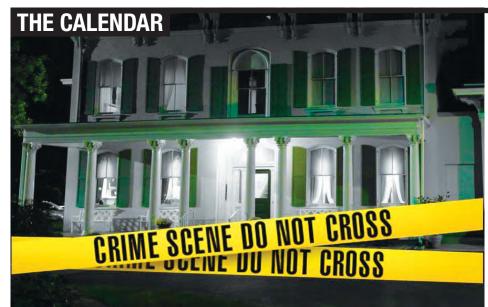
@Wild Pickens Winery (Chesterfield) Saturday, October 17 • 6pm



@Curve Inn Saturday, October 24 • 6pm

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Whacked at the Edwards Place Hideout Saturday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m. Via Zoom 217-523-2631

Theater | A challenge for the sleuth in you

It's the mid-1920s. An important meeting between rival mob bosses and madams is taking place at Edwards Place. During the post-meeting party, a mob boss is killed in grisly fashion, setting the stage for a classic whodunit. Guests will need to put their detective skills to the test to discover which of the six suspects is the murderer and solve the crime. Flapper, gangster or any 1920s attire is encouraged. In fact, if you and your friends and family decide to dress up for this event, submit your photos to Edwards Place and they might get posted on social media. The link to the Zoom session can be purchased for \$5 and will include everyone in your group. Call for more information or find the link on the Virtual Edwards Place Murder Mystery Facebook event page. This event directly assists in the mission to preserve and interpret Edwards Place Historic Home.

THE CALENDAR

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Special Music Events

The Show Must Go On Fri., Oct. 16, 7:30pm. Featuring central Illinois soprano Karen Fergurson and her tenor husband, Francisco Almanza. Part of Illinois College's Fine Arts Series. Find the link at the website ic.edu/fas. 217-245-3192.

Sunday at Six Recital Series Sun., Oct. 18, 6pm. Featuring Acting Principal Cello Nomin Zolzaya and Ian Halla, Bass and followed by a Coda Conversation with music director Ken Lam and the evening's musicians. Get link info at ilsymphony.org. 217-522-2838. 6

Theater & Comedy

"Mr. Lucky" Dobie Maxwell Oct. 16-17, 7:30, 9:30pm. Social distancing and masks required until seated. Tickets available only online at donniebs.com. VFW Post #755, 2211 Old Jacksonville Rd., 217-546-9515.

Whacked at the Edwards Place Hideout

Sat., Oct. 17, 7pm. An important meeting between rival mobs is taking place at Edwards Place in the 1920s and a mob boss is killed in grisly fashion. Use your detective skills to discover which of the suspects is the murderer. Get the Zoom link for your whole group for \$5. edwardsplace. org. 217-523-2631.

Spoken Word

Springfield Poets and Writers open mic Third Wednesday of every month, 6-8pm. Read some poetry, prose or nonfiction, whether original or the work of a favorite author. Get the Zoom link at springfieldpoetsandwriters.com. Free. 217-725-9058.

Art & Architecture

Sangamon Watercolor Society Member Exhibition Through Oct. 31. An annual display of the work of some of the area's most talented watercolor artists. Free. M.G. Nelson Family Gallery, 700 N. Fourth Street, 523-2631.

Film & Television

The Nightmare Before Christmas Fri., Oct. 16-Mon., Oct. 19. Call for showtimes. \$3 for children up to age 12 and \$5 for ages 13+. Capacity is limited to 50 to ensure physical distancing. Seats are sanitized between shows. A volunteer-run venue. Cash only. Arlee Theater, Mason City, 139 S. Main St., 217482-9999.

History

Caroline Sutherland: A Haunting Tale of Fashion and Tragedy Tue., Oct. 20, 7-8pm. A trunk full of Caroline Sutherland's clothing was donated to the Illinois State Museum. Learn how this vital donation sheds light on one young woman's life and death in pre-Civil War Illinois. Get the event link on the Illinois State Museum's Facebook page. Free. 706-207-7836.

A Conversation with Harriet

Tubman Wed., Oct. 21, 7pm. Part of the Looking for Lincoln Conversations Series. It will also be available on their YouTube channel. Facebook, Looking for Lincoln, 217-782-6817.

Down the Street and Around the Corner

Wed., Oct. 28. Zooming in on Susan Lawrence Dana's Neighbors – 1902 and beyond. Meet Dana's neighbors from around Lawrence and Fourth streets and learn about their impact on the city. A pictorial Zoom presentation hosted by the Dana-Thomas House Foundation. Email dthf@sbcglobal.net for the link. Free. Donations accepted. 217-788-9452.

Historic Campaign Memorabilia, Part 1

Thu., Oct. 15, 7-8pm. See a collection of political campaign memorabilia from the campaigns of Lincoln, Grant and Adlai Stevenson. Find the event on the Facebook page. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Politics

Casting a historic vote: Suffrage in Illinois Wed., Oct. 21, 6:30pm. Presented by Jeanne Schultz Angel and produced by Illinois Humanities and the Chatham Area Public Library. Limited space. Register at the website events page or call. chathamlib.org. 217-483-2713.

Faith & Philosophy

Guided healing meditation Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30pm. A spiritual adventure using visualization and energy tools for healing. Email office@unityofspringfieldil.org for information. Love offering. 217-523-5897.

Holiday Happenings

Haunted Woods of Creek Hill Saturdays, 7-11pm. Get tickets online at illinoistimestix.com. \$5-\$10. Haunted Woods, Mt. Auburn, 3078 N. 1550 East Road, 217-816-7348.

Lincoln's Ghost Walk

Tuesdays-Saturdays. A factual history tour suitable for all ages. \$15, \$12 seniors and military, \$8 ages 7-17. Old State Capitol Plaza, between Sixth and Fifth streets at Adams, 217-502-8687.

Trail of Lost Souls

Fridays, Saturdays. Advance online ticket purchases are highly recommended. Tickets sold in four, five and six packs. \$72-\$96 per pack. Recommended for ages 10+. Children's matinee Oct. 24. boocrew. com/info. Boo Crew Haunted House, Mechanicsburg, 11083 Buckhart Road, 217-551-6969.

Fairs & Festivals

Arts and Crafts Showcase

Sat., Oct. 17, 10am-3pm. Taking place at both Parr's Greenhouse and the Arlee Theater. Physically distanced shopping. Locally made, one-of-a-kind gifts and home decor, plus locally grown produce and more. Arlee Theater, Mason City, 139 S. Main St., 217-482-9999.

Fundraisers

Crime Stoppers Benefit Sun., Oct. 18, 1-5pm. Cajun shrimp boil feast for \$10, 50/50 drawing and live music. Proceeds to benefit Sangamon and Menard County Crime Stoppers. Weebles Bar & Grill, 4136 N. Peoria Road, 217-528-3337.

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Fri., Oct. 16. Order great food from Nelson's Catering for curbside pickup at Parkway Christian Church or have drag delivery. Add on raffle tickets, a bottle of wine or Fund-a-Need. For more info and to order, visit phoenixcenterspringfied.org or call 217-528-5253. Parkway Christian Church, 2700 Lindbergh Blvd., 217-787-3445.

Holly Jolly Raffle Fundraiser

Oct. 15-Nov. 30. Purchase tickets now for the daily drawings, Dec. 7-18. Each ticket enters you for a chance to win one of up to twelve drawings for up to \$500.00. Final drawing is for a two night stay and round of golf for two in Lake Ozark, M0. centralilseniors.org. \$20. 217-528-4035.

Showcase furniture sale fundraiser

Thu., Oct. 15, 9am-4pm, Fri., Oct. 16, 9am-4pm and Sat., Oct. 17, 9am-4pm. IDPH guildelines will be followed. Limited number of shoppers. One hour shopping intervals. Walk-ins admitted if numbers permit. New items daily. Shop in support of women. Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church, 501 S. Douglas Ave., 217-546-4631.

■ Nature, Science & Environment

Zero-waste living

Thu., Oct. 15, 6:30pm. Get tips on reducing waste while saving money and improving your health. Hosted by the Jacksonville Public Library. Via Zoom. Email ssnyder@jaxpl.org for the link or call to register. jaxpl. org. Free. 217-243-5435.

Lectures & Meetings

Diplomatic Challenges and Opportunities for U.S. Cuban Relations

Thu., Oct. 15, 7-8pm. Presented by World Affairs Council Central Illinois with ambassador Jeffrey DeLaurentis (retired). Via Zoom. Visit mywacci.org for more details and to register for the link. Free.

How medical crises change our process of communication

Wed., Oct. 21, 12-1:30pm. A presentation by associate professor Ann Strahle. Part of the UIS Fall 2020 Lunch & Learn Series. 217-206-6058.

Bulletin Board

APL Pet Adoptions

Saturdays, 11am-4pm and Sundays, 12-3pm. apl-shelter.org. PetSmart, 3183 S. Veterans Pkwy., 217-544-7387.

Springfield's Got Talent virtual talent contest

Thu., Oct. 15, 9am-12pm. Get filmed for the Springfield's Got Talent virtual talent contest at 122 S. Fourth St. Kids \$5, young adults \$10 and adults \$15. Fee due at time of filming. springfieldartsco.org. 217-753-3519.

Consumer fraud prevention Tue., Oct. 20, 6:30pm. Marsha

Griffin will discuss ways to prevent identity theft and other common scams. Get the Zoom link by emailing ssnyder@jaxpl.org or calling 217-243-5435 one day prior to the event.

Health

Out of the Darkness

Sat., Oct. 17, 1pm. Walk to fight suicide, raise awareness, educate our community, support those who have lost loved ones and support those with lived experience. Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 312-890-2377.



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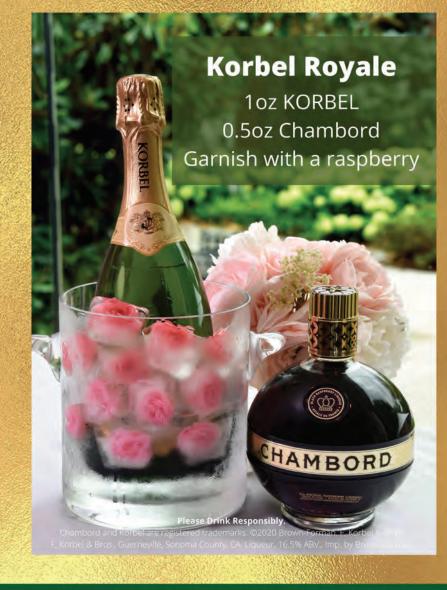
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Real Estate Foreclosure

19-092480 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILL INOIS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, PLAINTIFF,

ALONNAH L. MADSON; JORDAN L. CAR-RIGAN; DEFENDANTS NO 19 CH 413

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on March 11, 2020; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on November 10, 2020 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building, Sangamon County Board Room, 2nd Floor

200 South 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject

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Permanent Index No.: 18-07.0-428-011 Improvements: Single Family Residential

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19-092523 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

BANKUNITED N.A., PLAINTIFF,

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20-093894 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS MIDFIRST BANK, PLAINTIFF, -vs-

LESLIE A. SHEPHARD; CATHERINE F. SHEPHARD; R.P. LUMBER CO., INC.; PERSONAL FINANCE COMPANY LLC; DEFENDANTS NO. 20 CH 116 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on September 16, 2020; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on November 17, 2020 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building , Sangamon County Building , Sangamon County Board Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South 9th Street

200 south 9th street Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/ or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court. Commonly known as 51 Pinto Drive, Springfield, IL 62702 Permanent Index No.: 14-20.0-155-012

Improvements: Single Family Residential

The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.

The judgment amount was \$137,236.61. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this 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 Bid Amount contact: Sale Clerk Shapiro Kreisman & Associates, LLC 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 ILNOTICES@logs.com (847) 291-1717 MidFirst Bank One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Shapiro Kreisman & Associates, LLC Attornev for Plaintiff 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 (847) 291-1717 LNOTICES@logs.com Randal S. Berg (6277119), Michael N. Burke (6291435), Christopher A. Cieniawa (6187452), Joseph M. Herbas (6277645), Michael Kalkowski (6185654). Laura J

Anderson (6224385), Jenna R. Vondran (6308109), Thomas Belczak (6193705), Debra Miller (6205477) THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKBUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION 20CH116

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS CitiGroup Mortgage Loan Trust Inc. Asset-

CitiGroup Morgage Loan Trust Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-AMC4, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, Plaintiff, vs.

Rhonda L. Conover; Stephen A. Conover, Jr., AKA Stephen A. Conover, Defendants. Case No. 2020CH000084 802 South Cleveland, Springfield, IL 62704 Judge Adam Giganti

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 16, 2020, Jack Campbell will on November 17, 2020, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Second Floor, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 802 South Cleveland, Springfield, IL 62704

Parcel Number(s): 14-32.0-403-001 The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open

for inspection. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). For information call Plaintiff's Attorney. Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 20-004886 Shanna L. Bacher MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 Telephone: 312-651-6700 Fax: 614-220-5613 Attorney, No.: 6302793 Email: StateEFiling@manleydeas.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE COR-PORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED LOANS

20CH 84

STRUCTURED TRANSACTION TRUST, SERIES 2018-2, Plaintiff(s),

RICHARD E. DOWELL, SUZETTE M. DOW-ELL, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC, Defendant(s). Case No. 19 CH 214

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLO-SUBF

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on November 10, 2020, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COM-PLEX. 200 S. 9TH STREET. SPRINGFIELD. IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described pren and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit: Common Address: 515 SOUTH GRAND

WEST, CHATHAM, IL 62629 P.I.N. 28-12-456-006 A/K/A 28-12.0-456-006

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

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

The property is improved by a Single Family, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Pronertv Act. 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808, Timothy R. Yueill - ARDC #6192172, Greg Elsnic ARDC #6242847 Aaron Nevel - ARDC #6322724 175 North Franklin St. Suite 201 Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 357-1125

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NR# 19-01169

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF SANGAMON TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of September, 2020, a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that: Troy Rodriguez intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit: Renew IT

and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principal place of said business is located at: 714 Deerfield, Chatham, IL 62629

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In Re the Estate of: KIMBERLY A. MCGEE, Deceased Case No.: 2020-P-522 CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of KIMBERLY A. McGEE, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 28, 2020, to Elizabeth Powers, as Independent Administrator, whose address is 2705 Haverford, Springfield, IL 62704, and whose attorney of record is William D. Reid, Elmore & Reid, 808 South 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704. The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of issuance of Letters, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. ELIZABETH POWERS,

Independent Administrator WILLIAM D. REID Elmore & Reid 808 South 2nd Street Springfield, IL 62704 217/523-2340

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE FRANKLIN BERRY, DECEASED NO. 2020-P-212 AMENDED CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of GEORGE FRANKLIN BERRY, of Illiopolis, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 1, 2020, to LEONARD A. WILLIAMS, #5 Circle Drive, Illiopolis, IL 62539. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the estate's personal representative or both, on or before April 8, 2021. Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate's personal representative, and to the attorneys for such representative within ten (10) days after filing. Claims not filed on or before April 8, 2021, shall be barred. Dated this 1st day of October, 2020 LEONARD A. WILLIAMS, Executor, by and through his attorneys, DAVID R.

FINES, P.C., By: DAVID R. FINES PAUL PALAZZOLO Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County DAVID R. FINES Reg. No.: 06196440 DAVID R. FINES. P.C. 402 East Market Street Taylorville, Illinois 62568 Phone: (217) 824-8883 Email: milv@fineslaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF BRENDA C. BRAWNER, Deceased. Case No. 2020-P-487 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of BRENDA C. BRAWNER. Letters Testamentary were issued on September 16, 2020, to DEANNA K. BRAWNER, 1709 S. State Street, Springfield, IL 62704 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, 200 South 9th Street, 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 18th day of September, 2020. James R. Enlow (#6199891) GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL 1231 South Eighth Street Springfield, IL 62703 Telephone: (217) 522.9010 Facsimile: (217) 522.9020 Email: .lim@owsnc.com Attorneys for Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF: WAYNE ERICKSON, Deceased. Case No. 2020-P-528 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is hereby given of the death of WAYNE ERICKSON. Letters Testamentary were issued on Wednesday, September 30, 2020, appointing DENISE MONTGOMERY, P.O. Box 352, Auburn, IL 62615, as Executor, whose attorney is Christopher E. Sherer of Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C., One West Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 600 ~ Myers Building, Springfield, Illinois 62701, Phone: (217) 525-1571. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Circuit Court, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated: September 30, 2020 Clerk of the Circuit Court 200 South Ninth Street Springfield, II 62701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Case No.: 2020-P-329 PUBLICATION AS TO HEIRS WHOSE AD-DRESSES ARE UNKNOWN AND TO UNKNOWN TO: CARYN M. WELSH. SHERYL C. CARLIN. DELORIS D. FRITZ, DIANE R. DODGIN, BRAD-LEY MCKINNON, JAMES FRANKLIN MCGEHEE, JR., CARL L. MCGEHEE, KELLY L. CALLOWAY and TERRY S. McGEHEE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the Petition of PHYLLIS J. FLOWERS, the last Will of LORETTA YOUNG McGEHEE was filed with the Court and admitted to probate, and confirmed by order of the Court dated July 8, 2020. This notice is given by publication pursuant to the order of the Court and applicable provisions of the Illinois Probate Act. 755 ILCS 5/1-2, et seq. Copies of a Petition for Probate of Will, Order Admitting Will to Probate and Appointing Executor and a copy of the decedent's Will admitted can be obtained by contacting the attorney for the Executor Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission any heir or legatee may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 or Probate Act (III. Rev. Stat., Ch. 110 1/2, Sec. 8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate. Filings are to be made with: Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701 PHYLLIS J. FLOWERS, Executor of the Estate of LOBETTA YOUNG MCGEHEE Deceased Attorneys' Address: DUANE D. YOUNG Registration No.:3091457 STEPHEN IDEN Registration No.:6243158 YOUNG LAW PARTNERS, P.C. 1300 South Eighth Street Suite Two Sprinafield, Illinois 62703 Telephone: (217) 544-8500 Facsimile: (217) 544-6200

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

LORETTA YOUNG MCGEHEE, Deceased

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM DOUGLAS MCLAIN, Deceased. IN PROBATE NO. 2020-P-524 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of WILLIAM DOUGLAS MCLAIN, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on September 29, 2020, to Bruce Becker, Executor, whose attorney is Dwight O'Keefe, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 1000 First National Bank Building, P.O.Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705. 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 April 13, 2021, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Dated this 29th day of September, 2020, Dwight O'Keefe Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP 700 First National Bank Building P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62701 (217) 544-8491

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF: Theodore F. Zelinski, Deceased.

No.: 2020-P-458 WILL NOTICE AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Theodore F. Zelinski. Letters of office were issued on August 31,2020 to Julie S. Monk, 279 Barry Hope Trail, Hillsboro, Illinois 62049 as independent representative, whose attorney is A. Michael Kopec, Kopec, White & Spooner, 601 West Monroe Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the independent representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. You may obtain a copy of a form of a petition to terminate independent administration from the clerk of court at the above address. Dated this 16th day of January, 2020. Julie S. Monk. Executor. By: A. Michael Kopec A. Michael Kopec (#01507974) KOPEC, WHITE & SPOONER 601 West Monroe Street Springfield, Illinois 62704 217/726-7540 217/726-7543 (fax) mkopec@kws-law.com

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT.SANGAMON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WENDELL E. HOCKING, DECEASED. NO 2020-P-512 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES Notice is given of the death of WENDELL E. HOCKING, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 23, 2020, to TREVOR K. HOCKING of 6325 Kate Ct., Springfield, Illinois, whose attorney is Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C., 741 South Grand Avenue West Springfield Illinois 62704 Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th St. Springfield, IL 62701 or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 1st day of October. 2020, being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit https://efile. illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htmto learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble efiling, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/ gethelp.asp or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2020. TREVOR K. HOCKING, Executor of the Estate of WENDELL E. HOCKING, Deceased BY: RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C. By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno Anthony J. DelGiorno Attorney Attorneys for Estate: Anthony J. DelGiorno IARDC: 6277358 Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C. 741 South Grand Avenue West Springfield, IL 62704 Telephone: (217) 522-6000 Email: Tony@rblawyers.net STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of Carson T. Conaway Petitioner and Melissa D. Conaway, Respondent Case No. 2020-D-265 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you Melissa D. Conaway. 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 15th day of November, 2020 a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition. Paul Palazzolo Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ERIC PALMER STUART, Deceased No. 20-P-490 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is hereby given of the death of Eric Palmer Stuart, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 16. 2020, to Mark Bradley Stuart, of 212 East Pearl Street, Winchester, Illinois, 62694, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is John P. Coonrod, 44 East Side Square, Winchester, Illinois 62694. Claims may be filed on or before

_, 2021. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred, except that the claim of a creditor who has been notified by mail or delivery of notice shall be barred on said date or three months from the date of such mailing or delivery, whichever is later. Claims may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must he mailed or delivered to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated this th day of 2020.

Mark Bradley Stuart, Independent Administrator By: s/John P. Coonrod His attorney John P. Coonrod Attorney for Independent Administrator P.O. Box 75 Winchester, IL 62694 Telephone: (217) 742-0822

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ERIC PALMER STUART, Deceased No. 20-P-490 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is hereby given of the death of Eric Palmer Stuart, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 16. 2020, to Mark Bradley Stuart, of 212 East Pearl Street, Winchester, Illinois, 62694, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is John P. Coonrod, 44 East Side Square, Winchester, Illinois 62694. Claims may be filed on or before April 8. 2021. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred, except that the claim of a creditor who has been notified by mail or delivery of notice shall be barred on said date or three months from the date of such mailing or delivery, whichever is later. Claims

may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed Dated this 8th day of October, 2020. Mark Bradley Stuart, Independent Administrator Bv: s/John P. Coonrod His attorney John P. Coonrod Attorney for Independent Administrator P.O. Box 75 Winchester. IL 62694 Telephone: (217) 742-0822

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of Tina Bumgardner Petitione and Malivan Bumgardner, Respondent Case No. 2020-D-357 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you Malivan Bumgardner. 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 8th day of November, 2020 a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition. Paul Palazzolo Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of Daimorrio C. Hubbard, Sr. Petitioner and LaTonia V. Hubbard, Respondent Case No. 2020-D-427 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you LaTonia V. Hubbard. 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 15th day of November, 2020 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 KAYLIE MARIE MAGEE For change of name to KAYLIE MARIE MEANS Case NO .: 2020-MR-834 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on November 17, 2020 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from KAYLIE MARIE MAGEE to KAYLIE MARIE MEANS pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: October 1, 2020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of MICHAEL SHAWN ZICKUHR, JR For change of name to MICHAEL SHAWN RHODES Case NO.: 2020-MR-891 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on December 8, 2020 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from MICHAEL SHAWN ZICKUHR, JR to MICHAEL SHAWN RHODES pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: October 15, 2020

19-092480

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, PLAINTIFF,

-vs-Alonnah L. Madson; Jordan L. Car-RIGAN; DEFENDANTS NO. 19 CH 413 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on March 11, 2020; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on November 10, 2020 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building, Sangamon County Board Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South 9th Street Sprinafield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court. Said property is legally described as follows: THE SOUTH 30 FEET OF LOT 6, AND THE NORTH 27 FEET OF LOT 7, ALL IN BLOCK 1 OF ZOLD ADDITION IN THE VILLAGE OF ILLIOPOLIS SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Commonly known as 117 9th Street, IIliopolis, IL 62539 Permanent Index No.: 18-07.0-428-011 Improvements: Single Family Residential The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. The judgment amount was \$106.664.85. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE **RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30** DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POS-SESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Bid Amount contact Sale Clerk Shapiro Kreisman & Associates, LLC 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 ILNOTICES@logs.com (847) 291-1717 Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Shapiro Kreisman & Associates, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 (847) 291-1717 ILNOTICES@logs.com Randal S. Berg (6277119), Michael N. Burke (6291435), Christopher A. Cieniawa (6187452), Joseph

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19-092523

RUFF; DEFENDANTS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS BANKUNITED N.A., PLAINTIFF,

BANKUNITED N.A., PLAINTIFF, -vs-SHEILA WOODRUFF A/K/A SHEILA A. WOOD-

NO. 20 CH 69 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on September 16, 2020; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza. Springfield, IL 62701, will on November 10, 2020 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building, Sangamon County Board Room 2nd Floor, 200 South 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County. Illinois. Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court. Said property is legally described as follows: LOT ONE (1) OF WESTCHESTER 15TH SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 2001-2003 Lindbergh Boulevard, Springfield, IL 62704 Permanent Index No.: 22-18.0-229-001 Improvements: Multi-Family Residential The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. The judgment amount was \$124.681.65 Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POS-SESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Bid Amount contact Sale Clerk Shapiro Kreisman & Associates, LLC 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 ILNOTICES@logs.com (847) 291-1717 BankUnited N.A One of Plaintiff's Attorneys

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Attorney for Plaintiff

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ILNOTICES@logs.com Randal S. Berg (6277119), Michael N. Burke (6291435), Christopher A. Cieniawa (6187452), Joseph M Herbas (6277645) Michael Kalkowski (6185654), Laura J. Anderson (6224385), Jenna R. Vondran (6308109), Thomas Belczak (6193705) Debra Miller (6205477) THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKBUPTCY OB BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBI IGATION

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

MIDFIRST BANK, PLAINTIFF, -vs-LESLIE A. SHEPHARD; CATHERINE F. SHEPH-

ARD; R.P. LUMBER CO., INC.; PERSONAL FINANCE COMPANY LLC; DEFENDANTS NO. 20 CH 116 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on September 16, 2020; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza. Springfield, IL 62701, will on November 17, 2020 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building, Sangamon County Board Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County. Illinois. Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court. Said property is legally described as follows: LOT 61 AND THE EAST 10 FEET OF LOT 60 IN VAL-E-VUE ACRES, FIFTH PLAT, A SUBDIVISION SITUATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; REFERENCE BEING MADE TO THE PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN BOOK 18 OF PLATS AT PAGE 48 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 51 Pinto Drive, Springfield, IL 62702 Permanent Index No.: 14-20.0-155-012 Improvements: Single Family

Residential The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.

The judgment amount was \$137,236.61. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POS-SESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Bid Amount contact: Sale Clerk

Shapiro Kreisman & Associates, LLC 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301

Bannockburn, IL 60015 ILNOTICES@logs.com (847) 291-1717 MidFirst Bank One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Shapiro Kreisman & Associates, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 (847) 291-1717 ILNOTICES@logs.com Randal S. Berg (6277119), Michael N. Burke (6291435), Christopher A. Cieniawa (6187452), Joseph M. Herbas (6277645), Michael Kalkowski (6185654), Laura J. Anderson (6224385), Jenna R. Vondran (6308109), Thomas Belczak (6193705), Debra Miller (6205477) THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION. 20CH116

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

CitiGroup Mortgage Loan Trust Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-AMC4, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, Plaintiff,

Rhonda L. Conover; Stephen A. Conover, Jr., AKA Stephen A. Conover, Defendants. Case No. 2020CH000084 802 South Cleveland, Springfield, IL 62704 Judge Adam Giganti NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant

Following to Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 16, 2020, Jack Campbell will on November 17, 2020, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Second Floor, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Lot 1 of H.E. Sheehan's Subdivision of the Northeast part of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of Third Principal Meridian.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Commonly known as 802 South Cleveland, Springfield, IL 62704 Parcel Number(s): 14-32.0-403-001

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time

of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

It his property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 20-004886.

MANI FY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 Telephone: 312-651-6700 Fax: 614-220-5613 Attorney. No.: 6302793 Email: StateEFiling@manleydeas.com 20CH084 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON STATE OF ILLINOIS FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE COR-PORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED LOANS STRUCTURED TRANSACTION TRUST. SERIES 2018-2, Plaintiff(s) RICHARD E. DOWELL, SUZETTE M. DOWELL, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC. Defendant(s) Case No. 19 CH 214 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on November 10, 2020, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit: LOT SIX (6) IN SPRUCE SUBDIVISION, AC-CORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JULY 29, 1955 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 261415. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Common Address: 515 SOUTH GRAND WEST, CHATHAM, IL 62629 P.I.N. 28-12-456-006 A/K/A 28-12.0-456-006 Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information. The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property is improved by a Single Family, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act,

Shanna L. Bacher

765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808, Timothy R. Yueill - ARDC #6192172, Greg Elsnic - ARDC #6242847 Aaron Nevel - ARDC #6322724 175 North Franklin St. Suite 201

Attorneys at Law

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS HEARTLAND CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

LINDSAY MICHELLE FAHEY SMITH, AS INDEPENDENT CO-ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF MARTIN T. FAHEY, DECEASED. JOEL MARTIN FAHEY, AS INDEPENDENT CO-ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF MARTIN T. FAHEY, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MARTIN T. FAHEY, DECEASED. UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARTIN T. FAHEY, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MARTIN T FAHEY DECEASED, THERESA M. FAHEY, LINDSAY MICHELLE FAHEY SMITH and JOEL MARTIN FAHEY, Defendants. CASE NO. 20-CH-124 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2022 S. 4TH ST. SPRINGFIELD. IL 62703 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Martin T. Fahev. deceased. Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Estate of Martin T. Fahey, deceased and Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Martin T. Fahey, deceased, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 2022 S. 4th St., Springfield, IL 62703, more particularly described as: i. The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above. ii. The court in which said action was brought is identified above. iii. The names of the title holders of record are: Heirs of Martin T. Fahey, deceased iv. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: Lot 55 in Block 22 of PAYNE'S SOUTH SIDE ADDITION. SECOND PLAT. to the City of Springfield, Illinois. Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed or reserved of record. Situated in SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Permanent Index Number: 22-04.0-430-006 fka 22-04-430-006 v. A common address or description of the location for the real estate is as follows: 2022 S. 4th St., Springfield, IL 62703 vi. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Names of the Mortgagors: Martin T. Fahev and Theresa M. Fahey Names of the Mortgagee: Heartland Credit Union Date of the Mortgage: March 30, 2004 Date of the recording: April 6, 2004 County where recorded: Sangamon County Recording document identification: Document No. 2004R16594 UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Room 405, Springfield, IL 62701-1299 on or before November 9, 2020, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE. CLERK OF THE COURT THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Meredith Pitts (#6280878) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC

P.O. Box 740 Decatur, IL 62525 Send Notice/Pleadings to: Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 20CH124

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS HEARTLAND CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

JOHN POTTORF AKA JOHN L. POTTORF AKA JOHN LEE POTTORF, Defendant. CASE NO. 20-CH-79 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 212 S. 8TH STREET RIVERTON, IL 62561 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, John Pottorf aka John L. Pottorf aka John Lee Pottorf, Defendant, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 212 S. 8th Street, Riverton, IL 62561, more particularly described as: Part of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 16 North, Range 4 West of the Third Principal Meridian, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East street line of Eighth Street in Riverton, Illinois, 130.00 feet South of the North line of the aforesaid South half of the North half of the East half of the West half of the West half of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 15: thence East parallel to the North line 200.00 feet; thence North 32.54 feet; thence East parallel to the South line of the said Lot 24.4 feet: thence South parallel with the West line of said Lot 184.54 feet to a point 222.00 feet East of aforesaid East street line: thence West 72.00 feet parallel to aforesaid North line; thence North 60.00 feet parallel to aforesaid East street line: thence West 150.00 feet parallel to aforesaid North line; thence North on the East street line 92.00 feet to the point of

beainnina. Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed of record. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois Permanent Index Number: 15-15.0-105-040 Commonly known as: 212 S. 8th Street, Riverton, IL 62561 UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Room 405, Springfield, IL 62701-1299 on or before November 9, 2020, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE. CLERK OF THE COURT THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE Meredith Pitts (#6280878) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 740 Decatur, IL 62525 Send Notice/Pleadings to: Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 20CH79

CAPITOL STORAGE LLC 818 S Dirksen Parkway Springfield, II 62703 (217) 522-0300 Location 909 Taintor Rd Unit# 04-HH16 Billy Chance Location Winchester IL Unit #07-008 Penny Leverich Location 2720 Peoria Rd Unit #08-16 Tom Burgess Unit #08-02 Rosie Pimpton Location- 3012 Great Northern Drive Unit # 533 Stephanie Weiss- Kawaski To pay past due rent and fees call 217-522-0300. Private sale will be held October 24,2020 at 9:00 AM at Capitol Storage LLC. 818 S Dirksen Parkway Springfield, Illinois. For more information regarding the sale please call 217-522-0300.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT

AUCTION to enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent will be held at 9:00 AM, Saturday October 24,2020 at NORTHEND STORAGE 1907 North Grand East, Springfield II. Tenants must pay in full before this date This is a PRIVATE AUCTION. YOU MUST NO-TIFY OUR OFFICE 1 WEEK PRIOR TO AUCTION DATE TO ATTEND.217.544.4521 Midiamond Criss Henderson #2-4 Devers Vernon #2-18 LaVenbree Dumas #3-8 Dottie Wilburn #7-5 Nicole Colvin #8-7 John Goveia #10-3 Marilvn Borrero #10-7 Michael McCarty #7-28 Patricia Russell #9-11 Shannon Estes #10-6 Bonnie Sutton #1-28 Trenisa Moore #3-26 Brent Langloss #2-8 Mark Schafer #4-4 Stephanie Rutherford #9-9 John Degroot #1-39 #3-22 Tonie Wilson #6-30 Alberta Jones #9-17 Carrie Schafer #B-9 Steven Ellis #B-12 Amanda Vasquez #H-3 Rashid Mahmood #9-7 Virginia Muse #4-23 Shannon Sonsoucie #11-41 Connie Margaron #2-21 Melissa Luster #H-13 Donald Nelson #H-24

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the interest of KENDALL DELONG, a minor Case No: 20-JA-223 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN ASHLEY DELONG, respondent, and to all whom it may concern, that on August 25, 2020 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by State's Attorney's Office in this court and that in courtroom of Judge Karen Tharp or any judge sitting in her stead in Room 7A of Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, on NOVEMBER 4, 2020 at 3:30 PM hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIAN-SHIP OF THE MINOR. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PA-RENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL **RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. UNLESS YOU appear** at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, AN ORDER OR JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE **RELIEF ASKED IN THE PETITION, UNLESS YOU** APPEAR AT THE HEARING, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN THIS CASE, INCLUDING THE FILING OF AN AMENDED PETITION OR MOTION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS.

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Cynthia D. Patten, Petitioner

Courtney P. Jones Respondent Case No: 2020-0P-1365 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Courtney P. Jones, 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 12, 2020, 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: October 8, 2020

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Maria Jefferson, Petitioner

Jamill Grant Respondent Case No: 2020-0P-1359 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Jamill Grant, 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 12, 2020, 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: October 8, 2020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY. ILLINOIS SECURITY BANK, Plaintiff, RUSSELL LEE EVANGELISTA, LUWANA KAY EVANGELISTA AKA LUWANA K. EVANGELISTA, TOWER LOAN OF ILLINOIS, LLC DBA TOWER LOAN OF SPRINGFIELD, IL, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVEL OPMENT AUTHORITY Defendant 19 CH 83 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 16, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on November 17, 2020, 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 6 AND THE NORTH 12 FEET OF LOT 7 IN BLOCK 6 IN SAUNDERS SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH. RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CON-VEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 2035 N. 19TH STREET. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 Property Index No. 14-23.0-108-006 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$30,476.24. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale

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 POS-SESSION 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, HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIH-LAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 366553 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, II 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. HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 111 East Main Street DECATUR II 62523 217-422-1719

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Fax # 217-422-1754 E-Mail: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Attorney File No. 366553 Case Number: 19 CH 83 TJSC#: 40-2281 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 83

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff,

VS. THOMAS A. KOCIS AKA THOMAS KOCIS, Defendant. CASE NO. 20-CH-151 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 401 CARROLL ST PAWNEE, IL 62558 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Thomas A. Kocis aka Thomas Kocis, Defendant, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 401 Carroll St, Pawnee, IL 62558, more particularly described as: Lot 10 and the East 87 feet, except the North 67 feet thereof, of Lot 1 in W.R. Lochridge's Second Addition to Subdivision of part of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 13 North, Range 4 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Permanent Index Number: 36-07.0-253-012 fka 36-07-253-012 Commonly known as: 401 Carroll St, Pawnee, IL 62558 UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Room 405, Springfield, IL 62701-1299 on or before November 16, 2020, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE. CLERK OF THE COURT THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Meredith Pitts (#6280878) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 740 Decatur, IL 62525 Send Notice/Pleadings to: Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 20CH151

To place a notice call 753-2226 ext. 134 or email legals@illinoistimes.com.

> Legals deadline is **Thursday 4pm**

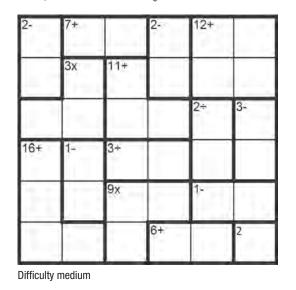


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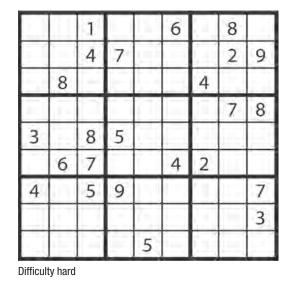
by J. Reynolds - No. 658

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.



Sudoku

No. 658 Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusive.



Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #657

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Sudoku answers from #657

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5	6	2	4	1	3
3	1	6	5	2	4
1	2	4	6	3	5
6	4	3	1	5	2

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