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# BEST OF SPRINGFIELD 2020

Every year, we ask our opinionated readers to tell us about their favorite people, places and things in the Springfield area. Over the decades we've been doing this, we've continued to tweak both the process and the results issue to try to keep things fresh and interesting, and of course, the votes tend to reflect current trends. Last year, the category that received the most votes was TV personality, thanks to a show of community support for Joe Crain after he departed Channel 20. This year, we can only assume that people are eating their feelings during the pandemic as all 10 of the most popular categories are food-related, including best bakery, dessert and doughnut shop. The best place to go downtown involved getting food (Old Capitol Farmers Market) and both winners in the best new business categories were restaurants (Biscuits & Brunch and Jerk Shop Go).

Wondering how all this works? Here are the answers to the most common questions we hear:

**Q. Are the results real? Don't you just pick your advertisers to win?**

A. The Best of Springfield results are based on what our readers chose as the best, which is not always the same as what our staff would prefer. Just ask the advertising department, there are many winners who have never spent a dime with us and others who frequently advertise but failed to win their category. While advertising helps remind people to vote for you, it certainly doesn't guarantee the outcome.

**Q. Why did national companies or chain stores win some of the categories? If you're a locally owned business, shouldn't you support other locally owned businesses?**

A. See previous answer. We encourage our readers to vote (and shop) local, but ultimately, we don't control the votes.

**Q. What's up with the staff picks, if you're not choosing winners?**

A. Staff picks are intended to be humorous or

thought-provoking but always focus on topics that were not part of the reader voting.

**Q. Why wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ category included?**

A. There are already more than 200 categories, so from a logistical perspective we have to consider the attention span of both the voters and readers. However, we do add and subtract categories based on reader interest and current events (we brought back the comedian category this year in response to reader requests and added several categories specific to the pandemic). Keep in mind that there needs to be at least four or five contenders in a category to make it competitive, so if you're asking for "Best battery store," "Best place to buy a musical instrument," or "Best auctioneer" (all actual requests we've had), we're taking that into consideration. If you think of a great category we've missed, email our associate publisher, James Bengfort, at [jbengfort@illinoistimes.com](mailto:jbengfort@illinoistimes.com).

**Q. Why wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ one of the options when I voted?**

A. We hold an initial nomination round beginning in mid-August. The top five vote-getters in each category move on to the final voting. So if you want to lobby for a particular person or business to win, the time to start is in the nomination round.

**Q. Why don't all of the winners have a write up this year?**

A. We used to publish a short blurb on each of the top picks. However, we do have many repeat winners, and it can be hard to find something different to say each year. Starting last year, we switched to a format with longer (but fewer) profiles. We now try to highlight new winners and categories to make it more interesting and informative for the reader.

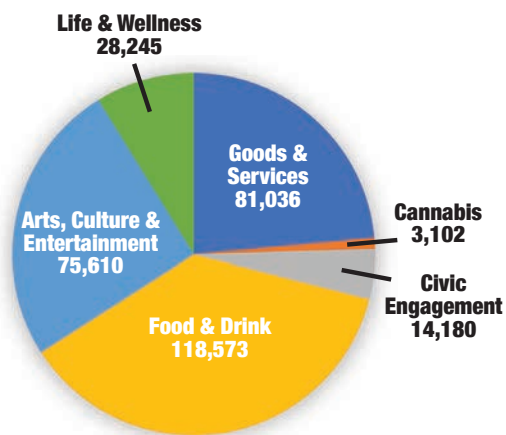
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## CATEGORIES WITH THE MOST VOTES:

1. Bakery
2. Dessert
3. Seafood
4. Breakfast
5. Doughnut shop
6. Place to go downtown
7. Burger
8. Mexican
9. Fine dining
10. Horseshoe

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## BEST OF SPRINGFIELD 2020

### ARTS, CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT

#### ABRAHAM LINCOLN HISTORIC SITE

##### Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum

212 N. Sixth St., 558-8844

**Finalists:** Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Lincoln's Home National Historic Site, Lincoln's Tomb, Old State Capitol

#### ART STUDIO/GALLERY

##### The Pharmacy Gallery & Art Space

623 E. Adams St., 801-810-9278

**Finalists:** SAA Collective, Wild Rose, The POP! Gallery at Anvil & Forge, UIS Visual Arts Gallery

#### BASS PLAYER

##### Jessica Knight

**Finalists:** Jeff Cunningham, Ty Ellis, Bruce Williams, Roger Carr

#### CHORAL GROUP

##### Glenwood High's Titan Fever Show Choir

**Finalists:** Rochester High School Madrigals, Springfield High's Seven and Senators, Springfield Choral Society, Williamsville High School Madrigal Ensemble

#### CLUB DJ

##### Mikee at Curve Inn

**Finalists:** DH3 at the Alamo, Rob Bell at The Blue Grouch, DJ-2Lo at Weebles, Yatti DNY at Wet Bar Cover music band, Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters

#### COVER MUSIC BAND

##### Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters

**Finalists:** JukeRox, Unchained, Fun DMC, Sleeping Dogzz

#### DIRECTOR OF LOCAL THEATER

##### Gus Gordon

**Finalists:** Anna Maisenbacher, Bill Bauser Jr., Reggie Guyton, Craig Williams



Photo by Bruce Rushmont

#### BEST GRANITE (STAFF PICK)

## New Oak Ridge Cemetery monuments

As land goes, the corner where two monuments to Springfield's biggest names have been installed since last year is prime real estate. Lashonda Fitch, cemetery director, pegs the price at \$72,000 per spot, each within eyeshot of Lincoln's tomb and at one of the graveyard's most-traveled intersections. It's a safe bet that the families of Richard Levi, founder of Levi, Ray and Shoup, and William Cellini, former head of the Illinois Department of Transportation who became a political powerbroker, invested considerably more on improvements.

The Levi memorial, erected late last year, now includes remains of a son and grandson, with room for others as need arises. The black granite came from a Pennsylvania quarry, says P.J. Staab, a local funeral director who designed the colonnade structure. "Each piece, it's like a fine grain of walnut or oak," says Staab, whose family plot is nearby.

The neighboring Cellini mausoleum, installed within the past three months, has no inhabitants. A plaque denoting Cellini's status as secretary of transportation under former Gov. Richard Ogilvie is affixed to stone near what will be Cellini's final resting place.

#### DRIVE-TIME RADIO SHOW

##### Jim Leach – WMAZ

**Finalists:** Dave & Dina in the morning - The Wolf 101.9, Morning Edition - NPR 91.9 UIS, 3rd String Morning Show – WQLZ, The Ride Home With Josh Roberts - 104.5 WFMB

#### DRUMMER

##### Eric Austin

**Finalists:** Matthew Runions, Dion Doss, Jake McNamara, Jason Webster

#### FAMILY ATTRACTION

##### The Muni

815 E. Lake Shore Drive, 793-6864

**Finalists:** Memorial's Festival of Trees, Knight's Action Park, Henson Robinson Zoo, Southwind Park

#### CAMP FOR KIDS

##### Camp Coco

**Finalists:** Riverside Stable Horse Camp, Camp Compass, Lake Springfield Christian Assembly, SAA Summer Art Camp

#### FOOD FESTIVAL

##### Old Capitol Blues & BBQ

**Finalists:** 217 food weeks, International Route 66 Mother Road Festival, Bites on the Boulevard, Springfield Oyster and Beer Festival

#### FREE ENTERTAINMENT

##### Washington Park

1501 South Grand Ave. West, 544-1751

**Finalists:** Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon concerts, Danenberger Family Vineyards, Buzz Bomb Brewing Co./Adams Street, Lake Springfield

#### GUITARIST

##### Micah Walk

**Finalists:** Casey Cantrall, Ryan King, Jeff Kornfeld, Robert Reynolds

#### HORN PLAYER

##### Dave Littrell

**Finalists:** Frank Parker, Dennis Jones, Frank Trompeter, Kerri Donovan



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### KEYBOARDIST

**Damian Kaplan**

*Finalists: Perry Zubeck, Kylan Davis, Stan Rapp with Bad Grandpas, Steve Marvel*

### LIVE MUSIC VENUE - LARGE

**UIS Performing Arts Center -**

**Sangamon Auditorium**

1 University Plaza, 206-6160

*Finalists: State Fair Grandstand, Boondocks, Hoogland Center for the Arts, BOS Center*

### LIVE MUSIC VENUE - SMALL

**Curve Inn**

3219 S. Sixth St., 529-5806

*Finalists: Danenberger Family Vineyards, Weebles, Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., Dumb Records*

### LIVE THEATER PERFORMANCE - FEMALE LEAD

**Mary Jo Curry - I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change**

*Finalists: Mary Kate Smith - Bright Star, Jasmine French - Memphis, Annie Get Your Gun - Lydia Tate, Karley Simon - Nice Work If You Can Get It*

### LIVE THEATER PERFORMANCE - MALE LEAD

**Elijah Sadler - Beauty and the Beast (Rochester HS)**

*Finalists: Gus Gordon - I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change, Casey Cantrall - Memphis the Musical, Cory Blissett - Bright Star, William Kline - Young Frankenstein*

### LOCAL LIVING AUTHOR

**Courtney Westlake**

*Finalists: Ian Winterbauer, Eric Woods, Taylor Pensoneau, Barbra Burdett*

### LOCAL SPORTS TEAM

**Springfield Jr. Blues**

*Finalists: Rochester Rockets football, Springfield Sliders, Springfield Academy Bullets Swim Club, Glenwood High School Titans*

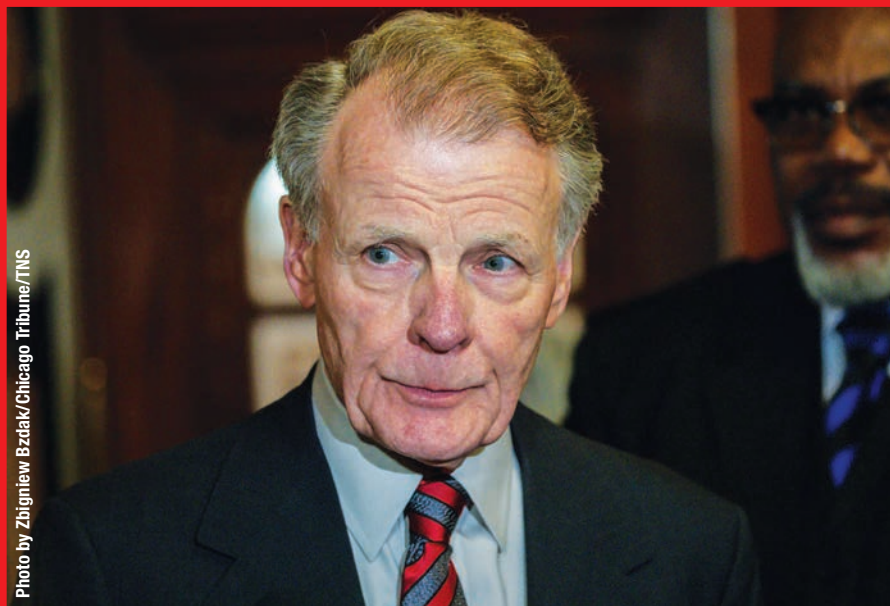


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### BEST SCANDAL

## Michael Madigan and ComEd

This is almost too easy. Early on, there was St. Patrick's Day Parade-Gate, wherein Mayor Jim Langfelder went bar-hopping, then was slow to cancel the city's parade. But Langfelder makes for a lousy villain, and he did come to his senses. Then came state Rep. Darren "Crown Prince of Coronavirus" Bailey, R-Maskless, who made all kinds of stir by suing the governor and getting himself removed from a House session for refusing to wear a mask. Bailey donned a mask the next day, national headlines already having been safely made – that's just a politician being a politician in rural Illinois, not a full-blown scandal.

But ComEd paying a \$200 million fine and acknowledging a bribery scheme that went straight to the inner defenses of House Speaker Michael Madigan? That's a scandal. Nothing has been proven, Madigan observes, at times angrily, as if the GOP is pulling tricks by forming an investigative committee that is doomed to stalemate but has forced a Fifth Amendment Lite written statement from the Speaker: I haven't done anything wrong, but, in the interest of justice, I won't testify. That's rich.



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## MUSEUM

### Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum

212 N. Sixth St., 558-8844

**Finalists:** Illinois State Museum, Dana-Thomas House, Kidzeum of Health and Science, Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum

## MUSIC FESTIVAL

### Old Capitol Blues & BBQ

**Finalists:** Downhome Music Festival, Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon Festival, Legacy of Giving Music Festival, Powerlight Fest

## ORIGINAL MUSIC BAND

### Lick Creek

**Finalists:** The Deep Hollow, Nil8, Unchained, The Pleiades

## OVERALL BAND

### JukeRox

**Finalists:** Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters, Lick Creek, The Deep Hollow, Fun DMC

## PLACE FOR KARAOKE

### Burger Bar

2765 S. Sixth St., 528-9030

**Finalists:** Curve Inn, Weebles, George Ranks, Harry's Adult Daycare

## PLACE TO BUY LOCAL ART

### Edwards Place Fine Arts Fair

**Finalists:** Wild Rose, The Pharmacy Gallery & Art Space, The Roost, SAA Collective

## PLACE TO GO DOWNTOWN

### Old Capitol Farmers Market

**Finalists:** Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery & Eatery, Hoogland Center for the Arts, Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., Dumb Records

## PLACE TO SEE A PLAY OR MUSICAL

### The Muni

815 E. Lake Shore Drive, 793-6864

**Finalists:** Hoogland Center for the Arts, UIS Performing Arts Center, The Legacy Theatre, Theatre in the Park



## BEST ART STUDIO/GALLERY

# The Pharmacy Gallery & Art Space

What started as a creative crew of people, many college-aged, about a decade ago, has morphed into one of Springfield's premier artistic endeavors. Andrew Woolbright co-founded the group, back when it was on the corner of Pasfield Street and South Grand Avenue in a space that used to be a drugstore. Woolbright is an acclaimed artist with a conceptual mind that questions what art is in the first place. He's since moved from Springfield to pursue his passions, but the group he created lives on.

From the beginning, The Pharmacy Gallery & Art Space has maintained a cooperative spirit. Artists can join to access studio space and participate in group showings, classes and other events. Offerings last year included a fashion show, which was well attended and included outlandish and fantastical creations from artists of various stripes, including floral artist Hannah Malone and longtime Pharmacy member Wendy Allen.

Throughout its tenure the group has had core artists while also welcoming a rotating cast of unique and creative people into the fold. There are currently 20 artists with The Pharmacy, with space for about five more, according to president Janet Sgro. Sgro first got involved with The Pharmacy in 2012 and has seen it through evolutions and various gallery spaces. "The space is fantastic," she said of the relatively new location downtown at 623 E. Adams St. "We loved the space that we had at Fifth and Cook. It was beautiful. The building was fantastic. It was a precious time for us, but we really outgrew it."

The downtown space, near Recycled Records, has been a great fit. The studio has plenty of room for artists to carve out their own work areas, with room to spare for exhibitions. The space has the feel of a big city gallery and the atmosphere to match.

While the pandemic has thrown a wrench in many of the endeavors the collective would normally take on, there was an art show earlier in the month called Transformation, an apt title given The Pharmacy's ability to morph with the needs and desires of Springfield's art scene.

## PUBLIC ART/MURAL

### Grab-a-Java banners

1702 S. Sixth St., 523-5282  
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**Finalists:** Art Alley, New Route 66 mural under bridge on Ninth Street, Abraham Lincoln on The Alamo, Farmers Market mural

## RADIO PERSONALITY OR TEAM: NAME AND STATION

### Jim Leach – WMAV

**Finalists:** Dave and Dina in the morning - The Wolf 101.9, Sam Madonia, Greg Halblieb and Paul Pachlhofer - Sports Radio 1450, Mo Lightning - 97.7 QLZ, Bondsy - 99.7 KISS

## SONGWRITER

### Micah Walk

**Finalists:** Mary Jo Curry, Avery Kern, Casey Cantrall, Carter Kelso

## SPRINGFIELD AREA COMEDIAN

### Jeremy Nunes

**Finalists:** Larry Smith, Kathy Brennan, Jeff Tolbert, Al Nimpson

## THEATER PRODUCTION

### Rocky Horror Picture Show - Hoogland Center for the Arts

**Finalists:** Hairspray - The Legacy Theatre, Memphis the Musical - Hoogland Center for the Arts, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat - Hoogland Center for the Arts, Young Frankenstein - Springfield Theatre Center

## TOURIST SPOT IN SPRINGFIELD NOT RELATED TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN

### Dana-Thomas House

301 E. Lawrence Ave., 782-6776

**Finalists:** Illinois State Fair, Washington Park, Kidzeum of Health and Science, Illinois State Museum

## VISUAL ARTIST

### Felicia Olin

**Finalists:** Claudia Knight, Michelle Smith, Faith Valenti, Alex Rothschild



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Jessica Knight-Carnes joins former bandmates Benny Dewitt and Kristian Kyle Ratliff for a Mother Leopard reunion show at Dumb Records in January 2020.

### BEST BASS PLAYER

# Jessica Knight-Carnes

Jessica Knight-Carnes contains multitudes. When on a stage, she is a powerhouse, a short-haired spark plug of energy who sings – and sometimes borderline screams – poetic, existential lyrics. Not only is she a remarkable vocalist with a deep and dark range, she holds down the rhythm with her steady, solid bass playing. Some might find her remarkable for being a small-framed woman at the front of the band, one with a bass guitar about half the size of her, no less.

But Knight-Carnes is tired by the idea she's breaking convention by being female. She's an amazing musician. Period. And she wants others to feel empowered to play, no matter their gender or other attributes.

Looming, the band she is currently in, had its first release in 2013. Brandon, her husband, is the band's drummer, who also sings. The pair make quite the multitasking duo and the way their vocals mix is mesmerizing. Looming is likely the most visible group from Springfield's DIY (do it yourself) punk/Black Sheep Cafe/Dumb Records scene. It's also the most enduring out of a string of several bands Knight-Carnes has been in since around 2011.

She first picked up a bass at the behest of bandmates in the group Our Lady. "I started off just singing. And then my band lost their bass player ... and they were like, you can learn to play bass. You know the songs," Knight-Carnes reminisced with a laugh. "Now, I would rather call myself a bass player than a vocalist almost," she said. "I latched on to bass and it makes sense to me. And I think it's a lot of fun."

Knight-Carnes can shred, but she also knows how to appreciate gentler things. She's an anti-snob, humble to the core, and a huge fan of pop stars such as Lorde. She also loves the captivating harp playing, singing and songwriting of Joanna Newsom. Knight-Carnes said she especially appreciates those two artists "because they're characters and they're performers. I try to embody that even with playing bass; to me, it becomes a part of me and my character."

Also a millennial mom, Knight-Carnes juggles many roles. Her new endeavor, along with Brandon, is First Try Sessions, an initiative to get more guitars in the hands of young people. First Try facilitates instrument donations as well as lessons. "These small opportunities can mean everything," she said. "That's what changed things for me and a lot of people who play DIY music."

### VOCALIST FEMALE

**Mary Jo Curry**

*Finalists: Elizabeth Eckert, Avery Kern, Brandy Kristin, Mandy Rose*

### VOCALIST MALE

**Dave Littrell**

*Finalists: Micah Walk, Casey Cantrall, Bill Szerletich, Ben Bedford*

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## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

### BEST AFFIRMATION THAT BLACK LIVES MATTER

#### Black Lives Matter car parade

**Finalists:** Grab-a-Java's painted signs, Black Lives Matter capitol demonstration, White Coats 4 Black Lives SIU School of Medicine, Being Black at School

### BUSINESS GIVING BACK DURING THE PANDEMIC

#### Papo's Café

3290 W. Iles Ave., 679-6044

**Finalists:** D'arcy's Pint meals for healthcare workers, Willow & Birch for free haircuts for healthcare workers, Café Moxo, Cured Catering service industry dinners

### CHILDREN'S SUPPORT ORGANIZATION

#### Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery

1011 N. Seventh St., 525-6800

**Finalists:** Ronald McDonald House, The Outlet, Compass for Kids, Children's Miracle Network

### CHARITY EVENT

#### Memorial's Festival of Trees

**Finalists:** Fat Ass 5k & Street Party, Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery Children's Holiday Store, Legacy of Giving Music Festival, Phoenix Center Fall GAYla

### CITY OFFICIAL

#### Ald. Kristin DiCenso

**Finalists:** Mayor Jim Langfelder, Ald. Shawn Gregory, Ald. Joe McMenamin, Ald. Doris Turner

### CLERGYPERSON

#### Martin Woulfe - Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation

**Finalists:** Eddie Lowen - West Side Christian Church, Rabbi Barry Marks, Rev. Susan Phillips - First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Mark - Calvary Church

### COUNTY OFFICIAL

#### Sheriff Jack Campbell

**Finalists:** County Recorder Josh Langfelder, County Clerk Don Gray, County Circuit Clerk Paul Palazzolo, County Board Member Tony DelGiorno



Photo courtesy Jim Leach

### BEST DRIVE-TIME RADIO SHOW

# Jim Leach, WMAY

Jim Leach hasn't been on the radio forever, it just seems like it, and in a good way. As a talk show host, he's a liberal who gets along with most everyone but isn't afraid to call out people who say or do foolish things. He's also a pro when it comes to delivering news without a hint of bias.

The best broadcasters listen as well as they talk, and that's certainly true with Leach. When interviewing guests, he lets them be the star of his show, giving folks plenty of time and room to have their say or dig their own graves, and if he interrupts, you can be pretty sure it's important. Leach is either really smart or he prepares very well – maybe a little of both – and it shows: If he's asked a dumb question at a press conference or during an interview, good luck remembering it.

Leach grew up here, and his knowledge of local politics and history is invaluable, allowing him to talk about important stuff in important ways. Nearly 40 years after first taking up the mic in Springfield, Leach seems to be getting better with age, or perhaps we value him more because there are fewer and fewer like him in an age when too many media types either rant to make points or have no points worth making at all. If Springfield has a Walter Cronkite, it's Jim Leach. We're lucky to have him.

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**BEST OF SPRINGFIELD 2020**



**BEST SONGWRITER  
BEST GUITARIST**

# Micah Walk

Few area songwriters have had more of an impact on the local music community than Girard native and now Springfield resident Micah Walk. Since his move to the capital city several years ago after a short stint in Chicago, he quickly settled into the area scene, performing steadily as a solo artist, with his Micah Walk Band and most recently as a member of the popular, award-winning, power Americana trio, The Deep Hollow, with fellow musicians Elizabeth Eckert and Dave Littrell.

Through years of teaching guitar and songwriting, his influence now reaches into the younger generation, as some of Walk's students can be seen performing out in local venues as well as participating professionally on a national level. The mild-mannered and highly talented singer, songwriter and guitarist stays busy playing music in some form or another for a good reason, as Walk is one of the few area musicians making a living from making music.

In addition to his acumen as a guitarist and ingenuity as a songwriter, he is also part of a kids' music duo called Tater Tots Rock and plays in one of Springfield's top cover show bands, The Shenanigans. It's enough proof of Walk's talent that he's received several Best of Springfield awards in years past from our discerning readers, but folks outside our area have also recognized his abilities.

In 2014, he released a solo album featuring a collection of his original songs through work with Grammy-nominated producer Jamie Candiloro. During the whirlwind year of 2020, our intrepid songster completed a Kickstarter crowdfunding project that allowed him to produce a new album (slated for release in 2021) in Nashville, Tennessee, with more heavy hitters in the music industry, including Sadler Vaden, guitarist of Jason Isbel's Grammy-award winning band, the 400 Unit. We all expect and anticipate more magnificent music to continue to come from the mind and fingers of Micah Walk for years to come.



# BEST OF SPRINGFIELD 2020

## NONPROFIT ASSISTING DURING THE PANDEMIC

### Springfield Families Helping Families

*Finalists: Central Illinois Foodbank, Helping Hands of Springfield, Forever Home Feline Ranch, SIU School of Medicine*

## PLACE TO VOLUNTEER

### Animal Protective League

1001 Taintor Road, 544-7387

*Finalists: Springfield Families Helping Families, Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery, Compass for Kids Camp Compass, Refuge Ranch*

## UNSUNG HERO

### Teachers

*Finalists: Erica T. Austin - Boys and Girls Club, Erica Smith - Helping Hands of Springfield, Katharine Eastvold - Springfield Families Helping Families, United We Pipe: Aidan and Damon McParland and Claire Smith - United We Pipe*

## UP-AND-COMING LEADER

### Ald. Kristin DiCensio

*Finalists: Scott McFarland, Sunshine Clemons, Tiffany Mathis, Tha MC - John Keating*

## USE OF PUBLIC MONEY

### Rent assistance

*Finalists: Law Enforcement, Payroll Protection Plan (PPP), Illinois State Museum, Beautification*

## FOOD AND DRINK

### BAKERY

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925 S. Seventh St., 528-8548

*Finalists: Mel-O-Cream, Three Twigs Bakery, Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, Scoop Du Jour*

### BARTENDER

#### Darcy at Obed and Issac's Microbrewery & Eatery

*Finalists: Justin Rebbe at Club Station House, Sydney Prosser at Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., Jitonna at Stadium Bar and Grill, Colton Allen at Roots Latin Grill*

## BEST HORN PLAYER BEST MALE VOCALIST

# Dave Littrell

Since he jumped into the local music scene with the prog-indie-jam, all-original-rock band The Station, back at the turn of the century, Chatham's favorite native son, Dave Littrell, has played his horn and sang his songs for anyone who cares to listen. The readers of *Illinois Times* certainly recognized his ability to play his sweet saxophone and sing a song like nobody's business, but Littrell is also an accomplished performer on the guitar and is adept at handling bass, flute, percussion and keyboards.

A glance to past Best of Springfield issues demonstrates Littrell is a consistent winner in the horn category and also received Best Guitarist a few times as well as placing up there in the singer-songwriter category too. He first picked up the saxophone during his Chatham-Glenwood school days where he garnered All State Jazz Band honors, and he's been singing and accompanying himself on guitar for about as long as he can remember.

The versatile and talented musician spent most of the early 2000s on the road touring with The Station, then hung around town more in the last decade playing plenty of hometown, self-supporting gigs. He released a Dave Carter-produced, acoustic-based, solo album, *Now I See* (Planet Playground Records), in 2010, while continuing to work with the ever-evolving music of The Station. After combining forces with fellow singer-songwriters and heralded local performers, Micah Walk and Elizabeth Eckert, to form the Americana trio The Deep Hollow, Littrell increased his musicianship abilities by adding bass drum and percussion to his role in the group, a feat he accomplished while simultaneously playing guitar and singing.

A dedicated family man, Littrell continues to play consistently with all variations of his bands, projects and combos, while balancing home life and his musical world, set on this notion of nurturing creativity and developing talent as an integral part of his personal and professional experience.



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## BBQ

### PT's BBQ

1301 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, 217-679-1188

*Finalists: Hickory River Smokehouse, Smokey Bones Bar & Fire Grill, Gilly's Championship BBQ & Catering, Twyford BBQ & Catering*

## BEER GARDEN

### Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery & Eatery

500 S. Sixth St., 670-0627

*Finalists: Curve Inn, Locals Bar - Pawnee, Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum, Sangamo Brewing Co.*

## BEER SELECTION (ON TAP)

### Buzz Bomb Brewing Co.

406 E. Adams St.

*Finalists: Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery & Eatery, Springfield Beer Company, Finley's Tap House, Sky Lounge*

## BREAKFAST

### Charlie Parker's Diner

700 W. North St., 241-2104

*Finalists: Le Peep, Café Moxo, Biscuits + Brunch by Three Twigs, Boones Saloon*

## BURGER

### Krekel's Custard and Hamburgers

2121 North Grand Ave. East, 525-4952

*Finalists: Burger Bar, Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery & Eatery, Finley's Tap House, Boones Saloon*

## CATFISH

### Carter's Fish Market

1900 South Grand Ave. East, 525-2571

*Finalists: MJ's Fish and Chicken Express, Fritz's Restaurant, American Legion 32 Mess Hall Restaurant, Anchors Away*

## CHEF

### Keith Loukinen at Loukinens' on 4th

517 S. Fourth St., 670-1363

*Finalists: Michael Higgins - Maldaner's Restaurant & Catering Since 1884, Aurora Coffey - American Harvest, Justin Richardson - Curate, Justin Cooper - Cooper's Alleyside*



# BEST OF SPRINGFIELD 2020

## CHILI

### The Chili Parlor (formerly Joe Rogers)

820 S. Ninth St., 523-4989

*Finalists: Dew Chilli Parlor, Cook's Spice Rack, D'arcy's Pint, Dublin Pub*

## CHINESE

### Mimosa Vietnamese and Thai Restaurant

4201 Wabash Ave., 787-7733

*Finalists: Mekong Café, China Star, Hunan Restaurant, Sunny China*

## COFFEE HOUSE

### Grab-a-Java

1702 S. Sixth St., 523-5282  
3115 Hedley Road, 698-9773

*Finalists: Wm. Van's Coffee House, Custom Cup, Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, Scoop Du Jour*

## DESSERT OR SWEETS SHOP

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925 S. Seventh St., 528-8548

*Finalists: Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, Smallcakes Cupcakery and Creamery, Three Twigs Bakery, Mel-O-Cream*

## DINER

### Charlie Parker's Diner

700 W. North St., 241-2104

*Finalists: Sunrise Café, Ritz's Lil Fryer, Star 66 Café, Sgt. Peppers Café*

## DONUT SHOP

### Mel-O-Cream

217 E. Laurel St., 544-4644  
1953 W. Monroe St., 546-4651  
525 E. North Grand Ave., 528-2303  
3010 S. Sixth St., 529-7708

*Finalists: Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, Three Twigs Bakery, Scoop Du Jour, Dunkin*

## FINE DINING

### Bella Milano

4525 Wabash Ave., 547-0011

*Finalists: Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant, Maldaner's Restaurant & Catering Since 1884, Loukinens' on 4th, Vele*



## BEST PLACE TO GO DOWNTOWN

# Old Capitol Farmers Market

The Old Capitol Farmers Market has succeeded in putting on another fantastic season, satisfying customers and vendors alike, while also providing a safe place to access local foods and goods.

Though most social aspects of the market, such as musicians, cooking demonstrations, public workouts and eating have been absent this year, the open-air market has provided an abundance of fresh local produce, breads and desserts, packaged food creations, meat and eggs, coffee and teas and a variety of arts and crafts.

Face masks are required for anyone entering the market. Social distancing is encouraged, and customers are asked not to touch produce, but merely point to what they would like vendors to bag up for them. Two sanitation stations are available.

Cash is still accepted, along with credit and debit cards, but tokens are no longer provided. SNAP/EBT customers can use the new Healthy Ways scannable card in place of tokens and are able to utilize a grant which matches up to \$25 per day for use in buying fresh produce only.

Customers are asked to limit their numbers to one per household and not to bring children unless absolutely necessary. Pets are not allowed. High risk shoppers are encouraged to have another shop in their place, if possible, or to shop early.

Another option is a new online ordering and curbside pickup system that is now available to anyone at: <https://www.localline.ca/old-capitol-farmers-market>. Online ordering begins Tuesday morning, and orders must be placed by Thursday at 5 p.m. Pick up is available curbside between 10 and 10:30 Saturday mornings on Fifth Street between Washington and Adams (watch for signs).

The final Market of the season will take place this Saturday from 8 until 12:30, but there will be no Halloween at the Market this year. Street parking is still free at meters through the end of the year.

The Holiday Market is planned for Nov. 14 and 21 and Dec. 19 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., both inside and outside of Anvil and Forge, 619 E. Washington. The same COVID safety measures will be in effect, including face masks for all and social distancing. Capacity inside will be limited. Curbside pickup will be offered the week of market.

## FOOD TRUCK

### Aztca Mexican Grill

*Finalists: Vose's Korndogs, Twyford BBQ & Catering, Cooper's StrEATside Bistro, Gilly's Championship BBQ & Catering*

## FRIED CHICKEN

### Track Shack

233 E. Laurel St., 522-0444

*Finalists: Fritz's Restaurant, Pizza Ranch, American Legion 32 Mess Hall Restaurant, Biscuits + Brunch by Three Twigs*

## GYRO

### Gyro Stop

2907 S. MacArthur Blvd., 698-6463  
2345 W. Monroe St., 546-3442

*Finalists: Yanni's Gyros, Chi-Town Finest, Sky Lounge, Mr. Gyro*

## HEALTHY MENU OPTIONS

### CoreLife Eatery

2580 Wabash Ave., 311-7038

*Finalists: Magic Kitchen, American Harvest, Food Fantasies Grab n Go, Just Right Eating*

## HORSESHOE

### D'Arcy's Pint

661 W. Stanford Ave., 492-8800

*Finalists: Dublin Pub, Westwoods Lodge, Ritz's Lil Fryer, Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery & Eatery*

## ICE CREAM/FROYO

### Baskin Robbins

1700 S. MacArthur Blvd., 528-3131  
106 Chatham Road, 787-3031

*Finalists: Cold Stone Creamery, Krekel's Custard and Hamburgers, Scoop Du Jour, Dairy Queen*

## ITALIAN

### Bella Milano

4525 Wabash Ave., 547-0011

*Finalists: Saputo's, Gabatoni's Restaurant, The Pasta House Company, La Piazza Cucina Italiana*

## KID-FRIENDLY RESTAURANT

### The Creek Pub & Grill

1081 Jason Place, Chatham, 483-8282

*Finalists: Pie's The Limit, Dublin Pub, Noodles & Company, Three Twigs Bakery*



## BEST OF SPRINGFIELD 2020



### BEST PUBLIC ART/MURAL

# Grab-A-Java

For more than 20 years, the banners at Grab-A-Java have been catching the attention of motorists. Original owners Pete Lazare and Meg Evans opened the drive-thru coffee shop in 1996 on South Sixth Street, one of the first in our city to serve a quality brew and fancy coffee drinks.

Lazare bought mistinted cans of paint and painters' drop cloths and, despite his total lack of art experience, became a local phenomenon, making quirky, quippy and often timely and touching works of art. In 2004, Lazare and Evans built a second location on Hedley Road, with Lazare's banners again grabbing the eye of commuters and shoppers.

Lazare and Evans were in the process of selling the business to longtime customer William Legge in 2018 when Lazare fell ill with pancreatic cancer, passing away shortly after the business was sold.

Legge kept to the established business model, though admitted, "It became a struggle" at first to figure out how to put up new banners on a regular basis. Two years into owning Grab-A-Java, banners continue to remind passersby that few things in life are more satisfying than freshly brewed gourmet coffee and a witty visual joke.

"I couldn't be more pleased," says Legge. Banners at the Sixth Street location are primarily made by sibling artists Christy Freeman Stark and Troy Freeman. Christy Freeman Stark is a founding member of DIM Art House, a studio and gallery space which opened in 2019 on MacArthur Boulevard. Troy Freeman is the lead artist and founder of Free Sky Studios, which focuses on painting signs and murals, big and small. Banners at the Hedley location are primarily made by employees of the coffee shop. "They'll get together and have a paint night," says Legge.

Almost all of Lazare's banners were digitized, though some were too old and brittle to do so. A compendium coffee table book featuring 70 banners was created, with a release party originally set for March 2020. That was canceled, but will be rescheduled when "COVID numbers allow us to do it safely," remarks Laura Lipscomb, manager of the Hedley location. Pre-orders are still being taken on the website, and both books and posters will be available at the release party, which will hopefully happen in 2021.

Until then, have a pretty good day.

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# BEST OF SPRINGFIELD 2020

## LATE-NIGHT EATS

### Dublin Pub

1975 Wabash Ave., 793-6871

*Finalists: Gabatoni's Restaurant, Star 66 Café, Track Shack, Bill's Toasty Shop*

## LOCAL BREWERY

### Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery & Eatery

500 S. Sixth St., 670-0627

*Finalists: Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., Springfield Beer Company, Engrained Brewery & Restaurant, Anvil & Forge Brewing and Distilling*

## MEXICAN

### Xochimilco Mexican Restaurant

2941 W. Iles Ave., 546-3116

*Finalists: Aztca Mexican Grill, Taqueria Moroleon, Casa Real, La Fiesta Springfield*

## NEW BAR (OPENED AFTER 8/1/19)

### Sangamo Brewing Co.

109 E. Mulberry, Chatham, 697-8026

*Finalists: Home Plate Bar & Grill, Copperheads – Pawnee, Capital City Brewing Supply, Terra Ferment*

## NEW RESTAURANT (OPENED AFTER 8/1/19)

### Home Plate Bar & Grill

2571 Koke Mill Road, 679-3313

*Finalists: Biscuits + Brunch by Three Twigs, Curate, Roots Latin Grill, The Barn*

## OUTDOOR DINING (PERMANENT)

### Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery & Eatery

500 S. Sixth St., 670-0627

*Finalists: Home Plate Bar & Grill, Maldaner's Restaurant & Catering Since 1884, Papa Frank's, Boones Saloon*

## OUTDOOR DINING (TEMPORARY)

### Casa Real

3100 W. White Oaks Drive, 303-5323

*Finalists: D'arcy's Pint, Westwoods Lodge, Aztca Mexican Grill, Bella Milano*



## BEST COMEDIAN

# Jeremy Nunes

What's so funny about Jeremy Nunes, you ask? Well, with one listen to his comedy routine explaining common day mishaps and regular happenings in an interesting and provocative way, you'll get what folks heard in this aspiring comic who practices a "front porch" style of merry making.

This is the first time we've offered the comedian category in many moons, so it kind of feels like the very first time, and Nunes worked hard to get the vote out to claim his reward. Check out his Facebook page where he chastises his church's pastor for not asking their congregation to vote for him on one of his Church Complaint Sunday posts. While you're there, you can scroll through his weekly comments on subjects such as Office Complaint Monday, Small Town Complaint Wednesday, Offensive Band Name Thursday and random, revealing remarks rooted in his Southern Illinois upbringing on how family and friends feel about living in small town, rural Illinois.

Like many comedians, he's done plenty of other jobs before turning to making people laugh for a living, including a stint as a professional wrestler (he's 6'6" tall), winning election as mayor in his hometown (it was supposed to be a joke!) and time spent in Chicago getting schooled at famed improv, comedic centers such as Second City and iO Theater (big city to small town humor).

He's recently launched a popular podcast called Dynamite Drop with fellow comedian Lee Hardin to discuss the weekly pro-wrestling program known as Dynamite and has made television appearances on "The Layover," "The Break-Up," "Last Comic Standing," Comcast on Demand and ABC's "Final Witness," plus can be heard on Sirius/XM and ESPN Radio. As with most comics, he strives to connect by working with material he understands and his community can relate to using titles such as, "Destroying Your Kid in Dodgeball," "Stop Asking Tall People This Question" and "Running for Public Office" to work with, all spots presented and filmed during his DryBar Comedy Special called Neighborhood Sasq-Watch.

Jeremy makes it a point to keep his comedy "100% clean, inoffensive and hilarious" and books plenty of shows for corporate clients and Christian events, giving credence to his patented saying, "Who's with me?" by keeping it funny with family-friendly fun.

## OVERALL RESTAURANT

### D'arcy's Pint

661 W. Stanford Ave., 492-8800

*Finalists: Bella Milano, Old Luxemburg Inn, Maldaner's Restaurant & Catering Since 1884, Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery & Eatery*

## PIZZA

### Gabatoni's Restaurant

300 E. Laurel St., 528-9629

*Finalists: DiCarlo's Pizza – Virden, Bernie & Betty's Pizza, Antonio's Pizza, Joe Gallina's Pizza & Restaurant*

## PLACE FOR CURBSIDE AND TAKEOUT

### Xochimilco Mexican Restaurant

2941 W. Iles Ave., 546-3116

*Finalists: D'arcys Pint, Aztca Mexican Grill, Bella Milano, Café Moxo*

## ROMANTIC DINNER

### Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant

2501 Wabash Ave., 321-9100

*Finalists: Nic & Nino's Steakhouse, Bella Milano, Vele, Maldaner's Restaurant & Catering Since 1884*

## SALSA

### Xochimilco Mexican Restaurant

2941 W. Iles Ave., 546-3116

*Finalists: Aztca Mexican Grill, Taqueria Moroleon, La Fiesta, Tacology 101*

## SEAFOOD

### Chesapeake Seafood House

3045 E. Clear Lake Ave., 522-5220

*Finalists: Carter's Fish Market, MJ's Fish and Chicken Express, Anchors Away, Vele*

## SERVER

### Shane - Obed and Issac's Microbrewery & Eatery

500 S. Sixth St., 670-0627

*Finalists: Jesse Craig - Maldaner's Restaurant & Catering Since 1884, Jacob - Burger Bar, Shelly Bandelow - Coz's Pizza and Pub, Rennye Delgado - Roots Latin Grill*



## BEST OF SPRINGFIELD 2020



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### BEST WINE BAR

# 3Sixteen Wine Bar

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If there's a secret to their continued success it would be the steady hand and observant eye of Griffin, who came by her experience honestly through studies at Lincoln Land Community College and plenty of on-site work at various restaurants around town. Her combination of well-chosen wines, custom craft beers and high-quality liquors compliment the healthy, homemade (but not home-style) menu that includes a sumptuous and creative food lineup of flatbreads, soups and salads, all served with an astute, professional style.

As an added bonus, 3Sixteen presents live, acoustic music every Sunday afternoon and some weekend nights, plus offers a side room that only requires a reservation for private party usage. During the challenging times of 2020, Griffin and crew set up tables outside under a covering every day and brought it back in every night, all while masked up and following COVID-19 precautions well and thoughtfully, as they delivered food and drinks from inside to patrons outside.

Perhaps it's that extra effort, along with the already established good times, that made our readers feel this place is better than the rest, as 3Sixteen Wine Bar continues to bring out the best in all of us.

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## BEST OF SPRINGFIELD 2020



### BEST AFFIRMATION THAT BLACK LIVES MATTER

# BLM car parade

May 31, 2020 may not be a day that will live in infamy. It can't compare to three days in August of 1908, when a white mob burned African American homes and forever stained Springfield as a city steeped in racism, regardless of Abraham Lincoln. Nor can that day in May erase decades of baked-in racial divide in municipal affairs that ended only when African Americans sued nearly 40 years ago to throw out a commissioner form of government that virtually guaranteed whites would run the city. But May 31, 2020, mattered nonetheless. George Floyd had just been slain in graphic detail, and the nation was both horrified and on edge.

In Springfield, no one expected what came to pass, many hundreds, if not thousands, of cars arriving for a parade around the courthouse promoted catch-as-catch-can via social media. Police had to intervene, given the flood of cars, with officers directing traffic side-by-side with activists, and everyone working together. There was no pepper spray. No rubber bullets. No graffiti or fireworks or nut jobs dressed in camouflage and bearing assault rifles. There were, however, plenty of smiles, with every one of them signaling hope.

We were a city that came together, and we did a lot better than other cities did, at least for a few hours. We should hold onto that and remember, because May can sometimes seem like a long time ago.





# BEST OF SPRINGFIELD 2020

## SOUL FOOD

### MJ's Fish and Chicken Express

716 E. Enos Ave., 572-0257

**Finalists:** Nickey's Southern Style Kitchen, Boyd's New Generation Restaurant and Catering, Clay's Popeye's Barbeque, Andy's Smokehouse

## SPECIALTY COCKTAIL

### JP Kelly's Pub Bloody Mary

**Finalists:** Strawberry Cooler at Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery & Eatery, Bloody Mary at Boones Saloon, Lemon Drop Martini at Bella Milano, Spicy Margarita at Roots Latin Grill

## STEAKHOUSE

### Texas Roadhouse

2540 W. Iles Ave., 698-5700

**Finalists:** Old Luxemburg Inn, Alexander's, Longhorn Steakhouse, Maldaner's Restaurant & Catering Since 1884

## SUB/SANDWICH

### Head West Sub Stop

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136 S. Oakland Ave., Decatur, 791-6623

**Finalists:** Monty's Submarines, Jimmy John's, Toasty Subs, Subway

## SUSHI

### Happy Sushi

846 South Grand Ave. East, 528-9799

**Finalists:** Mimosa, Osaka Japanese, PAO, Hunan Restaurant

## TACOS

### Tacology 101

**Finalists:** Taco Gringo, Xochimilco Mexican Restaurant, Aztca Mexican Grill, Taqueria Moroleon

## THAI

### Magic Kitchen

115 N. Lewis St., 525-6975  
4112 N. Peoria Road, 525-2230

**Finalists:** Mekong Café, Mimosa, Thai Kitchen 2, Thai Basil



Photo courtesy Papo's Café

## BUSINESS GIVING BACK DURING THE PANDEMIC

# Papo's Café

Springfield is fond of the food at Papo's Café, but you need more than just good food to earn laurels in this challenging year, which is why Papo's is the recipient of the giving back category.

Local restaurateur Will Hoecker opened the doors of Papo's Café on the west side of Springfield in the spring of 2018. He has a passion for creating restaurants that fit seamlessly into the local scene, and the menu boasts flavorful foods within a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Will named the café in memory of both of his grandfathers – Thomas Armstead and William Hoecker, Sr. These "Papos" were very involved within the central Illinois community that they were proud to call home.

Building on that community involvement, when the pandemic struck this year, restaurants were among the hardest hit. Despite the initial shutdown, Papo's cared enough to think about the greater needs of our community.

"We all have to be together right now to get through all this," said Hoecker. "At the end of the day, we are all humans and we have to be humans to each other and figure out what we can do to help."

With that in mind, despite the economic impact to his own burgeoning food empire, Hoecker set out to make sure the needy in the community didn't have to worry about their next meal. Through a coordinated pay-it-forward program and partnerships with Brickhouse and Mel-O-Cream, Papo's gave away over 600 meals in the parking lot of St. Patrick's School to those in need. Meal recipients didn't have to pay a penny, thanks to the generosity of Papo's, its philanthropically minded customers and others that Hoecker got involved.

Beyond the pay-it-forward program, Hoecker has been a generous community sponsor through Papo's and the other restaurants he's involved with. For all these reasons, this is a well-deserved award.

## WEDDING CAKES

### Incredibly Delicious

925 S. Seventh St., 528-8548

**Finalists:** Specialty Cakes by Tammy, Inc., Three Twigs Bakery, Night Kitchen Cakes, Wildflower Cakes by Kelsea Duncan

## WINE BAR

### 3Sixteen Wine Bar

316 N. Main Plaza, Chatham, 697-8569

**Finalists:** Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant, It's All About Wine, Sheedy Shores Wine Garden, The Corkscrew

## WINERY

### Danenberger Family Vineyards

12341 Irish Road, New Berlin, 488-6321

**Finalists:** Sheedy Shores WineGarden, Hill Prairie Winery, West of Wise Winery, Walnut Street Winery

## WINGS

### Westwoods Lodge

2406 W. Jefferson St., 698-9256

**Finalists:** Buffalo Wild Wings, Coz's Pizza and Pub, Wingstop, Wings, Etc.

## GOODS AND SERVICES

## AC/HEATING COMPANY

### Henson Robinson Company

3550 Great Northern Ave., 544-8451

**Finalists:** Rich Gatschenberger Heating & Cooling, MB Heating and Cooling, Comfort Air, Eades Heating & Cooling

## ANTIQUE/VINTAGE STORE

### Springfield Vintage

215 S. Fifth St., 652-8413

**Finalists:** Recycled Records, Magnolia Lane Home Décor and More, Abe's Old Hat Antiques & Country Store, The Barrel Antique Mall

## AUTO SERVICE CENTER

### Wilkerson's Service Center

2840 Stevenson Drive, 529-0292

**Finalists:** Floyd Imports, CheckPoint Tire and Service, Johnson and Johnson Auto Service Center, Knox Knolls Autocare





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## BEST OF SPRINGFIELD 2020



### BEST CHILDREN'S SUPPORT ORGANIZATION

# Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery

"One of the reasons I applied for this job is that I couldn't imagine a place so integral to our community being without an executive director at this time," says Jennifer McMillan, who took the helm of the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery (MOCN) four short months ago. "I'm so grateful to be here to help."

For over 30 years, MOCN has been a steadfast part of our community, providing emergency childcare services. Over 2,000 children, from birth to age seven, are cared for each year by 13 full- and part-time staff, as well as community volunteers, at no cost.

MOCN is named for founder Marinda "Mini" O'Beirne, who worked as an advocate for abused children. Though O'Beirne passed away before her dream of a crisis nursery could be fulfilled, a steering committee carried on her work, and MOCN is named in her honor.

In addition to emergency childcare, MOCN also provides other services free of charge: parent education classes and support groups, crisis counseling, medical and developmental screenings, follow-up home visits and referrals for food, clothing and shelter. MOCN's basic needs pantry provides diapers, wipes and formula. MOCN advocates for families, confronts racism and is committed to "building a future, both inside and outside our walls, that is more diverse, community-driven and equitable for all," as stated in a message from the board of directors.

"We've been affected by COVID," says McMillan, noting that volunteers are no longer allowed due to restrictions by state agencies. MOCN has altered its childcare schedule, allocating one staff person per family. Children can no longer play with unrelated children at MOCN.

"Even before COVID, we had to turn away families due to capacity," states McMillan. MOCN prioritizes those with immediate emergency needs and tries to work with scheduling to provide care for those with less immediate needs.

As many nonprofits look at creative ways of raising money without being able to host large fundraising events, McMillan notes, "We've been lucky, and the community knows how important our work is."

While the Children's Holiday Store, MOCN's biggest fundraiser, will not happen this year, McMillan says they will announce an alternative to this event in the coming weeks. "We're still able to meet our mission, and we are looking at other ways of raising funds."



## BEST OF SPRINGFIELD 2020

### BANK

#### United Community Bank

3055 Professional Drive, 529-3000  
1301 S. Koke Mill Road, 787-3000  
3300 Robbins Road, 787-3000  
5250 Shepherd Road, 483-2491  
1900 W. Iles Ave., 787-3000  
700 Stevenson Drive, 529-3000  
617 Bruns Lane, 787-3001  
120 Chatham Road, 787-1651  
2120 Peoria Road, 54-0139  
3200 W. Iles Ave., 787-1651

**Finalists:** Bank of Springfield, Marine Bank, INB, Town & Country Bank

### BARBER

#### Cody Ownbey - The Men's Room

2920 Chatham Road, 787-5282

**Finalists:** Jeremy Bredemeyer - Hair of the Dog Bar/Bershop, Deon Dukett - Dukett's Barber Shop, Andrew at The Barbershop, Donnie Ray - The Barbershop

### BARBER SHOP

#### Hair of the Dog Bar/Bershop

323 E. Monroe St., 670-0699

**Finalists:** The Barbershop, Dukett's Barber Shop, The Men's Room, Beggs Barber Shop

### BIKE SHOP

#### Ace Bike Shop

2500 S. MacArthur Blvd., 523-0188

**Finalists:** R & M Cyclery, BikeTek, WheelFast, Springfield Bicycle Doctor

### USED BOOKSTORE

#### The Book Rack

2943 W. White Oaks Drive, Suite 3, 241-2102

**Finalists:** Prairie Archives, The Elf Shelf Books & Music, Books on the Square

### CAR DETAILING

#### Recon Techs Springfield

820 E. Black Ave., 670-1132

**Finalists:** Precision Detailing, King's Deluxe Mobile Car Wash, DnR - Virden, Inclusion City Shops



Photo courtesy Kristin DiCenso

### BEST CITY OFFICIAL BEST UP AND COMING LEADER

## Ward 6 Ald. Kristin DiCenso

Ward 6 Ald. Kristin DiCenso is not everyone's cup of tea. She is not, for instance, welcome on the Sangamon County Board of Public Health, which has offered strange reasons to deny her a seat, even though she's been one of only two city representatives on the panel that's supposed to run a public agency that largely serves city residents.

Smart money says they don't like DiCenso because she speaks up when she sees things she doesn't like, and she hasn't liked the way that the health department handles animal control - she's suggested having a nonprofit step in. She's also pushed, hard, for the city to help residents in her ward whose homes have been impacted by railroad work, vowing not to vote for property-acquisition measures to allow rail work until the city helps her constituents.

We were bemused when DiCenso asked whether boaters need permits to fly flags and toot horns while tooling around Lake Springfield - the question was sparked by a boaters-for-Trump rally over Labor Day weekend that seemed harmless enough, given boats were six feet apart - but no one's perfect. DiCenso is a regular on social media, weighing in on fireworks and traffic issues and other things that mean real things to real people, and then demanding answers at city council meetings. That's what elected officials are supposed to do, and to see a city council member fight for constituents like DiCenso does should give everyone hope for the future.

### CAR SALESPERSON

#### Jason Malek - Green Mazda

3760 S. Sixth St., 391-2400

**Finalists:** Brian Mitchell - Isringhausen, Victoria Swaley - S & K Buick, Dale Ferguson - Green Hyundai West, John McCarthy - Green Hyundai

### CAR WASH

#### Rainstorm Car Wash

3101 Hedley Road, 670-1642  
321 Cranmer Drive, 679-8243  
2905 Adlai Stevenson Drive, 670-2957

**Finalists:** Car Wash City, Sparkling Clean Car Wash, On Track Car Wash, Gas N Wash

### CATERING COMPANY

#### Nelson's Catering of Central Illinois

3005 Great North Ave., 787-9443

**Finalists:** Cured Catering, Hamilton's Catering, 5Flavors Catering, Turasky's Catering

### CHILDREN'S CLOTHING STORE

#### Once Upon a Child

4225 Wabash Ave., 679-7134

**Finalists:** Gypsy Soul, Carter's, Just Kids, Bella Baby

### CLOTHING BOUTIQUE

#### Gypsy Soul

3450 Liberty Drive, 679-0174

**Finalists:** District 23, Bella Boutique, Willow & Birch, Springfield Vintage

### COLLISION CENTER

#### Zara's Collision Center

3117 Wide Track Drive, 522-7768

**Finalists:** Kim's Autobody, Inc., Chatham Collision, Bill Matthews Auto Body, Springfield Collision Center

### CONSIGNMENT/RESALE STORE

#### Once Upon a Child

4225 Wabash Ave., 679-7134

**Finalists:** Recycled Records, Springfield Vintage, Second Time Around, Consign & Design





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## BEST OF SPRINGFIELD 2020

### BEST CLERGYPERSON

# Rev. Martin Woulfe

Rev. Martin Woulfe grew up as a Roman Catholic in South Holland, a suburb of Chicago. He followed a long and winding road before landing in Springfield, where he heads the Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation (ALUUC).

In 1980-'81 he studied abroad in Ireland. "I got involved with Amnesty International and joined a protest against apartheid in South Africa." Woulfe said the period of "great civil unrest" he witnessed "changed my trajectory." Later, he and his wife, Angela Aznarte, lived and worked at a group home for vulnerable youth in Chicago, and he spent years volunteering at a homeless shelter in the city. His life has remained committed to social justice.

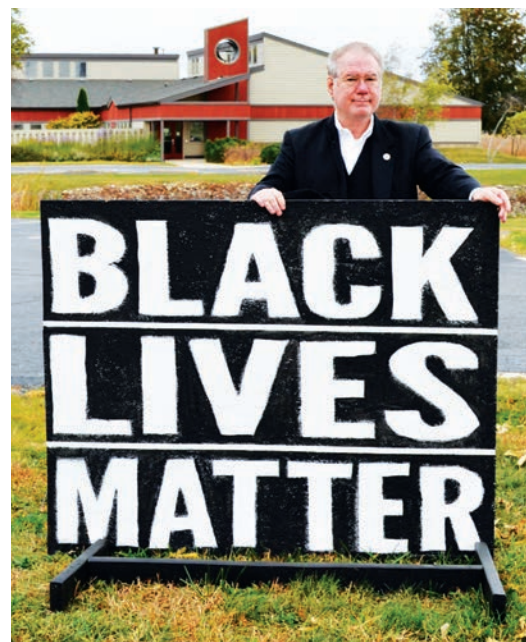
He found the Unitarian Universalist religion to be in line with his values and was ordained in 2003, the same year he moved to Springfield with his wife and daughter, Celeste, to become the first full-time minister for ALUUC. He attended seminary at Meadville-Lombard Theological School and served as a chaplain at Northwestern Memorial Hospital while working toward his Master's in Divinity.

ALUUC membership has more than doubled since he arrived, to a current roster of 288. Services remain streamed online, due to the pandemic, though if you've been to any of the Black Lives Matter protests in town this year, you've probably seen Woulfe. During his tenure in Springfield he's been to countless rallies and protests, speaking at many. He and other congregants were visible proponents of the state's LGBTQ marriage law, among other human rights issues. "The majority of the more recent members tend to be younger and more drawn by our social justice activities," he said.

UU's follow basic principles, versus a certain religious leader. There are seven principles which include being good stewards of the planet, treating others with dignity and seeking truth and meaning. ALUUC accepts members who follow myriad faith traditions, or none at all.

Woulfe is an active member of the Greater Springfield Interfaith Association and also serves on the board of the Faith Coalition for the Common Good, among other affiliations. Anti-racism is a part of the congregation's mission. In partnership with Rev. Silas Johnson of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Woulfe and congregants have collaborated on a series of "sacred conversations" on race.

The congregation at 745 Woodside Rd. includes a prairie restoration area, as members, under Woulfe's eye, work to live out their mission of being responsible stewards of the earth while helping the community's moral arc bend toward justice.



Martin Woulfe stands outside ALUUC, where he regularly replaces Black Lives Matter signs stolen from the congregation's lawn. Photo by Angela Aznarte



# BEST OF SPRINGFIELD 2020

## CREDIT UNION

### Heartland Credit Union

720 S. Grand Ave., 726-8877  
2213 W. White Oaks Drive, 610 E. St. Joseph St.,  
701 N. First St., 2717 E. Sangamon Ave.

**Finalists:** CEFCU, Illinois Educators Credit Union,  
Credit Union 1, Land of Lincoln Credit Union

## ELECTRICAL COMPANY

### B & B Electric

3000 Reilly Drive, #A 528-9666

**Finalists:** Ryan Electric, Ruby Electric, Egizii  
Electric, R. Watts Electric

## EVENT RENTAL COMPANY

Noonan True Value Rental Party Plus  
3031 S. Koke Mill Road, 546-7368

**Finalists:** Springfield Photo Booth Rental,  
Signature Event Rental, Rustic Love Rentals, Best  
Expo

## FINANCIAL ADVISOR

### Heartland Financial Services - Tate Hartman

2213 W. White Oaks Drive, 726-2101

**Finalists:** Bill Peterman - Peterman Financial  
Group, United Financial Services - Tate Jones,  
Andrew Maynerich - Maynerich Financial, Drew  
Davis - Davis Financial

## FLOWER SHOP

### Fifth Street Flower Shop

739 S. Fifth St., 522-3334

**Finalists:** Flowers by Mary Lou, Trendsetters –  
Chatham, True Colors, Petals & Co.

## FUNERAL HOME

### Butler Funeral Homes and Cremation Tribute Center

900 S. Sixth St., 544-4646

**Finalists:** Staab Funeral Homes, Bisch & Sons  
Funeral Home, Wilson Park Funeral Home, Ellinger-  
Kunz & Park Funeral Home

## GARDEN CENTER

### Pleasant Nursery

4234 Wabash Ave., 522-2222

**Finalists:** Farmers Market on Wabash, Green View,  
Apple Barn, Seaney Farms

## BEST EDIBLE

# Just CBD Gummies

Cannabidiol, more commonly referred to as CBD, is often considered a natural mood enhancer, as it reduces anxiety, depression and inflammation. It can also provide relief for pain and insomnia and promotes a general feeling of well-being. Many users with a variety of chronic conditions such as bowel disease and migraines report relief after using CBD.

The non-psychoactive ingredient in marijuana, CBD, is now legally grown in Illinois and throughout the United States, with plant matter being processed into oils, vapors and edibles. Most users of CBD report no side effects, nor is it addictive.

With health concerns of smoking and vaping coming to the forefront of any cannabis discussion, edibles are often a go-to for the health-conscious crowd. CBD edibles can include chocolates, suckers and gummies, though really, any food may be infused with CBD oil.

Gummies are a choice way of consuming CBD for many users. They are palatable and come in many flavors and are a more socially acceptable way of consuming CBD than smoking or vaping.

It may take from 30 minutes to two hours to feel the effects of CBD after ingesting it, rather than immediately when vaping or smoking, but the effects are also more long-lasting, often for four to eight hours. A recommended dose varies, but 8-10 milligrams is a common recommendation for a beginner.

Consuming CBD does not get you high, but this is considered a benefit by many who use it. The activities of normal life may be pursued without impairment and the benefits wholly enjoyed. However, a word of caution: some CBD products do contain small amounts of THC, and if you are subject to a drug test, it is advised to purchase a CBD product which states it has been tested for trace amounts, such as Just CBD gummies.

Just CBD gummies come in a variety of shapes; it's not just your average bears, but also worms and fruit rings. Gummies are full of zesty flavor with no strong aftertaste, like some edibles. Made only from organic hemp, Just CBD gummies are also GMO-free and vegan-friendly, and sugar-free options are available.

## BEST THRIFT STORE

# Land of Lincoln Goodwill

It's been a rough year for thrift stores. Salvation Army, sadly, didn't make it, shutting down its 11<sup>th</sup> Street store this fall after decades of supplying Springfield with all the used clothing, DVDs and bread makers any household could ever need. With two stores in Springfield and one in Chatham, Land of Lincoln Goodwill, also, has had its travails, notably the firing of its CEO last year after a misguided attempt to fire disabled workers whom the agency is supposed to help.

But Goodwill has come back, and in good ways, aside from hiring a new chief executive officer. We were most impressed a few months ago, when stores opened after being shut down for weeks in the interest of public health. Experienced thrift store shoppers know that shopping carts are bad juju – they clog aisles, encourage overspending and can end lucky streaks: As soon as you fetch a cart because arms floweth over, you stop finding stuff. But carts weren't optional when Goodwill reopened. Why are you making everyone take a cart at the door, we asked? Because that's the best way to make sure there aren't too many people in the store – we only have so many carts, and when we run out, we know we're at capacity, we were told, plus carts help encourage social distancing. Made a ton of sense.

We didn't find any treasures that day, but we were impressed that a business that's gone through rough times spent time thinking about customers instead of just opening floodgates. They still have plenty of bread makers and Dockers and, if you're lucky, vintage Pendleton wool shirts and barely worn Norwegian split-toe bluchers by Alden crafted from genuine cordovan leather. Those with coronavirus blues can shop from couches by going to [www.shopgoodwill.com](http://www.shopgoodwill.com), where such treasures as Kiss action figures and porcelain figurines of Ginger Rogers are featured.

## GLASS COMPANY

### Bacon & Van Buskirk Glass Co.

1011 Junction Circle, 787-8282

**Finalists:** Avenue Glass Shop, Auto Glass Systems,  
Harmony Glass, Inc., Clearview Glass, Inc.

## GROCERY STORE

### Hy-Vee

2115 S. MacArthur Blvd., 726-1003

**Finalists:** Aldi, Schnucks, Meijer, Country Market

## HAIR SALON

### Willow & Birch

521 E. Washington St., 726-7050

**Finalists:** BJ Grand Salon and Spa, Meraki Salon  
and Spa, The Rage, Unique Enchantments Salon &  
Gift Shoppe

## HAIR STYLIST

### Whitney Kotowski - BJ Grand Salon & Spa

**Finalists:** Jacqueline Cuffle Goleash - Meraki  
Salon and Spa, Tristyn Underwood - The Hair  
Room, Jessica Bartlett - Second Glance, Ashley  
Keeling - Eye Candy

## HOME REMODELING COMPANY

### Buraski Builders, Inc.

3757 S. Sixth St., 529-5172

**Finalists:** Sutton's, Bobby Shaw Building and  
Remodeling, Zinn Construction, Reliable Handyman  
Services, Inc.

## HOME THEATER EQUIPMENT

### Sundown One

4685 Wabash Ave., 793-8888

**Finalists:** Best Buy, Legacy Audio, Ashley Furniture  
Homestore, Range Audio/Visual

## INSURANCE AGENCY AND AGENT (NATIONAL)

### Katie Hageman - Horace Mann

One Horace Mann Plaza, 800-999-1030

**Finalists:** Mark Cortesi - State Farm Insurance,  
Sean Bull - American Family Insurance, Jake  
Pembroke - State Farm, Derek Hensley, State Farm



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## BEST OF SPRINGFIELD 2020

### BEST DOCTOR

# Dr. Cara Vasconcelles, Memorial Health System

"When I was very young, I loved science, and I loved helping people. My mom was a nurse," explains Dr. Cara Vasconcelles of her lifelong desire to be a doctor.

After graduating from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield, Vasconcelles focused on a combination of internal medicine and pediatrics, which involved an extra year of training to take care of sicker patients.

"We used to see sicker kids in a hospital setting," she says, though now the focus has shifted to seeing them more in an outpatient setting.

Vasconcelles has a family practice, seeing patients who range from babies to age 99. "I see several families, sometimes adults and children with the same diseases, like celiac disease. It provides for a continuity of care."

When asked why she feels she was chosen as Springfield's best doctor, Vasconcelles replies, "I hope it's because I go the extra step. I think of my patients as family, as friends," explaining that when people are seen as people, doctors "tend to listen better and care better."

Vasconcelles, who lives in Springfield just minutes from her practice on Koke Mill Road, is active in her church and currently serves on a committee which focuses on COVID-19 guidelines to ensure safety for its members, as well as other committees in her church. Previously, Vasconcelles was involved in her kids' booster clubs and volunteered alongside her children at St. John's Breadline, as well as at MERCY Communities, helping to set up single mothers in apartments.

Outside of work and community involvement, Vasconcelles is an avid exerciser, and among other things, enjoys walking her two dogs. She loves to read and is in a book club. A recent empty nester, Vasconcelles is relearning what life is like without daily mothering responsibilities. "I think I'm going to take up the guitar and art lessons," she ponders.

At work, Vasconcelles will continue to focus on her patients, making sure to listen closely and treat everyone with respect. "Sometimes that's what people need to feel physically and emotionally well," she said.



Photo by Bobbi Wiseman, Memorial Health System



# BEST OF SPRINGFIELD 2020

## INSURANCE AGENT AND AGENCY (INDEPENDENT) TROXELL

214 South Grand Ave. West, 528-7533

**Finalists:** Missy Haley - United Financial Services, Mark and Christine Bailey - Bailey Family Insurance, Chase Gruening - Gruening Health & Wealth, Zach Rambach – AAA

## JEWELRY STORE

**Giganti and Giganti Fine Jewelry**  
3325 Robbins Road, 793-3300

**Finalists:** AB Lauer Jewelers, Denney Jewelers, Jones Jewelers, Luttrell Jewelers

## LANDSCAPE COMPANY

**Scooter's Lawn Care, Inc.**  
3802 N. Dirksen Parkway, 473-1472

**Finalists:** Green View, Knob Hill Landscape Company, Tripp Landscaping, Buckley's Prairie Landscaping

## LANDSCAPE DESIGN COMPANY

**Designer Landscapes**  
4110 Morrisonville Ave., Farmersville, 227-3256

**Finalists:** Scooter's Lawn Care, Inc., Pleasant Nursery, Buckley's Prairie Landscaping, Butch's Lawncare and Landscaping

## LANDSCAPE SUPPLY

**Artisan Stone Products**  
2475 Peerless Mine Road, 697-8433

**Finalists:** Green View, Bedrock Materials, Buckley's Prairie Landscaping, Knob Hill Landscape Company

## LAW FIRM

**W. Scott Hanken**  
1100 S. Fifth St., 544-4057

**Finalists:** Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Bruce, LLP, Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, Timoney & Page Law Offices

## LIQUOR STORE

**Binny's**  
2490 Wabash Ave., 787-3401

**Finalists:** Friar Tuck Beverage, Riverton Party Store, Famous Liquors, Discount Liquor – Chatham

## BEST UNSUNG HEROES

# All teachers

Teachers were never in it for the pay or accolades to begin with, and the pandemic has only added to the undercompensated chaos for many of them. Whether teaching remotely or in-person, the year has been unpredictable and full of new challenges. In March, all students were sent home under the governor's stay-at-home mandate. While parochial schools have sent kids and teachers back to the classroom, the Springfield public school district began the 2020- 21 school year remotely for all.

While the school day in District 186 has been somewhat abbreviated, to around five hours on average, that doesn't mean teachers have worked any less. Most would likely tell you they work longer days than ever. Countless hours go into lesson plans and mastering new technology, not to mention all the time spent on trouble-shooting said technology and working one-on-one with students who need extra support.

Teachers provide a public service while also caring for their own families and managing their own emergencies, as well as those of their students, pandemic or not. What has become crystal clear is their role is far beyond instructor alone, veering toward social worker. They make sure kids have food and other necessities. They check on students' emotional well-being, which has been made harder these days. Meanwhile, they live with uncertainty, as it's unclear how the pandemic will proceed and what it will mean for schools.

With the goal of mitigating the spread of the new coronavirus, some teachers are scheduled to continue teaching remotely through at least the end of the calendar year. And even for those who do return to the classroom, the "new normal" is anything but normal.

During a time where there are no easy answers, many still expect teachers to be full of them. Their steadfastness in leading the way and serving as stewards for our future deserves infinite appreciation.

## BEST USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

# Rental assistance

The pandemic has wreaked all sorts of havoc, especially for those already experiencing tenuous living conditions. Eviction moratoriums have bought time for those who have lost jobs or otherwise face economic hardship and can't pay rent. The governor has extended the moratorium through at least mid-November. Nationally, the Trump administration moved to ban evictions for many renters through the end of the year. The order was put through by the Centers for Disease Control as a way to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in transient, homeless populations.

But, without the help of government funds, renters will still owe money, and landlords still want to collect to make their own ends meet. An eviction moratorium alone is unlikely to mitigate a housing crisis.

Meanwhile, in Springfield, the city had asked the community for suggestions on the best way to use funds provided by a \$799,000 Community Development Block Grant meant for COVID-19 relief. A need was expressed for help with rent payments and the city ultimately earmarked \$400,000 of the overall grant for rental assistance. Money goes directly to the landlord. As of Oct. 20, there was more than \$245,000 still available through the Springfield rental assistance program, which is a partnership between the city and the Springfield Urban League, according to a spokesperson for the city.

To qualify, the property must be within corporate limits in Springfield, the tenant must meet income guidelines, (\$42,800 or less for a single person), the tenant must prove a loss of income due to COVID-19 and the landlord must agree to participate in the program, which offers a maximum of \$1,000 per tenant. Tenants who need assistance can call the Springfield Urban League at 217-789-0830 on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. They should specify that they are seeking assistance for rent within the city of Springfield.

## MEAT MARKET

**Humphrey's Market**  
1821 S. 15th St., 544-7445

**Finalists:** Magro's Meat and Produce, Turasky Meats, Country Market, Robert's Seafood

## MORTGAGE LENDER

**United Community Bank**  
3055 Professional Drive, 529-3000  
1301 S. Koke Mill Road, 787-3000  
3300 Robbins Road, 787-3000  
5250 Shepherd Road, 483-2491  
1900 W. Iles Ave., 787-3000  
700 Stevenson Drive 529-3000  
617 Bruns Lane, 787-3001  
120 Chatham Road, 787-1651  
2120 Peoria Road, 54-0139  
3200 W. Iles Ave., 787-1651

**Finalists:** Heartland Credit Union, Bank of Springfield, CEFCU, Marine Bank

## MUSIC SHOP

**Recycled Records**  
625 E. Adams St., 522-5122

**Finalists:** Dumb Records, The Music Shoppe, The Elf Shelf Books & Music, Capital City Music

## NEW BUSINESS DOWNTOWN (OPENED AFTER 8/1/19)

**Jerk Shop Go**  
215 S. Fifth St., 717-0299

**Finalists:** Reverie Apparel, Di Piero's, Good Heart Tattoos, Terra Ferment

## NEW BUSINESS NOT DOWNTOWN (OPENED AFTER 8/1/19)

**Biscuits + Brunch by Three Twigs**  
2661 Chatham Road, 670-1501

**Finalists:** Nothing Bundt Cakes, The Barn, Roots Latin Grill, Bewitching Botanicals

## NEW CAR DEALER

**Landmark Ford**  
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**Finalists:** Isringhausen Imports, Green Hyundai, Honda of Illinois, Green Toyota





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## NEW HOME BUILDER

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*Finalists: Moughan Builders, Michael von Behren Builder, Zinn Construction, Creasey Construction of Illinois, Inc.*

## PAWN SHOP

### Monster Pawn

2324 S. MacArthur Blvd., 744-7296

*Finalists: Pawn King, Stevenson Drive Pawn Shop, The Piggy Bank*

## PEST CONTROL COMPANY

### “Sonny” Adams Pest Control

1425 S. MacArthur Blvd., 544-2122

*Finalists: Bacon's Termite and Pest Control, Sentinel Pest control, Orkin Pest Control, Fidelis Pest Solutions*

## PET BOARDING

### Kinner Kennels

2315 Parkes Kinner Road, Pleasant Plains, 626-1000

*Finalists: Laketown Animal Hospital, The Howlday Inn & Suites, Dal Acres Kennel, Tail Command*

## PET GROOMING

### Paw's N Claw's Grooming

421 Bruns Lane, 725-1754

*Finalists: Spaw Patrol, Ashley's At Home Grooming, Pet-A-Groom, Cutright's Pet Salon*

## PET RETAIL STORE

### Wild Birds Unlimited

1930 S. MacArthur Blvd., 789-6468

*Finalists: Pet Supplies Plus, PetSmart, Nature's Select Pet Store of Springfield, The Fish Man Pet Center*

## PHOTOGRAPHER

### Tara Long Photography

773 S. Durkin Drive, Suite A, 494-0405

*Finalists: Kate Spencer Photography, Chris Withers Photography, Kari Bedford Photography, Tanya Beatty Photography*

Photo by James Bengfort



## BEST BARBEQUE

# PT's BBQ

Winning best barbeque is a big deal in Springfield, so hats off to PT's. It's been serving up barbeque in various locations for over 15 years. PT's is not a sit-down restaurant but is instead a food stand where diners get everything to go. It's located in an old ice stand that PT's refashioned to fit its needs. Don't let that put you off – you would be doing yourself a disservice, as our readers have declared PT's as the best barbeque in town.

PT's puts heart into its cooking, and it shows. The menu is tight and focused – which allows PT's to focus on the barbeque and producing the best food possible for its customers. PT's smokers are located right outside the building so everyone who stops or passes by can take in the mouthwatering scents of its smoked offerings. PT's offers dinners which include two sides, sandwiches and “extras,” which gives you the option to buy barbeque in bulk. The meat is nice and tender, has an appropriate smoke ring and delivers that smoked flavor that you expect in good barbeque which complements, rather than overwhelms. PT's homemade barbeque sauce has a kick of spice and it's a shame it's not bottled up and sold at the grocery store.

Dinner options include half a chicken, ribs and rib tips. Sides include baked beans, coleslaw, greens, mac n' cheese or potato salad. Try the baked beans – they taste like they have a touch of cinnamon. Whatever you order, you won't go wrong – It's all that good. Sides are offered with the dinner option and can be purchased separately as well. Sandwich options include beef, pork and chopped chicken. PT's also has smoked turkey legs and polish sausage – both of which merited comments from our readers.

Portions are good and the prices are even better – PT's is very reasonably priced for the quality it offers. Due to its popularity in Springfield, PT's can occasionally run out of things, so it's a good idea to get there early to beat the rush.

## PLACE TO BUY A GIFT

### The Cardologist

229 S. Sixth St., 525-4121

*Finalists: Penny Lane, Kennedy Sue, J Parkes, Once in a Blue Moon*

## PLACE TO BUY A MATTRESS

### Just Beds

3120 Montvale Drive, 698-6179

*Finalists: Verlo, Slumberland, Ashley Furniture Homestore, Sleep Number*

## PLACE TO BUY HOME FURNISHINGS

### Hendricks Home Furnishings

217 N. Springfield St., Virden, 965-3337

*Finalists: Home Goods, Magnolia Lane Home Décor and More, Ashley Furniture Homestore, Consign & Design*

## PLACE TO BUY PAINT

### Sherwin Williams

1730 S. Sixth St., 544-9835  
2516 N. Dirksen Parkway, 544-4796  
3161 Hedley Road, 546-4066

*Finalists: Menards, Don Smith, Dellert's Paint Store, Ace Hardware*

## PLACE TO BUY SEAFOOD

### Robert's Seafood

1615 W. Jefferson St., 546-3089

*Finalists: Carter's Fish Market, Hy-Vee, Schnucks, County Market*

## PLACE TO FEED THE SLOTS

### Dew Chilli Parlor

301 N. Grand Ave., 670-2530  
2312 Wabash Ave., 679-2940  
2690 S. Dirksen Parkway, 679-1910

*Finalists: Burger Bar, Abe's Hideout, Curve Inn, Harry's Adult Daycare*

## PLUMBING COMPANY

### Steve Ray Plumbing Service, Inc.

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*Finalists: Rick Ray Plumbing, Henson Robinson Company, Easterday Plumbing, Ridings Plumbing*





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*Finalists: Landmark Ford, Isringhausen Imports, Tjelmeland Laketown Automotive, Robert's Automotive*

### REAL ESTATE AGENCY

#### The Real Estate Group

3701 Wabash Ave., 787-7000

*Finalists: RE/MAX Professionals, Campo Realty, Keller Williams Capital, Snelling-Chevalier Real Estate, Inc.*

### REALTOR

#### Kathy Garst Sales Team - RE/MAX Professionals

2475 W. Monroe St., 306-6063

*Finalists: Kyle Killebrew - The Real Estate Group, Adam Bugos, MRP - The Real Estate Group, Jamie Holt - The Real Estate Group, Kassie Furman - The Real Estate Group*

### RETAIL SHOP

#### The Cardologist

229 S. Sixth St., 525-4121

*Finalists: Gypsy Soul, Bewitching Botanicals, Kennedy Sue, Springfield Vintage*

### RETAIL WINE STORE

#### Binny's

2490 Wabash Ave., 787-3401

*Finalists: It's All About Wine, The Corkscrew, Friar Tuck Beverage, Hy-Vee*

### ROOFING COMPANY

#### Sutton's

1926 N. Peoria Road, 528-3911

*Finalists: Sunley Roofing, Inc., Gabe's Home Improvement, Seth Molen Construction, Capital City Home Improvement*

### THRIFT STORE

#### Land of Lincoln Goodwill

2531 N. Dirksen Parkway, 679-7845

2001 Wabash Ave., 220-1036

75 W. Plummer Blvd., Chatham, 220-9431

*Finalists: Habitat for Humanity Restore, Second Time Around, Salvation Army, Hope Thrift Center*

Photo courtesy Carter's Fish Market



### BEST CATFISH

# Carter's Fish Market

Carter's Fish Market is hands-down the best place to get catfish in Springfield. Carter's is primarily a to-go service, with diners lining up to order at a window. When the weather cooperates, there are a few tables for those who wish to dine al fresco.

We think our readers focused on the fact that Carter's has outstanding food and generous portions. Two people could easily share an order. Because of Carter's popularity, sometimes there's a bit of a wait, but our readers have declared that it's well worth it. Because there is almost always a line, smart diners call ahead so orders are ready to pick up upon arrival. We, however, think half the fun is standing in line and talking with those around you. To each their own!

Carter's catfish breeding is on point and has just the right ratio of Cajun-style spices. It's not too heavy, and the crispy texture plays well with the flaky fresh fish that Carter's uses. The fact that the fish is then fried to perfection results in the winning trifecta of deliciousness that Springfield readers have come to expect from Carter's. It has people coming back time and time again.

Along with catfish, Carter's also offers fried walleye, shrimp and carp. The fish is always hot and made to order. All plates are served with pickles and onions. Hot sauce and tartar sauce are available upon request. In the last few years, Carter's has also started frying up Asian carp in an effort to "move them out of the water and onto your plate." There are also sides available for purchase which include river fries (thick cut American-style fries), corn fritters, hush puppies and coleslaw. The sides are as generously sized as the orders of fish. Carter's doesn't skimp on food – it will not leave you hungry. For those who would like to cook up some catfish at home, it can be purchased inside the adjoining store along with the exact breeding mix they use.



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## BEST OF SPRINGFIELD 2020

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### BEST CHEF

## Keith Louikinen Loukinens' on 4th

It takes some guts to brand a restaurant with your own name, but Loukinens' has the moxie to back it up. In case you don't know the back story, it's co-owned by Keith and Laurie Louikinen. Keith was formerly the food and beverage director at the Wyndham hotel downtown and was behind its signature restaurant, Nick & Nino's Penthouse Steakhouse. On our last few visits to Loukinens', Keith came out from the kitchen and made the rounds, visiting every table to make sure everyone was enjoying their dining experience. Judging from your votes this year, Springfield is definitely high on Loukinens'. It describes itself as "casual upscale dining" and "American cuisine with a twist." With dishes like spiced duck won tons and spiced tuna poke crisps, Loukinens' has certainly delivered on its promise.

The physical space is pleasing to the eye with tons of natural light, thanks to two walls of windows overlooking the governor's mansion. Décor is tasteful, clean and understated. Indoor tables are appropriately spaced to satisfy social distancing, and there's separate seating outside on the patio.

There's also dedicated lounge space with an impressive drink menu and ample seating, including several nooks conducive to smaller groups and a large meeting table where guests can gather with bigger groups. And with its revamped basement space, Loukinens' is well-suited for private gatherings and events up to 100 people with a separate, and equally attractive, banquet menu.

Food is top-notch, but don't think that everything is too fancy. There's enough on its menu to satisfy most any eater – covering the spectrum from sandwiches and burgers to diner-themed entrees. We're fans of the Maryland-style crab burger and the lobster mac and cheese. With its upscale, yet still accessible fare, Loukinens' certainly deserved your votes this year.



## BEST OF SPRINGFIELD 2020

### TIRE SHOP

#### Discount Tire

2871 S. Veterans Parkway, 546-3130

*Finalists: Wilkerson's Service Center, Brahler Tire and Auto Center, Lauterbach Tire & Auto Service, Pomp's Tire*

### VAPE SHOP

#### Upper Limits

1205 S. Second St., Suite B, 679-4315

*Finalists: Happy Daze Gift Shop, Tribble Vapors, DTI's eCig City, Freedom Vapes*

### VETERINARY CLINIC

#### Laketown Animal Hospital

1115 Adlai Stevenson Drive, 529-4211

*Finalists: Brewer Animal Hospital, Chatham Veterinary Clinic, Coble Animal Hospital, Grace Veterinary Clinic*

### WEDDING VENUE - INDOOR

#### Erin's Pavilion at Southwind Park

4965 S. Second St. 585-2941

*Finalists: Inn at 835, Arlington's, Poe's Catering on the Hill Reception Center, Firefighters Lake Club*

### WEDDING VENUE - OUTDOOR

#### Washington Park

1501 South Grand Ave. West, 544-1751

*Finalists: Long Bridge Golf Course, Sheedy Shores WineGarden, Clayville Historic Site, The Homestead*

### WINDOWS, SIDING AND DOORS

#### Bobby Shaw Building and

#### Remodeling

2466 Glencoe St., 546-3973

*Finalists: Gabe's Home Improvement, Lowe's Home Improvement, Sutton's, Griffiths Construction*

## LIFE AND WELLNESS

### APARTMENT COMMUNITY

#### Lake Pointe Apartments

1600 Toronto Road, 529-2900

*Finalists: Lincoln Square Apartments, Cobblestone Place, Park West, Prairie Vista*



Photo by Joseph Copley

### BEST FRIED CHICKEN

# Track Shack

The Track Shack is appropriately, if not very originally, named – it resembles a shack and it's located near the Third Street railroad tracks. The parking lot seems on the small side, and we imagine parking would be tight on a crowded day. Various beer signs flank the main sign that hangs over the front door. From outward appearances, it has all the marks of a dive bar. We mean that in the best possible way. But Springfield knows that it's much more than a neighborhood bar, which is why it recognized Track Shack with the best fried chicken award, thanks to its Thursday night fried chicken special.

The first thing to love about Track Shack is its dark and cozy interior. Half restaurant and half bar, it's the kind of place where you know most items are homemade and not frozen. As for the fried chicken, the special consists of half a fried chicken, green beans, potatoes (ask for the Italian potatoes, with peppers and onions, you'll thank us) and dessert. Voters liked that it came out " piping hot," " nice and crispy" and with the perfect blend of seasoning. Most importantly, our readers really appreciated that the chicken was nice and juicy, with some wondering if Track Shack has a secret brining recipe.

Although we haven't confirmed it, we've heard reports that the chicken special is now available Tuesday through Saturday. But don't worry if you're not in the mood for chicken. Track Shack's menu is quite extensive, with offerings including a wide variety of appetizers, pastas, pizzas, sandwiches, po'boys and salads. Finally, make sure to try Track Shack's wonderful homemade Italian dressing.

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### AUDIOLOGIST AND HEARING CENTER

#### Dr. David Groesch, AuD - Central Illinois Hearing

4000 Westgate Drive, 501-4105

**Finalists:** Lori Faber, MA - SIU Audiology, Erin Whalen AuD - Springfield Clinic, Rebecca Howard - Kerr Hearing Aid Center, Jennifer Edmonds, AuD - SIU Audiology

### CHIROPRACTOR

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1533 S. MacArthur Blvd., 787-4345

**Finalists:** Dr. Rodney Holzmacher - Holzmacher Chiropractic, Dr. Sammy Waggener - Waggener Chiropractic and Wellness Center, Dr. Steve Unverzagt - 66 Chiropractic, Dr. Bryne Willey - AlignLife - Chiropractic & Natural Health Center

### CONTINUING EDUCATION

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5250 Shepherd Road, 786-2200

**Finalists:** University Illinois Springfield, SIU School of Medicine, Midwest Tech, University of Spa and Cosmetology Arts

### DANCE STUDIO

#### Above & Beyond Dance Company

207 S. Walnut St., Rochester, 414-4808

**Finalists:** Springfield Dance, Dance Arts Studio, Dance Creations Dance Studio, Kinner & Co. Dance Studio

### DAYCARE

#### Silverleaf Children's Academy

3220 Pleasant Run, 679-2029

2715 S. Fourth St.

100 S. Cardinal Hill, Rochester

**Finalists:** LLCC Child Development Center, Kimmy Kare's Daycare, My Friends Discovery Center, Lake Shore Learning Center



### BEST NEW BAR

# Sangamo Brewing Co.

With a tag line like "History in every pour," it's no wonder that our readers voted Sangamo Brewing as the best new bar. Sangamo Brewing is a partnership between Tom Noonan and Jason Butler. Butler previously operated Fat Willy's at the same location, which has now been heavily remodeled, while Noonan, a lifelong collector of brewery memorabilia, had always wanted a bar and restaurant to show off his impressive collection. Hence the history tag line – and Sangamo's fairly large footprint does ooze brewery history, with nearly every inch of the walls festooned with all manner of breweriana. It truly is an impressive collection. But, with the onset of COVID, we think that Sangamo hit a home run with the addition of garage doors that open up to an outside beer garden. Couple that with plenty of light, and you've got a winning combination.

Sangamo's bar is impressive, as is its beer list, which is replete with Sangamo's own house brews and specialty cocktails. Thankfully, there are also non-craft alternatives for those who don't measure their worth by how much hops they can tolerate per each 12 ounces. Not sure what you want? Then order the taster or try a flight. If the weather cooperates, make sure to enjoy Sangamo's expansive outside beer garden. And if you need to soak up some of those drinks, Sangamo has a menu with plenty of options, but that isn't so large that consistency and quality suffer. Sangamo's focus is traditional microbrewery fare consisting primarily of appetizers, tacos, salads, shoes, sandwiches and baskets. Most items come with fries, but for an additional charge, diners can substitute in a variety of premium sides such as tater tots, onion rings, soup or cheese curds.

One of Sangamo's goals was to "achieve a must-go, must-see status as a Springfield and Illinois institution" by becoming the place that everyone in the area must visit and experience. Our readers certainly think Sangamo Brewing Co. nailed it.

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## BEST OF SPRINGFIELD 2020

### BEST RETAIL PET STORE

# Wild Birds Unlimited

Wade Kammin opened Wild Birds Unlimited 27 years ago at the current location at 1930 S. MacArthur. With a staff of six employees, the core specialty of Wild Birds Unlimited is high-quality backyard bird feed.

"I'm proud of my staff," remarks Kammin, noting that four staff members have been working at the store for over 20 years. He trains staff well before they interact with customers on their own. "No need to wing it," he quips. Customers appreciate the long-standing relationships as well as the knowledge base of employees. "Having years of experience speaks volumes," Kammin says.

Over the years, Wild Birds Unlimited has expanded to meet customers' needs, as many backyard bird enthusiasts are also cat and dog owners. "We carry high-quality dog and cat food, toys and treats," says Kammin, as well as gift and garden merchandise, often with a pet theme.

Though COVID-19 has hit many businesses hard, Kammin says his store has been lucky, as interest in backyard bird watching and feeding has risen with more people spending time at home. "One customer said that his wife has never been very interested in birds until she worked from home and watched birds at a feeder from her desk. Then she wanted another feeder." Kammin also notes that children learning from home appreciate the breaks from a screen to take a few minutes to watch wildlife.

If you've been to the store, you may be familiar with the resident cats, Martin and Lewis, who despite sharing names with the famous comedy duo, arrived from different shelters. Elio, their canine companion, comes and goes with Kammin, who has a keen interest in dogs. He previously raised six puppies for Canine Companions for Independence, a group that provides service animals for people with disabilities.

Kammin attributes the store's success to a variety of factors, including the neighborhood feel of the store, which despite being on busy MacArthur Boulevard, is flanked by residential neighborhoods. "We recognize everyone. We have that small shop feel," he says. Because of the personal nature of the store, employees can customize their advice and provide more education to their customers.

If you've been interested in birds and not sure how to begin, Kammin states that now is a great time, as bird feeding and watching "can be done at any level" of investment, starting with a small feeder and a bag of fresh bird food.



Wade Kammin, owner, Wild Birds Unlimited



## BEST OF SPRINGFIELD 2020

### DENTIST

**Dr. Tanya L. DeSanto - Prairie Dental Group**

2900 Greenbriar Drive, 546-0412

*Finalists: Dr. Lisa Baines - Baines Dental Wellness, Dr. Ty Milner - Milner Dentistry, Dr. Keith Cummins - Magna Dental, Dr. Maggie Schaefer Gilpin - Renken Dentistry*

### DOCTOR

**Dr. Cara E. Vasconcelles - Memorial Medical Center**

701 N. First St., 788-3000

*Finalists: Daniel Lanzotti, MD - Springfield Clinic, Valerie Thompson, MD - HSHS Medical Group, Susan Hingle, MD - SIU School of Medicine, Paul Phillips, MD - Springfield Clinic*

### ESTHETICIAN

**Tammy Burris - Tammy Burris Brow & Skin Studio**

7038 Kingsmill Court, 993-4266

*Finalists: Holly Walls - Holly Rose Skin Care, Astrid Osborne - BJ Grand Salon, Ashley Heiple - BJ Grand Salon and spa, Kristin Devocelle - Inner Health Spa*

### GYM OR FITNESS CENTER

**FitClub**

3631 S. Sixth St., 787-8348

2811 W. Lawrence Ave., 787-1111

2701 E. Sangamon Ave., 788-8250

*Finalists: YMCA, FitBodies, Capital City CrossFit, Orangetheory Fitness*

### HOLISTIC HEALTH CENTER

**Frisina Family Wellness**

1533 S. MacArthur Blvd., 787-4345

*Finalists: Inner Health Spa, SIU Integrative Medicine Clinic, Unique Enchantments Salon & Gift Shoppe, Revive Wellness & Massage Spa*

### INDEPENDENT LIVING COMMUNITY

**Concordia Village**

4101 W. Iles Ave., 793-9429

*Finalists: Lewis Memorial Christian Village, Seasons Senior Living, The Villas of Holly Brook, The Homes of Stone Creek*

Photo courtesy Home Plate Bar & Grill



### BEST NEW RESTAURANT

# Home Plate Bar & Grill

Home Plate Bar & Grill, located near the corner of Koke Mill and Ginger Creek on the west side of Springfield, embraces a baseball theme. For outdoor seating there is a lower patio area, along with an “upper deck” rooftop beer garden with seating. The patio area is heated and has several TVs so diners can still enjoy less COVID risk as the weather turns colder. Home Plate features happy hours from 3-6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and during football season it also runs food and drink specials all day on Sunday and Monday nights.

Our readers commented that something cool and unique about Home Plate is the old-school scoreboard listing the 24 draft beers currently offered. Plus, there’s no shortage of large screen TVs to catch all of the games – it is the ultimate sports bar. Home Plate features central Illinois beers such as those from Destihl Brewery and Lil Beaver Brewery – something readers appreciated.

In keeping with the theme, Home Plate’s menu is also a play on baseball terms: “pre-game” for appetizers and “the line-up” for entrees. One dish that has people coming back for more is Home Plate’s chili. It is the perfect balance of flavors, a generous helping of meat and just the right amount of beans. The giant Bavarian soft pretzel tops out at a whopping 24 ounces and is served with cheese sauce and honey mustard – it’s a home run in terms of flavor and size. It is best shared with a group, or you will definitely need a to-go box.

Home Plate has classic sports bar fare including burgers, brats, hot dogs and don’t forget pizza. Pizza is a must. They also have some surprise features such as the charcuterie board and a spinach and roasted beet salad for those looking for something a little different. For those with a sweet tooth, be sure to try one of Home Plate’s “extra innings” which include a classic root beer float made with the 1919 root beer that Home Plate keeps on tap. There is literally something for everyone’s palette at Home Plate – which is why our readers voted it best new restaurant.



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### BEST COLLISION CENTER

# Zara's Collision Center

Brad Zara and his wife, Julie, started their business nearly 34 years ago with two main goals in mind: take care of customers and take care of those who take care of their customers – their employees.

He explains this instinctive notion led to their five core values, which have served them well over the years. These include teamwork, legacy, change, trust and balance. "It's crucial we work together as a team," says Zara, who has hired a coach to help guide them through the continual process of improvement from within every area of expertise in the business. "We have to have trust in one another, and we establish that through integrity."

The core value of change made for a smooth transition to pandemic precautions, with the front door now locked during business hours since the stay-at-home order went into effect in March. Some contact-free processes, like nighttime drop-off and online estimates, were already in place, but Zara's has made those standard during the pandemic and introduced signage to make following no-contact procedures easy for their customers.

In addition to providing great customer service and excellent craftsmanship, Zara's started a benevolence program more than two decades ago. Each year, the company gives away at least one refurbished vehicle, and sometimes more, to a deserving family who are vetted by Contact Ministries. A vehicle can sometimes provide the reliability that a family needs to transition back to a life of functional normalcy.

Brad and Julie Zara are also involved with Amigos en Cristo (Friends in Christ), coordinating short-term mission trips with churches in Juarez, Mexico to do humanitarian and community-building work, as well as serving on its board. In addition, they are active in Big Brothers Big Sisters and Julie teaches parenting classes at Contact Ministries, where she previously served on the board.

Zara's Collision Center not only provides excellent collision repair services, but also serves as long-term support for their employees and our community at large.



## BEST OF SPRINGFIELD 2020

### MASSAGE THERAPIST

**Amanda Rollins - Jennarations Salon and Spa**

915 S. Durkin Drive, 791-1472

**Finalists:** Molly Group - Pure Synergy Massage, Mariah - Massage Envy, Michelle Bullock - Inner Health Spa, Gabbrielle Thomas - Bella Luna Spa, Inc.

### MEDICAL FACILITY

**HSHS St. John's Hospital**

800 E. Carpenter, 544-6464

**Finalists:** Springfield Clinic, Memorial Medical Center, SIU Medicine, Memorial Physician Services at Koke Mill

### MEDICAL SPA (BOTOX, FILLER, ETC.)

**Springfield Clinic - The Center for Plastic Surgery**

2901 Greenbriar Drive, 528-7541

**Finalists:** SIU Institute for Plastic Surgery, Stranded Aesthetics, Center for Aesthetics HSHS Medical Group

### NAIL SALON

**SOAK Nails Massage Spa**

2963 Lindbergh Blvd., 546-3821

**Finalists:** BJ Grand Salon and Spa, Peachy Nails by Dao, Luxe Nail Bar, Sasa Nails & Spa

### NURSE

**Amanda Wilde - SIU Pediatrics**

400 N. Ninth St., 545-8000

**Finalists:** Christian Patterson LPN - Springfield Clinic Urgent Care, Jessica Akers Lee - Springfield Clinic Nephrology, Hannah Antonacci - Memorial ExpressCare, Megan Davlin N.P. - Logan Corrections

### PEDIATRICS CENTER

**HSHS St. John's Children's Hospital**

415 N. Ninth St., 757-6394

**Finalists:** Springfield Clinic - Pediatrics and Adolescent Center, Memorial Physician Services, SIU, HSHS Medical Group

### PERSONAL TRAINER

**Caitlin McCarthy - FitClub**

3631 S. Sixth St., 787-8348

**Finalists:** Cindy Ward, Anna Tabit - Route 29 Fitness, Grayson Wescott - FitClub, Janet Cook - Vivacious Wellness Personal Coaching



Photo by Joseph Gopley

### BEST MUSIC SHOP

# Recycled Records

If downtown Springfield has a dorm room, it's somewhere in Recycled Records. Maybe in the basement – after all, downstairs is chockfull of couches and other furniture, making Recycled Records one of the few record stores on the planet where you can buy a chair, a lamp, speakers and everything else you need to replicate the famous blown-away poster from the 1980s produced to promote Maxell cassette tapes.

There is no truth to persistent rumors that Abraham Lincoln sawed boards for the wooden floor on the main level, but it would not be surprising, given the worn appearance and creak volume. Plenty of CDs and vinyl are for sale, of course, but equally intriguing are the jackets, lamps, neon signs, books, jewelry, postcards, lighters and just about anything else you can imagine tacked onto walls and stuffed in display cases. Owner Mark Kessler, along with his brother Gary, buys records and stereo equipment and practically anything else, legally, that he thinks he can resell, legally, and his tastes tilt delightfully weird.

He also knows his music, as does his staff: Recycled Records is not a place to play name-that-tune if you're betting big money, but it's a great spot to uncover impossible-to-find recordings and stuff you never imagined could exist. Hardcore record junkies will go directly to the second floor, which holds nothing but bin after bin after bin of vinyl, and you're usually alone. We recommend spoken-word driver education records from the 1960s. Pure bliss.

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Medicine, Heartland Plastic Surgery Center*

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2915 S. MacArthur Blvd., 546-5006

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Redbird Electric Tattooing, Good Heart Tattoos*

### WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE CENTER

#### Springfield Clinic

900 N. First St., 528-7541

*Finalists: HSHS St. John's Women and Children's  
Clinic, Memorial Medical Center, Women's Health,  
Planned Parenthood, SIU Women's Health and  
Gynecology*

### YOGA STUDIO

#### FLOW Midwest Yoga & Meditation

1921 W. Iles Ave., 670-2388

*Finalists: Ahh Yoga, Yokore Yoga & Wellness, Half  
Moon Yoga Fit, Trailhead Center For Yoga and  
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### BEST FUNERAL HOME

# Butler Funeral Homes and Cremation Center

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As we age, funerals can become rites of life, but for kids, such ceremonies can seem strange and adults might not have as much time as they'd like to prepare youngsters. Butler offers classes for children so they'll know what to expect, and kids are encouraged to write messages to the departed and draw pictures.

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### BEST NEW BUSINESS - NOT DOWNTOWN

# Biscuits & Brunch by Three Twigs

Having just opened in May, Biscuits & Brunch by Three Twigs is very new to the Springfield scene but has already made quite a name for itself. It is no surprise, then, that it snagged a win for this category.

Biscuits & Brunch is a counter-service restaurant that focuses on classic brunch dishes, which are given their own unique spin, and everything is made from scratch. Biscuits & Brunch uses Three Twigs Bakery biscuits and also features a pastry case full of other delectable goodies from Three Twigs. One of the perks of owning multiple businesses is the type of synergy that owners Emily and Tim Lewis have going on here. In addition, the Lewises have now taken over the former CherryBerry space next door and transformed it into The Salted Lemon – Market & Creamery.

Biscuits & Brunch frequently features new dishes offered as daily specials, such as the recently featured al pastor pork biscuits (spicy pulled pork, guacamole, pickled red onions, cilantro and queso fresco, all on top of a buttermilk biscuit). Some of their regular offerings include the chicken biscuit (fried chicken biscuit sandwich with chipotle honey butter), the #basic (crushed black pepper bacon and cheesy egg scramble biscuit sandwich) and the lunch horseshoe (biscuit, protein of choice, hand-cut fries and smoked gouda cheese sauce). Don't pass up its famous "tomato potatoes" – smashed fried potatoes tossed in a house tomato vinaigrette and topped with scallions. They are a must try. The mac and cheese can be ordered as a side or as an entrée. Readers commented that it was some of the best they've had. We suggest you go for the entrée portion and add fried chicken to the top.

Biscuits & Brunch is currently open for breakfast and lunch hours only, but held a pop-up dinner earlier this month at the request of customers. Who doesn't love brunch for dinner? We hope they do it again.



## BEST NEW BUSINESS DOWNTOWN

# Jerk Shop Go

Jerk Shop Go has been a great addition to the downtown food scene, providing some much need variety. It's located at 213 S. Fifth Street next to Springfield Vintage. Jerk Shop Go is touted as "Caribbean flavor with a twist" and is owned by young entrepreneur Kadejia Berkley. She is a triplet, and the three sisters opened a restaurant in Macomb while attending Western Illinois University. That location closed after the sisters graduated, and Berkley moved to Springfield to start an internship at the Statehouse. In the meantime, the sisters focused on retail sales and were able to get their products placed in a number of grocery and convenience stores across the Midwest, including several locations in Springfield. But Berkley said she couldn't pass up a chance to open another restaurant, and our readers are grateful.

Jerk Shop uses traditional jerk cuisine in inventive ways. Early in the morning, you can smell the deliciousness wafting out of the shop as they prepare for the day. They often have festive music blasting as well. One of our favorites is the jerk potato - which you can get with chicken, beef, tilapia or shrimp. It comes loaded with cheese, sour cream, onion, cilantro, lettuce and chives. The prices are very reasonable and the portions on the larger size. Other notable dishes are the jerk egg rolls, which come with chicken, beef or shrimp and the jerk chicken Philly, which comes topped with provolone, mayo, green pepper and onion. For those watching their waistline, Jerk Shop offers a jerk salad which comes piled high with a protein of your choice. For those with a heartier appetite, Jerk Shop offers the "pick three" platter which comes with your choice of main entrée, two side choices and a drink for only \$10. That's a great bang for your buck as Jerk Shop already has generous portion sizes.

Jerk Shop definitely packs a punch when it comes to flavor and spice. We don't think there is a bad dish in the house. Jerk Shop also participates in Grubhub, Doordash and UberEats so you can get it delivered right to your door without ever having to leave the house or office for those looking for a tasty alternative to their everyday meals. Be sure to follow them on Facebook as they often post pictures and videos that will make your mouth water.



Photo by Stacie Lewis



Photo courtesy FLOW Midwest Yoga

Bottom row, kneeling: Alicia Route, Ashley Krstulovich, Cindy Karas. Back row, standing: Lindsey Selinger, Leslie Curry, Sarah Bradish Ginder, Michelle Ishmael, Beverly Hopkins. Not featured: Nancy Thompson, Amy Madigan Brown, Bailey Sullivan

## BEST YOGA STUDIO

# FLOW Midwest Yoga and Meditation

What happens when you open a business the same month that pandemic restrictions keep everyone at home? "It was challenging!" says Beverly Hopkins, owner of FLOW Midwest Yoga and Meditation. "We learned a lot."

Transitioning to virtual classes, Hopkins and partner Ashley Krstulovich persevered and kept their name in circulation by occasionally offering free virtual or outdoor classes until Phase 4 brought people back into public. Hopkins's daughter, Lindsey Selinger, is the third partner in the business, helping out with administrative and legal tasks as well as visioning.

A full schedule is back at FLOW Midwest, with basic, heated, restorative and flow yoga classes occurring seven days a week at the beautiful studio at 1921 W. Iles in Springfield. Occasional pop-up workshops are held with guest instructors. Krstulovich recently began a series called Self Care for Activists, to support those who are doing advocacy work on behalf of us all.

Krstulovich continues to hold virtual school breaks for kids, partnering with school districts to have 30-minute stretching and breathing breaks, which enhance learning and personal well-being. "We like to give kids tools for their toolbox," remarks Hopkins, with the idea of reaching kids before their stress levels become overwhelming. "We want to share these coping mechanisms with as many kids as possible."

FLOW Midwest is operating within COVID-19 restrictions, with social distancing in place. "We put stickers on the floor where people need to be, just like kindergarten," laughs Hopkins. Masks are required to enter the studio, though they may be removed once people are on their sticker.

Many participants join classes virtually. "We've had people tell us they look forward to their class every day," states Hopkins, noting that for those whose routines have been massively interrupted, yoga classes can provide the stability and regularity they need to maintain good mental and physical health.

"We've had to dig deep," remarks Hopkins about the challenges of 2020. "We've had to get creative. In day-to-day life, we're going to have roadblocks. We have to challenge ourselves to get through it and do what we can. We are resilient."

With a focus on making FLOW Midwest a space for people of all experience levels to feel safe and comfortable, Hopkins, Krstulovich and the rest of the instructors at FLOW Midwest welcome you to join them and find out why it was voted Springfield's best yoga studio.



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### BEST NURSE

# Amanda Wilde, RN, pediatrics nurse at SIU Medicine

Amanda Wilde humbly admits she finds it incredible to be chosen as Springfield's best nurse, particularly since she just graduated from nursing school in 2017. Wilde began her nursing career at St. John's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), where she worked with the most vulnerable of patients, premature babies. "We focused on respect, care, compassion and joy," she states, "and I've taken that philosophy with me."

Wilde has been at SIU Pediatrics for just over a year, working for a group of four physicians and alongside a fifth physician who treats newborn babies. She was personally impressed with the care of children at SIU Pediatrics and transferred the care of her own 19-month-old after she began working there and saw the doctors in action.

"The doctors at SIU go above and beyond," says Wilde.

SIU Pediatrics treats children from birth to age 18, though patients entering college may still be seen even after age 18. "We often do that first college physical," says Wilde. Children come in for well visits, such as physicals and immunizations, as well as for illnesses such as flu and strep throats and life's little surprises, like broken arms. She also sees chronically or critically ill children in the practice. "We see kids with G-tubes or trachs," she affirms.

"Sometimes these kids are scared just looking at the building from the outside, let alone walking through the doors," states Wilde. "I try to relate to them, to be very real. I treat every kid as if they were my own child, to help them get comfortable and to get down on their level."

Singing songs, making jokes and other acts of care are all part of the package. Parents obviously appreciate the efforts Wilde makes, as their voting reflects.



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### Friday Oct 30

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**Soul Experience**  
The Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**JukeRox**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7-10pm

**The Guilty Boys**  
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7-10pm

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

**Gracia Harrison**  
Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill and Museum, 6:30-9:30pm

**Larry Dirks**  
West of Wise Winery, Petersburg, 6-8pm

### Saturday Oct 31

**Fun DMC**  
The Blue Grouch Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

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

**Black Queen/Balki Bros  
w/Pumpkin Jam & Liz Fitz**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 2-6:30pm

**Jambalaya Jazz with Frank Parker**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm



**J Brew and the Crew**  
The B.O.C.  
Friday, Oct. 30, 7 p.m.  
Buzz Bomb Brewing  
Company  
Adams Street

**BAND SPOTLIGHT | J Brew and the Crew**  
**it** Sometimes he goes by Jason C. Brewer, but when this talented East St. Louis native has a horn in his hand, just call him J Brew and understand he's got a "movin' groove with nothin' to prove," and that's a fact. He blows the trumpet playing the entire field, including gospel, jazz, rock and R&B, or as he puts it, "everything from bebop to hip hop," in his own way, with his own style, on his own terms. The Crew hails from Cincinnati and counts fantastically fabulous musicians Ryan Napier (keys), Sherman Napier (drums) and Robert Napier (bass) along with singing sensation Roddrick Lamar (guitar) as mighty members of the kicking combo. Along with J Crew's decades-long, heralded career that allowed him to play all over the USA with many top-name performers including Clark Terry, Branford Marsalis and Jimmy Heath, he's also the pastor of King of Kings Christian Assembly here in town and leads the congregation in prayer, praise and performance. Let's get to it, gentlemen.

**Phantom Lords**  
Crows Mill Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

**The Collective**  
The Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**Sunshine Daydream and  
Birds of a Feather**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 5-11pm

**Taylor June**  
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 7-10pm

**Wowie Zowie**  
Trailblazer Pub, 7-10pm

**Jeff Young and  
the Bad Grandpas**  
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 7-10pm

### Sunday Nov 1

**Kailani Bartley**  
3Sixteen Wine Bar, Chatham, 4-7pm

**Cody Mooney**  
The Blue Grouch Pub, 2-5pm

### Monday Nov 2

**John Drake**  
The Alamo, 7pm

### Tuesday Nov 3

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

### Wednesday Nov 4

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

## Coors LIGHT WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT



### FUN DMC

Saturday, October 31 • 6:30pm  
The Blue Grouch



## BUD LIGHT PARTY NIGHT

### JUKEROX

@Danenbergers Family Vineyards  
(New Berlin)  
Friday, October 30 • 7pm

@ Sally's 4th Street Bistro & Bar  
(Beardstown)  
Saturday, October 31 • 9pm

### NCR

@ The Boar's Nest (Athens)  
Saturday, October 31 • 8pm



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## SPRINGFIELD AREA

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## THE CALENDAR

### STAUNZTASTIC ART PRESENTS:

# THE DARK ARTS SHOW

OCTOBER 31ST, 2020  
7-11PM

ARLINGTON'S 210 BROADWAY AVE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62705

\*\*ART, COSTUME CONTEST, GAMES, RAFFLE & MORE\*\*

**The Dark Arts Show**  
Saturday, Oct. 31, 7-11 p.m.  
Arlington's  
210 Broadway  
679-6235  
Free

## FESTIVALS | All Hallow's Eve

**it** In celebration of Halloween, Staunztastic Art is hosting its fourth annual Dark Arts Show at Arlington's and it's going to prove to be an evening of spellbinding art and entertainment. The show features kids' games and activities and art by local artists on the first floor. Adults can find more activities on the second floor. The whole family can join in a costume contest with five categories – best couple costumes, kid's costume, fictional character costume, creepiest costume and best handmade costume or accessory. First place winners in each category will win a prize. You will also be able to bid in a silent auction and purchase some raffle tickets for a chance to win prizes from local businesses. Safety precautions will be followed such as monitoring occupancy numbers and requiring masks to be worn. Admission is free.

## THE CALENDAR

Send us your events! Deadline: 5pm Fri.  
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times and locations are subject to last-minute  
changes, so we suggest calling before  
attending events.

### ■ Special Music Events

#### **it Fun and Spooky Memories Concert**

Sat., Oct. 31, 7:30pm. Hosted by the Jacksonville Symphony Society. Join the symphony for a night of fun and spooky music with members of the orchestra and Illinois College choirs. View on the YouTube channel, Facebook or website. Also available for post-event viewing. [jaxsym-il.org](http://jaxsym-il.org). Free. 217-602-9555.

#### **Sunday at Six Recital Series**

Sun., Nov. 1, 6pm. Featuring Principal Bass Nicholas Adams and followed by a Coda Conversation with music director Ken Lam and the evening's

musicians. Watch on the YouTube channel or Facebook page. [ilsymphony.org](http://ilsymphony.org). 217-522-2838.

### ■ Theater & Comedy

#### **Dracula - A Radio Play**

Oct. 29-31, 7-9pm. A radio-reader's theater version of the classic vampire tale by Philip Grecian. This virtual event is a fundraiser for the Hoogland. Visit the Facebook page for more info. \$10-\$15. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

### ■ Art & Architecture

#### **Canvas & Cocktails - Pop Art Candy**

Fri., Oct. 30, 6-8:30pm. Everyone gets an inspirational photo to work from with one-on-one help from the instructor. All art supplies are provided. Limited class size and socially distanced. Masks are required. Ages 16+. \$25. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

#### **Glass pumpkin workshop**

Fridays, 1-4pm. Learn some hot glass basics with the resident glassblower and make a glass pumpkin at this One Nighter event. Masks and social distancing are required. Class sizes will be limited and regular sanitizing will occur. [springfieldart.org](http://springfieldart.org). Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

#### **The October National 2020 Exhibit**

Through Oct. 29. A juried exhibition of over 40 pieces of multimedia work by artists from across the nation. Sponsored by the John Ullrich Foundation and the Come Together Be Empowered organization. Masks are required while inside the gallery. Free. Anne Lloyd Gallery of the Madden Arts Center, Decatur, 125 N. Water St., 217-423-3189.

#### **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.

### ■ Food & Drink

#### **Old Capitol Farmers Market**

Saturdays, 8am-1pm. Please follow social distancing guidelines. Masks are mandatory. Old Capitol Farmers Market, Fourth and Adams streets, 217-544-1723.

### ■ History

#### **A Conversation about the Underground Railroad in Illinois**

Wed., Nov. 4, 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.

#### **Voices and Votes: Democracy in America**

Oct. 30-Dec. 11. A Museum on Main Street exhibition from the Smithsonian Institution. Jacksonville Area Museum, Jacksonville, 301 E. State St.

### ■ Faith & Philosophy

#### **Guided healing meditation**

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

### ■ Holiday Happenings

#### **it Drive-thru trick or treat**

Fri., Oct. 30, 4pm. Kid-friendly ghouls will be handing out goodies. First Student, 555 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-544-4716.

#### **Haunted Woods of Creek Hill**

Saturdays, 7-11pm and Fridays, 7-11pm. Spread out over almost 10 acres of wooded landscape that are beautiful by day, but take a turn for the worse at nightfall. Are these woods safe? Get tickets online at [illinoistimestix.com](http://illinoistimestix.com). \$5-\$10. Haunted Woods, Mt. Auburn, 3078 N. 1550 East Road, 217-816-7348.

#### **Lincoln's Ghost Walk**

Tuesdays-Saturdays. A lantern-lit walk about the strange and bizarre stories surrounding Lincoln's life, his bizarre dreams of death, Spiritualism and seances in the White House and skullduggery at the tomb site. 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.

#### **Springfield's Haunted Dead Walk**

Fri., Oct. 30, 7pm. Begins in the parking lot and covers several legendary haunted sites, with no inside visits. Suitable for most ages. No reservations are needed. 217-502-8687. \$10. The Inn at 835, 835 S. Second St., 217-523-4466.

#### **Trail of Lost Souls**

Fri., Oct. 30. The house will not be open, but the trail is longer and the scare factor has been upped. Advance online ticket purchases are highly recommended. Tickets sold in four, five and six packs. \$72-\$96 per pack. Recommended for ages 10+. [boocrew.com/info](http://boocrew.com/info). Boo Crew Haunted House, Mechanicsburg, 11083 Buckhart Road, 217-551-6969.

#### **Zoolie Ghoulie Halloween Adventure**

Thu., Oct. 29, 1-6pm, Fri., Oct. 30, 1-8pm, Sat., Oct. 31, 10am-5pm and Sun., Nov. 1, 10am-5pm. Have a wildly good time as you wander through the zoo's spectacularly spooky Halloween scenes. Space is limited and reservations are required. Tickets are \$4 each for ages 3+. Reservations are required. Call or visit [springfieldparks.org](http://springfieldparks.org). Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-585-1821.

#### **it Dark Arts Show**

Sat., Oct. 31, 7-11pm. Kids' activities, art by local artists, costume contest, silent auction and raffles. Occupancy monitored and masks are required. Arlington's, 210 Broadway, 217-679-6235. Free.

### ■ Fundraisers

#### **it Habitat for Humanity online auction**

Nov. 1-13. Auction lots include many high-end items, gift certificates, themed baskets, furniture, garden and home décor. Find more information on the Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County website or Facebook page. 217-523-2710, ext. 213. [laurenzana.com](http://laurenzana.com).

#### **Holly Jolly Raffle fundraiser**

Through 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, MO. [centralilseniors.org](http://centralilseniors.org). \$20. 217-528-4035.

#### **Santa for Soldiers**

Mondays-Fridays, 8am-1pm. The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Senior Services of Central Illinois is requesting donations of standard size Christmas stockings and travel size items to send to our soldiers overseas. Visit the website for a flyer with a list of needed items. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

### ■ Bulletin Board

#### **APL pet adoptions**

Saturdays, 11am-4pm and Sundays, 12-3pm. [apl-shelter.org](http://apl-shelter.org). PetSmart, 3183 S. Veterans Pkwy., 217-544-7387.

#### **Effective Communication Strategies**

Tue., Nov. 3, 10:30am-12pm and Wed., Nov. 4, 9-10:30am. Practical information and resources to help dementia caregivers learn to decode verbal and behavioral messages from people with dementia. Hosted by the Alzheimer's Association. [communityresourcefinder.org](http://communityresourcefinder.org). Free. Registration required. Register online or by phone. 1-800-272-3900.

#### **Legal assistance for seniors**

The first Wednesday of every month seniors can get assistance with a will, power of attorney and other legal needs. Libre McNeese of Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance is taking appointments that last about 30 minutes. COVID guidelines will be followed. Donations are appreciated. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

#### **Trivia Night**

Fri., Oct. 30, 7pm. Via Zoom. VIP deliveries, mulligans and a costume contest. Registration open through Oct. 29. Hosted by Downtown Springfield, Inc. One table for ten people is \$100. Individual tickets are \$15. Visit the Facebook event page for more information and the link. 217-544-1723.

### ■ Sports & Fitness

#### **Let's Get Fit**

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9-10am. Online exercise classes for individuals 50+ hosted by Senior Services of Central Illinois. Via Zoom. Contact Justin Yuroff at 217-528-4035 for more information and to register for the Zoom link.



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## Real Estate Foreclosure

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

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper PLAINTIFF  
Vs.

Tanya M. Brawner; et. al.

DEFENDANTS

2019CH000365

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 01/29/2020, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on December 8, 2020 at the hour of 9:00 AM at in the Second Floor Boardroom of the Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PIN 14-32.0-260-015

Improved with Single Family Home COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1555 West Lawrence Springfield, IL 62704

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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

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

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Asso-

ciates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-09806. I3158626

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,

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

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Attorney. No.: 6302793

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

SECURITY BANK, Plaintiff,

-v.-

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 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Defendant

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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: 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 payable to The Judicial 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

tion and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, 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, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at [www.tjsc.com](http://www.tjsc.com) for a 7 day status report of pending sales. HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC

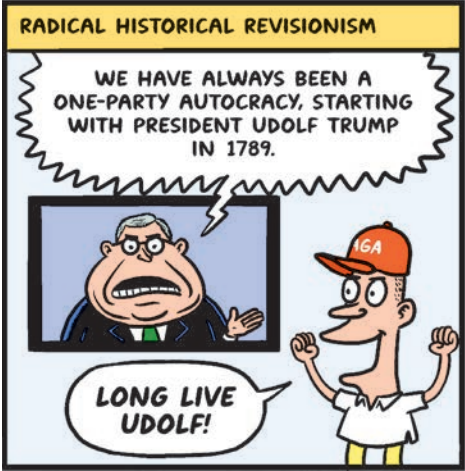
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Case Number: 19 CH 83 TJSC#: 40-2281  
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
Case # 19 CH 83

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,  
v.  
MCGUAR ACCOUNTING SERVICE CO.;  
HEIRS AT LAW OR LEGATEES OF CAROL LYNN MCGUAR; VICKI L. MCGUAR; CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS; and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
IN CHANCERY  
Case No. 2020CH000075  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above-entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.  
(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Lora Huebner  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD

3400 Wabash Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62711  
Telephone: (217) 529-5555  
(B) The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate is:  
1500 South Seventh Street, Springfield, IL 62703  
(C) The legal description of the real estate is as follows:  
Lot Sixteen (16) and the North 20 feet of Lot Fifteen (15) in Block Five (5) of Elijah Iles' Subdivision of Lands Number Three (3), being part of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section Three (3), Township Fifteen (15) North, Range Five (5) West of the Third Principal Meridian in the City of Springfield; except any interest in the coal, oil, gas, and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas, and other minerals, if any; situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Parcel Number: 22-03-106-001  
(D) Description of the improvement on the real estate is as follows:  
Commercial building  
(E) The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale.  
(F) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, at Sangamon County Board Chambers, 2nd Floor, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois  
(G) The terms of the sale are cash or certified funds at time of sale.  
(H) The subject property is sold subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, all general real estate taxes which have not yet become due and payable, with special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record, and existing leases, if any, applicable zoning laws; property is sold "AS IS, WHERE IS, and with no warranties", and without any representation as to quality or quantity of the title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, Plaintiff  
By: /s/ Stephen A. Tagge  
One of Its Attorneys  
Sorling Northrup  
Stephen A. Tagge, of Counsel – Reg. #2793369  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200  
P. O. Box 5131  
Springfield, IL 62705  
Telephone: (217) 544-1144  
E-Mail: [satagge@sorlinglaw.com](mailto:satagge@sorlinglaw.com)

Springfield, IL 62711  
Telephone: (217) 529-5555  
(B) The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate is:  
505 West Allen Street  
Springfield, IL 62704  
(C) The legal description of the real estate is as follows:  
Lot 28 in Block 2 of Alexander Starne's Addition to the City of Springfield; except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas, and other minerals, if any; situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Parcel Number: 14-33-451-034  
(D) Description of the improvement on the real estate is as follows:  
Single-Family Residence  
(E) The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale.  
(F) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, in the Sangamon County Board Chambers (2nd Floor) of the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois.  
(G) The terms of the sale are cash or certified funds at time of sale.  
(H) The subject property is sold subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, all general real estate taxes which have not yet become due and payable, with special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record, and existing leases, if any, applicable zoning laws; property is sold "AS IS, WHERE IS, and with no warranties", and without any representation as to quality or quantity of the title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.  
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.  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, Plaintiff  
By: /s/ Stephen A. Tagge  
One of Its Attorneys  
Sorling Northrup  
Stephen A. Tagge, of Counsel – Reg. #2793369  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200  
P. O. Box 5131  
Springfield, IL 62705  
Telephone: (217) 544-1144  
E-Mail: [satagge@sorlinglaw.com](mailto:satagge@sorlinglaw.com)

number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is:  
Lora Huebner  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD  
3400 West Wabash  
Springfield, IL 62711  
Telephone: (217) 529-5555  
(B) The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate is:  
3061 and 3041 Hamlin Parkway, Springfield, IL 62707  
(C) The legal description of the real estate is as follows:  
Parcel I:  
Lot 105 in Wabash West Business Park, Plat I  
Parcel II:  
Lot 106 in Wabash West Business Park, Plat I  
Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any.  
Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Parcel Numbers: 21-11-380-002 and 21-11-380-003  
(D) Description of the improvement on the real estate is as follows:  
Commercial Real Estate  
(E) The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale.  
(F) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, in Sangamon County Board Chambers, 2nd Floor, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois.  
(G) The terms of the sale are cash or certified funds at time of sale.  
(H) The subject property is sold subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, all general real estate taxes which have not yet become due and payable, with special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record, and existing leases, if any, applicable zoning laws; property is sold "AS IS, WHERE IS, and with no warranties", and without any representation as to quality or quantity of the title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, Plaintiff  
By: /s/ Stephen A. Tagge  
One of Its Attorneys  
Sorling Northrup  
Stephen A. Tagge, of Counsel – Reg. #2793369  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,  
v.  
MARK A. BARTEL a/k/a MARK BARTEL; SALAYNA D. BARTEL, n/k/a SALAYNA KREN; UNKNOWN OWNERS; and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
IN CHANCERY  
Case No. 2020CH000082  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above-entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.  
(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Suzanna Scherf  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD  
3400 West Wabash Avenue

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,  
v.  
BENNYPRO, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company; HAROLD MICHAEL CARTER, a/k/a H. MICHAEL CARTER; CAROL LYNN CARTER; MIKE CARTER'S WESTSIDE AUTOMOTIVE, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS; and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
IN CHANCERY  
Case No. 2020CH000127  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above-entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.  
(A) The name, address and telephone



# PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS  
ESTATE OF  
LaDONNA WEATHERHOLT, Deceased.  
Case No.: 2020-P-553  
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CLAIMS  
Notice is hereby given of the death of La-  
Donna Weatherholt, Letters of Administra-  
tion were issued. The name and address of  
the Administrator is Aaron Weatherholt,  
504 Garden Ct., Chatham, Illinois, 62629.  
James Ackerman is counsel for the  
Administrator. His address is Ackerman  
Law Office, P.C., 2601 South Fifth Street,  
Springfield, Illinois 62703.  
Claims against the Estate may be filed in  
the office of the Clerk of this Court at the  
Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South  
Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62702, or  
with the representative, or both, on or be-  
fore May 1, 2021. Any claim not filed on  
or before May 1, 2021, is barred. Copies  
of the claim filed with the Clerk must be  
mailed or delivered to the representative and  
to the attorney within ten (10) days  
after it has been filed.  
Dated this 14th day of October, 2020.  
Aaron Weatherholt, Administrator  
By: /s/ James W. Ackerman  
James W. Ackerman  
James W. Ackerman 06192795  
ACKERMAN LAW OFFICE  
2601 South Fifth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-1977  
jim@ackermanlawoffices.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS  
In Re the Estate of:  
JAMES A. MITCHELL, Deceased.  
No. 2020-P-569  
CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of JAMES A.  
MITCHELL, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters  
of Office were issued on October 20,  
2020, to MELODY DYER, as Independent  
Representative, and whose attorney of  
record is WILLIAM D. REID, Elmore & Reid,  
808 South Second 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 indepen-  
dent 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.  
MELODY DYER, Independent Representa-  
tive  
ELMORE & REID  
Attorneys At Law  
808 South Second Street  
Springfield, IL 62704  
217/523-2340

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ESTATE OF  
MARK EDWARD DELUHERY, Deceased  
No.: 2019-P-000551  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION  
Notice is given of the death of MARK ED-  
WARD DELUHERY. Letters of office were  
issued on October 14, 2020, to JENNIFER  
L. DELUHERY as Independent Representa-  
tive whose attorney is FeldmanWasser,  
1307 South Seventh Street, Springfield,  
Illinois 62703.  
Claims against the estate may be filed  
in the office of the Clerk of this Court,  
Sangamon County Courthouse, Spring-  
field, Illinois or with the Representative,  
or both, on or before April 14, 2021, or  
within 3 months from the date of mailing  
or delivery to a creditor whose name and  
post office address is known to or reason-  
ably ascertainable by the representative,  
whichever is later, and any claim not filed  
on or before that date is barred. Copies of  
claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed  
or delivered to the representative or the  
attorney within 10 days after filing.  
The estate will be administered without  
court supervision, unless under Section  
28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4)  
any interested person terminates indepen-  
dent 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 14th day of October, 2020.  
JENNIFER DELUHERY, Executor  
By: /s/Stanley N. Wasser  
Stanley N. Wasser #2947307  
Attorney for Executor  
FeldmanWasser  
1307 South Seventh Street  
PO Box 2418  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-3403  
swasser@feldman-wasser.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:  
LORETTA YOUNG MCGEHEE, Deceased  
Case No.: 2020-P-329  
PUBLICATION AS TO HEIRS WHOSE  
ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN AND TO  
UNKNOWN HEIRS  
TO: CARYN M. WELSH, SHERYL C. CARLIN,  
DELORIS D. FRITZ, DIANE R. DODGIN,  
BRADLEY 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 ap-  
plicable 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 de-  
cedent'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 (Ill. 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 LORETTA 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  
Springfield, Illinois 62703  
Telephone: (217) 544-8500  
Facsimile: (217) 544-6200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of:  
Todd Whipple, Deceased.  
No. 2020-P-519  
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE  
Notice is given of the death of Todd  
Whipple, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters  
Testamentary were issued on September  
30, 2020, to Shelby Whipple, 3001  
Sherborn Road, Springfield, IL 62702, as  
Independent Administrator, whose at-  
torney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES,  
LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol  
Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.  
Notice is given to all known and unknown  
heirs of Todd Whipple of the entry of the  
Order as set forth above and of the entry  
of an Order declaring Shelby Whipple as  
the sole heir of Todd Whipple.  
The estate will be administered without  
court supervision, unless under 28-4 of  
the Probate Act, 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any  
interested person terminates independent  
administration at any time by mailing or  
delivering a petition to terminate to the  
Clerk.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in  
the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court,  
Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th  
Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the  
representative, or both, within 6 months of  
the first day that this Notice is published,  
and any claim not so filed within that  
period is barred. Copies of a claim filed  
with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered  
to the representative and to the attorney  
within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Sarah Delano Pavlik – 6269250  
DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC  
Attorney for Administrator  
One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: 217-544-2703  
Fax: 217-544-4664  
sdpavlik@delanolaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ESTATE OF  
JOHN R. MCGRATH, Deceased.  
Case No. 2020-P-562  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of John R.  
McGrath. Letters of Office were issued  
on October 19, 2020, to Marinda Riggins  
of 414 Willard Avenue, Bloomington, IL  
61701, as Executor, and whose attorneys  
are GATES, WISE & SCHLOSSER, P.C.,  
1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield,  
IL, 62703.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in  
the office of the Clerk of the Court, San-  
gamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL,  
62701, or with the representative, or both,  
within six (6) months from the date of the  
first publication of this Notice. Any claim  
not filed within that period is barred. Cop-  
ies 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 20th day of October 2020.  
Gordon W. Gates  
GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL  
1231 South Eighth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
Telephone: (217) 522.9010  
Facsimile: (217) 522.9020  
Attorneys for the Estate

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  
Re: the marriage of  
Daimorris 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

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Re: the marriage of  
Shawna Davis. Petitioner  
and  
Lyndell Davis, Respondent  
Case No. 2020-D-394  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you Lyndell Davis,  
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  
22nd 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  
Sarah Lee Davis. Petitioner  
and  
Eddie Santiago, Respondent  
Case No. 2020-D-409  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you Eddie Santiago,  
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  
29th 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  
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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
TIFFANY BROOK KIEHNA  
For change of name to  
TIFFANY BROOK KIEHNA GONZALEZ  
Case NO.: 2020-MR-935  
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 TIFFANY BROOK KIEHNA to TIFFANY  
BROOK KIEHNA GONZALEZ pursuant  
to the statute in such case made and  
provided.  
Dated: October 15, 2020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD,  
ILLINOIS  
Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper  
PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Tanya M. Brawner; et. al.  
DEFENDANTS  
2019CH000365  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL  
ESTATE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure  
and Sale entered in the above cause on  
01/29/2020, the Sheriff of Sangamon  
County, Illinois will on December 8, 2020  
at the hour of 9:00 AM at in the Second  
Floor Boardroom of the Sangamon  
County Courthouse 200 South 9th Street  
Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place  
otherwise designated at the time of sale,

County of Sangamon and State of Illinois,  
sell at public auction to the highest bidder  
for cash, as set forth below, the following  
described real estate:  
LOT 74 IN WAINLESS' WEST LAWRENCE  
AVENUE ADDITION. EXCEPT ALL COAL  
AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID  
LANDS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO  
MINE AND REMOVE SAME.  
PIN 14-32.0-260-015  
Improved with Single Family Home  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1555 West  
Lawrence Springfield, IL 62704  
Sale terms: 10% down of the highest  
bid by certified funds at the close of  
the auction; The balance, including  
the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned  
Residential Property Municipality Relief  
Fund, which is calculated at the rate of  
\$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of  
the amount paid by the purchaser not to  
exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due  
within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject  
property is subject to general real estate  
taxes, special assessments, or special  
taxes levied against said real estate and is  
offered for sale without any representa-  
tion as to quality or quantity of title and  
without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS"  
condition. The sale is further subject to  
confirmation by the court.  
If the property is a condominium and the  
foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007,  
purchasers other than the mortgagees will  
be required to pay any assessment and  
legal fees due under The Condominium  
Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and  
(g)(4).  
If the property is located in a common  
interest community, purchasers other  
than mortgagees will be required to pay  
any assessment and legal fees due under  
the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS  
605/18.5(g-1).  
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the  
Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled  
only to a return of the deposit paid. The  
Purchaser shall have no further recourse  
against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or  
the Mortgagee's attorney.  
Upon payment in full of the amount bid,  
the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of  
Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a  
Deed to the real estate after Confirmation  
of the sale. The successful purchaser has  
the sole responsibility/expense of evicting  
any tenants or other individuals presently  
in possession of the subject premises.  
The property will NOT be open for inspec-  
tion and Plaintiff makes no representation  
as to the condition of the property. Pro-  
spective bidders are admonished to check  
the Court file to verify all information.  
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-  
OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO  
REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS  
AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSES-  
SION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION  
15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE  
FORECLOSURE LAW.  
For information: Examine the court file  
or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis &  
Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage  
Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527,  
(630) 794-9876. Please refer to file  
number 14-19-09806.  
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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,  
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:  
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.

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  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois  
banking corporation, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
CARL TEGA, KATHY TEGA, ATHENS STATE  
BANK, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRE-  
CORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
No. 2020CH000168  
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN  
OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIM-  
ANTS of the real estate described below,  
Defendants in the above-entitled case,  
pursuant to the provisions of Sections  
2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code  
of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled

mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is December 4, 2020. Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on October 20, 2020.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 2020CH000168
2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois
3. The names of the title holders of record are: Count I: Carl Tega; Count II: Carl Tega and Kathy Tega
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
Count I  
Lot 17 in Block 11 of Payne and Jones' Addition;  
Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any.  
Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois  
Count II

Part of the North Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 16 North, Range 4 West of the Third Principal Meridian, in Sangamon County, Illinois, described as follows:

From the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 4, North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 477.89 feet on the East line of said Section 4, to the point of beginning thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 11 seconds West, 484.99 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 148.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 11 seconds West, 177.21 feet; thence North 00 degrees 03 minutes 59 seconds East 329.85 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes 04 seconds East, 661.82 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 160.01 feet to the point of beginning. EXCEPT that part dedicated for road purposes.

Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:  
Count I: 1051 W. Calhoun Street, Springfield, IL; Count II: 219 N. Main Street, Spaulding, Illinois

6. An identification of the mortgages sought to be foreclosed is as follows:  
Count I  
Name of Mortgagor: Carl Tega  
Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank  
Date of Mortgage: November 13, 2015  
Date of recording: November 20, 2015  
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois  
Recording document identification: Document No. 2015R32903  
Count II  
Name of Mortgagor: Carl Tega and Kathy Tega  
Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank  
Date of Mortgage: November 13, 2015  
Date of recording: November 20, 2015  
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois  
Recording document identification: Docu-

ment No. 2015R32909  
s/ Paul Palazzolo  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Emmet A. Fairfield  
Registration No. 6180505  
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Springfield, IL 62705  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois  
banking corporation, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
KATHY L. TEGA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND  
NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
No. 2020CH000169  
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN  
OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIM-  
ANTS of the real estate described below,  
Defendants in the above-entitled case,  
pursuant to the provisions of Sections  
2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code  
of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled  
mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending  
in said court and the day on or after  
which a default may be entered against  
Defendants is December 4, 2020.  
Plaintiff has certified the following  
regarding said foreclosure action filed on  
October 20, 2020.

The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 2020CH000169

2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois

3. The names of the title holders of record are: Count I: Kathy L. Tega; Count II: Kathy L. Tega

4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

Count I

Lot One Hundred Forty-five (145) in Southlawn Subdivision.

Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Count II

Lot Three (3) and the East 10 feet of Lot Two (2) in Wanless' Sangamo Avenue Addition to the City of Springfield.

Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: Count I: 2124 E. Grant Street, Springfield, IL; Count II: 1904 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, IL

6. An identification of the mortgages sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Count I

Names of Mortgagor: Kathy Tega

Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank

Date of Mortgage: December 8, 2016

Date of recording: December 19, 2016

County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois

Recording document identification: Document No. 2016R35057

Count II  
Names of Mortgagor: Kathy Tega  
Name of Mortgagee: United Community  
Bank  
Date of Mortgage: December 8, 2016  
Date of recording: December 20, 2016  
County where recorded: Sangamon  
County, Illinois  
Recording document identification: Docu-  
ment No. 2016R35158  
/s/ Paul Palazzolo  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
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THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
SECURITY BANK, Plaintiff,  
-v-  
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 DEVELOPMENT 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 CONVEYED 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 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

**VILLAGE OF SOUTHERN VIEW SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**  
**ANNUAL REPORT 6/1/19 – 5/31/20**

**REVENUE SUMMARY:** STATE INCOME TAX \$161,547.64; RETAILERS OCCUPATION TAX \$266,882.12; STATE USE TAX \$56,774.54; PROPERTY/REPLACEMENT TAX \$54,734.15; ROAD AND BRIDGE TAX \$13,190.55; TELECOM TAX: \$7,347.75; GRANTS: \$14,868.00; POLICE FINES: \$46,421.03; FRANCHISE FEES: \$96,483.67; ROOM RENTALS \$9,170.00; PARK RENTALS \$880.00; POLICE REPORTS \$125.00; BUILDING PERMITS \$576.00; COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMITS \$5,323.20; COMMERCIAL INSPECTIONS \$4,610.78; LIQUOR LICENSES \$9,639.06; ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS \$892.00; TOW FEES \$20,605.00; TOW FEE REIMBURSEMENTS \$5,700.00; STORAGE COSTS \$4,573.00; MISC. REVENUE \$7,949.90; INTEREST INCOME \$1,289.67; VIDEO GAMING \$143,645.67; SIDEWALK REIMBURSEMENT \$1,752.00; EMPLOYEE REIMBURSEMENT \$1,171.31; WARRANT FEES \$980.00; SURPLUS \$2,484.50; SPECIAL EVENT DONATIONS \$1,281.36; CANNABIS TAX \$346.07; CULVERT REPAYMENTS \$327.80; ROCK REIMBURSEMENT \$280.00; SEWER TAPS \$18,968.72. TOTAL REVENUES \$960,820.49

**COMPENSATION SUMMARY:** COMPENSATION & PERSONAL SERVICES WERE PAID IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORY OF \$0.00 – \$25,000 – Jeffrey Balding, Jason Banister, Greg Bourland, Jason Eccleston, James L. Foster, Gabriel Gonzalez, Angela Grable, William Haines, Tricia A. Langan, Rebecca LaRussa, John McLaughlin, Jack Miller, Michael Patsche, John Pierce, Daniel Schnell. PAID IN THE CATEGORY OF \$25,001 - \$49,999 – Cody Bounds, David Cole, Joseph Williams. PAID IN THE CATEGORY OF \$50,000 - \$74,999 – Lisa Cave, Daniel DeWitt, Timothy Marsh, & Richard Wiese. TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$436,841.22

**EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:** GENERAL: AMEREN ILLINOIS \$2,666.37; BANK OF SPRINGFIELD \$54,625.04; BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD \$24,924.96; CITY WATER LIGHT AND POWER \$32,837.02; COMCAST \$6,592.06; DON CRAVEN \$25,085.60; EVAN LLOYD \$6,348.78; EVANS RECYCLING \$3,335.00; GABRIEL FRANKLIN \$2,975.00; GREEN TOYOTA \$14,000.00; HEALTH ALLIANCE \$26,440.00; HOME-TOWN MOWERS \$13,678.20; IDES \$4,245.67; IL MUNICIPAL LEAGUE \$36,487.00; KUHN & TRELLO \$7,204.50; MATRIX SYSTEMS \$3,106.44; PAYROLL \$436,841.22;

PAYROLL TAXES \$33,296.94; PRINCIPAL LIFE GROUP \$9,299.32; RAY OHERRON \$2,942.92; SANGAMON CO ETSD \$3,900.00; SPRINGFIELD AUTO & TOWING \$6,075.00; STEVEN SCOTT LAWNCARE \$10,550.00; TRUCK CENTER \$4,520.57; VILLAGE OF MECHANICSBURG \$6,000.00; VISA \$10,968.59; VOYAGERS FLEET SYSTEMS INC \$4,875.35; WEX BANK \$7,850.71; WOODYS MECHANICAL \$4,700.00; VARIOUS VENDORS PAID LESS THAN \$2,500.00 - \$67,770.86. TOTAL CORPORATE VENDORS: \$874,143.12

**POLICE VEHICLE FUND REVENUE SUMMARY:** POLICE VEHICLE FUND REVENUES \$1960.00; INTEREST \$18.63; TOTAL REVENUES \$1,978.63 **POLICE VEHICLE FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:** TOTAL POLICE VEHICLE FUND EXPENSES- \$0.00

**MOTOR FUEL TAX REVENUE SUMMARY:** MFT REVENUE \$60,592.54; REBUILD ILLINOIS \$18,035.71; INTEREST \$200.91; TOTAL REVENUES \$78,829.16. EXPENDITURE SUMMARY MFT: COMPASS MINERALS \$3,214.74, JOE RECHNER \$7,525.00; VARIOUS VENDORS PAID LESS THAN \$2,500 - \$4,078.50. TOTAL MFT VENDORS: \$14,818.24

**TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUND (TIF) REVENUE SUMMARY:** TIF REVENUE \$107,726.00; INTEREST \$408.67; TOTAL REVENUES \$108,134.67; EXPENDITURE SUMMARY OF TIF: FIELDS FAMILY \$47,000.00; KUHN & TRELLO \$9,450.00 VARIOUS TIF VENDORS \$820.49; TOTAL TIF EXPENDITURES: \$57,270.49

**POLICE DUI FUNDS REVENUE SUMMARY:** DUI FUNDS \$5,149.00; INTEREST \$30.24; TOTAL REVENUES \$5,179.24. EXPENDITURE SUMMARY OF POLICE DUI FUND: STALKER RADAR \$3,076.00; TOTAL DUI FUND EXPENDITURES: \$3,076.00

**TOURISM ACCOUNT REVENUE SUMMARY:** TOURISM TAX \$15,319.28; TOTAL REVENUES \$15,319.28 **EXPENDITURE SUMMARY OF TOURISM ACCOUNT:** VARIOUS VENDORS PAID LESS THAN \$2,500 - \$77.86; TOTAL TOURISM EXPENDITURES: \$77.86

**FOREFUTURE FUND REVENUE SUMMARY:** FOREFUTURE REVENUE \$225.00 INTEREST \$38.36 TOTAL REVENUES \$263.36 EXPENDITURE FOREFUTURE FUNDS \$0.00

## SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION

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I, Lisa Cave, Treasurer of the Village of Southern View, Sangamon County, Illinois do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2020.  
Subscribed and sworn to me on this 19th day of October, 2020 Lisa K. Cave.  
Lisa Cave, Village Treasurer



Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, 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, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE  
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at [www.tjsc.com](http://www.tjsc.com) for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC  
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DECATUR IL, 62523  
217-422-1719  
Fax #: 217-422-1754  
E-Mail: [Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com](mailto: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  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,  
v.  
MCGUAR ACCOUNTING SERVICE CO.; HEIRS AT LAW OR LEGATEES OF CAROL LYNN MCGUAR; VICKI L. MCGUAR; CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS; and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
IN CHANCERY  
Case No. 2020CH000075  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above-entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Lora Huebner

BANK OF SPRINGFIELD  
3400 Wabash Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62711  
Telephone: (217) 529-5555  
(B) The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate is:  
1500 South Seventh Street, Springfield, IL 62703  
(C) The legal description of the real estate is as follows:  
Lot Sixteen (16) and the North 20 feet of Lot Fifteen (15) in Block Five (5) of Elijah lles' Subdivision of Lands Number Three (3), being part of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section Three (3), Township Fifteen (15) North, Range Five (5) West of the Third Principal Meridian in the City of Springfield; except any interest in the coal, oil, gas, and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas, and other minerals, if any; situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Parcel Number: 22-03-106-001  
(D) Description of the improvement on the real estate is as follows:  
Commercial building  
(E) The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale.  
(F) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, at Sangamon County Board Chambers, 2nd Floor, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois  
(G) The terms of the sale are cash or certified funds at time of sale.  
(H) The subject property is sold subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, all general real estate taxes which have not yet become due and payable, with special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record, and existing leases, if any, applicable zoning laws; property is sold "AS IS, WHERE IS, and with no warranties", and without any representation as to quality or quantity of the title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, Plaintiff  
By: /s/ Stephen A. Tagge  
One of Its Attorneys  
Sorling Northrup  
Stephen A. Tagge, of Counsel – Reg.  
#2793369  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200  
P. O. Box 5131  
Springfield, IL 62705  
Telephone: (217) 544-1144  
E-Mail: [satagge@sorlinglaw.com](mailto:satagge@sorlinglaw.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,  
v.  
MARK A. BARTEL a/k/a MARK BARTEL; SALAYNA D. BARTEL, n/k/a SALAYNA KREN; UNKNOWN OWNERS; and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
IN CHANCERY  
Case No. 2020CH000082  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above-entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Suzanna Scherf

BANK OF SPRINGFIELD  
3400 West Wabash Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62711  
Telephone: (217) 529-5555  
(B) The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate is:  
505 West Allen Street  
Springfield, IL 62704  
(C) The legal description of the real estate is as follows:  
Lot 28 in Block 2 of Alexander Starnes' Addition to the City of Springfield; except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas, and other minerals, if any; situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Parcel Number: 14-33-451-034  
(D) Description of the improvement on the real estate is as follows:  
Single-Family Residence  
(E) The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale.  
(F) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, in the Sangamon County Board Chambers (2nd Floor) of the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois.  
(G) The terms of the sale are cash or certified funds at time of sale.  
(H) The subject property is sold subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, all general real estate taxes which have not yet become due and payable, with special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record, and existing leases, if any, applicable zoning laws; property is sold "AS IS, WHERE IS, and with no warranties", and without any representation as to quality or quantity of the title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.  
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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Sale to enforce Self-Storage lien in default of payment of rent will be held at 10:00 AM  
Saturday NOVEMBER 7, 2020 at, Safe-T-Storage, 3825 N. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL. Tenants must pay in full by this date.  
Unit 107 Vickie Durham Springfield IL 62702  
Unit 76 Jeris Fowler Springfield IL 62704  
Unit 90 Jodi Klekamp Springfield IL 62712  
Social distancing and masks are required.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 29, 2020 at 3:00 p.m., a sale will be held at Auto Body MD, 13491 Bab Rd., Auburn, IL 62615 to sell the following articles to enforce a lien existing under the

laws of the State of Illinois against such articles for labor, services, skill or material expended upon or storage furnished for such articles at the request of the following designated person, unless such articles are redeemed within thirty days of the publication of this notice.  
Name of Person  
Robert D. Yard  
Description of Article  
wrecked, 2008 Ford Mustang, VIN#1ZVHT85H285121339  
Amount Currently Due  
\$3,590.54 and accruing storage if not paid within 30 days.

Notice of Petition for Termination of Parental Rights  
Notice is hereby given to Michael L. Floyd, whose whereabouts are unknown, that he must answer a Petition brought by Alexis Beauregard in case number JU-2020-680.01 arising out of Madison County, Alabama, Juvenile Court, seeking to terminate his parental rights over a minor child Liam Michael Beauregard whose date of birth is 03/11/2015. The named minor child is the putative biological son of Michael L. Floyd. Service by publication and this notice were permitted by Court order entered in the above-styled matter on October 21, 2020  
Dated: October 21, 2020

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Dana Patterson, Petitioner  
vs.  
Gregory Gates, Respondent  
Case No: 2020-OP-1424  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Gregory Gates, 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 19, 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 22, 2020

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Emily N. Lillard, Petitioner  
vs.  
Christopher Maurer, Respondent  
Case No: 2020-OP-1649  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Christopher Maurer, 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 25, 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 22, 2020

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Tyona Glenn, Petitioner  
vs.

Edward Lamar Boyd, Respondent  
Case No: 2020-OP-1492  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Edward Lamar Boyd, 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 5, 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 22, 2020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of LINDSEY BENCH  
For change of name to LINDSEY ANN CRAIG  
Case NO.: 2020-MR-868  
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 LINDSEY BENCH to LINDSEY ANN CRAIG pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: October 29, 2020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,  
v.  
BENNYPRO, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company; HAROLD MICHAEL CARTER, a/k/a H. MICHAEL CARTER; CAROL LYNN CARTER; MIKE CARTER'S WESTSIDE AUTOMOTIVE, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS; and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
IN CHANCERY  
Case No. 2020CH000127  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above-entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Lora Huebner  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD  
3400 West Wabash  
Springfield, IL 62711  
Telephone: (217) 529-5555  
(B) The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate is:  
3061 and 3041 Hamlin Parkway, Springfield, IL 62707  
(C) The legal description of the real estate is as follows:  
Parcel I:  
Lot 105 in Wabash West Business Park, Plat I  
Parcel II:  
Lot 106 in Wabash West Business Park, Plat I  
Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any.  
Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Parcel Numbers: 21-11-380-002 and

21-11-380-003  
(D) Description of the improvement on the real estate is as follows:  
Commercial Real Estate  
(E) The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale.  
(F) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, in Sangamon County Board Chambers, 2nd Floor, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the interest of REMI MARTIN AND PAISLEE MARTIN, minors  
Case No: 18-JA-1-2  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN UNKNOWN FATHERS, respondents, and to all whom it may concern, that on May 29, 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 9:00 AM hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minors declared to be wards of the court and for other relief under the Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINORS. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILDREN. 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.





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