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## NEWS

# **Cannabis business grant recipients push back on audit claims**

City officials are considering changes before reinstating program

## **CANNABIS GRANTS** | Dean Olsen

Some recipients of business grants funded with a portion of Springfield's share of sales taxes on adult-use cannabis are upset their businesses were mentioned in an independent audit critical of the new program.

Meanwhile, city officials are considering changes to the program in coming months to create a more consistent system for disbursing and monitoring grant funds to Black-owned businesses on the east side before a second round of grants is announced.

Teresa Haley, owner of the training and consulting company Haley & Associates, said the audit by the Sikich accounting firm was "totally incorrect" when it stated Haley's company was paid "far in excess of the amount of supporting invoices it submitted" for improvements to the building at 801 S. 11th St. where Haley's office is based.

She said she received \$20,000 in cannabis grant money and \$20,000 in tax-increment financing district funds after submitting "over \$53,000 worth of receipts" to the city.

Haley said she did not request to use any of the funds for "payroll expenses" even though the audit said she did. Payroll costs weren't eligible for reimbursement from the funds she received.

The money did pay for new flooring throughout the building and updates to bathrooms, plumbing, water fountains and the security system, among other renovations, she said.

Haley's nonprofit organization, Visions 1908 Inc., owns the building, and she is president of the Springfield branch of the NAACP, which has its headquarters there.

Contents of the audit of the cannabis grant program, commissioned by the city for \$25,000

## **Editor's note**

It seemed to me like headline news when we received preliminary information that Springfield's Harvard Park Elementary School had significantly improved its ranking for the statewide school report card. The School District 186 administrative office told us weeks ago they couldn't provide any information on the school's performance until the state released official report card results at the end of October. But the information we had seemed a significant enough change from what we reported on Harvard Park four years ago – when the school had the state's lowest rank – we went ahead with the story using preliminary information. (See "Inside a caring school: At Harvard Park Elementary, a 'commendable' rating is huge," *IT*, Oct. 19.) The 'commendable' rating we got wrong. When the official state report card came out this week, Harvard Park was still stuck at the bottom, with the lowest performing 5% of schools in the state, earning it an "intensive support" rating, the lowest. We apologize for the error. What we didn't get wrong is that this is a "caring" school, not unlike other low-ranking schools, where teachers, staff and students work hard every day to teach and learn in an atmosphere of love and support. That, also, is commendable. – *Fletcher Farrar, editor* 



Teresa Haley, owner of this building at 801 S. 11th St. in Springfield, says she disagrees with findings of an independent audit of a new city business grant program that mentions her company, Haley & Associates, which is based at the building. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

after Mayor Misty Buscher took office in May, were reported by *Illinois Times* on Oct. 12 and discussed at the Oct. 17 meeting of the Springfield City Council.

Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory said the auditors or city officials should have checked with businesses listed in the audit to make sure information about them was correct, up to date and included proper context before the audit was issued to council members.

Haley agreed, saying the audit was unfair to her and harmed her reputation. "I submitted everything that was requested of me," Haley said.

She said the mention of her business – among 17 different observations in the audit about specific businesses – was "political" because she supported incumbent former mayor Jim Langfelder in the April election that Buscher won.

Haley, an east side resident who also is president of the Illinois NAACP State Conference, has been critical of city policies and a lack of diversity in city hirings. She has not been shy about speaking up at City Council meetings, both during Langfelder's administration and since Buscher was elected.

"I'm constantly in their behinds to do things right by the people of Springfield," Haley told *Illinois Times.* "Injustice anywhere is injustice everywhere, and the city of Springfield has a lot of injustices."

Val Yazell, director of the Office of Planning and Economic Development, said the audit's statements about Haley & Associates were correct.

An invoice, Yazell said, "is a document that records a transaction between a seller and a buyer of goods or services. It shows the price, terms of payment and details of the products and services. It is also a legal document that establishes the responsibility of the buyer to pay the seller. Invoices are not copies of checks, packing slips or proposals."

Yazell would not address Haley's allegations of political motivation and declined further comment regarding Haley & Associates.

Yazell said the audit was proper and useful to the city even though auditors evaluated documents and did not contact grant recipients directly for comment.

"Our intent was to improve transparency in the way these resources were used," she said.

Yazell said she requested the audit after she

encountered "inconsistencies" in how the first round of the grant program, begun in summer 2022 under Langfelder, was being carried out.

Yazell was fired by Langfelder in March 2021 and returned as interim OPED director after Buscher's election. The council, by unanimous vote, confirmed Yazell as the permanent director on Oct. 3.

Gina Lathan, owner of another east side business mentioned in the audit, the consulting firm Lathan Harris Inc. at 528 S. 11th St., said the audit was "100% inaccurate" when it stated she was paid grant funds "only after submitting quotes for work and not actual invoices."

Lathan said she has documentation that she submitted all required invoices to the city.

"It appears that the audit wasn't complete. I don't think it was done intentionally," she said, adding that she hopes the ensuing damage to her reputation can be repaired. "Hopefully, the city and the businesses can work together to move the area forward."

Lathan said she used the \$40,000 in cannabis grant and TIF funding to pay for some storefront improvements and architectural work on other planned improvements to her building. The money did not cover all the improvements she would like to make, she said.

In response to Lathan's statements, Yazell said Sikich "reviewed all the documentation provided in each individual file. There are bids and unsigned contracts, but nothing that would be classified as paid invoices."

The audit did not say whether any of the businesses and nonprofits did anything illegal after receiving a total of \$490,000 in cannabis grant funds and \$182,000 from the Far East TIF District.

But the city sent letters to two grant recipients, Exotic Edible Pineapple Drinks and Luxe Floral, requesting repayment of funds under the "claw back" provision of the program when violations occur.

Cimmeria Taylor, one of the operators of Exotic Edible Pineapple Drinks, told the council Oct. 24 that contrary to a statement in the audit, she never submitted fraudulent invoices for reimbursement.

Yazell said without elaboration that Taylor's business "continues to meet with our legal department."  $\square$ 

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City Water, Light & Power workers repair downed electrical lines June 30 after the June 29 derecho that hit Springfield. Mayor Misty Buscher has proposed suspending the current residency requirement for city employees, which she said is needed to expand the pool of applicants for electrical linemen and other positions. PHOTO COURTESY CWLP

# City's employee residency requirement could be suspended

City council to vote on "moratorium" with no expiration date

## **CITY** | Dean Olsen

A residency requirement for Springfield city government employees that first took effect in 1976, was abandoned in 2000 and then reinstated in 2017, could be suspended under a moratorium proposed by Mayor Misty Buscher and two alderpersons.

Supporters of the measure say suspending enforcement of the requirement is needed – at least for a year – to fill job vacancies amid a dearth of qualified candidates and a lack of available housing in Springfield.

Moratorium supporters say hiring challenges have been seen across the country because of employment trends related to the COVID-19 pandemic, retirements by members of the baby boom generation and high home mortgage interest rates.

Opponents say they fear the moratorium, scheduled to be voted on as an ordinance Nov. 7, will become permanent and lead to a reduction in the city's property tax base and loss of community pride. They say municipal policies should be tweaked and specialized recruiting strategies deployed before a blanket moratorium is put in place.

"I'm very concerned that this ordinance, as written, would open the barn door, and we would never be able to close it again," former Ward 7 Ald. Joe McMenamin, a longtime supporter of the residency requirement, told the Springfield City Council at its Oct. 24 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

The same day that McMenamin addressed the council, state Sen. Doris Turner, D-Springfield, a former Ward 3 alderperson, introduced a bill in the General Assembly that would ban Illinois municipalities from adopting moratoriums on residency requirements. The legislation also would undo any existing moratoriums.

It's unclear whether Turner, who voted in favor of Springfield's current residency requirement while on the City Council, introduced the bill to address the proposed ordinance.

Senate Bill 2622 hasn't been voted on in

the General Assembly yet. Turner didn't return phone calls from *Illinois Times*.

Buscher, the former city treasurer who began her four-year term in May, told *Illinois Times* she doesn't want to do away with the residency requirement and appreciates the arguments in favor of it.

"We have all these open positions," Buscher said. "If we had a line of Springfield residents that walked in and we could interview and hire, this would not be coming up. I'm not saying, 'Get rid of residency.' ... This is a moratorium."

There's no expiration date for the moratorium as proposed, but Buscher said, "I would assume that it would at least last probably 12 months."

The mayor said it's unknown when the city's hiring challenges might ease. The city needs to expand its potential pool of applicants for everything from public works employees to electrical linemen at City Water, Light & Power, she said. As of fall 2022, city records indicated 31% of Springfield's 1,300-plus employees lived outside city limits. However, the estimate may be low since some people with a Springfield address may actually reside in communities adjacent to or surrounded by Springfield, including the villages of Jerome, Grandview, Leland Grove and Southern View.

At least 35% of Springfield police officers and 47% of firefighters lived outside the city as of fall 2022. The firefighters' union contract didn't require them to live in Springfield until Jan. 1, 2019, and the requirement applies only to new hires.

Statistics for 2023 weren't immediately available.

The current residency rule says all city employees, except police officers whose union contract exempts them, must live within city limits unless they moved outside when the residency rule wasn't in effect and were allowed to stay because of "grandfather" provisions in city code. Any new hires who don't live within city limits when they begin work have 12 months to move in, or 18 months if department directors give their blessing. Longer-term or permanent waivers can be granted for specific employees through a vote of the City Council.

McMenamin said he would rather the city give newly hired workers a longer grace period to move into Springfield than exempt them from the requirement entirely.

He noted that the proposed moratorium would allow city workers currently living in Springfield to move outside without penalty.

The council would have to decide whether new hires living outside the city, or city residents who moved outside during the moratorium period, would be allowed to continue working for the city if the moratorium were lifted and they continued to live outside Springfield.

Buscher said she would favor allowing people affected by the moratorium to continue to live outside the city if the council reactivated the rule.

Springfield first enacted a residency requirement in 1976, when about 6% of city employees lived outside the city and the city had the commission form of government, McMenamin said.

The City Council, by a 6-4 vote during the administration of former mayor Karen Hasara, did away with the requirement in 2000. Within four years, 20% of employees lived outside Springfield, McMenamin said.

By 2009, the nonresident figure was 30%, he said.

An advisory referendum on the topic in 2012 showed Springfield voters favored a residency requirement 59% to 41%. But the council didn't reinstate the requirement until 2016, when Jim Langfelder was mayor and campaigned in favor of the rule.

The requirement, which was opposed by some unions representing city workers, including police and firefighters, took effect in January 2017.

Among those voting in favor at that time were Turner, McMenamin and current Ward 9 Ald. Jim Donelan. Among those voting against were Ward 1 Ald. Chuck Redpath and Ward 10 Ald. Ralph Hanauer, both of whom joined Buscher in cosponsoring the proposed moratorium.

Since 2017, when the requirement took effect, the city has been successful in renegotiating labor contracts to require that all new hires – except those in the police department – are covered by the rule.

Based on *Illinois Times* interviews and discussion at the council's Oct. 24 meeting, the council's vote on the moratorium could

be close. The mayor generally casts a vote only when the council is deadlocked 5-5. Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory said he

"couldn't vote for anything like that. ... Anybody working for the city should live in the city and have pride in the city."

Drawing city employees from among city residents also helps promote racial diversity, he said, noting that nearby communities are almost all white, while Springfield's population is between 18% and 20% black. City government's workforce is 13.6% Black and more than 84% white, Buscher spokesperson Haley Wilson said.

McMenamin's successor, Ward 7 Ald. Brad Carlson, said he likes the idea of a moratorium.

"We want to hire the best and the brightest," he said. "Unless we get a big rush of applicants from the city of Springfield, I think we need to look beyond these arbitrary restrictions."

Redpath said: "The bottom line is we've got to get some people to come in and fill some gaps. We've got empty spots all over."

Ward 8 Ald. Erin Conley said, "I'm not real comfortable with telling people where they have to live. ... People aren't going to stop moving to Springfield to work here. This is a great place to live."

Ward 6 Ald. Jennifer Notariano said neither the mayor's office nor others involved in city hirings have "made the case for me" on the need for a moratorium. She said she has heard from constituents who are against a moratorium.

Ward 5 Ald. Lakeisha Purchase said she hasn't made up her mind on the issue, and her

constituents have expressed mixed feelings. Donelan said he is leaning toward voting

for the moratorium to see whether temporarily lifting the residency requirement would ease the city's recruitment challenges.

Doug Brown, CWLP's chief utility engineer, said the pandemic exacerbated problems the utility had for years recruiting electric linemen, accountants, lawyers, information technology staff and other office workers.

Increases in salaries for state employees have made it even harder for CWLP to compete, he said.

The city's residency requirement, Brown said, is "just a restriction that reduces the number of candidates to fill positions," especially when candidates are experienced and can command top salaries from employers that don't care where someone lives.

McMenamin said relief from the requirement could be targeted to specific jobs or categories, when needed, "without wholesale abandonment of the city's economic self-interest."



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Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory, left, with Ernestus Drake, owner of Drake Commercial Cleaning, who said the \$20,000 grant he received through the city's Cannabis Business Grant program helped his small business win new contracts, more than double its revenues and add employees. However, the program has now been paused. Mayor Misty Buscher ordered an internal audit of previous grant recipients and said the program operated "haphazardly" under the previous administration and "did not have proper oversight." See story on page 3 for more on this topic. PHOTO BY 1221 PHOTOGRAPHY

## LETTERS

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#### **REDIRECT FUNDS**

The allocation of cannabis revenue in Springfield raises important questions about responsible financial management and the prioritization of social initiatives ("Marijuana money mistakes," Oct 12). While it is commendable to support minority businesses, it is equally essential to ensure that these funds are utilized effectively, responsibly and transparently.

Supporting unorganized and inexperienced minority businesses without proper financial structures can lead to inefficiency and misuse of public funds. Transparent financial statements are crucial for accountability and ensuring that the funds are used for their intended purposes. If these businesses do not adhere to free market principles or lack financial transparency, it might be more prudent to redirect the funds elsewhere.

Secondly, focusing on mental health and homelessness initiatives is a strategic move. Mental health is a pressing issue that affects a significant portion of the population, and adequate funding can provide essential services and support for those in need. Similarly, addressing homelessness is a critical societal

challenge that demands immediate attention. By diverting funds to these initiatives, the city can directly impact the lives of its residents, fostering a safer and more supportive community. Kelvin Coburn Chatham

## **REDIRECT ATTENTION**

While the new mayor continues to spend her time trying to dig up dirt on the previous administration, she probably should focus more of her time on what's going on in the world around her - specifically, migrants being bused to Illinois daily. Chicago is at capacity to house these migrants, and it won't be long before they are sent to other cities throughout Illinois, like Springfield. Arthur Dunkin Via illinoistimes.com

#### **NOT THE FULL STORY**

The article regarding the city's new director appointment for the Office of Planning and Economic Development (OPED) halfheartedly noted two projects that needed further clarification ("Val Yazell returns to city government," Oct. 12).

First is regarding the NAACP Federal Block Grant funding for approximately \$45,000. This was lawfully permitted funding used to update the NAACP building during COVID. The funding was properly approved through the city's multi-approval process including the issuing department, the Office

of Budget and Management and the City Treasurer's Office.

The grant funds assisted students in the NAACP Back in School/Stay in School program to return to the classroom during the pandemic. The BIS/SIS program is for Springfield School District 186 students who are on the verge of dropping out of high school, with a graduation rate over 95%. This program benefits low-income students and families and epitomizes one of the national purposes for Federal Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Regarding the Helping Hands proposed Center for Health and Housing, the entire City Council, including myself, were in favor of the initiative. However, we differed on the location of the facility. Despite having viable options west of the 10<sup>th</sup> Street railroad tracks, the proposed location was on 11th Street and directly across the street from a day care/preschool.

With over three hours of contentious debate, the City Council passed the zoning request with an 8-2 vote. Both east-side minority City Council members voted against the zoning, while all their white counterparts voted in favor. Even an attempt to delay the zoning matter for 30 days, which is automatically given when requested by the impacted home city council member, was rejected with the same 8-2 vote.

What followed afterwards was a potential civil rights lawsuit, which most likely would have prevailed. Helping Hands consequently, and wisely, did not pursue the approved

location on 11th Street. A year later, the COVID pandemic was upon us and Helping Hands, Salvation Army and the Continuum of Care partners - which includes the hospitals, the city and the county – developed a functional-zero homeless strategy which is being implemented.

As for replacing city directors, that is any mayor's prerogative. During the COVID pandemic, OPED and Lincoln Library were not operating to the level to effectively serve our community. Consequently, I changed directors so the departments operated more effectively. I wish Mayor Misty Buscher and her directors success in doing what is in the best interest of our great city of Springfield. Jim Langfelder Springfield

## Silo Poem

When I was 16, working on the farm (lack of help due to the war) I was asked to drive a tractor. I was sitting in the barryard in the tractors seat reading the book I always kept in my pocket in case there was free time when Dad approached me saying, "When farming you can expect to spend about half your time on your ass!" Years later my brother's friend Ed Grutzner said, "Tell your dad that as a lawyer I now spend 9/10 of my time 'sitting on my ass!""

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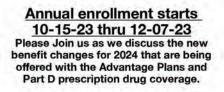
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## OPINION

## Enhancing penalties hasn't reduced Chicago gun violence

## **POLITICS** | Rich Miller

Back in May 2017, Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson traveled to Springfield and promised a House committee that passing a criminal penalty-enhancement bill he favored would drastically reduce gun crimes in his city.

The bill, SB1722, was sponsored by then-Sen. Kwame Raoul, who would run successfully for attorney general the following year. It sought to establish higher minimum prison terms for people convicted of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon for people who'd previously been convicted of various crimes. The bill would also increase penalties for unlawful use of a weapon by a felon.

Johnson was asked by committee member then-Rep. Christian Mitchell, D-Chicago, to estimate how many shootings, whether fatal or not, the legislature might prevent by passing the bill.

"I think over time, we will probably, we will cut it cut it down in half, to half," Johnson replied.

Asked if that might take three years, five years, 10 years, etc., Johnson said, "I don't think it would take that long. So I would say we

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would probably start seeing a reduction in less than a year."

Mitchell pressed further: "OK. So in less than a year. But certainly it's safe to say in three years, if we pass this bill, we should see about a half reduction in the shootings and crime in Chicago?"

Johnson: "The gun violence. Correct." The logic behind this claim, Johnson

explained, was that his data showed about 1,400 people were "driving most of the violence in Chicago." And those 1,400 people were very likely to qualify for the enhanced penalties. Get them off the street for longer periods and crime would plummet.

The bill passed both chambers by wide margins and was supported by members who a few years later would lead the charge to reform the criminal justice system. It was one of the last times the General Assembly would pass a major penalty-enhancement bill like that.

If you're a sentient being, you know that Johnson's confident prediction was wildly incorrect. Gun crimes did not plummet by 50%.

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up longer, however. Research by the Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council, an entity created by the General Assembly, showed that sentences rose after the law took effect in 2018.

"The mean sentence length for Aggravated UUW sentences with qualifying predicate convictions increased by about five months and the likelihood of a sentence of at least six years was about 3.2 times higher" than before the law took effect, the 2021 study found. And the average sentence length for UUW/Felon sentences with predicate convictions, "increased by about four months and the likelihood of a sentence of at least seven years was about 2.5 times higher than before the effective date."

Also of note, the prison sentences for UUW offenses that weren't specifically covered by the 2017 law Johnson backed "did not change," SPAC reported.

In other words, while more people have clearly been sentenced to more time in prison because of this law (particularly Black men from Cook County), gun crimes have just as clearly not been reduced by half, or even close to half. While certain violent crimes fell for a couple of years after the law took effect in January of 2018, they rose again during the pandemic. They've since started to wane, but to nowhere near the levels that Johnson boldly promised.

I'm telling you this because the Senate is set to take up a bill (SB853) which would extend several statutory sunset provisions, including those UUW changes made in 2017. The law had been set to expire in January of 2024, but the proposal would extend that deadline for another year.

This could be an interesting debate, and a political temperature check on the General Assembly. Illinois politicians have taken a lot of public heat over crime and the criminal justice reform bills they've passed. Allowing penalty enhancements to expire on repeat felony offenders, essentially letting them out of prison earlier than before, regardless of its impact on actual crime statistics would certainly be a bold move.

The bill is sponsored by Sen. Patrick Joyce, a conservative Democrat from Kankakee County who is up for reelection next year. The amendment containing the language unanimously passed Joyce's State Government Committee.

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This is an omnibus bill containing several sunset extensions. If the bill doesn't pass, a whole lot of laws could expire at the end of December because the General Assembly won't return until January at the earliest.

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**GUESTWORK** | David Kraft

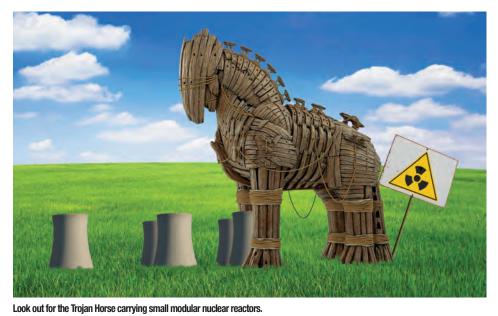
Most people are familiar with the story of the Trojan Horse – the "gift" that disguised destruction, at least for Troy.

When legislators reconvene in the fall veto session, they will be confronted with a legislative Trojan Horse called SB76 – a pro-nuclear power bill which Gov. Pritzker wisely vetoed this past spring. Nuclear advocates want this veto overridden. The legislature should reject that plan.

SB76 ostensibly was an attempt to repeal Illinois' 1987 nuclear construction moratorium, put into effect to protect Illinois from uncontrolled radioactive waste production. The moratorium is a temporary, conditional halt - not a ban conditioned on the federal government building an environmentally sound permanent disposal facility for the nation's now-90,000-plus tons of dangerous high-level radioactive wastes (HLRW) before Illinois will allow construction of new reactors to make more of it. This was supposed to be accomplished by 1997, a date and legal obligation the federal government missed, and has yet to meet. Consequently, Illinois has 11,000-plus tons of HLRW sitting onsite at nuclear plants, with no place for disposal.

Nuclear advocates have maligned the moratorium as "outdated" and "arbitrary." However, absent a federal nuclear waste disposal repository, the moratorium is clearly not "outdated;" and since no new reactors have added to Illinois' HLRW burden, it's not "arbitrary" – it's a success.

Pro-nuclear advocates introduced SB76 to promote "small modular nuclear reactors" (SMNRs), which are theoretical, untested "next-generation" nuclear power plant designs. It operated as a legislative Trojan Horse, ignoring HLRW, and instead promoting SMNR construction. This was explicit in SB76's introduction language, later amended inexplicably to remove that language. Then it was amended



again at the 11th hour, substituting language

again at the 11th hour, substituting language promoting a totally different kind of reactor, resulting in the governor's veto.

Gov. Pritzker correctly feared it would "open the door to the proliferation of large-scale nuclear reactors that are so costly to build that they will cause exorbitant ratepayer-funded bailouts" and provide "no regulatory protections or updates to address the health and safety of Illinois residents."

Undeterred by such legislative ineptness and demonstrated ignorance of SMNRs, the pro-nuclear faction wants to override the governor's veto. As a precaution they have also introduced SB2591 using the original SB76 language promoting SMNRs.

The devil resides in the details, and SMNR details fill a sizable portion of Energy Hell. Hoopla about the alleged "benefits" of SMNRs are merely nuclear industry marketing promises and wishful thinking for one simple, yet vastly important reason – SMNRs do not even exist yet, and will not be available in commercially meaningful numbers until the mid-2030s, and then only if their proposed designs actually work.

SMNRs are touted to "strengthen our local economies, provide job stability, support local businesses, and augment the tax base, consequently bolstering funding for local schools," according to state Sen. Sue Rezin, R-Morris. However, Illinois is already reaping all of these benefits at currently existing renewable energy facilities, adding more as more renewables and later energy storage are built.

Pro-nuclear advocates claim we need SMNRs to fight climate change, a claim challenged by two former Nuclear Regulatory Commission chairs – Dr. Gregory Jaczko and Dr. Allison Macfarlane – who unequivocally state that, "Nuclear energy cannot be a near-term, or perhaps even mediumterm, silver bullet for climate change. ... Nuclear energy will not be able to replace other forms of power generation quickly enough to achieve the levels of emission reduction necessary. ..." How can nonexistent reactors do that, compared to renewable energy resources that already do so?

Other worrisome SMNR devils not debated by the legislature include proposals to build SMNRs without protective containment buildings; eliminate emergency planning zones around reactors; and exemption from financial liability in case of accidents. Designs proposed would have fewer operators, plant personnel and even security staff, all to reduce costs (at the expense of safety?). So much for the "jobs engine" arguments. Per unit of power generated, they are predicted to cost more than today's already "bailed-out" reactors; and produce from 2 to 20 times more radioactive waste than current reactors, depending on the design.

SMNRs are proposed by an industry that can't build reactors on time; is rife with cost overruns; has recently endured three major nuclear-related corruption scandals (Ohio, South Carolina and Illinois); and already cannot compete in Illinois' energy market without needing \$3.05 billion in ratepayer-guaranteed bailouts.

SMNRs will mean: more radioactive waste without disposal; continued radioactive emissions and accident threat; potential for higher electric rates and more nuclear bailouts. SMNRs are not "compliments" to renewable energy, but competitors to renewables, both for market share and for already constrained transmission grid access. Consequently, they threaten Illinois' renewable energy goals in the Climate and Equity Jobs Act.

If the legislature truly supports safe, renewable energy, it will not override the governor's veto of SB76; and will not support more nuclear plants in Illinois' energy future. We don't need Illinois to become Troy. □

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## FEATURE

## **PERSONAL ESSAYS** | Karen Ackerman Witter

# this believe"

High school essay winners write from the heart

I found myself winding through the infamous "mile-long line" at Chicago O'Hare International Airport.

Yet, amid the wait, something changed. I took a few moments to take in my surroundings: Families clustered

with luggage, passports in hand; arrivals and departures boards disclosing imminent flights; flight attendants offering

warm salutations, ushering you toward your destination with wishes for a joyful journey ahead. An uncanny sense of

Growing up in an immigrant family, traveling thousands of miles to visit my grandparents was my norm. There

welcoming smiles at the gate. The symphony of rolling suitcases and the gleam of laminated floors underfoot; wall

art that extends hospitality in forms such as "Hello" and "Welcome" in a multitude of languages. The flight staffs

were no grand Thanksgiving feasts or festive Christmas gatherings; no "Granny's visiting soon because Dad and I

have work." Airports, for me, embodied a catalyst of cherished childhood memories - summer visits to Grandma

Frustration simmering within me, I whispered the famous words of every impatient child: "I hate this."

This I Believe is an annual essay contest for high school seniors sponsored by NPR Illinois. Modeled after the program started by radio journalist Edward R. Murrow in 1951, students are invited to write an essay sharing their own personal beliefs. This year, 151 students within the NPR Illinois listening area submitted essays. Ten reviewers each read a group of essays and scored them based on originality, positivity and being personal and compelling. Judges then reviewed and discussed the highest rated essays to select the 2023 top 10 essays.

High school seniors in Springfield and many communities throughout the NPR Illinois listening area submitted essays. This year's winners are from Glenwood, Hillsboro, Litchfield, Rochester and Sullivan high schools, A-C Central High School in Ashland, Meridian High School in Blue Mound and Unity Christian High School in Decatur.

This is the 18th year for This I Believe. The Rotary Club of Springfield Sunrise has been a partner from the beginning, providing a cash award to the 10 winners. This year each student will receive \$500, thanks to donations from the Rotary Club of Springfield Sunrise, BLH Computers and Mary Beth and Harvey M. Stephens. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) is hosting the culminating event, and Illinois Times is printing the winning essays.

Students will read their essays at the ALPLM on Thursday, Nov. 9. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the program starts at 6:30 p.m., followed by a dessert reception. The event is free and open to the public. Registration in advance is encouraged. To register for the Meet the Authors event, go to https://go.uis. edu/TIB.

and Grandpa's house in England, or Mama and Papa's in Hungary. Understandably, airports took on a deep personal significance, woven into the fabric of a childhood shaped by cross-continental connections. As I became more independent, airports assumed new roles: Igniting the flames of adventure, sparking discoveries, and kindling learning.

Airports also bring to mind the radiant smiles of Nicaraguan children who received soccer balls and school supplies from us during our visit - now many years ago. Airports conjure memories of the tradition of annual spring breaks spent with my mother, exploring various American cities, both to relax and to learn: Washington, D.C., unveiled the inner workings of the American democratic machine; Boston's historic sites painted a vivid picture of the Revolutionary War and our nation's formative years; San Francisco illuminated the rich tapestry of immigration and industry; and New York City bared its artistic soul through music and culture.

I believe there's an ethereal quality to the anonymity of airports. Yet, this very anonymity kindles a shared purpose - to reach one's destination collectively. Airports act as a crucible, uniting people from across the globe in their pursuit of diverse destinations - even when their intentions diverge. Moreover, airports signify potential beyond history. They encapsulate my aspiration to become an ambassador for my homeland - a global emissary, striking agreements, conveying messages and embracing diverse cultures.

Stepping back, I recognize that airports are not just personal to me. They have the power to inspire and connect people around the world. Airports, symbols of diplomatic collaboration, underscore respect and trust, allowing individuals to cross borders freely for leisure or exploration. But in a more figurative sense, airports foster emotions, experiences and inspiration, which are the keystones of human motivation.

In this intricate tapestry of experiences and aspirations, I find my unwavering belief in the power of airports. They are the vessels of dreams, the crossroads of cultures and the embodiment of limitless potential.

## I believe in big mouths and small mouthpieces

Angel Trader – Litchfield High School

As I blew air through the tiny mouthpiece of my trumpet, the sounds coming out just weren't correct. I was frustrated; I was ready to give up. All my fellow trumpet players were already hitting notes an octave higher than the note I was struggling with.

My band teacher could see all the built-up frustration I had. She then pulled out a new instrument I had never seen before. What could it be? My band teacher took the trumpet and offered me this new instrument to try. "The baritone," she called it. "It has a bigger mouthpiece. I think your mouth is too big for the tiny mouthpiece that comes with the trumpet." I was embarrassed, but now I realize this choice I made in the sixth grade was the best decision of my music career.

Music, for me, is an escape from reality. I can express myself through what I'm listening to, what and how I'm playing music, or what I have chosen to sing that day. It's a form of therapy that I have created for myself that is easily accessible. I have created friendships with people through band, choir and even just sharing a common love for music or a certain music genre. When I am stressing out about a school assignment or a math test, I put in my earbuds and lose myself to my newest favorite song as I write or study.

All this love came from the day I started playing the baritone. I have never been prouder to show off something new I've learned. As music became a more active part of my life, I realized that it was a love I wanted to share with other people. I serve as my marching band's drum major and share the love with my fellow band members as we learn a new drill. I am also able to share the love with the audience at football games as we perform our newest halftime show and with all the parents of our band members as they listen to our concert. I am honored to be a part of my school's Chamber Choir - an audition choir - where all our members share a common love for music. I can express these loves every day, in so many different settings, and I have found true happiness through this.

I have even decided to further share my love and study music. Music therapy is a form of interactive therapy that uses music to help the brain; this is what I have chosen to study in college. This way I can help others while also showing them how music can change lives. Music has changed my life for the better. It helped me find a healthy stress reliever and true happiness. I have now been in band for seven years and choir for six years. I couldn't imagine my life without music now. I believe in big mouths and small mouthpieces.



The power of airports

Mark McDonald – Rochester High School

belonging pervades these spaces.

## Magic in the mundane

Avery Hopper – Sullivan High School



I believe that there is magic all around us. Ever since I was young, my mind had been filled with all the magical possibilities in the world. While these ideas were influenced by many things, I believe that this gentle fire of ideas was sparked and maintained by my great-aunt, who encouraged every creative thought I spoke of. Fairies spreading joy in the garden, elves creating wonderful inventions in the forests and sleepy dragons who rested among their riches in the mountains. We spoke of each of these things so vividly that they almost became real to me.

I started to look for magic in every aspect of my life. I found the most mystical of ideas in the most ordinary scenarios. I would picture ghosts blowing bubbles in my drink to make the carbonation, generous merfolk placing seashells at my feet in ocean waters on vacation and giants in the shapes of clouds. I thought of all these things, and

# Being called weird is a compliment

Leilani Essien – Meridian High School

"What happened to my outgoing little girl?" It was a question I always found my mom asking me. "She learned that something is wrong with her," I would always respond in my head. I could never figure out what exactly was wrong with me, but I knew that my peers figured it out: I was out of place.

I felt this for the first time in first grade when I excitedly walked up to my friends, ready to join them for recess – and they turned me away, saying they didn't want me around that day, so they could have fun. I left, upset, and spent my time walking around the playground alone.

This pattern continued until the third grade, when I moved schools. My mom was optimistic that I would fit in there; but I, on the other hand, was dreading the moment when my classmates would take one look at me and decide I'm not good enough. When the first day of school rolled around, my fears were proven true. I once again they each filled me with a cheery sense of wonder.

My great-aunt was my biggest fan. She would read the crude scribbles of stories I wrote in twistable colored pencil, admire the rough crayon doodles I handed her and always listen to me babble on about the newest idea I'd come up with. She told me of classic and timeless stories, such as the Brothers Grimm fairy tales, she showed me games that contained magic creatures and she was always open to watching the most imaginative cartoons with me.

I wish so desperately that I could share the new stories I've written with her, that I could show her how much I've improved at art, and that I could listen to a story from her one last time, but even the most magical of people fade away one day. I lost my great-aunt to cancer a few years ago. I lost my first best friend and one of my biggest supporters, but I never lost my creative spirit. She would never forgive me if I did.

I know now that carbonation is from the liquid being infused with CO2, that finding seashells is more of a luck-based thing than I originally thought and that clouds just kind of look like that. However, I will never let go of the ideas that I used to have, nor will I stop thinking up new ones. Despite things having a more scientific side than I had hoped, I still find a childlike joy in the thought that there is a greater force of some kind out there, that things happen for a reason and that there is no such thing as truly impossible.

Humans are creative little creatures, and dreaming big is something we're known for. So why should I be told to stop daydreaming about the more whimsical things life might have to offer?

spent my recesses alone, but this time on the swings. As I swung, I watched everyone on the playground and listened to their chatter. "I feel like an alien," I once thought while I watched a group of laughing girls pass by. "Maybe I am an alien."

After school, I would also sit alone, leaning against the window on a bumpy bus ride. I was doing just that when something cold and wet hit my head. I looked up to see that it was pouring outside, and the windows had been left hanging open. I, along with others on the bus, rushed to close the windows near me. Once I had closed my window, I looked around to see if everything else was shut and caught the eye of a girl with long red hair. "I like your shirt!" I blurted out, surprising myself. I mentally facepalmed. I didn't even actually like her shirt! Why did I say that? "Thanks," she said smiling, and suddenly my blatant lie didn't seem to matter anymore. "My name's Lydia, what's yours?"

Lydia became my first real friend. She never asked me to leave her alone, and she always laughed at my jokes. Being odd didn't seem to matter anymore because I had someone to be odd with. When Lydia would get called weird, she would always reply, "Thank you, that's a compliment." I started saying that as well – and eventually started to believe it.

When middle school came about, we went to different schools, but I still carried her words with me. I kept growing my confidence and became OK with standing out. I started joining activities like drama club, and I even became a cheerleader last year. It has now been 10 years since I met Lydia, and I still believe being called weird is a compliment.



I believe in sewing. When I was a young child, I often had to deal with abusive and toxic situations. I can't count on my hands how many times I wanted to run away from it all. However, I would soon find my wonderful little escape – sewing.

When I was 9 years old, I lost my great-grandpa. I always looked up to him and I knew everyone else did too. After his death, I could only think about how horrible my great-grandma, his wife, must have felt. I decided that I wanted to make her a gift, something for her to look at and smile. I took up my needle and thread for the

first time and embroidered her a small tea towel. She was so happy when she saw it, and she still has it hanging up to this day. I felt proud and accomplished for the first time in many years – and from that day forward, I was hooked.

I have often watched the needle on my sewing machine run in and out of the fabric, like a rabbit running through the woods. I continue to find solace in watching it. Sewing is a very therapeutic hobby for me. Sewing allows me to escape and just dream of a happier future.

Sewing is now a part of my daily life. Whenever I feel lost or depressed, my needle and thread sit, waiting to listen. My hands have learned all new skills; my pillows and clothes have become more intricate. I feel proud of what I can do. Showing off my work makes me feel good and has helped immensely to restore my self-confidence. I am my own amazing person, but I needed that needle and thread to show me that.

I'm much older than I was when I started using sewing as a refuge, but sewing never left my heart or my hands. Sometimes I just love to watch the needle plunge deep into the fabric before quickly emerging back through the top. The gentle and simple motion of the sewing machine is relaxing and a beautiful reminder of just how far I have come – and how far I have left to go. I know that whether by hand or machine, that sewing will always be there for me when I need it – my own little sanctuary.

## Blood doesn't equal family

Emilie Harrison – Unity Christian School

Sometimes a biological family isn't going to be the people you need in your life. In my case, I was adopted when I was 4 years old after a lengthy court battle between my family and my biological mother. From the beginning, she had said she couldn't take care of a child and didn't want one. As soon as it came time for the finalization, she brought my family to court and fought it. Instead of an easy process, it was long and painful for all parties. I still

had to visit her, but I never remember considering her a parent of mine.

Soon, my birth mother lost interest. I stopped seeing her early on. When I realized I wasn't going to see her again, I sadly felt a sense of relief. At that time, I was just appreciative I would stop bouncing between homes. My memories of her have slipped away by now, and I've moved on. It has never mattered to me that I was adopted. Instead, I'm grateful for the gift of someone to care for me.

Unfit blood parents cause countless issues for their children by selfishly dragging the kids into their problems, just as mine did. It can be necessary for those children to find other parents – people ready and willing to take on the responsibility of having a child. Even friends can be family, anyone close ... you never know who will end up having that sort of connection with you.

I was given a second chance. As I grow, I've found better people to influence me and be a part of my life. Since I was privileged to have been adopted, I have access to a good education and support through anything that may happen – something I would have never experienced otherwise. Despite the absence of biological family in my life, I will never regret not knowing them. Blood or not, I believe family is what you make, not what you are born into.

## FEATURE

## I believe in long nails

Marianna Lowe – Hillsboro High School

My hands are red and pruny from being in my mouth too long. There is a slight discharge of blood from one nail bed.

I can't stop

I wish I could keep biting and picking at my fingers, but my hands feel like they are submerged in a tank of piranhas. My heart is swimming with them.

Biting my nails was the only way I knew how to cope with stress. I grew up in a house where the minute I heard a loud sound, I knew it was going to be a long night. My mother's boyfriend was on his first beer – and there were many more to come. First, it was doors smashing into their frames, then cabinets cracking from force, and sometimes it was glass being reduced to shards.

When this violent behavior occurred, I didn't have time to cower in a corner and pray that he wouldn't come into my room. I had to go into the inferno. I was the one who cleaned up the glass. I was the one clearing the endless Guinness cans off the counter. In between these chores, I gnawed at my fingers, savoring every bite that I took. I chewed them until they started bleeding and sometimes, I moved down my fingers, pulling and tearing at my skin. The mutilation was painful, but it was my reward. Like an extra suitcase, my habit followed me right out the door when we finally left.

Despite the distance and growth I've enjoyed since this time, there are days where I am in so much distress that all I want to do is rip my hands apart and bite them until they bleed. But then, I remember the pain, and I never want to feel it again. After all, I have learned to cope – through a lot of therapy, obviously – but also by getting my nails done. I would save up my money, head to the nail salon, and get the longest, practical nails available. Despite tending to wear drab clothes, my go-to nail colors became lavender, rosy future, and bubblegum pink.

Now, I look at my hands, and the corners of my lips reach my ears. I love having long nails. I love ceaselessly tapping on every surface in the house. I love the struggle of picking up change because I cannot get the right angle with my nails. And now, I love being able to just get my natural nails painted because they've been allowed to grow long enough to pass as acrylics.

This is why I believe in long nails. To me, they are so much more than a fashion accessory: Nails are a reminder to care for myself – the self that deserved care all along.



When I was about 8 years old, I went to a camp called PAVE. It was a theater camp, and at the end of every session, we would put on a play for all the parents. This particular session, there was a friendship bracelet fad. Our art teacher tried to teach us how to make them, but for some reason, I never "got it." The process of tying a bunch of strings together and ending up with a bracelet was too confusing. At the end of the session, the other kids in my group had arms covered in bracelets that they exchanged with each other. I pretended not to mind that all my friends had a physical symbol of their friendship while I didn't.

Eventually, that fad ended. Before I knew it, I was 16, and about to enter my junior year of high school. I hadn't

thought about friendship bracelets for years, until my family was coming home from vacation. I was scrolling through Instagram when I saw a video of someone making a bracelet. I initially thought nothing of it and scrolled past. However, a few hours later, I found myself searching "how to tie friendship bracelet knots," and "how to read friendship bracelet patterns." By that evening, I had watched at least five tutorial videos.

I don't know what compelled me to learn to make friendship bracelets. I wish I could give that particular day sentimental value, but I think I was fueled through pure teenage boredom. The thing that kept me making these bracelets at first was the show I was in, *Matilda*. I was the oldest person playing a kid. The younger kids in the show looked up to me, and I wanted to make them all something to remember me by.

I really thought that would be the end of an era, and by the beginning of the school year I would be out of my bracelet phase, but I was wrong. Every show I was in, every new friend I made, even every time I was bored, I would make a bracelet. When I was a camp counselor at PAVE, I sat down with every kid that was interested and taught them how to make bracelets too. Now my arms are covered in bracelets, and even more line my bathroom counter.

As a kid, I wanted so badly to be like everyone else, and I felt like I stuck out – but not in a good way. Now, I embrace all those personality traits that younger me was ashamed of. I'm bold, I'm loud, I'm outgoing – and now, I try to pass along this acceptance to the younger kids who look up to me. I like that my love for bracelets makes me stand out, and I hope that by being myself, I influence the kids who look up to me to be proud of who they are.

## Finding the quiet in your life

Amy Yang – Glenwood High School



I am not a morning person. I am the definition of a night owl, and yet I find myself waking up to the sound of my alarm ringing at 5 a.m. I reach over to stop the jarring sound and drag myself out of bed. Still half asleep, I go through the motions of my routine. After I mentally prepare myself for the day ahead of me (and wake myself up a little more), I slide into my car.

The drive is quiet; the roads are empty and all I hear is the sound of my music playing in the background. This moment of peace is one of the (few) benefits of waking up this early. There is a sense of serenity driving down empty roads, the sky still dark, not yet illuminated by the sun. I may be driving towards the ice rink, a place full of bright lights, sounds and expectations, but in these 20 short minutes, it is quiet.

I've always been called loud. My voice can be heard across rooms, through walls, permeating through the

air. I laugh easily and talk even easier. Excitement causes my voice to have a mind of its own, words falling out of my mouth in quick succession. Even skating is dependent on sound, with my role being to perform according to my music. My life is defined by sound: When it's not filled with the sound of my own voice, it's filled with the sounds of others or music blasting through my headphones. It seems like there are rarely any moments of true silence in my life, but during this short 20-minute drive to the rink, my life quiets.

In an all-too-hectic world, it is often hard to justify taking a break. It feels out of place in such a fastpaced society. I'm often left feeling like the world is pushing me to match the constant movement it's experiencing, allotting no time for silence or breaks, lest it leaves me behind.

But during these slow, early morning drives, I'm reminded to admire the beauty in the quiet and to enjoy the peace that comes with stillness. And while it may be my still half-asleep self talking, in these early mornings I am no longer burdened by the stresses and fears that normally weigh me down. I find myself simply existing in the world.

My friends will think it's ironic that I am writing an essay about quiet when I am so rarely it, but quiet isn't necessarily just the absence of sound. Quiet is the calm right before my music starts at competitions. It's the world turning around me during a spin and the minute my blade lands back on ice after a jump. It's the moment the sun starts to rise after an all-nighter. Quiet is the 20-minute drive to the rink. And so, I believe that quiet is everywhere – you just have to allow yourself to slow down enough to recognize it.

## I believe in breakups

Lily Churchwell - Hillsboro High School



#### "We need to talk"

The glow behind the letters dims and goes dark. I'm at my friend Sophie's house, listening to Harry Styles's new album, when I get the "we need to talk" text from Ethan [name has been changed to protect the identity of jerk]. At first, I don't think anything of it, because we're already planning on hanging out with a group of friends next Sunday. However, when I start asking follow-up questions and getting terse answers, my heart starts to race. He is breaking up with me.

#### "I just think this is better for the both of us"

My stomach is being pushed down to the depths of the earth. Tears fall into the white porcelain sink. I look up into the mirror to see my glassy red eyes in the reflection before staring daggers through the obnoxious pink

hand towel with a smiley face on it.

#### What did I do? How can I get him back? Did I change?

This breakup put me into a weirdly dark place, where I start thinking of myself through the eyes of others, rather than my own. When getting dressed, I intricately choose clothing that will be the most pleasing for dudes to look at. I strive to look effortless, even though I care too much because: *Guys like girls who aren't afraid to show skin.* I also change my personality because: *Guys don't like loud girls.* I remain silent in class discussions, so my questions won't be viewed as dumb. This becomes a problem so severe that it affects my understanding of classroom material because I'm just too afraid to ask for help. Looking around, I start to see the signs. My grades are slowly dropping and my oversized Jonas Brothers T-shirt in the closet is collecting dust. This realization hit me like a bus – a bus going a trillion miles an hour.

## Why was I doing this? I'm not planning on pursuing anything with any of these boys in my life, so why do I want to please them so much? Why did I become this person? I'm not like this. This isn't me.

Now, I wear my Jonas Brothers shirt frequently and don't give it a second thought, because it pleases me. I want to be who I really am, rather than what I assume a guy wants me to be. A single text message turned my world upside down. However, I used my mental dilemma to better my self-perception. I believe in forming a sense of self that is only dependent on what makes me happy. This is why I believe in breakups.



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# Bring back the bison

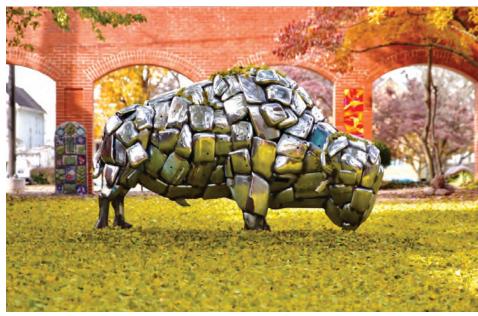
Art Association to fund restoration

## ART | Karen Ackerman Witter

The shiny silver buffalo on the grounds of the Springfield Art Association (SAA), 700 North Fourth Street, is a beloved community icon that is now in need of restoration. John Kearney, a Chicago-based artist, created the 800-pound sculpture out of chrome car bumpers. The "Bicentennial Bison" was installed Oct. 18, 1975, in the SAA courtyard. In 1992 *Illinois Times* reported that the Bicentennial Bison was a surprise winner in the Best of Springfield, "Best Public Art" category.

William Bealmer, director of the SAA at the time, said in an *Illinois Times* article from Oct. 30, 1975, they "commissioned this particular sculpture with children in mind." Indeed, many generations have enjoyed seeing and climbing on the sculpture. After nearly 50 years of being loved and exposed to the elements, the buffalo needs some joint repairs and polishing.

Kearney died in 2014. His longtime assistant, John Keith, is now traveling the country to identify pieces that need work and is doing repairs and restoration in Kearney's old studio and foundry in Chicago. The SAA's silver buffalo will travel to Chicago this winter where it will be buffed, cleaned and sections removed and re-chromed.



The Bicentennial Bison has been grazing the Springfield Art Association grounds since Oct. 18, 1975, one month after *Illinois Times* began publishing.

Kearney worked almost exclusively in chrome car bumpers. Betsy Dollar, SAA executive director, describes his work as an early form of creative recycling. Another local example of his work is the white-tailed deer sculpture which was installed outside the visitor center in the State Capitol Complex in 1994. To raise the \$20,000 that is needed for

the restoration, the SAA is sponsoring a Western-style "Buffalo Bonanza" extravaganza on Saturday, Nov. 4, 6:30-9:30 p.m. This family-friendly evening will feature food and entertainment including heavy hors d'oeuvres from Cured Catering, line dancing led by Prairie Land Dance Club, a performance by Chris Camp the Whip Guy and opportunities to tell your buffalo stories. Dollar says this event will be a lot of fun and crazy different from the many other events and programs presented by the SAA. Register online at https://www. springfieldart.org/buffalo-bonanza.html or call 217-523-2631 and pay at the door. The event will also support the SAA's mission of providing art education opportunities for the greater Springfield community.

Unfortunately, the SAA has limited information about how the Bicentennial Bison project was conceived and paid for nearly a half century ago. They welcome hearing memories that longtime residents may have from when the sculpture was first created, as well as personal stories of enjoying this icon over the years. Call 217-523-2631 or email director@springfieldart. org to share your stories or post your comments on Facebook at www.facebook. com/springfieldart. □

## Illinois Times digital archives 1975-2014 now accessible

Somewhat surprisingly, the Springfield Art Association did not know the exact date its Bicentennial Bison was installed. An *Illinois Times* article from Oct. 30, 1975, *Making a Metal Buffalo*, revealed the date was Oct. 18, 1975. Until recently, *Illinois Times* issues from its beginning on Sept. 18, 1975, through Aug. 28, 2014 were not accessible online. Thanks to Stephanie Martin and Curtis Mann at Lincoln Library's Sangamon Valley Collection, these issues are now accessible. Lincoln Library, the public library of Springfield, worked with Fletcher Farrar to get *Illinois Times* microfilm digitized and accessible on Newspapers.com. The 1975-2014 digitized *Illinois Times* can be browsed and searched through the computers on the third floor of Lincoln Library, 326 S. 7<sup>th</sup> St. This proved valuable for researching the history of the SAA's buffalo. *IT* articles from Sept. 2014 to the present are accessible in a searchable format at www.illinoistimes.com/.



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ART

# **Presidential hopefuls**

Three Illinoisans and their tries for the top

**BOOKS** | Robert D. Sampson

Ten years ago, I mentioned the name Chuck Percy in a college classroom only to receive, rather than nods of recognition, perplexed gazes. Another sign of a new generation gap and the ruthlessness of time. More and more, the political giants who dominated the baby boomers' years – Paul Douglas, Everett Dirksen, James Thompson, and Alan Dixon – are unknown to succeeding generations.

Perhaps Robert E. Hartley's latest book, *Obsessed*, relating the presidential hopes of U.S. senators Percy, Adlai Stevenson III and Paul Simon, will rekindle their dampened fires.

As a newspaper reporter and later a congressional aide, it was my great luck to see not only Hartley's subjects in action but most of the others named above. Who could forget Dixon firing up a crowd at the Illinois State Fair, and Thompson prowling the groups to shake hands, eat corn dogs, and make new friends?

Having written 11 books on Illinois politics, including biographies of Thompson, Percy, Simon and, in another category, Paul Powell, no one does 20<sup>th</sup> century Illinois political histories better than Hartley, who writes like the journalist he was and the careful and perceptive historian he is. His new book examines the three men – Percy, Adlai III, and Simon – each significant figures on the state and national scenes who shared, albeit briefly save for the latter, the presidential "bug."

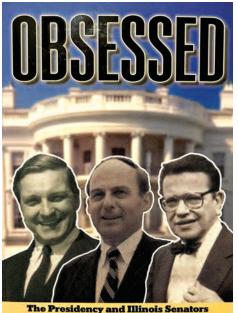
Not an apologist for any of his subjects, Hartley criticizes their mistakes and weaknesses. Given the climate of recent politics, it is hard to comprehend that Percy, a moderate-to-liberal Republican, was seen as a potential GOP nominee. Or that the awkward Adlai III was, albeit briefly, a contender in 1976. Simon, the only of the three to get into the arena, flickered for a moment and then fell into the tiger pits skillfully avoided by one of his successors, Barack Obama.

Carefully outlining Percy's rise in Republican inner circles during the Eisenhower years and his stunning defeat of incumbent Senator Paul Douglas in 1966 that made him a national figure, Hartley examines the multitude of reasons that, although a reasonably successful and telegenic senator, he never climbed the predicted ladder to the Oval Office.

For me, Adlai III's presidential hopes were the most surprising. Hartley details the future U.S. senator's ties to Mayor Richard J. Daley. But Adlai III's perhaps inherited penchant for indecisiveness and sending mixed signals proved a fatal flaw to his presidential hopes, which ended before his entering the 1976 Democratic primaries.

Percy too had difficulty with decisions. His best chance came in 1976 but to run he must challenge the unelected President Gerald Ford in the primaries – and if unsuccessful try to retain his senate seat two years later. For Percy, Hartley writes, "it wasn't worth the risk."

In his mind, Adlai III, Hartley writes, saw the "presidency at every turn in the road," an "inevitable" path, aided by his "not-so-secret weapon . . . Richard J. Daley." The best chance was the wide open 1976 Democratic primaries but "he played the waiting game," illogically expecting a "draft." Ending speculation in November 1975, Stevenson announced he was not running (though he made a behind-the-scenes effort for the vice-presidential nomination). When push came to shove and it was time for raising money and jumping into the rugged routine of the primaries, "he did not want the nomination enough to fight for it."



Percy, Stevenson III and Simon By Robert E. Hartley

Obsessed: The Presidency and Illinois Senators Percy, Stevenson III, and Simon, Robert E. Hartley. Xlibris, 2023, 320 pages, illustrations, bibliography, index. \$24.99, paper. Available at Books on the Square, Springfield, and at amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com.

Simon's main mistake, Hartley believes, was his hesitancy to enter the 1988 race. Like Adlai III 12 years earlier, he hesitated until other candidates had snatched valuable campaign staff and funding, waiting until eight months before the Iowa caucuses to jump in. Though the late-entry tactic had worked before in state campaigns, it was a risky move at the national level. Simon enjoyed some early success and consistently raised ideas faster than his opponents, but "he did not have enough time and money to sell them to media, voters and congressional colleagues."

Still, Simon surpassed the others' efforts. Beloved by Illinois voters (not unlike his idol Paul Douglas), Simon continued in office until voluntarily stepping down in 1996, going on to create a public affairs institute at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Hartley is tough on Simon in some passages. Yet overall, he admires Simon's political rise and conduct in office.

This book may correct a regrettable tendency. We often forget that there were – and are – fine people in Illinois politics serving at all levels with integrity and concern for the public interest. Too often some retreat into an imagined world where "giants" strode through our politics, seeming superior by comparison to those who succeeded them.

Hartley's book corrects such tendencies by showing public servants with virtues and faults, ambitions, and failures, who tried to do the best they could in their times and circumstances. And for a moment, each of the three dreamed of occupying the White House, something finally achieved by another U.S. senator from Illinois in the  $21^{st}$  century.

Robert D. Sampson is the editor of the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society. As a newspaper reporter between 1972 and 1982, he covered Percy, Adlai III, and Simon. His latest book is Ballists, Dead Beats, and Muffins: Inside Early Baseball in Illinois (University of Illinois Press).



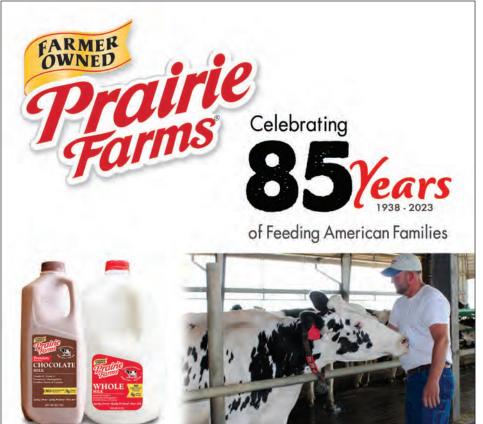


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# **Sauerbraten memories**

Reliving the Berghoff with Dad

**FOOD** | Peter Glatz

I grew up In Arlington Heights, a suburb about 30 miles from Chicago. Depending on traffic, driving downtown could take up to an hour, so our trips into the city were infrequent and usually reserved for special occasions. Once a year for my birthday, my father would take me to one of Chicago's museums or Wrigley Field for a Cubs game. For lunch, we'd always go to the Berghoff, a venerable Chicago German restaurant that had been around since 1898.

The dark-oak interior of the Berghoff was adorned with vintage murals depicting old Chicago and the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893 and the stately dining rooms were always crowded during lunch. My father wisely opted to take his fidgety, hyperactive son into the swifter-moving adjacent Berghoff Bar for a sandwich and a frosty stein of Berghoff root beer. The deep, narrow bar room had no chairs, just a long bar with a brass footrail. You'd order your food from the sandwich station and try to find an open place to stand at the bar. Before I grew tall enough, my father would lift me and sit me on the bar top. I'd always order the sauerbraten sandwich on rye. Sauerbraten is a German pot roast that has been marinated for several days in red wine and vinegar. The long marination period tenderizes the beef and imparts a sweetsour flavor. To this day, it's remained one of my favorite food memories from my childhood.

Back then, the Berghoff Bar was a men'sonly establishment. A small sign stated that it was a "Gentleman's Stand Up Bar." The ban on women ended in 1969 when several members of the National Organization for Women entered the bar and demanded service, which they were granted. Gloria Steinem, the organization's head, stopped by for a photo op a few days later. The bar has been desegregated ever since.

I was married 50 years ago, during the summer between my sophomore and junior years at the University of Illinois. The year was 1973 and I was only 20. We lived in a mobile home off-campus and were the only ones among our friends with a big enough place to host a dinner party. I invited my German class over for an Oktoberfest dinner and tried to recreate my beloved Berghoff Sauerbraten.

When my guests arrived, I was well into my second glass of Ernest and Julio Gallo's Rhine Wine, a step up from Boone's Farm. The legal age for buying wine and beer had just



Sauerbraten with ginger snap gravy. PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

dropped from 21 to 18. I hadn't yet mastered the art of cooking and socializing at the same time (that didn't happen until I had kids), and my young brain was a bit impaired from the wine, so when I reached for the yellow box of cornstarch to thicken the gravy for my sauerbraten, I grabbed the wrong, but similar-looking, yellow box, which turned out to be baking soda. The guests started shouting - in German and English - as a volcanic river of purple foam began gushing out of the sauerbraten pot onto the stovetop and down to the floor. By accidentally mixing the sauerbraten's acidic vinegar and red wine marinade with baking soda, I had inadvertently re-created my grade-school science fair demonstration of what happens when you combine an acid with a base.

After the purple foam subsided, I did the best I could with the remaining marinade, but my gravy lacked brightness and acidity. It was 50 years before I gave sauerbraten another try.

## Sauerbraten

*Be sure to plan ahead. This preparation needs several days to marinate in the fridge.* Ingredients

For the marinade: 1 cup red wine vinegar

- 2 cups red wine
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon whole peppercorns
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt 4 bay leaves, crumbled 6 whole cloves 2 cloves garlic, smashed
- Peel from 1 lemon (remove with a vegetable peeler) 2 cups coarsely chopped onion
- 2 caps coarsely enopped onion
  1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
  3 stalks celery, coarsely chopped
  2 carrots, coarsely chopped
- A handful of parsley stems 2-6 pounds of beef roast suitable for braising, such
- as top round, chuck roast or brisket

To braise the beef:

3 tablespoons vegetable oil or bacon fat 2 cups low sodium beef stock, plus additional if necessary

#### To make the gravy:

6 gingersnap cookies, placed in a plastic bag and crushed 1 tablespoon cornstarch

Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

#### Preparation

Combine the ingredients for the marinade in a large nonreactive container big enough to hold both the meat and marinade; stir to dissolve the salt and sugar, and put a small plate on top to keep the beef submerged. Refrigerate for 3-5 days, turning the beef once or twice daily.

Take the beef from the refrigerator two hours before beginning to braise it. Strain the marinade into a saucepan. Pat the meat dry, put it on a rack, and let it come to room temperature. Preheat the oven to 325° F.

Combine the strained marinade and beef stock in a saucepan and place on low heat.

In a large nonreactive Dutch oven or pot with a tight-fitting lid big enough to hold the roast, heat the oil over medium-high heat until it is hot but not smoking.

Put the beef in the pot and brown the top and bottom well. Remove the meat and pour off any excess fat. Place the beef back in the pot and add enough stock and marinade so that the liquid comes about 1/3 of the way up the roast.

Bring the pot to a boil, then cover with lid and braise in the oven for 1 1/2 hours. Turn the meat, replace the lid, and continue braising until the meat is very tender, at least another 1 1/2 hours or longer, depending on the roast's size. Throughout the entire cooking time, baste with the marinade/stock about every 30 minutes.

Remove the meat from the pot and keep it warm. Stir in the crushed ginger snaps and bring to a boil. Whisk the cornstarch with a little water to create a slurry. A bit at a time, add the cornstarch slurry to the pot, whisking constantly until the gravy thickens.

Slice the sauerbraten against the grain and place it on a warm platter. If necessary, strain the sauce again. Serve the sauerbraten with some of the gravy spooned over the slices; pass the remaining gravy separately.

Leftover sauerbraten makes wonderful sandwiches. □



## MUSIC

# **Hello November music**

**NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin** 

It's hard to believe – or maybe it isn't – that we are into the first weekend of November 2023. We sneaked through October with some warmer-than-usual weather, allowing for pleasant enough outdoor music activities for longer-than-normal, but the time for cessation of most live music outdoors is here. Nevertheless, our intrepid readers know that doesn't mean any less of a robust music scene. So let's see what we have to offer our eyes and ears, and even our feet with those dancing shoes on, during this week's music muster.

First, let's take a moment to salute our Best of Springfield 2023 winners, especially in the music entertainment category, since it's always hard-fought and quite personal, as mostly we're voting for actual people, not places of business and the like. Is it a popularity contest as some wags like to point out? Why yes, it is to a degree, but the voting also brings attention to the scene as a whole, getting us interested in and talking about our music-makers. Those who were nominated or simply voted for at all levels are as much a part of the process as the top vote-getters and just as vital and important to what goes on in music around here. While that may sound sentimental or idealistic, I believe it to be true. So let us congratulate all of you, who participated in any and every way, for being part of how things happen when a music community coalesces, cares and grows. Hip, hip hooray and off to next year to see what the Best of Springfield for 2024 has to offer us.

Second, let's take another moment, this time to salute the Springfield Area Arts Council and all the good work it does supporting the arts throughout the year. Formed in 1976 and currently ably and honorably led by executive director Sheila Walk (through the end of the year and possibly beyond), the council is responsible for First Night Springfield, Artist on the Plaza, Art After Hours, Friday Night Jazz and Blues, Music at the Market and other events, as well as distributing grants to art organizations and individual artists, plus doing plenty more stuff you and I will never know about. So if you appreciate any or all of what's happening here, come help out this Saturday by attending a trivia night fundraiser (hosted by the one-andonly Troy "The Quizinator" Roark), at the Hoogland Center for the Arts. Go to either the SAAC website or the Hoogland's for



Peaches and Bacon perform at Stella Coffee and Tea this Saturday morning.

more information, and we hope to see you there.

After that paragraph, we would be amiss to not report that Friday Night Jazz and Blues (organized and sponsored by the SAAC) at Boone's for November begins with the man, the myth and the mighty fine singer, Johnnie Owens, joined by his friends (and he's got plenty) this Friday evening from 5:30 to 7:30. The weekly event lineup continues on through the month, respectively, with Mr. "N'Treble" (aka Charles Tiner), Illinois College Jazz Ensemble and Professional Development. Please support your local musicians and the SAAC whenever possible.

To finish up, let's go to a couple nonalcoholic drink establishments, just for fun. I spy my friend and top-notch singer, songwriter and musician, Stuart Smith, playing at The Wakery in downtown Springfield on Friday night, then Peaches and Bacon, an old-timey, eloquent duo of fiddle and banjo performing at Stella Coffee and Tea on Saturday morning.

Be sure to check our music listings for all the other events, then see you next week.  $\Box$ 





November 8, 2023 at Illini Country Club Cocktails and Dinner 5:30 pm Program 7:00pm mywacci.org

## The Korea Connection: Trade, Tourism, Education, Music and More

A delegation representing the Republic of Korea, the U.S. Department of State, and the Korea Economic Institute will explore the ties between Illinois and the Republic of Korea, cultural, economic, political and military.

The speakers will address political, security, economic, financial, and cultural issues of the Korean Peninsula and U.S.- Korea relations. They will discuss promising connections and how we can address some of the greatest challenges.

Reservations are required for Dinner. Cost of dinner is \$40/person. Prepayment is required. Contact Lynn McMenamin 217-502-6956 or lcm1300@aol.com The Presentation is FREE and open to the public

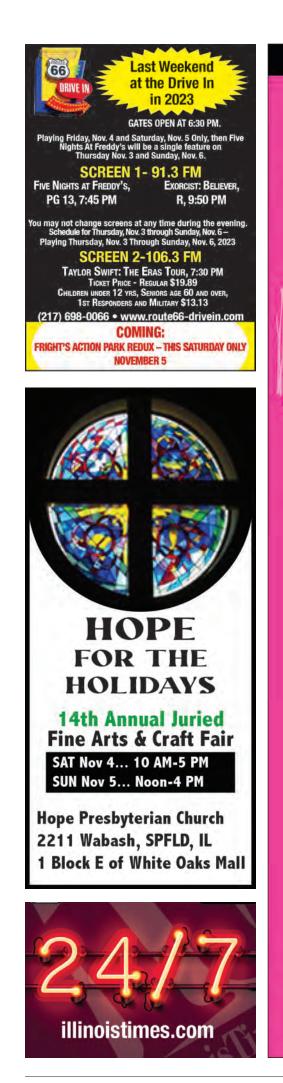


#### by Artist-in-Residence Tim Crawford An Our Stage / Our Voices play-in-progress

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## Thursday

**Nov 2** 

Sam and Kortney open mic The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-11pm

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

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

## Friday

Nov 3

Matt Poss The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

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

Friday Night Jazz - Johnnie Owens and Silk Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

Roxschool Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Wayward Motel Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7pm

**Chris "Red" Blisset** George Rank's, 7-10pm

Brandon Santini Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Band Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm and Nov. 4, 7-10:30pm

After School Special Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8pm

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

Stand Alone Steves Northern Lights Lounge, 8pm

The Collective Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 8pm

Stuart Smith The Wakery, 7-9pm

## Saturday

Nov 4

Matt Combs 1st and 3rd Boutique and Wine Bar, Petersburg, 3-6pm

**Wowie Zowie** The Blue Grouch Pub, 7pm

Buzzed Karaoke with DJ Smokey J Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 6-10pm

**Revel in Red** Curve Inn, 6pm

Bella Cain Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

**Wood 'N' Nickel Society** Don's Place, Jacksonville, 3pm

Suns of Circumstance George Rank's, 8pm

Eric Hagen Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 7-10pm Brushville

The Hangout Bar & Grill, Jacksonville, 8:30pm Joel Gragg & The Filaments Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Branded JB's Hideout, Blue Mound, 8pm

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

The Cocktails Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm-12am

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

Rod Grant Pier 55 Lounge, 8-11pm

Jason McKenzie The Range Bourbon & Brew, Chatham, 3-6pm

Joel Honey Slauterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn, 6pm

Peaches and Bacon Stella Coffee & Tea, 10am-12:30pm

**Voodoo Exiles** Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-11pm

Thomas J Beverly Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 7:30-10:30pm

## Sunday

Nov 5

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

Mary Jo Curry Band Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 2-5pm

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

**Isaiah Christian** Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm



Sarah Schneider It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Antone DeRocchi Lucky's on the Square, Petersburg, 3-4pm

Father Hank & The Hammerheads Mama Lee's Sandbar, 4pm

**Michael Charles** Pop's Place, Decatur, 12pm

**Al and Kathy Kitchen** Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-7pm

Kortney Leatherwood Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 2-5pm

## Monday

Nov 6

Michael Charles The Alamo, 7-10am

**Al Kitchen** Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6-9pm.

Tuesday Nov 7 armhouse Brews, 6-9pm, on Friday night

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

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

## Wednesday

Nov 8

**Open mic** Boone's, 7-10pm

Karaoke Clique, 9pm-1am

After School Special Coz's Pizza and Pub, 7:30-9:30pm

Karaoke Crows Mill Pub, 8-11pm

Al Kitchen and friends Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 6-9pm.

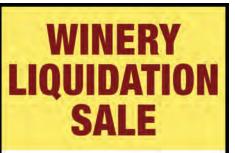
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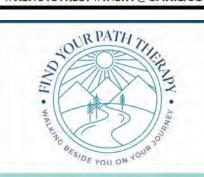


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## Special Music Events

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## University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

**Romantic Rendezvous** Sun., Nov. 5, 3-5pm. Presented by the Illinois Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Yaniv Dinur. Join the pre-concert discussion and the Play On After Party after the concert. \$21-\$63; students age 24 and under \$10. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-522-2838.

## Books & Authors

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## Theater & Comedy

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#### Bonded by Photos, Art and Friendship

Tues., Nov. 14, 6pm. Presentation on the amazing artwork and life of Springfield artist, photographer and poet Leigh Gross Day Hope Presbyterian Church, 2211 (1861-1910), a friend of Susan Lawrence Dana. Includes wine and snacks at "PORTRAITS" exhibit opening 5:30pm and program at 6. Presented by the Sangamon

County Historical Society, Dana-Thomas House Foundation and Springfield Art Association. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

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Wed., Nov. 8, 6-8pm. "American Indian Labor at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago." A presentation and book signing by history professor David Beck who has worked for more than 30 years with Tribal communities. illinoisstatemuseum.org. Free. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-5992.

#### From Registers to Voting Polls

Thu., Nov. 2, 12-1pm. Dr. Brian Mitchell looks at artifacts which tell stories of African American resilience, autonomy and agency in Illinois. Part of the Tales from the Vault series. Also viewable via Facebook Live on the the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum page. presidentlincoln.illinois. gov. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

#### **Reinterpreting Dickson** Mounds

Tue., Nov. 7, 6-7pm. Curators of anthropology, Brooke Morgan and Logan Pappenfort, present a century of interpretation at Dickson Mounds Museum. and discuss repatriation and reinterpretation efforts and how the museums are working with Tribal Nations to share a holistic story of Indigenous history. Also streamed with advance registration. illinoisstatemuseum.org. Free.

### Faith & Philosophy

Spring St., 217-782-5992.

Illinois State Museum, 502 S.

**Meet Our Sisters Tour** Watch Party

Mon., Nov. 6, 7-8pm. **Celebrate National Vocation** Awareness Week, Learn how priests and sisters make their decision about their call, what happened when they were ready to give up and how family and parish can impact women's and men's decisions to discern vocations to priesthood and religious life. Meet onsite or watch online. springfieldop.org. Free. Sacred Heart Convent, 1237 W. Monroe St., 217-787-0481.

#### Holiday Happenings

#### Día de los Muertos Family Day

Sat., Nov. 4, 10am-3pm. Learn more about Día de los Muertos (day of the dead) by visiting the new exhibition, "Honrando a Nuestros Ancestros: The Bridge Between the Living and the Dead." Includes Mexican games, creating woodblock prints, performances of traditional Latin American dances and more. illinoisstatemuseum.org. Free. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-5993.

#### **Henson Robinson Zoo** Liahts

Thursdays-Sundays, 5-9pm. Through Dec. 17. Take a stroll through the zoo and enjoy thousands of lights and themed lighted displays, stopping at the photo opportunities for your holiday pics. Enjoy the Zoo Choo Express hot chocolate bar or roast a marshmallow over the fire pit. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-585-1821.

#### Hobnob Holiday Market

Fri., Nov. 3, 4-8pm and Sat., Nov. 4, 9am-4pm. Get ready for the holidays and shop over 120 vintage, handmade and boutique vendors. Friday admission is \$10 which includes free admission on Saturday. Saturday only admission is \$5. Kids 12 and under are free. Illinois State Fairgrounds Exposition Building, 801 Sangamon Ave., 765-230-0769.

## **Pumpkin Smash** Sat., Nov. 4, 1-4pm.

Everyone is encouraged to bring their unwanted pumpkins or gourds to chuck, smash or stomp them in one of the smash zones. The remnants will go into a dumpster, then hauled away for composting. Parent or guardian must be with those under age 18. Smashing spectators welcome. Old State Capitol Plaza, Washington Street between Fifth and Sixth streets, 217-789-2255.

#### Fundraisers and Galas

Buffalo Bonanza

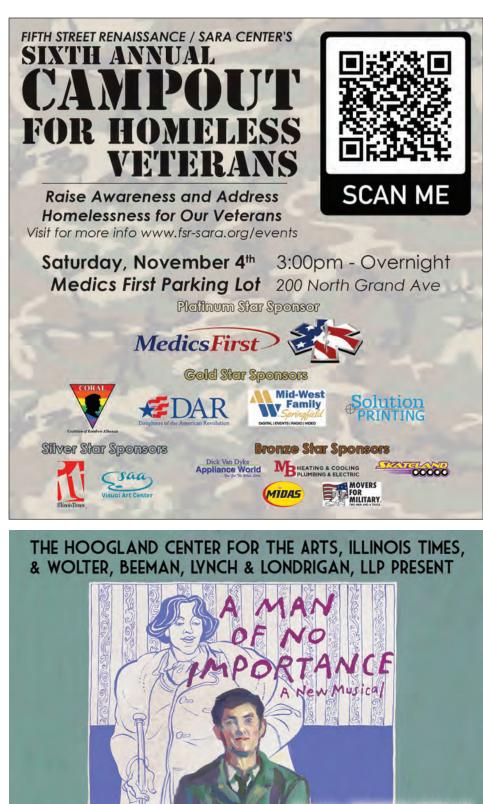
Sat., Nov. 4, 7pm. For 47 years, the Bicentennial Bison by John Kearney has anchored the SAA's courtvard. Celebrate and help restore

## 5600 History familiar, whitewashed story of Pilgrims and Native Americans

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#### **Campout for Homeless Veterans** Sat., Nov. 4, 3pm and Sun., Nov. 5, 4-10am. Boxes provided on site or available in advance from our sponsors. Camp in a simple box, or bring supplies to decorate yours for the contest. Raise the rent and get your camp site by collecting pledges or donating to Fifth Street Renaissance. fsr-sara.org. \$100 goal, contributions accepted. Fifth Street Renaisssance - SARA Center, 1315 Fifth St., 217-544-

## **Children's Corner**

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**Blippi: The Wonderful World Tour** Fri., Nov. 3, 6-8pm. Dance, sing and learn with Blippi and special guest Meekah as they discover what makes different cities unique and special. Get ready to shake those wiggles out and OJ Twist your way through this brand-new musical party. uis.edu. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

## **Junior and Senior Naturalists**

First Saturday of every month.. Through Dec. 2. A hands-on nature exploration program . At each session participants will learn about a different nature topic, make a craft and enjoy outdoor play and exploration. Junior naturalists ages 5-8 meet 10am-12pm. Senior naturalists ages 9-12 meet 1-3pm. Lincolnmemorialgarden.org. \$15. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

#### Kid's Book BINGO

Wed., Nov. 8, 3:30-5pm. Get ready for family reading night and try your luck at Book Bingo. Winners get a new book of their choice. Best suited for kids in preschool - fifth grade. Younger children may need caregiver assistance to participate. lincolnlibrary.info. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900 ext. 5612.

## Kids' Night Out

Fri., Nov. 3, 6-8pm. Kids ages 9-13 can spend time playing Predator Prey, exploring the garden after dark and making s'mores around the campfire. Space is limited; registration required. lincolnmemorialgarden.org. \$25. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

#### Seed Mosaic Workshop

Sat., Nov. 4, 9-11:30am. This fun and creative class will have children ages 4-7 creating pictures with seeds. Templates will be available as will different colors and sizes of seeds. springfieldparks.org. \$35-\$40. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

### Lectures & Meetings

Springfield Civic Garden Club Mon., Nov. 6, 9:30am. Monthly meeting. Will feature reports by grant recipients on their projects and a committee fair. Guests are welcome to attend. Doors open at 9 a.m. for refreshments and social time. Visit www.scgc-il.org or see the Facebook page for more info. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 S. Walnut St., 217-899-3283.

#### Bulletin Board

#### A Commitment to Local News / Press Forward Springfield Mon., Nov. 6, 4-6pm. An announcement by the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln and MacArthur Foundation about Press Forward, a national initiative to strengthen communities and democracy by supporting local news and information. A panel discussion will follow. Refreshments provided. Free. First of three Community Foundation events. Register on eventbrite.com.

#### An Evening with Christopher Jackson

UIS Student Union, 2251 Richard

Wright Drive, 217-789-4431.

Jackson Mon., Nov. 6, 7-8:30pm. Jackson is a Tony-nominated actor and Emmy and Grammy-winning songwriter who grew up in Cairo, Illinois. Fellow Cairoite, NPR Radio correspondent Rachel Jones, will join Christopher to moderate a conversation to share how that sense of home in Cairo helped foster and encourage his talents. Part of the For the People Speaker Series. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

#### Cat adoption

First Saturday of every month, 12-3pm. Through Dec. 2. Forever Home Feline Ranch will have cats available for adoption. Opportunities also available for fostering and volunteering. Donations welcome. Ace Hardware, 1600 Wabash Ave., 217-787-5100.

#### Fall Coin Show

Sun., Nov. 12, 9am-4pm. U.S. and foreign coins, ancient and modern coins, gold and silver bullion, state quarters and paper money. Over 70 dealer tables. Hosted by the Central Illinois Numismatic Association. Free for members and children under 16. Northfield Center, 3210 Northfield Drive. 217-899-9996.

#### **Homebuyer Education Workshop**

Nov. 4 and Nov. 11, 10:30am-2:30pm. HUD-certified housing counselor will cover topics such as credit, budgeting and buying process. Both sessions must be attended for certificate. RSVP required. sha1.org. Springfield Housing Authority, 200 N. 11th St. Free. Springfield Housing Authority, 200 North 11th St., 217-753-5757.

#### Lincoln Land Depression-Era Glass and Pottery club

Mon., Nov. 6, 2-4pm. Learn about more about depression-era glass and pottery. Informative lectures and show-and-tell time. Call for more information. Open to the public. Free. Hope Presbyterian Church, 2211 Wabash Ave., 217-529-3055.

## Participating in the Next

Technology Revolution Tue, Nov. 7, 7:30-9am. A conversation with Cully Davis, vice chairman of equity private markets at Jefferies, on how the community can ensure the region is ready to take advantage of coming technology transformations. Continental breakfast provided. Free. Register on eventbrite.com. Memorial Learning Center, 228 W. Miller St. 217-789-4431.

## The Next 10 PechaKucha

Tue., Nov. 7, 6-8pm. A fast-paced evening as PechaKucha returns with Next 10 project updates and other presentations. Sponsored by the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln. \$10, cash bar. Includes hors d'oevres. Register on eventbrite.com. Ace Sign Co. Museum, 2540 S. First St. 217-789-4431.

#### Health & Fitness

Healthy Life, Healthy You Mon., Nov. 6, 6pm. Presented by the The Illinois Prairie Diabetes Alliance. Learn about diabetes care. Speakers will discuss culinary medicine, stress management and chair yoga. A small health fair with local experts will be held simultaneously. Door prizes. Call to add your name to the roster. Free. Harvest Market, 3001 Veterans Pkwy., 217-757-8153.

#### Step Into Recovery Group

Thursdays, 5:30-6:30pm. A 12step recovery group for LGBTQ+ and allies. This group is for anyone struggling with alcohol, chemical, or process addictions. phoenixcenterspringfield.org. Free. Phoenix Center: Out On Second, 120 E. Scarritt St., 217-



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To apply: Send letter of application and resume to Eric Guthrie at 932 N Rutledge St, Springfield Illinois 62702.

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## Real Estate Foreclosure

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

ROBIN RILEY; MARINE BANK; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 2023FC000072

2157 EAST CONVERSE AVENUE SPRING-FIELD, IL 62702

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

SURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on October 11, 2023, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 11/28/2023, in the Sangamon South Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00am, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much

thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: TAX NO. 14-23.0-452-016 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2157 East

Converse Avenue Springfield, IL 62702 Description of Improvements: The property

is a single family home. The Judgment amount was \$76,537.65. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for

"CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

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

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

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

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the sments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLO SURE LAW.

For Information: Visit our website at http:// ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 23-14395IL PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLEC-TION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Plaintif's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. 13231106

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD. ILLINOIS Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. PLAINTIFF Vs. Nathaniel L. Harris; et. al. DEFENDANTS No. 2023FC000074 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 06/14/2023, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on November 28, 2023 at the hour of 9:00 AM at 300 S. 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois. sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate PIN 07-34.0-300-014 Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 5440 S. Williamsville Rd Sherman, IL 62684 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 (q)(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 FORECLO-SURF LAW For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100. Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-02353 13230956 NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIBCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD SANGAMON COUNTY ILLINOIS SECURITY BANK, Plaintiff. vs. THOMAS R. BURGESS, JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, F. S. B., MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC. AND KIMBERLY LEVERING. Defendants. CASE NO. 22-FC-219 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1968 E. CONVERSE ST. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 1812 N. 9TH ST. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 10729 DARNELL RD. DAWSON II 62520 1816 & 1820 N. 9TH ST. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on August 30, 2023, the following described real estate, to-wit: SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY. ILLINOIS. Permanent Index Number: 14-23.0-379-011 aka 14-23-379-011 Permanent Index Number: 14-22.0-256-018 aka 14-22-256-018 fka 14-22-256-006 & 14-22-256-005 Permanent Index Number: 24-05.0-200-011 Permanent Index Number: 14-22.0-256-004 Permanent Index Number: 14-22.0-256-016 Commonly known as: 1968 E. Converse St., Springfield, IL 62702 Commonly known as: 1812 N. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62702 Commonly known as: 10729 Darnell Rd., Dawson, IL 62520 Commonly known as: 1816 & 1820 N. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62702 will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on December 5, 2023, at 9:00 AM in the the Auditorium on the 2nd Floor, 300 South 9th St, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$331,822.49. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other

lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid. the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street Decatur II 62523 (217) 422-1719 The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale. other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condomini um Property Act. 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (a-1). If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLO-SURE LAW. Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Bevers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. SECURITY BANK, Plaintiff Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 740 Decatur, IL 62525 Send Notice/Pleadings to: Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattvs.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754

# **PUBLIC NOTICES**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE ESTATE OF: LOLA J. BUCKLIN, Deceased. Case No.: 2023-PR-372 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF WILL AND CLAIMS

Notice is hereby given of the death of Lola J. Bucklin Letters of Office were issued. The name and address of the Co-Administrators are Bradford C. Bucklin, 72 Greentrail Dr., Chatham, Illinois, 62629, and Brian C. Bucklin, 1270 Golf View Dr., Woodridge, IL 60517. James Ackerman is counsel for the Co-Administrators. 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 before May 24, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before May 24, 2024, 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 25th day of October, 2023. Bradford C. Bucklin, Co-Administrator, Brian C. Bucklin, Co-Administrator, By: /s/ James W. Ackerman

James W. Ackerman, Attorney for Co-Administrators PREPARED BY: 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 THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: FRANK F. MOSCARDELLI, SR., Deceased. Case No. 2023-PR-376 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of FRANK F. MOSCARDELLI, SR., of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on August 7, 2023. Letters of Office were issued on the 25th day of October, A.D., 2023, to DENISE W. BUSCHER, of 4394 Tottenham Court. Springfield, Illinois, 62711, and DENNIS W. MOSCARDELLI, of 4041 Springer Lane, Springfield, Illinois, 62711, as Co-Executors whose attorney of record is R. Stephen Scott, Scott & Scott, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois, 62701. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the Co-Executors, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Co-Executors and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed. DATED this 25th day of October, A.D., 2023. Estate of FRANK F. MOSCARDELLI, SR. Deceased. By: DENISE W. BUSCHER, Co-Executor By: /s/ R. Stephen Scott SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C. PREPARED BY:

R. Stephen Scott (02533391) SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C. Attorneys at Law 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200 Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-8200 Facsimile: (217) 753-8206 rss@scottnscottlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD LEONARD WINDAU, DECEASED Case #2023-PR-381 **DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE** Notice is given of the death of RONALD LEONARD WINDAU. Letters of Office have been issued to DIANE DOBRINO, 610 N, 7th Street, Benld, IL 62009, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Administrator, or both on or before May 8, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 24th day of October. 2023. William P. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 544-0701 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of: Francine Newton, Deceased Case No. 23-PR-378 Claim Notice Notice is given of the death of Francine Newton Letters of Office were issued on Oct. 24, 2023 to Veronica M. Newton as Executor, 12 Garnet Court, Springfield IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the Executor, on or before, May 2, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor within 10 days after it has been filed. Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BARBARA JEAN DAVIS. Deceased. DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Case No. 2023-PR-368 Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of BARBARA JEAN DAVIS, Deceased Letters of Office were issued on October 19. 2023, to RICKY DAVIS, 1131 Bancroft Rd., Apt 6, Orange TX 77632 as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before March 20, 2024 or six (6) months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 23rd day of October, 2023. Alex B. Rabin Soro. Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin, & Reinbold, LLP 1119 S. Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 217-789-1200 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN B. HUDSON, Deceased Case No. 2023-PR-360 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of JOHN B. HUDSON, Deceased, Letters of Office were issued on October 19, 2023, to ISAAC KING, 46 N. Cotton Hill, Springfield, IL 62712, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703 Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before March 20, 2024 or six (6) months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 23rd day of October, 2023. Alex B Rahin Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin, & Reinbold, IIP 1119 S. Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 217-789-1200 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

MASON COUNTY ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JACK RAY WELLS. Deceased No. 2023PR4 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of JACK RAY WELLS. Letters of office were issued on February 14, 2023 to KATHLEEN A. WELLS and KAREN K. WELLS. 3116 Lindenwood Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney is James S. Dunn. 212 South Second Street Springfield, Illinois 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Mason County Courthouse, 125 North Plum Street, Havana, Illinois 62644, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, being Nov. 2, 2023. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. KATHLEEN A. WELLS, Independent Co-Administrator KAREN K. WELLS, Independent CoAdministrator By: JAMES S. DUNN, Attorney for Independent Co-Administrators Date: Nov. 2, 2023 JAMES S. DUNN Attorney at Law 212 South Second Street Springfield, Illinois 62701 217-528-2873 office dunnandmclaw@aol.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY. ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD E. BELL. DECEASED Case #2023-PR-374 **DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE** Notice is given of the death of RONALD E. BELL Letters of Office have been issued to CRYSTAL EMERY, 49 Claymont Court, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Administrator, or both, on or before April 30, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 18th day of October. 2023. William P. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of MONTE A. YARD, Deceased. NO. 2023-PR-358 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Monte A. Yard of Sherman, Sangamon County, Illinois, Letters of Office were issued on October 12, 2023, to Jolyn Marie Yard,7440 Bahr Road, Sherman, Illinois 62684, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Bernard G. Segatto, III, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate. LLP. P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before April 19, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 13th day of October. 2023. Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 (217) 544-4868 bsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GENOVEVA P. CATALANO, Deceased NO. 2023PR000357 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Genoveva P. Catalano, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on October 12. 2023 to Carlo S. Catalano. 3820 Indian Grass Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62712, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both. on or before the 22nd day of April, 2024, or three months from the date the Representa tive mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 12th day of October, 2023. Gregory P. Saro Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP 1119 S Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LESLIE J. FYANS. JR., DECEASED Case #2023-PR-363 **DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE** Notice is given of the death of LESLIE J. FYANS, JR. Letters of Office have been issued to PAULA M. FYANS, 413 Natchez Trace, Springfield, IL 62711 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before April 24, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 12th day of October, 2023. Patrick J. Sheehan. III SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Sprinafield, IL 62703 (217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of FAIRY MAYO, Deceased. IN PROBATE NO. 2023PR000258 CORRECTIVE DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of FAIRY MAYO, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on July 13, 2023, to RUTH MAYO and THOMAS L. BROWN, 74 E. 50 NORTH RD., Harvel, Illinois, 62538, Co-Executors, whose attornev is Robert A. Stuart, Jr., Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th St., Ste. 1000, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Sprinafield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 27, 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred Dated this 10th day of October 2023 Robert A Stuart Jr

ARDC# 2761122 Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP 205 S 5th St., Ste. 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-8491 rstuart@bhslaw.com

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of: Kent Eugene Tuxhorn, Deceased Case No. 23-PR-349 Claim Notice Notice is given of the death of Kent Eugene Tuxhorn. Letters of Office were issued on Oct. 3. 2023 to Keith Allen Tuxhorn as Administrator, 1201 S. First St., Springfield IL 62704. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street. Springfield. Illinois 62702. or with the Executor, on or before, April 19. 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor within 10 days after it has been filed Paul Palazzolo Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

Quinn McCann, Respondent Case No. 2023 DC 000190 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you, Quinn McCann, 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 19th day of November 2023 a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition. Joseph B. Roesch Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of AuJanae Essence Whiteside For change of name to Tyvell Tramont Whiteside Case No. 2023-MR-000348 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on Dec. 26, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from AuJanae Essence Whiteside to Tyvell Tramont Whiteside pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: Nov. 2, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Jonathan Michael Hammond For change of name to Jonathan Michael Adenhamm Case No. 2023-MR-000354 PUBLIC NOTICE Public NOTICE Public NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on Dec. 12, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Jonathan Michael Hammond to Jonathan Michael

Dated: Oct. 26, 2023 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Gabriella Kailani Allen For change of name to Gabriella Kailani Rodriguez Case No. 2023-MR-000343 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on Dec. 12, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Gabriella Kailani Allen to Gabriella Kailani Rodriguez pursuant to the statute in such case made . and provided. Dated: Oct. 26. 2023 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Jahmari Atari Gude-Whitcomb For change of name to Mari Atari Whitcomb-Miller Case No. 2023-MR-000342 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on Dec. 12, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Jahmari Atari Gude-Whitcomb to Mari Atari Whitcomb-Miller pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: Oct. 26, 2023 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Jamari Lee Berry For change of name to Jamari Lee Button Case No. 2022-MR-000492 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on Dec. 12, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Jamari Lee Berry to Jamari Lee Button pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: Oct. 19, 2023 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Breana Rose Hamilton For change of name to Breana Rose Button Case No. 2022-MR-000493 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on Dec. 12, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Breana Rose Hamilton to Breana Rose Button pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: Oct. 19, 2023

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case made and provided.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Addalvnn Jo Phillips-Lewis For change of name to Addalynn Jo Ryan Case No. 2023-MR-000341 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on Dec. 12, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Addalynn Jo Phillips-Lewis to Addalynn Jo Ryan pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: Oct. 19, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR SANGAMON COUNTY. ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP Plaintiff MARTHA A SCHARTZ UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No.: 2023FC000184 Property Address: 604 MAGNOLIA DR, ROCHESTER, IL 62563 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOL-LOWING, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 26 IN EASTGATE MEADOWS, SECOND PLAT. EXCEPTING ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING BIGHTS HEBETOFORE CONVEYED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as: 604 MAGNOLIA DR ROCHESTER, IL 62563 Names of the titleholders of record: MARTHA A SCHARTZ Date of the Mortgage: May 26, 2009. Name or names of the mortgagors: MARTHA A SCHARTZ Name of the mortgagee: BANK OF AMERICA, Date and place of recording: June 15, 2009; Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois. Identification of recording: Document No. 2009R31263. NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before December 4, 2023, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE BELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT. E-filing is now mandatory with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/serviceproviders htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http:// illinoiscourts.gov/self-help or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoislegalaid.org. For information about defending yourself in a court case (including filing an appearance or fee waiver), or to apply for free legal help, go to www.illinoislegalaid.org. You can also ask your local circuit clerk's office for a fee waiver application. PUBSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTOR-NEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Lender Legal PLLC 1800 Pembrook Drive, Suite 250 Orlando, Florida 32810 Tel: (407) 730-4644 Service Emails: mjdiaz@lenderlegal.com EService@LenderLegal.com LLS11984-IL - SCHARTZ \_s/ Meaghan J. Diaz de Villegas, Esq.\_\_

Meaghan J. Diaz de Villegas, Esq.

Counsel of Record for Plaintiff

ARDC # 6340688

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U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PI AINTIFF VS. ROBIN RILEY; MARINE BANK; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOP-MENT AUTHORITY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS. DEFENDANTS. NO. 2023FC000072 2157 EAST CONVERSE AVENUE SPRING FIFI D II 62702 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on October 11, 2023, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 11/28/2023, in the Sangamon South Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00am, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judoment, situated in the County of Sangamon State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: THE EAST 40 FEET OF THE SOUTH 120 FEET OF LOT ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN (113) IN WANI ESS' SPRINGEIELD HEIGHTS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLY-ING THE SUBFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY. ILLINOIS. TAX NO. 14-23.0-452-016 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2157 East Converse Avenue Springfield, IL 62702 Description of Improvements: The property is a single family home. The Judgment amount was \$76,537.65. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours, NO REFUNDS The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCOR-DANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at http://

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla

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Chicago, IL 60602, Tel. No. (312) 346-9088.

torneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200,

Please refer to file# 23-14395IL PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTOR-NEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3231106

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,

CARLY A. MASON, a/k/a CARLY ANN-MARIE MASON, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 2023FC000180 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWN-ERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below. Defendants

real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is November 24, 2023. Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on October 11, 2023.

The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; 2023FC000180. The court in which said action 2. was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois The name of the title holder of record is: Carly A. Mason A legal description of the real 4. estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: Lot Fifty (50) Seiz Subdivision Fourth Plat. situated in Village of Pawnee. Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed of record. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. A common address or 5.

description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 1104 Monroe Street, Pawnee, Illinois 62558 6. The Tax Identification

Number(s) for the real estate is/are as follows: 36-07-303-003 7. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

Name of Mortgagor: Carly Ann-Marie Mason Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank Date of Mortgage: May 16, 2016 Date of recording: June 21, 2016 County where recorded: Sangamon County,

Illinois Recording document identification: Document No. 2016R16054 /s/ Joseph B. Roesch

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Emmet A. Fairfield Registration No. 6180505 205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-8491 efairfield@bhslaw.com 8051-936669 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD. **ILLINOIS** Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. PLAINTIFF Vs. Nathaniel L. Harris; et. al. DEFENDANTS No. 2023FC000074 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 06/14/2023, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on November 28, 2023 at the hour of 9:00 AM at 300 S. 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SAN-GAMON IN THE STATE OF IL PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY HIGHWAY ROUTE NUMBER 31 SAID POINT BEING 265.60 FEET SOUTH AND 50.00 FEET EAST OF THE NORTHWEST COBNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION, THENCE EAST 158.71 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 142.96 FEET, THENCE WEST 158.71 FEET TO AFORESAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, THENCE NORTH 142.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND OTHER MINERALS. SITU-ATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PIN 07-34.0-300-014 Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 5440 S. Williamsville Rd Sherman, IL 62684 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

OWNEH), YOU HAVE THE HIGH TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCOR-DANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintif's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-02353. 13230956

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

Plaintiff, vs

THOMAS R. BURGESS, JOHN DEERE FINAN-CIAL, F. S. B., MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGE-MENT, INC. AND KIMBERLY LEVERING, Defendants.

CASE NO. 22-FC-219 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1968 E. CONVERSE ST. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 1812 N. 9TH ST. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 10729 DARNELL RD. **DAWSON. IL 62520** 1816 & 1820 N. 9TH ST SPRINGEIELD II 62702 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on August 30, 2023, the following described real estate, to-wit: 1968 E. Converse St LOT 149 AND THE WEST 10 FEET OF LOT 148 IN SPAULDING'S SECOND ILLINOIS WATCH FACTORY ADDITION EXCEPTING ALL COAL AND MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LOT OR LOTS WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME. 1812 N. 9th St. (TRACT 1)

THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 5 OF CATHERINE WOOD'S SECOND SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPT-ING THERFROM:

A PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 5 OF CATHERINE WOOD'S SECOND SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, **BANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL** MERIDIAN, SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 2: A DISTANCE OF 29.94 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST, 151.87 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 2, THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 28 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID LINE 29.96 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID LINE, 151.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.104 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER RIGHTS UNDERLYING SAID PREMISES.

(TRACT 2)

THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 5 OF CATHERINE WOOD'S SECOND SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER RIGHTS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID PREMISES. ALL SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

10729 Darnell Rd.

PARCEL 1: PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOL-LOWS:

COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIN MARK-ING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 5; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 979.91 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 178.00 FEET: THENCE NORTH 18 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 15 SEC-ONDS EAST, 82.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 27 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST, 95.07 FEET; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 175.00 FEET: THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST, 359.15 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 5; THENCE SOUTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 360.69 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER TO THE POINT OF REGINNING. CONTAINING 2.248 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SET FORTH ON THE PLAT OF SURVEY MADE BY PAUL D. NICKEL, LICENSED SURVEYOR, ATTACHED TO DEED RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 94-02308. PARCEL 2:

PART OF THE FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, BANGE 3 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTH-EAST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 957.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING: THENCE NORTH OO DEGREES 18 MINUTES 52 SEC-ONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 248.61 FEET: THENCE NORTH 21 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 174.01 FEET: THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 14 MIN-UTES 30 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 804.15 FEET: THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, A DIS-TANCE OF 323.30 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST HALF OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER: THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 551.33 FEET: THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 66.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL WITH SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 660.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER: THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41

MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 66.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST HALF OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 19 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 359.15 FEET: THENCE SOUTH 89 DE-GREES 41 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 175.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 27 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 95.07 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 82 00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 178.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 22.95 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ALL SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. 1816 & 1820 N. 9th St THE SOUTH 55 FEET OF LOT 3 IN BLOCK 5 OF CATHERINE WOOD'S SECOND SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH PART OF THE

S OF CALIFICATIVE WOOD S SECOND SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.

EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERAL RIGHTS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID PREMISES. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Permanent Index Number: 14-23.0-379-011 aka 14-23-379-011 Permanent Index Number: 14-22.0-256-018

aka 14-22-256-018 fka 14-22-256-006 & 14-22-256-005

Permanent Index Number: 24-05.0-200-011 Permanent Index Number: 14-22.0-256-004 Permanent Index Number: 14-22.0-256-016 Commonly known as: 1968 E. Converse St., Springfield, IL 62702 Commonly known as: 1812 N. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62702 Commonly known as: 10729 Darnell Rd.,

Dawson, IL 62520 Commonly known as: 1816 & 1820 N. 9th

St., Springfield, IL 62702 will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on December 5, 2023, at 9:00 AM, in the the Auditorium on the 2nd Floor, 300 South 9th St, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$331,822.49. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assess ments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

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

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCOR-DANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. SECURITY BANK, Plaintiff

Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law PO. Box 740 Decatur, IL 62525 Send Notice/Pleadings to: Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) Email: Non-CockPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 8051-936071

## Sangamon County, IL

Notice of Availability Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Budget Notice is hereby given that the proposed FY 2024 Annual Budget for Sangamon County is available for public inspection. Requests to inspect the FY 2024 Annual Budget can be made at the Sangamon County Auditor's Office at 300 South 9th Street - 2nd Floor, Springfield, IL 62701 between 8:30am and 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Requests for electronic copies can also be made by calling the Auditor's Office at 217-753-6630. The Sangamon County Board will vote to approve and adopt the FY 2024 budget at the regularly scheduled meeting on November 14th, 2023.

NOTICE

In the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, RODNEY HERRIN and KARA HERRIN, Plaintiffs, v.

CHARTER ONE AUTO FINANCE CORP. and UNKNOWN INTEREST HOLDERS. Defendants, In Miscellaneous Remedy Case No. 2023-MR-356.

NOTICE is hereby given you, CHARTER ONE AUTO FINANCE CORP. and UNKNOWN INTEREST HOLDERS, that suit entitled as above has been commenced and is now pending wherein Plaintiffs seek to have the title to a certain 2004 Volvo Model XC90, VIN# YV1CZ91H241066118 declared to be owned by Rodney Herrin and Kara Herrin. And you are further notified that unless you appear on or before December 21. 2023. and defend in said suit, default judgment may be entered against you on the day following or thereafter Joseph B. Roesch Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois Attorneys for Plaintiff: Bernard G. Segatto, III Schuvler Frashier Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 217/544-4868

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PRAIRIE STATE BANK & TRUST, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

NICHOLAS Y. STUBBS, CHELSEA STUBBS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants RESIDENTIAL FORECLOSURE No. 2023-FC-000189 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO: UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the Complaint to Foreclose Mortgage filed in the above-entitled cause on the 24th day of October 2023, and that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said Court. The day on or after which a default may be entered against UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS is December 4, 2023, following information applies to said foreclosure proceeding: 1. The name of the Plaintiff and the case number are identified above. 2. The Court in which the action is brought is

identified above. 3. The name of the titleholder of the record is: NICHOLAS Y STUBBS and CHELSEA STUBBS, husband and wife, not as tenants in common nor as joint tenants but as ten-

ants by the entirety. 4. The legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is: LOT 17 OF BRADISH'S SUBDIVI-SION OF PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUAR-TER OF SECTION 22. TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH. RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EXCEPT THE COAL AND MINER-ALS UNDERLYING SAID LOT. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. 5. A common address or description of the

location of the real estate: 1301 North 4th Street Springfield, IL 62702. Tax I.D. No. 14-22-353-033. 6. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

a. Name of mortgagor: NICHOLAS Y. STUBBS spouse of CHELSEA STUBBS, CHELSEA STUBBS spouse of NICHOLAS Y. STUBBS as HUSBAND AND WIFE, NOT AS TENANTS IN COMMON, NOR AS JOINT TENANTS, BUT AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY. b. Name of mortgagee: PRAIRIE STATE BANK & TRUST.

c. Date of mortgage: October 28, 2022. d. Date of recording: November 2, 2022. e. County where recorded: Sangamon County Recorder's Office.

f. Recording document identification: Document number 2022R23576. /s/ Maureen Faller Maureen Faller, attorney for Prairie State Bank & Trust Maureen Faller ARDC#6308975 3751 West Wabash Avenue Springfield, IL 62711 217-864-4918 MaureenFaller@psbank.net To enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent a private auction will be held on Saturday November 18, 2023 at 9:00a.m. Northend Storage is located at 1907 North Grand East, Springfield, IL. 62702 This is a private auction. In order to attend you must call 217-544-4521 a week prior to the auction date. Please leave your name, telephone number and an email address. Cash is the only form of payment accepted for the auction. Any individual wanting to retain their unit will need to pay their entire balance on or before November 17, 2023. No personal checks will be accepted for storage units that are in lien. NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION Kristen Joy Unit #1-21 Ashley Goforth Unit #11-9 Kevin Coy Unit #4-18 William Thompson Unit #6-33

Capitol Storage LLC 818 S Dirksen Parkway Springfield, IL 62703 217-522-0300 Sale 11/4/2023 Peoria Rd #14 Mike Farmer #9 Vernon Raglin To pay past due rent and fees call 1-217-522-0300. You will have until noon October 27,2023 to pay entire balance owed to avoid sale. Private Sale will be November 4.2023 at 9AM. The disposal will take place privately in Springfield, IL. Please call to verify start location day before sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Tremayne Cherry, Petitioner and

Stephane Jackson, Respondent Case No. 2023-FA-258 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you Stephane Jackson, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced and you are summoned to a establish parentage/custody order case and for other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois on or before the 19th day of November, 2023, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint. Joseph B. Roesch Circuit Clerk



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## **Puzzle answers** from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #813

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Sudoku answers from #813

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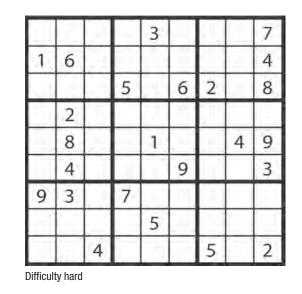
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Sudoku

Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 814

#### No. 814

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