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Caught in a tiff

Despite feud between city and county, Enos Park TIF finally gets renewed

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | Scott Reeder

Both men say they weren't motivated by politics. But does anyone believe them?

The latest manifestation of the conflict between Springfield Mayor Jim Langfelder and Capital Township Supervisor Joe Aiello came to a head in the final moments of the legislative veto session last week. Lawmakers approved a measure, which now goes to Gov. JB Pritzker for signature, that would retroactively extend the life of the Enos Park tax increment financing district. The extension was sought by Langfelder after the TIF expired in December 2020.

A TIF district is an economic development tool used by cities that directs property tax dollars generated by improvements in a blighted area toward further improvements in the area.

The Enos Park TIF stretches from Second Street to 10th Street and Carpenter Street to just north of North Grand Avenue.

Langfelder and Aiello have been at loggerheads since at least 2018, when the mayor endorsed plans to consolidate the township and the city. This, of course, would have eliminated Aiello's position as township supervisor. The township is led by Republicans, and while the city is officially nonpartisan, Langfelder is a Democrat.

"(Politics) played no role from my perspective, when we run we attach ourselves to one party or the other, but when we serve, we serve independently," Aiello said.

Since TIFs divert money that would ordinarily go to other governmental bodies such as school districts, park districts, counties and townships, the legislature requires that all affected governmental bodies sign off on changes in TIF districts before lawmakers vote to approve an extension.



The Enos Park Exterior Rehab program uses TIF funds to provide matching grants to homeowners for exterior renovations. Since the program began in 2017, 28 exterior renovation projects, including this one at 911 N. Sixth St., have been funded. However, the program was put on hold after the TIF expired and no projects were funded in 2021.

Going into the final days of October's veto session, Capital Township was the only holdout on extending the Enos Park TIF.

The Springfield City Council has sole say on how TIF money is spent. By holding out on supporting the TIF extension, Aiello said he hoped to leverage the city into ceding some control over how TIF dollars are spent to other units of local government.

"We, the Capital Township trustees, have been in communication with the city for well over a year," Aiello said. "We've suggested that through an intergovernmental agreement we can do a better job with TIF tax dollars and try to be more accountable and try to be more transparent."

"And we made some suggestions. And there was no interest (on the city's part.) Capital Township's always been in favor of development. We're in favor of moving our community forward, but we're also good stewards of the tax

dollars."

In an interview with *Illinois Times*, Langfelder disputed Aiello's characterization of the negotiations.

The mayor noted that over 12 years, the Enos Park TIF stands to generate \$6 million for redevelopment activities, of which \$60,000 would be money that would otherwise go to the township.

"So, here's a \$60,000 revenue source of a taxing body holding up \$6 million that could be reinvested in the area. We offered to give them back the money. But (Aiello) always says it's about transparency, accountability, and greater oversight. ... I always go back to the initial conversation which drove it – the Capital Township discussion, way back when – about consolidation."

Ultimately, the two men reached a compromise that would create additional seats on the city's Economic Development Commission. The seats will be held by representatives of Sangamon County, Springfield Park District, Sangamon County Water Reclamation District, Lincoln Land Community College and Capital Township.

"There's no hard feelings one way or the other; we got it worked out. I appreciate Joe reaching that point," Langfelder said. "And you know, I thought it should have been a lot easier than what it was."

The commission's role will be advisory, and the ultimate say on how TIF money is spent remains in the hands of the Springfield City Council.

But Aiello said he was pleased that taxing bodies will have more of a voice.

"We are surrendering our money, so we felt like a committee made up that way would create a better direction and better results," Aiello said.

Enos Park TIF funds have been used to help construct the downtown YMCA, provide matching grants to homeowners to make exterior improvements and provide down payment assistance for veterans and first responders.

"We're just happy that it got done at the 11th-and-a-half hour that night," said Alderwoman Lakeisha Purchase, who represents the neighborhood. "Our priority is to get things going with our TIF." □

Scott Reeder, a staff writer with *Illinois Times*, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com

Editor's note

I remember the excitement in the late 1990s when Mayor Karen Hasara, a visionary, came to our neighborhood meeting to propose that the Enos Park neighborhood become the city's first TIF district for a residential area. We would need to develop a plan first, and that was an exciting process, just to see possibilities on paper. A few years later Mayor Hasara proposed that our neighborhood also become part of a medical district, which required another plan, and we were again going to make it a very cool place to live. Over the years we had some successes, and some things didn't work very well, but the neighborhood got better. I kept thinking when it came time for TIF renewal somebody would make an assessment of how we did and what we accomplished, and what more we could accomplish if certain special interests and nonresident nitpickers got out of our way. I kept thinking someone would propose giving other neighborhoods the benefit of TIF. That never happened. The debate over renewal veered far away from Enos Park. Somehow Mayor Jim Langfelder got the legislature to renew the TIF anyway. So maybe now we can have that assessment of the past 23 years, and make a new plan for Enos Park TIF 2.0.

— Fletcher Farrar, editor, a 30-year resident of Enos Park.

Building an ice rink, forging community

Skating at the Old State Capitol again, 155 years later.

ENTREPRENEURS | Justin Blandford and Benjamin C. Hage

Ice skating on the lawn of the Old State Capitol sounds like a lot of fun. As much as we would like to think the concept is new, there is a historical note that gives us a glimpse of a cold day more than 155 years ago, when a group of local children first hatched the idea. History not only provides context but also illuminates the ice ahead.

On Jan. 20, 1866, the *Daily Illinois State Register* reported that several youths were “attempting to skate upon the ice which covers a portion of the statehouse yard.” The writer was stirred by a sense of sympathy for the youth, “in not having a broader field for practicing the healthful and graceful exercise.” It must have been a cold and wet winter, as others could be found skating in street gutters and on sidewalks. The scene prompted a call to action to ensure “that by next season there is a skating park somewhere in the outskirts of the city, where the little folks and even the larger folks can occasionally repair and enjoy themselves without limit or restraint.” Less than a year removed from the end of the Civil War, it is easy to understand the writer’s interest in an ice rink. Of course there is a possibility that kids or adults had at least tried skating on the yard of the Old State Capitol earlier. The 1866 event is the first that we know of. And it isn’t difficult to imagine our city yearning in those dark and cold days for something thicker than ice to develop, something on which it could regain its posture – in a word, *community*.

Last October, in 2020, the Sangamon CEO students were feeling the heavy toll of the COVID-19 pandemic. Sangamon CEO is an entrepreneurship program for area high school seniors that forges community and business leaders. In a class discussion, they shared the sense of anxiety they were experiencing. As such, the class decided to survey the community to learn who else may have been having those same feelings. More than 60% of the respondents of all age groups reported being depressed or anxious. With this in mind, the students decided to act. In an ideation session in class, one idea surfaced and gained traction: outdoor ice skating. Initially, most students were skeptical. Springfield had not had an outdoor ice skating rink in many years, and the project itself seemed large and daunting. How much money would be needed? After several days of research, the class learned that building an outdoor ice rink with real ice would require extensive funding, and Springfield weather would pose almost an insurmountable challenge. However, the students also researched an alternative: synthetic ice.

The students were inspired by Rockford, which built the largest synthetic ice rink in the world.



Capital Area Career Center building trades students building the platform.

Rockford’s Davis Park features the BMO Harris Bank Winter Wonderland, a 12,000-square-foot artificial ice rink. The students pitched their idea to local businesses and secured more than \$70,000 in funding. They designed the ice rink, purchased the material, and finally opened the rink to the public in the lot behind Scheels on Dec. 28, 2020.

The catalyst that moved the students to action in 2020 was low morale in the community. Recognizing the spirit of the project, the Sangamon CEO class of 2021-2022 pursued the option of moving the LRS Ice Rink to the heart of Downtown Springfield. The Old State Capitol is a rich historical symbol that stands as a testament to trying times and dark days in our community, but it is also a beacon of hope that even the darkest of days will pass. In the shadows of Abraham Lincoln and the memory of kids playing on the ice on the Old State Capitol lawn a century and a half ago, while the pandemic continues to inflict pain in our community and the world, this year’s Sangamon CEO students set their

hearts on this location.

Like the historical writer who witnessed youth skating downtown in 1866, what we are really talking about is not only ice but community. Sangamon CEO’s LRS Ice Rink – in partnership with this historic site, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the City of Springfield, and the Office of the Mayor – is a gift from our youth that can help downtown, and our city at large, regain momentum.

Whether you skate or not, you are invited to join this season in celebrating our community by visiting the Old State Capitol grounds and cheering on the energetic students who are leading this exciting enterprise. What’s ahead is more than ice, and we don’t want you to miss it. □

Justin Blandford is superintendent, Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Benjamin C. Hage is executive director of iVenterED and lead facilitator of Sangamon CEO.

Rink schedule and other details

Sangamon CEO’s LRS Ice Rink is open Nov. 3 until Dec. 30. The hours are Wednesdays and Fridays 5-8 and Saturdays and Sundays 11-7. Closed on Thanksgiving Eve, Thanksgiving Day and Black Friday. Closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas weekend. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and \$7 for kids. Skate rentals are \$5, or skaters may use their own skates.

Throughout the season there will be Christmas movie nights outdoors every Friday: Nov. 5, 12, 19 and Dec. 3, 10 and 17 – weather permitting. There will also be games around the space, like giant Jenga. In December there will also be high school jazz bands and choirs, and an art and craft show. For updates go to Instagram @LRSicerink and website Sangamonceo.com

High schoolers go global

Engaging “young diplomats” in world affairs

CAP CITY | Karen Ackerman Witter

Global issues affect people in Sangamon County, but there is not enough awareness, says Barbara Lestikow of the World Affairs Council of Central Illinois (WACCI). This organization hosts nationally recognized experts to help educate local residents about U.S. foreign policy, global economic and environmental issues and international politics. Lestikow, a retired educator, is the driving force to involve high school students. In September WACCI launched a Young Diplomats program to open a window to the world for high school students and give them a more global outlook on current affairs.

Jerry Lopian of Southeast High School and Melinda Bilyeu of Rochester High School were the first teachers to volunteer. Each month a Sangamon County high school is invited to send a small group of students to engage with the speaker in advance of the public program. Teachers select the students and brief them on the topic and speaker. “These types of experiences are invaluable to our students,” said Bilyeu. “It helps them see outside of their community and think about global issues.” Her students attended the October program about the impacts of COVID on Mexican women.

Visit <https://mywacci.org/> for more information about WACCI and upcoming programs via Zoom.

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m. WACCI, Sister Cities Association of Springfield, Springfield Commission on International Visitors and the Meridian International Center will explain how they contribute to international education in central Illinois. This is part of International Education Week at UIS.

Thursday, Dec. 2, 7 p.m. Peter Martin, defense policy and intelligence reporter for *Bloomberg News* in Washington, D.C., will speak about his book that charts China’s transformation from an isolated and impoverished communist state to a global superpower. □

Help raise awareness of how Sangamon County has a global impact. Contact WACCI at worldaffairsillinois@gmail.com if your business is engaged in overseas work, if you volunteer in another country or if you are an immigrant or refugee who can share stories about what is happening in your home country.

Open for the winter

The former Salvation Army building is once again a temporary overflow shelter

HOUSING | Kenneth Lowe

As of Nov. 1, an overflow center for the homeless is once again open at 221 N. 11th St. throughout the winter. The facility is part of a broader plan by the Heartland Continuum of Care to address homelessness in Springfield, and has become emblematic of the city's struggles with the issue as a tent city occupied by dozens of the unhoused sprung up around it while representatives from the city and Salvation Army spent months discussing how to make the building fully operational.

While the shelter was open as of Monday evening, a director still had not been named. The Salvation Army is also still seeking a night manager for the building and at least one other staff member. Jeff Eddy, a captain with the Salvation Army of Springfield, said an offer has been extended to a potential director, but applicants for the other positions are still being sought.

The shelter will operate as an overflow facility under a plan developed in concert with the Heartland Continuum of Care and other member organizations that are working to provide services. Under the plan, beds will become available to men when the men's shelter operated by Helping Hands has no more beds available, and will become available to women when the women's shelter operated by Contact Ministries has no more beds available, according to Josh Sabo, coordinator for the HCOC.

"The plan is for the overflow shelter to follow the same low-barrier approach as Helping Hands. There will be no drug or alcohol tests," Sabo said.

In years past, the shelter has been open 24 hours, but under the current plan will be closed each morning at 7 a.m., reopening at 1 p.m. to provide services. Eddy said the plan is to have mental health and domestic violence services available, among others, with an emphasis on referring people to programs that can provide long-term help.

"The purpose of this is so we can push people into programs so they can get help instead of letting them stay where they're at," Eddy said. "We want to do something meaningful for them. The idea is we get them in today, they work with a caseworker tomorrow, and we do whatever we need to do to get them on to the next level."

The timing of the shelter's hours is intended to coincide with the availability of other services



For months, representatives from the city and Salvation Army discussed how to make the building at 221 N. 11th St. fully operational. In the meantime, those without housing created a tent city at the site, lacking other options. As of Nov. 1, the building is now open as an overflow shelter for the winter months. PHOTO BY STACIE LEWIS

throughout the city that can help people who have no home to go to during cold weather, Eddy said, citing the Washington Street Mission and St. John's Breadline, which operate during hours the overflow shelter is slated to be closed.

Ward 5 Alderwoman Lakeisha Purchase, who was appointed to represent the area where the shelter is located after the current plan approved by the Springfield City Council was put in place, said her concern as the shelter reopens is to keep communication open between the city and the shelter.

"Continuing to have open dialogue so that we are seeing accountability at every level possible is what I'm looking forward to, to do our monthly sit-downs to say where we are with the plan, what's the cost, what's the assistance you need from the city?" Purchase said.

Ward 2 Alderman Shawn Gregory, who represents parts of the city that are directly adjacent to the shelter in Ward 5, reiterated concerns he has brought up in the past about how the city plans to address the need for a shelter in the long term. The facility itself is eventually slated to be partially demolished to make way for railroad improvements.

"Where are we with getting a permanent solution? I think many of the partners, including Helping Hands, Salvation Army and Fifth Street Renaissance are working hard," Gregory said. "We need to dig in and make sure we get this done so we don't have to open another temporary warming center next year."

One immediate concern is what happens to tent city now. Chris Jones, Springfield Police

Department's homeless outreach officer, said residents of tent city have been informed over the past few weeks of the shelter's reopening and the order that they vacate the premises, and that efforts will be made to help residents dispose of trash or unwanted items. As for the tents themselves, he said, if residents can't find somewhere else to store them, they'll be disposed of as well. As of Nov. 1, the day the shelter opened, he told *Illinois Times* police were planning to have the lot vacated by Nov. 3.

Julie Benson, founder of the nonprofit Helping the Homeless, said that's a concern, as is the nature of the shelter's partial-day operations. For many homeless people, keeping track of time and maintaining appointments is difficult, she said, and following up on casework with people who may lack a phone or other things that provide stability in their life can be challenging. Mental health, she said, seems to her to be a greater concern this past year than it has been in the six years she has worked closely with the homeless people at the site.

Sabo and Eddy both roundly praised the efforts of HCOC member organizations in coming together to put the plan in place and get the shelter operational. Benson, who continues to work closely with the people living outside the facility, said she's still disappointed as another year passes with a temporary plan.

"Other than seeing a few of these people get off of the street and into housing, I don't see a whole lot of changes. That's frustrating," she said. □



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NEWS

Serious allegations

Parents of 14-year-old say their daughter's alleged abuser got special treatment from SPD

INVESTIGATION | Scott Reeder

Days after a man was arrested by Illinois State Police on charges of sexually abusing their 14-year-old daughter, her parents allege Springfield officers shielded the man because his mother is a detective with the police department.

Illinois State Police arrested Zane Merreighn, the 22-year-old son of Detective Jennifer Oglesby, on three counts of aggravated sexual abuse. He remains in custody at the Sangamon County Jail with his bond set at \$250,000. Oglesby is a sex crimes investigator for the Springfield Police Department.

Since turning 18, her son has been the subject of orders of protection requested by at least four families. Despite the petitions for protection that alleged violent threats, intercourse with underage girls and distribution of drugs, Merreighn was not charged until the most recent case.

"He bragged that he could get away with things because his mom was a detective," the 14-year-old girl told *Illinois Times* Oct. 29 during a three-hour interview with her family.

The Springfield girl, who *Illinois Times* is not identifying due to her age, said she met Merreighn over the summer in a Riverton park.

"He told her he was 17 and they started talking on social media. We didn't know anything about this," the girl's stepmother said. "When our daughter started talking about having a boyfriend, we said she couldn't go out with him until we met him."

Despite several scheduled meetings in their home, he never showed.

During frequent walks of the family dog, the girl said she continued to communicate with Merreighn over her cellphone. Later during a slumber party at a friend's home, she and two other girls snuck out and attended a party at Merreighn's apartment in Springfield's Westchester subdivision. Although she said the two only interacted for about 20 days, she was able to occasionally meet covertly with Merreighn.

The girl said Merreighn brandished handguns about his apartment. Sometimes he would fire guns from his back porch and at other times he would point firearms at her, she said.

On July 30, the couple checked their daughter's room before going to bed and found that she was missing. Using a tracking application on their daughter's phone, they found that she was located at Merreighn's apartment.

"We immediately called the police and said our daughter was in danger and gave her location," the father said.



Zane Merreighn, 22, was arrested Oct. 26 and charged with three counts of aggravated sexual abuse.

During this time, it is alleged that Merreighn sexually penetrated the girl.

In his petition for an order of protection, the father wrote: "The police were called and tracked her phone to his apartment where he refused to answer the door. The police who responded determined that he is the son of Detective Jennifer Oglesby. Rather than removing my daughter, the responding officers notified his mother, the detective."

The girl said she and Merreighn were in the bedroom when they heard a soft knock at the front door, and then Merreighn's phone rang.

"It was his mother, and she was yelling so loud (on the phone) that I could hear her. She yelled, 'You get that little girl home,'" the 14-year-old said.

She said they waited until the police officer was gone and then Merreighn drove her to her parents' house.

"When she got home, she was behaving like she was drugged," the stepmother said. Her father said he did not smell alcohol but agreed she was behaving as if under the influence of a substance.

After later finding photos on his daughter's cellphone of her being fondled, the father contacted the Springfield police and Deputy Police Chief Joshua Stuenkel called them. Both parents listened on speakerphone, they said.

"He didn't say we shouldn't press charges — in so many words. But he did say he'd known (Detective Jennifer Oglesby) for years and that she was a really good person, and at the time she had been off-duty and acted like any mother would have," the girl's stepmother said.

"Then he said, 'You got your daughter back — isn't that what you wanted?'"

The parents said they didn't believe it should be

left up to the alleged perpetrator of a crime to drive their daughter home, rather than the police.

Stuenkel said on the night the police department was contacted, they were investigating a missing person complaint and no allegations of other criminal behavior had yet been alleged.

"I may have speculated that when the name Merreighn came up the officer's supervisor would have recognized the name and contacted his mother to help locate the missing person," Stuenkel said.

As to how the department may have handled previous incidents concerning Merreighn, he said he is not familiar with them and can't comment.

Citing a potential conflict of interest, the Springfield police requested the state police investigate the case. Sangamon County State's Attorney Dan Wright also has recused himself and asked the state appellate prosecutor to pursue the matter.

The father said he has been told by a state police investigator that a deleted video has been recovered from Merreighn's cellphone that depicts sexual activity.

"We didn't want to see it, but (the investigator) described it to me over the phone," he said.

Neither Oglesby nor Dan Fultz, who court documents list as Merreighn's attorney, immediately responded after being contacted by *Illinois Times*.

The family has retained the St. Louis law firm Tapella & Eberspacher, which has sent letters to Oglesby and the city's legal department demanding that potential evidence be maintained because a lawsuit may be filed. □

Scott Reeder, an *Illinois Times* staff writer, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.org.



Origins poem # 1

when we sing "this land was made for you and me," sure, but also for those here many centuries before us, and before us all, birds beasts greenery bacteria the whole universe even multiverses who knows how many? Our belief in a creator may be too small: perhaps "is" has always been "been"

2021 Jacqueline Jackson

LETTERS

We welcome letters. Please include your full name, address and telephone number. We edit all letters. Send them to editor@illinoistimes.com.

THANK A NURSE

This is a beautiful article ("A nurse's please: Help us fight this war," Oct. 21). Thanks to Carly Hinkle for sharing her story, and more importantly, thanks for all she has done to fight COVID. The body bag comments brought me to tears. I hope by baring her soul, she inspires more people to get vaccinated.

Sergio Murer

Via [Illinoistimes.com](https://illinoistimes.com)

SECOND CHANCE?

It all depends on the crime and the person, like a parole hearing ("Forgiveness or enforcement," Oct. 21). Our penal system needs an overhaul. Many drug offenders and non-violent offenders are in prison when they should be in rehab and job training. Many early offenders need reform school, not prison. And once they test out, they should be able to carry a card that employers and landlords would recognize as a candidate for second chances, or something like that.

Lisa Gillespie Galloway

Via [Facebook.com/illinoistimes](https://illinoistimes.com)

NOT THE SAME PERSON

The state needs to do something with the revoked-for-life driver's license situation, too. I haven't had a DUI in 21 years and still can't get a full reinstatement, only restricted with a breath alcohol ignition interlock device. I'm not the same person I was 21 years ago.

John E. Sanders

Via [Facebook.com/illinoistimes](https://facebook.com/illinoistimes)

KEEP VIRTUAL OPTION

I attend public meetings as part of my job, and participation has increased with the use of the online option ("Public meetings should be in-person," Oct. 21). Isn't that the goal? I don't see how providing a virtual option hurts democracy.

Jeremy Reed

Via illinoistimes.com

KEEP BOTH

In-person meetings are critical to our democracy and should continue to be required by our government entities. Constituents should be allowed to appear in-person and present their perspectives and opinions. Additionally, now that we have the virtual option available, it, too, should be continued, as it gives the constituency more opportunity to attend. It should not be an either/or option, but both.

Dan Mueller

Via [Illinoistimes.com](https://illinoistimes.com)

NEVER ASSUME

So I hand you a gun and tell you it's OK, it's not loaded, just point it at your kids and pull the trigger ("Living for two," Oct. 28). What if you watched me put dummy bullets in the gun – they look like real bullets. Do you really want to pull that trigger without checking for yourself? Perhaps you know nothing about guns. Would you even accept the gun to hold?

Most people I know would never pull the trigger on any real gun without checking to see if it was loaded or not. Even more so, everyone I know that is trained to handle guns won't take a gun from another without first asking to open the breech/cylinder and pull the clip before they take it. It is how we are all taught.

Think of the gun as a baby. When you hand that baby to someone else, you expect them to care for it. It is not your responsibility after you have chosen someone responsible to care for it. It is theirs.

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OPINION

In surprising twist, Republicans support employer lawsuits

POLITICS | Rich Miller

The current topsy-turvy political landscape was on full display in the Illinois House and the Senate last week as the chamber debated and passed a bill to slightly narrow the scope of the Illinois Health Care Right of Conscience Act.

A bedrock Republican Party principle over the years has been to help shield employers from frivolous lawsuits. But every single Republican voted against a bill in the two chambers that would effectively prevent anyone who is fired or punished after refusing to take regular COVID-19 tests from suing their employer and recovering triple damages, including pain and suffering.

Public school teachers, for example, must now either be vaccinated or submit to regular virus testing, yet several unvaccinated teachers are suing because they do not want to take any tests. A court loss by those districts could be very costly, but some judges are siding with plaintiffs and concluding that a law designed to protect doctors who refuse to perform abortions also applies to people who don't want to be vaccinated or get tested.

Democrats are usually all-in on the right of employees to sue, but definitely not in this instance. Like I said, topsy-turvy.

Also, for a year and a half now, Republicans have been demanding that the super-majority legislative Democrats vote on bills related to the pandemic rather than sit idly by while Gov. JB Pritzker issues executive orders.

But, when the Democrats finally took up the Health Care Right of Conscience Act legislation last week, folks like Rep. Dan Caulkins (R-Decatur) argued that the General Assembly ought to drop this issue and instead allow the courts to decide whether the HCRCA applies to the current controversy over vaccines and testing.

That makes no sense considering the endless GOP demands that the General Assembly "do something." But, in reality, that demand for legislative action has mainly been a rhetorical device to allow the Republicans to avoid commenting directly on a range of pandemic topics. Last week's vote, however, smoked them out.

Pretty much all polling shows that the majority of Republican voters oppose things like COVID-19 vaccine and mask mandates. So, it's no surprise that Republican legislators would also be opposed to this change, particularly in a redistricting year when legislators will have new turf to defend and primary opponents can always pop up out of the blue.

What is a tiny bit surprising, though, is that the Republican Party has become so completely

monolithic.

The party has for decades in this state included several legislators who were willing to break ranks on things like taxation, labor unions and abortion. But those members have left office, lost primaries to more conservative Republicans, lost general elections to more liberal Democrats or, in the case of folks like Sen. Terri Bryant (R-Murphysboro) who voted for the 2017 tax hike, lurched to the far right. It's also easier to be unified in the super-minority party, mainly because there is so little pressure or enticement to participate in actual governance. The age of Donald Trump has forced the entire party into a niche, whether party members like it or not.

Unlike the Republicans, House Democrats were not totally unified on the HCRCA legislation last week. It probably didn't help that tens of thousands of electronic witness slips were filed in opposition to the bill.

Seven House Democrats wound up voting against the measure: Carol Ammons of Urbana, Kelly Burke of Evergreen Park, Anthony Deluca of Chicago Heights, Stephanie Kifowit of Oswego and John D'Amico, Mary Flowers and Fran Hurley of Chicago. Two voted "Present":

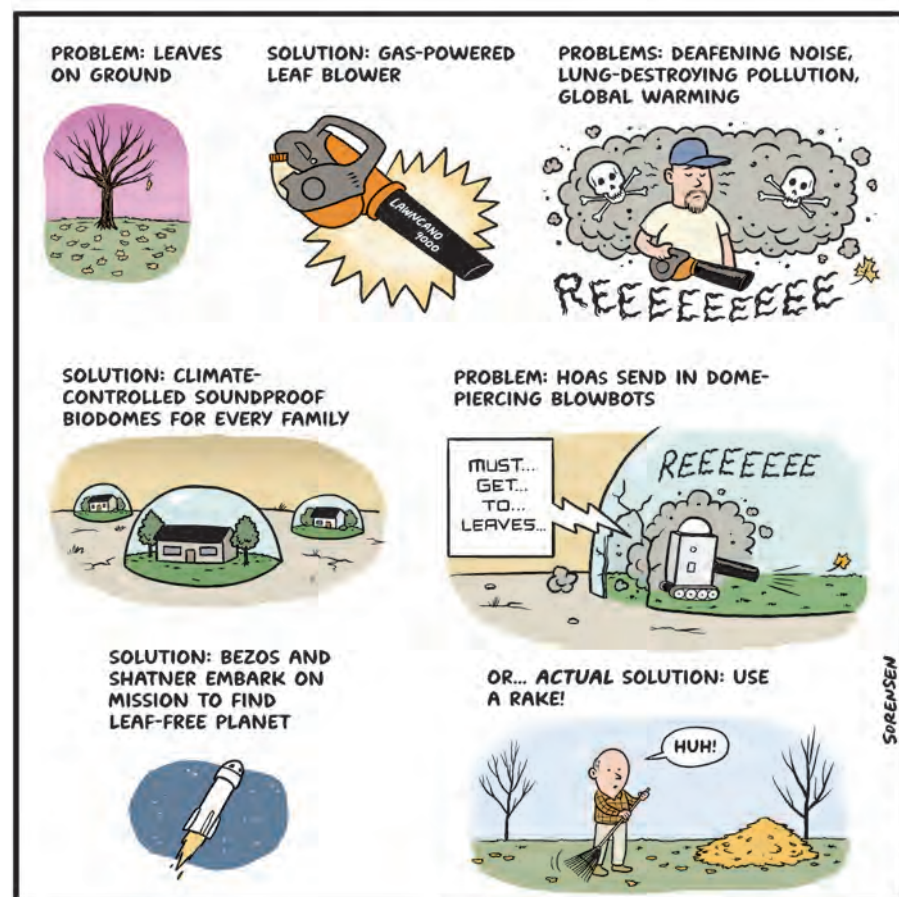
Angie Guerrero-Cuellar of Chicago and Rita Mayfield of Waukegan.

In the Senate, six Democrats sided with the opposition: Rachele Aud Crowe of Glen Carbon, Suzy Glowiak Hilton of Western Springs, Mike Hastings of Frankfort, Patrick Joyce of Essex, Meg Loughran Cappel of Shorewood and Doris Turner of Springfield. Four Democrats didn't vote: Tom Cullerton of Villa Park, Napoleon Harris of Harvey, and Rob Martwick and Tony Muñoz of Chicago.

That Democratic opposition was enough to bring the final tallies below the threshold needed for an immediate effective date on the legislation, so it won't take effect until June 1 of next year. But it's likely the two chambers will vote on it again in January, when it can take effect immediately. In the meantime, the governor's and attorney general's offices believe the action was probably enough to stave off the lawsuits.

All because some folks who won't get vaccinated say they have some mysterious conscientious objection to being tested for a disease and would sue any employer who claims otherwise.

Ridiculous. □



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Puppy love

WEEKLY REEDER | Scott Reeder

“He’s half Labrador retriever and half German shepherd,” the volunteer said as she handed me the wiggling puppy. I looked into the mutt’s shiny eyes and just shrugged.

A few months ago, my wife, a veterinarian, went into work on her day off to spy and neuter dogs from a local animal rescue. Since I already had an obligation that morning, she took our 10-year-old daughter, Caitlin, along.

“We’ll just put her in an empty exam room with the puppies awaiting surgery while I’m back in the operating room,” she told me.

I cringed. Caitlin falls in love hard.

Beforehand, the two of us told her that we already had enough pets, and we weren’t going to adopt another. She could play with the pups but none of them were going home with us.

Wishful thinking.

After spending a morning with one particular puppy she named Johnny, Caitlin was smitten. My wife, Joan, caved first and said she could have him, “if Daddy says it’s OK.”

I then became the subject of a two-week-long lobbying campaign that would put any Statehouse advocate to shame. Daily, sometimes hourly, Caitlin would present her case for why she needed that puppy. She even emailed me a PowerPoint presentation on why the dog should join our family.

I kept thinking if I held out long enough, she would lose interest and somebody else would adopt the pooch.

But her ardor remained undiminished and nobody else wanted that mutt. So, I gave in. When I went to pick him up, the volunteer said they knew little about him other than he and his littermates were found abandoned and that she just felt sure he was a Labrador/Shepherd mix.

But after he came home, he didn’t grow much, and he seemed far too small to be either of those large breeds. Every night he would curl up by the dinner table and we would debate his pedigree.

My sister-in-law said she thought he was part Rhodesian ridgeback. My wife suggested pit bull. I felt sure he was part coonhound. But Caitlin would give him a hug and just say, “I don’t care.”

The ongoing debate reminded me a bit of a journalism dilemma.

Typically, reporters covering a trial will describe a jury by its racial and ethnic



The author's daughter, Caitlin, with Johnny. PHOTO BY SCOTT REEDER

composition. Since reporters cannot talk to jurors during a trial, it becomes a guessing game. Is she Italian or Hispanic? Is he Black or biracial? Is Juror No. 10 an Indian American? Or maybe he’s Middle Eastern?

We live in a nation where identity is increasingly ambiguous.

A few years ago, I asked a Chinese-American friend and a Korean-American friend who they considered to be the most famous Asian American. They both said: Tiger Woods. But it’s doubtful a stranger looking into a jury box would ascribe someone with Woods’ complexion that identity.

A few years ago, I took a DNA test and learned I was 99% of European extraction and 1% Native American. Other than being able to brag that I may be more Native American than U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, I’m not sure

what that test accomplished.

Genetic tracking isn’t limited to humans. One can send a sample of a dog’s saliva to a laboratory and learn its genetic makeup too.

So, after enduring multiple dinner-table debates about Johnny’s pedigree, we mailed in a sample. The result: He’s 17 different breeds.

He was only 1% Labrador and didn’t have a drop of German shepherd blood. And despite my speculation and my sister-in-law’s, there was no Rhodesian ridgeback or coonhound to be found in his lineage.

After hearing the results, Caitlin hugged her pup and said, “I don’t care, I love him.”

If only more people would view others that same way. □

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The making of a RESPECTABLE LOBBYIST

Randy Witter with copies of legislative calendars he has saved through the years. Many of the calendars have special colors or designs to mark holidays or other occasions.

Randy Witter has learned a thing or two during his 48 years of lobbying work at the Illinois State Capitol.

“I learned early on that if you treat everyone the same way, whether it’s the governor or the janitor, with the same respect, you’re going to get further ahead,” said the 72-year-old Witter. “You don’t necessarily have to get along with them, but you have to respect them.”

Witter, the principal of Cook-Witter Inc. of Springfield, retired Oct. 1 after a lobbying career that began in 1973. Although his experiences could fill several volumes, Witter confessed, “I’m not going to write a book, I don’t want to say this or that person was crazy.” But he has picked up some wisdom along the way about how things really get done under the Capitol dome.

“Political Science 101 and political reality are not the same thing,” Witter said. “You can pick up the formal education of how a bill becomes law, but to really understand the nuances, the people and the organizational dynamics, well, I am still learning now.”

“I’ve seen God, flag, apple pie and motherhood all go down the drain and I’ve seen pieces of legislation I never thought would pass, get passed,” Witter said. “Most people don’t realize why we have the laws that we have, what goes into the final result.”

Witter has had more than a front-row seat to the machinations of the Illinois General Assembly during his lifetime of work. He has been an active, behind-the-scenes participant in some of the key issues of our time, working tirelessly to pass, defeat or change laws that impact our daily lives.

It all started when Witter, who had just gotten out of the military and had become dissatisfied with law school, got to tag along with some lobbyists at the invitation of a former Western Illinois University professor.

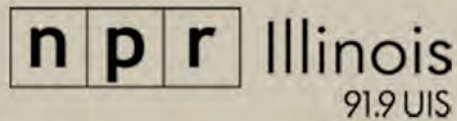
“He invited me to Springfield, he had hired two contract lobbyists, and he said, ‘Follow them around and at the end of the day come back and tell me what is happening with community college legislation,’” Witter said.

Witter worked with the contract lobbyists for the state community college system and was “tangentially involved” with his first piece of legislation, a bill that would place every high school district within a community college district. He became hooked, and started taking evening classes at Sangamon State University to seek a master’s degree in public administration.

One of the guest lecturers at Witter’s Sangamon State classes was Bob Cook, the executive vice president of the Illinois Association of Realtors. Witter approached him after class and told Cook that he was interested in doing some lobbying work. Cook hired Witter in April 1974

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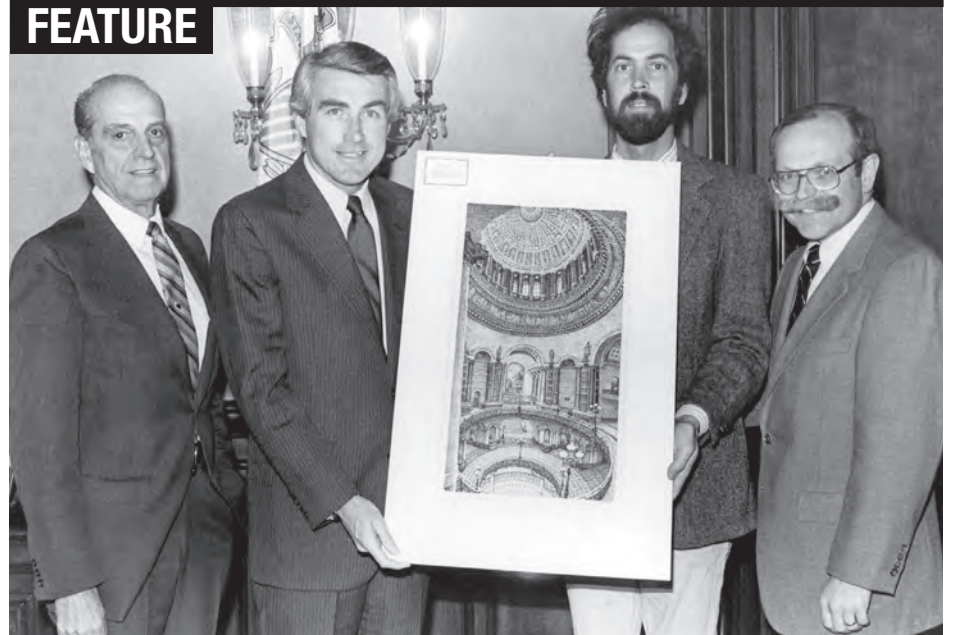
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Bob Cook, Gov. Jim Edgar, artist Bill Cook, and Randy Witter with one of the prints sold through the Cook-Witter office.

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as the first legislative assistant at the Illinois Association of Realtors.

Cook retired as the executive vice president in 1984, Witter left the Association of Realtors in 1985 as the director of government relations, and the two men started Cook-Witter Inc. on Oct. 1, 1985.

“We are going to keep this on the up-and-up”
Cook-Witter’s first office was a block south of the Capitol complex and their list of lobbying clients steadily grew. But the partners were choosy about the issues they would tackle.

“Cook was a pretty staunch Baptist, three of his four kids were missionaries, and I am a Methodist, and we decided that we did not want to represent liquor, tobacco or gambling,” Witter said.

“I very quickly learned that what was happening at the Capitol was monumental in the way it impacted the day-to-day lives of Illinois citizens.”

One of those monumental issues was the Illinois Clean Indoor Air Act in the mid-1980s, and Cook-Witter was representing the American Cancer Society, Illinois Division. The firm was fighting against the powerful tobacco industry and its longtime lobbyist, Bud Kelley.

“When we first got hired by the Cancer Society, I found Bud in the House gallery and said, ‘Bud, I wanted to let you know. We were just hired by the American Cancer Society,

Illinois Division. Nothing personal, we are going to keep this on the up-and-up,” Witter said. “And he said, ‘I appreciate that.’ He was always very straightforward, he wasn’t trying to trick us, we weren’t trying to trick him. We had this mutual respect for each other.”

The Witter-Kelley showdown over the Clean Indoor Air Act was chronicled in an April 8, 1993, *Illinois Times* article. The act passed, but not before some last-minute drama that illustrated how things are often done in Springfield.

“Bob Cook took a late-night phone call from a House majority leader who said, ‘I’ve got a neighbor with several bowling alleys and the way we understand this bill, he won’t be able to have people smoking in his bowling alleys. You may want to rethink that,’” Witter said. “We told our clients that this gentleman had enough power to stop the bill from passing, so we took out bowling alleys, and for the first several years of the Clean Indoor Air Act, bowling alleys were exempt.”

Despite the 11th-hour removal of bowling alleys from the legislation, Cook-Witter’s clients were thrilled about how the firm worked to get the Clean Indoor Air Act passed.

“Randy Witter’s advocacy and long-standing relationships helped show the political establishment that the ‘smoke-filled rooms’ legacy of the past didn’t belong as a social norm or way of doing business in Illinois anymore,” said Ginnie Flynn, vice president of communications for the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians, one of the organizations that joined the Cancer Society in the fight to get the bill passed. “Now an entire new generation is growing up without the everyday exposure of seeing smoke in public indoor spaces. My youngest daughter was born three days before the

Clean Indoor Act took effect on Jan. 1, 2008.”

“The best thing to do is go and sit down with them”

Witter is also proud of the service animal legislation he worked on for the Manufactured Housing Association. Before the bill was passed, virtually anyone with official-looking papers could force a landlord to accept an animal in a rental building regardless of whether the property allowed pets.

“There were internet sites where you could fill out a form, send some money, and they sent a certificate that said, ‘You need to have Fluffy by your side at all times,’” Witter said. “Well, it might be great if Fluffy was a little poodle, but if Fluffy turns out to be something crazy like a boa constrictor, that’s a problem.”

Legislation that was being considered by the Illinois General Assembly didn’t address this abuse of the law’s intent, so Witter went right to the source.

“One of the things I learned early on was if you disagree with someone at the Capitol, the best thing to do is go and sit down with them,” Witter said. “I talked to the legislation’s proponents, and they were just as upset as we were with the fake certificates that were being used by people who were abusing the purpose of the law.”

The compromise that ensued from the one-on-one conversation proved to be reasonable and acceptable to everyone, Witter said.

Witter pointed to another career highlight, the licensure of 35 professions by the state of Illinois. The 1970 Illinois Constitution provided home rule powers to certain communities, and they felt they had the power to license whomever they pleased. The realtors and other associations for whom Witter worked felt such a result would be a patchwork of different rules and regulations.

Witter and Cook worked to pass a bill that said the state of Illinois would have the exclusive right to license more than 30 different professions. The home rule municipalities immediately took it to the Illinois Supreme Court, which rejected the legislation. There were 35 occupations listed in the bill, and the Supreme Court considered each occupation to be a different subject matter. The court ruled that the state constitution limited each bill to a single subject matter.

“So we immediately turned around and went back into the legislature with 35 different, individual bills and passed them all,” Witter said. “We were testing the 1970 constitution.”

Witter was there for the historic 1979 Legislative Cutback Amendment, which reduced the size of the Illinois House of Representatives from 177 members to 118. He was in the Capitol “the night that everything went crazy on the Equal Rights Amendment, people were throwing what was supposed to be blood all over



Then Attorney General Neil Hartigan, right, pokes fun at Randy Witter’s mustache in June 1984.

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the marble floor of the rotunda,” Witter said of the unsuccessful attempt to pass the legislation in this state during the 1970s. “There were women chained together on the first floor of the rotunda. The whole thing was surreal.”

Illinois finally became the 37th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment in 2018, something Witter was also able to witness.

Witter’s most recent involvement in major legislation was the lobbying work he did as part of the state’s nearly 1,000-page energy bill.

“There had to have been 75 to 100 different organizations involved,” Witter said. “At the end, some of the things that got hung up had nothing to do with the nuclear power plants staying open or closed, but it had to do with the use of coal.”

“He was smart and sharp and would ask all the right questions”

Witter has seen many changes during his 48 years of working in the Capitol.

“When I first started, my memory of the Capitol was beige. Today, the Capitol is more colorful, vibrant and historically authentic than ever, that restoration has been a huge improvement,” Witter said. “In the 1970s there were canvas curtains, like big shower curtains, on the sides of the House Chamber and there were desks underneath the balcony. Legislators would stick their heads out from behind the curtain to ask for somebody.”

When Witter started in 1973 he said there were 11 women in the Illinois House and Senate, amounting to just 4.7 percent of the total members in both chambers. Today there are 25 women in the state Senate, or 42.4 percent, and 46 women in the House, or 39 percent of its members.

“And there are probably as many women

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lobbyists today as men," Witter said.

The 1970s Capitol had telephone booths on the first and third floors since there were no cellphones. To avoid waiting in line at the phone booths to make an important call, Cook and Witter purchased some of the first "walkie-talkie" telephones that were about the size of a brick," Witter said.

Technology has increased the pace at the Capitol during recent years. When Witter started, proposed amendments to bills were printed each night and copies distributed throughout the Statehouse the next day, giving those interested in the legislation time to formulate support or opposition.

"Today, an amendment is offered and you don't even know about it until about an hour before it's heard in committee," Witter said. "The staffer will call and ask what your opinion is. Things can happen so rapidly it's phenomenal."

Witter remembers working with many people in the Illinois General Assembly who went on to greater things. They include former Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, Congressman Henry Hyde and Congressman Ray LaHood, former U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert, former Governor Rod Blagojevich, and state Senate staff member and current U.S. Senator Dick Durbin.

"A guy in the Senate by the name of Barack Obama was very businesslike. When he would leave a committee room and go to his office, he was always on his cellphone," Witter said. "He was cordial, he was nice, but you knew from the very beginning he was smart and sharp and would ask all of the right questions."

"Barack truly reached out to try to embrace some of the ideas that the other side of the aisle would have," Witter said. "Kirk Dillard, a Republican, was on the Judiciary Committee with Barack and the two of them worked very closely on judicial reform and things like that. So there was a lot of respect for Barack."

Witter said that "all of the governors have had their pluses and minuses," but he was especially impressed with the late Governor Jim Thompson.

"He could take a document a few minutes before walking into a gathering and he could cite line and verse from the document he literally just read for the first time minutes ago," Witter said. "Thompson had the ability to work the crowd. He could drink beer out of a plunger at the Western Illinois University football game for charity, go to a grade school and get down on the mat with kindergartners, or go to New York and

he knew as much as anybody on the room about aspects of finance."

Witter had his own admirers among the Capitol's political professionals.

"Randy was a true professional, I had all the respect in the world for him," said former State Rep. Rich Brauer of Petersburg. "What a lot of people don't realize is that if lobbyists are good, like Randy, they give you information for both sides of the issue."

State Rep. Dan Brady of Bloomington said, "Randy is the epitome of a lobbyist who has respect from both sides."

"He's knowledgeable, is a square shooter, and when he tells you something you can bank on it. These are all characteristics that are noted by legislators," Brady said. "He worked at it full throttle, making sure that you as a legislator had what you needed regarding every aspect of what the issue may or may not be. Randy was one of those diamonds in the rough."

"Tell the client the bad news before you tell them the good news"

Cook-Witter always had a 30-to-60-day "out" provision on their lobbying contracts so that lobbyist or client could sever the relationship if either side felt that something was not right. Witter said that the first thing Cook-Witter always examined was whether a potential client could pose a conflict of interest.

Cook-Witter was hired by Kraft Corporation to focus on the company's packaging and dairy products. When RJR Nabisco, which had large tobacco interests, bought out Kraft, Witter immediately contacted his cancer society clients and assured them that Cook-Witter had no intention of working on any issue involving tobacco. Within six months of the merger, Cook-Witter's relationship with Kraft/RJR Nabisco was ended.

Witter admitted that many people consider "lobbyist" to be a four-letter word, but "it's like used car salesmen or attorneys, you're going to have good ones, bad ones, timid ones, bold ones, you're going to have every kind."

And lobbyists are not miracle workers.

"Sometimes the client comes up with a wish list and you have to tell them it is unrealistic, that we have to do something different," Witter said. "I think it's important to tell the client the bad news before you tell them the good news. The worst is a lobbyist who doesn't communicate with the client."

Every day Witter would interact with powerful political figures, especially the speaker of the House of Representatives, on behalf of legislation that was important to his clients. He grew to respect former House Speaker Mike Madigan and former speaker and governor, George Ryan.

"You'd talk to George and within the first

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sentence he'd say, 'Yep, I think I can help ya,' or 'Nope, I'm on the wrong side of this, you guys gotta figure out something else.' And we appreciated that," Witter said. "We may disagree with his position, he may be sympathetic to what we are saying, but he's already agreed to something else."

"The legislature is truly a representation of the population of Illinois as a whole. There are people in the legislature that you say, 'Wow, they are so brilliant, what are they doing here, they could be doing all kinds of other stuff,'" Witter said. "Then there are other legislators that you'd say, 'Wow, if their constituents only knew.' And you have to get along with everybody."

"We tried to do what we believed was right"

Cook-Witter was sold to McGuireWoods Consulting as of Oct. 1. "Randy has been a fixture at the Capitol for 48 years and his clients love him," said Tom Londrigan, senior vice president and director of McGuireWoods Consulting's Illinois government affairs team. "McGuireWoods Consulting, both in Illinois and around the country, provides the same personal, effective and reliable client service. It's a good match."

Besides lobbying, Cook-Witter had built upon Bob Cook's and Randy Witter's association management training and offered that service to clients as well. The two men started a prestigious intern program that took graduate students on a totally immersive experience through a spring legislative session. Many interns have gone on to become lawmakers themselves or to work on legislative staffs in Springfield or Washington, D.C.

Cook-Witter developed a pre-visit orientation program coordinated through the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau for all of the schoolchildren who visit the Capitol. The firm later ended up selling the program rights to Illinois Bell. Cook and Witter encouraged local artist Bill Crook to do pen and ink drawings of scenes around the Capitol, and for years Crook's prints were purchased through the Cook-Witter offices.

Many people through the years have also subscribed to "The Cook-Witter Report," a newsletter which began publication in 1985 and features articles on legislation and people in government.

Witter's longtime business partner, Bob Cook, died in 2017.

"Cook treated me like a son. He was a mentor, 26 years my senior," Witter said. "Cook was a straight arrow. Some people thought, and still think, that we were goody-two-shoes. We tried to do what we believed was right."

Randy has been married to Karen Ackerman Witter for 42 years. The couple have a daughter, a son and two grandchildren.



Then Senate President Emil Jones and Randy Witter in May 1997. PHOTO COURTESY OF RANDY WITTER

Witter's office in the firm's building along East Cook Street, just across the street from the Dana-Thomas House State Historic Site, features framed signatures and portraits of people such as Martin Luther King Jr. and numerous past presidents, including one framed piece with signatures from both President James Garfield and his assassin, Charles Guiteau.

"It's just a hobby. I don't know where I'm going to put all of it when we move," Witter said.

Witter plans to do pro bono work for the Illinois Innocence Project and "other causes I think are fair and just" now that he's officially retired, but "I will avoid trying to get into politics. I've often said the Republicans think I'm too much of a Democrat and the Democrats think I'm too much of a Republican."

Witter has no regrets for his 48-year career of getting things done at the Illinois Statehouse.

"I often wonder what would have happened if I had gone back to law school. I most likely would have ended up going back to Rock Island and practicing with my father," Witter said. "It wouldn't be the same. You need to be happy with what you are doing. I've had some great opportunities, I met a lot of people."

David Blanchette spent 27 years working for state government, often in and around the State Capitol, at a state agency and as governor's office media spokesperson. Since 2015 he has been a freelance writer and photographer, and a frequent contributor to Illinois Times. He is also board chairman of the recently-opened Jacksonville Area Museum.

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With cooler days, it's time to braise

FOOD | Peter Glatz

When you live in a school bus, without the amenities of central heat or AC, you become closely aligned with the changes of the seasons. When days are long and the weather is hot, I try to keep the heat out of the bus kitchen and plan my meals around what I can cook outdoors. But when the sun starts setting in the early evening and the temperature drops, I want to keep the heat in the kitchen, and I start thinking about braises. This is the time to put away the grills and bring out my old battle-scarred orange Le Creuset Dutch oven.

Braising is a method that involves cooking food by partially submerging it in liquid in a covered pot. This technique is a combination of roasting and steaming, resulting in tender meat and vegetables and a flavorful sauce. I usually start the braise on the stovetop and finish it in the oven. Braising is a way to make even the toughest cuts of meat fork-tender. The slow moist cooking dissolves collagen and connective tissue into gelatin, creating a rich sauce. Braises taste even better the second or third day.

Braising meat involves three steps. You need a heavy-lidded pot. An enameled cast iron Dutch oven is perfect. You season your meat with some salt. Then you warm the pot over medium-high heat and coat the bottom with a thin layer of fat, such as butter, bacon grease or cooking oil. (Don't use your expensive extra-virgin olive oil for this; save it for your salads.) You place your meat in the pot and sear it on all sides until golden brown. Then you remove it and set it aside. Next you add a *mirapoix*: chopped onions (or shallots), celery, carrots and perhaps some garlic. The mirapoix is cooked in the drippings until it starts to brown. Then some liquid is added – this can be stock, wine, beer or water. You scrape up all the brown stuff (known as the *fond*) that's stuck to the bottom of the pan. This is called *deglazing*. The fond is full of flavor and adds deliciousness to your sauce or gravy. After the pot is deglazed, the seared meat and any of its juices are returned to the pot, along with some additional cooking liquid. The added liquid should come about one third of the way up the sides of your meat; it should not cover the meat. You bring the liquid to a simmer, put the lid on the pot and transfer it to a 375-degree oven.

The time required for optimal braising varies with the toughness or firmness of the protein. Tough cuts like beef brisket or lamb shanks may take 2 to 3 hours of simmering to soften the collagen. Softer proteins like poultry require less time. You can speed the process up by using a pressure cooker or instant pot, but the low, slow

method coaxes out the most deliciousness.

You can also braise vegetables. Braising works best with sturdier vegetables, such as carrots, parsnips, celery root, turnips, rutabaga, potatoes, fennel, artichokes, winter squash and collards. Vegetables take less time to become fork-tender than tough cuts of meat, so if you are doing a combined meat and vegetable braise, the vegetables are best added later in the cooking process to avoid getting mushy. A good rule of thumb is to add them about 45 minutes before the meat is done.



Braised lamb shanks with eggplant, dried apricots, and chickpeas. PHOTO COURTESY SPOON AND STABLE

Braised lamb shanks with eggplant, dried apricots and chickpeas

Lamb shanks are a tough cut of meat, but slow braising makes them fork-tender. Serves 2

Ingredients

For the braised lamb:
2 one-pound lamb shanks
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 cup onion, diced
1 cup celery, diced
1 cup carrot, diced
1 sprig each thyme, parsley, bay leaf, rosemary – tied together with string
2 cups red wine
6 cups chicken stock, homemade or commercial low-sodium

For the eggplant, apricots, and chickpeas:

4 garlic cloves, minced
1/2 onion, minced
1 carrot, diced large
12 whole, dried apricots
2 cups dry chickpeas (soaked in water overnight)
5 cups chicken stock, homemade or commercial low-sodium
1 parsley sprig, 2 thyme sprigs, and 5 black peppercorns, wrapped in cheesecloth and tied
2 cups eggplant, diced large
Mint, parsley, orange zest to garnish

Using a medium-sized pot, sweat garlic, onions, carrots, in 1 tablespoon of olive oil until translucent, with no color.

Add the dried apricots and soaked chickpeas. Cover with chicken stock and add the herb bundle.

Cover and slowly simmer until beans are tender, about one hour. Drain.

In a separate pan, cook the eggplant in 1 tablespoon of oil until tender.

Add the eggplant to the cooked beans, and season to taste.

Serve the lamb shanks on a bed of the chickpea and eggplant mixture, and garnish with mint, parsley, orange zest and a drizzle of olive oil.

Adapted from a recipe by Gavin Kaysen of Spoon and Stable in Minneapolis.

Radishes braised with shallots and vinegar

If you've only eaten radishes raw, you'll be surprised how delicious they are braised. Serves 2 as a side dish

Ingredients

3 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
2 large shallots, thinly sliced
2 bunches of radishes, tops removed and reserved
1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
1 tablespoon maple syrup
Water
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Preparation

Wash and drain the radish tops to remove any sand. Cut radishes into halves or quarters, depending on size.

In a heavy pot with a lid over medium-high heat, melt 2 tablespoons of butter. Add the shallots and sweat until translucent. Place the radishes cut-side down in the pot and cook until lightly browned, about 3 minutes.

Add the apple cider vinegar, maple syrup and just enough water to come about 1/3 of the way up the sides of the radishes. Lower the heat to a simmer, cover the pot and braise for about 5 to 10 minutes, or until the radishes are tender. Add the radish tops and continue to braise until wilted.

Transfer the radishes and tops to a serving dish. Increase the heat and reduce the liquid until it becomes syrupy. Stir in the remaining tablespoon of butter and season to taste with salt and pepper. Spoon the sauce over the radishes and serve. □

Peter Glatz sends greetings from Savannah, Georgia, where he's learning all the tricks of low-country cooking.

Extra-virgin olive oil, for drizzling

Preparation

For the braised lamb:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.

Using a large pot, sear the lamb in oil over medium-high heat on all sides until dark and caramelized all over.

Add onion, celery, and carrot and herb bundle, and sweat for 5 minutes.

Deglaze with red wine, and reduce the liquid by 3/4.

Add chicken stock and put the lid on the pot. Transfer to the oven and cook until tender, about 2 hours.

Remove shanks, and strain the liquid. Return the liquid to the pot, turn up the heat and reduce by half.

For the eggplant, apricots and chickpeas:



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Springfield's Route 66 Film Festival rolls on

FILM | Tom Irwin

When the Route 66 International Mother Road Festival began back in 2002, some local folks surmised that perhaps a film festival connected to the street festival celebrating the famous highway would be a good idea. Now some 20 years later, the Route 66 Film Festival continues on after forging a path completely separate from the car show event as an internationally acclaimed, highly respected and well-attended film festival.

Originally the festival started through a grant to the Reel to Real Film Club from Lincoln Land Community College and was held at the now demolished Esquire Theater. After the first year, the funding ended and the film fest moved through a succession of locations, including the Hilton Hotel, Hoogland Center for the Arts, Legacy Theatre, Capital City Bar & Grill theater and Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, until going entirely online last year during the pandemic of 2020. Past shows at those local locations have screened films produced in dozens of countries, including Belgium, France, South Africa, Japan, Brazil, Spain, Great Britain, Uruguay, Mexico, Canada and the United States. Some shorts went on to be Oscar-nominated and other entries received Netflix distribution deals as well as recognition and awards at various festivals. From worldwide choices, the Route 66 Film Festival was acknowledged in 2008 by *Moviemaker* magazine as “one of the 25 festivals worth the entry fee” and the 2009 International Film Festival Summit in Las Vegas listed the Springfield-based event as a featured festival.

Credit goes to Linda McElroy, plus a volunteer crew, as the first director for getting it all going in the first place. Since 2012, a six-member board with officers and the ever present and always necessary cadre of volunteers, have taken on the big job of curating film submissions from across the globe and

presenting the films in a cohesive fashion for locals to watch, as well as viewers online from all over the world through the internet.

“This isn't about cars or the road itself anymore, but about ‘the journey,’” explained Thea Chelsy, a board member since 2012 in charge of communications and media, as well as making sure the films go online and producing the festival's program book. “This year we have 44 films from 12 countries represented, including some from Iran. One thing we'd like to stress and encourage is for everyone watching to vote for their favorite films.”

Indeed the voting, once done in person at the theater showings, is an integral part of the Route 66 Film Festival. Now available through an online process, viewers make choices that are then tabulated by festival workers and those awards can be valuable to filmmakers looking for audience reactions and ways to promote their films to a worldwide public. Judges associated with the festival also bestow awards as they choose from the diverse selections in various categories. As independent artists, usually on extremely tight budgets, these directors, producers, actors and others involved in making contemporary international films rely on word-of-mouth promotion and showings at smaller festivals to reach a larger audience. According to board member Lana Wildman, even being selected to be in this event is beneficial to a filmmaker.

“If you go to the websites for these films, they will have acknowledged acceptance into the Route 66 Film Festival and that can help them to get noticed by other festivals or distributors,” she said. “Our judges then vote as a group to select what we think are the best entries and those awards can further help a filmmaker in promotion. We keep those categories flexible to fit what best suits the films we show. Then there's the audience favorite

voted by viewers along with those other selections.”

Of the current five members on the board, Chelsy and Siobhan Johnson, the festival director since 2014, are counting 2021 as their final year. Wildman, Crissie Trigger and Christine Samoore will continue as directors at large, with



Two of the 44 films to be screened during the online festival Nov. 5-15.

Laura Richter and Ben Harl set to soon be the newest board members. Anyone interested in helping out in any way should email the group at route66filmfestival@gmail.com and you too can be a part of this local organization coordinating a global event. □

How to participate in the film festival

The 20th Route 66 Film Festival runs Nov. 5-15, 2021, and will be screened entirely online. Complete information on how to participate is available on the 2021 festival page at route66filmfestival.net. Tickets are available at FilmFestivalFix.com. Each film session is \$10 or see all 10 sessions for \$50. The festival program book will be added when it is available. An in-person and Zoom award reception will be held Nov. 13 from 2-4 p.m., with the in-person location at Prairie House Custom Frames Gallery, 2833 South 6th Street, Springfield.

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ARTS PREVIEW | Dennis Thread

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The ISO's musical director, Ken Lam, will welcome international piano sensation Micah McLaurin to an intimate mix-and-mingle event at the all-new Grant Conservatory of Music and Dance.

"It's not a full-scale concert – that comes on Saturday night at UIS-PAC – but a social event open to everyone," Lam said. "Mingle, have a glass of wine, and hear some amazing music."

Micah pushes the boundaries of what it means to be a classical artist. Lam continues, "He's an award-winning pianist, noted for his interpretations of Rachmaninoff, but also his own transcriptions of Lady Gaga. Plus, he's also really into cutting-edge fashion. He has a powerful image."

The Elliott Avenue Baptist Church, a remarkable building and one of the finer examples of mid-century modern architecture in Springfield, will be reborn as the Grant Conservatory for Music and Dance, a training ground for young artists.

"We had been looking for the perfect place," Taryn Grant, the conservatory's executive director, told us. "This building has experienced a lot of love – it is a very well-maintained church – and it's also been a big part of this community. And it has it all." There is office space, rehearsal and practice rooms, everything a performing arts education facility needs.

The sanctuary is a dramatic room with great acoustics. Grant says, "We will always call the space 'The Sanctuary.' That word has a lot of meanings." It honors the past, the founders and members of the church community, who put the building up for sale in the face of the pandemic, and looks to the future, as an inspiring, safe place for young artists to learn, experiment and grow. The building, close to the medical complex, is across the street from Enos School.

In residence is the Springfield Youth Ballet (formerly the Springfield Youth Performance Group), the Illinois Symphony Youth Orchestra and the ISO itself. The ISYO's conductor, Logan Campbell, says, "The new facility will give our students and the community at large a new place to make music."

Trevor Orthmann, the ISO's executive direc-



The Grant Conservatory of Music and Dance, formerly Elliott Avenue Baptist Church. PHOTO BY FLETCHER FARRAR

tor, says the orchestra will move to the building by the summer and they are expecting symbiosis and serendipity. "Having three arts organizations in the building will lead to collaborative projects and help build audiences. Kids can experiment and try new things out. And it gives the ISO another venue for chamber music events like this one with Micah."

For the future, Taryn Grant envisioned "a candlelit solo cello performance in the Sanctuary" or small dance recitals. Special events of all kinds could easily be accommodated. An official grand opening is planned for the new year.

All three organizations will continue to present in other facilities like the Hoogland, SHG auditorium and Sangamon Auditorium at UIS-PAC.

"Youth programming has always been my focus in the community," said Grant. "And the conservatory will be the kind of environment where students

of the classical arts can train together and feel loved and supported – so they feel that they can truly be their best."

But the sneak peek Friday, Nov. 5, is your chance to experience the new space on your own, meet the artist, and have some fun. Maestro Lam will be there. "There is this image of the symphony – that it's so serious – but here we are: Sergei Rachmaninoff and Lady Gaga. It's music for everyone!"

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Dennis Thread is a freelance writer, director, and producer experienced in theater, opera, immersive experiences, public ritual, film, TV, and institutional and corporate communications dtbread@creativethread.com

Two concerts this weekend

"Classical Crossover" with Micah McLaurin, Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m., \$25. Grant Conservatory of Music and Dance, 501 W. Elliott Avenue, Springfield. Tickets at [ilsymphony.org/concerts](https://www.ilsymphony.org/concerts). All attendees will be requested to wear masks.

Micah McLaurin joins the full ISO, Saturday, Nov. 6, at 7:30 at UIS-PAC, on Sergei Rachmaninoff's Piano Concert No. 2, a romantic tour de force. Also on the program is Shostakovich's anti-Stalinist Symphony No. 9, and a premiere by Roger Zare, of the music faculty at Illinois State University.

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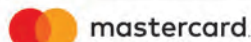


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MUSIC



Tune in to backlandradio.com as The Whip radio station hosts a tribute to Jerry "Pork" Armstrong this Friday and Saturday.

Pork, Len and jazz

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Well, here we are rolling our way into November of 2021 heading toward the upcoming holiday season. Yeah, I said it. The last of the outdoor shows are likely done for the year, barring a ridiculous heat wave which could happen, so we're now settling into our indoor music accommodations.

Just in time for an inside activity, The Whip radio station, formerly broadcasting from Farmer City, Illinois, as WWHP-FM and now available for online listening at BacklandRadio.com, hosts the *Pork! Radio Tribute Special* this Friday (Nov. 5) at noon and Saturday (Nov. 6) at 7 p.m. Now for those of you not familiar with this central Illinois legend of live and recorded music from the 1960s, 70s and beyond, get ready for a large dose of Jerry Armstrong, known far and wide, simply as Pork. Best remembered as an entertaining singer and writer of barroom classics such as "Pukin' in the Parking Lot (We Ain't Leavin' 'til We're Heavin')" and "Operator, Operator (Put Me Through to Decatur)," among other party country classics played with his incredibly good band the Havana Ducks, he passed away at age 55 in 2003. Pork also hosted a radio show on the Whip back in the day called Radio Boy's Treehouse O' Fun and segments of that program will be featured on the tribute, along with music by the Ducks and other Pork-related bands such as the Mackinaw Valley Boys, The New Watermelon Rhythm Band, AJ & The Savages, Yellow Bird and more. Visit auntieindustries.com for info on the show and more about Pork and his music. He's on YouTube, too.

In a quick heads-up on another blast from the area's past, word is out that Len Trumper, the man responsible for booking most of the rock concerts in Springfield from the late 60s

through the 70s and into the 80s, has gotten together a book about those heady days and it's full of pictures of posters and tickets, plus some tales from Len. Copies will be available soon at book signings in several locations around town. We'll keep you posted on when and where.

Mark your calendars for regular jazz nights in Springfield as the Uptown Friday Night music series, held for years at Robbie's in conjunction with the Springfield Area Arts Council, returns in a slightly different form, now known as Friday Night Jazz at Boone's Saloon. To repeat and reiterate, from now until whenever (but not quite forever), there will be jazz music with no cover charge at Boone's every Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The first band in is Chahrm with Ada Lou on this Friday evening with November's lineup continuing as Smooth and Blue Band (Nov. 12), Stumpy Joe (Nov. 19) and Frank Trompeter Quartet (Nov. 26). Right on, cool beans, far out, dig it and sweet are several terms I will use to describe the joy of having this gathering returning to our music community. Plus, a big thank you goes out to all who made it happen.

For an unusual, yet wonderful, situation, another live jazz music show is happening on Friday when 3Sixteen Wine Bar in Chatham, in conjunction with a Back to the Music grant through the Springfield Area Arts Council, hosts Patrick Anderson's Latin Jazz Trio from 6 to 9 p.m. Brazilian guitarist Jose Gobbo and Illinois-based bassist Ben Taylor join Patrick on drums and percussion in playing South American-influenced jazz at the intimate venue.

Don't forget to check out our live music listings for lots more of the good stuff coming your way. □

LIVE MUSIC

LIVE MUSIC

Live music within 40 miles of Springfield. Dates, times and locations are subject to change, so we suggest calling before attending an event.

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

Thursday Nov 4

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

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke
La Fiesta Chatham, 7-11pm

Friday Nov 5

it Patrick Anderson's Latin Jazz Trio
3Sixteen Wine Bar, Chatham, 6-9pm

Joel Honey
The Alibi, Rochester, 9pm-12am

White Lightnin'
Becky's Good Time, Virginia, 8pm

3's Company
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-11pm

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

Justin Moyar
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

Lick Creek
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Sushi Roll Band
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 6pm

Cactus Ranch
George Rank's, 7-10pm

Matt Miller
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

8UP
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm-12am

Midnight Express
VFW 10302 Northenders, 7:30-10:30pm

it Sarah Schneider Band
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 8-11pm

JackAsh
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6pm

Saturday Nov 6

Marty Brown
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

Mike Burnett and Joe Dawkins
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7pm

Stumpy Joe
Boone's, 11am

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

No Backup Plans
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Positively 4th Street
Donnie's Homespun Pizza, Decatur, 8-11pm

Blue Iris and Trouble Maker
George Rank's, 7-10pm

All Nighter
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Arrowhead Drive
The Keg, 7-10pm

it Model Citizen with Myers-Brant-Paoni
Kuhl Tyme Korner, Jacksonville, 8pm

The 4 County Blues Band
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm-12am

Joel Honey
Mowie's Cue, 8-11pm

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

JackAsh
1854 Pub, Pawnee, 7pm

NCR
Sliderz, Decatur, 7pm

Deja Voodoo
Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill and Museum, 8-11pm

Sunday Nov 7

California Jeff and Interstate Jenny
1905 Brewing Co., Assumption, 3-5pm

Tom Irwin
3Sixteen Wine Bar, Chatham, 4-7pm

Jive Mother Mary
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 2pm

Tom Irwin
Harvest Market Coffee Bar, 10am-1pm

Johnnie Owens
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Rogers and Neinhaus
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 4-8pm

Monday Nov 8



Devin Williams plays at Buzz Bomb Brewing Co. on Saturday, Nov.6 at 7-10 p.m.

Michael Charles and His Band
The Alamo, 7pm

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

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

Tuesday Nov 9

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke
The Alibi, Rochester, 8pm-12am

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

Eric's open jam
George Rank's, 7-10pm

The Cocktails
George Rank's, 8-11pm

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

Wednesday Nov 10

Open mic with Joseph Borisov
3Sixteen Wine Bar, Chatham, 6-8pm

Open mic
Boone's, 6-10pm

Open mic with Jess Cloyd
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

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

Karaoke with Debbie Cakes
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-11pm

Open mic with Jim Ackerman
Wings Etc, 6-9pm

Coors LIGHT WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT



LICK CREEK

Curve Inn
Friday, November 5 • 6pm

Six Strings Club (Bloomington)
Saturday, November 6 • 10pm

BUD LIGHT PARTY NIGHT

JACKASH

Long Bridge Golf Course
Friday, November 5 • 6pm
1854 Pub (Pawnee)
Saturday, November 6 • 7pm

NCR

Sliderz (Decatur)
Saturday, November 6 • 9pm
Weebles Bar & Grill
Saturday, November 13 • 6:30pm

THE GET DOWN

Sally's 4th Street Bistro (Beardstown)
Saturday, November 13 • 9pm

THE CALENDAR



Have Violin, Will Travel

Monday, Nov. 8, 6:30 p.m.
Lincoln Library
326 S. Seventh St.
217-788-9452
Free

MUSIC | The Louis Persinger Story

it Louis Humphrey Persinger loved music and expressed his talents through the violin. Born in the central Illinois village of Rochester in 1887, Persinger became the pride of his hometown as his international fame soared even before he graduated from Germany's Leipzig Conservatory of Music. Persinger's acclaimed performance career in Europe and the U.S. was followed by a notable career teaching violin – his students included child prodigies Yehudi Menuhin, Ruggiero Ricci, Isaac Stern and Camilla Wicks. He taught for three decades as professor of music at The Juilliard School in New York City. In this program, Raymond Bruzan and Pam Bruzan will explore the places and people who contributed to the life of this violin virtuoso. The Dana-Thomas House Foundation presents the program as a part of the Made for Music series. dana-thomas.org.

accepted. Illinois State Military Museum, 1301 N. MacArthur Blvd., 217-761-3910.

Illinois mounds and their meaning
Wed., Nov. 10, 6:30-7:30pm. Duane Esarey and Logan Pappenfort from Dickson Mounds will discuss earthworks which helped shape the landscape of Illinois. Learn the history of the mounds and the theories about these important sites. Advanced registration is required. Hosted online by the Illinois State Museum. illinoisstatemuseum.org. Free with registration. 217-782-6044.

The Lincoln Marriage: A panel discussion

Thu., Nov. 4, 7pm. On the 179th anniversary of the Lincoln marriage. Panelists include Samuel Wheeler, of the Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission, Pam Brown, Mary Lincoln researcher and interpreter and Dr. Obiora Onwuameze, clerkship director of psychiatry at SIU Medicine, who has an interest in Mary Todd's mental health. Adults \$5, students \$3. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

You Ok, Mary?

Thu., Nov. 4, 6:30-7:30pm. Female historians consider Mary Lincoln hold an empathetic, evidence-based discussion about her to go beyond the stereotypes to learn more about this remarkable woman. Hosted by the Illinois State Museum. Visit the website for more information. illinoisstatemuseum.org. Free with registration. 217-782-6044.

Film & Television

"Promising Young Woman"

Tue., Nov. 9, 6:30pm. Movie night for adults. Masks required. Captions available upon request. Movie is rated R for strong violence including sexual assault, language throughout and drug use. Free. Jacksonville Public Library, Jacksonville, 201 W. College Ave., 217-243-5435.

Route 66 Film Festival

Every 10 days. The 20th Route 66 Film Festival, featuring independent films from around the world (13 countries), will be online at Film Festival Flix and can be viewed Nov. 5-15. The awards ceremony will be held at the Prairie House Custom Frames on Sat., Nov. 13, 2-4pm. filmfestivalflix.com. \$10-\$50. 217-494-1279.

History

Great War Encampment

Sat., Nov. 6, 10am-4:30pm. Reenactors will showcase the uniforms, equipment, weapons, and vehicles of WWI. Free, donations

\$10 no tasting ticket includes, a drink, chips and appetizers. Tickets available at Casey's Pub or by calling 217-652-3534 or 217-306-0762. Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County. Casey's Pub, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-241-7101.

Read. Dream. Believe.

Sat., Nov. 6, 7-10pm. Trivia night for the Sangamon County Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. \$100 per table of seven or \$15 person. Raffle, contests. Pre-order or bring your own snack. Doors open at 6pm. Click the link to sign up. Christ the King Parish Center, 1930 Barberry Dr., 546-3527.

Children's Corner

Junior and senior naturalists

Sat., Nov. 6, 9-11am. Junior naturalists ages 5-8 meet at 9am and senior naturalists ages 8-12 meet at 1pm. Members \$12 and nonmembers \$15. Costs cover class materials and snacks. Call or register online at lincolnmemorialgarden.org. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

Pets & Paramedics

Sat., Nov. 6, 11am-2pm. Visit with firefighters, police officers and emergency medical personnel, as well as members of the Friends of Sangamon County Animal Control, Lincoln Library reps and local veterinarians. Food vendors and kid's activities. Free. America Ambulance Service, Inc., 755 Apple Orchard Road, 217-523-3636.

Nature, Science & Environment

Fossil finds in Midwestern caves

Thu., Nov. 4, 12-1pm. Many Ice Age fossil sites are from caves. Melissa Pardi, paleontologist and Illinois State Museum's curator of geology, will explore the paleontology collections from caves in the Midwest. Part of the Tales from the Vault series. Visit the website for virtual attendance info. illinoisstatemuseum.org. Free with registration. 217-782-6044.

YourCreative Nature Super Saturday

Sat., Nov. 6, 10am-4pm. Bring the family to explore the connection between humans and nature with crafts and activities. All activities will be available during this come-and-go event. Kits will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and can be picked up at the museum without attending the event. Free. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-6044.

Lectures & Meetings

THE CALENDAR

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

Special Music Events

it **Chahrm with Ada Lou**
Fri., Nov. 5, 5:30pm. Part of the Friday Night Jazz series sponsored by the Springfield Area Arts Council. Boone's, 301 W. Edwards St., 217-679-3752.

Damien Kaplan and Mark Gifford

Fri., Nov. 5, 7-8pm. The First Friday Concert series welcomes Damien Kaplan on vibraphone and Mark Gifford on piano. Free. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-522-3342.

Have Violin, Will Travel

Mon., Nov. 8, 6:30pm. Learn about the places and people who contributed to the life of Rochester native and violin virtuoso Louis Humphrey Persinger who became the pride of his hometown as his international fame soared before graduating from Germany's Leipzig Conservatory of Music. Sponsored by the Dana-

Thomas House Foundation. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Resounding & Romantic

Sat., Nov. 6, 7:30pm. Rachmaninoff's romantic Second Piano Concerto performed by the sensational pianist Micah McLaurin. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

The Greatest Hits of Foreigner

Fri., Nov. 5, 7:30pm. Foreigner still rocks the charts more than 40 years into the game with massive airplay and continued Billboard Top 200 album success. Streams of Foreigner's hits are approaching 10 million per week. \$39-\$275. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Theater & Comedy

Chris Schlichting

Sat., Nov. 6, 8-9:30pm. A funny, clean comedian who wins over any audience with clever material and natural charm. \$12.50-\$15. Mason City Limits Comedy Club, Mason City, 114 E. Chestnut St., 217-482-5233.

Comedy open mic night

Fri., Nov. 5, 8-9:30pm. Hosted by Josh Freeman. \$5. Mason City Limits Comedy Club, Mason City, 114 E.

Chestnut St., 217-482-5233.

What's the Next Line Anyway?

Sat., Nov. 6, 8pm. By Capitol City Improv and based on the improv comedy show you know and love. Tickets go on sale Monday, Oct. 11. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Art & Architecture

Anna Repke and Amy Kock

Nov. 6-28. Dyed wool paintings and mixed media 3D collage art. David Strawn Art Gallery, Jacksonville, 331 W. College Ave., 217-243-9390.

"Code of Complication"

Mondays-Thursdays, 11am-6pm. An exhibition by Betsy Dollar, executive director of the Springfield Art Association, who is well known for her handmade paper works that span from functional handmade books to large-scale immersive installations. UIS Visual Arts Gallery, HSB 201, One University Plaza, 217-206-6506.

"On My Own Time" art exhibition

Mondays-Fridays, 9am-5pm and Saturdays, 10am-3pm. A biennial visual arts program sponsored by the Springfield Area Arts Council with the purpose to help local businesses, state agencies and educational and medical institutions identify and

THE CALENDAR



Tales from the Vault

Thursday, Nov. 4,
12-1 p.m.

Online
Illinoisstatemuseum.org
217-782-6044
Free with registration

NATURE | Fossil finds in Midwestern caves

It Caves are exciting destinations for exploration and recreation, but did you know that they can be excellent places to find fossils? In fact, many Ice Age fossil sites are in caves. Join Dr. Melissa Pardi, paleontologist and the Illinois State Museum's curator of geology, as she explores the Illinois State Museum's paleontology collections from caves in the Midwest. Call or visit the website to register in advance. The event will also be recorded and shared to the museum's YouTube channel. The event is part of the Tales from the Vault series, a collaborative program hosted by the Illinois State Museum, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and Lincoln's Home National Historic Site that allows the public to discover some of the treasures from these institutions' collections.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Central Illinois Numismatic Association

Wed., Nov. 10, 6:30-9:30pm. November meeting and auction. Doors open at 5:30pm. Current pandemic guidelines will be strictly followed. Round tables will be spaced out throughout the room, four seats to a table. A directional flow line will be used to examine lots. Free. Knights of Columbus Hall Council 4175, 2801 West St., 217-899-9996.

McBrien Lincoln-Douglas Toastmaster Club

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

The Network Group

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

When downsizing can upsize your life

Tue., Nov. 9, 5:30-6:30pm. Learn how downsizing and decluttering can make life easier and safer for seniors and get tips that to help ease that overwhelming task. Attend in person

or online. agelinc.org. Free. Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland, 2731 S. MacArthur Blvd, 217-787-9234.

Women Entrepreneurs of Central Illinois (WE-CI)

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

Bulletin Board

Arboriculture and Mine Wars

Tue., Nov. 9, 11:30am-1:30pm. In this online program, arborist Gus Sternberg will discuss habitats of Illinois and the Starhill Forest Arboretum in Petersburg. Taylor Pensoneau will discuss the 1930s mine wars of Illinois. Part of the UIS Lunch and Learn Series. uis.edu. 217-206-6058.

Half-price Scholastic book sale

Fri., Nov. 5, 4-7pm and Sat., Nov. 6, 9am-3pm. Hosted by the Central Illinois Reading Council. Capital Area Career Center, 2201 Toronto Road, 529-5431 x164.

Holiday food drive

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

Microsoft Word basics

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

Young at Heart

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

Health & Fitness

Mindful movement class

Mon., Nov. 8, 6:30pm. Learn the basics of mindful movement with an introduction to balance, finger/wrist exercises, shoulder rolls and more. Masks required. Free. Jacksonville Public Library, Jacksonville, 201 W. College Ave., 217-243-5435.

Sports

Lace Up, Power On! Community Fall 5k Event

Sat., Nov. 6, 9am. A non-competitive event hosted by Girls on the Run. Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-726-3800.

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Real Estate Foreclosure

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

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Plaintiff,

vs. Michael M. Walden, Sr., AKA Michael Walden, Sr. Defendants.

Case No. 2020CH000009

3073 Louise Lane, Springfield, IL 62702

Judge Adam Giganti

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on June 2, 2021, Jack Campbell will on December 7, 2021, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Second Floor, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 3073 Louise Lane, Springfield, IL 62702

Parcel Number(s): 14-25.0-127-041

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

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

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 20-011766.

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NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE

SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD,

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

TOWN AND COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE

SERVICES, INC.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DEBRA J. RICHARDS, TOWN AND COUNTRY BANK and NORTHEAST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 21-CH-71 PROPERTY ADDRESS:

1905 JEANETTE LANE, #5

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on October 20, 2021, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Permanent Index Number: 14-29.0-355-013 aka 14-29-355-013

Commonly known as: 1905 Jeanette

Lane, #5, Springfield, IL 62702

will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on December 14, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$33,950.59. 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, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

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

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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

FORECLOSURE LAW.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.,

Plaintiff,

Veronika J. Miles (#6313161), Its Attorney

Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC

Veronika J. Miles (#6313161)

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Attorneys at Law

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NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF SANGAMON

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY,

ILLINOIS

WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST,

Plaintiff,

vs.

FRED PRYOR, STEPHANIE PRYOR, EXCEL

GUTTERS, INC., AN ILLINOIS CORPORATION,

SCOTT SIERON, NANCY R. SIMPSON,

JOHN R. SIMPSON and STATE OF ILLINOIS-DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 20-CH-195

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

4120 S. 2ND

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 (PARCEL 3)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on April 21, 2021, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Permanent Index Number: 22-21.0-227-007 (Parcel 3)

Commonly known as: 4120 S. 2nd,

Springfield, IL 62703 (Parcel 3)

will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on DECEMBER 7, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$210,645.38.

The real estate is improved with a commercial building.

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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, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

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PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

JOAN BEVERLY OLINGER,

Deceased.

Case No. 2021-P-579

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE DEATH OF JOAN

BEVERLY OLINGER, of Springfield, Sangamon

County, Illinois, on October 4, 2021. Letters

of Office were issued on the 13th day of

October, A.D., 2021, to PAUL L. CLITES, 1720

Upland Lakes, Houston, Texas, 77043, as Independent

Executor, whose attorney of record is

SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe

Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in

the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court,

Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th

Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with

the representative, or both, within six (6)

months from the date of the first publication

of this Notice and any claim not filed with

that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed

with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to

the representative and to the Attorney at the

above addresses within ten (10) days after

the claim has been filed.

DATED this 13th day of October, A.D., 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTATE OF JOAN BEVERLY OLINGER,

Deceased,

BY: /s/Pamela E. Hart

PAMELA E. HART,

PREPARED BY:

Pamela E. Hart (6299974)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of:

Lawrence D. Houser,

Deceased.

No. 2021-P-574

NOTICE TO HEIRS AND

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given of the death of Lawrence D.

Houser, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testa-

mentary were issued on October 14, 2021, to

Christa H. Houser, 10998 Constant Cemetery

Rd., Buffalo, Illinois 62515 as Administrator,

whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OF-

FICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol

Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

Notice is given to all known and unknown

heirs of Lawrence D. Houser of the entry

of the Order as set forth above and of the

entry of an Order declaring Christa H. Houser,

Rodney A Houser, Douglas D. Houser, and

Brian E. Houser as the only heirs of Lawrence

D. Houser.

The estate will be administered without court

supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate

Act, 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person

terminates independent administration at

any time by mailing or delivering a petition to

terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in

the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court,

Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th Street,

Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative,

or both, within 6 months of the first day that

this Notice is published, and any claim not so

filed within that period is barred. Copies of

a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed

or delivered to the representative and to the

attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Sarah Delano Pavlik – 6269250

Alan J. Jedlicka – 6291659

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the matter of the estate of:

Aaron J. Painter, Deceased

Case No. 2021-P-522

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Aaron J.

Painter. Letters of Administration were issued

to Sandra L. Painter, 3017 Louise Lane,

Springfield, Ill. 62702 as Administrator. Claims

against the Estate may be filed in the Office

of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County

Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield,

Illinois 62702, with the Executor, on or

before, April 28, 2022. Any claim not filed on

or before that date is barred. Copies of the

claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or

delivered to the Executor within 10 days after

it has been filed.

Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of

RACHEL MARIE STREEB,

Deceased.

No. 2021-P-577

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Rachel Marie

Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62704, and Lucas Hendren, 829 East Penning Avenue, Wood River, Illinois 62095, as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney is Matthew J. Cate, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representatives or both, on or before April 26, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 20th day of October, 2021. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com 315156

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: ALLEN H. BREWER, Deceased. NO. 2021-P-605 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Allen H. Brewer of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 26, 2021, to Dean D. Brewer, 1901 Wilderness Trail, Springfield, Illinois 62711, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before May 3, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 26th day of October, 2021. Randall W. Segatto - 06193211 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 217/544-4868 rsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF: MARK R. SCHMIDT, Deceased. No. 2021 P 617 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Mark R. Schmidt of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on October 28, 2021, to Alesia L. Pierce, whose address is 2404 Parkview Drive, Springfield, IL 62704, as Administrator, and whose attorney is JAMES R. ENLOW of GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL, 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL, 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. DATED this 4th day of November, 2021. James R. Enlow(#6199891) GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL Attorneys at Law

1231 South Eighth Street Springfield, Illinois 62703 Telephone: (217) 522.9010 Facsimile: (217) 522.9020 Email: jim@gwspc.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF LUCILLE A. LANZOTTI Deceased. Case No. 2021 P 610 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of LUCILLE A. LANZOTTI. Letters Testamentary were issued on October 27, 2021, to DANIEL E. LANZOTTI, 4032 Eagle Wing Road Springfield, Illinois 62711 as Executor, and whose attorney is JAMES R. ENLOW of GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL, 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL, 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. DATED this 27th day of October, 2021. James R. Enlow (#6199891) GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL 1231 South Eighth Street Springfield, IL 62703 Telephone: (217) 522-9010 Facsimile: (217) 522-9020 Attorney for Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of FRANK W. SHERMAN, Deceased. IN PROBATE NO. 2021-P-535 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of FRANK W. SHERMAN, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on September 30, 2021, to Joan F. Sherman, Executor, whose attorney is Dwight O'Keefe, Brown, Hay & Stephens, 1000 US Bank Building, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 15, 2022, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Dated this 30th day of September, 2021. Dwight O'Keefe, of Counsel Brown, Hay & Stephens 1000 US Bank Building P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62701 217-544-8491

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of DAVID L. STRATTON, Deceased NO. 2021-P-567 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION – CLAIMS Notice is given of the death of David L. Stratton, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on October 19, 2021, to Marcia L. Stratton, 7407 Country Lake Drive, Springfield, Illinois, 62711, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C., 232 West State Street, P.O. Box 550, Jacksonville,

Illinois, 62651. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk of the court. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six months from October 28, 2021, being the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed. Dated this 21st day of October, 2021. Marcia L. Stratton, Independent Administrator, By: RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C., her attorneys, By: Jerry S. Bauer, Attorney Attorneys for Administrator: RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C. Jerry S. Bauer, Counsel (#6308557) 232 West State Street, P.O. Box 550 Jacksonville, Illinois, 62651 Telephone: (217) 245-6177

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GARY LEE BRITZ, Deceased NO. 2021-P-575 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Gary Lee Britz, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on October 14, 2021, to Jessayca Hardy, 18903 Athens Blacktop, Petersburg, IL 62675, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 25th day of April, 2022, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 14th day of October, 2021. Gregory P. Sgro Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP 1119 S. Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 789-1200

In the Matter of the Estate of BARBARA L. NELSON, Deceased. NO. 2020-P-224 NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS AND UNKNOWN HEIRS / LEGATEES. Notice is given of the death of BARBARA L. NELSON, from Springfield, in Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on July 8, 2020, to Thomas Nelson 4131 Crocus Drive, Springfield, IL 62711 and Nancy Nelson Seward, 708 Fraase Road, New Berlin, IL 62670, as Co-Executors, whose attorneys are the Noll Law Office, 930 E. Monroe St., Springfield, IL 62701. Claimants claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before May 18, 2022, or three months after date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it

has been filed. A copy of an order granting executorship and probating of will can be obtained from the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless an interested person asks the court to become involved. Notice is given to unknown heirs / legatees, who are heirs or legatees in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose name or address is not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, that within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in section 6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under section 8-1 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/81) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Dated this 27th day of October, 2021 Sarah Noll Noll Law Office, LLC 930 E. Monroe St. Springfield, IL 62701 Phone: (217) 544-8441 noll@noll-law.com

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of Kevin Green, Petitioner And Victoria Green, Respondent Case No. 2021-D-454 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you Victoria Green, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 28th day of November, 2021, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition. Paul Palazzolo Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. Michael M. Walden, Sr., AKA Michael Walden, Sr. Defendants. Case No. 2020CH000009 3073 Louise Lane, Springfield, IL 62702 Judge Adam Giganti NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on June 2, 2021, Jack Campbell will on December 7, 2021, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Second Floor, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Lot 20 of Charles S. Wanless Louise Lane Subdivision. Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and

other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. All situated in the County of Sangamon County, State of Illinois. Commonly known as 3073 Louise Lane, Springfield, IL 62702 Parcel Number(s): 14-25.0-127-041 The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 20-011766. Edward R. Peterka MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 Telephone: 312-651-6700 Fax: 614-220-5613 Attorney. No.: 6220416 Email: StateFiling@manleydeas.com 8051-918872

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PRAIRIE STATE BANK & TRUST, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, v. KEVIN WICKER, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No.: 2021CH000095 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE Notice is given to defendants, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, of the following described real estate, that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action is now pending, and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said defendants is NOVEMBER 22, 2021. The Plaintiff has certified that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action was filed on September 23, 2021, and is now pending. (i) The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above. (ii) The court in which said action was brought is identified above. (iii) The name of the title holder of record is: Kevin Wicker. (iv) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: Lots 11 and 14 in Block 3 in the Village of Illiopolis. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Tax Identification Numbers: 18-07-255-007 and 18-07-255-006 (v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 418 North Fourth Street, Illiopolis, Illinois 62539 (vi) An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: (A) Nature of instrument: Mortgage. (B) Date of mortgage: December 10, 2018. (C) Name of mortgagor: Kevin Wicker.

(D) Name of mortgagee: Prairie State Bank & Trust. (E) Date and place of recording: January 8, 2019 in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Sangamon County, Illinois. (F) Identification of recording: Document Number 2019R00452. Paul Palazzolo Clerk of the Circuit Court Samuel J. Witsman (ARDC #6193744) Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 switsman@hswnet.com 8051-918661

NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS TOWN AND COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff, vs. DEBRA J. RICHARDS, TOWN AND COUNTRY BANK AND NORTHEAST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Defendants. CASE NO. 21-CH-71 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1905 JEANETTE LANE, #5 SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on October 20, 2021, the following described real estate, to-wit: UNIT NO. 7-2-1 CHATEAU CONDOMINIUM PHASE III AS DELINEATED ON A SURVEY OF THE EAST 245 FEET OF THE NORTH 168.71 FEET OF THE SOUTH 386.71 FEET OF THE SOUTH 6.55 ACRES OF LOT 6 IN TEMPLE HILL SUBDIVISION IN THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS WHICH SURVEY IS ATTACHED TO DECLARATION MADE BY THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST NO. 3046 RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 533681, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED 4.0544 PERCENT INTEREST IN SAID EAST 245 OF THE NORTH 168.71 FEET OF THE SOUTH 386.71 FEET OF THE SOUTH 6.55 ACRES OF LOT 6 IN SAID TEMPLE HILL SUBDIVISION, EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL THE LAND, PROPERTY AND SPACE KNOWN AS UNITS 6-1-1/4, 6-2-1/4, 7-1-1/4, 7-2-2/4, 8-1-1/4 AND 8-2-2/4 ALL INCLUSIVE AS SAID UNITS ARE DELINEATED ON SAID SURVEY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Permanent Index Number: 14-29.0-355-013 aka 14-29-355-013 Commonly known as: 1905 Jeanette Lane, #5, Springfield, IL 62702 will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on December 14, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$33,950.59. 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, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719. The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

TOWN AND COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff, Veronika J. Miles (#6313161), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 740 Decatur, IL 62525 Send Notice/Pleadings to: Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 8051-918919

NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF SANGAMON IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs. FRED PRYOR, STEPHANIE PRYOR, EXCEL GUTTERS, INC., AN ILLINOIS CORPORATION, SCOTT SIERON, NANCY R. SIMPSON, JOHN R. SIMPSON and STATE OF ILLINOIS-DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, Defendants.

CASE NO. 20-GH-195 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4120 S. 2ND SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 (PARCEL 3) PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on April 21, 2021, the following described real estate, to-wit: PARCEL III:

THE NORTH 104 FEET OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT: THAT PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT 30 FEET EAST OF AND 832' FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 208 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE EAST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 208 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 208 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE WEST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 208 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPT THAT PART DESCRIBED AS BEING A PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 6 IN THE NEUMAN SUBDIVISION, A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER, NORTHEAST QUARTER, SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.

THE LOCATION OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR SAID TRACT IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FROM AN IRON PIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER, NORTHEAST QUARTER, NORTHEAST QUARTER, SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SOUTH 88 DEGREES 20 MINUTES WEST 1.8 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 45 MINUTES EAST 832.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 20 MINUTES EAST 31.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE LAND IN SAID TRACT IS DESCRIBED IN DETAIL AS FOLLOWS: FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING NORTH 88 DEGREES 20 MINUTES EAST 15.0 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 2 DEGREES 27 MINUTES WEST 104.27 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 20 MINUTES WEST 7.5 FEET, THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 40 MINUTES WEST 104.0 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALL SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Permanent Index Number: 22-21.0-227-007 (Parcel 3) Commonly known as: 4120 S. 2nd, Springfield, IL 62703 (Parcel 3) will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on DECEMBER 7, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$210,645.38. The real estate is improved with a commercial building.

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, 111 East Main 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).

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Capitol Storage LLC 818 S Dirksen Parkway Springfield, IL 62707 (217)522-0300 818 S Dirksen Tracy Cisero Unit #05-196 Sharon Malone Unit#05-211 Jameisha Cole Unit #05-092 909 N Taintor Rd Michael Mosely Unit # 04-114 Lasanya Shivers unit # 04-HH16 2420 N Peoria Rd Cedric Pates Unit #08-01 Beth Sanders Unit #08-04 3012 Great Northern Drive Unknown Occupant 06-546 To pay past due rent and fees call 217-522-0300. Private sale will be held November 13, 2021 A.M at Capitol Storage LLC. 818 S

Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703

Casey Rentals And/or Casey Development Group Storages 2700A Old Rochester Road Springfield, Ill. 62703 Hereby gives Public Notice That the contents of the following units Will be disposed of on: November 5, 2021 Due to default of storage payments Carl Madison Unit A 11

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF Liam Collins & Landyn Matherly No. 2021-P-547 To: Patrick Collins, Calvin Harris, Arianna Matherly at addresses unknown and All Persons Having A Right To Notice: Please be notified that Rebecca Collins has filed a Petition for Guardianship of the Estate and Person of Liam Collins & Landyn Matherly, minor children. You are required to answer said Petition BY December 13, 2021 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. R & R CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC, MIDTAX, INC., CHARLES BELLEMEY, TERRY A. BRUNNER, CHELSEY RENNE LYNN BRUNNER, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant. Case No. 21-MR-1327 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, R & R Capital Holdings LLC, Charles Bellemey, Terry A. Brunner, Chelsey Renne Lynn Brunner, Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on October 14, 2021 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 213 Eastman Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:

The West 40 feet of the East 215 feet of Lot 1 of Reuben Keazer's Subdivision of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of Reuben Keazer's Subdivision of the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, in Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Pricipal Meridan. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 14-22.0-301-030); and for other relief. UNLESS R & R Capital Holdings LLC, Charles Bellemey, Terry A. Brunner, Chelsey Renne Lynn Brunner, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before November 29, 2021, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.

/s/ Paul Palazzolo Clerk of Court James K. Zerkle Corporation Counsel Kateah McMasters ARDC #6309668 Assistant Corporation Counsel Attorneys for Plaintiff 800 E. Monroe, Room 327 Springfield, IL 62701-1653 (217) 789-2375 kateah.mcmasters@springfield.il.us

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. DONALD B. HAMBLIN A/K/A DONALD E. HAMBLIN, SANGAMON COUNTY, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No. 21-MR-1326 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to Donald B. Hamblin a/k/a Donald E. Hamblin, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that a Complaint for Demolition was filed in the above-named Court on October 14, 2021, and is now pending. The common address of the structure which is subject to demolition is 1505 E. Miller Street, Springfield, Illinois, and said real estate is legally described as: Lot 1 in Block 21 of Springfield Savings Bank Addition. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. PIN: 14-26.0-301-010.

The name of the title holder of record of said real estate is Donald B. Hamblin a/k/a Donald E. Hamblin. NOW THEREFORE, unless Donald B. Hamblin a/k/a Donald E. Hamblin, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants file an answer to the Complaint for Demolition in this cause or otherwise file an appearance therein in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before November 29, 2021, a default judgment may be entered at any time after that day and an Order for Demolition may be entered in accordance with the relief requested in the Complaint for Demolition. /s/ Paul Palazzolo Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County Prepared by: James K. Zerkle, Corporation Counsel Kateah McMasters, ARDC #6309668 Assistant Corporation Counsel Attorneys for Plaintiff 800 E. Monroe, Room 327 Springfield, IL 62701-1653 (217) 789-2375 kateah.mcmasters@springfield.il.us

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. CORA JEANETTE CARTER AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAMUEL J. CARTER, CHARLES BELLEMEY, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No. 21-MR-1325 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to Cora Jeanette Carter as Administrator of the Estate of Samuel J. Carter, Charles Bellemey, Illinois Department of Revenue, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that a Complaint for Demolition was filed in the above-named Court on October 14, 2021, and is now pending. The common address of the structure which is subject to demolition is 1220 Phillips Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, and said real estate is legally described as: The East 38 feet of the West 76 feet of Lot 1 and Lot 2 in Block 7 of Furniture Factory Park. Siuated in Sangamon County, Illinois. PIN: 14-27.0-279-004.

The name of the title holder of record of said real estate is: Cora Jeanette Carter as Administrator of the Estate of Samuel J. Carter.

NOW THEREFORE, unless Cora Jeanette Carter as Administrator of the Estate of Samuel J. Carter, Charles Bellemey, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants file an answer to the Complaint for Demolition in this cause or otherwise file an appearance therein in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before November 29, 2021, a default judgment may be entered at any time after that day and an Order for Demolition may be entered in accordance with the relief requested in the Complaint for Demolition.

/s/ Paul Palazzolo Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County Prepared by: James K. Zerkle Corporation Counsel Kateah McMasters, ARDC #6309668 Assistant Corporation Counsel Attorneys for Plaintiff 800 E. Monroe, Room 327 Springfield, IL 62701-1653 (217) 789-2375 kateah.mcmasters@springfield.il.us

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. DARLA J. WILSON, GUARDIAN TAX IL, LLC, SANGAMON COUNTY AS TRUSTEE FOR TAXING DISTRICTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No. 21-MR-1348 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to Darla J. Wilson, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that a Complaint for Demolition was filed in the above-named Court on October 20, 2021, and is now pending. The common address of the structure which is subject to demolition is 2801 Old Rochester Road, Springfield, Illinois, and said real estate is legally described as: LOT 23 OF WANLESS' PLACE. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY. PIN: 22-02-229-001.

The names of the title holders of record of said real estate are: George L. Wilson and Darla J. Wilson.

NOW THEREFORE, unless Darla J. Wilson, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants file an answer to the Complaint for Demolition in this cause or otherwise file an appearance therein in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before November 29, 2021, a default judgment may be entered at any time after that day and an Order for Demolition may be entered in accordance with the relief requested in the Complaint for Demolition.

/s/ Paul Palazzolo Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County James K. Zerkle, Corporation Counsel Kevin Barnai, ARDC #6329422 Assistant Corporation Counsel Attorneys for Plaintiff Room 327, Municipal Center East 800 East Monroe Street Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 789-2375 Kevin.Barnai@springfield.il.us

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

a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. VERADENE GARRETT, NORTH AMERICAN MORTGAGE COMPANY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No. 21-MR-1349

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to Veradene Garrett, North American Mortgage Company, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that a Complaint for Demolition was filed in the above-named Court on October 20, 2021, and is now pending.

The common address of the structure which is subject to demolition is 1532 E. Miller Street, Springfield, Illinois, and said real estate is legally described as:

LOT 19 IN BLOCK 16 IN SPRINGFIELD SAVINGS BANK ADDITION. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PIN: 14-26.0-304-010.

The name of the title holder of record of said real estate is: Veradene Garrett.

NOW THEREFORE, unless Veradene Garrett, North American Mortgage Company, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants file an answer to the Complaint for Demolition in this cause or otherwise file an appearance therein in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before November 29, 2021, a default judgment may be entered at any time after that day and an Order for Demolition may be entered in accordance with the relief requested in the Complaint for Demolition.

/s/ Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs.

NANCY ANN VISNESKY, ANTHONY M. VISNESKY, JR., SANGAMON COUNTY AS

TRUSTEE FOR TAXING DISTRICTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No. 21-MR-1350

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to Nancy Ann Visnesky, Anthony M. Visnesky, Jr., Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that a Complaint for Demolition was filed in the above-named Court on October 20, 2021, and is now pending.

The common address of the structure which is subject to demolition is 1430 E. Carpenter Street, Springfield, Illinois, and said real estate is legally described as:

LOT 2 IN BLOCK 1 OF LATHAM AND SOUTHERN'S ADDITION. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PIN: 14-27.0-432-010.

The names of the title holders of record of said real estate are: Nancy Ann Visnesky and Anthony M. Visnesky, Jr.

NOW THEREFORE, unless Nancy Ann

Visnesky, Anthony M. Visnesky, Jr., Unknown

Owners and Non-Record Claimants file an

answer to the Complaint for Demolition in

this cause or otherwise file an appearance therein in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before November 29, 2021, a default judgment may be entered at any time after that day and an Order for Demolition may be entered in accordance with the relief requested in the Complaint for Demolition.

/s/ Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs.

DAN GOOD, SANGAMON COUNTY AS TRUSTEE FOR TAXING DISTRICTS, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS SUCCESSOR OF NATIONAL CITY BANK, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No. 21-MR-1360

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Dan Good, Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on October 25, 2021 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 2318 N. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:

LOT 316 AND 317 IN ROANOKE SUBDIVISION. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. (Permanent Parcel No. 14-15.0-352-036); and for other relief.

UNLESS Dan Good, Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before December 6, 2021, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.

/s/ Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of Court

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs.

TYKIA TAYLOR, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES, HEARTLAND CREDIT UNION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No. 21-MR-1361

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given

to Tykia Taylor, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that a Complaint for Demolition was filed in the above-named Court on October 25, 2021, and is now pending.

The common address of the structure which is subject to demolition is 1522 S. 15th Street, Springfield, Illinois, and said real estate is legally described as:

LOT 6 IN BLOCK 10 OF HORNSBY'S SUBDIVISION. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY. PIN: 22-03-227-006

The name of the title holder of record of said real estate is: Tykia Taylor.

NOW THEREFORE, unless Tykia Taylor, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants file an answer to the Complaint for

Demolition in this cause or otherwise file an appearance therein in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before December 6, 2021, a default judgment may be entered at any time after that day and an Order for Demolition may be entered in accordance with the relief requested in the Complaint for Demolition.

/s/ Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County

James K. Zerkle

Corporation Counsel

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs.

NICKI P. SMITH, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No. 21-MR-1368

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given Nicki P. Smith, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that a Complaint for Demolition was filed in the above-named Court on October 26, 2021, and is now pending. The common address of the structure which is subject to demolition is 1426 E. Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, and said real estate is legally described as: Lot 2 in Block 7 of Mather and Welles' Addition to the City of Springfield, Illinois. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. PIN: 14-34.0-278-007.

The name of the title holder of record of said real estate is Nicki P. Smith.

NOW THEREFORE, unless Nicki P. Smith, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants file an answer to the Complaint for Demolition in this cause or otherwise file an appearance therein in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before December 6, 2021, a default judgment may be entered at any time after that day and an Order for Demolition may be entered in accordance with the relief requested in the Complaint for Demolition.

/s/ Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs.

JIM KIEFFER, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No. 21-MR-1370

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Jim Kieffer, Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on October 26, 2021 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 1404 Loveland Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:

The West 70 feet of Lot 2 in Block 1 of Stuart Brown's Subdivision, as per Plat recorded November 2, 1883, in Plat Book 9, Page 39. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 22-03.0-203-010); and for other relief.

UNLESS Jim Kieffer, Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case

in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before December 6, 2021, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.

/s/ Paul Palazzolo

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs.

FRANK W. MCNEIL, BARBARA MCNEIL, TAVIUS MINTER, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No. 21-MR-1369

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Frank W. McNeil, Barbara McNeil, TAVIUS MINTER, Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on October 26, 2021 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 2010 E. Brown Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:

Lots 14 and 15 in Block 5 of Edwin A. Wilson's Grand Avenue Subdivision to the City of Springfield.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

(Permanent Parcel No. 12-35.0-381-035); and for other relief.

UNLESS Frank W. McNeil, Barbara McNeil, TAVIUS MINTER, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before December 6, 2021, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF

REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.

/s/ Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of Court

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON COUNTY STATE OF ILLINOIS REGIONS BANK, Plaintiff, v.

JOHN L. ROONEY, MONEY WORKS DIRECT, INC., UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, UNKNOWN OWNERS, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Cause No. 2021CH000063

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, all Non-Record Claimants and all Unknown Owners, Defendants in the above-entitled cause, that the above entitled Mortgage Foreclosure action was filed on July 19, 2021, and is now pending.

1. The name of all parties and the case number are identified above.
2. The Court in which the action was brought is identified above.
3. The name of titleholder of record is John L. Rooney.
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty and tax identification number for the real estate is:

Lot 408 in Koke Mill East, Planned Unit Development, 18th Plat, situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Tax ID No.: 21-01.0-453-008

5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is 2413 Heather Mill Court, Springfield, Illinois 62704.

6. Identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed:

a. The name of the Mortgagor is John L. Rooney.

b. The name of the Mortgagee is Regions Bank.

c. The date of Mortgage is February 24, 2014.

d. The date of recording was April 6, 2015.

e. The identification of the original recording is Document No. 2015R08354.

f. The county of recording is Sangamon County, Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, all Non-Record Claimants and Unknown Owners, Defendants, file your answer to the Complaint for Foreclosure in this cause or otherwise

make your appearance therein, in Circuit Court of Sangamon County, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, on or before the date of December 6, 2021, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a Judgment for Foreclosure may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Verified Complaint for Foreclosure.

Circuit Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

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LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS / RFP #2022-01

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The Springfield Mass Transit District d.b.a Sangamon Mass Transit District (SMTD) is seeking proposals from a qualified, responsive, and responsible vendor for the supply of VENDING MACHINES. The scope of work and specifications is outlined in the bid documents.

Proposals will be received in SMTD Administration Office at 928 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703-2497 in SEALED envelopes marked "RFP #2022-01, Attn. Michelle Alexander," NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM CENTRAL TIME December 1, 2021. The RFP documents may be obtained from the office of SMTD, 928 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703-2497 or by downloading the RFP from SMTD's website (www.smttd.org), or by emailing purchasing@smttd.org to request a copy.

Any contract resulting from this RFP shall be conditioned upon compliance with all provisions of the RFP documents. Additionally, any contract resulting from this proposal is subject to financial assistance contracts between and/or among SMTD, the United States Department of Transportation and the Illinois Department of Transportation. Acceptance of any proposal may be subject to concurrence by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

The right is reserved to accept any proposal or any part or parts of any and all proposals. Acceptance of any proposal may be subject to concurrence by the Illinois Department of Transportation and the United States Department of Transportation.

Furthermore, SMTD, the United States Department of Transportation and the Illinois Department of Transportation reserve the right to reject or cancel any or all proposals and to waive irregularities therein, and all submitting proposers must agree that such rejection or cancellation shall be without liability on the part of SMTD for any penalty brought by a Proposer because of such rejection or cancellation, nor shall the submitting Proposer seek any recourse of any kind against SMTD because of such rejection or cancellation, and the filing of any proposal in response to this solicitation shall constitute an agreement of the submitting proposer to these conditions.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Sale to enforce Self-Storage lien in default of payment of rent will be held at 10:00 AM . Saturday NOVEMBER 13, 2021 at, Safe-T-Storage, 3825 N. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL. Tenants must pay in full by this date.

Unit 138 Robert Benton Sherman IL 62684

Unit 66 Larry Laurent Springfield IL 62704

Unit 70 Jimmy Durham/Rachel Lovelace

Springfield IL 62702

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ADOPTION NOTICE – STATE OF ILLINOIS,

County of Sangamon, Seventh Judicial Circuit Court of Sangamon County. In the matter of the Petition for the Adoption of Athena Grace Cornell, a female child. No. 2021-AD-56 To: Isaiah Jessie David Walker: Take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, for the adoption of a minor child named Athena Grace Cornell.

Now, therefore, unless you Isaiah Jessie David Walker, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Room 405, in the City of Springfield, Illinois, on or before December 3, 2021, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit https://efile.

illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAO/gethelp.asp>
 /s/Paul Palazzolo, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk
 Dan E. Way, Attorney for Petitioners
 1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DANIEL W. CADIGAN, Deceased.

Case No. 2021-P-612 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of DANIEL W. CADIGAN of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on April 16, 2021. Letters of Office were issued on the 27th day of October, A.D., 2021, to MARY M. CADIGAN, 1324 South Douglas Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is 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 representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.
 DATED this 27th day of October, A.D., 2021. Estate of DANIEL W. CADIGAN, Deceased, BY: /s/ R. Stephen Scott SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., its Attorneys 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 rss@scottscottlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN RE THE ESTATE OF: MARK P. LELYS, Deceased. No. 2021-P-614 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Mark P. Lelys. Letters Testamentary were issued on October 27, 2021, to Matthew A. Lelys, 1 Gettysburg Dr., Springfield, IL 62702 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Dan E. Way, WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before May 23, 2022, which is not less than six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/>

FAO/gethelp.asp, or contact your local Circuit Clerk's office
 Dated this 27th day of October 2021.
 Dan E. Way, #6204735
 WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC
 1100 S. Fifth Street
 Springfield, IL 62703
 (217) 525-7003

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, vs. STACEY E. LANDERS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 2021CH109 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is December 8, 2021. Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on October 29, 2021.

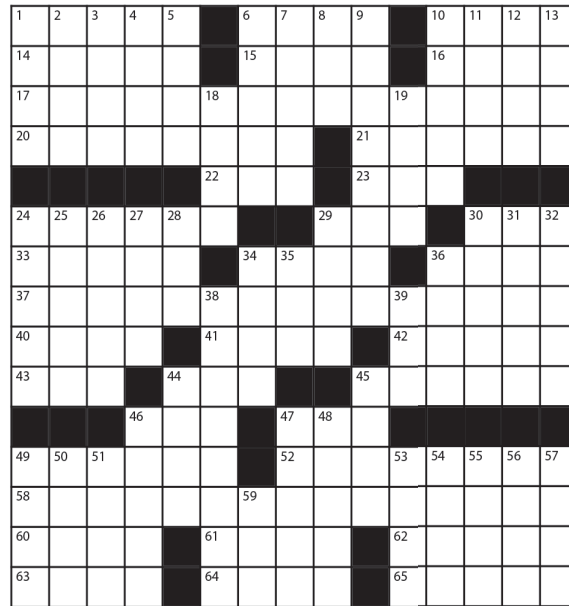
- The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 2021CH109
- The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois
- The name of the title holder of record is: Stacey E. Landers
- A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: Lot 518 in Klemm's Piper Glen Tenth Addition as per Plat recorded June 21, 2006 as Document No. 2006R23145, situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
- A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 7412 Royal Troon Court, Springfield, Illinois
- An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: COUNT I:

Name of Mortgagor: Stacey E. Landers
 Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank
 Date of Mortgage: December 2, 2014
 Date of recording: December 31, 2014
 County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois
 Recording document identification: Document No. 2014R34549
 COUNT II:
 Name of Mortgagor: Stacey E. Landers
 Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank
 Date of Mortgage: January 26, 2019
 Date of recording: January 31, 2019
 County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois
 Recording document identification: Document No. 2019R01790
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Some hits Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 712

Across

- Mimed "goodbye"
- Keats, for one
- "___ me!"
- Chum
- Angel's ring
- Wrinkled fruit
- Tax season question
- ___ gland
- Doesn't guzzle
- Pistol, slangily
- "CSI" evidences
- Hardy pal
- Many a time
- Stop on a crawl
- Blacksmith's block
- Villain's den
- Blanched
- Risk-it-all bet
- Building additions
- Difficult slog
- 1967 war locale
- Place with a wet floor
- Parcel of land
- Ire
- Post- opposite
- Alias
- Predicament
- Cobra killer
- Almost MLB
- Right-hand man
- Brook
- Yoga position
- Attendee
- Length x width, for a rectangle
- Giggle



Down

- Nest resident
- Gulf V.I.P.
- Ristorante drink
- Soufflé start
- Mental halfwit
- It's a snap
- Propelled a boat
- "A Nightmare on ___ Street"
- Alternately
- Sorghum variety
- Auspices
- Downwind, nautically
- Purges
- Lady's man
- Pipsqueak
- Fills the hold
- Iguana relative
- Throat dangler
- Messy entree
- Plumbing bend
- Pen output
- "Common Sense" pamphleteer
- Arm bones
- Launch
- Handed-down history
- Is for more than one
- Punxsutawney prophet
- Enumeration follower
- Kitchen meas.
- Husk
- Minus
- Rock beater
- Mosey
- Aussie "bear"
- Unaccompanied
- Crosby, Stills and Nash, e.g.
- Carnival attraction
- Cabbage
- "O" in old radio lingo
- Many an office has one
- Pivot
- Different
- Make public

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #711

7	9	5	6	2	8	3	4	1
8	2	1	3	7	4	5	9	6
3	4	6	9	1	5	8	2	7
9	5	2	8	4	1	7	6	3
1	8	7	2	3	6	9	5	4
4	6	3	7	5	9	1	8	2
5	3	9	1	6	2	4	7	8
2	7	8	4	9	3	6	1	5
6	1	4	5	8	7	2	3	9

Sudoku answers from #711

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

JoshJosh answers from #711

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 712

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

2-		6+	5-		2+
2-			2-		
5+		11+	3-		3-
2+			3	2-	
10+			2-		20x
5	5+				

Difficulty medium

Sudoku No. 712

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

			8	5	7			3
6								
						1		8
5		1	7		3			
	6			2				1
7				1		4		6
			6	4				2
					5	7		
4	9							6

Difficulty hard

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