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The future of community journalism

Press Forward initiative announces \$2 million to expand Springfield-area news coverage

MEDIA | Scott Reeder

Two foundations announced Nov. 6 that they are setting aside \$2 million toward improving news coverage in Springfield and surrounding communities.

"I don't know if we're what they call a news desert, but it's gotten awfully dry," said John Stremsterfer, president and CEO of the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln during a grant announcement held at University of Illinois Springfield's Student Union.

Springfield is one of six inaugural communities across the United States to receive grants in an endeavor called Press Forward, which ultimately will distribute \$500 million over the next five years.

"Press Forward Springfield aims to address a vital need that is not unique to our region, but a need that is vital to the success of a healthy democracy throughout the greater Springfield region, our country and democracies around the world," Stremsterfer said. "We are thrilled to partner with the MacArthur Foundation to accelerate the establishment of permanent local resources to support fair, independent and robust local news systems in our community."

John Palfrey, president of the Chicago-based MacArthur Foundation, said his organization is contributing \$1 million toward the local initiative being spearheaded by the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln. The CFLL is matching that gift with \$1 million given to the foundation by the estate of former *State Journal-Register* publisher Patrick Coburn.

While much of the concern expressed centered on the decline in news coverage by the *State Journal-Register*, Palfrey said Springfield is not unique. He noted many communities have experienced similar reductions in news coverage.

Former *State Journal-Register* reporter and columnist Bernard Schoenburg noted that his former employer's newsroom has dropped from more than 70 staff to fewer than 10.



Former *State Journal-Register* reporter and columnist Bernard Schoenburg, left, moderated a discussion with representatives who have been involved with nonprofit journalism organizations, including Hannah Meisel, a reporter for *Capitol News Illinois*. PHOTO COURTESY OF COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE LAND OF LINCOLN

In an interview with *Illinois Times*, Schoenburg compared the newspaper's coverage of the derecho, which struck Springfield June 29, to its coverage of the two tornados that hit the community March 12, 2006. He counted the number of local stories published about the storms during the seven days following each calamity and found that about nine times as many articles were published in 2006.

"We realized we have a crisis in local news in the United States," Palfrey said. "And we noted also that this was something that was a great business a few years ago, even one generation ago – whether you were the *Chicago Tribune* and you generated the great fortune of Colonel McCormick or any number of other great fortunes that have been made,

that is no longer true. In order to sustain local journalism, philanthropy has to play a role."

Just how the money will be used to improve journalism in the community has yet to be determined, Stremsterfer said. The \$2 million will be placed in an endowment and investment income raised from it will be distributed to projects geared toward improving news coverage in central Illinois.

"When you're creating a fund that'll be there in perpetuity, you use the earnings. So, if you're looking at \$2 million, (it will generate) \$80,000 to \$100,000 in year one," Stremsterfer said.

But he said it is his hope that the principal will continue to grow through future donations.

"We hope that will catalyze other gifts locally, and that other people who have the ability to do so will support this endowment, and that it will sustain local journalism here in Springfield for years to come," he said.

How the grant money will be distributed and to what organizations has yet to be determined.

"We're engaging the American Journalism Project, which is a first-class group that comes into communities, researches their news ecosystem, convenes community members

to get input and then comes up with a plan," Stremsterfer said. "So, when people ask, 'Well what are you going to do with the money?' – we don't know yet, as far as how we're going to deploy that locally. We're going to wait for this process to develop and come up with a strategy for funding."

Funding could go toward journalism nonprofits such as *Capitol News Illinois*, which covers the Statehouse for newspapers and broadcast outlets across the state. Or it could benefit a for-profit news operation that serves a unique niche, such as rural or minority communities.

Stacy Reed, chief program officer for the Community Foundation, said the need for more comprehensive news coverage may be even greater in rural areas of Sangamon and neighboring counties.

"Journalism has been undercapitalized, under-resourced for too many years," she said. "The community has really talented reporters and staff, but not enough. We need more. And we need it across our region -- not just Springfield. We want to hear about all things going on, whether it's Auburn or Riverton or Petersburg. It all affects us. We need more resources and support to increase credible, reliable news reporting."

After the announcement of the grants, Schoenburg moderated a discussion with representatives who have been involved with nonprofit journalism organizations: Evan Smith, senior adviser of Emerson Collective; Jennifer Kho, executive editor of the *Chicago Sun-Times*; and Hannah Meisel, a reporter for *Capitol News Illinois*.

Meisel said she was initially skeptical of nonprofit news models such as *CNI* and feared that providing news stories at no charge would de-incentivize news outlets to invest in Statehouse reporters.

"I came to realize that these market forces that unfortunately shape these big media conglomerates – their incentives – it's just so much larger than me," Meisel said. "It's so much larger than the press corps. It's not going to – no matter how much I would like it to – return to the time of advertising dollars funding great journalism. ... I've come to understand that nonprofit news is the way of the future." □

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Editor's note

Prophets often come from unlikely places. This week we feature the students at the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired, who saw a wrong – their school's logo and mascot – and worked to make it right. Theirs wasn't a mechanical move toward political correctness, but rather an educated and thoughtful student-led process that resulted in respect for others and better representation of themselves. The many Illinois high schools with Native American logos and mascots could benefit from the same approach. As Helen Keller said, "The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision." – Fletcher Farrar, editor

Former financial officer pleads guilty for cheating state

Jenny Thornley sentenced on felony charge of forgery, no charges have been filed in separate investigation

COURTS | Dean Olsen

The former chief financial officer for the Illinois State Police Merit Board and former volunteer in JB Pritzker's first gubernatorial campaign pleaded guilty Nov. 3 to forgery resulting in undeserved overtime pay and was sentenced to 18 months of conditional discharge.

Jenny Thornley, 43, of the 2800 block of Hilltop Road in Springfield, pleaded guilty to the felony charge of electronically creating the signature of her boss, former Merit Board executive director Jack Garcia, so she could cheat the state in 2019 out of slightly more than \$10,000 in overtime she never worked.

In exchange for the plea and felony conviction, six other charges – including official misconduct and theft – were dropped.

Thornley, who was represented by Sangamon County Assistant Public Defender Stephanie Hammer, had an annual salary of \$86,556 and was fired in July 2020 by the Merit Board. The small state agency certifies Illinois State Police officers for hiring and promotion and also disciplines officers.

Thornley declined comment to *Illinois Times* after the conviction and sentencing in front of Sangamon County Circuit Judge Adam Giganti.

As part of a fully negotiated plea deal, the judge ordered Thornley to pay \$10,000 in restitution to the state from payments she made into a state pension fund while on the job.

If she fails to withdraw the payments and pay restitution, she could risk revocation of her conditional discharge, which is similar to probation. Thornley then would be resentenced, according to Jonathan Barnard, who prosecuted the case on behalf of the Illinois State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Office.

People convicted on the forgery charge face penalties ranging from probation to between two and five years in prison.

Thornley's case received statewide media attention because she was charged during the runup to Pritzker's ultimately successful gubernatorial campaign for reelection to a second four-year term in November 2022.

Republicans in the Illinois General Assembly have said they believe Thornley benefited from what they called political favoritism by the governor's office and "an apparent pattern of obstruction of justice."

Pritzker's office hasn't responded to requests for comment from *Illinois Times*.

Barnard said after the hearing that he agreed to drop the other charges "because the essence of the crime was the forgery. Official misconduct is basically part of that, in that she did it as a public



Jenny Thornley, who pleaded guilty to forging her boss' signature so she could falsely claim overtime payments from the Illinois State Police Merit Board, volunteered in Gov. JB Pritzker's first gubernatorial election campaign in the late 2010s.

official, but it's the same thing. Likewise, theft and forgery are essentially the same thing, in that a theft is the net result of a forgery.

"So really, we're talking about what is the core offense, which was the forgery, and the restitution order takes care of the theft part of it," Barnard said. "What I'm most concerned with is getting the money back."

He noted that the felony conviction, related to on-the-job conduct, will disqualify Thornley from receiving a state pension.

Thornley and her husband, Jared Thornley, on Aug. 31 filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District

of Illinois. But once completed, a bankruptcy case wouldn't eliminate or reduce the \$10,000 in court-ordered restitution that Thornley owes.

"As a general proposition of law, ill-gotten gains from criminal behavior are not dischargeable in bankruptcy," Barnard said.

Thornley, who had no prior criminal convictions, was indicted by a Sangamon County grand jury in September 2021 after a \$450,000 independent investigation by the McGuireWoods firm that was conducted at the Merit Board's request.

The firm's report questioned Thornley's credibility after she claimed to be sexually

harassed by Garcia. Thornley filed a sexual harassment lawsuit against the Merit Board, the state and Garcia in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois in April 2021.

The civil case was dismissed in July after Thornley stopped responding to court filings by defendants.

Thornley alleged in her lawsuit that she was in Garcia's office in Springfield reviewing paperwork in January 2020 when Garcia approached her from behind and "groped" her right breast. Garcia denied the allegation.

Garcia, a former State Police officer, joined the Merit Board in 2017 and left in September 2021 to become police chief in the Chicago suburb of Burbank.

Garcia was a member of Aurora Mayor Richard Irvin's law enforcement advisory council as part of Irvin's ultimately unsuccessful campaign for the Republican nomination in the 2022 governor's race. Pritzker, the Democratic candidate, won reelection in November 2022 when he beat GOP nominee and former state senator Darren Bailey of Xenia.

Garcia's lawyers said in court documents that when Thornley learned Garcia was gathering information about the alleged overtime scam, she "fabricated the most explosive allegations that she could invent, allegations that could spread throughout state government in an effort to discredit, hurt and neutralize Garcia."

The McGuireWoods report said that at the time Thornley claimed to be sexually harassed, she was "extremely upset" the governor's office didn't choose her for a similar job at the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

The report said there was insufficient evidence Garcia sexually assaulted Thornley but sufficient evidence she arranged fraudulent overtime payments.

No criminal charges have been filed against Thornley in the wake of a criminal investigation by the Illinois Department of Insurance into allegations that Thornley defrauded the state's workers' compensation and disability programs for more than \$70,000 in benefits from July 2020 through early September 2021.

Thornley, who worked for the Merit Board more than seven years, ran unsuccessfully in 2019 for the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority Board, which governs the operations of the BOS Center. □

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A child care crisis

Illinois loses federal funding for day cares, compounding existing challenges

CHILD CARE | Scott Reeder

A lack of affordable day care options is contributing to a workforce shortage in the Springfield area, contends Kayla Edwards, managing partner of Express Employment Professionals.

"I don't use the word 'crisis' lightly. But we are in a crisis right now when it comes to finding enough people to fill positions," she said. Her firm, which has offices in Springfield and Jacksonville, helps employers fill both temporary and permanent positions.

Further aggravating the situation is that a federal subsidy to child care providers expired Oct. 1, said Laura Valle-Gutierrez, a fellow with the New York-based Century Foundation, which has studied the issue.

As part of its pandemic relief, the federal government has been providing day care subsidies to the states. In the case of Illinois, the state lost \$800 million in federal funding, she said.

"Illinois put in \$300 million from what I saw in its budget for child care, preschool and other early childhood (assistance). ...From our perspective, that's going to be able to backfill what some of the federal funding was," Valle-Gutierrez said. "So the state investments are really helpful, but it's definitely not going to cover the full loss of federal spending."

The loss of federal subsidy money is forcing day care centers to escalate what they charge parents. They need to do this to help pay day care workers the higher wages the federal money afforded them the past few years, Valle-Gutierrez said.

The higher day care rates create a difficult calculus for parents, particularly those with more than one child, Edwards said.

"People don't think about this, but child



care is really the foundation for many in our workforce – those that have families," she said. "Without it, parents aren't able to go to work. And there are other factors that are occurring that are (contributing) to an already super-

short labor supply."

Among those factors are the retirement of baby boomers, reduction in legal immigration and a birthrate that has not been producing enough workers to fill the shoes of those who

are leaving the workforce.

But making child care affordable and readily available is something government can do that will expand the workforce, Edwards said.

"I'm for a smaller government in general. However, when it comes to our tax dollars, supporting programs that support our workforce, I am 100% for it," she said. "If we help people be able to afford day care through government programs, they can go to school and develop their skills and knowledge or they can go to work and help make our economy healthy. It's good for the individuals and the families as well."

When day care is expensive, workers often choose to stay home and look after their children, because it can be a more cost-effective option than working and paying for daycare, she said.

The state budget showdown in 2016-17 caused many Illinois day care centers to shut down, a reduction in options that many communities are continuing to experience, Edwards said. And the COVID 19 pandemic further aggravated the problem.

"It was exacerbated after 2020 and 2021," she said. "We had a pool of workers that had been laid off because the businesses had literally been shut down. When Illinois opened back up and businesses were ramping back up, we were calling people to say, 'We have this job for you, they're excited to have you back.' And in many instances, it was either, 'I'm just not ready to go back' or 'You know, I'd really like to go back, but I don't have anyone to watch the kids.'" □

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More hurdles for Hunter Lake

U.S. EPA recommends permit denial for second lake. City officials say it's not a deal breaker.

HUNTER LAKE | Dean Olsen

Springfield officials are pushing back against assertions that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has dealt a blow to a proposed second lake for the city's future water needs.

Don Hanrahan, a lawyer and rural Springfield resident, told *Illinois Times* the EPA's latest recommendation that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers deny a permit for construction of City Water, Light and Power's proposed Hunter Lake is "a significant black eye" for the municipally owned utility.

Hanrahan, political chairperson of the Sangamon Valley Group in the Sierra Club's Illinois chapter, said, "It feels really nice that somebody with big guns is finally saying what we've been saying for the past 30 years: There's no need for this lake."

In addition, he said the recommendation is a "very significant signal" to the Illinois EPA, which eventually would be called upon to issue its own permit for Hunter Lake, that the proposal "can't pass muster."

But CWLP officials said it's wrong to interpret the EPA's recommendation as a setback in CWLP's quest for regulatory approval at the federal and state level to build Hunter Lake and help the city deal with future droughts.

The U.S. EPA recommendation was one of more than 400 comments submitted to the Army Corps during a 45-day public comment period that ended Sept. 25 as part of the federal agency's effort to draft a final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on the plan, according to Todd LaFountain, CWLP water division manager.

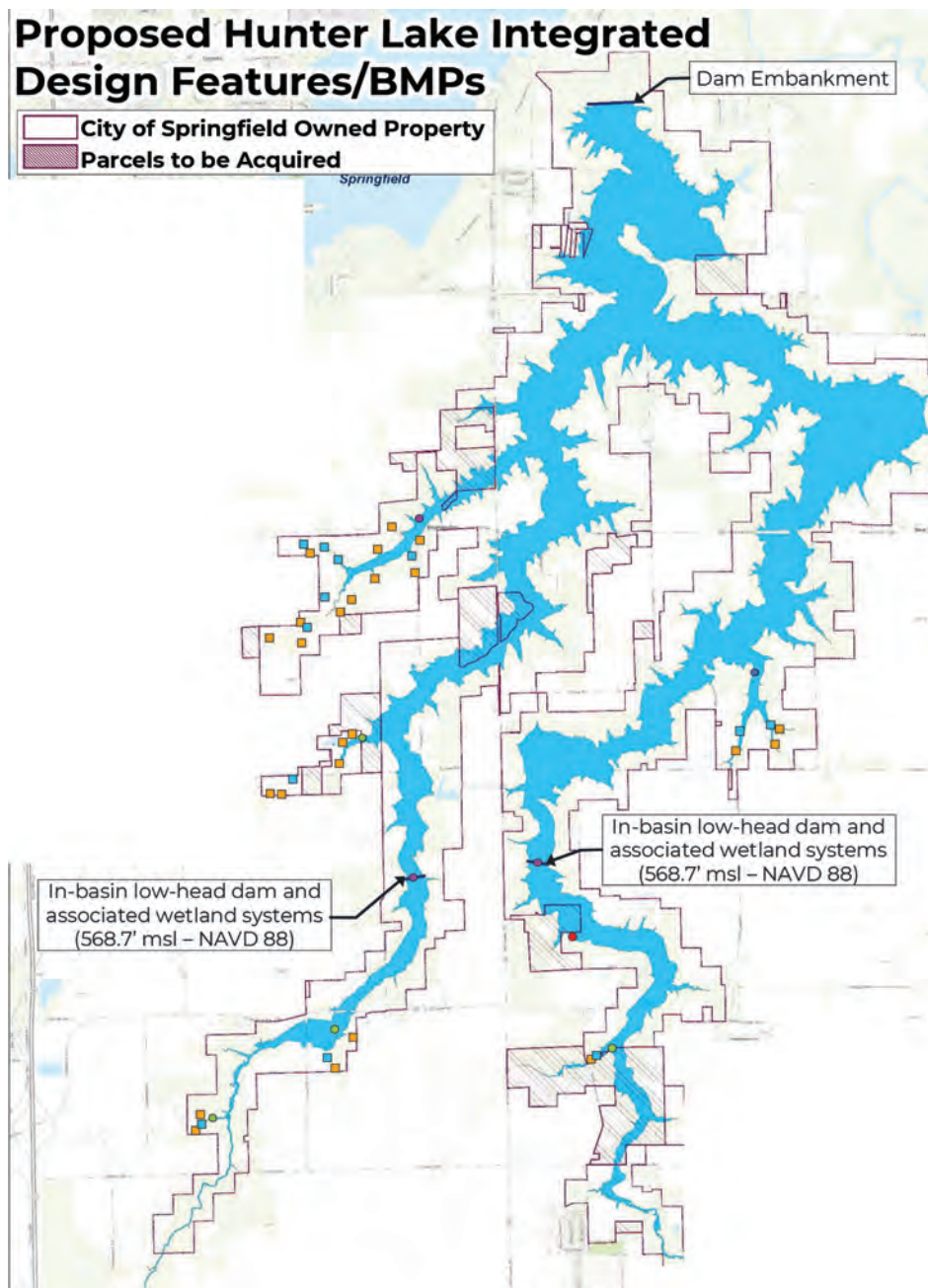
The U.S. EPA's comments were "really not a lot different" than what the agency has said in response to the earlier proposals from the city for a water source to supplement Lake Springfield, LaFountain said.

EPA officials believe "there were a few things that needed to be expanded upon" in Springfield's proposal, he said. The Army Corps will research those issues, and federal regulators may seek more information from the city before a final impact statement is issued, possibly by summer 2024, he said.

The Corps' decision on a permit would come sometime after the impact statement is issued.

CWLP spokesperson Amber Sabin said the EPA's observations are "not new."

However, Hanrahan said the EPA's latest statements were more explicit in outlining the



city's challenges in satisfying applicable state and federal laws to build the \$153 million lake. Hunter Lake would be created on 2,600 acres east of Lake Springfield's 4,300 acres and north of Pawnee.

Allen Marshall, a spokesperson for the Army Corps' office in Rock Island, wouldn't comment on Hanrahan's characterization of the EPA recommendation and its impact on the future outcome of Springfield's application.

"Everything is still ongoing," he said. "The permit application is under evaluation."

Springfield officials have discussed a potential second lake for the city since the early 1950s. The city's formal efforts to obtain a permit from the Army Corps began in 1989.

If regulatory hurdles are cleared, the Springfield City Council would need to make a final decision on whether to proceed and how to pay for the project and a second lake's future ongoing operations. CWLP likely would

finance the project through increases in water rates that are among the lowest in the state.

Hunter Lake opponents obtained a copy of the U.S. EPA recommendation through an Illinois Freedom of Information Act request to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The EPA sent a copy to IDNR when it submitted its recommendation in September as a public comment to the Army Corps.

EPA Wetlands and Watersheds Branch Manager David Pfeifer wrote in the 11-page document that the project, as proposed, "does not comply with" Clean Water Act guidelines.

"Specific deficiencies in the application include the project purpose and need, alternative analysis, water quality impacts to impaired waterways, and the proposed compensatory mitigation," Pfeifer wrote.

"We recommend that the Corps not issue a permit for the project as proposed unless the noted deficiencies are addressed, and the information provided by the applicant is compliant with the guidelines," he said.

The document said Lake Springfield is the source of Springfield's domestic water supply and provides drinking water to about 147,750 people who use an average of 22 million gallons of water each day.

According to the city's application, Springfield needs a secondary water source because the city's projections show that the city's water demand in 42 years could be as high as 33.62 million gallons per day. Springfield officials told the Corps that Hunter Lake would hold more than 12 billion gallons of water and meet the potential need.

But the EPA noted that a water demand analysis completed in 2015 and 2016 showed the "potable and industrial water use demand" in Springfield would decline from 2012 to 2020, and the city's population has been declining since 2010.

Despite this data, Pfeifer wrote that the city predicts population growth "in the long term without a detailed explanation."

He added: "The EPA recommends that the applicant use real-time data to justify this projected increase in potable and industrial water demand. If Springfield's population is expected to decrease, the need for the project may no longer be imminent." □

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Blue Cross fined by state for third time in two years

Rep. Sue Scherer reintroduces health insurance reform bill

INSURANCE | Dean Olsen

A third fine in fewer than two years for Illinois' largest health insurance company proves that stronger regulations are needed to prevent insurers from promoting "ghost networks" of providers, state Rep. Sue Scherer says.

"The fines are not solving the problem," Scherer, D-Decatur, said in response to the Illinois Department of Insurance's \$231,900 fine announced Nov. 3 against the parent company of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois. "The Department of Insurance keeps fining them, but the problem isn't going away."

Scherer tried but failed in April 2022 to pass a health insurance reform bill in the Illinois General Assembly amid complaints from constituents who were Blue Cross members and were having a hard time locating in-network doctors after their Springfield Clinic doctors became out-of-network providers in November 2021.

The bill failed to muster the required 60 votes to pass the House and wasn't debated in the Senate.

Removal of the approximately 600 clinic doctors, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and other clinic providers in central Illinois from Blue Cross' network was part of a contract dispute between the company and the clinic that remains unresolved.

Scherer, who reintroduced her legislation as House Bill 4126 for consideration during the spring 2024 session, said residents of the 96th House District told her they found Springfield Clinic doctors and other doctors incorrectly listed in Blue Cross' online directories as in-network providers.

Insurance department officials said in a news release that the latest fine was based on Blue Cross not taking all corrective actions required when the department fined its parent company, Chicago-based Health Care Service Corp., \$605,000 in March. State officials said the company violated the Illinois Network Adequacy and Transparency Act.

Among other findings, Blue Cross was cited for sometimes listing incorrect travel times to providers in certain parts of the state, failing to provide the current status of providers and not doing enough checking to make sure provider directories were up to date.

The company also "failed to provide a written response to written inquiries and complaints within 21 days of receipt," officials said in a March 9 news release.

HCSC paid the \$605,000 fine, but state insurance regulators said they still were able to document incorrect status listings for four providers, triggering the \$231,900 fine. Insurance department officials didn't say where the four providers were based.



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State officials said the company now is complying with the department's earlier order.

According to the state, that order requires HCSC to create an improved search process within its provider directories and say whether a provider is accepting new patients.

The order also says that for providers who are in-network for facility or hospital admitting rights only, those providers will no longer show up in specific health plans, "to avoid confusing consumers who are searching for doctors and specialists available for in-office visits."

Blue Cross spokesman John Simley told *Illinois Times* in a statement that Blue Cross "strives to provide its members with an accurate and usable provider directory."

"We recently completed a series of updates to our online directories to make them easier to use for our members and prospective members," he said. "When we learn information is inaccurate or incomplete, we fix it. Information related to the four providers noted in the department's order was corrected in May."

Blue Cross paid a March 2022 fine of \$339,000 for failing to notify the state in 2021 about the removal of Springfield Clinic as an in-network provider.

The 2022 action marked the first time the insurance department issued a fine in connection with the Network Adequacy and Transparency Act. That law was enacted in 2017 for health plans beginning Jan. 1, 2019, and beyond.

After the latest fine, Illinois State Medical Society President Dr. Rodney Alford of Watseka said in a statement the society is pleased to see Blue Cross held "accountable for yet another violation" of the act.

"It's remarkable that this company continues to ignore the NAT Act's requirements to maintain up-to-date, accurate and complete provider directory information for their customers – the patients of Illinois," Alford said. "Inaccurate directory information is frustrating to patients and leads to delays in care."

Springfield Clinic spokesman Zach Kerker said the clinic commends Gov. JB Pritzker's administration "for continuing to uphold laws that protect patients and hold insurance companies accountable for violating network adequacy requirements."

Kerker said "dozens" of the clinic's providers are incorrectly listed as in-network in Blue Cross' directories, "and it's confusing to patients."

Regarding the contract dispute, Kerker added, "Springfield Clinic remains hopeful for an agreement, as we have since BCBS removed us from their network two years ago."

Simley, the Blue Cross spokesman, said: "Springfield Clinic has well-respected providers in its practice, and we would like to have them back in our network, but we need to ensure that any new arrangement provides our members and employer groups with the right

value at a fair price. ... The lines of communication are open, and we look forward to new conversations."

Scherer said her bill would strengthen the state's powers to hold insurance companies responsible for treating customers fairly and promoting provider networks that falsely purport to be comprehensive.

Such "ghost networks" are predominantly a problem in central Illinois but aren't exclusive to this part of the state, she said.

Fines aren't enough to improve service to consumers, Scherer said, adding that total fines of slightly more than \$1 million are insignificant to HCSC, which serves more than 18.6 million members through plans in Illinois, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas and reported almost \$1.5 billion in profits in 2022.

"It's like one grain of corn in a whole silo," said Scherer, whose district also includes much of Springfield and parts of eastern Sangamon County.

Among other things, Scherer's bill would allow state officials to confirm the existence of investigations of insurance companies and create more stringent standards for maintaining accurate online lists of doctors in networks.

Scherer said the bill also would require insurers to consider how "excessive" travel distances to providers "can be a barrier to care in areas like ours." □

Robert Jones

Petty Officer Third Class, U.S. Navy, World War II
Miss you, Grandpa



Hugo Verich

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army, World War II
Rhinefeld, Central Europe, Battle of Guadalcanal
Combat Infantryman, Purple Heart, three Bronze Stars
My father, who fought bravely, was a lovely man. He was one of the many heroes of World War II.



Fred Farley and Tom Burk

Sergeant, Vietnam
A celebration at Fort Polk before going to Vietnam.



Robert F. Immel

Ensign, U.S. Navy, World War II
Robert Immel passed away this year. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy on the USS Floyds Bay (AVP-40) in China.



Mark R. Bailey

Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corps, Iraq
After serving his country, Mark relocated to the city of Springfield. The city is a better place having him as a resident and business owner. Mark is a wonderful son, father and friend. Thank you for your service, sacrifice and dedication! We are so proud of you.



Gerard K. Patton

Staff Sergeant E-6, U.S. Marine Corps, 2010-2022
Afghanistan 2013, Global War on Terrorism
Expeditionary Medal 2020
During his 12-year service, SSgt. Patton made significant contributions to the advancement and improved accuracy of some key military systems and earned numerous medals, awards and citations. He is returning to civilian life this year, but his achievements will continue to enhance our military effectiveness for decades to come. We publicly thank him for his service, dedication and sacrifices to our country. Your family is very proud of you!



Robert L. Garner

Private First Class, U.S. Army, Vietnam War
Robert passed away this year and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. We are extremely proud of his service in the Army and the Vietnam War.



Albert G. Manning

Corporal, U.S. Army 1942-1945, World War II, Pacific Theater
Missing you, Dad. Alice, Glenn, Elaine and Bryan



JD MARTIN

First Lieutenant, Vietnam War, 1968
At 20 years old, JD was the youngest company commander in the Vietnam War after his captain was killed in action. He also received a Bronze Star, plus numerous other medals.



Ralph Lawless

E4, U.S. Navy, Korean War
Ralph Lawless served in the Korean War on the USS Rochester. Before Ralph passed in 2022, our son, Cutter Gillette (E2, U.S. Navy), was able to give him an honorable salute. Cutter is carrying on the military family tradition by serving our country in the U.S. Navy as an explosive ordnance technician.



Edward Veselsky Jr.

YN3 E4, U.S. Navy
Thank you for your service and dedication to our country.



Nick Fanale and Bill Rusciolelli

U.S. Air Force, Vietnam War
The boys are now grandpas. Thank you for your service.



Gary Harper

Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Operation Iraqi Freedom
Born: 23 Apr 76
Died: 9 Oct 05
Gary would take the rough jobs, the dirty jobs. He was a really great, hardworking person.



Matthew Weikert

Staff Sergeant
Died July 17, 2010, while serving during Operation Enduring Freedom.
In his spare time, Matthew liked hunting pheasant with his grandfather, playing golf with his family and friends, and spending time with his son, Jayse.



Andrew Tobin

Sergeant, U.S. Army
Died Aug. 24, 2011, while serving during Operation Enduring Freedom.
Andrew was described by friends as a jokester, goofball and class clown. People also say they were impressed with his modesty, amiability and dedication. "He sat around with my dad and talked about the military," his cousin, Pam Thompson, of Bradley, told the *Daily Journal*. "I think he liked (the military), because he never complained about it. He wanted to become a recruiter so he could work 9 to 5 and be able to stay home with his wife. He loved his wife. He loved his whole family."



Duane Longstreth

Private First Class, U.S. Army
Died Aug. 7, 2003, while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Duane was a great neighbor, was very easy to talk to and, despite the uncertainty and unstable nature of an invasion, he still had a sunny disposition.



Jacob Palmatier

Specialist, U.S. Army
Died Feb. 24, 2005, while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Jacob was one of the kindest, smartest, warmest and funniest guys we knew. He was a very good friend.



Joshua Powell

Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army
Died Sept. 21, 2010, while serving during Operation Enduring Freedom. Joshua joined the Illinois Army National Guard in 2003, the same year he graduated from Pleasant Plains High School where he played varsity soccer for four years. "You could go to him in a time of joy and he would be there for you," former teammate Bobby Johnson told the *State Journal-Register*. "You could go to him in a time of sorrow and he would be there. He would talk to you in any situation." Joshua, an avid hunter, also liked to collect guns and was a motorcyclist.



James "Chad" Young

Corporal, U.S. Army
Died Nov. 3, 2010, while serving during Operation Enduring Freedom. He'd been on leave visiting family in Illinois and returned to Afghanistan only five days before he was killed by a roadside bomb. "Not everyone is suited to the stress of knowing that they're going to go out and literally look for trouble," Gen. Bud Jameson, brigade commander for Young's unit, said. "I can't think of a more honorable thing to do in combat than making the way safe for other soldiers."



Ryan Buckley

Corporal, U.S. Army
Died June 23, 2006, while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. "Ryan was a great friend and was there for everyone that needed him. And the select few who knew this hero was there for him. We miss him greatly. He was one of my best friends at Campbell and in Iraq. I will never forget you, Buck." Timothy Krieger of New Haven, Missouri.



Ryan Leduc

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Marine Corps
Died Sept. 24, 2004, while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Ryan enjoyed water skiing, scuba diving, saltwater fishing, shooting, hunting, racquetball and cooking.



Jeremiah D. Costello

Corporal, U.S. Army
Died June 2, 2007, while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Costello's goal was to continue to serve and become an Illinois State Police officer.



Richard T. Maldaner

Sergeant, U.S. Army
He served during the Korean War from 1951 to 1953, with one full year in Korea during active combat. He was a bow gunner on a tank. After returning to the U.S., he served at Camp Carson, Colo. He died Dec. 20, 2003.



William W. Owens

E-5, Vietnam
Lost to Agent Orange.



Andrew R. Smith

Radioman third class, U.S. Navy
Andrew served from 1944 to 1946 in World War II on the USS Passaic (AN 87), a net tender in the Pacific Theater. He is now 97.



Roberta Rhodes Woodward

U.S. Air Force
Mom proudly served her country. She served during the Vietnam War and traveled as far as Thailand. She was a fighter and a survivor until she was called home in 2018. We love and miss her so very much.



Jacob Palmatier

Operation Iraqi Freedom
CPL
Jacob died in Muqadiyah, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division based in Fort Benning, Ga. He was and is the best of us, he is our hero, our joy, our blessing. Miss you every second of each and every day.



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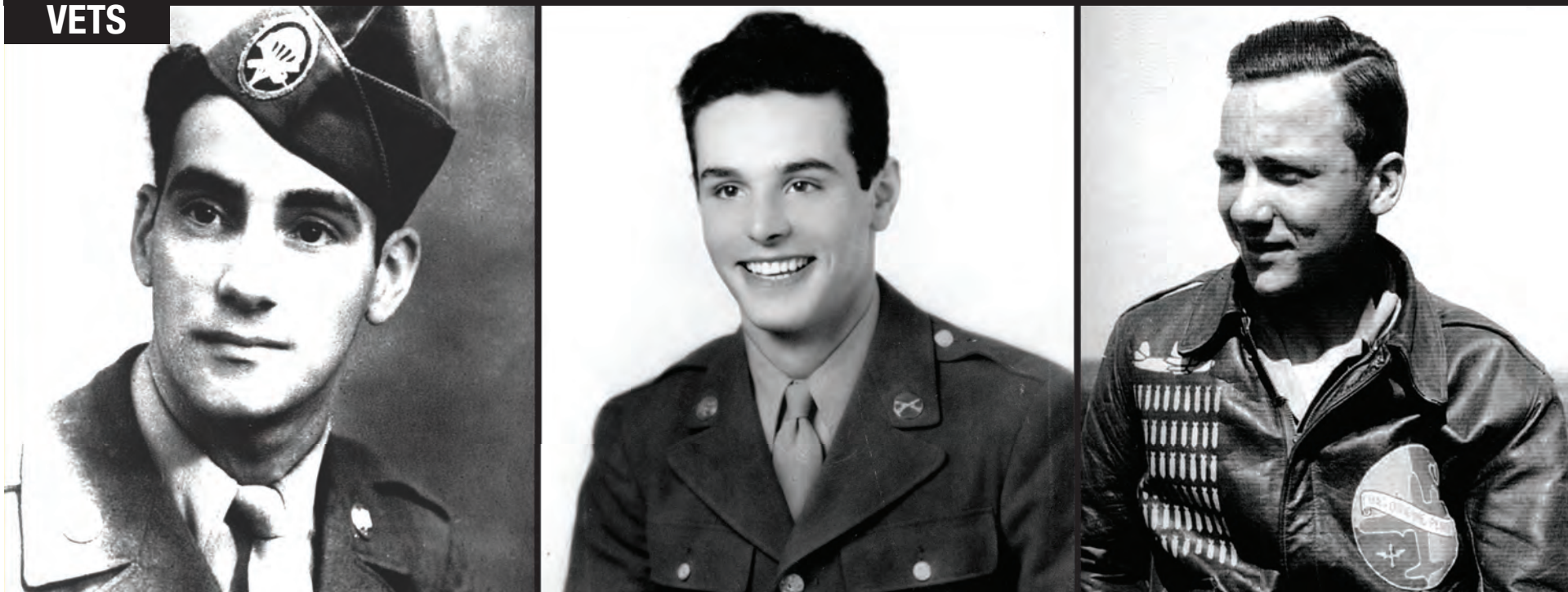


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Left to right: Vincent Speranza, Frank Moscardelli, Jerry Raschke

Local legends of the “greatest generation”

Three World War II veterans who departed this year

TRIBUTE | Mark DePue

Veterans Day has always held a special meaning for me, having served 25 years in the U.S. Army, and another 16 years interviewing scores of veterans while working as the oral historian for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. This Veterans Day is especially poignant, however, for in the past few months three members of America’s “greatest generation,” men I was honored to interview during the autumn of their lives, have passed away.

The legendary Vincent Speranza was the first to go, dying on Aug. 2 at age 98. He grew up in Staten Island and served with the 101st Airborne Division during its heroic defense of Bastogne while the Battle of the Bulge swirled around the besieged paratroopers. Sixty-five years later, in 2009, Vince returned to Bastogne, discovering that, unknown to him, he had been memorialized by a Belgium brewery. This was because of a wartime exploit where he delivered beer in his helmet to a wounded comrade who lay in a bombed-out church while recovering from an injury. After a tour of the battlefield, Vince’s guide bought him a bottle of Airborne Beer, to be drunk from a ceramic mug fashioned after a helmet. Vince shot to fame throughout northern Europe after that trip, and it wasn’t long before he was feted in places like West Point, the Pentagon and especially at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, home of the 101st Division today.

Ninety-seven-year-old Frank Moscardelli, Springfield born and bred, was the next to pass away just five days later, on Aug. 7. He joined the Army in 1943 and following basic training was assigned to the 89th Division. The unit soon shipped overseas and joined Patton’s Third Army in time to cross the Moselle and Rhine rivers before pushing on toward the center of Germany. Moscardelli returned to Springfield after the war and in 1948 helped establish Moscardelli and Son Delivery Service. A year later he co-founded Pleasant Nursery, staying active in that business well into his nineties.

On Oct. 18 Gerald Raschke passed away peacefully at 99, telling friends and relatives he was ready for the next journey. Omaha, Nebraska, native Jerry was drafted just days after high school graduation and served in the Army Air Force, drawing one of the most dangerous assignments going, tail gunner on a twin-engine B-26 bomber. He flew 61 missions over Italy, southern France and Germany, and survived without a scratch, but with plenty of close calls to go along with a bevy of medals. Twenty-six years after the war, in 1971, he was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Church, and spent his last years serving the congregation at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Springfield.

The funerals for these three men, local legends all, were every bit as memorable as were their remarkable lives.

Vince Speranza’s visitation in Auburn was a simple affair, but unique for those who attended. A phalanx of paratroopers stood guard at the entry of the funeral home, and inside, next to the open casket, proudly stood a 101st Division Honor Guard. And illustrating the special bond Vince had forged with the 101st over the years, the division commander was also on hand, along with a small cluster of other paratroopers who, to a man, were proud to proclaim their connection with Vince. For his burial next day, the 101st also provided a firing squad, a bugler and a platoon of paratroopers who finished the service with a rendition of “Blood on the Risers,” a ballad Vince sang countless times in Europe and America, always amid an adoring group of soldiers.

Frank Moscardelli’s visitation at Staab Funeral Home was equally memorable. Those who waited in line enjoyed viewing scores of photos of Frank and his family, shown on screens throughout the home, all while conversation filled the air. The line of those waiting to offer condolences stretched around the perimeter of the viewing room, then across the hall before wrapping its way through two more rooms. It was a fitting tribute to a man who touched countless lives.

Jerry Raschke’s funeral was one befitting a deacon of the church, and was also well attended, celebrated in the beautifully ornate sanctuary St.

Paul’s Cathedral. The bishop officiated and was ably assisted by several other clergy. Jerry loved the church, but he especially loved its members and cheerfully devoted his life to their service as deacon. That day, however, was the time for those he served to pay their respects and show their appreciation for a life well lived.

It’s far too easy for us in our comfortable lives today to take for granted the world these three men helped create for us, to forget the sacrifices that they and millions more men and women like them made. That is what Veterans Day is about – to remember our veterans and give thanks for what they did on our behalf.

Thankfully, their stories of wartime service are now preserved for posterity, and can be found at www.oralhistory.illinois.gov. □

Mark DePue graduated from West Point in 1976 and spent the next five years in the U.S. Army, retiring in April 2001 from the Illinois Army National Guard, where he worked full time. He earned a Ph.D. in Contemporary U.S. and Military History from the University of Iowa in 2004, and from 2006 to the end of 2021 he worked at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum as the oral historian, where he interviewed over 150 war veterans, scores of Illinois retired politicians and many more.

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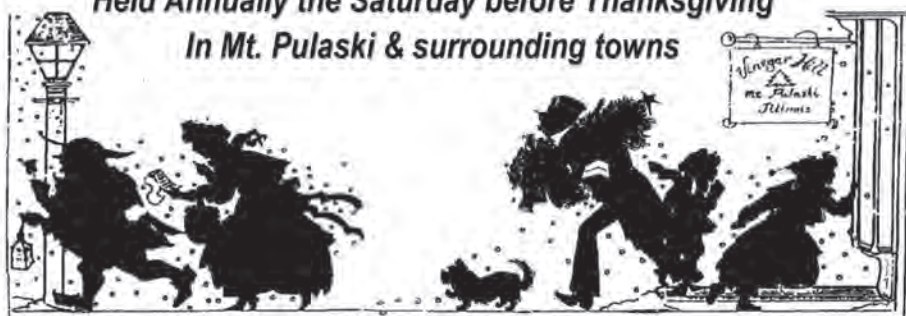
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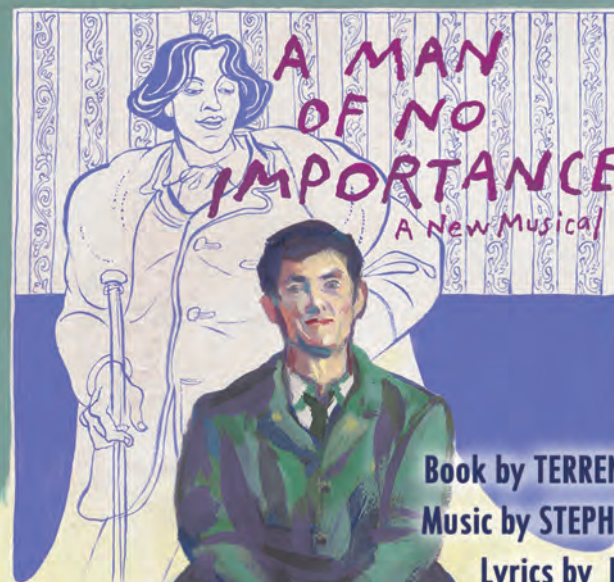
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OPINION

LETTERS

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REWARDING UNIONS

This is less about trying to solve job vacancies and more about fulfilling campaign promises made to unions ("City's employee residency requirement could be suspended," Nov. 2). Misty Buscher made the claim that if Springfield elected her, she would "sell Springfield." Well, it sounds like she's fulfilling that promise by selling Springfield to Chatham, Rochester and Sherman, because they will be the only winners from this proposed moratorium.

Arthur Dunkin

Via illinoistimes.com

WHO CARES?

This is a good move for the city, in my opinion. When I call the fire department, police department or CWLP for assistance, I personally don't care where the employee lives. I care that the employee is qualified to do the job and not just an employee because they happen to live in the city limits and nobody else was available who fit that requirement.

There are so many holes in the doughnut: Leland Grove, Jerome, Grandview, unincorporated areas, etc. When the last storm hit, imagine if we would have only accepted help from people who reside in the city – unthinkable. We don't require retirees to live in the city in order to be eligible to earn a pension payment, why require workers to live here to be eligible?

I look forward to this passing, because if I am reading the tea leaves correctly, the votes are there to make this silly residency requirement a thing of the past.

Terry Young

Via illinoistimes.com

MULTIPLE FAILURES

As someone who has worked with grants, it is incumbent on the granting agency to provide a grant monitor to assist the grantees



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

with the proper and auditable documentation ("Cannabis business grant recipients push back on audit claims," Nov. 2). If this was the case, then the failure is with the monitor and the management of the grant monitor. Moreover, in most audit experiences, there are meetings held to correct and/or provide context to the initial findings. An auditor can only audit what is provided to them – things are lost, forgotten or misunderstood. Seems this was also not done; both should have been requested and expected by the city.

Allowing the damaging language to be published this way without having the proper controls in place allowed the public to demonize the recipients when they were not guided nor counseled prior to publishing the audit. This seems to be only half of the story.

Jen Abolt

Springfield

NO TO NUCLEAR

If people think nuclear is a good idea, have them look at the Clinton power plant ("Beware the nuclear industry bearing gifts," Nov. 2). It was billions and billions over cost and hundreds

of millions has been spent to keep it from closing.

Jim Valentine

Springfield

TOO MUCH TAX

We recently went to Walmart to get contributions for the Coats for Kids program held by Green Family Stores and News Channel 20. We got the warmest ones we could find, which cost a little more, but we could afford them. At the cash register I learned something that bothers me a

lot. There was a 10% tax on the coats.

Again, I could afford it, but I remember a time when I was raising two little kids and living from check to check. Keeping them fed and warm was difficult. A lost mitten was a crisis. If we don't believe that parents live like that in Springfield today, what would be the need for Coats for Kids?

I looked into this tax robbery and found: Illinois state tax, 6.25%; Sangamon County tax, 1%; Springfield tax, 2.5%; and another 1% for Central Business special tax (kind of like your cellphone bill, who knows what the heck it's for).

Springfield has the highest sales tax compared to 90% of other Illinois localities. As I look around me, I don't see a darn thing being done with this tax money that is worth more than keeping a little kid warm.

Martha Miller

Springfield

CORREX

In last week's cover story, "This I Believe Illinois," Leilani Essien's photo was used twice and Sofia Flick's was omitted.



Cartoon Quote

In a 1965 cartoon Lucy says to Linus: "Our generation has been given the works. All of the world's problems are being shoved at us." Linus asks, "What do you think we should do?" Lucy replies: "Stick the next generation!" Well, Lucy, that generation's gone by: I do take heart that some of our worst dilemmas are now widely recognized with many groups, even governmental bigwigs taking note. but with havoc climate conditions we may be too late to stick it to generations X,Y, Z.

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Illinois has some success in attracting manufacturing

POLITICS | Rich Miller

I told you back in January that if Gov. JB Pritzker managed to help convince Stellantis to reopen the Belvidere auto assembly plant and even expand, “he’ll have overcome some gargantuan hurdles.”

Credit where credit is due. Pritzker helped the United Auto Workers Union and the White House put together a deal with Stellantis to reopen the shuttered plant and expand it. According to *Crain’s Chicago Business*, the UAW told its members the company would spend \$5 billion on the project. It’s not clear as I write this how much would come from the state.

It’s plainly obvious to anyone that overcoming the state’s lousy reputation with manufacturers is a monumental task. All any CEO has to do is turn on one of the business cable TV stations to see the Illinois-bashing in full glory, even though it’s often based on outdated claims from groups which make money from bad-mouthing the state’s reputation.

But the state incentives contained in Pritzker’s Reimagining Energy and Vehicles Act were instrumental in attracting the massive Gotion electric vehicle battery plant to Manteno.

At the same time, the state has also tried to help build a supplier and training infrastructure

for manufacturers – which it calls an “eco-system.” More than two years ago, for instance, the state helped open an EV worker training program at Normal’s Heartland Community College as EV-maker Rivian scaled up its production.

The REV Act’s income tax credit program has since expanded to 75% of state payroll taxes and to 100% for “underserved areas.” The REV Act was also expanded to include smaller companies with a minimum \$2.5 million in capital investment.

That latter expansion was key to bringing Decatur a new electric compressor manufacturing facility as a major component of the city’s TCCI Electric Vehicle Innovation Hub the governor unveiled in August. An innovation and research lab and a worker training facility at the local community college (and in potential partnership with other higher education institutions) will also be part of the new Decatur hub.

Just last month, Netherlands-based EVBox announced it was establishing its new U.S. headquarters in Lake County. The company makes fast-chargers for EVs and hopes to build thousands of charging stations per year.

“We have got the parts suppliers, battery manufacturers, EV infrastructure suppliers and there are more to come,” Pritzker said at the EVBox announcement, according to NBC Chicago.

The Stellantis plant deal is huge. The state has been working with the company since well before the automaker decided to put the plant on pause earlier this year. Because EV assembly plants usually need a nearby battery facility, the state optioned 250 acres of land across from the Stellantis plant, dangling the prize as just one more incentive to reopen and expand. The revitalized plant will likely build a light truck and include a battery plant as well as a parts distribution center.

The UAW has had strong reservations about EV manufacturing because it requires fewer workers, and many cars and batteries are being made with non-union labor (including, so far, at Gotion’s future Manteno facility). But the union leadership insisted that reopening the Belvidere plant was a top priority during its bargaining with and subsequent strike of Stellantis. The White House was reportedly heavily involved as well.

Crain’s also reported that the revitalized plant could employ as many as 5,000 workers, which is far more than the 1,200 laid off in February.

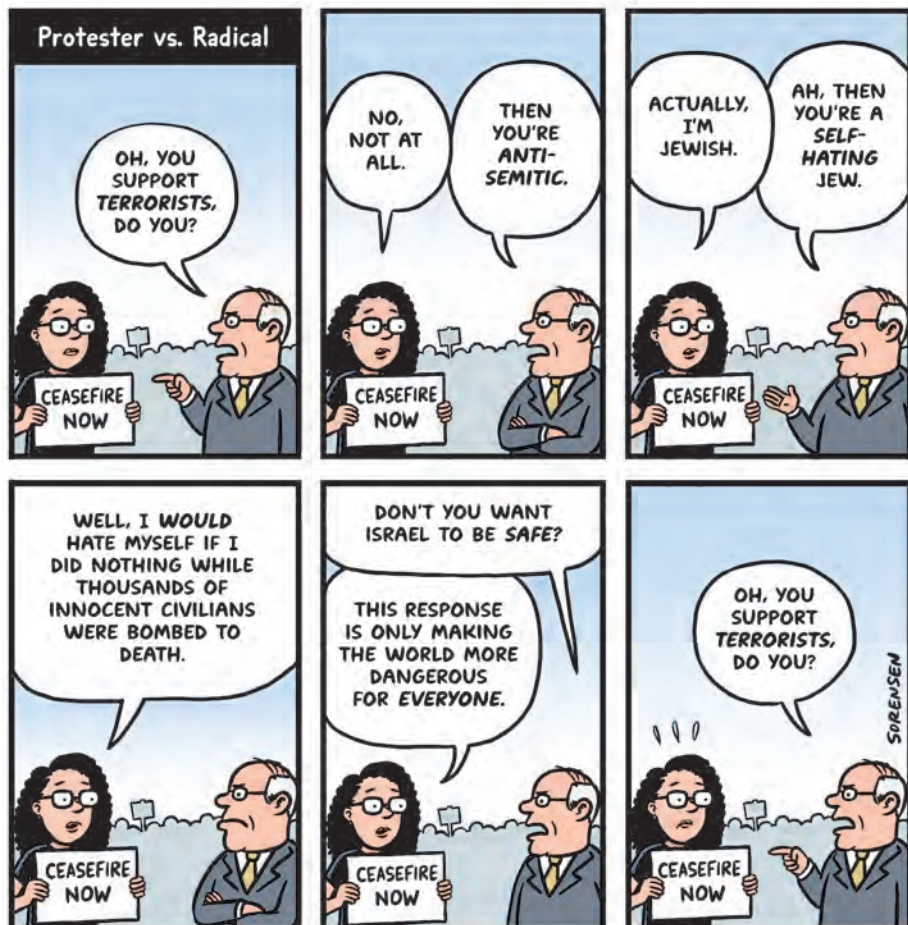
If Illinois’ earlier failures fed off themselves in a vicious cycle, the hope now is the recent successes will lead to even more gains as corporations see that Illinois isn’t what they may have thought it was.

The idea has been to provide “white glove” concierge service to corporate execs through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The governor’s office claims companies can easily and quickly obtain information and assistance from DCEO about their investments. DCEO also offers the companies help with permitting to cut through state and local red tape.

The governor himself has also taken a very active role, his office says, running down leads and making and fielding countless inquiries. He’s also positioned himself as the state’s top economic cheerleader.

This sort of all-hands-on-deck approach appears to really be paying off. And it’s been darned impressive to watch. Everyone, including the General Assembly, deserves credit.

So maybe now the state can use this template to tackle some other problems, like high property taxes (business development is a big key, but not the entire solution) and the functioning of some notorious bureaucracies, including DCFS. □



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The three Illinois School for the Visually Impaired students who were part of the school's new logo committee pose with the new logo design. Left to right, L.T. Spears, Cameron Dempsey and Sidney Horn. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

Warriors with a difference

Extraordinary students made their school's logo culturally sensitive

CULTURE | David Blanchette

The Illinois School for the Visually Impaired (ISVI) Warriors in Jacksonville just did something that other schools across the state and nation have done only grudgingly or not at all. The school has voluntarily and happily moved away from logos and mascots with Native American connotations.

Gone is ISVI's old Native American headdress logo, which has been replaced by a striking maroon and gold emblem that better represents

how members of the student body feel about themselves and the school they attend. The new ISVI logo initiative is particularly noteworthy because it was driven by those same students, many of whom, because of their disabilities, have no idea what Native American iconography looks like.

The ISVI staff and students met with Native American representatives throughout the logo

design process, culminating in a powwow and all-school assembly Oct. 25. Native American drummers pounded, singers chanted and a Native American "jingle dress" dancer waded into the crowd so the students could feel the garment that produced the mesmerizing sounds they heard during the dance performances.

Then, to the accompaniment of an all-school, pounding-on-cafeteria-table drum roll, three

students pulled cords to officially show the new logo design for the first time.

The result is a new take on the ISVI Warriors, a logo that reflects the 175-year-old school's way of life where the students must fight harder for what they achieve. The process has also given the ISVI students and administration a new appreciation for the culture that was co-opted by the school's old, Native American feathered headdress logo.



A group of dancers representing several Native American nations perform for Illinois School for the Visually Impaired students.

In proclaiming Oct. 25, 2023, as ISVI Warriors Day, Gov. JB Pritzker paid homage to the ISVI students “who have decided to update their mascot to one that is inclusive of all cultures and represents their commitment to a better future.”

“They are more than just a sports team logo.”

The initiative to create a new ISVI logo began in 2007 but after several meetings that year and much spirited debate, students and alumni voted against

moving away from their existing Native American headaddress logo. That debate 16 years ago, a literal lifetime for many current ISVI students, paved the way for this fall’s new logo unveiling.

“One of the biggest proponents for a new logo in 2007 almost exactly described the shield design that we have come up with today,” said ISVI Superintendent Aimee Veith.

Veith assembled a team of 25 ISVI students of varying ages and they began discussions about

a possible new logo in May of this year. The students eagerly took charge of the process, a big part of which involved welcoming Native American representatives to the school for discussions and demonstrations.

Twenty-year-old student L.T. Spears of Mattoon, who is completely blind, was part of the special ISVI logo committee.

“The old logo was out of date and it needed to represent more of us and our school as warriors than what the old logo depicted,” Spears said. “We are not Native Americans here and we wanted it to represent the whole school and the state of Illinois.”

Spears was pleased with the effect the Native American presentations had on the new logo discussions.

“I really enjoyed learning about their history and where they come from and why warriors are so important to them,” Spears said. “I feel like they appreciated what we are doing because they are more than just a sports team logo, they are a whole living culture that goes back hundreds of years.”

Sidney Horn is an 18-year-old from Effingham who was part of the student logo committee.

“They presented stories about Native American history, how strawberries were grown, the turtle in the river, all of these things that go on in Native American culture,” Horn said. “They were deeply touched by what we are doing with our logo and how we are changing it.”

Eighteen-year-old student Cameron Dempsey from Bloomington learned a lot through the Native American representatives’ visits to ISVI.

“Our interactions have been very informative, and we learned how they feel about us changing the logo,” Dempsey said. “Some students were a little concerned that we were changing our logo and what that might do to the school. We talked about how we needed something to fit everyone.”

Andrew Johnson, a Cherokee, is a board member of the Chicago American Indian Community Collaborative and made several visits to the ISVI campus during the new logo design discussions. He hosted a series of assemblies to introduce students to Native American values, ideas and culture.

“When we heard that ISVI wanted to make this kind of change willingly, and it was supported by the parents and alumni, it made us feel really good about it,” Johnson said. “Doing this makes them warriors in and of themselves.”

“They are leaders who set an example that other schools could follow by showing respect to our Native American residents and putting together something that will fulfill more of their own values versus trying to adopt something from another culture,” Johnson said. “They are doing this in a very non-selfish way. It has made us very, very proud of the direction they took,

the courage they displayed and where they took the initiative to do this.”

“We all came together and designed it as a school.”

While the ISVI students were learning about Native American culture, Superintendent Veith and the Illinois Department of Human Services, which administers the school, approved the use of a consulting firm to listen to the students’ ideas and come up with some logo design choices.

L.T. Spears and his student colleagues discussed several ideas for what might be included in the new logo. A depiction of the Perkins Braille, a Braille typewriter invented by former ISVI Superintendent Frank Hall, was one possibility. Others included a goal ball, from a team sport played by visually impaired athletes, and crossed white wayfinding canes of the type used by the visually impaired.

“I liked the one with the canes, it suits our school more and it’s a great emblem for our school,” Spears said. “The white canes help us, a lot of us walk around with our white canes to find obstacles and get to places.”

Several ideas were suggested for graphics to represent the city of Jacksonville where ISVI is located. These included a Ferris Wheel, because the amusement rides are still manufactured in the city, and elm tree leaves, since Jacksonville was once known as the Elm City for its lush canopies of the huge shade trees.

The consulting firm returned with several draft logo designs incorporating the students’ ideas. The designs were presented as color graphics for the students who have some sight, and as a “picture in a flash,” where the design elements are raised and have a different tactile feel from the page on which they are printed.

“The tactile impression of the logo is important because the ones who need to feel it can’t actually see it with their own eyes,” said logo committee member Sidney Horn. “So, we touch, feel and explore it and that’s how we see it.”

Horn has some color and light contrast perception and can see shadows. All the potential logo designs were presented in the school’s traditional maroon and gold colors because people with Horn’s type of impairment can more easily perceive the contrast between those two colors.

“I really liked the name of Illinois written across the center of one design and I liked the crossed canes on another design,” Horn said.

All of the initial logo designs had issues for ISVI’s student body. Several of the designs were simply too busy for the students who rely completely on Braille. The letters spelling “Warriors” on some designs were too close together for the students to read.

None of the initial logo designs were chosen, but the students’ feedback, and some homegrown design ideas from the ISVI health center director, gave the consulting firm the additional input they needed.

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Native American school logos and mascots in Illinois

In 2020 State Representative Maurice West, a Rockford Democrat, introduced a bill in the Illinois General Assembly that would have prohibited schools from using Native American logos, mascots or other imagery unless they met certain conditions.

According to the bill, schools would have had to receive written permission to use Native American imagery from a tribe within 500 miles of the school, and that permission would need to be renewed every five years. The schools would have had to conduct a schoolwide program on Native American culture at least twice a year, offer a course on Native American contributions to society, and file an annual report with the state on the academic programs they offered about Native Americans.

Schools that failed to comply with the proposed new law would have been ineligible to participate in any postseason playoffs.

"There are logos and caricatures that have been used through the course of sports history that should have never existed and deserve to be left in the past," Rep. West said at the time. "This legislation is an opportunity to ensure we are teaching our children how to properly respect the heritage and culture of Native Americans we draw inspiration from."

The 2020 legislation did not pass after several Illinois school districts mounted strong opposition to the bill. But Rep. West introduced a new bill this year that doesn't address mascots or logos, but still requires schools to teach Native American history. The legislation passed and has been signed into law.

The most high-profile Native American mascot and logo, Chief Illiniwek at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, was officially retired in 2007 after years of protests by tribal nations and pressure from the NCAA.

Many Native American logos and mascots remain at high schools throughout Illinois. Among them are Blackhawks (Stockton and Aurora West); Braves (Annawan, Bremen, Mt. Zion, Shabbona Middle School); Chiefs (Deer Creek Mackinaw); Comanches (Cahokia); Indians (Altamont, Brimfield, Carlyle, Dakota, DuQuoin, Hononegah, Lawrenceville, Lewistown, Marengo, Mascoutah, Meredosia-Chambersburg, Minooka, Momence, Neoga, Pawnee, Payson-Seymour, Pecatonica, Pontiac); Mohawks (Morrisonville); Redskins (Nokomis, Shawnee-Wolf Lake, Sullivan); Scouts (Lake Forest); Thunderbirds (Thornwood); and Warriors (Athens, Casey-Westfield, Crete-Monee, Granite City, Warren, Waubonsie Valley, Wheaton Academy).



A Native American dancer lets Illinois School for the Visually Impaired students touch her "Jingle Dress" during an assembly with the students.

The final logo design features the outline of a shield with "Warriors" spelled out in a ribbon flourish near the top. Inside the shield is an outline of the state of Illinois. A capital "I" is in the center, and that letter incorporates two raised dots that are the letter "I" in Braille.

"A lot of us read Braille and having the Braille dots in the 'I' suits our school," said committee member Cameron Dempsey, who has some sight. "At this school they actually want to hear the students' voices and the students' opinions. We put our voice in and give our input on how we feel about this new logo."

Fellow student Spears also appreciated being part of the logo committee.

"I was really impressed that the administrative staff let the students be a huge part of this because there are times when one or two administrators are like 'OK, we're going to do this and everyone is just going to have to deal with it,'" Spears said. "But I really enjoy how we all came together and designed it as a school and made a really good logo that represents the whole school."

"They are Warriors for each other and with each other."

Illinois School for the Visually Impaired students, teachers and staff still call themselves the Warriors. But along with the new logo, the moniker means something different that the students feel does not usurp Native American culture.

"When I think of a warrior I think of a strong, courageous fighter," student Sidney Horn said.

Fellow student Cameron Dempsey thinks an ISVI Warrior is "brave, but also accepting. We accept a lot of people here," he said. "We know that even if somebody tells us we can't do something because we are visually impaired, we can do just as much as people with sight."

Superintendent Aimee Veith has recognized the ISVI Warrior mindset throughout the entire logo design process.

"I listened to a fourth grader named Liam and how he used his voice at nine years old to tell why he is a warrior," Veith said. "While he appreciates the fact that the warrior headdress is Native American and that's cool too, that's

not who he is. He is part of this school where they are Warriors for each other and with each other."

L.T. Spears hopes that when people encounter the new Warriors logo, they will get a much clearer image of what ISVI is all about.

"A warrior is someone who perseveres through hard times, someone that doesn't back down to adversity or challenges," Spears said. "I hope it reaches more people and shows them that we are a blind school, and although we are visually impaired, we can do everything that a sighted person can do and sometimes more."

Illinois Department of Human Services Director Dulce Quintero, who attended the Oct. 25 logo unveiling, told the ISVI students that they personify the term "warrior."

"You have confronted history and made changes for the better. The best way to help people is to listen and learn from them, and that is just what you did," Quintero said. "You have built bridges of understanding and you have created a new path forward." □

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Craig Williams II, as the naive and exuberant Alfie, anchors the show. He is helped by Sam Steere as Alfie's work partner and close friend, Robbie. PHOTO BY MATT FRANKLIN

A Man of No Importance breaks your heart

THEATER | Mary Young

The old maxim, “There are no small parts, only small actors,” is not only a familiar line in the world of theater (which you will hear in this currently running production), but it also speaks favorably of the ensemble in *A Man of No Importance* itself. Each performer shines in their individual moments while serving as important cogs in a well-oiled machine. All are engaged, whether performing onstage or off to the side in listen mode. Presented by Hoogland Center for the Arts and directed by Laurie Barnes and her capable cast, staff and crew, *A Man of No Importance* is a skillfully crafted and tender musical that fiddles with your emotions, strums your heartstrings and eventually breaks your heart. Don't worry...it gets put back together again.

A Man of No Importance is the second successful collaboration by the team of

Terrence McNally, Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty, all of whom won Tony Awards for *Ragtime*. The unique musical is based on the 1994 film starring Albert Finney as a closeted 1960s Dublin bus driver who loves to recite poetry to bus riders and pursue his passion of producing amateur theatrical productions with the St. Imelda's Players. He also leans on his imagined friendship with the ghost of Oscar Wilde, who advises him in both life and love. After he decides his next production will be Oscar Wilde's controversial one-act tragedy, *Salome*, his contented, comfortable life takes a turn.

Craig Williams II, as the naïve and exuberant Alfie, anchors the show. At one point, his character speaks passionately about how there's nothing like, when playing a part, to lose oneself in a role. Williams' portrayal is art imitating life as his Alfie will bring you to

both laughter and tears with an authenticity and innocence that made me want to run onstage and give him a hug. He is closely matched by Sam Steere as Alfie's work partner and close friend, Robbie, who sings the roof off the place in Act One and Diane Dietz as his frustrated but well-meaning sister, Lily.

The entire cast deserves kudos for delivering consistent and solid Irish accents, impressive vocals and compelling characters. They include Alyssa Shultz, DJ Shultz, Steve Kaplan, Matt Ratz, Dennis O'Brien, Kevin Kulavic, Linda Schneider, Christie Lazarides, Kristin Wheeler, Mark Wheeler, Karee Prince and Alex Edwards. The show buzzes along at a pleasing pace and looks and sounds great. The onstage orchestra, led by Mary Meyers, will surely make audiences want to dance a jig in the aisles or crave a pint of Guinness.

Some themes and moments throughout the show include Catholic guilt and violent bigotry. But the gentle beating heart of Alfie Byrne is a lifeline and, I believe, redeems all in the end.

The show continues in the Peggy Ryder Theatre Nov. 10-12. Friday and Saturday performances will start at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday matinee will start at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$18 for seniors (over 60) and students. Call 523-2787, or log on to hcfta.org. □

Mary Young was born and raised in Springfield, has been performing in, producing and directing live theater for decades. She's done film and voice-over work, performs occasionally with local bands and looks forward to making up funny stuff soon with improv troupe The Portuguese Rodeo Clown Company.



Natalyanna Lamplain, Brielle Lucas, Sydney Williams, Ashlee Yemoh, India Mitchell in rehearsal for *Sister Act Jr.* PHOTO BY MARY YOUNG

Theatre Centre presents *Sister Act JR.*

Here's a quick shout out about the upcoming production for Springfield Theatre Centre. Don't be fooled by the "JR." in the title. This show, featuring original music by Alan Menken and a talented young cast directed by some of Springfield's best, promises to get audiences on their feet. Based on the hit 1992 film and Tony-nominated Broadway musical, *Sister Act JR.* is a feel-good musical comedy that tells the story of disco diva Deloris Van Cartier, who witnesses a murder and is put

in protective custody as a nun in a convent. In her own unique way, Deloris revitalizes the church and community until she's eventually on the run again, having to rely on her new, unlikely, friends to help her survive.

Co-directed by Jasmine French and Reggie Guyton, *Sister Act, JR.* is presented by the Springfield Theatre Centre and will run Nov 10-12, 17-19 7:30, and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Visit the same HCFTA information above for tickets.

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Restoring gravestones of Civil War veterans

More volunteers needed for project at Oak Ridge Cemetery

VETERANS | Karen Ackerman Witter

Paul Golladay is on a mission. He is Sergeant First Class with the Illinois Army National Guard, serving full time as Officer Candidate School Course Manager. However, his volunteer mission is to restore gravestones of Civil War veterans buried at Oak Ridge Cemetery. Many of the marble markers are leaning or fallen over and covered in lichens and moss. Some are worn smooth. Golladay and several other volunteers have successfully cleaned and reset four headstones. There are hundreds more Civil War headstones at Oak Ridge Cemetery. Golladay invites others who are interested in history and want to honor our Civil War veterans to join this effort.

Golladay's longtime association with Springfield archaeologist Floyd Mansberger of Fever River Research led to this undertaking. Golladay was assisting Mansberger with the archaeological excavation as part of the 10th Street rail project. They found military artifacts while excavating a home that belonged to David Sappington, north and east of the nearby 1908 Race Riot site. This sparked Golladay's curiosity to learn more. Silas Sappington, nephew of David Sappington, served during the Civil War in an all-Black regiment that was depicted in the movie, *Glory*. Silas Sappington lived in Springfield from the time he was discharged in 1865 until his death in 1922. Golladay found his grave site in Section 24 at Oak Ridge Cemetery. The marble headstone, erected in 1925, was sunken and leaning over. Golladay and his team reset the marker with a solid footing. They also use an organic cleaning agent recommended by the National Park Service to clean the stones.

To date Golladay, Mansberger, Christopher Stratton and Madeline Robinson, who are all involved with Fever River Research, and Adam Krall from the Illinois State Military Museum, have reset and cleaned markers for: Corporal Silas Sappington, Company D, 55th Massachusetts Colored Infantry; Sergeant Robert Woods, Company A, 56th United States Colored Infantry; Private William Melcher, Company A, 97th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment and Corporal John Morehead, Company A, 99th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

Golladay was able to get permission to work on the markers because the marble headstones are not owned by individual



Paul Golladay cleaning the military headstone of Private William Melcher, Company A, 97th Illinois. Melcher died Jan. 26, 1903. PHOTO BY FLOYD MANSBERGER.

families but are owned by the federal government through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration. Prior to the Civil War, soldiers were buried where they died or in cemetery plots within post reservations and marked with a wooden board. There was no centralized system to record burials. This proved inadequate given the huge number of casualties during the Civil War. In 1861 the first organized system to mark graves was created, and the first national cemeteries were developed at the start of the Civil War to bury Union dead.

Immediately after the Civil War, the U.S. Army embarked on an ambitious program to relocate remains of U.S. troops from their wartime burial places to national cemeteries. By the early 1870s, more than 350,000 Union dead had been buried in national cemeteries. Also in the 1870s, wooden headboards were

replaced with marble headstones after the Secretary of War approved the design. In 1879, Congress authorized the federal government to provide headstones for veterans buried in private and municipal cemeteries. In 1929 Illinois published a Roll of Honor, listing the locations of the burial places of individuals buried in Illinois who served in any U.S. war. Information about the honor roll is on the Illinois State Archives website <https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/databases/honorroll.html>.

Camp Butler, near Riverton, established in 1862, was one of the first national cemeteries. However, the municipally owned Oak Ridge Cemetery is the final resting place for at least 438 Civil War veterans from Illinois and many other Civil War veterans who served in other states and moved to Springfield after the war. The federal government continues to provide markers for eligible veterans. For more

information about eligibility and the National Cemetery Administration go to <https://www.cem.va.gov/>.

Golladay and his fellow volunteers are walking the cemetery to identify markers of Civil War veterans in need of restoration. Initially they are focusing on those that can be more readily restored through proper cleaning and resetting. For each marker they restore, they document and research the veteran and compile a bio. Some markers have been worn smooth, and the inscriptions are not legible. In these cases, and with appropriate documentation, a new marker can be provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Golladay's objective is to keep the original marble headstone whenever possible.

Golladay is working to grow his small team of volunteers and engage other history-minded community members. Articles of incorporation have been developed with the intent to establish a nonprofit organization by the new year. For more information or to get involved, contact Paul Golladay at ssgolladay@gmail.com. □



Prior to the Civil War, Marshall M. McIntire served in the Springfield Zouave Greys, a local militia organization. He enlisted Sept. 14, 1861, as First Lieutenant and was serving with the 29th Illinois Infantry Regiment when he was killed on Feb. 15, 1862, at Fort Donelson, Tennessee, at the age of 22. He is buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Paul Golladay plans to clean McIntire's headstone on Veterans Day, weather permitting. PHOTO COURTESY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



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Maligned merlot

This classic deserves another chance

FOOD & DRINK | Ashley Meyer

A customer recently walked into the wine store where I work. She was looking to pick up a few bottles to take to a dinner party and to stock up for the holidays. As we perused the white wines, I asked what she normally liked to drink. Her responses made it clear that she was a knowledgeable and thoughtful consumer. “Sauvignon blanc,” she replied, “but generally from Sancerre, not the grassy New Zealand type.” When I asked about reds, her voice dropped almost to a whisper, “I know this may be a little controversial, but I really love...merlot.”

Poor, maligned merlot. Despite its long history as one of the great noble grape varieties of Bordeaux, merlot’s reputation has taken a significant hit in recent decades. The 2004 film *Sideways* certainly didn’t help. In it, the protagonist, Miles, played by Paul Giamatti, voraciously eschews all merlot in preference of pinot noir. Nearly 20 years after the movie’s debut I still hear folks quote one of his most memorable lines: “If anyone orders merlot, I’m leaving. I am not drinking any f***ing merlot!” Indeed, after the movie came out there was a significant increase in domestic sales of pinot noir and a notable decrease in sales of merlot, according to a 2009 case study by Steven Cuellar, an economics professor at Sonoma State University. (https://winebusinessanalytics.com/sections/printout_article.cfm?content=61265&article=feature)

To a certain extent, the criticism of merlot is understandable. The California wine industry boomed after what became known as the Judgment of Paris in 1976. California winemakers submitted their wines in a blind tasting to be judged by a panel of French experts. The California wines ranked the highest in both red and white categories, shocking wine lovers around the world and precipitating a surge in California wine production. By the late 1990s, merlot was the most widely planted red grape variety in California, with much of it being made into cheap, high-volume wines. Delicious, well-made examples had always been produced but were often lost in the crush of poorly made bottles and boxes that many came to associate with the variety.

It may come as a surprise to many diehard lovers of cabernet sauvignon that they’ve likely been drinking merlot all along. According to U.S. labeling laws, a wine can be labeled as a single varietal if that variety makes up at least 75 percent of the blend. So, unless the label states that wine is made of 100% of one variety, it’s possible and even likely to contain up to 25 percent of other varieties to round out and balance the finished wine. Dry Creek Vineyards 2019 cabernet sauvignon from



Sonoma County in California, for example, is a blend of 77 percent cabernet sauvignon with the remainder consisting of merlot, malbec, petit verdot and cabernet franc (the traditional quintet of grapes used in red Bordeaux wines).

Alone, cabernet sauvignon can be relatively acidic and high in tannin, a crucial structural component in red wine that’s extracted from grape skins during fermentation. Tannins bind to saliva, resulting in a drying sensation and a rough or fuzzy texture in your mouth. Merlot, a classic blending partner to cabernet sauvignon, is lower in tannin and contributes velvety softness along with ripe blackberry and plum flavors, complimenting and taming cabernet sauvignon’s typically lean

character. New-world styles of merlot, such as those often produced in California and Washington, are generally allowed to fully ripen and are matured in new oak to add toasty rich vanilla flavors, resulting in deep, amethyst-hued wines with lush black fruit aromas. Merlot is the most widely planted grape in Bordeaux, its old-world ancestral home, and makes up most of the blend in the highly regarded appellations of Saint-Emilion and Pomerol. Situated on the right bank of the Dordogne River, with cool clay and limestone soils, these areas are well suited for production of merlot, which ripens earlier than cabernet sauvignon. Wines from these historic regions tend to have more refreshing acidity, bright red fruit flavors and herbal notes

compared to similar blends produced in the new world.

Merlot can also be incredibly food-friendly and pairs well with a range of dishes. Its softer tannic structure and fruit-forward flavors make it a natural partner to dishes that have a touch of sweetness, such as grilled vegetables, caramelized onions, roasted squash and lean, gamey meats like duck, pheasant and lamb. Savory meals with a hint of spice, like chipotle-rubbed pork tenderloin or even take-out style beef fried rice, can be perfect companions to this versatile shapeshifter of a wine.

The most important consideration of all when choosing a wine is what YOU like, not what some movie or wine writer says is correct. Leave preconceived notions at the door and experiment with foods you love and wines that pique your interest. For the merlot curious, here are some of my favorite quaffs of the moment.

Everyday sippers

Chateau Ste Michelle Indian Wells Merlot, \$17
Jammy and fruit-forward with medium acidity and lush mouthfeel, this wine from Columbia Valley in Washington is perfect with pot roast and honey-glazed carrots or roasted squash quesadillas with chipotle crema.

Goose Ridge g3 Merlot \$20

Also from Columbia Valley, the g3 Merlot has soft, dusty tannins with rich cranberry, black cherry and cocoa aromas. A nice choice alongside roast turkey with cranberry chutney.

Splurge worthy

Pride Mountain Vineyards Merlot, \$75
Sourced from vineyards that straddle both Napa and Sonoma counties, the 2018 Pride Mountain Merlot is a stunning example of this variety. Seamless and delightfully dense, the wine displays intense aromas of boysenberry, dark chocolate, cedar and baking spice. It’s drinking incredibly well now and will continue to improve over the next 10 years. A worthy companion for beef Wellington. □

Ashley Meyer has been cooking as long as she has been walking. The daughter of beloved former Illinois Times food columnist, Julianne Glatz, Ashley offers a fresh, inspired take on her mother’s culinary legacy. Ashley studied winemaking at Lincoln University in Christchurch, New Zealand, and recently achieved the Level III award from the Wine and Spirits Educational Trust. These days, when she’s not cooking or writing, you can find Ashley at It’s All About Wine, offering insightful recommendations and mouthwatering pours.

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Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 6-9pm

Friday Nov 10

John Drake
Ad Astra Wine Bar and Market, 6-9pm

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

Friday Night Jazz - Charles Tiner
Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

Hope MacGregor
Broadgauge, Petersburg, 7-9pm

Geoff Ryan and Thomas J Beverly
BUNN Gourmet, 5-7pm

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

Sunshine Daydream
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

GrungeFest
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Kyle Yap
Don's Place, Jacksonville, 6pm

Micah Walk
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Rod Grant
Jamie's Route 66, Southern View, 6-9pm

Blue Note Quintet with Buddy Rogers
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

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

Keith Dunlap
VFW Post #755, 7-10pm

John Stevens
The Winery, Decatur, 8-11pm

Saturday Nov 11

After School Special
The Alibi, Rochester, 9pm

Lyman Ellerman and Gary Hannan
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

Nick Park
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 7-10pm

The Tangents
Coni's Pub, 7-10pm

3's Company
Curve Inn, 6pm

The Spazmatics
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Hope MacGregor
Door 4 Brewing Co., Decatur, 7pm

Vagabonds, Glittermouth, Discern, Kate Laine
Dumb Records, 7pm

UNCHAINED
Funky Monkey, Taylorville, 9pm-1am

Cactus Ranch
George Rank's, 7-10pm

Lick Creek
The Hangout Bar & Grill, Jacksonville, 8pm

Myers - Brant - Paoni
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

The 4 County Blues Band
JB's Hideout, Blue Mound, 8pm-12am

Ivas John Band
Knights of Columbus Casey's Pub, 7-11pm

The Sunflower Headlights
Kuhl Tyme Korner, Jacksonville, 8pm-12am

Blue Note Quintet with Buddy Rogers
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

Zach Fedor
Lucky's on the Square, Petersburg, 9pm-12am

Chris Hawkins
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm-12am

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

Gage McCoy
Pier 55 Lounge, 8-11pm



UNCHAINED plays at the Funky Monkey in Taylorville from 9pm-1am on Saturday.

Wowie Zowie
Pop's Place, Decatur, 8-11pm

Bustin' Loose
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 8-11pm

The Ex-Bombers
Slauterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn, 6-9pm

Springfield Uketopians
Stella Coffee & Tea, 12-2pm

Joel Gragg and the Filaments, Devin Williams
The Blue Grouch, 7-11pm

KC Ritz
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7pm

Sunday Nov 12

Johnnie Owens
Ad Astra Wine Bar and Market, 2-5pm

Mid-October
Door 4 Brewing Co., Decatur, 11am-2pm.

Avery Kern
Harvest Market Coffee Bar, 10am-1pm

Mike Burnett
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

Hope MacGregor
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Smooth Times
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Billy Galt
Slauterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn, 1-4pm

Gage McCoy
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

Monday Nov 13

Hurricane Ruth
The Alamo, 7pm

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

Tuesday Nov 14

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

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

Wednesday Nov 15

Open mic
Boone's, 7-10pm

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

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

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

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

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Remember this November music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

What a week of warm weather for November, and with it comes a collection of hot music done by some very cool people as our scene continues to bloom with talent and events. Let's take a gander at what's happening around town this weekend.

By commemorating Veterans Day on Friday, Nov. 10, we've managed to create a Thursday night with a next day off, and some venues are taking advantage of this fact. Buzz Bomb catches Tim Holehouse from London in the U.K. paired with Swamp Rats from down Florida way as they do a swing of dates that started a few weeks ago in St. Augustine, then ends up in Brooklyn a few weeks from now.

Danenberger's delivers the terrific singer, songwriter and performer Corb Lund with guest Branson Anderson as the entertaining Canadian cowboy makes his way across the Midwest this month. The Pharmacy presents The Art of Jazz (curated by our pal Jose Gobbo) with featured artist, Decatur resident and world-renowned (and traveled) jazz guitarist Mark Tonelli, accompanied by fellow gifted musicians Max Beckman (bass) and Drew Cox (drums).

We can also bring it all back home on Thursday with excellent local talent as After School Special joins with Solista Mariachi Gabriel for fun at El Arriero, the dashing Johnnie Owens sings up a storm at BUNN Gourmet and Motorheads hosts another exciting Thursday Night Live, this time featuring Rod Grant, Max Harris, Steve Clark, Jim McCann, Jesse James Miller, Roger Wainwright and Three Dog Slam (John Shepherd, Kylan Davis, Willie Christmon and Jeff Loftus).

After all that on Thursday, don't forget about the rest of the weekend because it's jam-packed with good shows. If you so desire, each day can lead you to the musical gifts of Hope MacGregor as the singer-songwriter, originally from Rochester (she has since been to Iraq, North Carolina and beyond), does a mini-tour of these here parts joined by her bandmates in the Mac Attacks, Jake and Mason, from Jackson, Tennessee. Coming to celebrate her first full length album, *The Matriarch*, recently released in October 2023, Hope hits upstairs at Broadgauge in Petersburg on Friday, does Door 4 Brewing in Decatur on Saturday, then lands at It's All About Wine on Sunday afternoon to complete a whirlwind Veterans Day weekend for this former U.S. Army officer.

As we move on to Saturday night, get your



Hope MacGregor plays at Broadgauge this Friday night and It's All About Wine this Sunday afternoon.

tickets for a super show out at the Backroom Lounge in Riverton when area native Lyman Ellerman returns to play the intimate space with his friend and top Nashville songwriter Gary Hannan. You can't beat the Backroom for up-close-and-personal live music performances, as Lyman brings his indefatigable and indomitable songs and stories back home and Gary gives us a taste of his times as a country music songwriter of No. 1 hits, while delivering his more recent, personal songs. This is a special venue that's become a favorite haunt for touring country artists, so find a way to be there and enjoy.

Here's another excellently tasteful Saturday night show when songwriter, singer and guitarist Ivas John brings his band to Casey's Pub at the K of C Hall on Meadowbrook Road. Ivas hails from Chicagoland, but made his mark in Southern Illinois and now enjoys performing his bluesy roots music, ranging from acoustic swinging to gut bucket blues, wherever it takes him.

Well, that does it from my end. Please be sure to check the listings for all the many other performances happening all over the place and thank a veteran for his or her service. □

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THE CALENDAR



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Tues., Nov. 14, 6pm
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ART | The friendship of Leigh Gross Day and Susan Lawrence Dana

it The work of poet, artist and professional photographer Leigh Gross Day and her lifelong friendship with Springfield socialite Susan Lawrence Dana are the topics of this presentation and panel discussion. The art of Day (1861-1910) appeared in national publications including *The Ladies Home Journal* and *Women's Home Companion*. Dana's home, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, was the setting for many of Day's photos. Some of Day's poetry, art and photography will be shown during the presentation. Day's granddaughters and great-granddaughter, who may attend the event, provided materials and stories. The panel discussion will include Cinda Klickna, Allcint Smith and Betsy Dollar. The free event, the monthly program of the Sangamon County Historical Society, is sponsored by the society, Dana-Thomas House Foundation and Springfield Art Association. Wine and snacks will be provided.

THE CALENDAR

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Special Music Events

The Lesters

Sat., Nov. 11, 5pm. The Lesters bring their gospel music to Tower Hill. Free. Tower Hill Free Methodist, Tower Hill, 207 N. Erie, 562-4847.

Live string quartet performance

Fri., Nov. 10, 11am. Musicians will perform pieces written by Randy Erwin in the Illinois Gallery while visitors explore the "Here I Have Lived" exhibition. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Straight No Chaser Sleighin' It Tour

Sat., Nov. 11, 8pm. Kind of like a male a cappella group, but with a twist. The captivating sound of nine unadulterated voices

making extraordinary music and making it with a sense of humor. uispac.com. \$39.50-\$59.50. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Tom Sandoval & The Most Extras

Sun., Nov. 12, 7pm. Tom Sandoval, a cast member of *Vanderpump Rules* since the show's first season, brings his band to New Berlin. danenbergerfamilyvineyards.com. \$25-\$75. Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 12341 Irish Road, 217-488-6321.

Books & Authors

Meet the Authors reception

Thu., Nov. 9, 6pm. Spend an evening with the 10 winning student authors of the Fall 2023 This I Believe Essay Program. The authors will read their essays and receive certificates. A dessert reception will follow. Space is limited. Call for more info. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-206-6568.

Theater & Comedy

From the Writers Desk (and the Director's Chair)

Sat., Nov. 11, 7:30pm. This show

is a tribute to Ken Bradbury, and includes notes and anecdotes taken from his journals and songs from several of his shows. A 10-minute pre-show features local music students. All proceeds benefit the Young Artists Fund in Petersburg. broadgauge.com. \$10. Broadgauge, Petersburg, 101 North 7th St., 217-473-4735.

Outraged: Terror in Springfield 1908

Sat., Nov. 11, 7:30-9:30pm. Be a part of an exciting, evolving theater experience where your reactions and comments will help shape this play-in-progress by Tim Crawford. It begins with a selection of short plays, followed by a staged reading of his 1908 play-in-progress. The evening will culminate in a talk-back session with the audience. uispac.com. \$10. UIS Studio Theatre, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Belly Laffs Comedy

Sat., Nov. 11, 8pm. Performances by Trey Eilers, Kody Freeman, Kristen Unakis and Joe Blanco. Hosted by Tim Laffey. Veterans and active military members get \$2 off online ticket purchase with code BellyVets23. bellylaffscomedy.com. \$10-\$11. Laguna Brava Mexican Restaurant, 2466 Wabash Ave.,

(217) 669-3785.

Dante Powell and Tyson Cox

Fri., Nov. 10, 8pm. Stand-up comedian Dante Powell's album, *The Squirrels Get Fat*, topped two comedy charts in 2020. He and Tyson Cox prepare to hit the capital city for one night only. See the venue Facebook page for more info. \$10. Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 600 Toronto Road.

A Man of No Importance

Through Nov. 11, 7:30pm and Sun., Nov. 12, 2pm. A tender and beautifully woven tale of love, friendship and coming to terms with who we are. Winner of the 2003 Outer Critics Circle Award for best musical. hcfta.org. Adults \$20; Adults over 60 and students \$18. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Murder Mystery Luncheon

Sat., Nov. 11, 11am-3pm. Be a cold case detective charged with solving a murder, which may take from two to four hours. Travel back in time to 1988 and find out who murdered Harmony Ashcroft. Reservations with payment required. Limited seating. phoenixcenterspringfield.org. \$25. Phoenix Center: Out On Second, 120 E. Scarritt St., 217-414-8953.

Sal Vulcano

Sun., Nov. 12, 5pm. Best known for creating and starring in truTV's long-running hit "Impractical Jokers," and for "The Misery Index" on TBS, Vulcano brings his brand of comedy to Springfield. uispac.com. \$39.75-\$154.75. Sangamon Auditorium, UIS, 1 University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Sister Act JR.

Nov. 11, 7:30pm and Sun., Nov. 12, 2pm. This feel-good musical comedy is based on the 1992 film and Tony-nominated Broadway hit about a disco diva, Deloris Van Cartier, who witnesses a murder and is put in protective custody as a nun in a convent. hcfta.org. \$20. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Dance

Sensory-Friendly Folk Dance Experience

Wed., Nov. 15, 6:30-8:30pm. Presented by the Springfield International Folk Dancers and intended for an inclusive audience of all ages with sensory or other needs. Enjoy costumes, music and dances from Germany and the Balkan region with demonstration and performances of two distinct styles of dance. uispac.com. \$15. UIS Studio Theatre, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Art & Architecture

6x6 Art Raffle

Thu., Nov. 9, 5:30am-7:30pm. Artists of all ages, skill levels and media were invited to create work on 6x6 inch canvases or they made their own 3D creation. See the artworks, enjoy refreshments and a scavenger hunt. Raffle tickets \$2. Online ticket purchases will end on Nov. 9 at 5pm and in-person ticket purchases end at 7pm. springfieldart.org. Free admission/ \$2 per raffle ticket. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

"Visitors" art installation at Pillsbury

Thu., Nov. 9, 5:30-8pm. Graffiti artists have transformed part of the C-Mill building into a 15,000-square-foot art installation – a massive site-specific work, expressed in spray paint and found

objects and exploring themes pertinent to the rise and fall of the Pillsbury factory and surrounding community. The building has no heat. Dress accordingly and wear sturdy shoes or boots. pillsburyproject.org. Pillsbury Mill, 1525 E. Phillips St., 217-899-2749.

Film & Television

What was Ours film screening

Tue., Nov. 14, 6-8pm. Learn more about repatriation as the film follows members of the Arapaho Tribe as they navigate the return of their sacred and cultural items held at the Chicago Field Museum. Followed by a Q&A session with Heather Miller, Director of Tribal Relations. illinoisstatemuseum.org. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-7386.

History

The Iconography of Victorian Cemeteries

Wed., Nov. 15, 5:30pm. Hear a presentation on the meaning of symbols on historic cemetery monuments by Guy Sternberg and get a look at the new ambulance facility. Sponsored by Oak Ridge Cemetery Foundation. Includes light supper. Email rd59@comcast.net to reserve a seat. Medics First Ambulance Service, 200 North Grand Ave. W., 217-535-0100.

Living Wax Legends Night

Wed., Nov. 15, 4-8pm. See seven living wax Jacksonville legends in this fundraiser. Tickets are limited and can be purchased at the museum, either Farmers State Bank location or the Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau. jacksonvilleareamuseum.org. \$20. Jacksonville Area Museum, Jacksonville, 307 E. State St., 217-408-1197.

Holiday Observances

Abe Appreciation: Veterans Day

Sat., Nov. 11, 9am-5pm. Free admission for active duty members of U.S. military and veterans. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Honor Breakfast

Sat., Nov. 11, 7-10am. A salute to all veterans. Veterans and their families will be honored with a free breakfast. Each veteran will receive a gift. Sponsored by Fred Weber with the Capital Mortgage Team. Donations will go to VFW and Land of Lincoln Honor Flight. RSVPs preferred. Call for more info. Free, donations welcome. VFW Post #755, 2211 Old Jacksonville Road, 217-960-8505.

Mayor's Veterans Reception

Fri., Nov. 10, 5-7pm. A special Veterans Day program to honor those who have served and continue to serve. Includes program, remarks by Springfield Mayor Misty Buscher and dinner. Hosted by the Veterans' Advisory Council. Call for more information. Free. American Legion Post 809, 1800 E. Capitol Ave., 217-816-7207.

Veterans Day Ceremony

Fri., Nov. 10, 12:30pm. LLCC's 28th annual Veterans Day Ceremony. The ceremony will be in the A. Lincoln Commons. A reception will follow. The public is invited to attend. Includes Gordon Gates, LLCC Board of Trustees chair, serving as master of ceremonies; Jonathan Gebhardt, LLCC student and retired U.S. Air Force senior airman, providing remarks; LLCC Student Trustee Rayna Herzog presenting the wreath; Calia Cole singing the national anthem; and Jeremy Peck playing "Taps." Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

Veterans Day Parade

Sat., Nov. 11, 10am. Begins at 11th Street and Capitol Avenue and proceeds west to the State Capitol. Grand Marshal is Korean War veteran Ivan Maras. Afterward, meet at the VFW Post 755 at 2211 Old Jacksonville Road for a program, lunch and entertainment by the Springfield Municipal Band. Hosted in part by the Ill. Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Downtown Springfield, DowntownSpringfieldCera micsandCraftsClub.org. Free. Springfield Ceramics and Crafts Club, 2626 S. Pasfield St., 217-960-5421.

■ Holiday Happenings

Holiday Zoo Lights

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

Little Flower Holiday Craft Bazaar

Sat., Nov. 11, 9am-4pm and Sun., Nov. 12, 10am-2pm. Now in its 42nd year. Over 60 unique vendors selling quality handcrafted items. Concessions available. Visit the Facebook page for more information. Free entry with canned good donation. Little Flower Parish Center, 900 Stevenson Dr., 217-529-1606.

■ Fundraisers and Galas

Benefit Concert

Sun., Nov. 12, 2-3:15pm. Enjoy a performance by a chorus created by the combined choirs of several churches and small ensembles from the Land of Lincoln Chorus, the Springfield Choral Society and others. Donations benefit Grace Food Pantry. gracelutheran-springfield.org. Free,

donations accepted. Grace Lutheran Church, 714 E. Capitol Ave., 217-522-3965.

Breakfast fundraiser

Tue., Nov. 14, 7:30-8:30am. Guest speaker is Vanessa Knox, the transformational justice co-chair and community advocate for the Faith Coalition for the Common Good. Donations are welcome as investments in the work of the coalition. See the Facebook page for more info. Free. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 S. Walnut St., 217-544-2297.

Red, White & Blue Trivia Night

Fri., Nov. 10, 7-10pm. Proceeds benefit the animals in APL's care. Includes prizes, a drawing and silent auction. Donate dog/cat food for 20 raffle tickets. VIP tables (\$250) get two large pizzas and 10 drink tickets. Hosted by Animal Protective League and Vancil-Murphy Funeral Homes. apl-shelter.org. Tables \$150. Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-361-6212.

Spaghetti Supper fundraiser

Sun., Nov. 12, 4-6pm. Ticket includes an all-you-care-to-eat meal with spaghetti, salad, breadsticks, dessert and drink (gluten free options). Proceeds benefit the DAUMC's

youth group trip to Mountain T.O.P. in Tennessee. \$10 adults, \$6 children 5 and older. Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church, 501 S. Douglas Ave., 217-546-4631.

This is Our Culture fundraiser

Fri., Nov. 10, 7-9pm. A benefit for orphans at Hope Orphan Home in Sierra Leone. Enjoy West African-inspired appetizers, learn about Sierra Leonean cultures, explore an interactive gallery showcasing each child's journey and experience a virtual ride in a Sierra Leonean taxi. Includes auction of artisan jewelry, nativity scenes and more. hopeorphanhome.org. \$50. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-652-5621.

■ Children's Corner

Ansar Shrine Circus

Fri., Nov. 10, 7pm, Sat., Nov. 11, 11am, 3, 7:30pm and Sun., Nov. 12, 12:30, 4:30pm. The greatest show in three rings. theboscenter.com. Adults \$15, children under 12 and under \$8. BOS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 217-788-8800.

Kid's Night Out

Fri., Nov. 10, 6-8pm. Kids ages 5-9 can spend time exploring the garden after dark, playing games, making

crafts and making s'mores around the campfire. Space is limited; registration required. lincolnmemorygarden.org. \$25. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

■ Bulletin Board

Australia's Thunder From Down Under

Wed., Nov. 15, 8pm. The No. 1 male revue on the Las Vegas Strip. \$25. Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 12341 Irish Road, 217-488-6321.

Coin Show

Sun., Nov. 12, 9am-4pm. U.S. and foreign coins, ancient and modern coins, gold and silver bullion, state quarters and paper money. Over 70 dealer tables. Hosted by the Central Illinois Numismatic Association. Free for members and children under 16. \$1. Northfield Inn, Suites and Conference Center, 3280 Northfield Dr., 217-899-9996.

Homebuyer Education Workshop

Nov. 4 and Nov. 11, 10:30am-2:30pm. HUD-certified housing counselor will cover topics such as credit, budgeting and buying

process. Both sessions must be attended for certificate. RSVP required. sha1.org. Springfield Housing Authority, 200 N. 11th St. Free. Springfield Housing Authority, 200 North 11th St., 217-753-5757.

Neurodivergence Group

Second Tuesday of every month, 5:30am-6:30pm. A safe and supportive space for LGBTQ+ neurodivergent individuals to socialize, discuss their unique challenges and build skills for personal growth and mindfulness. phoenixcenterspringfield.org. Free. Phoenix Center: Out On Second, 120 E. Scarritt St., 217-414-8953.

Springfield Comic Book Collection

Sun., Nov. 12, 10am-4pm. A huge variety of new and old comic books, as well as toys and related collectibles for sale. Dealers are also interested in buying old comic books. Call for more information. epguides.com/comics. Free. Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, 625 E. Saint Joseph St., 309-657-1599.

■ Health & Fitness

Step Into Recovery Group

Thursdays, 5:30-6:30pm. A 12-

step recovery group for LGBTQ+ and allies. This group is for anyone struggling with alcohol, chemical, or process addictions. phoenixcenterspringfield.org. Free. Phoenix Center: Out On Second, 120 E. Scarritt St., 217-414-8953.

■ Sports

Girls on the Run "Breathe & Believe" 5K

Sat., Nov. 11, 9-11:30am. A family-friendly celebration of, and for, more than 250 girls completing a 10-week season of Girls on the Run programming. Includes temporary tattoos, colored hair spray, music, food and more. \$30-40 adults, \$20-\$35 for kids (ages 3-12). Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-726-9808.

Springfield Marathon

Sat., Nov. 11. This is a USATF-certified route that will enable runners to qualify for the Boston Marathon. It can also be ran as a two-person relay team. Visit the venue's Facebook page for ticket information. Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 12341 Irish Road, 217-488-6321.

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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
SECURITY BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
THOMAS R. BURGESS, JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, F. S. B., MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC. AND KIMBERLY LEVERING, Defendants.
CASE NO. 22-FC-219
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
1968 E. CONVERSE ST.
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
1812 N. 9TH ST.
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
10729 DARNELL RD.
DAWSON, IL 62520
1816 & 1820 N. 9TH ST.
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on August 30, 2023, the following described real estate, to-wit:
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Permanent Index Number: 14-23.0-379-011 aka 14-23-379-011
Permanent Index Number: 14-22.0-256-018 aka 14-22-256-018 fka 14-22-256-006 & 14-22-256-005
Permanent Index Number: 24-05.0-200-011
Permanent Index Number: 14-22.0-256-004
Permanent Index Number: 14-22.0-256-016
Commonly known as: 1968 E. Converse St., Springfield, IL 62702
Commonly known as: 1812 N. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62702
Commonly known as: 10729 Darnell Rd., Dawson, IL 62520
Commonly known as: 1816 & 1820 N. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62702
will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on December 5, 2023, at 9:00 AM, in the Auditorium on the 2nd Floor, 300 South 9th St, Springfield, Illinois.
The Judgment amount is \$331,822.49.
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the

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mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

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

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

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, 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.

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

SECURITY BANK, Plaintiff,
Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC
Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549)
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff(s),
vs.
MICHAEL W. ANNERINO, CRYSTAL ANNERINO, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendant(s).
Case No. 23 FC 58
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on December 19, 2023, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit:
Common Address: 329 E. JONES, WILLIAMSVILLE, IL 62693
P.I.N. 07-04.0-427-025 A/K/A 07-04-427-025
Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.
The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.
The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808
Timothy R. Yuell - ARDC #6192172
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS
INTEGRITY SOLUTIONS REALTY, LLC, Plaintiff(s),
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MARY LOU WATTS, CHARLES E. WATTS, JR., GERTRUDE PEYTON A/K/A TRUDY PEYTON, KENNETH CARY, STEPHANIE HURST, CINDY SUTHERIN AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD

CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).
Case No. 22 FC 105
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on December 19, 2023, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit:
Common Address: 839 SOUTH WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704
P.I.N. 14-33-0-328-030
Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.
The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.
The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808
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PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT F. KILBURY, DECEASED
Case #2023-PR-393
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of ROBERT F. KILBURY. Letters of Office have been issued to LAURA ELIZABETH KILBURY, 1316 Kenyon St., NW, Apt. #1, Washington, DC 20010, as Independent Administrator with the Will Annexed, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Administrator with the Will Annexed, or both, on or before May 15, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 2nd day of November, 2023.
Patrick J. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONNA J. HOLLIDAY, DECEASED
Case #2023-PR-97
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of DONNA J. HOLLIDAY. Letters of Office have been issued to JOSHUA E. THOMPSON, P. O. Box 111, Mt. Pulaski, IL 62548, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before May 15, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 2nd day of November, 2023.
Patrick J. Sheehan, III
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALEXANDER J. BARLOW, DECEASED
Case #2023-PR-386
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of ALEXANDER BARLOW. Letters of Office have been issued to CATHERINE BARLOW, 4608 Venetian Drive, Springfield, IL 62703, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate

Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before May 15, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 1st day of November, 2023.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KERNELLE MARIE HENRY, DECEASED
Case #2023-PR-391
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of KERNELLE MARIE HENRY. Letters of Office have been issued to ALISON HENRY, 817 W. Dorlan, Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Administrator, or both, on or before May 15, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 1st day of November, 2023.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES P. SALVO, DECEASED
Case #2023-PR-384
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of CHARLES P. SALVO. Letters of Office have been issued to CHARLES P. SALVO, JR., 11934 Noland Street, Overland Park, KS 66213, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before May 15, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 1st day of November, 2023.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of: Roy Lee Withers, Deceased
Case No. 23-PR-242
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Roy Lee Withers. Letters of Office were issued on Aug. 17, 2023 to William Withers as Legal Representative, 114 W. Elliott Ave., Springfield IL 62702. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the Executor, on or before, May 9, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor within 10 days after it has been filed.
Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE ESTATE OF: LOLA J. BUCKLIN, Deceased.
Case No.: 2023-PR-372
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF WILL AND CLAIMS
Notice is hereby given of the death of Lola J. Bucklin. Letters of Office were issued. The name and address of the Co-Administrators are Bradford C. Bucklin, 72 Greentrail Dr., Chatham, Illinois, 62629, and Brian C. Bucklin, 1270 Golf View Dr., Woodridge, IL 60517. James Ackerman is counsel for the Co-Administrators. His address is Ackerman Law Office, P.C., 2601 South Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62702, or with the representative, or both, on or before May 24, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before May 24, 2024, is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated this 25th day of October, 2023.
Bradford C. Bucklin, Co-Administrator,
Brian C. Bucklin, Co-Administrator,
By: /s/ James W. Ackerman
James W. Ackerman,
Attorney for Co-Administrators
PREPARED BY:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: FRANK F. MOSCARDELLI, SR., Deceased.
Case No. 2023-PR-376
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of FRANK F. MOSCARDELLI, SR., of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on August 7, 2023. Letters of Office were issued on the 25th day of October, A.D., 2023, to DENISE W. BUSCHER, of 4394 Tottenham Court, Springfield, Illinois, 62711, and DENNIS W. MOSCARDELLI, of 4041 Springer Lane, Springfield, Illinois, 62711, as Co-Executors, whose attorney of record is R. Stephen Scott, Scott & Scott, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the Co-Executors, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Co-Executors and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.
DATED this 25th day of October, A.D., 2023.
Estate of FRANK F. MOSCARDELLI, SR., Deceased,
By: DENISE W. BUSCHER, Co-Executor
By: /s/ R. Stephen Scott
SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.
PREPARED BY:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD LEONARD WINDAU, DECEASED
Case #2023-PR-381
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of RONALD LEONARD WINDAU. Letters of Office have been issued to DIANE DOBRINO, 610 N. 7th Street, Benld, IL 62009, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Administrator, or both, on or before May 8, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
DATED this 24th day of October, 2023.
William P. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701

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

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

ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BARBARA JEAN DAVIS, Deceased.
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Case No. 2023-PR-368
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of BARBARA JEAN DAVIS, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on October 19, 2023, to RICKY DAVIS, 1131 Bancroft Rd., Apt 6, Orange TX 77632 as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before March 20, 2024 or six (6) months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
DATED this 23rd day of October, 2023.
Alex B. Rabin
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin, & Reinbold, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
217-789-1200

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MASON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JACK RAY WELLS, Deceased.
NO. 2023PR4
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of JACK RAY WELLS. Letters of office were issued on February 14, 2023 to KATHLEEN A. WELLS and KAREN K. WELLS, 3116 Lindenwood Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney is James S. Dunn, 212 South Second Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in

the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Mason County Courthouse, 125 North Plum Street, Havana, Illinois 62644, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, being Nov. 2, 2023. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
KATHLEEN A. WELLS, Independent Co-Administrator
KAREN K. WELLS, Independent Co-Administrator
By: JAMES S. DUNN, Attorney for Independent Co-Administrators
Date: Nov. 2, 2023
JAMES S. DUNN
Attorney at Law
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Springfield, Illinois 62701
217-528-2873 office
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD E. BELL, DECEASED
Case #2023-PR-374
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of RONALD E. BELL. Letters of Office have been issued to CRYSTAL EMERY, 49 Claymont Court, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Administrator, or both, on or before April 30, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
DATED this 18th day of October, 2023.
William P. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of MONTE A. YARD, Deceased.
NO. 2023-PR-358
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Monte A. Yard of Sherman, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 12, 2023, to Jolyn Marie Yard, 7440 Bahr Road, Sherman, Illinois 62684, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Bernard G. Segatto, III, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before April 19, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
DATED this 13th day of October, 2023.
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
P.O. Box 79

Springfield, IL 62705-0079
(217) 544-4868
bsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Elias James Poindexter
For change of name to
Elias James Hampsey
Case No. 2023-MR-000364
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Dec. 26, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Elias James Poindexter to Elias James Hampsey pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
DATED: Nov. 9, 2023

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Jonathan Michael Hammond
For change of name to
Jonathan Michael Adenhamm
Case No. 2023-MR-000354
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Dec. 12, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Jonathan Michael Hammond to Jonathan Michael Adenhamm pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
DATED: Oct. 26, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Gabriella Kailani Allen
For change of name to
Gabriella Kailani Rodriguez
Case No. 2023-MR-000343
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Dec. 12, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Gabriella Kailani Allen to Gabriella Kailani Rodriguez pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
DATED: Oct. 26, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Jahmari Atari Gude-Whitcomb
For change of name to
Mari Atari Whitcomb-Miller
Case No. 2023-MR-000342
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Dec. 12, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Jahmari Atari Gude-Whitcomb to Mari Atari Whitcomb-Miller pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
DATED: Oct. 26, 2023

Foreclosure
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION
J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP., Plaintiff,
vs.
MARTHA A. SCHARTZ; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No.: 2023FC000184
Property Address: 604 MAGNOLIA DR, ROCHESTER, IL 62563
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 26 IN EASTGATE MEADOWS, SECOND PLAT. EXCEPTING ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as: 604 MAGNOLIA DR, ROCHESTER, IL 62563
Names of the titleholders of record: MARTHA A. SCHARTZ.
Date of the Mortgage: May 26, 2009.
Name or names of the mortgagors: MARTHA A. SCHARTZ.
Name of the mortgagee: BANK OF AMERICA, N.A..
Date and place of recording: June 15, 2009; Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois.
Identification of recording: Document No. 2009R31263.
NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before December 4, 2023, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.
E-filing is now mandatory with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/> service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://illinoiscourts.gov/self-help> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoislegalaid.org. For information about defending yourself in a court case (including filing an appearance or fee waiver), or to apply for free legal help, go to www.illinoislegalaid.org. You can also ask your local circuit clerk's office for a fee waiver application.
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Lender Legal PLLC
1800 Pembroke Drive, Suite 250
Orlando, Florida 32810
Tel: (407) 730-4644
Service Emails: mjdiaz@lenderlegal.com
EService@LenderLegal.com
LLS11984-IL - SCHARTZ _s/ Meaghan J. Diaz de Villegas, Esq._
Meaghan J. Diaz de Villegas, Esq.
Counsel of Record for Plaintiff
ARDC # 6340688
I3231657

NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY OF SANGAMON
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
SECURITY BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
THOMAS R. BURGESS, JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, F. S. B., MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC. AND KIMBERLY LEVERING, Defendants.
CASE NO. 22-FC-219
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1968 E. CONVERSE ST. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
1812 N. 9TH ST. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
10729 DARNELL RD. DAWSON, IL 62520
1816 & 1820 N. 9TH ST. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on August 30, 2023, the following described real estate, to-wit: 1968 E. Converse St. LOT 149 AND THE WEST 10 FEET OF LOT 148 IN SPAULDING'S SECOND ILLINOIS WATCH FACTORY ADDITION. EXCEPTING ALL COAL AND MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LOT OR LOTS WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME. 1812 N. 9th St. (TRACT 1)
THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 5 OF CATHERINE WOOD'S SECOND SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPTING THERFROM: A PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 5 OF CATHERINE WOOD'S SECOND SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 2; A DISTANCE OF 29.94 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST, 151.87 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 2, THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 28 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID LINE 29.96 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID LINE, 151.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.104 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER RIGHTS UNDERLYING SAID PREMISES. (TRACT 2)
THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 5 OF CATHERINE WOOD'S SECOND SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER RIGHTS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID PREMISES. ALL SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
10729 Darnell Rd.
PARCEL 1:
PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIN MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 5; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 979.91 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID

NORTHEAST QUARTER TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 178.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 18 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST, 82.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 27 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST, 95.07 FEET; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 175.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST, 359.15 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 5; THENCE SOUTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 360.69 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 2.248 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SET FORTH ON THE PLAT OF SURVEY MADE BY PAUL D. NICKEL, LICENSED SURVEYOR, ATTACHED TO DEED RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 94-02308. PARCEL 2:

PART OF THE FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 957.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING: THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 248.61 FEET; THENCE NORTH 21 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 174.01 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 804.15 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 323.30 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST HALF OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 551.33 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 66.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL WITH SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 660.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 66.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST HALF OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 19 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 359.15 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 175.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 27 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 95.07 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 82.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 178.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 22.95 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALL SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

1816 & 1820 N. 9th St.

THE SOUTH 55 FEET OF LOT 3 IN BLOCK 5 OF CATHERINE WOOD'S SECOND SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.

EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERAL

RIGHTS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID PREMISES.

SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Permanent Index Number: 14-23.0-379-011 aka 14-23-379-011

Permanent Index Number: 14-22.0-256-018 aka 14-22-256-018 fka 14-22-256-006 & 14-22-256-005

Permanent Index Number: 24-05.0-200-011

Permanent Index Number: 14-22.0-256-004

Permanent Index Number: 14-22.0-256-016

Commonly known as: 1968 E. Converse St., Springfield, IL 62702

Commonly known as: 1812 N. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62702

Commonly known as: 10729 Darnell Rd., Dawson, IL 62520

Commonly known as: 1816 & 1820 N. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62702

will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on December 5, 2023, at 9:00 AM, in the Auditorium on the 2nd Floor, 300 South 9th St, Springfield, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$331,822.49.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted.

The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is solely subject to confirmation by the Court.

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

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

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

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

munity, 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.

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

SECURITY BANK, Plaintiff,

Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC

Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549)

HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF Jabari & Jacobi Murphy

No. 2023-GR-182

To: Ronald Murphy and unknown fathers at address unknown: Please be notified that Henrietta Nolden has filed a Petition for Guardianship of Jabari & Jacobi Murphy, minor children. You are required to answer said Petition By December 11, 2023 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 300 S. 7th Street, on 11/21/23, for consideration of an annexation agreement between the City of Springfield and Fred Wanless, LLC, for the following legally described property:

Part of Lot 26 of Pierik Place in the Southeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at an axle found at the Southeast corner of said Southeast Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 15 minutes 55 seconds West on the South line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 36.50 feet to an iron pin set at the point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 degrees 15 minutes 55 seconds West on said South line, a distance of 148.39 feet to an iron pin set; thence North 01 degrees 21 minutes 23 seconds West, a distance of 70.97 feet to an iron pin set at the beginning of a curve concave to the Southeast having a radius of 40.00 feet; thence Northeasterly on said curve right, a chord bearing of North 26 degrees 24 minutes 33 seconds East, a chord distance of 37.27 feet to an iron pin set at the end of said curve; thence North 69 degrees 19 minutes 23 seconds East, a distance of 21.27 feet to an iron pin set; thence North 88 degrees 57 minutes 03 seconds East, a distance of 111.57 feet to

an iron pin set; thence South 01 degrees 02 minutes 30 seconds East, a distance of 112.00 feet to the point of beginning.

EXCEPT: a portion of Lot Twenty-six (26) in Pierik Place, located in said Southeast Quarter, beginning at a point which is Twenty-eight (28) feet North and Forty-five (45) West of the Southeast corner of said Section Eight (8); thence West parallel with the South line of said Section, a distance of Eighty-four (84) feet; thence North at right angles Thirty-four (34) feet; thence East at right angles Eighty-four (84) feet; thence South at right angles Thirty-four (34) feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 13.370.095 square feet (0.307 acres), more or less.

Capitol Storage LLC

818 S Dirksen Parkway

Springfield, IL 62703

217-522-0300

Sale 11/18/23

Winchester

#62 Terri Dunmire

CSS

#251 Kim Strickland

Dirksen

#179 Rick Lascody

#211 Sharon Malone

Taintor Rd

HH24 & OS11 Richard Gregory

H11 Bette Jack

To pay past due rent and fees call 1-217-522-0300. Private Sale will be November 18, 2023 at 9AM. The sale will begin at Dirksen Location. Please call to verify start location day before sale.

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

IN THE MATTER OF Hazel Dougherty

No. 2023-GR-216

To: Shayne Dougherty and unknown fathers at address unknown: Please be notified that Meghan Rogers has filed a Petition for Guardianship of Hazel Dougherty, minor child. You are required to answer said Petition By December 18, 2023 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE

Wishing to avail themselves of the provisions under the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, the below storage facilities give notice of the sale under said act; Monday the 27th day of November, 2023 at 11:00 AM, on that day will conduct a sale to the highest bidder, with bidding to take place on lockerfox.com, and payment to seller via credit/debit card, the contents of spaces

10 Federal Self Storage, 2225 J David Jones Pkwy, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 600-2778 michael anaya 490. HOWARD MOFFITT 234. Jeremy Cunningham 819/820. Sparc Sparc 853. Saraell McGruder 223. Jessica Henry 460. alexis jackson 254. stephanie matheson 66. Phantayesia King 842. Crystal Titsworth 432. Kendra Reyes 415/416. chrissy harth 357. Teresa Houston 14. sarah lester 6. Joshua Williams 829. Robert Jones 158. Brad Langley 236. Alexia Fitzwater 300. Coady Vanmeter 816. William Verry 170. Kayla Martin 737. Isabella Fisher 206. Zimbalist West 704. BRANDON REICHERT 37. Jaclyn Fox 376. Joslyn Ellis 224. LaToya Williams 347. Michael Lesser 558. Margaret Mcglothlin 877; 10 Federal Self Storage, 3500 South 6th Street, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 387-3951 Diente Moore A61. Camero Jefferson A87. Michelle Jacobs B180. Deanne Miller A58. Justin Liss B141. Danielle Gales A25. Tamia Byrd A98. Jesse Gardner Owens A109. Katie Jackson B156. Ronald (Rick) Lufkin A31.

Ronald (Rick) Lufkin A45; 10 Federal Self Storage, 900 E Straight St, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 286-1550 Tasheneka Thigten E284. Michelle Jacobs 16. James Smith 72. Clayton Stevens E355/264. Angela Barton 210. Kassidy Christison 147. Stephen Souther E277. Victoria Branda E273. Jason Blissett E292/E327. Travionne Morton 193. Victor Baker 117. Lashondra Davis F368/F469. Quinetta Lawrence 167; 10 Federal Self Storage, 500 W Browning Rd, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 339-3865 Jerald Dyer 164C. Doris Fisher 160C. Heidi Stults 61B. Brittany Manes 203D. David Hadden 220D/221D/222D. Jerald Dyer 258E. Melonie Smith 145C. Joseph Trueblood 102B. David Hadden 213 WH. Shaun Sorenson 120C. Catina Barreras 91B. Rachael Hill 33A. Melissa Toth 117C. TayShania White 116B

Sangamon County, IL

Notice of Availability

Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Budget

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

NOTICE

In the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, RODNEY HERRIN and KARA HERRIN, Plaintiffs, v. CHARTER ONE AUTO FINANCE CORP. and UNKNOWN INTEREST HOLDERS, Defendants, In Miscellaneous Remedy Case No. 2023-MR-356.

NOTICE is hereby given you, CHARTER ONE AUTO FINANCE CORP. and UNKNOWN INTEREST HOLDERS, that suit entitled as above has been commenced and is now pending wherein Plaintiffs seek to have the title to a certain 2004 Volvo Model XC90, VIN# YV1CZ91H241066118 declared to be owned by Rodney Herrin and Kara Herrin.

And you are further notified that unless you appear on or before December 21, 2023, and defend in said suit, default judgment may be entered against you on the day following or thereafter.

Joseph B. Roesch

Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois Attorneys for Plaintiff:

Bernard G. Segatto, III

Schuyler Frashier

Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP

P.O. Box 79

Springfield, IL 62705-0079

217/544-4868

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

PRAIRIE STATE BANK & TRUST, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

NICHOLAS Y. STUBBS, CHELSEA STUBBS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants.

RESIDENTIAL FORECLOSURE

No. 2023-FC-000189

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO: UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the Complaint to Foreclose Mortgage filed in the above-entitled cause on the 24th

day of October 2023, and that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said Court. The day on or after which a default may be entered against UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS is December 4, 2023, following information applies to said foreclosure proceeding:

1. The name of the Plaintiff and the case number are identified above.
2. The Court in which the action is brought is identified above.
3. The name of the titleholder of the record is: NICHOLAS Y STUBBS and CHELSEA STUBBS, husband and wife, not as tenants in common nor as joint tenants but as tenants by the entirety.
4. The legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is: LOT 17 OF BRADISH'S SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPT THE COAL AND MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LOT. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate: 1301 North 4th Street Springfield, IL 62702. Tax I.D. No. 14-22-353-033.
6. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
 - a. Name of mortgagor: NICHOLAS Y. STUBBS spouse of CHELSEA STUBBS, CHELSEA STUBBS spouse of NICHOLAS Y. STUBBS as HUSBAND AND WIFE, NOT AS TENANTS IN COMMON, NOR AS JOINT TENANTS, BUT AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY.
 - b. Name of mortgagee: PRAIRIE STATE BANK & TRUST.
 - c. Date of mortgage: October 28, 2022.
 - d. Date of recording: November 2, 2022.
 - e. County where recorded: Sangamon County Recorder's Office.
 - f. Recording document identification: Document number 2022R23576.

/s/ Maureen Fallner

Maureen Fallner, attorney for Prairie State Bank & Trust

Maureen Fallner ARDC#6308975

3751 West Wabash Avenue

Springfield, IL 62711

217-864-4918 MaureenFallner@psbank.net

To enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent a private auction will be held on

Saturday November 18, 2023 at 9:00a.m.

Northeast Storage is located at 1907 North Grand East, Springfield, IL. 62702

This is a private auction. In order to attend you must call 217-544-4521 a week prior to the auction date.

Please leave your name, telephone number and an email address.

Cash is the only form of payment accepted for the auction.

Any individual wanting to retain their unit will need to pay their entire balance on or before November 17, 2023.

No personal checks will be accepted for storage units that are in lien.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION

Kristen Joy Unit #1-21

Ashley Goforth Unit #11-9

Kevin Coy Unit #4-18

William Thompson Unit #6-33

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

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff(s),

vs.

MICHAEL W. ANNERINO, CRYSTAL ANNERINO, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant(s).
Case No. 23 FC 58
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLO-
SURE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant
to a Judgment heretofore entered by the
said Court in the above entitled cause, the
Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will
on December 19, 2023, at the hour of 9:00
AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER,
2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COM-
PLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL
62701, sell at public auction to the highest
and best bidder for cash, all and singular,
the following described premises and real
estate in the said Judgment mentioned,
situated in the County of Sangamon, State
of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be
sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit:
LOTS ONE (1), TWO (2), AND THE EAST
HALF OF LOT THREE (3) OF TAYLOR AND
JONES' ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF WIL-
LIAMSVILLE.
EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL,
GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING
THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETO-
FORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR
CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND
EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF
SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINER-
ALS, IF ANY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON
COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Common Address: 329 E. JONES, WIL-
LIAMSVILLE, IL 62693
P.I.N. 07-04.0-427-025 A/K/A 07-04-
427-025
Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL,
LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201,
Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125,
for further information.
The terms of the sale are: Ten percent
(10%) due by cash or certified funds at the
time of the sale and balance is due within
24 hours of the sale. The subject property
is subject to real estate taxes, special as-
sessments or special taxes levied against
said real estate and is offered for sale
without any representation as to quality
or quantity of title and without recourse
to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The
sale is further subject to confirmation by
the Court.
The property is improved by a Single Fam-
ily Residence, together with all buildings
and improvements thereon, and the tene-
ments, hereditaments and appurtenants
thereunto belonging and will not be avail-
able for inspection prior to sale.
If this property is a condominium unit, the
purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure
sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the
assessments and the legal fees required
by The Condominium Property Act, 765
ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property
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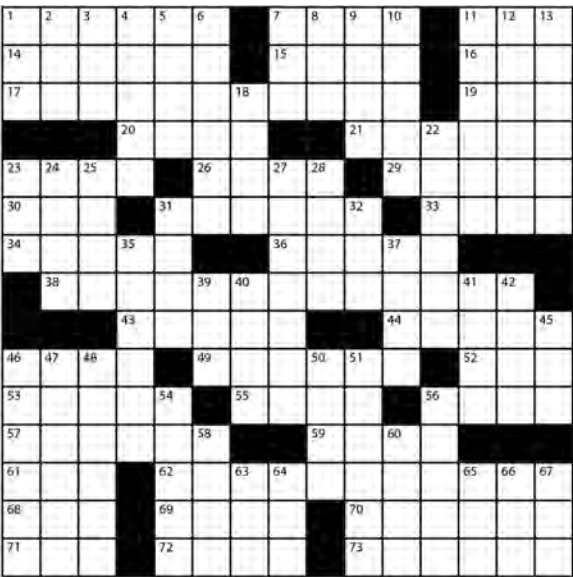
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INTEGRITY SOLUTIONS REALTY, LLC,
Plaintiff(s),

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CHARLES E. WATTS, JR., GERTRUDE
PEYTON A/K/A TRUDY PEYTON, KEN-
NETH CARY, STEPHANIE HURST, CINDY
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LOT 11 IN BLOCK ONE OF VAN BERGEN
PLACE FIRST ADDITION, EXCEPTING
COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS
HERETOFORE CONVEYED OF RECORD, IN
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Common Address: 839 SOUTH WALNUT
STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704
P.I.N. 14-33-0-328-030
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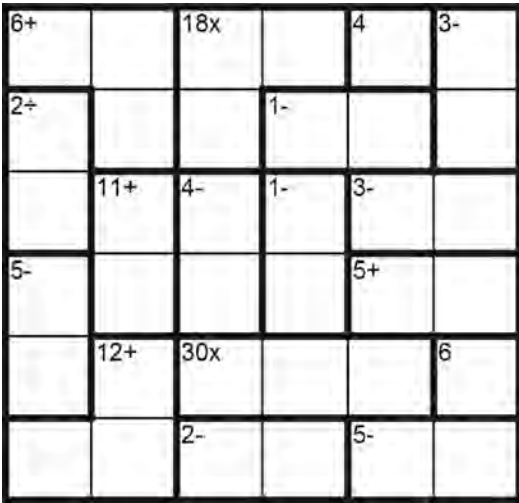
- Across**
1. Tibetans or Thais
7. Racer
Yarborough
11. 1972 treaty subj.
14. Two-seated
carriage
15. "Not guilty," e.g.
16. Stephen of "The
Crying Game"
17. Question after
the fact
19. Mouse catcher
20. Billiards relative
21. Group of 100 in
Washington
23. Sean Connery,
for one
26. Gun's recoil
29. With regrets
30. Sounds of doubt
31. Open to
everyone
33. Gets the picture
34. Chip dip
36. Assumed name
38. Ballpark figure
43. Closes in on
44. Glows
46. Auditors
49. Brought up
52. Be mistaken
53. Broadcaster
55. Noted initials in
70's-80's comedy
56. Change for a
twenty
57. Violent, perhaps
59. Lascivious look
61. On the
(fleeing)
62. Exhibiting good
judgement
68. Here, in France
69. Aroma
70. No longer pale



71. Albany is its cap.
72. Refusals
73. Certain home
improvers
- Down**
1. Capp and Capone
2. Freelancer's enc.
3. Co. name ender
4. Take in
5. Prefix meaning
"one-billionth"
6. Numbers game
7. PC's brain
8. A pint, maybe
9. More or
10. Lets up
11. Skee-Ball site
12. Fab Four
member
13. Buccaneer's
buddies
18. Smooth-talking
22. Long Island county
23. French possessive
24. Burn a bit
25. Capital on a fjord
27. Enduring literary
work
28. Bagpiper's wear
31. Use a beeper
32. LI doubled
35. Clichéd movie
ending
37. In ___ rush
39. Laugh sound
40. Extended periods
41. Arborist's concern
42. Make, as money
45. Promgoers: Abbr.
46. Comic who
quipped "No
comment" is a
comment
47. Illegal copying
48. Dumas duelist
50. Normandy battle
site
51. Occasions
54. Scout's mission
56. The way things
are going
58. Birdbrain
60. Actor Morales
63. One of the Three
Stooges
64. "___ Doubtfire"
65. Direction
opposite SSW
66. To be, in
Barcelona
67. Mag. staff

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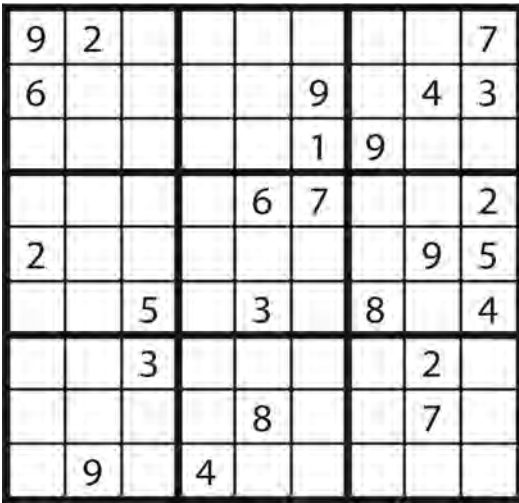
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column,
and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the
target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or
division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



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

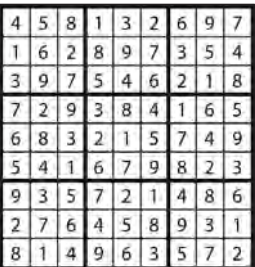


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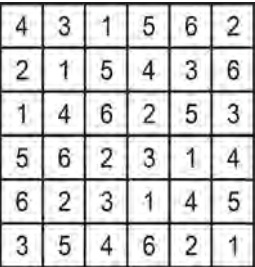
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