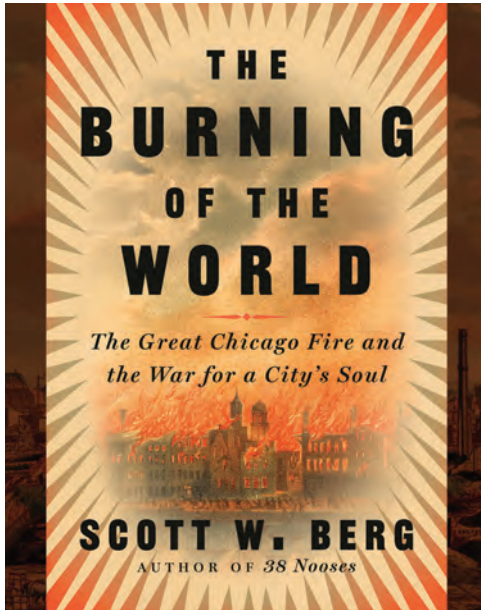




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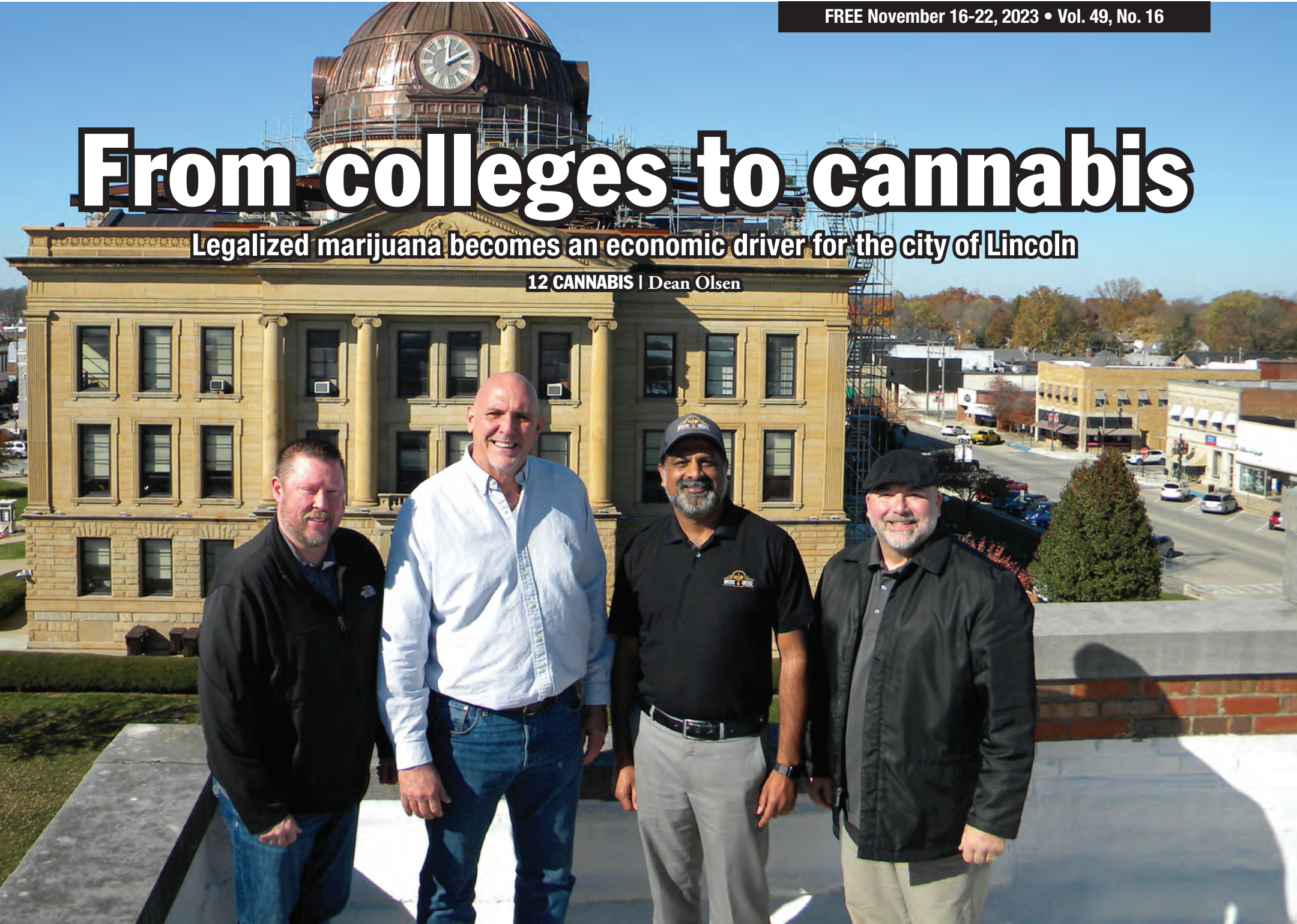
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General Assembly takes no action on Invest in Kids program

State tax credit program providing scholarships for low-income students to end Dec. 31

EDUCATION | Scott Reeder

Springfield Catholic schools are scrambling to raise money to provide scholarships to low-income students in the wake of legislative inaction.

At issue is a program that provided indirect state support for students attending private and religious schools.

The Invest in Kids program will sunset as scheduled on Dec. 31, meaning donors to six state-approved private school scholarship funds will no longer be able to claim a 75% tax credit for their donations. Program supporters had hoped that lawmakers would extend the life of the program with a vote during the legislature's veto session, but it ended Nov. 9 without any action being taken.

"We're disappointed at the lack of action by the legislature in not voting on this bill," said Bill Moredock, president of Sacred Heart-Griffin High School. "It means 9,600 students from low-income families across the state lost their scholarships. And here at Sacred Heart-Griffin, we have 19 students in the program."

Moredock said SHG remains committed to helping those students and finding a way to have them continue their studies at the Catholic high school.

Michael Carlson, principal of St. Patrick's Catholic School of Springfield, said most of the children attending his east-side school are receiving the scholarships.

"It's disappointing that it wasn't renewed, but St. Pat's has a very unique mission as a Catholic micro-school," he said. "Affordable Catholic education with high academic and character standards: that's our mission. ... I absolutely believe that if people believe that Catholic education should be affordable, they'll support St. Pat's, and we have a thriving donor community that does that."

Carlson said no child will be turned away solely for an inability to pay, but his school will have to step up its fundraising as the tax credit law expires.

Teachers unions and other opponents contend that the tax credits sucked money out of state coffers that could have been used to support public schools.

The Illinois Education Association issued a statement following the veto session. "It is a new day in Illinois. We are incredibly grateful to our lawmakers for choosing to end the voucher scheme known as Invest in Kids. This program sent millions of taxpayer dollars to private schools and was created under the guise of helping students of color, but we now know the funds went primarily to white students," IEA president Al Llorens said.



Supporters of the Invest in Kids scholarship program for private schools rally outside the Illinois House of Representatives chamber during the fall veto session. Lawmakers adjourned Nov. 9 without voting to renew the program, meaning it will expire on Dec. 31. CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS PHOTO BY ANDREW ADAMS

"The voucher system was intentionally created with a lack of oversight and accountability, leaving us with no data to measure its effectiveness. Public money belongs in public schools and we are glad our lawmakers believe that, too. Eighty percent of our public schools in Illinois are underfunded. We need to focus on providing the necessary funding to our public schools so that all children in Illinois continue to have access to a high-quality, public education," he said.

But proponents of the program say it enabled low-income children living in neighborhoods with failing public schools to have access to better learning opportunities.

The program has been capped at \$75 million annually since its implementation in 2018.

Throughout the veto session, supporters of the program converged on the Capitol waving signs that read, "Protect our scholarships."

State Sen. Steve McClure, R-Springfield, said the bill is unlikely to be resurrected during next year's legislative session.

"I think that it's dead. I hope that that's not the case, but I think that it's dead. And it's

pretty disappointing. Over the spring session and veto session there were lots and lots of kids, who are recipients of that scholarship program, who begged members of the Senate and members of the House to save their scholarships. And now they are going without those scholarships. One of the reasons I'm a state senator is to try to do good things. I don't know how anybody could have walked through that and then not (supported) them. It makes me feel bad."

State Senate Republican leader John Curran, R-Downers Grove, told *Illinois Times* he still has hope the program will be revived.

"It is abhorrent that there are leaders in the legislature that are ignoring the pleas of these children and these families that are trying to save their educational opportunity – their preferred setting that they are excelling in educationally. We have to listen to these children and the parents who have been here and afford this choice to these low-income families – the same choice that I'm afforded and many of my colleagues are afforded."

Curran said opponents have lost sight of the children who will be hurt by eliminating the

program.

"Well, it's a two-year General Assembly. The bill is still filed for the upcoming spring session. We go back in the third week of January. That would be the time to pass it. It would be a delay in the ability to raise money from donations for the program, but this program has had hurdles, and that would be a hurdle that I'm confident it could overcome if the General Assembly is willing to put ideology aside."

McClure said it is hypocritical for opponents of the legislation to send their kids to private schools but not want to offer the same opportunity to lower-income families.

"A lot of these legislators send their kids to private schools. A lot of those in the Chicago Teachers Union send their kids to private schools. And yet all of them didn't support this bill to let other kids who are in poor neighborhoods send their kids to private schools – despite the fact that the schools that they're attending are failing. The hypocrisy is incredible." □

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NEWS

Diversity training for law enforcement

Federal grant to UIS will help develop curriculum

LAW ENFORCEMENT | Scott Reeder

A \$700,000 federal grant to University of Illinois Springfield will be used to help central Illinois cops arrest their biases when dealing with people of different cultures and races.

The grant to the university's Alliance for Experiential Problem-Based Learning will be used to develop tolerance, diversity and anti-bias training for law enforcement.

The funding was awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice with support from U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Illinois.

"This investment will help law enforcement better understand and empathize with individuals from diverse backgrounds, identify and address biases, and navigate traumatic experiences, ultimately enhancing their ability to serve their communities," Durbin said in a prepared statement.

Part of the training will involve simulating high-stress situations, such as domestic disturbances, in which officers are likely to encounter people from a variety of backgrounds, said Betsy Goulet, director of the UIS Alliance for Experiential Problem-Based Learning.

"This training will reinforce officers' existing knowledge of cultural differences within their communities and emphasize the importance of accepting and empathizing with citizens from various backgrounds," she said.

The alliance will develop instructor-led training and scenario-based tabletop exercises intended to improve officers' decision-making, reduce unfavorable police encounters among underrepresented populations and strengthen police and community relations.

She said they hope to use the grant to begin training 1,500 police officers both in virtual and on-site settings as soon as October 2024.

The eight-hour instructor-led training will emphasize how personal experiences can shape officers' attitudes, beliefs, biases and tolerance for others.

Josh Friedman, a law enforcement specialist for the Alliance and a veteran

police officer, said, "A lot of officers look the same, have similar backgrounds, and that limits our understanding and our ability to accept people who are dissimilar from us. And until agencies are really more representative of the populations that they serve, we as police officers are going to have to work harder to understand and identify with those that we serve and that are different from us and live different lives."

The Alliance plans to work with several community partners, including the Community Health Roundtable, the Illinois Chiefs of Police, the Faith Coalition for the Common Good, the Illinois Innocence Project and the Springfield chapter of the NAACP, in developing the training.

"Diversity is important for the community when it comes to law enforcement reflecting what the community looks like, as well as understanding the problems, issues and also what could be possible solutions," said Tyshianna Bankhead, executive director of the Faith Coalition for the Common Good.

Vanessa Knox, co-chair of the Transformational Justice Task Force for the Faith Coalition, said the Springfield Police Department needs to become more diverse. A recent *Illinois Times* report found that the biggest recruitment pool that the department draws from is white men from small towns.

"Some people are raised in rural areas; they don't have a lot of interaction with other cultures, other races, and so it can (make) people uncomfortable," she said. "And their perceived ideas sometimes come from television and what other people say. They need to be able to have good one-on-one relationships with people who don't look like them, don't worship the same way as they do or have the same culture. That's very important, because you can be scared of people that you've never had any interaction with." □

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Lawmakers pass bill aimed at modernizing professional licensing in Illinois

Measure would provide for new online system to speed up paperwork

STATE | Hannah Meisel, Capitol News Illinois

As Illinois faces shortages of health care practitioners and mental health professionals, the state agency in charge of licensing for those and more than 100 other industries has struggled to keep up.

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation has failed to meet its goals to speed up both initial licensing and renewals in key industries as applications to the agency grew by 15% between 2019 and 2022. IDFPR's director called the situation a "crisis" earlier this fall when testifying before lawmakers at a committee hearing on the issues facing the agency.

Last week, the General Assembly approved a measure to help IDFPR move beyond its antiquated systems and – at least temporarily – assist those awaiting license renewal. The measure cleared the General Assembly unanimously and needs only a signature from the governor to become law.

State Rep. Bob Morgan, D-Deerfield, who sponsored the bill in the House, said with legislative approval, IDFPR would be able to batch-renew licenses for those who've been waiting "not days, not weeks, but months – up to six to eight months."

House Bill 2394 also calls for IDFPR to contract with a technology vendor to build a new computer software system within three months of Gov. JB Pritzker's signature on the bill, and to have that system up and running three months after that. In a September hearing, IDFPR Secretary Mario Treto Jr. told lawmakers his agency is hamstrung by 1990s-era technology that doesn't allow the agency to add new types of licenses to its online system, even as more types of professional licensure have come under the agency's purview.

As a result, IDFPR has seen "an onslaught of paper applications," Treto said, contributing to "historic wait times." A sizeable number of the 104,000 total applications the agency received last year were submitted on paper via snail mail.

Earlier this year, the agency had been in talks with an existing state vendor that's already under a "master contract," which would have sped up the often-slow process of contracting with a new company. But in the September hearing, Treto revealed the agency had walked away from those talks once IDFPR leaders realized the vendor wouldn't have been able to



State Rep. Bob Morgan, D-Deerfield, is pictured in Springfield. He sponsored a bill in the House to help IDFPR batch-renew licenses to speed up the process for people who have been waiting months, in some cases, to renew their professional licenses. CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS FILE PHOTO BY JERRY NOWICKI

meet the agency's specific needs.

"And candidly, we were quite disappointed with the news," Treto said.

In that same hearing, leaders of industry groups aired their frustrations with IDFPR's licensing delays.

Daniel Stasi, a consultant with the Illinois Mental Health Counselors Association, noted he's been the point person for licensing-related issues for 24 years.

"Very little has changed," Stasi said in September. "The wait is actually longer."

Illinois State Medical Society executive senior vice president David Porter told lawmakers that the most concerning aspect of IDFPR's current licensing system is the "lack of transparency" from the agency.

"Applicants tell us that there's no real way for them to obtain status updates on their applications or renewals, and there's virtually no chance to be able to connect with someone at the department by phone or email who can provide such updates," Porter said. "Most frustrating to new applicants is that they

are rarely notified when their applicants are deemed to be insufficient or incomplete, which adds days or weeks to when they can expect to obtain a license."

Treto assured lawmakers he's been speaking with his counterparts in other states to get ideas about how to improve IDFPR's systems – and said Illinois isn't alone in facing licensure issues. But, he said, some states seem to have figured it out. Oklahoma, for example, has reduced its call volume by 95%. □

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Legislature approves bill to allow small nuclear plants

Governor, who vetoed previous bill, supports new effort

ENERGY Andrew Adams, Capitol News Illinois

Lawmakers on Nov. 9 approved a proposal that would allow companies to develop new nuclear power generation in Illinois for the first time since 1987.

House Bill 2473 does not entirely lift the 36-year-old moratorium on nuclear construction. Instead, it creates a regulatory structure for the construction of small modular nuclear reactors, or SMRs. The bill limits the nameplate capacity of such reactors to 300 megawatts, about one-third the size of the smallest of the six existing nuclear power plants in Illinois. It also requires the state to perform a study that will inform rules for regulating SMRs, which will be adopted by regulators at the Illinois Emergency Management Agency by January 2026.

Proponents of the measure say it is a step to make the ongoing transition away from fossil fuels more reliable for customers throughout the state, while opponents warn the unproven technology comes with safety risks and the potential for cost overruns.

The bill passed with bipartisan support in the Senate, 44-7, and the House, 98-8. The opposition came exclusively from Democrats.

Gov. JB Pritzker said in a statement Nov. 9 that he would sign the bill. He worked with lawmakers on the new language of the new bill after vetoing a broader measure this summer.

Leadership of the Illinois AFL-CIO umbrella labor organization released a statement calling the policy “important for our state’s economy and our clean energy future.”

It echoed a release from the Illinois Manufacturers Association, an industry advocacy group that testified in support of the proposal several times, saying that it would allow the state to “continue leading in energy and manufacturing innovation.”

The legislation’s sponsors, Sen. Sue Rezin, R-Morris, and Rep. Lance Yednock, D-Ottawa, said the bill has the potential to bolster Illinois’ electric reliability as intermittent sources like wind and solar begin to make up a larger portion of the state’s energy output.

“In order to reach our clean energy goals, we may have to invest in more nuclear-generated carbon-free energy,” Yednock said. “The policy does not subtract from the



While large-scale nuclear facilities like the Byron Generating Station won't be allowed under a new bill passed by the General Assembly, smaller-scale modular reactors are authorized under the plan that needs only a signature from Gov. JB Pritzker to become law. CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS PHOTO BY ANDREW CAMPBELL

growth of wind and solar energy. It could be an enhancement, as a potential use of small modular reactors could be to energize large manufacturers, therefore keeping more traditional new sources of energy for residential, small commercial customers and our future [electric vehicle] needs.”

Rezin noted that she is particularly interested in the potential for SMRs to be developed at the sites of former coal plants in Illinois, avoiding the need to build new transmission lines, although that process could take many years.

Because permitting nuclear energy takes many years at the federal level, the earliest a nuclear project could be brought online in Illinois would be in the 2030s.

Environmental, safety issues

Critics of the bill and of nuclear power remain worried about its implications.

David Kraft, a critic of nuclear energy and head of the Chicago-based advocacy group Nuclear Energy Information Service, urged lawmakers at a committee meeting to reject the bill.

Kraft said he was concerned about the lack of existing SMR installations and the unproven nature of the technology. While some nuclear reactors of this scale do exist in

other countries, no commercial SMRs have ever been built in the United States.

“This isn’t an energy policy, it’s a Las Vegas craps shoot,” he said during the committee hearing.

In a follow-up interview, Kraft said that SMRs bring with them security concerns, as the smaller installations have different staffing requirements than traditional reactors and use a more highly enriched type of uranium. The relative abundance of this uranium, according to Kraft, could incentivize the further proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Some environmentalists also lined up against the bill, worrying that investment in nuclear could take away from investments into renewable energy technology. Sierra Club Illinois chapter director Jack Darin called nuclear energy “at best, a distraction.” Sierra Club was one of the main advocacy organizations that sought Pritzker’s veto of the previous bill.

While the Sierra Club remained opposed to the updated version of the bill, the Illinois Environmental Council – which co-signed a letter requesting the August veto with the Sierra Club – adopted a neutral position on the new bill before it was approved.

Rep. Lilian Jimenez, D-Chicago, was one of the eight House Democrats who voted

against the bill. She said that there had not been enough study of the potential drawbacks of SMR development in the state.

“Illinois has plenty of time to assess the risks and costs before opening the door to these projects,” Jimenez said during floor debate. “I believe we should be focusing on that piece before taking this huge leap and this huge step.”

Industry issues

Since 2016, five other state legislatures have either repealed or weakened their bans on nuclear construction. Counting Illinois, bans on nuclear construction remain on the books in 11 states.

Several of the states that have lifted their bans in recent years have done so to pave the way for SMR technology. But the biggest player in that industry has seen several upsets in recent weeks.

As lawmakers debated the bill on Nov. 8, NuScale Power – the only company with a federally approved SMR design – announced that it was canceling its highly watched “Carbon Free Power Project” in Utah, which would have been the first commercial project with a NuScale reactor.

The project’s cancellation comes after months of falling stock prices and criticism from trading firms. Still, its leaders say the company will continue with its other projects, which are at various steps of regulation and planning.

“NuScale will continue with our other domestic and international customers to bring our American SMR technology to market and grow the U.S. nuclear manufacturing base,” NuScale CEO John Hopkins said in a news release.

Rezin noted that “there’s a lot to learn” from NuScale’s canceled project, but hopes Illinois’ and other states’ moves to reverse their construction bans will encourage nuclear energy development in the U.S.

“If we do not build out this technology with companies that are in the United States, there’s other companies and countries such as Russia that are looking to sell that technology,” she said. “We don’t want that.” □

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OPINION

LETTERS

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

NEWS VOID

Unfortunately, the big void in local news is astounding, especially unbiased news (“The future of community journalism,” Nov. 9). I am old enough to remember great news coverage when I grew up in Chicago. Here in Springfield, it’s a crying shame.

Many folks I know had tuned in to Greg Bishop on WMAY, and then he announced he was leaving for a bright future at the Statehouse reporting the news. We are so thankful for his continued efforts to report the news on a variety of issues that are statewide and local through Bishop on Air on YouTube.

If there was ever a time for young, ambitious, eager reporters, the time is now to start your podcast or blog for local news. We aren’t asking much, just the news on a balanced scale – just the facts.

The question I have is, will the MacArthur Foundation’s donation go to just left-leaning reporters? I hope not!

*Rosanna Pulido
Springfield*

DOESN’T BENEFIT STATE

Gov. JB Pritzker does not deserve any credit by selling Illinois land to the Chinese to make electric car batteries (“Illinois has some success in attracting manufacturing,” Nov. 9). Batteries those cars use cost more than the car sold for brand new. People end up having to junk the car itself. How is that benefiting Illinois?

*Karen Le Seure
Springfield*

DOESN’T BENEFIT CITY

This moratorium is an attempt to send even more of our city’s wealth away to people who refuse to live in Springfield, yet receive Springfield taxpayer dollars in the form of city-paid salaries and pensions (“City employee residency requirement could be suspended,” Nov. 2). Non-residency requirements are not widely supported by Springfield residents. Seven members of City Council and Mayor Misty Buscher went against the interests of the city by voting for this moratorium. The City Council and Mayor Buscher are supposed to represent the residents of Springfield, not the villages of Chatham, Rochester, Auburn, Sherman and Pawnee, the benefactors from this moratorium.

During the meeting, I heard supporters of the moratorium claim that simply living 20 minutes from Springfield and buying groceries at a Springfield store on their drive back home was “buying into the city.” To me, buying into the city means living in the city both inside



Springfield is one of six inaugural communities across the U.S. to receive grants as part of an endeavor called Press Forward, which ultimately will distribute \$500 million nationwide over the next five years. The MacArthur Foundation and Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln have pledged \$1 million each to support the effort locally, which was announced at a Nov. 6 kick-off event at University of Illinois Springfield. PHOTO BY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE LAND OF LINCOLN

and outside of work hours. It means having pride living in Springfield and being connected to the community. I wasn’t born and raised in Springfield, yet I’ve found pride in living here. I don’t believe it is an extreme ask for employees of our city to live in the city which is affected by their work. If these potential employees have such a strong desire to live in these surrounding villages, they should work in the respective village governments instead.

It is hard to believe that the Office of Human Resources has exhausted every resource within its power to hire from the 113,000 people who already live in our city. Instead of supporting the moratorium, the

Mayor and City Council should have looked at what specific jobs it was necessary to ease employment requirements to fill vacancies, as opposed to having an arbitrary moratorium of every city job, which could last indefinitely.

It was very disappointing and frustrating to see our elected officials give up on the residents of Springfield. Thank you Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory, Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams Jr. and Ward 4 Ald. Larry Rockford for standing up for the residents of Springfield and for the health of the city by voting against the moratorium.

*Austin Worley
Via illinoistimes.com*

GOOD FOLLOW UP

Thanks to Dean Olsen for reporting on this (“Former financial officer pleads guilty for cheating state,” Nov. 9). I was wondering if Jenny Thornley was ever going to be charged.

*Stephan Stengel
Via illinoistimes.com*

MORE QUESTIONS

Let me see if I have this straight. The state of Illinois spent \$450,000 to determine that former State Police Merit Board CFO Jenny Thornley had received \$10,000 in overtime payments to which she was not entitled. This \$450,000 was given to an outside firm hired by the Merit Board to investigate Thornley’s actions. I have a few questions.

If the taxpayers had to shell out \$450,000 to investigate Thornley, why was she not required to reimburse us for this investigation? Why was she required to reimburse only the \$10,000 in phony overtime payments?

Is there seriously no one who currently works for the Merit Board, the Executive Inspector General or even the State Police who can investigate fraudulent overtime payments? No one? If not, why not?

Why was someone who cost the taxpayers almost \$500,000 given only conditional discharge without spending even one day in jail?

It’s obvious that taxpayers were screwed three times: First by the phony overtime payments; second, by whoever decided to spend \$450,000 to find \$10,000; and finally, by the fact that Thornley will face no prison time. And Democrats wonder why people are leaving Illinois in droves.

*Robert Huck
Springfield*

INSURANCE REFORM NEEDED

I would like to send a personal thank you to state Rep. Sue Scherer (and any others supporting such) for her efforts in health insurance reform (“Blue Cross fined by state for third time in two years,” Nov. 9). There is no reason to excuse any dishonest brokering, or even plausible oversight, from a company that makes billions of dollars off of Americans and their health care services.

The truth is that we all have enough difficulty acquiring timely medical services from providers that do actually exist, much less sifting through “ghost providers” that perhaps never even existed as part of an insurance network, or once did. Maintaining an accurate list of doctors in network and proximal to all members covered under the plan is not too much to ask. I would encourage all Illinois legislators to get behind this type of accountability.

Any lawmaker unwilling to support efforts like this clearly does not understand the defined (and stellar) insurance that they are receiving as a member of the Illinois General Assembly.

*Aaron Graves
Via illinoistimes.com*

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(Josette lives in a concrete world)

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Well I do, well I do...
What did green sound like, how did green smell?
What did green taste like, won’t someone tell?
Was there a green skylark singing a bird call?
Was there a green wormy smell after rainfall?
And there’s no one here to talk to...
O living tree with your roots in the earth,
Where are you? where are you?
Deep in my heart nameless yearnings take birth
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I’m sick for laughter, the laughter of trees,
I’m sick for greenness alive on the breeze...
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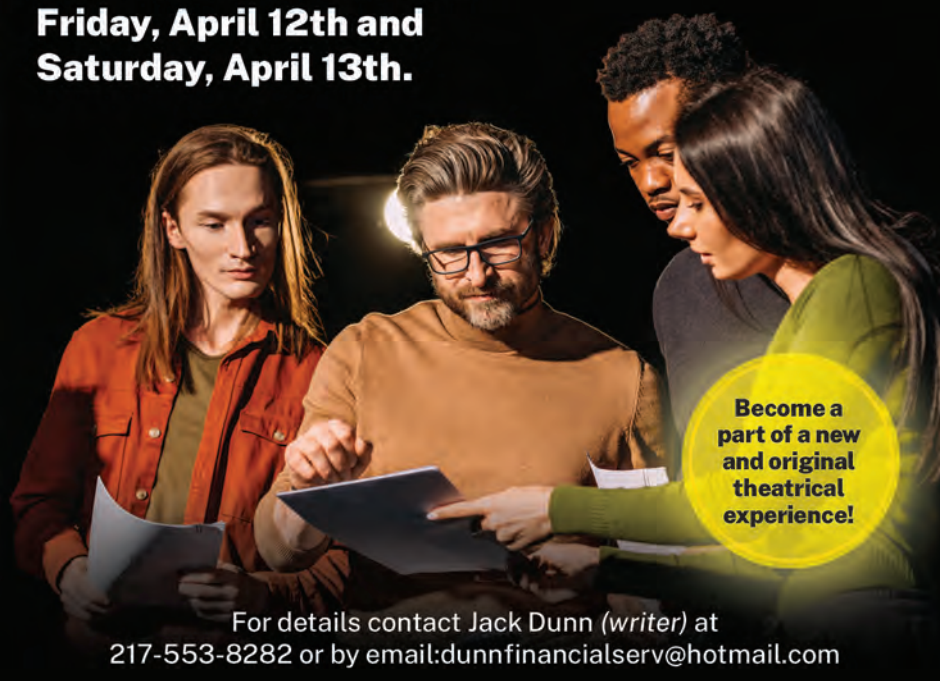
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Chicago Teachers Union refuses to accept win

POLITICS | Rich Miller

On Tuesday, Nov. 7, Chicago Teachers Union lobbyist Kurt Hilgendorf told the Illinois Senate Executive Committee that the union had only “one problem” with Senate President Don Harmon’s elected Chicago school board bill.

Hilgendorf praised much of the bill during his testimony. But the Chicago Teachers Union has claimed for years that it wants a fully elected school board, just like every other school district in the state. Right now, all board members are appointed by the mayor.

The “one concern” the union had about the legislation, Hilgendorf said, was that “only half of the city will vote,” because Harmon’s bill only elected half of the 20 district members and mandated that the mayor appoint the other half. The appointed members would serve for two years and then their districts would be put to the voters.

“That creates a disenfranchisement lawsuit risk,” Hilgendorf warned, adding that “maximum participation should be done in the first election, similar to how the Senate after a remap year, all members of the Senate are up.” In conclusion, the CTU lobbyist told the committee, “We think that all the voters in the city of Chicago should have the right to vote in that first-year election.”

Senate President Harmon rewrote his bill and used language similar to Hilgendorf’s when he explained his new measure to his chamber two days later. The bill would, as the CTU requested, elect all 20 members next year. Harmon explained that, after a period of staggered elections, the proposal adopted “the Senate model” of breaking up the 20 districts into “three classes” of “terms that we in the Senate are elected to.” A third of the Senate’s members is elected for terms of two, four and four years. Another third is elected for terms of four, two and four years. And the final third is elected for terms of four, four and two years.

The CTU, in other words, would get exactly what it said it wanted during the committee hearing two days earlier.

But the CTU adamantly refused to accept a win and continued supporting the House’s hybrid plan of electing only half the school board next year, with the other half appointed.

A few hours after Senate President Harmon passed his bill, CTU President Stacy Davis Gates wrote on the site formerly known as Twitter: “The real question is when did the senate president become a proponent of a fully elected [Chicago school board]? The ONLY reason we [have] a hybrid board until ‘26 is [because] of his refusal to pass

legislation for a fully elected board. Why now? Ask him? It’s the MOST obvious question NOT being asked.”

Um, the most obvious answer is that the CTU asked for a fully elected board on Tuesday and warned a lawsuit could be filed if the language wasn’t changed to elect all 20 members. And, unlike the House, Harmon gave the CTU exactly what it publicly requested.

Near the end of a story earlier last week by *Chicago Sun-Times* chief political reporter Tina Sfondeles was this passage: “The CTU, which has always supported a fully elected board, prefers [Rep. Ann Williams’ hybrid House plan], in part because it would give the union more time to choose candidates and raise campaign funds. The union would only have to find 10 candidates, as opposed to 20, under the House Democrats’ plan. And the union’s political action committee will have to play catch-up after contributing a hefty \$2.46 million to Johnson’s mayoral campaign.”

In other words, why spend precious dollars on 10 extra elections if the mayor you elected will appoint your people for free?

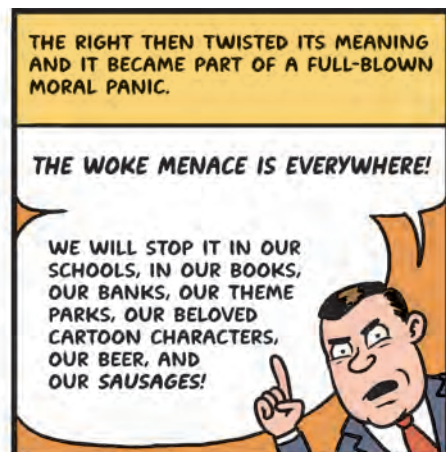
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CTU President Davis Gates also complained online that reporters asked Mayor Brandon Johnson, but not the CTU, about the union’s reasons for supporting the House’s hybrid bill instead of the fully elected Senate bill. I took her up on the offer and asked. As I write this, she hasn’t yet responded.

Harmon told reporters after he passed his bill that the legislature has until April 1 to come up with a solution, so sending both chambers home without a deal last week wasn’t the end of the world.

It did not go unnoticed, though, that House Speaker Chris Welch abruptly adjourned his chamber not long after passing his chamber’s CTU-backed hybrid bill in a way which couldn’t be amended by the Senate, forcing Harmon’s chamber into a take-it-or-leave-it position.

“None of this instills much confidence in the legislative process going forward,” noted one longtime legislative observer. □



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A vision for Illinois nature

Vanishing biodiversity and human loneliness are intertwined. They can help each other.

GUESTWORK | Amy Doll

In 2023, we celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Illinois Nature Preserves System. Sixty years ago, Illinois recognized the plight of our natural areas sooner than most states. Unlike out east, where most nature had already been fundamentally transformed, we still had high-quality remnant natural areas – unplowed and unpaved. Ecosystems of rare plants, animals, soil, fungi and microbes still survived. To preserve them, persistent advocacy led to the passage of legislation in 1963, creating the Illinois Nature Preserves System. This visionary model inspired similar efforts in dozens of U.S. states, and even countries across the globe.

As we wrap up the year, we can't help but think about what Illinois nature might look like when we celebrate the 100th anniversary. What if, in 2063, the everyday people of Illinois so appreciate our nature that it's hard to believe there was ever any question about the need to care for such important places? What if, by then, it is ludicrous to think that nature would ever have needed a law to protect it, because great numbers of people care for these wild and natural spaces, as these spaces inspire and care for us?

The farsighted Illinois Nature Preserves System is powerful because of two features put in place 60 years ago – legal dedication and multi-level partnerships. No single force could have done it alone. Illinois Nature Preserves are owned by dozens of agencies and individuals. They are protected in perpetuity, first because of landowners' decisions to dedicate these lands forever for the public benefit, and second by community support. As George Fell, founder of the Illinois Nature Preserves System, believed, it was essential to

foster a grass-roots organization "that would have the size and strength to take its rightful place" in the broader culture.

We are amid a worldwide biodiversity crisis. While nature forms the web of life that we depend on for food, clean water, medicine, a stable climate, economic growth and more – nature and biodiversity are in critical danger. Large parts of the planet's natural communities, species and genetic richness are threatened. Stresses on nature – from invasive species and climate chaos to pollution and sprawl – mean that protecting our biodiversity requires a lot more care than the Nature Preserves System's founders ever imagined. Conserving and restoring natural areas and the biodiversity they contain is essential. Is there a needed force that is largely untapped?

There is also a crisis of loneliness, isolation and lack of connection in our country affecting our mental, physical and societal health. Lacking connection can increase the risk for premature death to levels comparable to daily smoking. This past May the Surgeon General offered a strategy to deal with this human crisis that includes cultivating cultures of connection. Can nature-mined groups be part of the solution?

We see the dual crisis of vanishing biodiversity and the loss of human connection as intertwined. Empowered volunteer communities have increasingly made life-and-death differences for nature throughout Illinois. They have great potential to do more, both because the ecological need is increasingly recognized, and because the people involved benefit as well. Working together with neighbors and friends to stop invasive species that crowd out diverse plants



Amy Doll and her son, Foster, at a volunteer kickoff workday at Volo Bog, in Lake County.

and animals, we save nature and at the same time share knowledge, eat snacks, plan and collaborate...in short, create a culture of connection. Stewardship fosters a healthy relationship with the land. In learning to care for it, new stewards come to value nature ever more deeply and become some of the best educators and advocates for biodiversity.

Illinois is poised to lead again in conservation. This is a time of growing awareness, growing local land trusts and other conservation organizations, and volunteer stewardship communities all focused on caring for Illinois' best nature. Yet we need more of these organizations and more collaboration among broader communities of people

who are engaged in various ways: amateur botanists, birders, butterfly conservationists, natural gardeners, many types of citizen scientists, and "outdoors people" of all kinds. The number, power and sophistication of these nature-loving communities needs to grow exponentially.

The dual crisis of vanishing biodiversity and the loss of human community are a wake-up call that many of us are heeding. We are looking for places to spend time with other people, and we are looking for ways to save the planet. In my vision, at the 100th anniversary of the Illinois Nature Preserves System, there will be so many communities of steward-advocates across the state working, learning and caring for Illinois nature together, that we will laugh that anyone ever thought of destroying our natural heritage and that such a law was necessary 100 years ago.

If you are interested in getting involved with a community caring for Illinois nature, reach out to your local conservation organization, or contact me at amy@friendsilnature.org.

Amy Doll is the director of Friends of Illinois Nature Preserves, an organization with a mission of supporting the Illinois Nature Preserves System. Prior to her role at Friends, Amy served as the executive director of the DeKalb Park District and has over 15 years of public lands and local government experience. Her parks and recreation background provides her with experience in connecting people to our state's natural areas. She lives in DeKalb and loves exploring the Nature Preserves throughout the state, especially with her two boys, aged 21 and 13.



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From colleges to cannabis

Legalized marijuana becomes an economic driver for the city of Lincoln

CANNABIS | Dean Olsen

Before George Kennett joined Cresco Labs eight years ago, he was in a job he didn't like, and his abuse of alcohol and other drugs led to what could have been a fatal spiral.

The job at Cresco "saved my life and changed my life for the better," Kennett, 32, told *Illinois Times*. "It gave me purpose."

In a bit of irony, Illinois' legalization of marijuana for medical patients in 2013 and adult-use cannabis in 2020 created a path in Lincoln that helped Kennett stabilize his life.

The Lincoln native worked his way into mid-level management at Cresco. He has been able to buy a house in his hometown and provide for his wife and their three children, ages 4, 10 and 15, and he sees opportunities for further advancement within the company.

Chicago-based Cresco Labs' site in Logan County, just outside Lincoln, is the largest legal marijuana cultivation center in Illinois, employing about 215 people – 70% of them from Logan County – with average wages totaling \$35,000 to \$55,000 per year.

Legal cannabis is a more than \$1.5 billion-a-year business in Illinois, with almost \$139 million in retail adult-use cannabis sales reported in October alone. Cresco says 25% of all cannabis products sold in Illinois originate from plants grown at the Logan County site.

Two related businesses – a cannabis dispensary and a cannabis infusion site that will manufacture gummies for sale at dispensaries statewide – will open in Lincoln in coming weeks. And a third business, a craft-grow cultivation site operated by an entrepreneur who turned to Lincoln after Springfield's zoning restrictions proved too onerous, hopes to open by summer 2024.

Lincoln welcomes cannabis industry

The cannabis industry has been a bright spot amid years of economic challenges for Lincoln, which has seen numerous layoffs and closures – most recently the October announcement that 79-year-old Lincoln Christian University will cease academic operations in May 2024.

The private Christian college, which at one point employed about 150 people, downsized and revamped its academic offerings in 2022 but wasn't able to overcome what its president called "a steep decline in enrollment as well as a partial decline in giving."

"Higher ed as a market is seeing contraction," LCU President Silas McCormick said.



Cannabis-related businesses have been welcomed in the Logan County seat of Lincoln, population 13,300. Among those involved in planning for the new businesses are (from left, with the Logan County Courthouse and square in the background) Lincoln Mayor Tracy Welch, Illinois Infusion CEO Tom Meiron, Mystic Greenz founder and CEO Krishna Balakrishnan and craft grow entrepreneur Jeff Fulgenzi, CEO of Route 66 LLC. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN.

Especially hard-hit have been small, private colleges in the United States that began to open in the 18th and 19th centuries to keep students "away from the vices and distractions of the bigger cities," he said.

Other economic hits to the Logan County seat included the 2022 closure of Lincoln College, a 157-year-old, predominantly Black institution that employed about 150. College officials cited enrollment disruptions related to the COVID-19 pandemic and a December 2021 ransomware attack.

Other bad news included the 2019 closure of the Ardagh Group's glass container production plant, which employed 150; and the 2002 closure of Lincoln Developmental

Center and loss of almost 500 jobs.

Despite its conservative bent, the city of about 13,300 people in a rural county of almost 28,000 is warming up to cannabis as a tool in its economic arsenal.

The secret to that acceptance may not be surprising, even with an all-Republican Logan County Board, only one Democrat on the eight-member Lincoln City Council and a Republican mayor, because of a key factor: jobs.

"Those jobs, regardless of where they fit in that sector of our economy, those are good-paying jobs, they have benefits, they're trainable – so people who have never had experience in that industry can

be trained to do those jobs – and they have opportunity for advancement," said Andrea Runge, chief executive officer of Lincoln Economic Advancement & Development, the community's primary economic development group.

"It is an opportunity for people who have been displaced by different industries, which have unfortunately left, to stay and still find a way to not only live, but thrive here in Lincoln," she said.

Lincoln Mayor Tracy Welch, an information-technology specialist who works out of his home for a major insurance company, said he feels comfortable welcoming the cannabis industry.

“First and foremost, it’s already legal,” Welch said. “We have constituents who would like these products. They already go out of town to get them. ... The other part is the financial impact to the city. They’re creating jobs, very good-paying jobs that people would travel elsewhere for. Those jobs come with benefits and all the things that a good employer provides.”

“This helps us fill a gap from a financial and employment perspective.”

Economic indicators trend down

Lincoln, first settled in the 1830s and founded in 1853, was the first city named after Abraham Lincoln, and its founding took place while Lincoln was a lawyer and before he became president.

Lincoln assisted in the official platting of the city, practiced law there from 1847 to 1859 and worked as a lawyer for the newly-laid railroad that led to the city’s founding. The city also is a stop on Historic Route 66.

Lincoln, like many rural communities, has seen population decline since 1970, when 17,582 people lived there. By 2000, the city’s population was 15,369, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. The bureau recorded about 14,500 people, a 5.6% reduction, in 2010, and the 2020 Census showed a further 8.4% drop.

Other economic indicators for Lincoln, which is 40 miles northeast of Springfield, show trends also seen throughout rural Illinois. Median household income in Lincoln was 26% below the statewide median in 2000. In 2020, median income in the city was \$48,510 per year, or 29% less than the statewide median of \$68,428.

The poverty rate in Lincoln was 11% in 2000, the same as the statewide rate, but Lincoln’s poverty rates have exceeded statewide levels since then. The city’s overall poverty rate was 13.2% in 2010 and 14% in 2020, while poverty rates among children were 14% in 2000, 21% in 2010 and 19% in 2020, according to Census data.

Lincoln Developmental Center, which first opened in 1877, at one time in the late 1950s had 5,700 residents, according to historical accounts. In 2000, shortly before its closure, there were 383 residents and almost 700 employees.

LCD was closed by the state amid years of documented cases of abuse and neglect of children and adults with mental illness and developmental disabilities. The statewide and nationwide move away from institutional care and less stigma surrounding people with intellectual disabilities may have led to better lives for clients, but the economic impact of LDC’s closure lingers.

A bright spot for the site, still dotted with abandoned buildings, is the ongoing construction of a \$54.7 million Illinois Youth

Center for young people in the custody of the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice.

The new central Illinois facility, funded by the Rebuild Illinois capital program, is expected to be complete by late fall 2024. It is expected to open in early 2025 and eventually employ 100 people.

The area still has major employers, which include Eaton Corp. with close to 800 workers; the city’s two state prisons, Logan and Lincoln correctional centers, with a combined total of 730 employees; Lincoln Memorial Hospital with 325 employees; Lincoln School District 27 with 204 workers; Sysco with about 200 workers; and Lincoln Community High School with 116 employees.

“Lincoln is very entrepreneurial”

Runge said her focus isn’t on landing an Amazon distribution center, a goal many smaller communities were pushing to achieve before the pandemic hit, though she said she would be glad to take Amazon’s calls if it’s interested.

“It’s not about landing the big fish,” she said. “Lincoln is very entrepreneurial.”

Runge said much of her time is spent assisting small businesses in starting up, maintaining momentum and growing, especially as pandemic restrictions have eased. She encourages customers to help their hometown thrive.

“I always remind everyone that your shopping habits are investments ... when you’re looking at a smaller community to build an economy that is self-sustaining and not reliant on other industries that may choose to leave at any time,” she said.

Like the Guest House coffee shop and other businesses on the Logan County Courthouse square – such as The Bee, Small Town Creations and Deep Roots Bakery – Runge said Cresco has worked to cement its niche in Lincoln. She believes most residents will accept the city’s future cannabis-related businesses, as well.

“People know that there are people who need jobs, and jobs, no matter what they do, are something that lifts us all,” Runge said. “It’s hard to get back on your feet without a paycheck.”

Cresco first opened the Lincoln cultivation center in 2016, with eight workers and 8,000 square feet of indoor marijuana growing space. The current workforce tends to 168,000 square feet of indoor growing space, or “canopy” – the term used in the cannabis industry.

Most of the cannabis produced there is processed, packaged and, in some cases, refined into edible products, at Cresco’s Joliet facility.

Cresco spokesperson Jason Erkes said the publicly traded company, which operates 10 dispensaries in Illinois and has facilities in seven other states, doesn’t disclose production or sales statistics for individual sites.



Melanie Welch, owner of The Bee Boutique and Plant Shop at 121 S. Kickapoo St. in Lincoln, shows off one of the shirts sold at her shop. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN.



Lincoln residents George Kennett (left) and James Camacho are among the 215 employees at Cresco Labs’ cannabis cultivation center in Logan County just outside Lincoln’s northern border. The site is the largest marijuana cultivation center in the state and the source of one-fourth of all cannabis products sold in Illinois. PHOTO COURTESY CRESCO LABS.

But the Lincoln plant pays about \$700,000 in property taxes annually. In addition, as part of an agreement with Logan County government, the company sends the county quarterly payments of between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

The agreement bases the annual totals for the county on 0.5% of the site's annual wholesale revenues, said Logan County Board chairperson Emily Davenport. Those payments indicate annual wholesale revenues for the site total at least \$100 million per year.

Davenport, a Lincoln resident who works full time as assistant director of human resources for the secretary of the Illinois Senate, said the county, with a total annual budget of about \$21 million, has a "fabulous" relationship with Cresco.

The County Board has used the Cresco payments mainly to make improvements at two county-owned parks in Lincoln, including installation of a pickleball court, playground equipment upgrades, an outdoor ice rink, additional Christmas lights and a decorative water fountain.

"It's been just fantastic overall," said Davenport, who doesn't use cannabis. "We've never had money to do this all at once before. ... It does bring jobs and a lot of income for the whole community."

The Cresco plant is less than a mile from Davenport's home in Lincoln. "You can smell it from my house," she said. "I don't care. They run a tight ship over there."

"Lincoln is definitely pro-business"

Tom Meiron, chief executive officer and a partner in Illinois Infusion, which is spending about \$2 million to renovate and equip a former Bonanza restaurant, said: "Lincoln has been a fantastic place to do business."

The business, to open in a nondescript building near a McDonald's two miles from downtown Lincoln, won't be open to the public but will produce cannabis-infused gummie candies for dispensaries statewide.

Illinois Infusion will employ five to eight people, Meiron said.

The business could produce as many as 30,000 to 60,000 gummies per day. The products would contain combinations of biological compounds, known as cannabinoids, some of which produce euphoria and some that reduce anxiety and make it easier to sleep.

Meiron, 59, along with craft-grow entrepreneur Jeff Fulgenzi, found Lincoln officials more cooperative than those in Springfield, where Meiron said restrictive zoning made finding an acceptable site all-but impossible.

"Lincoln is definitely pro-business," Meiron said.

A veteran of the restaurant industry, Meiron said he has benefited personally from gummies that help him sleep, and gummies



Mystic Greenz founder and Chief Executive Officer Krishna Balakrishnan of Bloomington says he and his 16 employees in Lincoln are excited about plans to open the adult-use cannabis dispensary to the public on Nov. 24. "We want to be a good neighbor in the community," he says. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN.

have eased anxiety for his 19-year-old son, who has autism.

Votes by the Lincoln City Council in 2021 and 2022 set up a structure for retail and non-retail cannabis businesses to seek approval. The council's ordinance allows only one dispensary in the city. Votes earlier this year allowed licenses for Meiron's group, Fulgenzi's group and the dispensary, Mystic Greenz, to be approved.

Meiron said Cresco's success in Lincoln, which includes the company providing volunteers for community events, "paved the way" for council support for the new businesses, though that support wasn't unanimous.

Cresco's jobs, taxes paid and the fact that the company's operations didn't lead to "addicts walking the streets" all had an impact, he said.

Mystic Greenz's recreational-use cannabis dispensary, in a former Pizza Hut at 1120 Woodlawn Road, cost about \$2 million to prepare for opening, according to founder and CEO Krishna Balakrishnan.

About 250 people applied for jobs, and 16 have been hired so far, with the potential for more hirings depending on demand, he said. Balakrishnan's group also operates a dispensary near Decatur. The Lincoln store is scheduled to open Nov. 24.

"We are super-excited, and we hope to

be a good partner in the community," said Balakrishnan, 44, a Bloomington resident. "We want to be a good neighbor in the community."

An added bonus for Lincoln will be revenue from a 3% local sales tax on products sold by the dispensary that will go to city government. The council hasn't yet discussed uses for that revenue, which Balakrishnan estimated at "a couple hundred-thousand dollars" each year.

A block away from the downtown square is where Fulgenzi, a Sherman resident and CEO of Route 66 LLC, plans to operate a small-scale indoor cultivation center.

Fulgenzi is trying to raise about \$2 million to renovate and equip the ground-level, 10,000 square feet of space for a craft grow, he said.

The facility initially will employ seven or eight employees and eventually could grow to between 25 and 30 workers earning between \$35,000 and \$200,000 per year, he said.

The building previously housed a former Fastenal commercial equipment supplier.

Fulgenzi, 53, said the investment group he heads continues to look for more investors to bring the project to fruition. He also is waiting for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to offer \$40 million in loans to cannabis entrepreneurs; the money was included in the state's fiscal 2024 budget. DCEO officials didn't respond to a request for

comment.

Fulgenzi is still stinging from his treatment by Springfield city officials when he sought to open a craft grow there.

"It's unfortunate that so many businesses have so much difficulty in Springfield to achieve common goals," he said. "Lincoln did everything you should do to attract businesses."

Despite concerns, cannabis has "tremendous economic impact"

Wanda Lee Rohlfs, a Lincoln Ward 3 alderperson, was among only two or three council members who have voted against proposals to allow the new cannabis businesses.

She is a retired Lincoln Community High School business teacher and guidance counselor and said her votes reflected the views of her constituents and her own concerns that more accessibility to marijuana will stunt the brain development of children and young adults.

Adult-use cannabis is legal only for people 21 and older in Illinois. But the more it's available in society, the more likely underage people are to get access to it, Rohlfs said.

She said that when she was a teacher and counselor, "It was my job to keep kids safe."

The Logan County Board of Health, which oversees the county's department of

public health, has not supported marijuana legalization because of concerns that it will lead to addiction and harm young people, department director Don Cavi said.

In fact, promoting good mental health for youth and the need for efforts to prevent substance abuse are two of the county's top health priorities, Cavi said.

Economic hardships have an undeniable impact on long-term public health, but whether the positive economic benefits of cannabis will more than offset the potential harms remains to be seen, he said.

In downtown Lincoln, the proprietors of Spirited Republic, a craft-beer business, have seen employees and officials from Cresco Labs patronize their place as well as Guzzardo's Italian Villa and the ice cream shop Top Hat Creamery.

The three businesses are next to each other and collaborate to serve customers.

Colleen Roate, 53, who owns and operates Spirited Republic with her husband, Bussy Roate, 56, and Troy Hanger, 63, said she is in favor of the new cannabis businesses.

"Anytime you bring jobs to Lincoln, it's going to trickle down," she said. "So we're thrilled with that."

Cresco quality assurance manager James Camacho, 28, grew up in a small town near Champaign and moved to Lincoln when he got a job at Cresco about four years ago. He earned a bachelor's degree in horticulture from Illinois State University and said some of his professors looked down on the cannabis industry, but that sentiment is changing.

He previously worked in the

pharmaceutical industry but said: "No company has ever made me feel as fulfilled as Cresco. I would say it's truly a camaraderie here that you won't find in many places, and I feel like there's so many very skilled individuals in many different areas and from all walks of life."

Kennett, who manages the site's first stages in the processing of mature cannabis plants, said his use of marijuana never was the problem that drug use and heavy drinking caused for him before he was hired at Cresco.

Cannabis still holds a stigma, especially for older people, he said. But he said the success he has had at Cresco has changed his grandparents' minds about cannabis.

"They approve of it at this point," Kennett said.

Erkes said many workers in the cannabis industry have a passion inspired by the health and social benefits of the products.

He commended Lincoln-area officials for giving the industry a chance.

"They dipped their toe in the water with us and embraced it, and it's led to a tremendous economic impact, first with us and now with these three other businesses," Erkes said. "For a community that might not be pro-cannabis, but could overlook that and wrap their arms around the potential of what it could mean from a jobs and from an economic standpoint, really says a lot." □

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Andrea Runge, chief executive officer of Lincoln Economic Advancement & Development Inc., says she is focused on attracting and retaining mostly small businesses, including new businesses that produce or sell cannabis products. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN



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BOOKS

After the fire, Chicago's politics of disaster

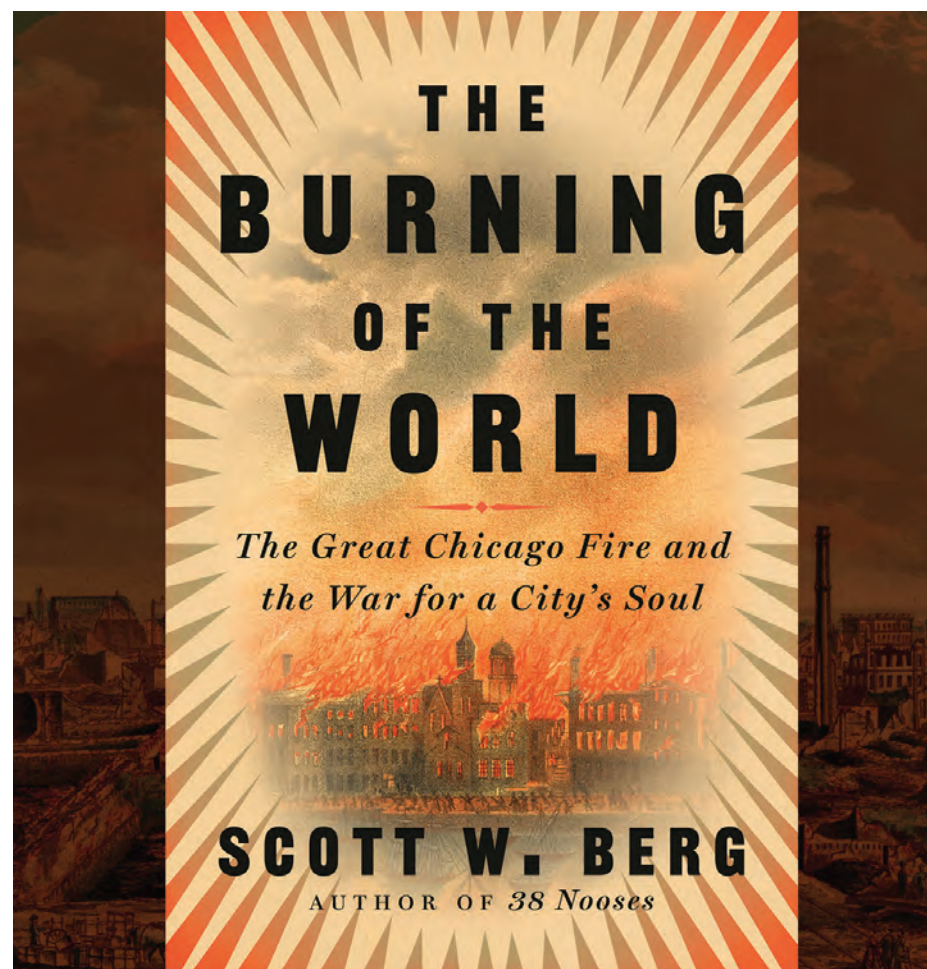
The battles over recovery and reconstruction linger today

BOOKS | Stuart Shiffman

In October 1871 many residents of the youthful city of Chicago were experiencing a drought of catastrophic proportion. The last measurable rain had occurred in early July and for 13 weeks not a drop of rain had fallen in the city. In the first week of October, Chicago's 193 firemen had fought 28 fires. Across the city, in every neighborhood, buildings had burned. Then a minor fire broke out in the barn of Irishwoman Kate Leary, an Irish immigrant. It was followed by a series of unfortunate mishaps and misunderstandings and a high southwesterly wind, setting the stage for an unmitigated disaster. The fire quickly overtook the city. Nowhere was safe. Residents fled their houses with whatever they could carry. The Chicago River boiled. By the time the Chicago Fire was extinguished, 17,500 buildings had been destroyed and hundreds of people died, with an exact number impossible to determine. Legends were born, including the attribution of the fire to Kate Leary's cow, although the Chicago City Council officially exonerated her in 1997.

Scott Berg's *The Burning of the World: The Great Chicago Fire and the War for a City's Soul* is the historical account of the Chicago Fire, but it is far more than the grim recreation of the conflagration itself. At the time of the fire, Chicago was only a 34-year-old city. It had become a haven for immigrants from Ireland, Germany, Poland and other European nations. It had also become the transfer port for goods and materials moving both east and west across the United States. There was never any doubt that Chicago would be rebuilt from the destruction. *The Burning of the World* is a story of what rose from the devastation of the Chicago Fire, and how some of the actions and politics of that rebirth still influence Chicago today.

Berg's historical account covers not only the fire, but the reaction and recovery of the city. Any quality historical account, as this book certainly is, includes a study of those people who shaped Chicago's rebirth as well as the influential events around them. One such influence comes from the communication technology available in 1871. In addition to telegraph now reaching all areas of America, the transatlantic cable was in operation. The fire was reported in Europe immediately. As Chicago began its recovery, it would often welcome foreign leaders who would visit the city, both to view the destruction and planned recovery and to show their support for Chicago and its residents. Occasionally



The Burning of the World: The Great Chicago Fire and the War for a City's Soul, by Scott W. Berg. Pantheon Books

they would bring donations as well. Any student of Chicago history will not be surprised to learn that the use and distribution of those donations became part of a post-fire policy conflict between city politicians and the business community. Both camps had strong and selfish views about where those funds could best be spent.

The political machinations of Chicago's rebuilding from the great fire receive substantial coverage from Scott Berg. Marshall Field, a leading merchant of the city at the time of the fire, future mayor Joseph Medill and city alderman C.P. Holden are just a few of the personalities who would stake out positions in post-fire Chicago that saw battles between the business community business and the working citizens of the city. Many of the issues debated during the reconstruction can still be found in Chicago disputes today, even

though the city has physically recovered from the disastrous fire of 1871.

The Burning of the World is an absorbing history truly capturing the spirit of Chicago. While there have been many books written about the great fire, Berg wanted to write a story of the politics of disaster once the fire was extinguished and the recovery commenced. As Berg observed in a pre-publication interview, "People sensed opportunity in the aftermath of a disaster." If a city can be the subject for a historical biography, Scott Berg has written that biography for a critical portion of the life of the dominant city in Illinois. □

Judge Stuart Shiffman of Springfield retired in 2007. He reviews books on sports, law, history and a range of subjects for Illinois Times and other publications.

How to roast a squash

With a recipe for Miso-Squash Soup

FOOD | Peter Glatz

A few weeks ago I made my annual pilgrimage to the Great Pumpkin Patch in Arthur. The Great Pumpkin Patch is a special place. They grow over 300 varieties of pumpkins, squash and gourds from over 20 countries. I get as excited about winter squash in October as I do about asparagus in May or tomatoes in July. I returned from Great Pumpkin Patch with a whole trunkful of squash, ranging in size from small striped Delicatas to giant grey Hubbards. Every time I make my annual visit, I feel like a kid in a candy store, and buy way too much. Right now, two big piles of multicolored squashes are decorating my front porch.

When asked what I plan to do with all this squash, I glibly reply: “Cook them.” Fortunately, winter squash keeps well, so I have all winter to use them up. Most winter squashes get sweeter as they age, as excess moisture evaporates and the natural sugars concentrate.

These days you’ll find winter squash in many preparations in my kitchen. Squash soup or squash risotto might be simmering away on my stovetop. Sausage-stuffed squash might be roasting in my oven. My dehydrator is drying trays of squash seeds. Jars of squash kimchi are fermenting in my basement. My freezer holds bags of squash and cheese-filled ravioli.

One of the best methods for cooking squash is also one of the easiest: a simple roasting at high heat intensifies the squash’s flavor by evaporating moisture, converting its complex carbohydrates to sugars, then caramelizing those sugars. Baking the squash cut side down concentrates the flavors and sugars against the pan and within the peel of the squash. Spreading oil over all surfaces of the cut squash before roasting promotes even distribution of heat. As the squash roasts, a clear squash liquid will begin to seep out around the edges of the squash. Winter squash is high in natural sugars, and when cooked in a hot (400°) oven, these juices will begin to caramelize as the water cooks away and the sugars pass the boiling point. The juices will at first be clear, but 5-10 minutes later they’ll start to turn a light caramel brown and the edges of the squash will start to blacken a bit. This is when the squash develops optimum flavor.

My recipe for Miso-Squash Soup is based on this roasting technique. The same preparation can be made thicker by using less stock and can be stirred into risotto or used



Miso-Squash Soup CREDIT: ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

as a pasta sauce or filling. I always used to peel smooth-skinned squash like butternuts, but now I find it easier to remove the skins after roasting. I then can add the skins to my stock to extract any remaining flavor before straining into the puree. I also save the seeds. After rinsing and soaking overnight in salt water, I drain, toss with olive oil, season with salt, and roast at 350° for about 10 to 15 minutes. Using dashi as stock unlocks the squash’s natural flavors and the miso imparts a nutty umami-rich savoriness.

Miso-Squash Soup

Serves 4

Ingredients:

1 (about 1 ½ pounds) butternut (or kabocha) squash

1 whole head of garlic
1 tablespoon vegetable oil, plus extra for brushing the squash and garlic
1 medium onion, diced
2 medium carrots, diced
2 stalks celery, diced
1-inch knob of ginger, peeled and thinly sliced
1 large crisp apple, peeled, cored and diced
2 tablespoons instant dashi (such as Hondashi) dissolved in 1 1/2 quarts warm water (or substitute low-sodium vegetable or chicken stock)
2 tablespoons white or red miso paste
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more as needed

For garnish:

A drizzle of crème fraîche or dollop of yogurt

(optional)

2 medium scallions, white and light green parts only, thinly sliced on the bias)

Preparation:

Preheat the oven to 425 °F. Cover a baking sheet with parchment.

Trim a small slice off both ends of the squash and set upright on your cutting board. Carefully cut the squash in half lengthwise. Using a sturdy spoon or ice cream scoop, scrape out the seeds and pulp from the cavity. Brush cut surfaces with 1 teaspoon of the vegetable oil. Place squash halves, cut side down, on the baking sheet.

Prepare the garlic: Peel away a few of the papery outer layers while keeping the head intact. Slice about ½ inch off the top to expose the cloves. Drizzle with a little oil and a sprinkle of salt. Add the garlic to the baking sheet with the cut side up.

Move the baking sheet to the oven. Roast until the squash gives off its sugary liquid and the edges of the squash start to blacken. This should take between 45 minutes to an hour depending on the size and age of the squash. Periodically check the garlic and remove it from the oven when it starts to turn golden. This may occur at a different rate than the squash. Set squash and garlic aside to cool.

In a large heavy-bottomed stock pot, heat 1 tablespoon of oil over medium-high heat until shimmering. Add onion, carrot, celery and ginger. Season with a pinch of salt and cook, stirring, until vegetables are just starting to soften, about 8-10 minutes.

When cool enough to handle, remove the skin from the roasted squash halves. If it doesn’t pull off easily, carefully scoop out the roasted squash and add to the pot with the sautéed vegetables. Squeeze out the roasted garlic cloves into the pot. Add the diced apple. Stir in the dashi or stock and simmer for about 20 minutes.

Allow the soup to cool for a few minutes. Working in batches, fill a blender no more than halfway with the mixture, and place a towel over the top. Purée each batch until smooth and return to the pot. Alternately, purée the soup directly in the pot with an immersion blender.

Stir in the miso and lemon juice, season to taste with salt, and if it seems too thick, feel free to add a little water.

Just before serving, garnish with the green onions and drizzle with crème fraîche or a dollop of yogurt, if desired. □



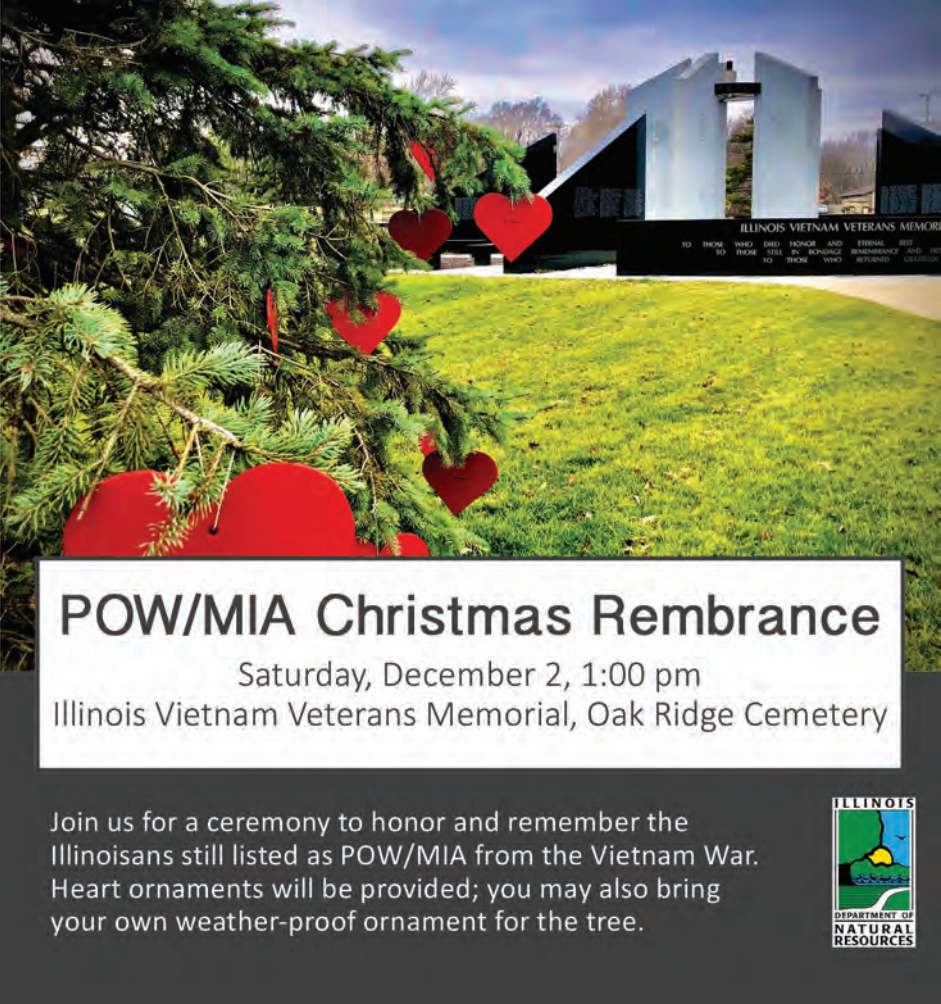
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MUSIC

Friday music rules

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

With a few weeks of November 2023 under our belts, the time is slipping by like a cool fall stream in the autumn woods as we approach the midpoint of the month. Be on the lookout for Thanksgiving next Thursday, which means a big party night on Wednesday plus a lot of things to do everywhere. But let's see what we have incoming for this upcoming weekend first and not put the turkey before the feast just yet.

Speaking of that popular, edible, Thanksgiving bird, after several weeks of Thursdays leading the way to a weekend of happy hoopla, this one is a turkey. And not as described in the online Merriam-Webster dictionary as a "big, large North American gallinaceous bird," but under the slang reference as a "failure, flop," I'm sad to report. Perhaps after last week's enormously loaded night, we needed a break, but next week's Thursday, being Thanksgiving, will likely be completely gig-less, so let's buy stock in two weeks from now and see what happens. In the meantime, it's time to get going on toward our always dependable Friday nights. This week our cup overfloweth with live music.

We can start with a visit to Boone's for the early show of Friday Night Jazz and Blues with the Illinois College Jazz Ensemble taking the credit as the premier performer this week. Then let's make a ramble to Pier 55 out on Toronto Road when Hipbone and the Joints take on the lounge with Mr. Hipbone's formidable talents as a front man leading the band to a night of highly anticipated entertainment. Downtown, the very neat space below Terra Ferment (some may recall it as Charlie's at Andiamo) once again supports live music as Tom Beverly brings his Positively 4th Street combo to the friendly, stone-lined confines of the lower echelons of this interesting home of several types, styles, flavors and brands of beer. I'll be hanging out at Harvest Market playing with Owen Irwin and special guest Amy Battles as we whip up some musical mayhem, plus the Jay Larson Band quite exquisitely holds down the fort at George Ranks.

Continuing our Friday evening adventures, on the Maple Street strip, Amber's Place (once Rosalie's and Third Base) gives flight to Birds of a Feather as Dave Littrell and friends do the music of Phish. Next door at the Blue Grouch on the nicely done stage area, JackAsh comes to play, featuring *IT's* 2023 Best of



JackAsh kicks it at the Blue Grouch this Friday night.

Springfield winner in the female vocalist and keyboardist category, Ashley Staley, along with her music-playing partner, Jack Stege.

Hang on to your hat when Chris Camp and His Blues Ambassadors go a-swinging at Lime Street Cafe (on Saturday, too), while Mykal Baas brings his original, alternative folk to the folks at Buzz Bomb. If you want to travel just out of town, the Backroom Lounge in Riverton hosts a lineup of cool country songwriters featuring Wes Shipp, Brennan Edwards and Chris Hunt Jr., while Locals in Pawnee presents singer-songwriter Ella Gibson and Danenberger Family Vineyards near New Berlin sends Windy City Dueling Pianos to the plate.

That was a lot for one night, but what can one say, except that's a heckuva lineup for a Friday in this town, I'd say. Now it's up to you to keep it going by checking out all the excitement on Saturday, which basically has a different group in most of the aforementioned venues, plus more. Then Sunday Funday comes loaded with all kinds of entertainment goodies for you to enjoy, with everything listed in our music calendar.

See you next week for Thanksgiving stuff, including eve, proper and beyond. □

MUSIC

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

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Thursday
Nov 16

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

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

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

Friday
Nov 17

Birds of a Feather
Amber's Place, 7-10pm

Wes Shipp, Brennan Edwards, Chris Hunt Jr.
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

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

Friday Night Jazz - Illinois College Jazz Ensemble
Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

it Mykal Baas
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

Windy City Dueling Pianos
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Jay Larson Band
George Rank's, 8-11pm

Tom Irwin
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Karaoke with DOCTA LD
JB's Hideout, Blue Mound, 8pm-12am

Chris Camp and His Blues Ambassadors
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

Ella Gibson
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8-11pm

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

Hipbone and The Joints
Pier 55 Lounge, 8-11pm

Positively 4th Street
Terra Ferment, 6:30-9pm

JackAsh
The Blue Grouch, 7-10pm

Saturday
Nov 18

Gabe Marshall
The Alibi, Rochester, 9pm

Larry Fleet, A Thousand Horses
BOS Center, 8:30pm

Grounded
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-10pm

The Tangents
BUNN Gourmet, 3pm

Cainan Barnett
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

UNCHAINED
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Not Quite Brothers
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Johnnie Owens
George Rank's, 7-10pm

it The Scatterguns, Master Bastard, Los Injectors
The Gin Mill, 8pm

Mattison Avenue
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Chris Camp and His Blues Ambassadors
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

Wreckless Whiskey
Maddy's Tavern, Divernon, 8-11pm

Dysfunctional Family
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm-12am

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

1 in the Gun
Pop's Place, Decatur, 9pm-12am

Off the Wall
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 8pm

Barb and Salo
The Wakery, 3pm

The Guilty Boys
The Topp Hat, Girard, 8-11pm

Branded
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7pm

Sunday
Nov 19

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

Friendsgiving Jam
Curve Inn, 5-8pm

Billy Galt
Harvest Market Coffee Bar, 10am-1pm

Antone & Wick
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

Manny Lee
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

David Lumsden Blues + Band
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Bruce Baise
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

Brit Floyd
UIS Performing Arts Center, 8pm

Andrew Dahl
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 2-5pm

Monday
Nov 20

Jackson Stokes Band
The Alamo, 7pm

Jivebomb, Fading Signal, Pucker Up, Innervision, War and Rumor
Dumb Records, 7pm

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

Tuesday
Nov 21

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

After School Special
El Arriero Mexican Restaurant, 6:30pm

Open jam with Silas Tockey
George Rank's, 7-10pm

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

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

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

Wednesday
Nov 22

Open mic
Boone's, 7-10pm

Gracia Harrison
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 7pm-1am

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

Karaoke
Crows Mill Pub, 8-11pm

UNCHAINED
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

The Final Foursome Band with Hipbone Sam
Final Four Sports Bar, Sherman, 8-10pm

Brandy Kristin Band
The Funky Monkey, Taylorville, 8pm-12am

Sushi Roll
The Hangout Bar & Grill, Jacksonville, 8pm

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

Thomas J Beverly
Oogie and JJ's Bar, Chatham, 6:30-9:30pm

Lick Creek
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 7pm-12am

Devin Williams
The Bird Tavern, 6-9pm

Michael Allen
The Next Stop Saloon, Mount Pulaski, 8pm-12am

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

No Backup Plans
Weebles Bar & Grill, 8pm

Branded
Y-Zoe's Bar, Taylorville, 8pm



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Cord McCoy's PRCA Prorodeo
and music by Larry Fleet and A
Thousand Horses
Saturday, Nov. 18, 6pm
BOS Center
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RODEO AND MUSIC | Extreme Bull Bash, two country music acts coming to center

it While the BOS Center has hosted rodeos before, this Saturday's event at the convention center will be something a little bit different. It will begin with two hours of extreme bull riding action, followed by two up-and-coming country music acts. Fans of both rodeo and live music can enjoy the best of both worlds. Cord McCoy, producer of the event, is a former world champion professional rodeo cowboy. However, he and his brother, Jet, are also known for taking second place on the television reality show "The Amazing Race 16" in 2010 and returning to the show for two later seasons. After the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association competition, A Thousand Horses will open at 8:30 p.m. for Larry Fleet, who takes the stage at 9:45 p.m. Tickets range from \$20 to \$80 on Ticketmaster.

■ Special Music Events

Brit Floyd – 50 Years of Dark Side

Sun., Nov. 19, 8-10pm. Celebrating 50 years of the ground-breaking and iconic musical masterpiece, "The Dark Side of the Moon" and featuring classic tracks from the album. uispac.com. \$39-\$99. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, -217-206-6160.

Chicago Farmer

Wed., Nov. 22, 8-10pm. From a small-town farming community, Cody Diekhoff logged plenty of highway and stage time under the name Chicago Farmer before settling in the city in 2003. Profoundly inspired by fellow Midwesterner, John Prine, he's a working-class folk musician.

Jon-Mark Robb will open the evening. broadgauge.com. \$20. Broadgauge, Petersburg, 101 North 7th St., 217-386-5669.

Live string quartet performance

Through Nov. 19, 1pm. 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.

Nois Saxophone Quartet

Sun., Nov. 19, 3-5pm. Part of the Illinois College Fine Arts Series. ic.edu/events. ic.edu/events. \$20, students and children free. Illinois College Rammelkamp Chapel, Jacksonville, 1101 W. College

Ave., 217-245-3192.

Thankful for Music

Fri., Nov. 17, 11:15am. Enjoy a cup of warm cider and sweet delight while being thankful for music. Featuring Kathy Yazell and Dan Wilson. centralilseniors.org. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

■ Theater & Comedy

An Evening with the Late John Cleese

Fri., Nov. 17, 7:30-9:30pm. Pay your respects to one of the most iconic and beloved comedians of our time in a night of unparalleled laughter and wit. This multi-hyphenate performer is best known as co-founder of Monty Python. uispac.com. \$49-\$275.

UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Mean Girls

Thu., Nov. 16, 7:30pm. This hit musical from an award-winning creative team including Tina Fey tells the story of how a student transplanted from Africa into a suburban Illinois high school learns about the laws of popularity and cliques. Part of the Broadway Series. uispac.com. \$34-\$99. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Michael Palascak

Fri., Nov. 17, 8-10:30pm. Palascak has performed on both The Late Late Show with James Corden and The Late Show with Stephen Colbert and more. Ages 18+. broadgauge.com. \$25.

Broadgauge, Petersburg, 101 North 7th St., 217-386-5669.

Sister Act JR.

Through Nov. 18, 7:30pm and Sun., Nov. 19, 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.

STL vs. SPI

Sat., Nov. 18, 8pm. Two groups of comedic geniuses, Capital City Improv and ComedySportz St. Louis, go head-to-head in a fierce improv match between the cities. The winner will walk away with bragging rights and will be the pride of the Midwest. Family-friendly show. hcfta.org. \$15. Hoogland Center for the Arts Club Room, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

■ Art & Architecture

Adult Craft Night

Thu., Nov. 16, 6-7:30pm. Adult craft night for high school age and older. Make a winter ornament. Online registration required. chathamlib.org. Free. Chatham Area Public Library, Chatham, 600 E. Spruce St., 217-483-2713.

Art History Happy Hour

Thu., Nov. 16, 5:30pm. "Chihuly's Dance with Glass," with Marianne Stremsterfer. Explore how Dale Chihuly's artistic expression developed from interior design, to using hot glass, and transitioned to paintings to express his ideas for new pieces. Then see a glass blowing experience with Mario Clarke. springfieldart.org. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

■ History

Pillsbury Mill "Visitors 2.0" exhibit

Sat., Nov. 18, 5:30-8pm. Explore the plant's "C-Mill" building, which has been transformed into a 15,000-square-foot art installation by Minneapolis graffiti artists Shock and Static. Includes work of other artists and sculptors and also objects found in the plant. This is the last showing of the plant this year. Wear heavy-duty footwear and appropriate clothing. Free. Pillsbury Mill, 1525 E. Phillips Ave., 217-741-1590.

Gettysburg Address Historical Talk

Nov. 20-22, 12:30pm. Christian McWhirter will discuss what inspired Lincoln to write the Gettysburg Address and what message he may have been trying to send to his divided nation. An original edition of the document will be on display from Nov. 17-28. Information is also available online. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

History Happy Hour: Rye

Fri., Nov. 17, 6-8pm. Rye whiskey has a long history in the U.S. and is again gaining popularity. Includes a flight of whiskeys to taste, snacks and desserts, and an informative, fun program. edwardsplace.org. \$40 nonmembers, \$35 members. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

it Traveling the Wyandotte Removal Trail

Tue., Nov. 21, 6-7pm. Learn more about the history of tribal community removal as the museum's director of tribal relations talks about her own community's removal from the Midwest. This program will take place in-person and streamed online. Advance registration required. illinoisstatemuseum.org. Free. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-5992.

■ Faith & Philosophy

it Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Sun., Nov. 19, 7-8:30pm. All members from all faith communities are welcome to gather together and manifest the unity that our creeds all call for us to create. This year's theme, "Together as One," will offer a celebration of music, dance and inspirational prayers. gsia.info. Free. Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church, 501 S. Douglas Ave., 217-899-9918.

Taco 'Bout It Tuesdays

Third Tuesday of every month, 5:30-6:30pm. Meet executive director Dr. Jonna Cooley and join an open discussion on a variety of topics. Discussions will focus on current events and subjects of importance within the LGBTQ+ community. phoenixcenterspringfield.org. Tacos and drinks provided, suggested \$5 donation. Phoenix Center: Out On Second, 120 E. Scarritt St., 217-414-8953.

■ Holiday Happenings

CORAL's 41st Annual Thanksgiving

Sat., Nov. 18, 6-10pm. The Coalition of Rainbow Alliances provides the turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes and beverages. Guests bring side dishes and desserts. springfieldcoral.org. Free. Lincoln Park Pavilion, 1601 N. 5th St., 217-5441751.

Holiday Zoo Lights

Thursdays-Sundays, 5-9pm. 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.

Santa's Grand Arrival at White Oaks Mall

Fri., Nov. 17, 6-7pm. The Titan Fever Show Choir and the Springfield Youth Performance Group will welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus. The performance begins at 6:30 in Center Court, leading to their entry. The first 350 children will each receive a sleigh bell. Includes commemorative coloring page and treats for all. Free. White Oaks Mall, 2501 Wabash Ave., 217-787-0110.

■ Fairs & Festivals

Sherman Holiday Wonderland

Sun., Nov. 19, 10am-4pm. Stop and shop more than 25 booths filled with holiday gifts and decor at the 15th annual Sherman Holiday Wonderland. Includes clothing, sweets, home and kitchen decor, cards, wreaths and more. Food will be available. Booth rental will benefit the Sharon Miller Scholarship Fund. Free admission. Sherman Athletic Club, Sherman, 300 S. First St., 217-652-7957.

■ Fundraisers and Galas

Jazz and Poetry Benefit

Sun., Nov. 19, 2pm. Enjoy some jazz and poetry while helping Kumler Outreach Ministries. Donations of nonperishable food items, hygiene products, coats and diapers welcome. kumlerministries.net. Springfield Baha'i Center, 1131 S. Eighth St., 217-544-9595.

■ Children's Corner

Making Christmas Ornaments

Sat., Nov. 18. Children age 8 and older accompanied by an adult can make ornaments for their Christmas trees. Call to register. jubileefarm.info. \$15. Jubilee Farm, 6760 Old Jacksonville Road, 217-787-6927.

■ Nature, Science & Environment

Winter Bird Feeding Solutions

Thu., Nov. 16, 6-7pm. Wade Kammin of Wild Birds Unlimited will share ways to enjoy birds as the weather changes along with tips on attracting certain species to your feeders. Learn what is new in bird feeding and get your questions answered. Part of the Springfield Audubon Society Third Thursday Program. Free. Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 2315 E. Clear Lake Ave., 217-544-2473.

■ Lectures & Meetings

AI-Anon District 19 of Greater Springfield

Mondays-Saturdays. Ten meetings are held in the local area each week. Five are in-person and four are hybrid of in-person and via Zoom. One meeting is Zoom only. Visit spi-alanon.weebly.com or call for more information. Various locations, Springfield, 217-891-2981.

Citizens Club of Springfield

Fri., Nov. 17, 8-9am. "Putting the Power in Destination Marketing — A Conversation with Springfield Convention & Visitor Bureau Leader Scott Dahl." Learn how the bureau is working to stimulate Springfield's economy, and discuss what is effective and what is necessary to bring greater numbers of people and dollars to us. Free and open to the public. Hoogland Center for the Arts Club Room, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Overeaters Anonymous

Mondays, 5:30pm. The only requirement is a desire to stop eating compulsively. Unity Church, 417 E. Cordelia St., 217-416-1648.

Overeaters Anonymous

Saturdays, 10am. Springfield First United Methodist Church, 2941 S. Koke Mill Road, 217-416-1648.

Refiner's Recovery

Thursdays, 6:30-8pm. A safe place to heal from addictions and life-controlling issues with a journey through nine biblically based pillars to healing, freedom

and growth. Free. Destiny Church, 1425 N. Fifth St., 217-685-4124.

Rise Up and Recover

Tuesdays, 7am. Enter through the northeast door. Call for more information or find other meetings at spi-alanon.weebly.com. St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Chatham, 700 E. Spruce St., 217-280-0220.

Staying Connected AI-Anon

Thursdays, 5:15pm. Zoom only. Call for link. Via Zoom, Springfield, 217-415-3489, 217-652-8131.

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.

■ Bulletin Board

Springfield Flea Market

Sun., Nov. 19, 8am-3pm. Discover hidden treasures as vendors showcase a wide array of merchandise including vintage items, collectibles, antiques and new and used items. Children 12 and under free. springfieldfleamarket.net. \$2. Illinois Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 E. Sangamon Ave., 217-622-8381.

Surviving the Holidays GriefShare

Sun., Nov. 19, 1-3pm. Get help to prepare for the holidays and even discover hope for the future. Whether this is your first holiday without your loved one or if you continue to struggle with the holidays after your loved one's death, this seminar will help. trinity-lutheran.com. Free. Trinity Lutheran School, 515 S. MacArthur Blvd., 217-899-9418.

■ Health & Fitness

Forest Therapy

Sat., Nov. 18, 9:30-11am. Practice deepening a sense of connection with nature. Sessions are led by Cassandra Claman, a certified guide. The therapy has been shown to lower blood pressure, reduce anxiety and depression and help slowdown our hectic lives. Group size limited, and registration required. lincolnmemorygarden.org. \$25. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

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Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, v. JAMES PRICHARD, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No.: 2023FC79

NOTICE OF COURT SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. The sale shall be subject to Court approval. Buyer will be entitled to possession 30 days after the sale is confirmed by the Court.

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

Timothy J. Rigby
Hart, Southworth & Witsman
Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Telephone: (217) 753-0055

(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 1832 East Keys Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62702

(C) Tax Identification Number: 14-23.0-376-009
(D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is:

Five room, approximately 806 square foot ranch on a concrete slab with two bedrooms, one bathroom, and one car garage.

(E) No times have been specified in the judgment of foreclosure for inspection of the real estate prior to sale.

(F) The time and place of the sale are:
Time: 9:00 a.m. December 12, 2023
Place: Sangamon County Courthouse
200 South Ninth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701

(G) The terms of the sale are:
Twenty-five percent (25%) of sale price at time of sale and balance within twenty-four (24) hours.

(H) Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances prior to the mortgage of United Community Bank, all general real estate taxes, special assessments if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all encroachments, if any.

UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff

Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930)
Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535)
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NOTE: This communication is made for the purpose of collecting a debt. Any information obtained in response to this communication may be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. RYAN CAPRANICA; KATIE MUSSER; HEIRS AT LAW OR LEGATEES OF DAVID E. CAPRANICA, JR. AKA DAVID E. CAPRANICA, DECEASED; PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS. Defendants. Case No. 2022-FC-256

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

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

Suzanna Scherf
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD
3400 Wabash Avenue
Springfield, IL 62711
Telephone: (217) 529-5555

(B) The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate is: 2012 North 19th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702

(C) Parcel Number:

14-23.0-126-034

(D) Description of the improvement on the real estate is as follows:

Single Family Residence

(E) The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale.

(F) The time and place of the sale is: 9:00 AM on December 12, 2023, on the 1st floor of 1 Copley Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

(G) The terms of the sale are cash or certified funds at time of sale.

(H) The subject property is sold subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, all general real estate taxes which have not yet become due and payable, with special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record, and existing leases, if any, applicable zoning laws; property is sold "AS IS, WHERE IS, and with no warranties", and without any representation as to quality or quantity of the title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff

By: /s/ Brian D. Jones
One of its Attorneys

SORLING NORTHRUP
Brian D. Jones, of Counsel – ARDC #6286510
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Springfield, IL 62705

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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 AKA 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

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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, WILLIAMS-VILLE, 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 appurtenances thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.

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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 JAMES S. TOMLIN, DECEASED
Case #2022-PR-71
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of JAMES S. TOMLIN. Letters of office for ancillary administration in Illinois has been issued to JOHN C. JENNINGS, 6232 State Route 123, Pleasant Plains, IL 62677, as Independent Ancillary 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 Ancillary Executor, or both, on or before May 21, 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 Ancillary Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 8th day of November, 2023. Patrick J. Sheehan, III
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOUISE ELLEN STUENKEL, DECEASED.
NO. 2023-PR-401
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS
Notice is given of the death of LOUISE ELLEN STUENKEL, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on November 7, 2023, to STEPHEN J. STUENKEL of 2916 Lakeshire Dr.; Springfield, Illinois, whose attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; 2160 S. 6th Street, Suite D1, Springfield, Illinois 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701 or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 16th day of November 2023, being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Dated this 8th day of November 2023. STEPHEN J. STUENKEL, Administrator of the Estate of LOUISE ELLEN STUENKEL, Deceased
BY: DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHERYL MATTSSON-HEBRON, Deceased.
Case No.: 2023-PR-382
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of CHERYL MATTSSON-HEBRON on October 15, 2023. Letters of Office as Independent Administrator were issued on the 8th day of November, A.D., 2023, to JARED MATTSSON, 73 Emporia Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, 62702, 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 Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the Independent Administrator, 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 Independent Administrator and to the attorney within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed. DATED this 8th day of November, A.D., 2023. Estate of CHERYL MATTSSON-HEBRON, Deceased,
By: JARED MATTSSON, Independent Administrator
BY: /s/ R. Stephen Scott
R. Stephen Scott, Scott & Scott, P.C., His Attorneys
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
DIANA K. GRIFFITTS, Deceased.
NO. 2023-PR-332
AMENDED CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Diana K. Griffiths of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 19, 2023, to Steve H. Griffiths, 16 Cottage Grove, Springfield, Illinois 62712, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before May 14, 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 7th day of November, 2023. Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753
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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 MAXINE LOUISE ROGERS, DECEASED
Case #2023-PR-402
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of MAXINE LOUISE ROGERS. Letters of Office have been issued to SUSAN KAY TAPSCOTT, 204 E. Main St., Box 346, Mechanicsburg, IL 62545, 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 21, 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 7th day of November, 2023. Patrick J. Sheehan
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Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES R. CRAWFORD, DECEASED
Case #2023-PR-403
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of JAMES R. CRAWFORD. Letters of Office have been issued to TRENT M. CRAWFORD, 205 N. Cedar, New Berlin, IL 62670, 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 21, 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 7th day of November, 2023. Patrick J. Sheehan
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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 MARY ANGELA MAURER, DECEASED
Case #2023-PR-394
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of MARY ANGELA MAURER. Letters of Office have been issued to REGINA A. EICHINGER, 1525 S. Whittier Ave., 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 May 21, 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 7th day of November, 2023. Patrick J. 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
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LARRY W. DALBY, DECEASED
Case #2023-PR-397
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of LARRY W. DALBY. Letters of Office have been issued to DAVID C. MARR, 11 Shekelton Road, Modesto, IL 62667, 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 21, 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 7th day of November, 2023. William P. Sheehan
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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 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 Administrator with the Will Annexed 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
Springfield, IL 62703
(217)544-0701

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, Ill
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
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALEX-ANDER 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.
William P. Sheehan
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Springfield, IL 62703
(217)544-0701

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.
William P. Sheehan
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1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701

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.
Patrick J. 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:
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 Court-house, 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:
James W. Ackerman 06192795
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2601 South Fifth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
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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:
R. Stephen Scott (02533391)
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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
212 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
217-528-2873 office
dunnandmclaw@aol.com

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of

Charles L. Rutherford, Petitioner
And
Ann M. Rutherford, Respondent
Case No. 2023 DN 000280
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Ann M. Rutherford, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 16th day of December, 2023, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Patrick Badral Batsaikhan
For change of name to
Badral Patrick Batsaikhan
Case No. 2023-MR-000371
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Jan. 2, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Patrick Badral Batsaikhan to Badral Patrick Batsaikhan pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Nov. 16, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
David Robert Weber
For change of name to
David Robert Lane
Case No. 2023-MR-000365
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 David Robert Weber to David Robert Lane pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Nov. 16, 2023

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 UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, v. JAMES PRICHARD, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No.: 2023FC79 NOTICE OF COURT SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. The sale shall be subject to Court approval. Buyer will be entitled to possession 30 days after the sale is confirmed by the Court. (A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Timothy J. Rigby Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 (B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 1832 East Keys Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62702 (C) The legal description of the real estate is: Lot 104 of Spaulding's Second Illinois Watch Factory Addition. Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed or reserved of record. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Tax Identification Number: 14-23.0-376-009 2 (D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: Five room, approximately 806 square foot ranch on a concrete slab with two bedrooms, one bathroom, and one car garage. (E) No times have been specified in the judgment of foreclosure for inspection of the real estate prior to sale. (F) The time and place of the sale are: Time: 9:00 a.m. December 12, 2023 Place: Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South Ninth Street Springfield, Illinois 62701 (G) The terms of the sale are: Twenty-five percent (25%) of sale price at time of sale and balance within twenty-four (24) hours. (H) Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances prior to the mortgage of United Community Bank, all general real estate taxes, special assessments if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all encroachments, if any. UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930) Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535) Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 trigby@hswnet.com aprillaman@hswnet.com NOTE: This communication is made for the purpose of collecting a debt. Any information obtained in response to this communication may be used for that purpose. 8051-937406

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, v. RYAN CAPRANICA; KATIE MUSSER; HEIRS AT LAW OR LEGATEES OF DAVID E. CAPRANICA, JR. AKA DAVID E. CAPRANICA, DECEASED; PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS. Defendants. Case No. 2022-FC-256 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. (A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Suzanna Scherf BANK OF SPRINGFIELD 3400 Wabash Avenue Springfield, IL 62711 Telephone: (217) 529-5555 (B) The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate is: 2012 North 19th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702 (C) The legal description of the real estate is as follows: The South 22 feet of Lot 34 and the North 19 feet of Lot 35 in Wanless Sangamo Avenue Addition to the City of Springfield. Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Parcel Number: 14-23.0-126-034 (D) Description of the improvement on the real estate is as follows: Single Family Residence (E) The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale. (F) The time and place of the sale is: 9:00 AM on December 12, 2023, on the 1st floor of 1 Copley Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701. (G) The terms of the sale are cash or certified funds at time of sale. (H) The subject property is sold subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, all general real estate taxes which have not yet become due and payable, with special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record, and existing leases, if any, applicable zoning laws; property is sold "AS IS, WHERE IS, and with no warranties", and without any representation as to quality or quantity of the title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff By: /s/ Brian D. Jones One of Its Attorneys SORLING NORTHRUP Brian D. Jones, of Counsel – ARDC #6286510 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200 P. O. Box 5131 Springfield, IL 62705 Telephone: 217-544-1144 Fax: 217-522-3173 E-Mail: bdjones@sorlinglaw.com 8051-937396

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT –SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE OF CIM TRUST 2022-NR1 , Plaintiff, vs. THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS; JEANNE SCHMUCK; RICHARD MEANS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF VIRGINIA E. MEANS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s). CASE NO. 2023FC000185 Property Address: 1407 North Franklin Avenue Springfield, IL 62702 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, RICHARD MEANS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF VIRGINIA E. MEANS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; , defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: THE NORTH 75 FEET OF THE SOUTH 200 FEET OF THE EAST 160 FEET OF LINCOLN PARK, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF "LINCOLN PARK SUBDIVISION". SITUATED IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 14-21.0-451-019 Said property is commonly known as 1407 North Franklin Avenue , Springfield, IL 62702 and which said mortgage(s) was/ were made and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 2003R73648, and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County on or before DECEMBER 18, 2023, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 Telephone: (630) 453-6960 Facsimile: (630) 428-4620 Attorney No. Cook 64727, DuPage 293191 Service E-mail: midwestpleadings@dallegal.com 8051-937381

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



Lincoln Land Community College

Community Education

Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) invites qualified **GENERAL CONTRACTORS** to submit sealed bids to furnish all labor & material to complete requirements of bidding for **JACKSONVILLE & MAIN CAMPUS CLASSROOM UPGRADES**.

Sealed bids must be delivered to the attention of **MR. TIM ERVIN**, Director of Construction & EHS, Lincoln Land Community College, Construction & EHS Office – Mason Hall, 5250 Shepherd Road, Springfield, IL 62794-9256 (Southeast corner of the LLCC Main Campus), on or before **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023, at 2:00 PM** Central Standard Time (CST), at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Faxed or e-mailed bids will not be accepted. Vendors are responsible for ensuring that bids are received by the above office prior to the deadline. Bids received after the deadline will not be considered. Contractors who have submitted a bid are invited, but not required, to attend the bid opening.

All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/) and the Drug Free Workplace Act (30 ILCS 580/). All contractors and subcontractors shall demonstrate experience on projects of similar size and type. While this project is not administered by the Capital Development Board all contractors and subcontractors must be pre-qualified with the CDB for a minimum of 45 days.

All contractor contact and questions regarding any matter concerning this Invitation to Bid must be submitted in writing to **LISA EMIG, JOHN SHAFER & ASSOCIATES, INC., 1230 S. 6TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703, BY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023**. Submittals of questions may be emailed to **LISA@SHAFER-ARCH.COM**, please put “**JACKSONVILLE & MAIN CAMPUS CLASSROOM UPGRADES**” in the subject line.) **No questions will be addressed after 2:00 PM (CST), on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023.**

Other questions regarding the bid documents will be addressed at a **mandatory pre bid meeting/site visit for contractors, which shall begin promptly at 2:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2023, at MASON HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM**, on the LLCC main campus. Any contractor who wishes to visit the site in Jacksonville can do so on 12/1/2023 at 1:00 PM. Failure to be present when the meeting begins in Mason Hall on 11/29/23, may result in the bidder being disqualified. Contractors should have any sub-contractors present at the mandatory pre-bid meeting who may wish to view the site. Further information concerning the specifications of this invitation to bid resulting from questions submitted, either in writing or resulting from the pre bid meeting/site visit, will be communicated in the form of an addendum. E-mail or verbal responses to questions are not a part of the bid documents and only formal addendum will govern.

Bid Documents will be available to qualified contractors from the offices of **JOHN SHAFER & ASSOCIATES, INC.** on or after **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023**. Qualified contractors may obtain documents by depositing **\$50 per set, refundable upon return of documents in good condition within one week of Bid Due Date**. **The Central Illinois Builders' Non-Cash Security Method for request of documents will be accepted on this project, as well.**

The bidder shall furnish a bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the amount bid in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond, made payable to Lincoln Land Community College.

The Lincoln Land Community College, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, all contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of the owner's race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, income-level, or LEP in consideration for an award.

LLCC reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received, or to permit timely correction of minor deficiencies in bids whenever such rejection or waiver is in the interest of LLCC and to accept the bid or bids being most favorable to LLCC after all bids have been examined and evaluated.

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:
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
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
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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:
LOTS ONE (1), TWO (2), AND THE EAST HALF OF LOT THREE (3) OF TAYLOR AND JONES' ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE.
EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
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.
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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.illinoislegalaids.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.illinoislegalaids.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:
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LLS11984-IL - SCHARTZ_s/ Meaghan J. Diaz de Villegas, Esq.,
Meaghan J. Diaz de Villegas, Esq.
Counsel of Record for Plaintiff
ARDC # 6340688
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Public notice is given that Alliance Community Bank is submitting an application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to establish a branch located at

4427 and 4431 Yucan Drive, Springfield, IL 62711.
Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at the appropriate FDIC office (300 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60606) no later than Friday, December 1, 2023. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file at the appropriate FDIC office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portion or the application file will be made available upon request.

Date of Sale: November 29, 2023, 1:00 P.M. Location: Westside Storage, 3142 South Douglas Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704.
BLD O #137 5x10
Chris Cairy
318 W Harris St.
Petersburg, IL 62675
BLD KK #7 5x12
Brendan Durbin
2921 Holmes Ave.
Springfield, IL 62704
BLD N #118 10x10
John Durham
2901 S. 5th St.
Springfield, IL 62703
BLD A #83 10x10
Alexis Muldrow
816 West Lenox
Springfield, IL 62704
BLD B #66 5x10
Allan Prichard
2804 Ridge Ave
Springfield, IL 62702

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.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
In re: M.S.
Taylor Co. Case 23-JA-13
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
TO: Brian Slater and ANY UNKNOWN/ UNDETERMINED FATHER OF ANY CHILD INVOLVED
Be advised that a matter is pending in the Circuit Court of Taylor County, West Virginia, involving your parental rights, if any, the child(ren) whose mother is Catherine Johnson. You must appear and defend any such rights at a hearing on January 4, 2024 AT 9:00 a.m. in the Circuit Court of Taylor County, located at Courthouse, Second Floor, 214 W. Main St., Grafton, WV 26354. You are entitled to counsel at every stage of this proceeding. You may serve a response upon the Taylor County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Claire Neihaus, whose address is 214 W. Main Street, #B11, Grafton, WV 26354, or the Court itself at the aforementioned address. If you fail to do so and/or fail to appear at the hearing, judgment by default will be taken against you and your parental rights may be forever terminated, and you may thereafter be barred from asserting any future claims for parental rights."

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 Donte 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

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 Faller
Maureen Faller, attorney for Prairie State Bank & Trust
Maureen Faller ARDC#6308975
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Springfield, IL 62711
217-864-4918 MaureenFaller@psbank.net

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, successor by merger to Illini Bank, Plaintiff,
v.
SAMANTHA ELDER, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No. 2023FC000198
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is December 22, 2023.
Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on November 13, 2023.
1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; 2023FC000197.
2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois
3. The name of the title holder of record is: Mark E. Pierce and Karalyn A. Pierce
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:
LOT 5 IN CLEAR CREEK PARK.
EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 8809 River Birch Road, Dawson, Illinois 62520
6. The Tax Identification Number(s) for the real estate is/are as follows: 15-36-426-005
7. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
Name of Mortgage: United Community Bank
Date of Mortgage: September 27, 2021
Date of recording: October 1, 2021
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois
Recording document identification: Document No. 2021R27010
/s/ Joseph B. Roesch
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
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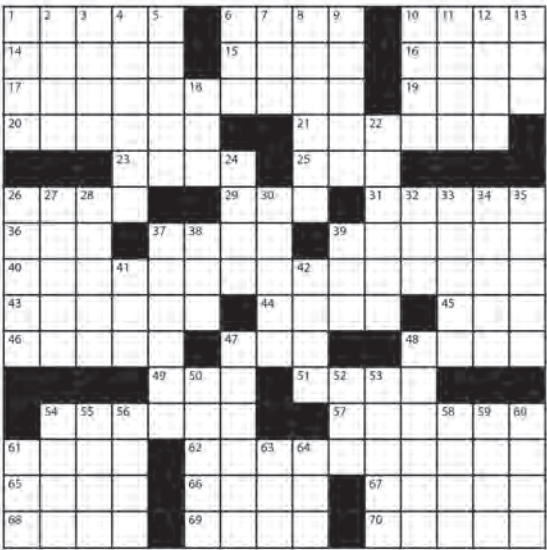
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois Banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
v.
MARK E. PIERCE, KARALYN A. PIERCE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No. 2023FC000197
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is December 22, 2023.
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Date of recording: October 1, 2021
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois
Recording document identification: Document No. 2021R27010
/s/ Joseph B. Roesch
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The end of Spring?

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Across
1. Ishmael's people
6. Microsoft product
10. Trunk growth
14. Deadly snake
15. Black-and-white treat
16. Mine: Fr.
17. Shut-in's anxiety
19. Safety org.
20. Bartered
21. Mascara mishaps
23. Dog warnings
25. That, to Juanita
26. Possess
29. Switch settings
31. Little rascal
36. Gasteyer of "Mean Girls"
37. Peek-
39. Stab in the back
40. Tech school offering
43. Gov. Schwarzenegger
44. Reddish horse
45. Goal
46. Union member
47. Allow
48. "___, old chap"
49. Language suffix
51. Declares
54. Big to-do
57. Ranger's domain
61. Military vehicle
62. Masks are worn here
65. Largest of seven
66. "___ Kampf"
67. "I'll do it!"
68. Like Cheerios
69. LBJ or RMN, e.g.
70. Swings around

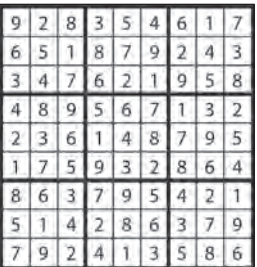


Down
1. Billing abbr.
2. Crowd sound
3. "Dancing Queen" group
4. River crosser
5. Not so crazy
6. Trial
7. Redenbacher, to friends
8. Big Cup maker
9. College quarters
10. Doll's cry
11. Actor Sharif
12. Lays down the lawn
13. Luckman of Chicago Bears fame
18. New Deal pres.
22. Enter cautiously
24. Any day now
26. Loud chuckles
27. "Dying / Is ___ like anything else": Plath
28. "Wheel" woman
30. ___ Dame
32. Cigarette pkg.
33. Met highlights
34. Craze
35. Miniature
37. Out for the night
38. Hunk's pride
39. Call to Bo-peep
41. Part of an E-mail address
42. Decomposes
47. It's not quite a ringer
48. Jerusalem's land
50. Dry spell
52. It's south of Eur.
53. Cat calls
54. ___ cow (flips out)
55. "I'm working!"
56. "Fine by me"
58. "___, Brute?"
59. Sown, on the Seine
60. "___ bien!"
61. Eastern "way"
63. Fizzle out
64. Coast Guard rank: Abbr.

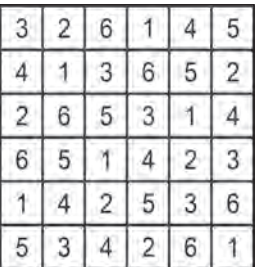
Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #661



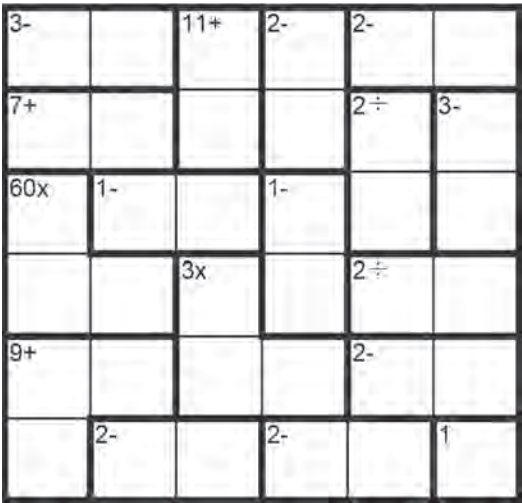
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JoshJosh answers from #661

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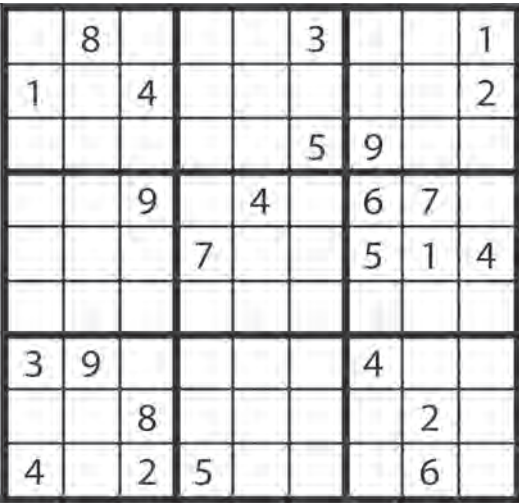
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



Difficulty medium

Sudoku No. 816

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



Difficulty hard

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