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# Building on Black history

## Stabilization efforts underway for Judge John Taylor House

HISTORY | David Blanchette

The Judge John Taylor House, the long-planned anchor of a neighborhood development at 12<sup>th</sup> and Cass streets in Springfield, is getting emergency stabilization work this winter that should buy some time for organizers to raise the needed funds for its full restoration and adaptive reuse.

The Springfield Economic Development Commission on Nov. 2 voted to approve \$217,000 in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funding for emergency stabilization efforts on the Taylor House foundation. The commission reviews TIF requests and issues a non-binding recommendation to the Springfield City Council, which will take a final vote on the funding request at its Dec. 7 meeting.

The Springfield Project took possession of the property in 2014 and had big plans for its restoration, but things have been progressing much more slowly than expected. In the meantime, something had to be done to keep the historic Taylor House from becoming history itself.

“These things take time, and we like to have things done sooner rather than later,” said Dominic Watson of The Springfield Project. “But the newfound sense of urgency around stabilizing this foundation is appreciated, and we are going to do everything we can to get this done.”

The Taylor House was slated for demolition in 2013 when community organizers rallied to the cause. They generated support from the Heritage Foundation, the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln, the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce and the Springfield Black Chamber of Commerce, and with that backing, The Springfield Project acquired the property.

The Springfield Project initially planned to renovate the house’s exterior over a two-year period with interior renovation and grounds

improvement done in future phases. Now, with winter weather on its way, all of the focus is on getting the house stabilized.

“During the early stages of the evaluation of the property there was a clear issue with the structure that was magnified through the years due to the weather,” Watson said. “The



The Judge John Taylor House, constructed in 1857-58, was slated for demolition in 2013 when community organizers rallied to save it. PHOTO BY SUE MASSIE

stabilization will ensure that we can do some long-term development of the site.”

R.D. Lawrence Construction Company of Springfield is the general contractor for the stabilization. President John Goetz said a house moving firm will lift the house from its old foundation, the deteriorated foundation will be removed and a new one constructed.

and the Taylor House will then be lowered onto its new foundation. Work is now underway, with the foundation targeted for completion by mid-2022.

Funding for the early stages of the Taylor House development was secured through \$64,500 in grants from the Community

help revitalize the neighborhood.”

The Judge John Wycliffe Taylor House was built in 1857-58. Ten years later, the house was purchased and transformed into the Ulrich Home for Fallen Women, and in 1901 the school became the Ambidexter Industrial and Normal Institute for African American children.

The Ambidexter Institute was modeled on Booker T. Washington’s Tuskegee Institute, and its goal was to provide education and training in the skilled trades. The curriculum included classes in domestic science, millinery, dressmaking, plumbing, painting, carpentry, bricklaying, shoemaking and general mechanics, as well as music and elocution. The Institute closed its doors in 1908.

Sue Massie of Massie, Massie & Associates spearheaded the effort to save the home from demolition in 2013.

“There are very few African American landmarks left in this town, and the Judge John Taylor House is one of the three major sites,” Massie said. “Saving it preserves an important landmark and the African American history here, and it can also be a center for redevelopment of that area.”

Massie said the stabilization work means the project is still very much alive.

“There are people in the area who have really worked toward saving the building,” Massie said. “So there will be a lot of happy people as this moves forward.”

And move forward it will, according to The Springfield Project’s Watson, who said the end result will be called the Ambidexter Creative Institute.

“Our long-term goal is to have this as a location for creativity utilizing science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics in partnership with the neighborhood,” Watson said. “We feel this will be an epicenter for activity that focuses on insuring that the neighborhood is at the forefront of any plans that we have moving forward with the site.”

Donations toward the Taylor House project may be made by calling The Springfield Project at 217-753-3551 or emailing [dwatson@thespringfieldproject.org](mailto:dwatson@thespringfieldproject.org). □

*David Blanchette is a freelance writer and photographer who is a frequent contributor to Illinois Times. He is also board chairman of the recently opened Jacksonville Area Museum.*

### Editor’s note

Many in this country seem to believe the three great enemies of the people are globalism, socialism and journalism. That sentiment, however, is more than matched by the idealism of the young journalists we’re interviewing this week for the UIS Public Affairs Reporting internship. They are in it to make a difference. To them we pass along what Pope Francis told a group of reporters Nov. 13: “Journalism does not come about by choosing a profession, but by embarking on a mission, a little like a doctor, who studies and works so that the evil in the world may be healed. Your mission is to explain the world, to make it less obscure, to make those who live in it less afraid of it and look at others with greater awareness, and also with more confidence.” — Fletcher Farrar, editor

# City prepares to spend pandemic relief funding

Langfelder touts \$34 million in federal relief as a “once-in-a-generation” investment

CITY | Kenneth Lowe

Springfield will see \$34 million in American Rescue Plan funding, federal dollars aimed at pandemic relief, which Mayor Jim Langfelder proposes to use for everything from sewer, water and broadband improvements to homeless initiatives.

The plan followed citywide meetings in each of the 10 wards soliciting feedback from residents on how they feel the funding, which is subject to specific federal guidelines, should be spent. The Springfield City Council was briefed on the mayor’s proposal at a special Committee of the Whole meeting Nov. 1, during which members went over the plan and spoke about some of their own concerns.

“One thing that was really clear at the meeting on Nov. 1 is that sewer work is important to everybody,” said Ward 8 Alderwoman Erin Conley, speaking this past week. “That’s the kind of work where you’re not looking at ward boundaries so much as that critical infrastructure that needs to be fixed sooner rather than later.”

Included in the plan is \$11.1 million toward infrastructure improvements that include sewer replacement and road improvements. Another \$6.25 million will be used to expand fire protection and coverage citywide and toward more technology for police. Part of that will go toward new computers for Springfield Police Department cruisers and license plate-reading technology. Some is also slated for the continued use of ShotSpotter, the automated system which is used to listen over wide areas for sounds that match the audio profile of gunshots and then report them, and which has met with controversy in recent reports over its use in Chicago. Part of the \$6.25 million public safety investment will also be used for gun violence reduction initiatives, according to the mayor’s proposal.

Ward 6 Alderwoman Kristin DiCenso said she needs more information on the new technology under discussion, expressing concerns about the accuracy of ShotSpotter.

“Right now, technology has not been our friend. I’m not going to say it hasn’t worked, but only 1 in 4 or 1 in 5 shots picked up by ShotSpotter are actually called in by a person,” DiCenso said. “I feel the same way about license plate readers. People feel technology is the answer to our policing problems, but I’m not sure that’s the case. I think having more



At a special Committee of the Whole meeting held Nov. 1 to discuss how American Rescue Plan funding should be spent, many of the Springfield city council members expressed a desire to address sewer repairs and other infrastructure needs.

community police on the ground is more what we need.”

Under \$7 million earmarked for job creation, the plan lists broadband access, planned affordable housing and the establishment of a land bank, workforce and business development, and an additional \$2 million in separate Housing and Urban Development funds specifically for homeless initiatives.

Broadband access in particular has been an issue, said Ward 5 Ald. Lakeisha Purchase. She said her priority is ensuring the projects in Ward 5 are properly prioritized, while also ensuring that long-term, meaningful impact results from the projects. As the oldest area of Springfield, she said Ward 5 has the most of such needed infrastructure improvement projects.

“Do we have plans, long-term, that will continue to make progress and make meaningful impacts?” Purchase said. “That’s the No. 1 priority I have, is to make meaningful impact in my ward and other parts of the city. These are major projects that have to be addressed.”

Replacement of lead pipes in the city’s

water system, upgrades to the South Fork pumping system and upgrades to control the taste and quality of drinking water would also be allocated under the plan, to the tune of \$8.25 million.

An additional \$1.4 million would go toward various projects through the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, to shore up lost tourism revenue.

Though she said the funding can’t come close to meeting all the needs that have become apparent in Springfield as a result of the pandemic, DiCenso said she’s happy with how funds have been allocated under the proposal.

“Thirty-four million dollars sounds like a lot of money, but it’s not,” DiCenso said. “I don’t agree with the mayor often, but I agree with him on his approach to splitting the funding. The point of this funding is to go to those areas of the city that were most affected by the pandemic, and we all have areas that were affected.”

The city has already received \$1.7 million in funds under the plan, with the remainder set to be disbursed by May of 2022 and projects proceeding through 2024. □

## Dolly donates guitar to benefit books for kids

CAP CITY | Karen Ackerman Witter

Dolly Parton is known for her singing, songwriting and generosity. Thanks to a local connection, she donated a signed guitar to the United Way of Central Illinois to benefit the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Sangamon and Menard counties. Online bidding closes Nov. 30.

United Way of Central Illinois partners with Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library to mail an age-appropriate book to children monthly from birth through age five. It costs only \$130 for one child for five years. Since 2011, more than 169,752 free books have been given to local children. There had been a waiting list, but recently a donor helped eliminate the backlog. A United Way committee is working to build a sustainable program so no child is on a waiting list.

The online auction of Dolly Parton’s guitar is part of a recent fundraiser trivia night with sponsors and auction items. The guitar was donated by Dolly Parton and Dolly Parton Enterprises general manager Tom Rutledge, who was born and raised in Springfield. Rutledge was hired by Dolly Parton in the 1970s to be her guitarist in her first road band. He now is a musician in her touring shows and maintains her digital archive. Tom learned about Springfield’s commitment to the Imagination Library from his sister, Diane Rutledge, former District 186 Superintendent of Schools, long-time United Way volunteer and advocate for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

The signed guitar is a full-sized nylon-string Yamaha C-40 II, featuring a spruce top with back and sides made of Meranti wood. Parton uses nylon-string guitars when composing, and this is one of her song-writing guitars. Bidding is online at <https://www.biddingowl.com/Auction/index.cfm?auctionID=28824>.

Children of all socioeconomic backgrounds are eligible for free books. The goal is to instill a love of reading at an early age. Another benefit is leveling the playing field when all children entering kindergarten in a community have been exposed to the same books. To donate to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library or register a child, go to <http://springfieldunitedway.org/our-work/dolly-partons-imagination-library/#.YYhP62DMLZs>. □

# Rod Blagojevich is not a changed man

“Being Blago” highlights his post-prison life

TELEVISION | Scott Reeder

They defied the odds and stayed married.

When a married man enters prison, he almost always leaves it alone, particularly when he serves a lengthy sentence.

But Rod and Patti Blagojevich held it together, not just through his almost eight years in prison but through two federal trials, seven elections, a years-long feud between Rod and his in-laws and an impeachment.

And let's be honest, enough personal rumors to make Bill Clinton blush.

Any one of these things would strain a marriage, but add them all together and it's remarkable any marriage would survive – yet alone one where neither spouse has a reputation for having a forgiving nature.

The former governor said Las Vegas oddsmakers were laying 9 to 1 odds that they would divorce before he was a free man.

Turn on Hulu and tune into the miniseries, “Being Blago,” and you'll see Patti sitting on a park bench talking about the circumstances where she would walk away from her husband. If he enters politics again, she's gone.

Rod's response? He's filed a lawsuit seeking to overturn a state Senate resolution barring him from ever holding state office again.

I covered Blagojevich for a chain of five newspapers from the beginning of his first gubernatorial bid to the final vote removing him from office. At times he could be downright mean.

So, when I saw the four-part miniseries on Hulu, I wasn't prepared to like it. Instead, I found myself fascinated. Patti was introspective and candid, traits not on public display when she was first lady.

And Rod? Well, not much has changed there. I scheduled a half-hour interview with him and he talked for an hour and 15 minutes. And he was as combative as when he was in office.

In a nutshell, he says he never broke the law. Donald Trump, who shortened his sentence, is wonderful. JB Pritzker, Barack Obama and, most of all, Mike Madigan, are complete jerks.

More interesting was the insight the miniseries gave into his post-prison life. He's been selling birthday greetings and other video cameo appearances for \$80 to \$100 a pop. So far, he's done more than 2,500. (Do the math, that's more than \$200,000 – greater than his annual salary as governor.)

In addition to his cameo appearances, he works for a trucking outfit based in Lyons, Illinois, which Blagojevich prefers to call a “logistics firm.”

“Well, I'm a consultant and I work on what's



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

called strategic development, helping to grow the business. The CDL 1,000 logistics company is a \$75 million business right now and growing dramatically. ... I've actually been able to bring in a little business and more work for them.”

The former governor declined to say how much he gets paid.

During the miniseries he said he did make mistakes. When I pressed him about those mistakes, he said that perhaps he had been too combative while in office.

But when I asked him if it had been a mistake to fire the wife of Mike Madigan's chief of staff from her state job or assign state-employed relatives of uncooperative lawmakers to empty rooms with nothing to do, he said he wished he had done more of that to bring reform to state government.

He expressed unrequited love for Springfield. He noted the only family vacation he took as a child was a day trip to see the Lincoln sites. And he said he loved running in Washington Park. But he said he and his wife's decision to raise their daughters in Chicago angered many in the capital city.

“It's fundamentally a Republican town. It ended up where I would do that parade before the State Fair every year, and I'd work the crowd, and you've got to have a thick skin because a lot of people were not very friendly.”

He said he was harassed even during his daily run in Springfield.

“It's a beautiful Sunday morning and I'm running one direction, a young woman's running in the other direction. ... And, of course, I'm going to acknowledge the woman who's running. And I say, ‘hello.’ And she just starts yelling at me. It was amusing. I didn't take it personally. But when I would then turn around and come back, there was a house on my running route and they started putting signs on the lawn that would attack me. And sometimes it got to the point where they would celebrate the Cardinals beating the Cubs in a game because they knew I was a Cubs fan.”

The house belonged to Jo Johnson, who was then the lawyer for the Senate Republican Caucus. She has always been a die-hard Cardinals fan and those signs had nothing to do with Blagojevich, she said. But she did start posting Republican signs to taunt him.

“I would get home from work and put the signs out and watch for him. ... And maybe I did yell at him. I stayed back on my porch, so that his security guards wouldn't get upset, but they were laughing their asses off. And I would just say, ‘You're wrong. You're mean. You're horrible.’”

The signs became a frequent talking point for the governor when he met with legislative leaders.

Upon learning that “Being Blago” was No. 2 on Hulu's charts, Johnson said, “God, people are idiots.” □

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Per a federal law passed in 1938, it is legal to pay disabled workers less than minimum wage. Some disability advocates and legislators are working to change that in Illinois, and Governor JB Pritzker recently signed an executive order banning subminimum wage for vendors who contract with the state.

### SlIPpery SloPe Poem #1

kids, ready for a sort of joke? and a reason why you don't see many spelling bee champions in jail? an item from a british newspaper labeled "Fatal Slipp" reads "Local police had a surprise Wednesday for a suspect in the case of obscene letters. They rounded up a dozen possibilities and had each write the word 'surprise,' which the writer of the letters had consistently spelled with a double 'p.' They arrested their man!"

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### LETTERS

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### DON'T DISCRIMINATE

Regarding the subminimum wage, my thoughts are if you pay a non-disabled person \$15 an hour to sort hangers, you should pay the disabled person the same ("Working for less than minimum wage," Nov. 11). How is it that in 2021, some of us are still fighting for equal pay for equal work? When is it ever OK to discriminate against disabled people? Never.  
*Sherri Boner  
Springfield*

### WELCOME LIBRIS

The Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association and the residents of Lincoln Park wish to extend a warm neighborly welcome to Tony and Ann Libri ("Former Benedictine campus slated for redevelopment," Nov. 11). The neighborhood is very excited and encouraged to see the pending redevelopment of the former Benedictine campus become a positive and vibrant addition for the neighborhood.  
*Bill Baskett  
President, Lincoln Park  
Neighborhood Association  
Chair, Inner City Older  
Neighborhoods (ICON)*

### COMMUNITY TREASURES

I know there will be many hurdles ahead, but it is wonderful to know there is an attempt to save, rather than destroy, some true community treasures. The Libris' effort is to be commended. Their efforts will be remembered and their success will be a success for the entire community.  
*Kathy Trager  
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes*

### THANKS LIBRIS

As an alum of Ursuline and a proud north-ender, it broke my heart to drive by Benedictine and see it falling into disrepair. Thanks to the Libris for saving these buildings.  
*Michele Dodson  
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes*

### HURT PEOPLE HURT OTHERS

I am writing in response to Scott Reeder's article about the differing effects of parole release on incarcerated people and victims ("Parole offers hope for offenders, while victims relive trauma," Oct. 14.) I applaud Mr. Reeder's sensitive treatment of the value of forgiveness. But if we are to move toward genuine healing for our communities, then we need to stop assuming a clear-cut division between perpetrators and victims of harm. As the saying goes, "Hurt people hurt." Victims and perpetrators of violence are often the same people.

As an incarcerated woman,

I am particularly attuned to the women in prison who are also victims of violence. In fact, studies indicate that 98% of incarcerated females are survivors of trauma and violence; 90% have been physically abused by partners and family, while 80% have survived sexual violence. These female survivors are among the people who need opportunities for parole.

More broadly, people in prison are often victims of trauma. When people are traumatized by harm and when they receive no support to protect them from further harm or help them heal, they often express their trauma in harm to others. According to a report by the National Institute of Justice, a majority of people in prison are victims of childhood neglect or abuse.

Victim advocate Danielle Sered speaks for many when she says that the state should be offering more to victims than merely the perpetrators' lengthy incarceration. More importantly, the state should support healing and trauma recovery. This includes trauma recovery programs and pathways home, like parole, which can motivate people in prison to reflect on the harm they've caused, participate in programs and transform cycles of violence into healing.

*Karen McCarron  
Logan Correctional Center*

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## OPINION

# Statewide mask mandate in place for the foreseeable future

**POLITICS | Rich Miller**

Gov. JB Pritzker told reporters not long ago that he was worried about the plateauing COVID-19 hospitalization rate and said he wouldn't yet lift his statewide mask mandate.

But the governor told me something around the same time during an interview that he hasn't yet said publicly: He's most concerned about what may happen in January and February and upbeat about the spring and summer.

"What we're trying to evaluate is, are the hospitalization numbers increasing, decreasing, or staying the same," Pritzker told reporters in early November. "We want them decreasing. They're not currently, just to be clear. New hospitalizations are flat. That is not a good sign. That's not what's happened in previous dips from surges. We went down for a while here, but now we've leveled out at a level that is much higher than the summer. And so the question is, is that just a temporary situation? Are we going to start heading downward in those numbers?"

Since the governor said that, hospitalizations have yet again begun to increase, rising by almost 22% as of this writing. Hospitalizations are up almost 30% since late October's low of 1,198.

That increase led Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike to warn last week that the statewide mask mandate wouldn't be lifted before Thanksgiving, as some had hoped when hospitalizations were plateauing.

"As we've moved indoors," Ezike told WGEM TV, "we haven't maybe taken our masks indoors with us. So a lot of unmasked indoor gatherings are likely part of the problem."

Last year, COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths shot up in November and continued ravaging our still mostly unvaccinated state through January.

I interviewed Gov. Pritzker not long ago and asked him if he was worried about yet another big wave starting in November.

Pritzker said the top epidemiologists in Illinois he speaks with outside of the Illinois Department of Public Health are telling him, "Their expectation is that January and February we could see a surge of cases and the resulting hospitalizations. So, how worried am I? I am worried as much as the epidemiologists are."

Asked how worried the epidemiologists are, Pritzker said he didn't know how to characterize that, "other than that they tell me that they expect to see a surge. I have to take it very seriously."

Pritzker also talked about the internal debate

over what to do about the mitigations, like mask mandates, in the meantime. "One of the questions that you have to ask yourself and that we all ask ourselves is, if we modify mitigations now as things are mildly reducing or getting better, what changes do you make now if you think that January and February, you're gonna see potentially a surge?"

A little later in the interview, Pritzker asked if he could clarify some things.

"I think when you look at the pattern here of surges, the surges are getting smaller because of vaccinations, because of where we are in the cycle. And so, the hope here is that each of the moves that we're making going forward are really flattening those surges down."

Pritzker went on to say that he's hearing from the epidemiological community that by next spring or summer the virus will become more like the flu "because people will be getting vaccinated on a regular basis or that boosters will be available, and because more people will have been vaccinated."

The governor quickly added that he wasn't suggesting COVID is anything like the flu. "I'm

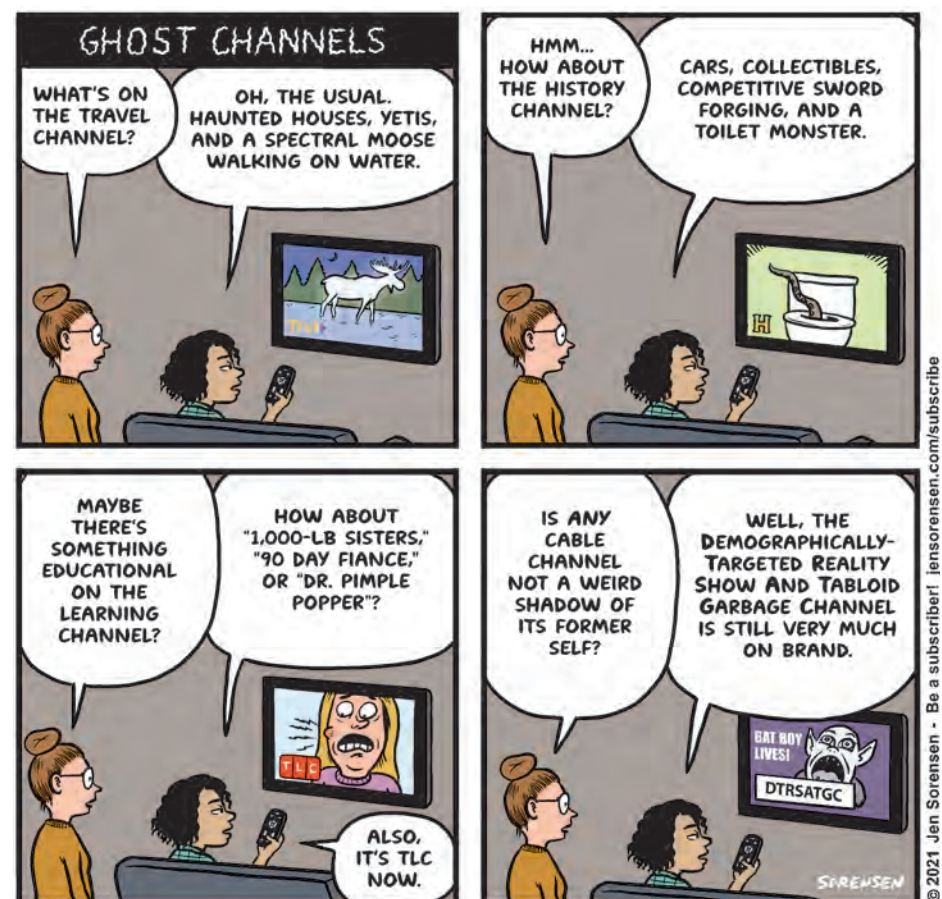
just saying if you look at other chronic diseases, other things that we've worked to overcome with vaccinations, this is becoming more and more like that because people are getting more and more vaccinated."

And, it should be added, effective treatments may be on the horizon. Pfizer is developing a pill that shows real promise at preventing severe illness, the *New York Times* has reported.

But, as Dr. Ezike also said this month, "Of course, COVID is so complicated. It's been throwing us curveball after curveball."

Colorado is currently experiencing a surge in cases, and experts there have told reporters that they don't know why and don't know if they'll ever know.

And, as pointed out in a Denver CBS4 TV news story on that topic, the popularity of home COVID testing means that private results aren't being reported and therefore not tracked by state and local public health departments. That means the jobs of people who try to anticipate the future path of the disease have been made significantly more difficult, which is not what we need. □





# The missing middle

Both political parties have moved away from the center

WEEKLY READER | Scott Reeder

Just when it looked like things couldn't get any worse for Democrats in rural areas, Virginia voters proved them wrong.

This month, the Republican gubernatorial candidate captured more than 70% of the vote in 45 rural Virginia counties, compared to just four counties any of the GOP's candidates carried by at least that margin in 2008.

But this isn't just a Virginia story – it's one playing out in Illinois and just about any other state, said Robin Johnson, a Monmouth-based political consultant who advises Democrats on how to appeal to rural voters.

In Illinois and elsewhere, Democrats are focusing their energy on vote-rich cities and increasingly ignoring white, rural communities, he said.

"During the last four years, for a lot of Midwest Democrats at the state legislative level, they've had to go campaign and not use their party label because the brand is so toxic," Johnson said. "They feel they've got a chance with these rural voters, if they can get to them before they ask what party they're in. ... The Democratic Party has just not invested enough effort in rural areas and a lot of their actions come off as being elitist and condescending to rural voters."

Years ago, I watched some volunteers from East Coast and West Coast universities working on an Illinois congressional campaign ridicule working-class Democrats as they left a rally at the Illinois State Fair. Their work boots, trucker caps and overalls didn't fit with the volunteers' image of the party.

When I covered the Illinois General Assembly full time, Chicago Democrats would derisively refer to the late state Rep. Joel Brunsvold, a Democrat from the Quad cities, as "Guns-vold" because he supported gun-owner rights. The idea of a fellow Democrat having a differing view of gun control was an anathema to them.

Or there was former Sen. Gary Forby, a Democrat from deep southern Illinois. He dug septic tanks for a living. His voice was pure working-class and his commitment to

the party was every bit as real as that of his Chicago counterparts – who ridiculed his accent every time he rose to speak on a bill.

Former Gov. Jim Edgar, a Republican, told me he sees parallels between how some Democrats view rural voters and how some Republicans view Black voters.

Party insiders often want campaigns to focus on getting out votes from their base rather than putting additional resources toward persuading voters in communities where they have not been as popular, he



As rural areas become more partisan, signs like this one on Old Route 36 near Riverton are cropping up and expressing voter displeasure. PHOTO BY SCOTT REEDER

said. Edgar said he disagreed with this view and campaigned extensively in Chicago's African American neighborhoods.

"Democrats apparently need to go back to the drawing board when it comes to rural America. And it's not just Virginia you saw in this last election. In about every state, Donald Trump did very well in rural areas," he said.

U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-Moline, is one of the few Democrats in Congress representing a district carried twice by Trump. So, what's her secret?

"I don't think it is a magic formula. It's showing up. It's using your two ears and

one mouth proportionately," she told me.

I've been friends with Bustos for more than 30 years. We spent a decade together as reporters for the *Quad-City Times*.

When we spoke earlier this month, she added, "Scott, you know Tractor Supply, but you probably don't know Trader Joe's very well because (rural areas) don't have any Trader Joe's. We need to go into Tractor Supply and listen to folks rather than Democrats just going into Trader Joe's."

That's the sort of retail politics that is effective whether someone represents an urban or rural area. This growing alienation between the Democratic Party and small-town residents should be of concern to all voters living outside of metropolitan areas, no matter our political affiliation.

Why? Well, for starters, neither party has all the answers, and it's only through collaboration that we can move forward. Also, when a block of voters identifies too strongly with one political party, expect those voters to be taken for granted by one and ignored by the other.

I'd much rather have candidates competing for our votes. After all, all voters are worthy of having their concerns heard and responded to.

I'm a product of rural Illinois. I grew up on a hog farm south of Galesburg. Our neighbors and friends were Republicans and Democrats. But most everyone we knew – no matter which party they identified with – was centrist.

I don't believe that rural voters' views on core issues have changed that much over the last several decades. But the political parties have changed, with fewer and fewer moderates holding office.

Bustos, who is leaving Congress at the end of this term, suggested the best way for her party to win back its appeal with rural voters is straightforward: "We need to listen and take what we learn back to Washington, D.C., do something with it and get results."

It's hard to argue with that. After all, isn't that how democracy is supposed to work? □

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# Planning to stay

Springfield needs residents willing to invest their lives

GUESTWORK | Emma Shafer

I was born and raised in Springfield, as were my parents, and their parents before them. I know and love Springfield more than anything and have worked with various community organizations to make our city a more equitable, and overall better, place for people to live – and stay.

As an urban studies student at The New School in New York City, I have been reading a book entitled *Main Street: How a City's Heart Connects Us All*, written by my professor, Dr. Mindy Fullilove. A concept described in the book, called “planning to stay,” struck me as having great potential in Springfield. The idea challenges regular urban planning practices, which usually start by analyzing a problem and finding a solution – for example, a need for housing in Springfield, so new developments are built on the edge of city limits to accommodate that need.

Planning to stay is rooted in the concept of asset-based community development. Asset-based community development looks to improve a community by building on its assets, rather than only focusing on solving problems when they arise. In Springfield, an example of this would be investing in vacant housing – often historic homes in older neighborhoods – rather than building new subdivisions. Planning to stay gives asset-based community development a new starting point: an affirmation that we’re here to stay and to invest in the long-term success of our city.

Planning to stay means living and investing in our city while accounting for the next generations. Even if a person or business is intending to stay in Springfield, that does not necessarily mean they are practicing planning to stay. This idea focuses on what is best for a community in the long run, rather than for people’s short-term conveniences,

such as driving a car everywhere instead of walking or biking. In a world where climate change, racism and inequality deeply harm communities, it is important to plan our cities in a way that allows future generations to prosper.

The first step of planning to stay involves people literally planning to stay, and pledging to invest their time and resources into the community. Beyond that, it can involve businesses, neighborhoods and even city government engaging in urban planning practices that prioritize building on our city’s advantages. One of our city’s advantages is its historical districts in central Springfield. Investing in these spaces means denser living, using less energy to travel miles and miles across our sprawling city. It also means investing in our older, unique architecture. The large amount of energy that it takes to build new should always be considered when there are existing, vacant structures needing attention. We need comprehensive plans that work for all of the people rather than for one developer’s profit.

A great example of a business that is and has planned to stay is Maldaner’s, located on Sixth Street downtown. Maldaner’s owner Michael Higgins has invested in a beautiful outdoor space for the restaurant, but also a rooftop garden filled with native plants, solar panels and beehives. All of these things make Springfield ecologically better, while serving some of the best food in the city, much of which is seasonally purchased at the Old Capitol Farmers Market. Higgins took advantage of something that Springfield has a lot of – space – and used it to better our community while planning to stay. Accounting for not only his business but for the community as a whole is something that sets Higgins apart, which is a vital



A restored century-old home in one of Springfield's inner city neighborhoods. PHOTO BY FLETCHER FARRAR

part of planning to stay.

It may seem contradictory that I have chosen to write an article about planning to stay while living in New York City. However, I believe deeply in the people of Springfield and its potential to progress. Part of that progress will, I hope, include college students like me moving back to Springfield after learning or living elsewhere. Planning for longevity has great potential to draw people back for the long term.

Springfield’s past involves a focus on equity, but also racism and inequality. This is seen on a daily basis in the segregation of our city. Investing in older neighborhoods and buildings – such as

downtown and the east side – means reckoning with the past and moving forward for future generations, rather than trying to forget by building anew. Our city’s rich history, unique architecture and small businesses make us who we are today. By investing in this uniqueness we can solve some of our deficits. Springfield, let’s plan to stay. □

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Left to right: July 22-Aug. 8, 2021, marked the Agamahs' 38th mission trip to Ghana. Team members, all from Springfield, are, from left: Theodore Agbemable (medical student, SIU School of Medicine), June Agamah (Logistics Coordinator), Dr. Edem Agamah (Team Leader), Emma Fenner (medical student, SIU School of Medicine), Dr. Michael Fenner (surgeon). PHOTO COURTESY OF JUNE AGAMAH

# Changing lives in Ghana and Springfield

Dr. Edem and June Agamah's 25-year mission of healing

**PROFILE | Karen Ackerman Witter**

A "journey of faith" is how Dr. Edem and June Agamah of Springfield describe their 25 years of mission work in Ghana. Since 1996 they have led 38 mission trips to southeast Ghana. What began as a makeshift clinic under a mango tree is now a permanent hospital with over 100 staff who treat 30,000 patients annually. Over 400 volunteers, 55 medical students and 86 doctors, most from the Springfield area, have participated over

the years. Thanks to the Agamahs' tireless dedication working side-by-side, people have access to health care and many lives have been saved. "The joy and satisfaction that we get is irreplaceable," said June Agamah.

Ghanaians aren't the only beneficiaries. So are the many Springfield-area doctors, nurses and medical students who have gone on the trips. Dr. Keith Wichterman, a local surgeon, went on the 2008 mission trip with

his family. He had volunteered with medical mission trips to Haiti and Nigeria previously. "I've never known anyone to do one of these mission trips that doesn't come back changed," says Wichterman. Dr. Agamah regularly takes local medical students with him. Dozens of students who have participated in the mission trips are now dedicating their lives to careers in medicine and public health. "That's the miracle," says Wichterman.

## **Beginning the journey**

Dr. Agamah's parents traveled from Ghana in 1991 to visit their son while he was a resident in internal medicine at an Evanston hospital. They shared the urgency of problems in Ghana and implored their son to help. But, the extent of diseases and circumstances appeared so overwhelming that he didn't know how he could make a meaningful impact. However, the seed was planted. The Agamahs

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(Left) International Health and Development Network's International Mission Hospital in Ghana, 2021. Originally built as an outpatient clinic, a 100-bed inpatient hospital opened in 2013. The complex continues to expand, with staff apartments and a women's and children's clinic. There are now 113 staff, all from Ghana, including three doctors and 43 nurses. PHOTO BY DR MICHAEL FENNER (Right) Partners in service to others – Dr. Edem and June Agamah during their 38th mission trip to Ghana in July 2021, Agbozume, Ghana. PHOTO COURTESY OF JUNE AGAMAH

## Changing lives

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moved to Springfield with their three young children in 1995. Dr. Agamah joined the Central Illinois Hematology Oncology Center. Concurrently, he committed to helping in Ghana. He has done this as a volunteer for the past 25 years while continuing to work full time as a medical doctor. Agamah is now an oncologist, hematologist and associate professor at SIU Medicine.

The Agamahs incorporated the International Health and Development Network (IHDN) as a medical missions nonprofit organization in March 1996. IHDN seeks to develop effective and sustainable primary health care programs in small towns and villages in the developing world, using the earthly work of Jesus Christ as a model. IHDN is a network of volunteers dedicated to helping poor villages in developing countries by empowering them with medical and public health knowledge and faith in God. IHDN follows a philosophy similar to the principles of the World Health Organization: "Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or

infirmity." Several Springfield-area doctors serve on the IHDN board of directors.

Their first mission trip in April 1996 was eye-opening. Dr. Agamah grew up in Ghana and earned a medical degree from the University of Ghana Medical School in Accra, but he didn't know the magnitude of the problems in his native country. He came to the U.S. in 1987 for graduate studies at Louisiana State Medical School. While there he met his future wife, June, who had moved to New Orleans from her native country of Guyana in South America.

A friend introduced them, thinking they were from the same country; they were actually born an ocean apart. They bonded over their mutual love for God and shared passion to become more like Christ. When they married in 1988, they knew they were called to serve God. With their diverse network of friends and family, their wedding was a vastly multicultural event. Bringing the world together and serving God have been constants in their lives ever since.

On their first mission trip to the poor village of Agbozume where Dr. Agamah's parents lived, they traveled with 93 suitcases full of over-the-counter medicines, medicines donated by friends and colleagues, baby food and diapers – and their three children who were five and under. Dr. Agamah's father, a highly respected bank manager, set up a makeshift clinic in a building and under a mango tree with bedsheets hung to separate patients.

June jumped in and overnight became a nurse's aide. Dr. Agamah saw patients with malaria. Many were seeing a doctor for the first time. The number of patients was overwhelming, the experience was exhausting and initially he said he wasn't coming back.

That was not acceptable to his mother, whom Dr. Agamah describes as a tiny woman filled with wisdom and spunk. She told him to "continue to pray and that God will guide us." Indeed, he did not give up. He read about other successful efforts, and they returned to Ghana in 1998 with a large group of nurses, doctors and friends from Springfield, Memphis and New Orleans. His parents' home in Agbozume served as a clinic with the lab in the kitchen. Here they saw patients and also trained other health care workers. They taught people how to prevent malaria, checked blood pressure and hired a young doctor who was inspired to do mission work. For several years they returned annually and saw over 5,000 patients each year.

In 2002, the doctor they had hired to staff the clinic left to work in a hospital elsewhere and the clinic closed. The Agamahs continued to travel to Ghana every year, packing suitcases with supplies. Dr. Agamah's father was working to establish churches in remote villages, through the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana. They accompanied his father, providing medical services in poor, rural areas of Ghana. For many, this was the

only doctor they would see all year.

### Building a permanent hospital

In order to provide a more permanent facility, the Agamahs started looking for land. They committed their family savings and in 2006 purchased 23½ acres in the bush at Weta-Agbozume, which they donated to IHDN. There was no water or electricity. They obtained earthmoving equipment, brought in utilities and opened the new facility in June 2008. Building a permanent medical facility was a major turning point.

The International Mission Hospital opened as an outpatient clinic. Each village has its own chief, and all of the chiefs were present at the dedication. Dr. Keith Wichterman, a surgeon, his wife, Dr. Lisa Wichterman, a radiologist, and their three children, all from Springfield, were part of the 2008 mission trip and attended the dedication. Keith Wichterman and Edem Agamah were longtime medical colleagues, and they had daughters at Springfield High School who were friends. This mission trip was the largest, with 32 volunteers, mostly from Springfield.

In Ghana, Wichterman performed numerous surgeries, but 13 years later he still says, "The people you serve are the missionaries to you." All three of the Wichtermans' adult children are now working in the medical/public health field.

Opening the permanent outpatient clinic

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Merideth Havey, lower left, and Christi Minick, top, both from Springfield, during the 2008 mission trip, with local children. At the time Havey was a prospective medical student and Minick was an OR technician at St. John's Hospital. Dr. Merideth Havey Volle is now a pediatrics specialist at SIU School of Medicine. PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. KEITH WICHTERMAN

## Changing lives

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was not the end of the journey. The Agamahs have continued to raise funds to expand IHDN's hospital to address the never-ending needs. Many patients needed to be admitted; a 100-bed inpatient facility opened in 2013. The next issue was where to house nurses, so they built staff apartments in 2014. A women's and children's clinic is being added, and a solar plant was recently installed.

Dr. Agamah notes that it is easier to build a physical hospital than to equip and staff it. Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach in Springfield and the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham are vital partners, as resources for equipment and supplies. So are Memorial and St John's Hospitals, which have helped procure supplies and medicines. The Agamahs have recruited and helped train medical personnel, providing full scholarships to more than 20 village students from communities served. Beneficiaries must commit to return to work at the International Mission Hospital in Ghana.

There are now 113 staff, all from Ghana, including three doctors and 43 nurses. Dr. Henry Xorsenyo Kpeli is the hospital's lead medical doctor, and there are annual medical seminars among the Ghanaian and U.S. doctors.

Now, about 90% of the local population has access to quality health care. People are no longer dying due to high blood pressure and childbirth. The hospital has improved the quality of life while also having a positive impact on the economy, both directly and indirectly, through construction jobs, employment and land development. June Agamah, who has a master's degree in public health from University of Illinois Springfield, works from Springfield as volunteer logistics coordinator. In Ghana she focuses on leadership and staff training, highlighting the importance of building trust, continuing staff development, leading by example and showing empathy, which she considers the most important. She leads discussions among staff about avoiding unconscious bias in hiring.

Wichterman has seen firsthand the Agamahs' selflessness, passion and dedication. "Their authenticity is real," he says. They have managed to keep the hospital going while many other well-intentioned efforts around the globe aren't able to do that. Wichterman also commends



Chiefs from the surrounding villages at the dedication of the hospital in 2008. PHOTO COURTESY OF DR KEITH WICHTERMAN

the Agamahs for the influence these mission trips have had on young medical students, opening their eyes to a different world and inspiring many to careers in medicine.

The International Health and Development Network has no paid staff in the U.S. The Agamahs have dedicated their lives to this mission work as volunteers. It has also been a family affair. Their three daughters, now young adults, have been a part of the mission trips since the time the youngest was just 1½. Their oldest daughter is a fourth-year medical student at the University of Chicago and their youngest a third-year medical student at SIU School of Medicine.

June says they initially thought developing and sustaining a hospital in Ghana would be too much work. Their faith is foundational, and they have inspired others to contribute to their vision. The Agamahs joined Hope Church immediately after moving to Springfield. Hope Church has been a stalwart supporter, and many leaders in the congregation have participated in the trips. Laurel United Methodist Church, other central Illinois churches and individual donors have also been instrumental. For nine years, June has coordinated an annual “Bringing the World Together” fundraiser. Hundreds of people have volunteered, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars. “Because

of success and the grace of God, we will be able to continue,” says June. “The most rewarding thing is to see the changes in people’s destinies. To see people we’ve helped go to school and succeed is so rewarding. The lives we’ve saved is the icing on the cake.”

June wears brightly colored clothes, which fit well with her radiant smile and personality. She, however, is effusive about the character and spirit of the Ghanaian people. “Ghanaians are the most hard-working people I know,” she says. “They don’t complain, and they energize me every time I’m there.”

The next mission trips are Jan. 20-Feb. 5 and July 21-Aug. 6, 2022. June encourages those who are interested to “come with us!” If you go, your life will be changed.

“In America we have a lot of blessings,” says June Agamah. “Until you experience what goes on elsewhere, it’s hard to appreciate what you have here.” □

*Karen Ackerman Witter is a frequent contributor to Illinois Times who enjoys writing about interesting and inspiring people. She was inspired to write about the Agamahs work in Ghana after writing about June Agamahs’ memoir, Caryl’s Closet (see Illinois Times April 1, 2021). She was impressed by June the first time she met her at a Sunrise Rotary Club meeting.*



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A culinary expedition to the Carolina Lowcountry

FOOD | Peter Glatz

It was a cold, windy morning as we took our 40-minute ferry ride from Hilton Head to Daufuskie Island off the South Carolina coast. Daufuskie is a remote and isolated island, inhabited by only 400 people, and accessible only by boat. I was on a mission to learn and write about the culinary traditions of the Gullah Geechee, descendants of enslaved people from west Africa.

I first became aware of the Gullah people from an episode of Padma Lakshmi's Hulu series *Taste the Nation*. My wife, an avid reader and film buff, was already familiar with Daufuskie Island from Pat Conroy's books (and the movie adaptations) *The Water is Wide* and *Connrack*. We were on my way to meet up with cookbook author and Gullah culinary historian Sallie Ann Robinson, a sixth-generation Daufuskie native. Sallie Ann was one of the students Pat Conroy wrote about in *The Water Is Wide*, which was based on the year he spent teaching 18 children in Daufuskie Island's two-room schoolhouse.

The Atlantic coastal regions of South Carolina, Georgia and northern Florida are known as the Lowcountry. This coastal region is characterized by a rich, fertile environment of scenic marshes, winding rivers and estuaries where fresh water and saltwater mix.

The Lowcountry ports of Charleston and Savannah were the major points of entry for enslaved Africans. The terroir of the Lowcountry had much in common with rice-growing regions of west Africa, and slaves with a knowledge of rice farming were brought over to develop the Lowcountry's rice economy. Soon the Lowcountry was covered by thousands of acres of rice fields and this area became known as the "Rice Coast." The enslaved African farmers brought the skills for cultivation and tidal irrigation that made rice one of the most successful industries in early America. The long-grain rice variety known as Carolina Gold was highly coveted, and the rice economy flourished. At its peak, over 100 million pounds of rice a year were exported to places as far away as Japan and Indonesia. The end of slavery brought an end to this flourishing rice economy and in the years following the Civil War, Charleston suffered a nearly 80% decrease in rice production.

Many of the descendants of the enslaved West African rice farmers settled in the Sea Islands and became known as the Gullah Geechee. For almost a century following the Civil War, the Sea Islands were reachable only by boat. This geography created a remoteness and isolation which allowed

the Gullah to hold onto more of their African roots than any other African American culture in the country. The Gullah developed their own language, an English-based vernacular, which incorporated elements of the African languages they brought with them on the slave ships. Their tradition of hand-woven sweetgrass baskets, derived from baskets they used as tools in rice production back in Africa, have become museum pieces.

The renowned cuisine of the Lowcountry is essentially the cuisine of the Gullah Geechee, melding traditional African cooking methods with

While driving us around the island, she shared stories of growing up isolated and unaware of the world outside her island. She described Gullah cuisine as "simple comfort food" based on local, fresh, seasonal, unprocessed ingredients. Growing up, she ate seafood four or five times a week. Dinner was usually cooked slowly in a cast-iron pot on a wood stove. "That adds a lot of flavor to the food," Sallie Ann explained.

One of Sallie Ann's favorite meals is fried crab rice. They would catch crabs in cage-like traps set off docks. Picking crab meat out of its shell is time-

managed to transfer all the little monsters into my boiling pot.

Sallie Ann was correct. Picking crab meat is time-consuming and tedious, but the resulting dish, "OL" Fuskie Fried Crab Rice, was truly delicious. I won't judge you if you choose to use the cooked, pasteurized crab meat from the refrigerated case at your grocery store.

## "OL" FUSKIE FRIED CRAB RICE

Adapted from *Gullah Home Cooking the Daufuskie Way* by Sallie Ann Robinson  
Serves 2 for a full meal or 4 sides

### Ingredients:

1 cup long-grain white rice, uncooked  
2 cups warm water  
A pinch of salt  
2 strips of thick-cut bacon, diced  
1/4 cup vegetable oil  
1 stalk celery, diced  
1 medium green or red bell pepper, diced  
1 medium onion, diced  
8 ounces of lump crabmeat  
8 ounces of claw crab meat  
1 tablespoon garlic powder  
Salt and black pepper to taste

### Preparation

Rinse and drain the rice several times in cool water. Put the rice into a medium pot, cover with the water and add a pinch of salt. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to low, cover, and cook for about 20 minutes, until the rice is done and the water is absorbed.

Fry the bacon until crispy in a 12-inch skillet. Remove the bacon with a slotted spoon and set aside.

Add the oil to the bacon fat in the skillet, and over medium heat, saute the celery, bell pepper and onion until tender.

Add the crab and cook for another 5 to 10 minutes until the crab begins to brown.

Add the bacon, cooked rice and garlic powder. Season to taste with salt and pepper, and stir until evenly combined. Reduce the heat to low, cover the skillet and cook for an additional 10 minutes. □

*Bertha Bus has arrived at its winter home in Florida where Peter is learning how to how make smoked mullet dip and conch fritters.*



"OL" Fuskie Fried Crab Rice. PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

the abundant local seafood and game, rice and okra, from seeds brought over by the slaves from Africa.

Sallie Ann Robinson is an energetic woman with a wide smile and hearty laugh. Her passion and enthusiasm for preserving the traditions and culture of her Gullah ancestors is infectious. Born in 1958, two years before Daufuskie had electricity, she grew up on an island without paved roads or a grocery store. Sallie Ann's family had to be self-reliant, growing their own fruits and vegetables, and raising poultry, hogs and cows. They hunted game in the woods and foraged for herbs and berries. They made their own nets and traps and caught shrimp, crabs and mullet. Though poor by modern standards, they experienced abundance.

consuming and because "many hands make light work," it was a family affair. Everyone would sit around the kitchen table and "go to pickin'."

Back on the mainland, and anxious to recreate Sallie Ann's recipe, I bought a sackful of live crabs from Bobo's Seafood and brought them back to our bus. As I heated up a pot of water on my stove, I carefully emptied out the bag of crabs into the sink. Freed of the confines of their sack, the crabs came to life and began crawling onto the counter. When I tried to push them back, one of the crabs grabbed onto my tongs with its menacing claws and hung on for dear life. As I wrestled to shake him off, several of his buddies managed to climb out of the sink onto the floor and attack my wife's bare toes. After much screaming and commotion, I

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# Race in the world of sports

New book takes on a tough subject, and “the illusion of progress”

BOOK REVIEW | Stuart Shiffman

Tackling the issue of race in the world of sports is a difficult venture. On one side stand many political leaders and commentators, strong proponents of the “shut up and dribble” philosophy, who believe that athletes should simply silently perform in their respective sports. On the other side are those athletes at all levels who bear memories and scars of racially motivated experiences suffered during their athletic careers.

Doug Williams, the first Black quarterback to lead an NFL team to a Super Bowl championship, understands the difficulty of any sports writer taking on this subject. Writing the foreword to *Raise a Fist, Take a Knee: Race and the Illusion of Progress in Modern Sports*, Williams observes that author John Feinstein “can’t possibly understand what it’s like to wake up Black every morning and to go through life knowing there are people who are going to look at you as a Black man, not just a man.”

But a comprehensive analysis of race in American sports requires a man of John Feinstein’s distinction. His books and writings on American sports have covered college and professional football, golf, baseball and tennis. If it has a court, field or course, Feinstein has written about it in great detail.

*Raise a Fist, Take a Knee* is a more controversial subject than Feinstein has previously undertaken. There is often a reluctance for victims of racism to share their life experiences publicly and candidly. Additionally, the subject is so intertwined with contemporary American politics that rational discussion can be extremely difficult. Feinstein’s books are known for combining extensive interviews with detailed anecdotal narrations. As this book unfolded, I was apprehensive that his style might

be unsuitable for the emotional subject of racism in the world of sports. But as interview after interview and experience after experience are detailed in this powerful account, the story becomes clear and the pain of many all too evident.

Feinstein’s narrative begins with an iconic sports moment, a protest that served as a forerunner to the present-day Black Lives Matter movement. On Oct. 15, 1968, on the victory podium of the Olympic 200-meter sprint, American athletes Tommie Smith and John Carlos raised gloved fists during the playing of the national anthem. The plan was for each man to wear black gloves, black socks and no shoes to mark the poverty suffered by so many Blacks in the United States. The men wore buttons of the Olympic Project for Human Rights. The third man on the podium was Australian Peter Norman, the second-place finisher in the race. Learning of the Americans’ protest, Norman asked to be included and donned a button of the OPHR. The response was immediate.

Smith and Carlos were banned from the Olympics and ordered to leave the Olympic Village. Norman was vilified by Australian media and eventually banned from future Olympic participation by his homeland. Smith and Carlos were attacked by American media as “black-skinned storm troopers.” Not until 2018 were the men allowed back into the world of track and field when they were introduced at a U.S. Track and Field award ceremony. The video introduction was made by Colin Kaepernick. The standing ovation was loud and long.

From this beginning point, Feinstein moves through a series of interviews with Black athletes and executives. It is a Hall of Fame cast, including Marlin Briscoe, the first Black quarterback in the modern

NFL. Scouts and coaches were reluctant to draft him for professional football unless he agreed to play a position other than quarterback. He declined, and only after a series of injuries did the Denver Broncos of the original AFL put him in a game. Ozzie Newsome, an NFL great and the first Black executive of an NFL franchise, recalled as a child trying out for youth football. Even as a preteen he knew quarterback was not a position for Black players.

The list of interviewees and sports is exhaustive. It includes baseball, college and professional football and basketball. Feinstein met with legendary players and executives including John Thompson, George Raveling, Tony Dungy, Lovie Smith and enough other willing subjects to fill pages in his acknowledgements. All spoke with him willingly, candidly and poignantly, portraying a world where Feinstein notes that, “The more I talked to Black people in the last 18 months, the more I came to understand that their day-to-day lives are always colored by the fact that so many whites look at them with suspicion for the simple reason that they’re Black.”

*Raise a Fist, Take a Knee*, is a difficult book to read. It is often difficult to write the truth and equally difficult to accept that truth. But if we hope to live the dream of equality we must understand how inequality impacts our lives. And move in a better direction. □

*Stuart Shiffman of Springfield, a retired judge, frequently reviews books on a variety of subjects for Illinois Times.*



American sprinters Tommie Smith and John Carlos, along with Australian Peter Norman, during the award ceremony of the 200-meter race at the Mexican Olympic games. During the awards ceremony, Smith (center) and Carlos protested against racial discrimination. They went barefoot on the podium and listened to their anthem bowing their heads and raising a fist with a black glove. Mexico City, Mexico, 1968.

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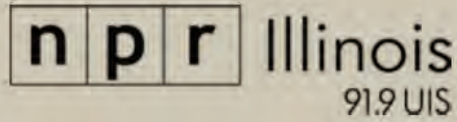
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# Boulevard of Broken Dreams

*Green Day's American Idiot* is powerful theater

THEATER REVIEW | Dennis Thread

The Springfield Theatre Centre has given us an early holiday gift, a theatrical version of *Green Day's American Idiot*, a powerful, courageous show that you must experience for yourself.

*Green Day's American Idiot* (at the Hoogland through Sunday) is a musical like no other. A vigorous reimagining of the seminal punk band's 2004 album, which sold 12 million copies worldwide, the show deconstructs Broadway-musical architecture, merging it with rock 'n' roll performance practice into a dynamic new form. It's a thought-provoking rocking time in the theater.

Through the evergreen story of teen ennui, it forces all of us to confront our escalating love-hate relationship with media, social and otherwise. The lyric "Don't want to be an American idiot / One nation controlled by the media," foreshadowed our social media morass by nearly two decades.

Three disaffected youths, Johnny, Will and Tunny, leave suburbia ("this hurricane of fucking lies") in search of themselves. In the big city, Johnny finds drugs ("I walk this empty street / On the Boulevard of Broken Dreams"), Tunny joins the military and is broken and disabled, and Will gets a girl pregnant and ends up on a sofa, passively consuming media and drinking himself to death. By the finale, all three are back together in suburbia. "This is how I'm supposed to be / In a land of make-believe / That don't believe in me."

Billie Joe Armstrong, Green Day's lead singer and guitarist, who co-wrote the book for the show, aims for the same kind of swift narrative leaps that the songs make on the album. Jumping between vivid, fragmentary moments, letting sensation substitute for psychology, *American Idiot* provides a narrative experience akin to hitting the forward button on Spotify. The energy of the music and its unflinching

view of wasted youth holds us in its grip.

The album debuted in the wake of 9/11. The Broadway premiere came in 2009, after the economic collapse. Springfield Theatre Centre brings it to us while we are still in the embrace of pandemic, in a nation more divided than at any point in 160 years. The media Armstrong railed against is massively more intrusive and powerful. While showing its age, this show is more important than ever.

Director Mark Wheeler and the STC have brought together an impressive cast. As the three friends, Jakob Hankins (Tunny), Gregory Runyard (Will) and Dylan Leach (Johnny) have strong voices and give affecting performances. Hankins' physical feat of transition to the broken shell of a disabled Iraq War veteran is shocking and heartbreaking.

Like the first-person narrators of most pop songs, the simplistic characters are what listeners project on them. The women especially are stereotypes – a couple of the main characters don't even have names. But it is the female actors in this production who come closest to the essential theatrical nature of *American Idiot*, embodying its transgressive qualities, breaking past the familiar "musical comedy" performance mode into something with real power.

Casting the charming and threatening Ariel Rhodes as the drug dealer St. Jimmy (a role closely associated with Armstrong) is a smart, bold choice. Erica Metzger as Extraordinary Girl and Alayna Currie as Heather are simply terrific. Lydia Tate as Whatsername gives us plenty of something this show demands and could use more of – a true rocker's attitude.

Disillusionment and despair are universal, but in this case, voices were excluded from the discourse. That *American Idiot* in 2004 ignored the toxic legacy of racism is a sad reality, one this production



In *Green Day's American Idiot*, Tunny (Jacob Hankins) gets swept up by the patriotic fervor to join the fight in Iraq. The staged reimagining of the 2004 punk phenomenon is presented by Springfield Theatre Centre through Sunday at the Hoogland.

unfortunately sidesteps. Our stages must reflect who we are.

And yet *American Idiot* and this production bravely and clearly show how our political climate has corroded American culture and is eating away at our values, and at our democracy. Apathy and alienation are no longer options.

The band is fine (additional orchestrations by Wheeler) and the sound mix is quite good and the vocals mostly clear, which is a big accomplishment. But it just isn't nearly loud enough.

Wheeler is billed as designer as well and the central projection screen is a powerful tool. A screen was also used in the STC's *Arsenic and Old Lace* last month. Effective, but the placement in both productions imposes staging challenges, in this case limiting the entrances and exits to the sides. The choreography by Susan Wheeler, with punching, kicking, jerking, hunched bodies, captures anger and fear, all the more impressive as the

program indicates that this is her first time in that job. Kristin Wheeler's costumes are great.

If you love Green Day, if you love theater and, yes, if you love America (with all its faults), you owe it to yourself to go see *American Idiot* playing through Sunday at the Hoogland. Tickets seem to be in demand.

*American Idiot* is not for young children, but most teens should be fine. There is offensive language, suggestive drug use and in-your-face heavy drinking. There is some uncomfortable gunplay, as well as a (non-realistic) suicide by handgun.

Audience members will be asked to wear masks. All seats are available for sale and there is no social distancing in the auditorium. □

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Len Trumper signs and sells copies of his book this Saturday at Motorheads (1-4 p.m.) and Monday at Penny Lane (4-7 p.m.).

# Len plus Two TikToks

**NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin**

Hello there. Won't you come on into our mid-November, pre-Thanksgiving episode of *Now Playing*, covering the last weekend before the holiday rush of 2021. We have plenty going on in our live music world and some tidbits from those out there doing something out there.

From festivals with all local bands to concerts by the biggest names in showbiz, Len Trumper's Whatever Productions was responsible for booking many of the live concerts held in Springfield and surrounding areas during the 70s and 80s. He brought them to various city locations, including the State Armory, Nelson Center, Illinois Building, St. Nicholas ballroom, Griffin High School, State Fair Grandstand and many other venues. I could go on and on, as I remember being at many of these shows, but this is to announce that Len's book we mentioned here recently is now available to the general public. This week he will be selling and signing *Len Trumper Presents* at Motorheads from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and at Penny Lane on Monday from 4 to 7 p.m.

The book will be for sale at Recycled Records and Penny Lane for now, and at other locations as Len gets this book selling thing going. He has hardback and soft cover versions ready for retail (and some T-shirts, too) and it's an amazing tale of what one person can do and did to make something happen. Congratulations to you Len, for getting out this record of your accomplishments and to provide Springfield with a bit of history lesson of what went on back then. Online info is available on Facebook at Len Trumper's Whatever Productions and the book is also for sale at Amazon, Target and Barnes & Noble, but Len prefers you buy local, if you can.

In more news from area folks on the move, Stella Cole, a Springfield native now living

in New York City, hit some big numbers on TikTok this past year (over 250,000) and that brought her to a cool, good deal. Along with her songwriting cohort Emma Scotson, Stella worked with Grammy-award winning producer Dave O'Donnell to record several songs with a two-part EP of original compositions, "Fine" and "Invincible," set to be released this Friday, Nov. 19 on Spotify, Apple and Amazon Music. Way to go, Stella. Did you happen to rub Abe's nose for good luck some time ago? After hearing Stella sing, even old Abe's nose would know she doesn't need luck, just the opportunity to be heard, which she got and will now get even more of in the coming days. We expect to hear much more in the times ahead from this extremely talented and very personable singer extraordinaire from Springfield, Illinois.

In another local TikTok success story, John Runions, father of the drummer in Unchained, a combo from Rochester that won our recent Best of Springfield Original Band category, posted a video last May called "turning my basement into a nightclub" that went viral. Now clocking in at some 63.5 million views, John parlayed the attention the time-lapse video received into a bonus for Unchained by landing a connection with JRich ENT, an audio engineer with a Grammy nomination credit, who has worked with the likes of Cardi B, Kanye West and Post Malone. For now, Unchained is being shopped to festivals for 2022 shows by JRich and the company he works with, Ekho Management, but the sky's the limit when things start to happen for these guys. Awesome job, dad, that's the way to do it. And good luck on getting the nightclub rocking, too.

Remember to check all our listings for cool stuff happening this week around town. □

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

### Friday Nov 19

**Frank Parker's Jambalaya Jazz**  
Anchors Away, 8pm

**Beat Creeps, Rolling Sixes, Uncle Muscle**  
Bar None, 8pm

**90s Daughter**  
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7:30-10:30pm

**Open jam with Tom Beverly**  
Bob's Butternut Hut, 6-10pm

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

**Fun DMC**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**BackPack Jones Band**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7pm

**Sara Schneider Band and Black Queen**  
George Rank's, 8pm-12:30am

**Moroccan Soul**  
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

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

**Kapital Sound Groovin' The MotorDome**  
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**West End Boogie**  
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**NATU Band**  
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### Saturday Nov 20

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

**Smashtag**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7pm

**The Down Homies, Larry Stevens**  
George Rank's, 7:30-10:30pm

**Tom Beverly and Nate Cozadd**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

**Off the Wall**  
Kuhl Tyme Korner, Jacksonville, 9pm

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

**Last Minute**  
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm-12am

**Rusty & Dusty with Hip Bone Sam**  
Pier 55 Lounge, 8-11:30pm

**Joel Honey**  
Slaughterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn, 6-9pm

**Al Kitchen**  
Walnut Street Winery, Rochester, 7-10pm

**ReMix**  
Weebles Bar & Grill, 8pm-12am

**Black Queen Light**  
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 8pm-12am

### Sunday Nov 21

**The Tangents**  
3Sixteen Wine Bar, Chatham, 4-7pm

**Johnnie Owens**  
The Alibi, Rochester, 5-8pm

**Mary Jo Curry**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 2pm

**Joel Gragg**  
Harvest Market, 10am-1pm

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



JackAsh plays at Boar's Nest in Athens from 7-10 p.m., on Saturday, November 20.

**Jay and Kimberly**  
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 4-7pm

### Monday Nov 22

**Chris Camp and His Blues Ambassadors**  
The Alamo, 7-10pm

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

### Tuesday Nov 23

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

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

**Open jam with The Jay Larson Band**  
George Rank's, 8-11pm

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

### Wednesday Nov 24

**Tom Beverly and Geoff Ryan**  
3Sixteen Wine Bar, Chatham, 6-9pm

**Open mic with Colin Helton**  
Bar None, 8pm

**NCR**  
Boar's Nest, Athens, 8pm

**Open mic**  
Boone's, 6-10pm

**XKrush**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**After Sunset**  
Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill and Museum, 8-11pm

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

# Coors LIGHT

## WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT

### FUN DMC

Curve Inn  
Friday, November 19 • 6pm

### X-KRUSH

Sliderz Bar & Grill (Decatur)  
Saturday, November 20 • 9pm  
Curve Inn  
Wednesday, November 24 • 6pm

### OFF THE WALL

Kuhl Tyme Korner (Jacksonville)  
Saturday, November 20 • 8:00pm  
And  
Sunday, November 21 \*10:55pm

# BUD LIGHT

PARTY NIGHT

## JACKASH

The Boar's Nest (Athens)  
Saturday, November 20 • 7:30pm

Danenberger Family Vineyards  
(New Berlin)  
Sunday, November 28 • 2:00pm

## NCR

The Boar's Nest (Athens)  
Wednesday, November 24 • 8:00pm

Curve Inn  
Saturday, November 27 • 6:00pm

## THE GET DOWN

Sliderz (Decatur)  
Wednesday, November 24 • 9:00pm

## THE CALENDAR



### “Voices and Votes”

Sat., Nov. 20-Wed.,  
Dec. 22  
Jacksonville Area  
Museum  
301 E. State St.  
Jacksonville

### HISTORY | Freedom and obligation

**it** The Smithsonian Museum on Main Street’s “Voices and Votes: Democracy in America” traveling exhibit examines questions stemming from the leap of faith taken by the American revolutionaries who established a government that entrusted the power of the nation, not in a monarchy, but in its citizens. It delves into topics such as who has the right to vote, what are the freedoms and responsibilities of citizens and whose voices are heard in our democracy. Claire Jerry, curator of political history at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History, will help welcome the exhibit with a special program at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20, at Hamilton’s Banquet Hall, 110 N. East St., directly across the street from the museum. Her presentation, *The National is Local is National*, is free and open to the public. The exhibit at the museum is made possible by support from Illinois Humanities and Museum on Main Street.

## THE CALENDAR

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

### Special Music Events

**it Eric Noden**  
Sat., Nov. 20, 7pm. An evening of live-streamed music and conversation with an award-winning acoustic blues and roots musician based out of Chicago, whose virtuosic fingerpicking guitar blends perfectly with his honey and whiskey-tinged voice. Hickory Ridge Concerts Virtual, [hickoryridgeconcerts.com](http://hickoryridgeconcerts.com), 309-224-8210.

**Jazz Café**  
Sat., Nov. 20, 7pm. UIS Jazz Ensemble with director Brian Stark. Also viewable online. Free. UIS Studio Theatre, One University Plaza, 217-206-7529.

**Josh Turner**  
Fri., Nov. 19, 8pm. Holiday and The Hits Tour. \$19-\$85. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

**Solo Recital**  
Fri., Nov. 19, 7pm. Featuring UIS Music and Illinois Symphony Orchestra youth musicians. Free. UIS Studio Theatre, One University Plaza, 217-206-7529.

**Johnnie Owens and Friends**  
Fri., Nov. 19, 5:30-7:30pm. Part of the Friday Night Jazz series sponsored by the Springfield Area Arts Council. Boone’s, 301 W. Edwards St., 217-679-3752.

### Theater & Comedy

**Comedy open mic with Lance Cain**  
Every second and fourth Wednesday of each month, 6-8:30pm. Join a supportive group of local standup comedians trying out 4-6 minutes of new material, or be an audience member supplying the laughs. Comedian signup begins at 6pm. Show begins at 7pm. Free. Anvil and Forge Brewing and Distilling Company, 619 E. Washington St., 217-679-1195.

**Green Day’s “American Idiot”**  
Nov. 19-Nov. 21. A two-time Tony Award-winning hit musical based on the Grammy Award-winning multi-platinum album. Music by Green Day, lyrics by Billie Joe Armstrong, book by Billie Joe Armstrong and Michael Mayer, and directed by Mark Wheeler.

Contact the theater for ticket pricing. Springfield Theatre Centre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

**Jim Gaffigan: The Fun Tour**  
Sun., Nov. 21, 7pm. \$37.75-\$77.75. BoS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 800-745-3000.

**“RENT”**  
Thu., Nov. 18, 7:30pm. RENT’s 25th Anniversary “Farewell Season of Love” is your final chance to experience this celebrated touring production, so don’t miss it. \$24-\$89. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

**Rocky Laporte**  
Fri., Nov. 19, 8-9:30pm. Everyman, streetwise style of comedy delivered with his trademark Brooklyn accent. \$19.00-\$21.50. Mason City Limits Comedy Club, Mason City, 114 E. Chestnut St., 217-482-5233.

### Art & Architecture

**Anna Repke and Amy Kock**  
Through Nov. 28. Dyed wool paintings and mixed media 3D collage art. David Strawn Art Gallery, Jacksonville, 331 W. College Ave., 217-243-9390.

**“Code of Complication”**  
Mondays-Thursdays, 11am-6pm.

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

**“On My Own Time” art exhibition**  
Mondays-Fridays, 9am-5pm and Saturdays, 10am-3pm. A biennial visual arts program sponsored by the Springfield Area Arts Council with the purpose to help local businesses, state agencies and educational and medical institutions identify and celebrate their employees’ artistic talents. [springfieldart.org](http://springfieldart.org). Free. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

**Pastels Among the Pages**  
Through Jan. 28, 2022. The largest annual show by the Illinois Prairie Pastel Society with over 60 paintings by 38 area pastelists. Open during regular library hours. COVID masking and distance protocols will be followed. Free. Chatham Area Public Library, Chatham, 600 E. Spruce, 217-483-9030.

### Food & Drink

**Holiday and Winter Farmers**

### Market

Third Saturday of every month, 8am-12pm. Find fresh, local produce and proteins. EBT accepted and SNAP recipients can receive a Health Ways card that spends like SNAP benefits. Union Station, 500 E. Madison, 217-557-4588.

### History

**The Black Man’s President**  
Tue., Nov. 23, 12-1pm. Historian Michael Burlingame will discuss his new book, *The Black Man’s President: Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, & the Pursuit of Racial Equality*, which examines Lincoln’s treatment of Black people and their reception of him. Online. Visit [uis.zoom.us](http://uis.zoom.us) or call for the Zoom link. Free. 217-206-8663.

### Little Lincoln’s Fireside Tales: Family

Tue., Nov. 23, 10am-11pm. Activities, crafts and exciting books for children five and younger and their caregivers. Family is this month’s theme. In person at 10am, virtual event at 2pm. Call for Zoom info. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

### “Voices and Votes”

Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, 10am-4pm. Examines why American revolutionaries established a government that entrusted the power of the nation, not in a monarchy, but in its citizens. Open during regular museum hours. Jacksonville Area Museum, Jacksonville, 301 E. State St.

### Faith & Philosophy

**Greater Springfield Interfaith Association’s Annual Thanksgiving Service**  
Sun., Nov. 21, 7-8pm. Connected through gratitude. Speakers from the Muslim, Hindu, Unitarian/Universalist and Christian/Native American communities will offer brief talks that lead to breakout discussions to celebrate deep our connections. All are welcome to participate and be part of, and acknowledge, our oneness. Free. 217-899-9918.

### Holiday Happenings

**Holiday Craft Fair**  
Mondays-Saturdays, 9am-12pm. Pottery, bead work, gift baskets for all occasions, weaving, Christmas decorations and more. Baked goods on Saturdays. Call to shop after hours or to bring groups larger than 10. Closed Sundays and Thanksgiving. Cash or check, no

credit cards. Masks required. Free admission. Jubilee Farm, 6760 Old Jacksonville Road, 217-787-6927.

**Pet photos with Santa**  
Sun., Nov. 21, 6-8pm. Bring your pets to pose with Santa. Use the lower level entrance between Macy’s and LA Fitness. White Oaks Mall, 2501 Wabash Ave., 217-787-0110.

**it Santa’s arrival**  
Sat., Nov. 20, 10:30am-12:30pm. Snowball fight in the play area, followed by Santa’s arrival and a parade with the Girl Scouts of Central Illinois. Then, a meet and greet with Santa, a holiday dance performance with Springfield Youth Performance Group, and holiday crafts and cookies. Free. White Oaks Mall, 2501 Wabash Ave., 217-787-0110.

**Sherman Holiday Wonderland**  
Sun., Nov. 21, 10am-4pm. Local craft artists and vendors. Gifts and season items. Food concession. Proceeds from booth rental will benefit the IEA Scholarship Fund. Free admission. Sherman Athletic Club, Sherman, 300 S. First St., 217-566-3357.

### Children’s Corner

**Family Reading Night at Lincoln Library**  
Thu., Nov. 18, 5:30-7pm. Celebrating the 30th anniversary of Illinois’ Family Reading Night. Stories, book giveaways, raffles and a bunch of fun activities for the whole family. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

### Lectures & Meetings

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

**Artist Chat: Nora Moore Lloyd**  
Tue., Nov. 23, 6:30pm. Artist Nora Moore Lloyd will discuss her work on display in the “Human/Nature” exhibit. Her work focuses on Indigenous cultures, nature and documenting community and family history through traditional storytelling and photography. Call the Illinois State Museum for registration info. [illinoistatemuseum.org](http://illinoistatemuseum.org). Free. 217-558-6696.

**The High 5 Habit - Putting it in action**  
Mon., Nov. 22. Discussion and



## THE CALENDAR



### Holiday and Winter Indoor Farmers Market

Sat., Nov. 20,  
8 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Union Station  
500 E. Madison St.  
Downtown Springfield  
217-544-1723

### FOOD | Living life on the veg

**it** The 22nd annual Old Capitol Farmers Market wrapped up in October. However, many local farmers are able to continue to grow produce year-round. With that in mind, Downtown Springfield, Inc. has found a new venue to house the market through the winter season. Historic Union Station, a former train station that is now part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, will provide a dedicated sheltered outdoor space and heated indoor space which will help make fresh produce and local proteins available year-round in downtown Springfield. The market will take place every third Saturday of the month through April, for a total of six markets. EBT will be accepted and SNAP recipients can visit the information desk to receive a Healthy Ways card that spends just like SNAP benefits, making wholesome holiday meals available to all area families. The market is free and open to the public. It is organized by Downtown Springfield, Inc. in partnership with HSHS St. John's Hospital, Development Services Group, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum and the City of Springfield.

application of book by Mel Robbins will meet on Mondays from 1-2pm for 5 weeks beginning Nov. 22. The book topic is prep work for more enjoyment in life (and holiday season) and readying yourself for goal success in 2022. The facilitator is a holistic wellness coach with experience leading process groups. A one-time fee of \$20 per person is charged to cover the cost of a private meeting room. No fee for facilitation. Email for more info. foodlimits@gmail.com

### McBrien Lincoln-Douglas Toastmaster Club

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

### ■ Bulletin Board

**Flannel and Fleece Family Day**  
Sat., Nov. 20, 10am-4pm. Show up in your flannel and fleece pajamas for a cozy family day featuring giant board games and fall-themed STEAM challenges. Visit the live animals from the Henson Robinson Zoo from 11am-3pm. Join storytellers in the auditorium at 10:30am and 1:30-2:30pm. Free. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-558-6696.

**The National is Local is National**  
Sat., Nov. 20, 6:30pm. Claire Jerry,

curator of political history at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, will give an opening presentation for the traveling exhibition, "Voices and Votes," on display at the Jacksonville Area Museum. Free and open to the public. Hamilton's, Jacksonville, 110 N. East St., 217-675-2720.

### Policy Breakfast - Sangamon County Citizen Survey

Fri., Nov. 19, 7:30am coffee reception, 8am program. The survey is a collaborative effort between the UIS Center for State Policy and Leadership, the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln and the United Way of Central Illinois. Hosted by the Citizens Club of Springfield. Hoogland Center for the Arts Club Room, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

### Savvy Caregiver

Mondays, 1-3pm. Are you struggling with caring for a loved one who is experiencing dementia-related issues? Join a six-week course designed to assist in meeting the needs of caregivers. Leave each session feeling revived and with new coping skills. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

### Springfield Chess Club

Wednesdays, 6-8pm. Casual games for the public and club members of all ages and skill

levels. Meets at 6pm on the second Monday of each month in the multipurpose room of Lincoln Library at 326 S. Seventh St., and on Wednesdays at 6pm in the food court of White Oaks Mall at 2501 Wabash Ave. springfieldchessclub.com. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-726-2584.

### Springfield Comic Book Convention

Sun., Nov. 21, 10am-4pm. A huge variety of new and old comic books, as well as toys and related collectibles. Bring in your old comics books for the dealers. epguides.com. Free. Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, 625 E. Saint Joseph St., 309-657-1599.

### ■ Health & Fitness

#### Fasters meeting

Fourth Tuesday of every month, 6-7pm. Intermittent fasting group discussion and support for a healthy lifestyle. Room 1105A, first floor. Springfield Clinic 1st, 900 N. First St., 217-725-6715.

#### Mindful movement class

Mon., Nov. 22, 6:30pm. Learn the basics of mindful movement with an introduction to balance, finger/wrist exercises, shoulder rolls and more. Masks required. Free. Jacksonville Public Library, Jacksonville, 201 W. College Ave., 217-243-5435.

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**Real Estate Foreclosure**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 STATE OF ILLINOIS  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**TOWN AND COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.,**  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
**DEBRA J. RICHARDS, TOWN AND COUNTRY BANK and NORTHEAST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION,**  
 Defendants.  
 CASE NO. 21-CH-71 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1905 JEANETTE LANE, #5 SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702  
 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on October 20, 2021, the following described real estate, to-wit:  
 Permanent Index Number: 14-29.0-355-013 aka 14-29-355-013  
 Commonly known as: 1905 Jeanette Lane, #5, Springfield, IL 62702  
 will be offered for sale and sold at public venue on December 14, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.  
 The Judgment amount is \$33,950.59. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.  
 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.  
 The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.  
 For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 111 East

Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719  
 The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).  
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**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 STATE OF ILLINOIS  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST,**  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
**UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF LUCINDA S. ARNOLD, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LUCINDA S. ARNOLD, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF LUCINDA S. ARNOLD, DECEASED, DAVID A. ARNOLD, NICHOLAS ARNOLD, AMBER ARNOLD and WILLIAM P. BUTCHER, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF LUCINDA S. ARNOLD, DECEASED,**  
 Defendants.  
 CASE NO. 21-CH-68 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 209 W. CONREY STREET WILLIAMSVILLE, IL 62693  
 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on November 3, 2021, the following

described real estate, to-wit: Permanent Index Number: 07-04.0-332-036

Commonly known as: 209 W. Conrey Street, Williamsville, IL 62693 will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on December 7, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$102,463.41. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

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

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

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

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

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

#### SURE LAW.

Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff, Veronika J. Miles (#6313161), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 740 Decatur, IL 62525 Send Notice/Pleadings to: Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754

#### NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF SANGAMON IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. FRED PRYOR, STEPHANIE PRYOR, EXCEL GUTTERS, INC., AN ILLINOIS CORPORATION, SCOTT SIERON, NANCY R. SIMPSON, JOHN R. SIMPSON and STATE OF ILLINOIS-DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, Defendants. CASE NO. 20-CH-195 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4120 S. 2ND SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 (PARCEL 3) PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on April 21, 2021, the following described real estate, to-wit: Permanent Index Number: 22-21.0-227-007 (Parcel 3)

Commonly known as: 4120 S. 2nd, Springfield, IL 62703 (Parcel 3) will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on DECEMBER 7, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$210,645.38. The real estate is improved with a commercial building. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

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

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

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED LOANS STRUCTURED TRANSACTION TRUST, SERIES 2018-2, Plaintiff(s), vs. RICHARD E. DOWELL, SUZETTE M. DOWELL, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC, Defendant(s). Case No. 19 CH 214

#### 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 28, 2021, 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: 515 SOUTH GRAND WEST, CHATHAM, IL 62629 P.I.N. 28-12-456-006 A/K/A 28-12.0-456-006

Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.

The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808 Timothy R. Yueill - ARDC #6192172 Greg Elsnic - ARDC #6242847 Aaron Nevel - ARDC #6322724 175 North Franklin St. Suite 201 Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 357-1125 Pleadings@nevellaw.com SL # 19-01169

# PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DANIEL W. CADIGAN, Deceased. Case No. 2021-P-612 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of DANIEL W. CADIGAN of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on April 16, 2021. Letters of Office were issued on the 27th day of October, A.D., 2021, to MARY M. CADIGAN, 1324 South Douglas Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed. DATED this 27th day of October, A.D., 2021.

Estate of DANIEL W. CADIGAN, Deceased, BY: /s/ R. Stephen Scott SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., its Attorneys PREPARED BY: R. Stephen Scott (02533391) SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C. Attorneys at Law 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200 Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-8200 rss@scottscottlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of RACHEL MARIE STREEB, Deceased. NO. 2021-P-577 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Rachel Marie Streeb of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 19, 2021, to Michelle Heim-Streeb, 200 Windridge Drive, Collinsville, Illinois 62234, as Administrator with Will Annexed, 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 Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representatives or both, on or before April 26, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 21st day of October, 2021. Randy S. Paswater - 06283705 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 paswater@barberlaw.com

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

Estate of STEPHEN W. CARROLL, Deceased. NO. 2021-P-604 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Stephen W. Carroll of Dawson, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 27, 2021, to Kathryn Rees, P.O. Box 215, Dawson, Illinois 62520, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Matthew J. Cate, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before May 4, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 27th day of October, 2021. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of WILEY MOSKE, Deceased. NO. 2021-P-609 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Wiley Moske of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on November 4, 2021, to Michal M. Moske, P.O. Box 472, Decatur, Illinois 62525, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Matthew J. Cate, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before May 11, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 5th day of November, 2021. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com 315345

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of ALLEN H. BREWER, Deceased. NO. 2021-P-605 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Allen H. Brewer of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 26, 2021, to Dean D. Brewer, 1901 Wilderness Trail, Springfield, Illinois 62711, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

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Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before May 3, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 26th day of October, 2021. Randall W. Segatto - 06193211 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P. O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 217/544-4868 rsegatto@barberlaw.com

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

Estate of: CHRISTA GISELA LAWHORN, Deceased. NO. 2021-P-630 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Christa Gisela Lawhorn of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on November 4, 2021, to Christa Hesser, 1343 Horse Farm Road, Divernon, Illinois 62530, 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 11, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 4th day of November, 2021. Bernard G. Segatto, III - 0620210753 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 bsegatto@barberlaw.com

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

IN THE MATTER OF: MARK R. SCHMIDT, Deceased. No. 2021 P 617 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Mark R. Schmidt of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on October 28, 2021, to Alesia L. Pierce, whose address is 2404 Parkview Drive, Springfield, IL 62704, as Administrator, and whose attorney is JAMES R. ENLOW of GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL, 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL, 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. DATED this 4th day of November, 2021. James R. Enlow(#6199891) GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL Attorneys at Law 1231 South Eighth Street Springfield, Illinois 62703 Telephone: (217) 522.9010 Facsimile: (217) 522.9020 Email: jim@gwspc.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MENARD COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF KENNETH JOSEPH NOLAN, Deceased. Case No. 2021-P-44 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of KENNETH JOSEPH NOLAN. Letters of Administration were issued on November 10, 2021, to RITA ELLYN NOLAN, 340 E. Adams, Greenview, IL 62642 as Executor, and whose attorney is GORDON W. GATES of GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL, 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL, 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Menard County Courthouse, 102 South Seventh Street, Petersburg, IL 62675, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. DATED this 11th day of November 2021. Gordon W. Gates (#6192861) GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL 1231 South Eighth Street Springfield, IL 62703 Telephone: (217) 522-9010 Facsimile: (217) 522-9020 Attorney for Estate

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

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

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

In re the Estate of WILLIAM RAY BURRIS, JR., Deceased. Case No. 2021-P-613 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of William Ray Burris, Jr. Letters of office have been issued to Brenda M. Burris, 963 Kamm Rd., Springfield, IL 62707, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is R. Phillip Reed, Attorney at Law, 1129 S. Seventh St., Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Administrator, or both, on or before May 6, 2022, and any

claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Administrator 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 <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. R. PHILLIP REED Attorney at Law 1129 S. Seventh St. Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 528-7333 reedlaw@sbcglobal.net ARDC No. 2300478

In the Matter of the Estate of BARBARA L. NELSON, Deceased. 2020-P-224

NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS AND UNKNOWN HEIRS / LEGATEES. Notice is given of the death of BARBARA L. NELSON, from Springfield, in Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on July 8, 2020, to Thomas Nelson 4131 Crocus Drive, Springfield, IL 62711 and Nancy Nelson Seward, 708 Fraase Road, New Berlin, IL 62670, as Co-Executors, whose attorneys are the Noll Law Office, 930 E. Monroe St., Springfield, IL 62701. Claimants claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before May 18, 2022, or three months after date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. A copy of an order granting executorship and probating of will can be obtained from the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless an interested person asks the court to become involved. Notice is given to unknown heirs / legatees, who are heirs or legatees in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose name or address is not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, that within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in section 6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under section 8-1 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/81) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Dated this 27th day of October, 2021 Sarah Noll Noll Law Office, LLC 930 E. Monroe St. Springfield, IL 62701 Phone: (217) 544-8441 noll@noll-law.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, vs. STACEY E. LANDERS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 2021CH109 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is December 8, 2021. Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on October 29, 2021. 1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 2021CH109 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: Stacey E. Landers 4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: Lot 518 in Klemm's Piper Glen Tenth Addition as per Plat recorded June 21, 2006 as Document No. 2006R23145, situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. 5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 7412 Royal Troon Court, Springfield, Illinois 6. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: COUNT I: Name of Mortgage: Stacey E. Landers Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank Date of Mortgage: December 2, 2014 Date of recording: December 31, 2014 County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois Recording document identification: Document No. 2014R34549 COUNT II: Name of Mortgage: Stacey E. Landers Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank Date of Mortgage: January 26, 2019 Date of recording: January 31, 2019 County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois Recording document identification: Document No. 2019R01790 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Emmet A. Fairfield Registration No. 6180505 205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-8491 efairfield@bhsrwlaw.com 8051-919041

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1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 2021CH109 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: Stacey E. Landers 4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: Lot 518 in Klemm's Piper Glen Tenth Addition as per Plat recorded June 21, 2006 as Document No. 2006R23145, situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. 5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 7412 Royal Troon Court, Springfield, Illinois 6. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: COUNT I: Name of Mortgage: Stacey E. Landers Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank Date of Mortgage: December 2, 2014 Date of recording: December 31, 2014 County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois Recording document identification: Document No. 2014R34549 COUNT II: Name of Mortgage: Stacey E. Landers Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank Date of Mortgage: January 26, 2019 Date of recording: January 31, 2019 County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois Recording document identification: Document No. 2019R01790 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Emmet A. Fairfield Registration No. 6180505 205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-8491 efairfield@bhsrwlaw.com 8051-919041

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, as successor to STATE BANK OF LINCOLN, an Illinois banking corporation, as assignee of Bank of Rantoul Plaintiff, vs. SANDRA GARCIA, DECEASED, BANK OF RANTOUL, JANA L. GRAHAM, UNKNOWN HEIRS OR DEVEISEES OF SANDRA GARCIA, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No.: 2020CH000009 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE Notice is given to defendants, UNKNOWN HEIRS OR DEVEISEES OF SANDRA GARCIA, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, of the following described real estate, that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action is now pending, and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said defendants is DECEMBER 13, 2021. The Plaintiff has certified that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action was filed on January 13, 2020, and is now pending. (i) The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above. (ii) The court in which said action was brought is identified above. (iii) The name of the title holder of record is: Sandra Garcia, Deceased. (iv) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: Lot 258 in Bel Air, an Addition to Rantoul, as per plat recorded in Plat Book "K" at Page 23, situated in the Village of Rantoul, in Champaign County, Illinois. Situated in Champaign County, Illinois. Tax Identification Number: 20-03-035-330-027 (v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 621 Illinois Drive, Rantoul, Illinois 61866. (vi) An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: (A) Nature of instrument: Mortgage. (B) Date of mortgage: September 16, 2005. (C) Name of mortgagor: Sandra Garcia. (D) Name of mortgagee: Bank of Rantoul. (E) Date and place of recording: September 20, 2005 in the Recorder's Office of Champaign County, Champaign County, Illinois. (F) Identification of recording: Document No. 2005R28683. Katie M. Blakeman Clerk of the Circuit Court Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930) Kristina B. Mucinskas (ARDC #6290296) Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 trigby@hswnet.com kmucinskas@hswnet.com 8051-919124

NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS TOWN AND COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff, vs. DEBRA J. RICHARDS, TOWN AND COUNTRY BANK and NORTHEAST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Defendants. CASE NO. 21-CH-71 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1905 JEANETTE LANE, #5 SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on October 20, 2021, the following described real estate, to-wit: UNIT NO. 7-2-1 CHATEAU CONDOMINIUM PHASE III AS DELINEATED ON A SURVEY OF THE EAST 245 FEET OF THE NORTH 168.71 FEET OF THE SOUTH 386.71 FEET OF THE SOUTH 6.55 ACRES OF LOT 6 IN TEMPLE HILL SUBDIVISION IN THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WHICH SURVEY IS ATTACHED TO DECLARATION MADE BY THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST NO. 3046 RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 533681, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED 4.0544 PERCENT INTEREST IN SAID EAST 245 OF THE NORTH 168.71 FEET OF THE SOUTH 386.71 FEET OF THE SOUTH 6.55 ACRES OF LOT 6 IN SAID TEMPLE HILL SUBDIVISION, EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL THE LAND, PROPERTY AND SPACE KNOWN AS UNITS 6-1-1/4, 6-2-1/4, 7-1-1/4, 7-2-2/4, 8-1-1/4 AND 8-2-2/4 ALL INCLUSIVE AS SAID UNITS ARE DELINEATED ON SAID SURVEY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Permanent Index Number: 14-29.0-355-013 aka 14-29-355-013 Commonly known as: 1905 Jeanette Lane, #5, Springfield, IL 62702 will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on December 14, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$33,950.59. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihar, LLC, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condomini-

um Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1). If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. TOWN AND COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff, Veronika J. Miles (#6313161), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 740 Decatur, IL 62525 Send Notice/Pleadings to: Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 8051-918919

NOTICE OF SALE  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
FRED PRYOR, STEPHANIE PRYOR, EXCEL GUTTERS, INC., AN ILLINOIS CORPORATION, SCOTT SIERON, NANCY R. SIMPSON, JOHN R. SIMPSON and STATE OF ILLINOIS-DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, Defendants.  
CASE NO. 20-CH-195  
PROPERTY ADDRESS:  
4120 S. 2ND  
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 (PARCEL 3)  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on April 21, 2021, the following described real estate, to-wit:  
PARCEL III:  
THE NORTH 104 FEET OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT:  
THAT PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT 30 FEET EAST OF AND 832' FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 208 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE EAST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION, A DISTANCE OF 208 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 208 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE WEST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 208 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT THAT PART DESCRIBED AS BEING A PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 6 IN THE NEUMAN SUBDIVISION, A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER, NORTHEAST QUARTER, SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD

PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.  
THE LOCATION OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR SAID TRACT IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
FROM AN IRON PIN AT THE NORTH-WEST CORNER, NORTHEAST QUARTER, NORTHEAST QUARTER, SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SOUTH 88 DEGREES 20 MINUTES WEST 1.8 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 45 MINUTES EAST 832.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 20 MINUTES EAST 31.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.  
THE LAND IN SAID TRACT IS DESCRIBED IN DETAIL AS FOLLOWS:  
FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING NORTH 88 DEGREES 20 MINUTES EAST 15.0 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 2 DEGREES 27 MINUTES WEST 104.27 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 20 MINUTES WEST 7.5 FEET, THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 40 MINUTES WEST 104.0 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALL SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
Permanent Index Number: 22-21.0-227-007 (Parcel 3)  
Commonly known as: 4120 S. 2nd, Springfield, IL 62703 (Parcel 3)  
will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on DECEMBER 7, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$210,645.38. The real estate is improved with a commercial building.  
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.  
The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719  
The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during

any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1). If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
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NOTICE OF SALE  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF LUCINDA S. ARNOLD, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LUCINDA S. ARNOLD, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF LUCINDA S. ARNOLD, DECEASED, DAVID A. ARNOLD, NICHOLAS ARNOLD, AMBER ARNOLD and WILLIAM P. BUTCHER, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF LUCINDA S. ARNOLD, DECEASED, Defendants.  
CASE NO. 21-CH-68 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 209 W. CONREY STREET WILLIAMSVILLE, IL 62693  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on November 3, 2021, the following described real estate, to-wit:  
LOT 16 IN N. R. TAYLOR'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS, AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OF RECORD  
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Permanent Index Number: 07-04.0-332-036

Commonly known as: 209 W. Conrey Street, Williamsville, IL 62693  
will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on December 7, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$102,463.41. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by

any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.  
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.  
The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719  
The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1). If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff, Veronika J. Miles (#6313161), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 740 Decatur, IL 62525 Send Notice/Pleadings to: Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 8051-919189

Notice by Publication  
CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF Javonta Young No. 2021-P-554  
To: Javon Young at address unknown and

All Persons Having A Right To Notice: Please be notified that Rebecca Crask has filed a Petition for Guardianship of the Estate and Person of Javonta Young, minor child. You are required to answer said Petition BY December 20, 2021 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF Devin Brooks No. 2021-P-620  
To: Brandon Lucky at address unknown and All Persons Having A Right To Notice: Please be notified that Eddie & Michelle Brooks have filed a Petition for Guardianship of the Estate and Person of Devin Brooks, minor child. You are required to answer said Petition BY January 10, 2022 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF Melanie Carter & Ma'dysen Hayes No. 2021-P-407  
To: Darnetta Hayes at address unknown and unknown fathers at addresses unknown: Please be notified that Lisa Lewis Williams has filed a Petition for Guardianship of the Estate and Person of Melanie Carter & Ma'dysen Hayes, minor children. You are required to answer said Petition BY January 10, 2022 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

Date of Sale:  
November 22, 2021, at Westside Storage, 3142 South Douglas Ave, Springfield, IL 62704  
Bld B #75 10x10  
Usrey Abdelal  
2205 Checkberry Lane  
Springfield, IL 62704  
Bld W #25 10x10  
Alan Ellis  
135 East Prairie Ave #2  
Decatur, IL 62523  
Bld J #85 10x10  
Juanita Issaka  
106 Holiday Park Village  
Jamestown, ND 58401  
Bld J #82 10x20  
Danielle Lewis  
2260 Concord Ct  
Springfield, IL 62704  
Bld D #26 10x12  
Blake Schutte  
4030 Country Meadows  
Quincy, IL 62305  
Bld K #30 10x20  
James Sunderland  
12 Douglas Ct  
Springfield, IL 62704  
Bld B #62 5x10  
Kimberly Wilson  
3519 Timbersedge Ct  
Indianapolis, IN 46222  
Bld L #102 10x10  
Shanna Zake  
2044 S Lincoln  
Springfield, IL 62704

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
DAN GOOD, SANGAMON COUNTY AS TRUSTEE FOR TAXING DISTRICTS, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS SUCCESSOR OF NATIONAL CITY BANK, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No. 21-MR-1360  
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Dan Good, Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on October 25, 2021 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 2318 N. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as: LOT 316 AND 317 IN ROANOKE SUBDIVISION. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
(Permanent Parcel No. 14-15.0-352-036); and for other relief.  
UNLESS Dan Good, Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before December 6, 2021, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.  
/s/ Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of Court  
James K. Zerkle  
Corporation Counsel  
Kateah McMasters  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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Springfield, IL 62701-1653  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
TYKIA TAYLOR, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES, HEARTLAND CREDIT UNION, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
No. 21-MR-1361  
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to Tykia Taylor, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that a Complaint for Demolition was filed in the above-named Court on October 25, 2021, and is now pending.  
The common address of the structure which is subject to demolition is 1522 S. 15th Street, Springfield, Illinois, and said real estate is legally described as: LOT 6 IN BLOCK 10 OF HORNSBY'S SUBDIVISION. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY.  
PIN: 22-03-227-006

The name of the title holder of record of said real estate is: Tykia Taylor.  
NOW THEREFORE, unless Tykia Taylor, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants file an answer to the Complaint for Demolition in this cause or otherwise file an appearance therein in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before December 6, 2021, a default judgment may be entered at any time after that day and an Order for Demolition may be entered in accordance with the relief requested in the Complaint for Demolition.  
/s/ Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County  
James K. Zerkle  
Corporation Counsel  
Kevin Barnal, ARDC #6329422  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD,  
ILLINOIS

THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS,  
a Municipal Corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

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

No. 21-MR-1368

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

The requisite Affidavit for Service by  
Publication having been filed, notice is  
hereby given Nicki P. Smith, Unknown  
Owners and Non-Record Claimants that a  
Complaint for Demolition was filed in the  
above-named Court on October 26, 2021,  
and is now pending.

The common address of the structure  
which is subject to demolition is 1426 E.  
Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, and  
said real estate is legally described as:  
Lot 2 in Block 7 of Mather and Welles'  
Addition to the City of Springfield, Illinois.  
Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
PIN: 14-34.0-278-007.

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

/s/ Paul Palazzolo

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

Prepared by:

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

THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS,  
a Municipal Corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

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

Case No. 21-MR-1370

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Jim Kieffer, Unknown  
Owners and Non-record Claimants, that  
a complaint has been filed in the above  
named court on October 26, 2021 for  
demolition of the structure or structures  
located on the real estate commonly  
known as 1404 Loveland Street, Spring-  
field, Illinois, and legally described as:  
The West 70 feet of Lot 2 in Block 1 of  
Stuart Brown's Subdivision, as per Plat  
recorded November 2, 1883, in Plat Book  
9, Page 39. Situated in Sangamon County,  
Illinois.

(Permanent Parcel No. 22-03.0-203-010);  
and for other relief.

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

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

/s/ Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of Court  
James K. Zerkle  
Corporation Counsel  
Kateah McMasters ARDC #6309668  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
800 E. Monroe, Room 327  
Springfield, IL 62701-1653  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD,  
ILLINOIS

THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS,  
a Municipal Corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

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

Case No. 21-MR-1369

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Frank W. McNeil,  
Barbara McNeil, TAVIUS MINTER, Unknown  
Owners and Non-record Claimants, that  
a complaint has been filed in the above  
named court on October 26, 2021 for  
demolition of the structure or structures  
located on the real estate commonly  
known as 2010 E. Brown Street, Spring-  
field, Illinois, and legally described as:  
Lots 14 and 15 in Block 5 of Edwin A.  
Wilson's Grand Avenue Subdivision to the  
City of Springfield.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
(Permanent Parcel No. 12-35.0-381-035);  
and for other relief.

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

/s/ Paul Palazzolo

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

THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS,  
a Municipal Corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

TAJUANA STELIVAN, SANGAMON COUNTY  
AS TRUSTEE FOR TAXING DISTRICTS,  
UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD  
CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants.

Case No. 21-MR-1453

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Tajuana Stelivan,  
Unknown Owners and Non-Record  
Claimants, that a complaint has been filed  
in the above named court on November  
5, 2021 for demolition of the structure

or structures located on the real estate  
commonly known as 2028 E. South Grand  
Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, and legally  
described as:

Lot 9 in Block 10 of Edwin A. Wilson's  
Grand Avenue Subdivision. Situated in  
Sangamon County, Illinois.  
(Permanent Parcel No. 22-02.0-126-009);  
and for other relief.

UNLESS Tajuana Stelivan, Unknown Own-  
ers and Non-Record Claimants FILE an  
answer or otherwise file an appearance in  
this case in the office of the clerk of this  
court, Room 405 Sangamon County Build-  
ing, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL  
62701, on or before December 20, 2021, A  
JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY  
BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT  
DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE  
COMPLAINT.

/s/ Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of Court  
James K. Zerkle  
Corporation Counsel  
Kateah McMasters ARDC #6309668  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD,  
ILLINOIS

THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS,  
a Municipal Corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

ALFRED RIVERA, UNKNOWN OWNERS and  
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants.

Case No. 21-MR-1452

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Alfred Rivera,  
Unknown Owners and Non-record Claim-  
ants, that a complaint has been filed in the  
above named court on November 5, 2021  
for demolition of the structure or struc-  
tures located on the real estate commonly  
known as 2015 Peoria Road, Springfield,  
Illinois, and legally described as:  
Lot 4 in Block 1 of Edwin A. Wilson's  
Subdivision of part of the East half of the  
Northeast Quarter of Section 22, Township  
16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Prin-  
cipal Meridian, in the City of Springfield.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
(Permanent Parcel No. 14-22.0-228-020);  
and for other relief.

UNLESS Alfred Rivera, Unknown Owners  
and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer  
or otherwise file an appearance in this  
case in the office of the clerk of this court,  
Room 405 Sangamon County Building,  
200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL  
62701, on or before December 20, 2021, A  
JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY  
BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT  
DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE  
COMPLAINT.

/s/ Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of Court  
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Corporation Counsel  
Kateah McMasters ARDC #6309668  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON  
COUNTY

STATE OF ILLINOIS

REGIONS BANK,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOHN L. ROONEY, MONEY WORKS

DIRECT, INC., UNITED COMMUNITY BANK,

UNKNOWN OWNERS, AND NON-RECORD

CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.

Case No. 2021CH000063

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY PUBLICA-  
TION

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

1. The name of all parties and the case  
number are identified above.

2. The Court in which the action was  
brought is identified above.

3. The name of titleholder of record is John  
L. Rooney.

4. A legal description of the real estate  
sufficient to identify it with reasonable  
certainty and tax identification number for  
the real estate is:

Lot 408 in Koke Mill East, Planned Unit  
Development, 18th Plat, situated in  
Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Tax ID No.: 21-01.0-453-008

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

6. Identification of the mortgage sought to  
be foreclosed:

a. The name of the Mortgagor is John L.

Rooney.

b. The name of the Mortgagee is Regions

Bank.

c. The date of Mortgage is February 24,

2014.

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

e. The identification of the original record-  
ing is Document No. 2015R08354.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, all Non-  
Record Claimants and Unknown Owners,  
Defendants, file your answer to the  
Complaint for Foreclosure in this cause or  
otherwise make your appearance therein,  
in Circuit Court of Sangamon County, 200  
South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois  
62701, on or before the date of December  
6, 2021, default may be entered against  
you and each of you at any time after that  
day and a Judgment for Foreclosure may  
be entered in accordance with the prayer  
of the Verified Complaint for Foreclosure.  
Circuit Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS RICE LLC

By: /s/ Jacqueline K. Graves

Joseph J. Trad, #6184683

Jacqueline K. Graves, #6310902

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Attorneys for Regions Bank

Legal Notice for TIF-funded Project  
Dog Eared LLC, hereafter referred to as  
the "Company" is seeking bids for the  
façade renovations including window  
replacement located at 415 East Adams  
Street, Springfield, IL, hereafter referred to  
as the "project."

The project consists of second and third  
story window replacement, first floor  
store front repair and paint, remove and replace  
awning, installation of store front lighting,  
various points of water proofing and tuck  
pointing. All activities in the project shall  
conform to the relevant provisions of the  
City of Springfield Code of Ordinances  
(the "Code") including but not limited to,  
acquisition of necessary permits and other  
matters. Specifications for the project  
and bidder packet containing the scope  
of work and bid requirements may be  
obtained from Chris Nickell at chris@  
awem.org or 217-652-1788. A pre-bid  
meeting will be held at the project location  
on November 23rd at 10:00am.

The Project will be a redevelopment

project using Tax Increment Financing  
funds. Bidders shall comply with all rel-  
evant terms and ordinary and customary  
redevelopment agreements pertaining to  
contract activities including, but not limited  
to, compliance with the Illinois Prevailing  
Wage, proof of participation in a US Dept  
of Labor certified apprenticeship program,  
comprehensive general liability, employer  
liability and workman's compensation  
insurance and equal employment op-  
portunity. The successful bidder will be the  
lowest responsible bidder whose bid con-  
forms to the requirements of the project  
and complies with all the provisions of the  
specifications. Bidders should respond to  
this notice by presentation of a proposed  
contract as provided in the bidders' packet  
containing a fixed- price bid for the work  
and such additional terms and conditions  
as bidder deems necessary or appropriate.  
Female and Minority Business Enterprises  
are encouraged to submit bids for this  
contract. All qualified bidders will receive  
consideration, without regard to race,  
color, religion, sex, age, ancestry, marital  
status, sexual orientation, handicap,  
unrelated to ability or national origin. This  
is an Equal Opportunity Contractor.  
Sealed bids are to be submitted to 104 N  
6th Street, Springfield, IL 62701 by close  
of business on December 13, 2021. Bids  
are to be addressed to the attention of:  
Chris Nickell and identified as 415 East  
Adams Façade Renovation on the exterior  
of the envelope. All bids will be opened  
publicly on December 15, 2021 at noon.  
Awarding of the contract and commence-  
ment of work shall occur as immediately  
thereafter as is practical and after proper  
certificates of insurance for contractor and  
redeveloper have been submitted to City.  
The company reserves the right to reject  
any bids that do not meet the require-  
ments stated in this notice. Questions  
regarding the company, project or the  
bid should be directed to Chris Nickell at  
chris@awem.org.

Legal Notice for TIF-funded Project  
Vegas Line LLC, hereafter referred to as  
the "Company" is seeking bids for the  
façade renovations including window  
replacement located at 215 South 5th  
Street, Springfield, IL, hereafter referred to  
as the "project."

The project consists of second and third  
story window replacement, first floor  
store front repair and reseal, installa-  
tion of awning, installation of store front  
lighting, install storefront transom panels,  
replace entry door, install serving window,  
various points of water proofing and tuck  
pointing. All activities in the project shall  
conform to the relevant provisions of the  
City of Springfield Code of Ordinances  
(the "Code") including but not limited to,  
acquisition of necessary permits and other  
matters. Specifications for the project  
and bidder packet containing the scope  
of work and bid requirements may be  
obtained from Chris Nickell at chris@  
awem.org or 217-652-1788. A pre-bid  
meeting will be held at the project location  
on November 23rd at 9:00am.

The Project will be a redevelopment  
project using Tax Increment Financing  
funds. Bidders shall comply with all rel-  
evant terms and ordinary and customary  
redevelopment agreements pertaining to  
contract activities including, but not limited  
to, compliance with the Illinois Prevailing  
Wage, proof of participation in a US Dept  
of Labor certified apprenticeship program,  
comprehensive general liability, employer  
liability and workman's compensation  
insurance and equal employment op-  
portunity. The successful bidder will be the  
lowest responsible bidder whose bid con-  
forms to the requirements of the project  
and complies with all the provisions of the  
specifications. Bidders should respond to  
this notice by presentation of a proposed  
contract as provided in the bidders' packet

containing a fixed- price bid for the work  
and such additional terms and conditions  
as bidder deems necessary or appropriate.  
Female and Minority Business Enterprises  
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contract. All qualified bidders will receive  
consideration, without regard to race,  
color, religion, sex, age, ancestry, marital  
status, sexual orientation, handicap,  
unrelated to ability or national origin. This  
is an Equal Opportunity Contractor.  
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6th Street, Springfield, IL 62701 by close  
of business on December 13, 2021. Bids  
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Chris Nickell and identified as 415 East  
Adams Façade Renovation on the exterior  
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Awarding of the contract and commence-  
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ments stated in this notice. Questions  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Cheyenne Willett, Petitioner  
vs.

Antonio Blakes, Respondent  
Case No: 2021-OP-1633  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Antonio Blakes, this cause has been  
commenced against you in this Court  
asking for an Order of Protection. Unless  
you file your Answer or otherwise file your  
Appearance in this cause in the Office  
of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County,  
Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth  
St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or  
before December 16, 2021, a judgment or  
decree by default may be taken against  
you for the relief asked in the complaint.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Court  
Date: Nov. 11, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Tyshiana Jackson, Petitioner  
vs.

Jarisha Watson, Respondent  
Case No: 2021-OP-1018  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Jarisha Watson, this cause has been  
commenced against you in this Court  
asking for an Order of Protection. Unless  
you file your Answer or otherwise file your  
Appearance in this cause in the Office  
of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County,  
Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth  
St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or  
before December 16, 2021, a judgment or  
decree by default may be taken against  
you for the relief asked in the complaint.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Court  
Date: Nov. 11, 2021

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

FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE COR-  
PORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT  
OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED LOANS  
STRUCTURED TRANSACTION TRUST,  
SERIES 2018-2,  
Plaintiff(s),  
vs.

RICHARD E. DOWELL, SUZETTE M. DOW-  
ELL, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC,  
Defendant(s).

Case No. 19 CH 214  
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 28, 2021, 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 SIX (6) IN SPRUCE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JULY 29, 1955 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 261415. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Common Address: 515 SOUTH GRAND WEST, CHATHAM, IL 62629  
P.I.N. 28-12-456-006 A/K/A 28-12-0-456-006

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.

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

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

In the matter of the Petition of

Zariana Alexis Woods

For change of name to

Zariana Alexis Brown-Woods

Case No.: 21-MR-1352

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Dec.

7, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying

for the change of name from Zariana Alexis

Woods to Zariana Alexis Brown-Woods

pursuant to the statute in such case made

and provided.

Dated: Nov. 18, 2021

DIVISION 0 - BIDDING AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Section 00 03 00 - Advertisement for Bids  
The Board of Education for Springfield School District #186 will receive sealed bids from prequalified abatement contractors at its Administrative Service Center, 530 West Reynolds Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62702 for Bid No. 22-07: ASBESTOS ABATEMENT WORK  
Butler Elementary School  
1701 South MacArthur Boulevard  
Springfield, Illinois 62704

Bids shall be delivered in a sealed bid envelope to the Springfield School District #186, Administrative Service Center, 530 West Reynolds Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62702, prior to 2:00 p.m. prevailing time, Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

Generally, the work includes removal and disposal of asbestos-containing terrazzo and construction debris in accordance with all federal and state rules and regulations. Bids shall include:

1. Properly completed Proposal Form in duplicate.
2. Bid Bond in the amount of 10% of Bid.
3. Not less than the prevailing hourly wage rate as determined by the Illinois Department of Labor pursuant to Illinois Revised Statutes, Ch. 489, Sec. 39s-1 et. seq.
4. Information for minority owned businesses and minority employees who will perform the work for this project.

Specifications and Drawings will be available via email from the architect or from Central Illinois Plan Room or their website plans@ciplanroom.com.

All Bidders are advised that all work of this Contract shall be subject to the provisions of the "Illinois Prevailing Wage Act". Prevailing wage rates have been determined and are on file at the Office of the State of Illinois Department of Labor, telephone (217) 782-6206.

All Bidders shall submit and enclose with their bid a notarized certification that the Contractor is not barred from bidding on the Contract as a result of a violation of either Section 33 E-3 or 33 E-4 of Article 33E, Public Act 85-1295 (Senate Bill 2002) effective January 1, 1989. Certification is located in the Proposal Form, Section 00300, of this Project Manual.

Bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond in the amount of 10% of Bid, made payable to the Springfield School District #186.

Failure of Bidders to submit bid bond or cashier's check in the amount of 10% of the bid shall be cause for rejection of bid. Successful Bidder will be required to provide Surety Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each equal to 100% of the Contract cost on prescribed forms within ten (10) days after notice of acceptance is issued by Owner. Surety on bond shall be by a duly authorized U. S. Treasury Backed company licensed to do business in the State of Illinois, acceptable to Owner.

Bidders are required to be signatory to the Project Labor Agreement (PLA) between the Springfield School District #186 and the Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council.

A Pre-Bid Meeting and site inspection will be held at Butler Elementary School on Monday, November 22, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

The Board of Education for Springfield School District #186 reserves the right to reject any or all bids and reserves the right to waive any irregularity in bidding, which in their considered opinion is warranted. No bid shall be withdrawn for sixty (60) days after opening of bids without written consent of the Owner.

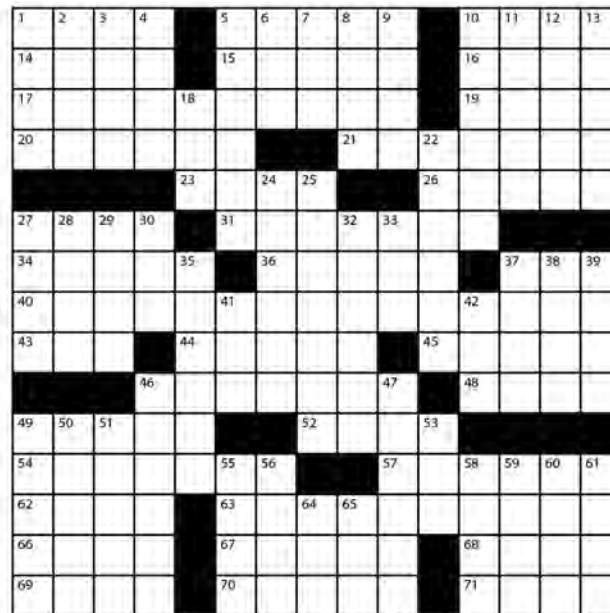
Board of Education  
Springfield School District #186

# Alternative A.C.

Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 714

## Across

1. Edison's middle name
5. Rose up, in dialect
10. Rent-\_\_\_
14. Invent, as a phrase
15. Eat away
16. Stow, as cargo
17. Marketing series
19. Eye amorously
20. "Let that occur," to Shakespeare
21. Brainiac
23. "Back in the \_\_\_"
26. Desert site
27. High spirits
31. Something dreadful
34. Stepping places
36. Actress Graff
37. Neth. neighbor
40. Viscera container
43. "Absolutely!"
44. Schiller's "\_\_\_ Joy"
45. Chop finely
46. Most unfortunate
48. Sounds of contentment
49. March honoree, for short
52. Went out, as a fire
54. Windpipe
57. Noah's landfall
62. Gutter locale
63. PIN
66. Tennis serving whiz
67. Cache
68. "Terrible" czar



69. Drugs, briefly

70. Attack

71. G.O.P. rivals

## Down

1. Hail \_\_\_
2. Mother \_\_\_
3. "Veni, vidi, \_\_\_"
4. Med school subj.
5. Blog again
6. Celestial altar
7. "Vive le \_\_\_!"
8. Cusp
9. China's \_\_\_ Xiaoping
10. Hawaiian greetings
11. Locks up
12. Stevenson of Illinois

13. Orchestra section

18. Big ten sch.

22. Pep rally shout

24. Black eye

25. Akin (to)

27. Gloomy

28. Friction fighter

29. Extremities

30. \_\_\_ trip

32. Former speaker Nancy

33. Business abbr.

35. Peanut butter choice

37. Actress Gershon

38. Carve in stone

39. Bakery selections

41. Bachelor's last words

42. By means of

46. Indiana

47. China shop purchase

49. Cook, as clams

50. Small amount

51. No longer dirt

53. E.R. figures

55. Chows down

56. Farm measure

58. Battery fluid

59. Wander

60. Comic Sandler

61. Change for a twenty

64. Place for a nap

65. Longoria of "Desperate Housewives"

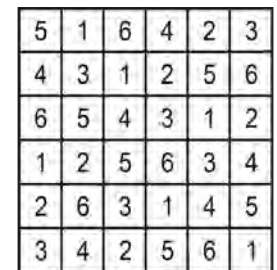
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Crossword answers from #713



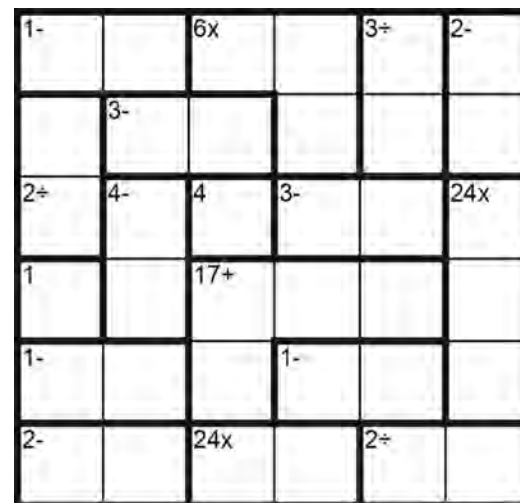
Sudoku answers from #713



JoshJosh answers from #713

## JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 714

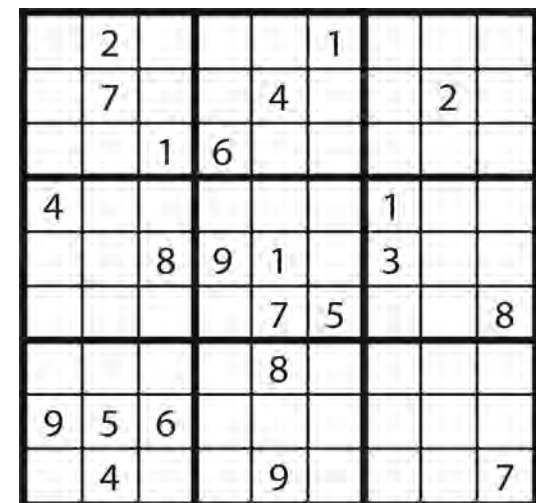
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



Difficulty medium

## Sudoku No. 714

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



Difficulty hard

**BEST**  
**OF SPRINGFIELD**  
**2021** Illinois  
**WINNER**



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