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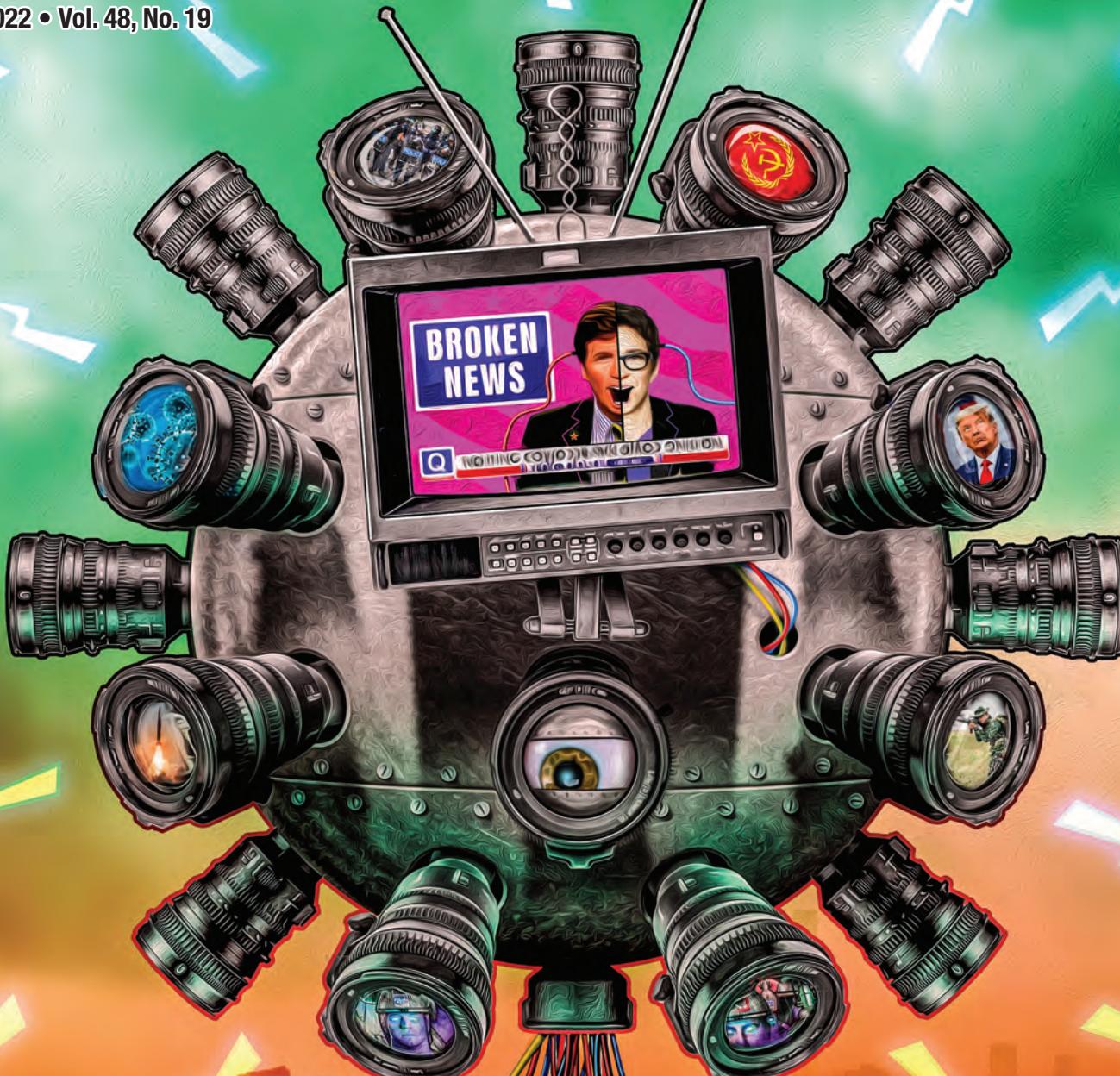


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Springfield Clinic launches its own health plan

No resolution with Blue Cross in sight

HEALTH INSURANCE | Dean Olsen

Some central Illinois patients who lost access to Springfield Clinic doctors last year could find their way back with the help of a new health plan option.

The Springfield Clinic Advantage Plan may not be the answer for everyone affected by the ongoing rift between the clinic and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois. But the plan, administered through Decatur-based Consociate Health, offers employers an opportunity to become self-insured for health coverage and regain in-network services from the Springfield-based multi-specialty clinic.

The plan makes doctors and other central Illinois medical providers outside the clinic, as well as both of Springfield's acute-care hospitals, available through the HealthLink network.

"Too many patients have had trusted relationships with their Springfield Clinic doctors interrupted over the past year," Springfield Clinic chief executive officer Ray Williams said in a news release. "This plan removes the choice between driving out of the local area to find an available physician or putting off important health care decisions."

Self-insured health coverage used to be offered predominantly by large employers employing hundreds or thousands of workers because of the cash flow required to pay medical claims.

But new financing options offered by what are known as "stop-loss" insurers, which contract with employers to cover the most expensive claims, have made self-funded plans more accessible to smaller employers.

Darren Reynolds, president and CEO of Consociate Health, said these direct-to-employer plans, or D2E, represent a growing trend in the United States, especially in the past five years. They offer ways to potentially

reduce employers' and employees' annual increases in premiums and other out-of-pocket costs, he said.

The FTI Consulting firm says the average U.S. worker's premium contribution for family coverage was \$5,969 in 2021, and 29% of employees with single coverage had deductibles exceeding \$2,000.

"Additional cost-shifting is no longer tenable given the already high costs borne by employees," FTI says on its website.

The firm says 9% of large employers "have directly contracted primary care models in select markets; another 17% are considering it for 2022-2023."

In part because of the growth of D2E plans, the percentage of U.S. workers covered by self-insured plans increased from 44% in 2019 to 65% today, Reynolds said.

He said the Springfield Clinic Advantage Plan will serve employers with as few as 10 workers, and clinic officials believe employers will be able to offer access to clinic providers and more choice overall at rates "equal to or better than" rates they would pay for traditional, fully insured insurance products.

Consociate already works with employers in the St. Louis area to operate D2E plans that feature BJC HealthCare and Washington University School of Medicine providers, he said.

The Springfield Clinic plan offers reduced or waived copays and deductibles when using Springfield Clinic providers, as well as services to promote employee wellness and disease prevention. These benefits can help employers reduce long-term health care costs and catch problems before they become more severe to the employee and more costly to treat, Reynolds said.

The transparent nature of the plan, including how pharmaceutical drugs are priced, can

help employers make better-informed choices on which providers to use so that money can be saved in the future to hold down costs for them and their workers, he said.

The clinic doesn't make money on the plan other than by potentially serving more patients, Reynolds said.

The clinic's decision to offer the Advantage Plan doesn't mean it has abandoned efforts to return to Blue Cross' network, clinic spokesman Zach Kerker said. "We would prefer to be in the network," he said.

A resolution doesn't appear imminent, however.

The clinic became an out-of-network provider for Blue Cross members in mid-November 2021 because the two businesses weren't able to work out an agreement that clinic officials considered adequate to financially support and sustain the clinic's primary and specialty care services throughout central Illinois. The clinic has more than 650 doctors, physician assistants and nurse practitioners in 80 different medical specialties.

During the past several months, the clinic has sent "multiple proposals with varying degrees of compromise, all of which were declined with no counterproposal from BCBS," Kerker said. "We sit alone at the negotiating table, hoping they'll join us again at some point."

Dave Van de Walle, a spokesman for Chicago-based Blue Cross, said in an email: "Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois has been working with Springfield Clinic for more than a year to reach a deal that ensures our members have access to the quality care they need at affordable prices. That work has included the exchange of ideas, proposals, counterproposals and in-person meetings. In the end, it is important to share that we proposed an arrangement to the clinic that would deliver value for our customers and members but, to date, the clinic hasn't shown interest in such an arrangement."

Up to 100,000 central Illinois residents were affected by the rift in the beginning, representing about 20% of the clinic's patients, according to clinic officials. Blue Cross estimated the number affected at 55,000 patients.

Some employers contracted with different insurance companies to retain in-network access to clinic doctors, while some out-of-network patients worked with the clinic to arrange discounts and pay out of pocket to continue to see their clinic doctors.

Kerker said he doesn't know the net total of former clinic patients who are seeing doctors

from other provider groups or delayed care in hopes that the clinic and Blue Cross will resolve the dispute.

The clinic's patient advocacy center receives dozens of calls each day from patients having a hard time getting timely access to doctors from other groups, Kerker said. "There's clearly an access problem in our community," he said.

Jocelyn Piper of Chatham said she was hospitalized in the summer because of complications from Type 1 diabetes connected with the loss of her longtime Springfield Clinic endocrinologist. Piper, 38, a Blue Cross member and employee, said there was a delay of several months in replacing her insulin pump because she had to wait to see a new in-network provider from SIU Medicine.

"There was terrible communication from SIU all during this time," she said.

SIU Medicine, the private practice group at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, has experienced a 30% increase in patients since the split between Springfield Clinic and Blue Cross, according to chief medical officer Dr. Vidhya Prakash.

Average wait times for appointments have increased as a result, she said, but the staff has done "an exemplary job" of freeing up time for more appointments and procedures to ensure that the quality of care patients receive is not compromised.

SIU also has set up a system to streamline referrals of patients from doctors outside SIU, especially for "urgent" referrals, Prakash said.

SIU – with almost 300 full-time doctors, more than 200 other medical professionals and almost 400 young doctors in residency training programs in central and southern Illinois – doesn't expect the increase in patient volume to be temporary.

"We are treating this like it is the new normal," Prakash said.

Blue Cross this year agreed to pay a \$339,000 fine to the Illinois Department of Insurance for delaying the filing of documents backing up Blue Cross' claim that it has an adequate network in central Illinois even with the loss of Springfield Clinic providers.

Documents that Blue Cross filed to prove its network's adequacy remain under review, department spokeswoman Caron Brookens told *Illinois Times* on Dec. 1. □

Editor's note

Democrats now have a solid majority in the U.S. Senate, and a lock on both houses in the Illinois General Assembly. What are they going to use their political power for? It's time for a full-scale debate on a ban on assault-style weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines, the kind that have been used in multiple mass shootings. A high-powered rifle was used in the mass shooting at the Highland Park Fourth of July parade last summer; it left seven people dead and dozens wounded. Rep. Bob Morgan, D-Deerfield, whose district includes Highland Park, introduced ban legislation last week. Seven states already have some form of ban, and President Joe Biden has called for a federal ban. "Gun violence is destroying families and communities from East St. Louis to Highland Park to Chicago, and this moment demands urgency," Rep. Morgan said. "It is time that we had the political courage to admit that guns are a problem and that we can do something about it." —Fletcher Farrar, editor

See also, "Gun control starts at home," by Scott Reeder, p. 11.

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Taylorville Kroger to reopen this month

EPA closed store in July for asbestos violations

ASBESTOS | Dean Olsen

The potential reopening of a popular Taylorville supermarket by the end of December "cannot come soon enough," longtime Kroger shopper Gwen Podeschi says.

"I am delighted," she said.

But the 64-year-old retired librarian said she is frustrated why it took so long for the store at 201 E. Bidwell St. in Taylorville to announce a reopening.

The building was closed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on July 29 after the state learned about alleged improper handling and removal of materials containing asbestos. It had operated as a Kroger for at least 20 years in the Christian County seat of 10,500 people.

Eric Halvorson, a spokesman for Cincinnati-based Kroger, the nation's largest grocery chain, said in an email that the state lifted its seal order on the store Dec. 6.

"Kroger Central Division announces its intention to reopen its Taylorville store before the end of the month," a company news release said.

Since the store's closure, the release said, "state-approved and licensed professionals have made the desired repairs, and extensive testing confirms the store can be readied to serve customers again."

According to the release, Kroger Division President Colleen Juergensen said she is "eager to reopen the doors, greet the Kroger family and welcome back all of Taylorville's loyal Kroger customers. I am grateful for the shoppers who stood by us and rallied on our behalf in August. We're thankful their support never wavered. It was for them – customers and associates alike – that we focused so intently on our plan to reopen. Now, we hope that is possible just in time for Christmas."

A more specific timeline for reopening wasn't available.

Kroger officials said they have scheduled two hiring fairs to "rebuild" the store's team of workers: from noon to 3 p.m. Dec. 9 and Dec. 16 at the Taylorville Public Library, 121 W. Vine St.

The Taylorville Kroger had employed about 90 workers before the temporary closure. Some of the employees ended up working at Kroger stores in Decatur, some took leaves of absence, and some got jobs



Gwen Podeschi, a Taylorville resident and longtime Kroger shopper, said she has been frustrated that no air-quality tests have been released, and few other details of the investigation have been made public.

PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

elsewhere, according to the release.

"I am so proud of the way the community has reached out to every one of our associates, reassuring them Taylorville will be back to support them, letting them know how much they were missed, because the Kroger team is like family to them, and they want us to come home," Taylorville store leader Robin Gross said in the release.

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul filed suit in Christian County Circuit Court in mid-August against Kroger and Indianapolis-based SSI Services LLC for violating the IEPA and Illinois Pollution Control Board regulations, leading to the seal order.

The suit, which remains pending, called for both companies to work with the state on a remediation plan and the payment of civil penalties of up to \$50,000 apiece.

Kroger officials and representatives of the IEPA and Raoul's office either declined comment or didn't respond to questions from *Illinois Times*. Officials from the union representing Kroger workers – the Union of Food and Commercial Workers – didn't return phone calls from the newspaper.

Questions that remain unanswered include whether anyone was harmed by the asbestos, which can cause cancer and damage the lungs. Also unanswered are how long

workers and the public were exposed, and the extent and cost of the cleanup.

An August news release from Raoul's office quoted the attorney general as saying Kroger and SSI "have jeopardized the public's health by exposing shoppers and employees to dangerous materials containing asbestos."

SSI was conducting a renovation project designed to remove 39,500 square feet of floor tile and mastic, an adhesive, from the Taylorville Kroger when the alleged violations occurred. Removal of the materials was scheduled to take place between July 18 and Sept. 2.

Raoul's suit said SSI was improperly removing, handling and disposing of the material. The suit said SSI failed to take precautions such as making sure the material was sealed off or wet when it became "friable," or pulverized and capable of releasing microscopic asbestos fibers into the air.

Podeschi said she has been frustrated that no air-quality tests have been released, and few other details of the investigation have been made public. □

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With the number of foster children in Sangamon County reaching record levels, some kids are being housed at Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center, even if they don't require mental health services, due to a lack of area foster homes for placement.

Damselfly poem (written 1942)

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it swiveled its head and flew away

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NO ROOM

At the same time that foster children who don't require mental health services are being housed at Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center due to lack of foster homes, kids that do need inpatient care are being held in local emergency rooms due to lack of beds and mental treatment facilities ("A crisis of care," Dec. 1).

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

STEP UP

Perhaps the right-to-life supporters can get some of their members to sign up as foster parents. We only need about 400 homes.

Brenda Cheffy
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MISUNDERSTOOD

I read the article "Candidates file for municipal elections" and I feel a little misunderstood from how it portrayed my comments (Dec. 1). Dean Olsen made it seem that I am looking past this election trying to move on to

bigger things and don't care about this position. Yes, my long-term goal is to advocate for foster care programs in Illinois, but that by no means dismisses what I am currently trying to do in this office. I have a servant mentality and I have been very active in the Springfield community for a long time, whether it be education on financial independence, promotion of children's programs or minority issues within our community. I'm a voice for these parties and want to do the same for the members of the north side.

My previous service has been as follows: I have been a board member for Sangamon County Community Resources since 2016, I was a co-chair for the United Way Vision Council under the financial stability pillar and I have worked with the Springfield Housing Authority and the Urban League. Currently, I was asked to be part of the District 186 FACE team because of advocating for my foster kid's educational needs. I would like the opportunity to bring my strengths and abilities to the alderman position and fight for residents in the fourth ward.

David Yankee

Springfield

SOLAR BENEFITS FARMS

The subheading "thousands of acres are being paved with panels"

is misleading ("Is this the best use of prime farmland?", Dec. 1). Solar installs can cohabitate with farmland areas, effectively without excess paving, actually providing a break from high exposure to the sun as well as utilizing cover crops to address topsoil nutrient depletion from over-farming.

Anne Logue
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LEGAL BUT WRONG

Ethics is about right and wrong, not legal and illegal. An act can be legal and yet unethical. Running for office and resigning three days after being elected is legal, but it is most certainly not ethical ("Revolving door benefits state Rep. Tim Butler," Nov. 23). It does not remove the taint of suspicion that one will now be lobbying former colleagues.

Running for office is a promise to serve. Simply because a better offer comes along before the electorally won term is served does not justify taking that offer. Mr. Butler is in the clear legally. But in the world of ethics, he is guilty of breaking a promise to the people of Illinois. I am sorry to see his reputation marred by his resignation. His actions should remind us that even good guys sometimes make bad decisions.

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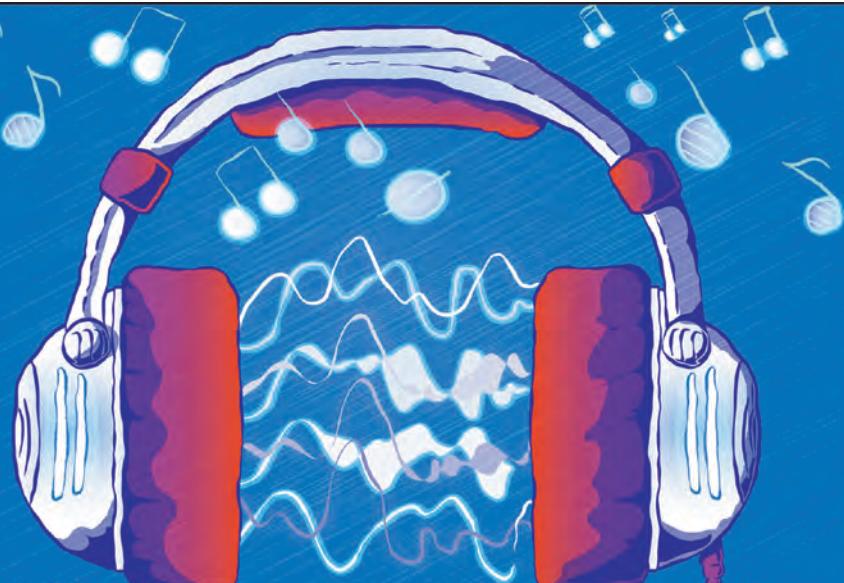
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Dems fail to include GOP in SAFE-T Act reform talks

POLITICS | Rich Miller

The state legislative debate last week over amending the Pre-Trial Fairness Act provisions within the controversial SAFE-T Act featured many of the same obfuscations and outright misinformation that characterized the fall campaign by Republicans and many of the same insufficient answers by Democrats.

One of the problems that the super-majority Democrats have in both chambers is that when they know their bill is going to pass, they usually don't take the Republicans' objections seriously enough to fully engage with them. But on bills like this, misinformation can spread when points aren't adequately rebutted.

For just one example, during the House debate, Republican Leader Jim Durkin and his leadership successor, Rep. Tony McCombie, R-Savanna, repeatedly blasted the Democrats at length for forcing victims of violent crime, via the Pre-Trial Fairness Act, to be dragged into court for hearings within 48 hours of an arrest.

Leader Durkin has been making this argument in public venues for months, so the Democrats had to know this was coming.

Durkin appeared furious that the Democrats didn't fix what he claimed was their egregious mistake in drafting the original bill back in 2021, and claimed it directly violated the Illinois Constitution's protections for crime victims. He predicted that it would have a horrible impact on victims by victimizing them all over again.

But the only answer provided by the sponsor, Rep. Justin Slaughter, D-Chicago, was that some victims' rights organizations supported the law.

McCombie amped up the rhetoric even further than Durkin by asking if her 8-year-old niece was abducted by two men, brutally raped, buried alive and rescued, then would she be compelled to go to court for a detention hearing.

After saying that the bill "didn't make that possible," Slaughter then said the law would make it more difficult for that to happen. McCombie said what Slaughter claimed wasn't true, and that claim was followed by more emotional and unenlightening back and forth.

Slaughter was right, but the actual explanation he could've offered and didn't is pretty simple. Before the Pre-Trial Fairness Act, judges were

given full discretion to compel a victim to appear at a hearing on a defendant's culpability and dangerousness. That's no longer the case.

The law was changed in 2021 to force judges to explain why they were granting a request, and then they could "only grant the request if the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant will be materially prejudiced if the complaining witness does not appear." That's one reason why victims' rights groups supported the overall reforms.

Before the changes were first made in 2021, judges were admonished to "be considerate of the emotional and physical well-being of the witness," and that particular statutory language was not altered.

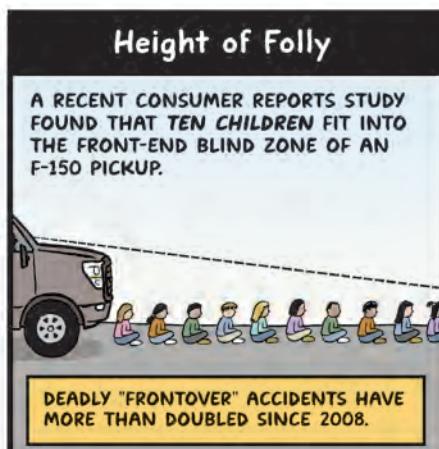
The Pre-Trial Fairness Act even eliminated previous statutory language which gave accused criminals "the right to present witnesses in his favor" at those hearings. So, to claim that this revision is a horrific sop to accused violent criminals just doesn't make sense.

The Democrats decided to exclude legislative Republicans from the revision talks, perhaps because they believed that the GOP was more interested in theater than responsibly negotiating the new bill. Rarely does one negotiate with someone who will undoubtedly wind up being a hard and public "No." That's understandable on one level. I get it.

But, again, this problem is not just about the Pre-Trial Fairness Act or the SAFE-T Act. Time and time again I've watched the Democrats stand mute while Republicans lambasted their legislation, drafted without GOP input, and then jammed it through with their superior numbers. It's an arrogance of power and it resulted in a whole lot of scrambling during this past election season as wild claims were made about the bill they had passed.

On the other side, though, the fact that this amendment was not officially opposed by any statewide law enforcement groups (which tend to be dominated by Republicans) should've prompted an attempt by at least some legislative Republicans to find common ground and maybe steer the end product even further their direction. Maybe they just didn't have anyone who was open-minded enough or who was brave enough to confront their fellow Republicans by negotiating. Neither is a good sign.

I guess what I'm arguing for here is more respect by both parties for each other, for the legislative process and for the state we all inhabit and the people they all represent. □



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Gun control starts at home

WEEKLY REEDER | Scott Reeder

I remember taking my oldest daughter, Gracie, fishing 14 years ago at Lake Springfield when she was just 3 years old.

We talked about the ducks, geese and boats floating in the lake, her favorite cartoons and the brand-new Barbie life jacket she was wearing.

After about three hours wiggling on a dock, staring at a bobber that refused to go under, she exclaimed, "I think all of the fish have gone on vacation to a different lake."

It was a grand day to be a dad. She seemed to be having a good time, too. No sooner had we packed up the worms and closed the tackle box than she was asking when we could go fishing again.

I guess uninterrupted time with Dad was more important than how many bluegills we reeled in.

After finishing at the lake, I decided to let her pick out a new fishing pole, so I took her to Gander Mountain, which was one of those big box sporting goods stores on the city's south side.

She chose a rod with the cartoon character Sponge Bob embossed on the reel. After loading the fishing pole into the cart, we wandered into the firearms section.

I occasionally hunt, but with three kids and a busy job, I don't always have the time. In fact, this year is the first time in the last five that I haven't found myself in a tree stand holding a shotgun and waiting for a deer.

Unlike other retailers that put firearms behind a counter, Gander Mountain, at the time, displayed guns attached to tethers so customers could hold them unsupervised -- but not walk away with them.

What I saw that day frightened me.

A couple of junior high kids were playing with a rifle and pointed it toward me, other customers and at my then 3-year-old daughter.

I remembered my father's admonitions when I was their age:

- "Never point a gun at something you don't plan to destroy."
- "Always assume a gun is loaded."
- "Never count on a gun's safety."

I started handling guns when I was 9 or 10. A reverent respect for firearms was instilled in me by my father and older brother.

But I didn't see that same quiet respect in those teenagers at the store. Instead of tools for harvesting game, they seemed to view guns as macho playthings.

Some of the adults shopping in the gun department weren't much different.

They were "oohing" and "aahing" over guns dolled up to look like military weapons. (The gun control crowd likes to call them assault weapons, and gun-rights groups call them modern sporting rifles.)

There's a word for all those "assault weapon" add-ons like bayonet holders, detachable magazines and pistol grips - it is called marketing.

Just as my 3-year-old thought a Sponge Bob fishing reel would be "way cool," these fellows seemed drawn to firearms with macho doodads attached.

Here's a few hints, guys:

- They don't fire off bullets any faster than any other semi-automatic rifle.
- They may look similar to military weapons, but they aren't the same.
- Wildlife doesn't care what the gun looks like (and neither does your wife).
- If you need more than 10 bullets in your rifle, you must be a pretty lousy shot.
- It's OK to go out in public wearing something other than camouflage -- really.

Illinois lawmakers are considering legislation that would not only ban the future sale of "assault weapons" but would require the registration of ones already owned. It would also ban the sale of magazines with more than 10 bullets in them, as well as raise the age for FOID cards to 21 for all guns.

It's no secret that firearms are viewed in radically different ways depending on where one lives in the state. My hope, as always, is that lawmakers will listen intently to the concerns of one another and compromise.

But experience tells me gun debates generate more heat than light. One thing I do know is that no one in the General Assembly relishes the thought of innocent people dying.

Some proposed restrictions, such as lengthening the term of firearm restraining orders from six months to a year, make sense. Other aspects of the bill, while well-intentioned, will do little to make our communities safer.

A sad reality is that loud demands for gun control mean more guns are sold to people afraid they will soon be banned.

The main problem isn't what the guns look like -- it's who is behind the trigger.

That's a problem that won't be solved by passing another law in Springfield. It can only be solved with good parenting.

Have all the good parents gone on vacation?

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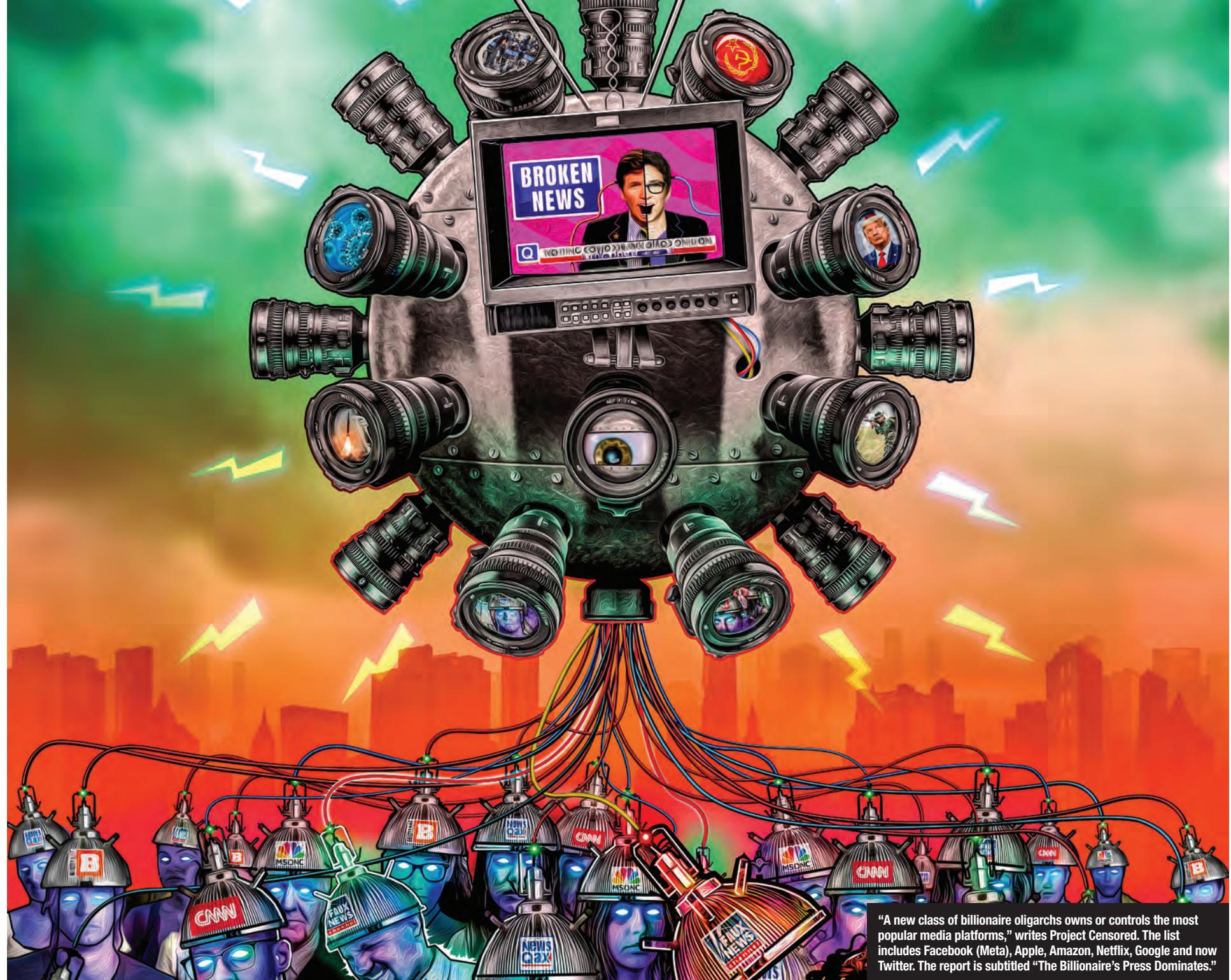
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"A new class of billionaire oligarchs owns or controls the most popular media platforms," writes Project Censored. The list includes Facebook (Meta), Apple, Amazon, Netflix, Google and now Twitter. The report is subtitled "The Billionaire's Press Dominates."

Project Censored

This year's Top 10 underreported stories

MEDIA | Paul Rosenberg

Since its founding in 1976, Project Censored has been focused on stories – like Watergate before the 1972 election – that aren't censored in the authoritarian government sense, but in a broader, expanded sense reflective of what a functioning democracy should be, censorship defined as "the

suppression of information, whether purposeful or not, by any method – including bias, omission, underreporting, or self-censorship – that prevents the public from fully knowing what is happening in society." It is, after all, the reason that journalism enjoys special protection in the

First Amendment: Without the free flow of vital information, government based on the consent of the governed is but an illusory dream.

Yet, from the very beginning, as A.J. Liebling put it, "Freedom of the press is guaranteed only to those who own one."

In their introduction to Project Censored's annual *State of the Free Press*, which contains its top censored stories and much more, Project Censored's Mickey Huff and Andy Lee Roth take this condition head-on, under the heading, *State of the Free Billionaire*, in contrast to the volume's title,

State of the Free Press 2023. Following a swift recap of historic media criticism highlights – Upton Sinclair, the aforementioned Liebling, Ben Bagdikian, Edward Herman and Noam Chomsky – they dryly observe, “History shows that consolidated media, controlled by a handful of elite owners, seldom serves the public interest,” and briefly survey the contemporary landscape before narrowing their gaze to the broadest of influencers.

Despite the promise of boundless access to information, Silicon Valley mirrors legacy media in its consolidated ownership and privileging of elite narratives. This new class of billionaire oligarchs owns or controls the most popular media platforms, including the companies often referred to as the FAANGS – Facebook (Meta), Apple, Amazon, Netflix, and Google (Alphabet).

Obviously, this was written before Elon Musk’s purchase of Twitter, but it’s an apt reminder that his wildly out-of-touch worldview is not just an individual, personal aberration, but also a symptom of wider systemic dysfunction.

“In pursuit of their own interests and investments, media tycoons past and present, again and again, appear to be conveniently oblivious to the main frame through which they filter news – that of class, including class structure and class interests,” Huff and Roth write. “Consequently, they often overlook (or ignore) conflicts of interest that implicate media owners, funders, investors, and advertisers, not to mention their business clients on Wall Street and in Big Pharma, Big Tech, and the military-industrial complex.”

This observation perfectly frames the majority of stories in Project Censored’s top 10 list, starting with the first two stories: massive subsidies of the fossil fuel industry and rampant wage theft – concentrated on the most vulnerable workers – that eclipse street crime in the magnitude of losses, but is rarely punished, even when offenders are caught dead to rights. It echoes clearly through the stories on Congress members’ investments in the fossil fuel industry, the role of corporate consolidation in driving up inflation in food prices, Bill Gates’ hidden influence on journalism, and major media outlets lobbying against regulation of surreptitious online advertising, and only at slight remove in two others having to do with dark money, and one about the suppression of Environmental Protection Agency reports on dangerous chemicals. Indeed, only one story out of 10 is somewhat removed from the sphere of corporate corruption concerns: the story of the CIA’s plans to kidnap or kill Julian Assange.

Here then, is this year’s list of Project Censored’s top 10 censored stories:



Fossil fuel industry subsidized \$11 million per minute

Globally, the fossil fuel industry receives subsidies of \$11 million per minute, primarily from lack of liability for the externalized health costs of deadly air pollution (42%), damages caused by extreme weather events (29%), and costs from traffic collisions and congestion (15%). And two-thirds of those subsidies come from just five countries – the United States, Russia, India, China and Japan. These are key findings from a study of 191 nations published by the International Monetary Fund, or IMF in September 2021, that were reported in the *Guardian* and *Treehugger* the next month, but have been ignored in the corporate media.

No national government currently prices fossil fuels at what the IMF calls their “efficient price” – covering both their supply and environmental costs. “Instead, an estimated 99 percent of coal, 52 percent of road diesel, 47 percent of natural gas, and 18 percent of gasoline are priced at less than half their efficient price,” Project Censored noted.

“Efficient fuel pricing in 2025 would reduce global carbon dioxide emissions 36 percent below baseline levels, which is in line with keeping global warming to 1.5 degrees, while raising revenues worth 3.8 percent of global GDP and preventing 0.9 million local air pollution deaths,” the report stated. The G7 nations had previously agreed to scrap fossil fuel subsidies by 2025, but the IMF found that subsidies have increased in recent years, and will continue increasing.

“It’s critical that governments stop propping up an industry that is in decline,” Mike Coffin, a senior analyst at Carbon Tracker, told the *Guardian*. “The much-needed change could start happening now, if not for the government’s entanglement with the fossil fuels industry in so many major economies,” added Maria Pastukhova of E3G, a climate change think tank.



Wage theft: U.S. businesses steal millions from workers every year

In 2017, the FBI reported the cost of street crime at about \$13.8 billion, the same year that the Economic Policy Institute released

a study saying that just one form of wage theft – minimum wage violations – costs U.S. workers even more: an estimated \$15 billion annually, impacting an estimated 17% of low-wage workers.

One reason it’s so rampant is that companies are seldom punished, as Alexia Fernández Campbell and Joe Yerardi reported for the Center for Public Integrity in May 2021, drawing on 15 years of data from the U.S. Department of Labor’s Wage and Hour Division. “The agency fined only about one in four repeat offenders during that period. And it ordered those companies to pay workers cash damages – penalty money in addition to back wages – in just 14 percent of those cases,” they wrote. In addition, “The division often lets businesses avoid repaying their employees all the money they’re owed. In all, the agency has let more than 16,000 employers get away with not paying \$20.3 million in back wages since 2005.”

We’re talking about some major companies. Halliburton, G4S Wackenhut and Circle K Stores – were among “the worst offenders,” they reported.

That report kicked off the center’s “Cheated at Work” series, which showed that “U.S. employers that illegally underpaid workers face few repercussions, even when they do so repeatedly. This widespread practice perpetuates income inequality, hitting lowest-paid workers hardest.”

“Wage theft includes a range of illegal practices, such as paying less than minimum wage, withholding tips, not paying overtime, or requiring workers to work through breaks or off the clock. It impacts service workers, low-income workers, immigrant and guest workers, and communities of color the most,” Project Censored explained. Wage theft also includes worker misclassification as independent contractors – long the case with port truckers, and more recently gig workers.



EPA withheld reports on dangerous chemicals

In January 2019, the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, stopped releasing legally required disclosures about chemicals that present a “substantial risk of injury to health or the environment.” They had previously been posted in a searchable public database called ChemView.

In November 2021, as part of *the Intercept’s*

“EPA exposed” investigative series, Sharon Lerner reported that EPA had received “at least 1,240 substantial risk reports since January 2019, but only one was publicly available. The suppressed reports documented “the risk of chemicals’ serious harms, including eye corrosion, damage to the brain and nervous system, chronic toxicity to honeybees, and cancer in both people and animals,” Lerner wrote.

The reports include notifications about highly toxic polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, chemical compounds that are known as ‘forever chemicals’ because they build up in our bodies and never break down in the environment,” Project Censored noted. “The Environmental Working Group explains that ‘very small doses of PFAS have been linked to cancer, reproductive and immune system harm, and other diseases. For decades, chemical companies covered up evidence of PFAS’ health hazards.’ Their spread throughout the world’s oceans, along with microplastics, was Project Censored’s #5 story last year.

Apart from *the Intercept*, “only a handful of niche publications have reported on the matter,” Project Censored noted.

However, in January 2022 Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) filed a lawsuit to compel EPA to disclose the reports. Just weeks later EPA announced it would resume posting the reports in ChemView, Project Censored noted. “Clearly, independent journalism contributed significantly to this outcome,” they said. “Had it not been for the work of investigative journalist Sharon Lerner at *the Intercept*, EPA whistleblowers would not have had a platform to share concerns that ultimately led the agency to resume these critical public disclosures.”



At least 128 members of Congress invested in fossil fuel industry

At least 100 U.S. representatives and 28 U.S. senators have financial interests in the fossil fuel industry – a major impediment to reaching climate change goals that’s gone virtually unmentioned by the corporate media, despite detailed reporting in a series of *Sludge* articles written by David Moore in November and December of 2021.

Moore found that 74 Republicans, 59

Democrats, and one independent have fossil fuel industry investments, with Republicans outnumbering Democrats in both chambers. The top 10 House investors are all Republicans. But it's quite different in the Senate, where two of the top three investors are Democrats, and Democrats' total investments, \$8,604,000, are more than double the Senate Republicans' total of \$3,994,126. Topping the list is Joe Manchin of West Virginia, with up to \$5.5 million of fossil fuel industry assets, while John Hickenlooper of Colorado is third, with up to \$1 million. (Most reporting is in ranges.) Many top investors are Texas Republicans, including Rep. Van Taylor, with up to \$12.4 million worth of investments.

"Most significantly, many hold key seats on influential energy-related committees," Project Censored noted. Senators include Manchin, chair of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Tina Smith (D-Minnesota), chair of the Agriculture Subcommittee on Rural Development and Energy, and Tom Carper (D-Delaware), chair of the Committee on the Environment and Public Works. "Manchin cut the Clean Electricity Performance Program, a system that would phase out coal, from President Biden's climate bill," they added.

In the House, they explained, "nine of the 22 Republican members of the Energy and Commerce Committee are invested in the fossil fuel industry. As Project Censored detailed in the #4 story on the Top 25 list two years ago, these individuals' personal financial interests as investors often conflict with their obligation as elected legislators to serve the public interest."



Dark money interference in U.S. politics undermines democracy

The same group of conservative dark money organizations that opposed President Joe Biden's Supreme Court nomination – Judicial Crisis Network [JCN], The 85 Fund and their affiliated groups – also funded entities that played a role in the Jan. 6 insurrection, according to a report by the watchdog group Accountable.US. They're closely linked to Leonard Leo, co-chair of the Federalist Society, with money coming from Donors Trust (a dark-money group backed by the Koch network) and the Bradley Foundation.

"These dark money groups not only funded Leo's network of organizations to the sum of over \$52 million in 2020, but also funded entities in 2020 that played a role in the insurrection to the sum of over \$37 million," Accountable.US reported.

While there has been coverage of dark money spending on Supreme Court nominations, Igor Derysh at *Salon* was alone in reporting this – the related involvement in Jan. 6.

"Donors Trust has funneled more than \$28 million to groups that pushed election lies or in some way funded the rally ahead of the Capitol riot," while "Members of the Federalist Society played key roles in Donald Trump's attempts to overturn the election," including attorney John Eastman, architect of Trump's plan to get Vice President Mike Pence to overturn the election, senators Josh Hawley, R-Missouri, and Ted Cruz, R-Texas, who led the objections to the certification of Trump's loss after the riot, and Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, who filed a lawsuit to throw out election results in key states. In addition, 13 of the 17 other Republican attorneys general who joined Paxton's suit were also Federalist Society members.

"The influence of dark money – political spending by organizations that are not required to disclose their donors – presents a major challenge to the swift functioning of the judicial nomination and confirmation process, and the U.S. government as a whole," Project Censored noted. "[D]ark money deeply influences political decisions in favor of select individuals' or groups' agendas rather than in support of the public's best interests."



Corporate consolidation causing record inflation in food prices

"Corporate consolidation is a main driver of record inflation in food prices, despite claims by media pundits and partisan commentators to the contrary," Project Censored reports. "The establishment press has covered the current wave of inflation exhaustively, but only rarely will discuss the market power of giant firms as a possible cause, and then usually only to reject it," as they did when the Biden administration cited meat industry consolidation as a cause of price increases in September 2021, "treating administration attempts to link inflation to consolidation as a rhetorical move meant to

distract from conservative critiques of Biden's stimulus program."

But as Food and Water Watch reported in Nov 2021, "while the cost of meat shot up, prices paid to farmers actually declined, spurring a federal investigation." That investigation is ongoing, but meat conglomerates Tyson Foods, Perdue Farms, Smithfield Foods and JBS have paid just over \$225 million to settle related civil suits in the poultry, beef and pork markets.

That's just part of the problem. A July 2021 joint investigation by Food and Water Watch and the *Guardian* "reported that a handful of 'food giants' – including Kraft Heinz, General Mills, Conagra, Unilever and Del Monte – control an average of 64 percent of sales of 61 popular grocery items," Project Censored noted. Altogether, "four firms or fewer controlled at least 50% of the market for 79% of the groceries," the *Guardian* reported.

Occasionally articles touched on the issue of consolidation (mostly to debunk it), though there are a couple of opinion pieces to the contrary. "But these isolated opinion pieces were far outnumbered by the hundreds, even thousands, of reports and analyses by commercial media outlets that blamed everything *but* oligopolistic price gouging for the rising cost of groceries," Project Censored concluded.



Concerns for journalistic independence as Gates Foundation gives \$319 million to news outlets

The list of billionaires with media empires includes familiar names like Rupert Murdoch, Warren Buffett, Jeff Bezos, Mark Zuckerberg and, most recently, Elon Musk. But, "While other billionaires' media empires are relatively well known, the extent to which [Microsoft co-founder Bill] Gates's cash underwrites the modern media landscape is not," Alan MacLeod wrote for *MintPress News* in November 2021.

MacLeod examined more than 30,000 individual grants from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and found it had donated "more than \$319 million to fund news outlets, journalism centers and training programs, press associations and specific media campaigns, raising questions about conflicts of interest and journalistic independence," Project Censored

summarized.

"Recipients of this cash include many of America's most important news outlets, including CNN, NBC, NPR, PBS and *The Atlantic*.

"MacLeod's report includes a number of Gates-funded news outlets that also regularly feature in Project Censored's annual Top 25 story lists, such as the Solutions Journalism Network (\$7.2m), The Conversation (\$6.6m), the Bureau of Investigative Journalism (\$1m), and ProPublica (\$1m) in addition to the *Guardian* and *The Atlantic*," Project Censored noted. "Direct awards to news outlets often targeted specific issues, MacLeod reported. For example, CNN received \$3.6 million to support 'journalism on the everyday inequalities endured by women and girls across the world,' according to one grant. Another grant earmarked \$2.3 million for the *Texas Tribune* to increase public awareness and engagement of education reform issues in Texas." As MacLeod noted, given Bill Gates' advocacy of the charter school movement – which undermines teachers' unions and effectively aims to privatize the public education system – 'a cynic might interpret this as planting pro-corporate charter school propaganda into the media, disguised as objective news reporting.'

"No major corporate news outlets appear to have covered this issue," only a scattering of independent outlets, Project Censored noted. This despite the fact that, "As far back as 2011, the *Seattle Times* published an article investigating how the Gates Foundation's 'growing support of media organizations blurs the line between journalism and advocacy.'



CIA discussed plans to kidnap or kill Julian Assange

The CIA seriously considered plans to kidnap or assassinate WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange in late 2017, according to a September 2021 Yahoo News investigation, based on interviews with more than 30 former U.S. officials, eight of whom detailed U.S. plans to abduct Assange and three of whom described the development of plans to kill him. If it had been up to CIA Director Mike Pompeo, they almost certainly would have been acted on, after WikiLeaks announced it had obtained a massive tranche

of files – dubbed “Vault 7” – from the CIA’s ultra-secret hacking division, and posted some of them online.

In his first public remarks as Donald Trump’s CIA director, “Pompeo devoted much of his speech to the threat posed by WikiLeaks,” Yahoo News noted, “rather than use the platform to give an overview of global challenges or to lay out any bureaucratic changes he was planning to make at the agency.” He even called it “a non-state hostile intelligence service often abetted by state actors like Russia,” a designation intended to grant the CIA wide latitude in what actions it took, while shielding it from congressional oversight.

Since it would take place in Britain, there had to be agreement from them. “But the British said, ‘No way, you’re not doing that on our territory, that ain’t happening,’” a former senior counterintelligence official told Yahoo News.

“U.S. plans to kidnap or assassinate Julian Assange have received little to no establishment news coverage in the United States, other than scant summaries by Business Insider and The Verge, and tangential coverage by Reuters, each based on the original Yahoo News report,” Project Censored notes. “Among US independent news outlets, *Democracy Now!* featured an interview with Michael Isikoff, one of the Yahoo News reporters who broke the story, and Jennifer Robinson, a human rights attorney who has been advising Julian Assange and WikiLeaks since 2010. *Rolling Stone* and The Hill also published articles based on the original Yahoo News report.”



New laws preventing dark money disclosures sweep the nation

Since the Supreme Court’s 2010 Citizens United decision relaxing campaign finance regulations, dark money spending has exploded, and now Republican lawmakers across the U.S. are pushing legislation to make it illegal to compel nonprofit organizations to disclose who the dark money donors are.

Recently passed laws in Arkansas, Arizona, Iowa, Oklahoma, Mississippi, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah and West Virginia are based on model legislation from the American Legislative Exchange Council, or ALEC, which brings together corporate lobbyists and conservative lawmakers to advance special-interest business-friendly legislation.

“ALEC is deeply enmeshed with the sprawling political influence networks tied to billionaire families like the Kochs and the Bradleys, both of which use non-disclosing nonprofits that help to conceal how money is funneled,” Donald Shaw reported for *Sludge* on June 15, 2021. “Penalties for violating the laws vary between the states, but in some states penalties could include prison sentences.”

Democrats and good government groups have pushed back. “On April 27, 2021, 38 Democratic senators sent a letter to Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen and IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig urging them to roll back an anti-disclosure rule put in place by the Trump Administration,” Project Censored reported.

While there’s been some coverage of some aspects of this story – a *Washington Post* story about Democrats pressuring the Biden administration, the Associated Press reporting on South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem’s defense of her state’s law – except for regional papers like the *Tampa Bay Times*, Project Censored reports, “There has been little acknowledgment in the establishment press of the stream of ALEC-inspired bills passing through state legislatures that seek to keep the source of so much of the money spent to influence elections hidden in the shadows.”



Major media outlets lobby against regulation of “surveillance advertising”

“Surveillance advertising” – collecting users’ data to target them with tailored advertising – has become a ubiquitous, extremely profitable practice on the world’s most popular social media apps and platforms – Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, TikTok, etc. But now, as Lee Fang reported for *The Intercept* in February

2022, the Biden administration’s Federal Trade Commission, or FTC, is seeking to regulate user data collection. Lobbyists for the Interactive Advertising Bureau, or IAB, are pushing back.

“In a letter, IAB called for the FTC to oppose a ban on data-driven advertising networks, claiming the modern media cannot exist without mass data collection,” Fang reported.

“The IAB represents both data brokers and online media outlets that depend on digital advertising, such as CNN, the *New York Times*, MSNBC, *Time*, *U.S. News and World Report*, the *Washington Post*, *Vox*, the *Orlando Sentinel*, Fox News, and dozens of other media companies,” Fang explained. “The privacy push has largely been framed as a showdown between technology companies and the administration,” but “the lobbying reveals a tension that is rarely a center of the discourse around online privacy: Major media corporations increasingly rely on a vast ecosystem of privacy violations, even as the public relies on them to report on it.” As a result, “Major news outlets have remained mostly silent on the FTC’s current push and a parallel effort to ban surveillance advertising by the House and Senate by Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-California, and Sen. Cory Booker, D-New Jersey,” Fang concluded.

“The IAB argues that targeted advertising – and, by extension, the siphoning of user data – has become necessary due to declining revenues from print sales and subscriptions,” Project Censored summarized. “Non-digital advertising revenue decreased from \$124.8 billion in 2011 to \$89.8 billion in 2020, while digital advertising revenue rose from \$31.9 billion to \$152.2 billion in the same period, according to Pew Research.”

“The corporate media have reported the FTC’s openness to new rules limiting the collection and exploitation of user data, but have generally not drawn attention to IAB lobbying against the proposed regulations,” Project Censored noted, citing articles in the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Washington Post* as examples. “[N]either outlet discussed IAB, its lobbying on this issue, or the big media clients the organization represents.” □

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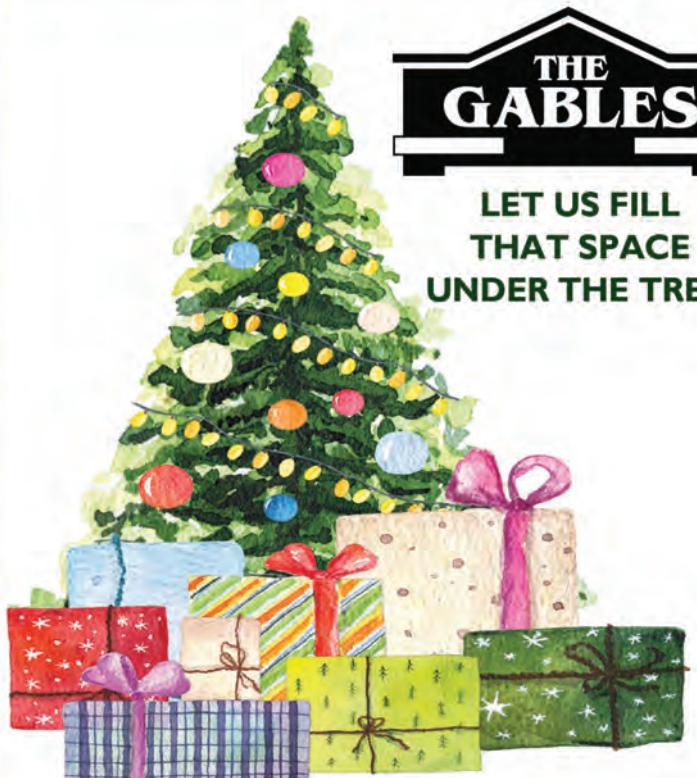
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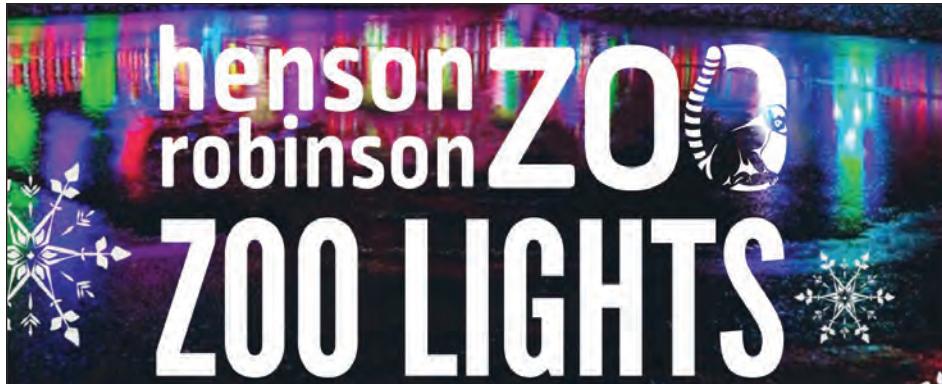


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Catapulting careers

Building trebuchets to teach teamwork

STEAM | Karen Ackerman Witter

Leah Wilson, Kidzeum executive director, is constantly working to engage youth in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) learning experiences. Kidzeum embarked on a partnership with Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) and the carpenters' union to build and demonstrate trebuchets – a form of catapult using a counterweight – for a fall “punkin chuckin” event. When plans fell through due to insurance and liability complications, the trebuchets were already half-built. Undaunted, the team turned this into a valuable learning experience for youth and adults.

Carol Andrew serves on the Kidzeum board. She has seven younger brothers involved in the trades and used those connections to find people willing to accept Kidzeum's challenge to build trebuchets. She found enthusiastic partners with Carpenters Local 270 and the LLCC Workforce Development Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP) led by Tom Spears.

A trebuchet is a type of catapult that uses a counterweight, rather than a spring, to create the force to hurl an object from a sling. The trebuchet was a fearsome medieval weapon of the Middle Ages, capable of smashing castle walls. Trebuchets have greater accuracy than a spring catapult and can land a pumpkin within a circle the size of a hula hoop. People building the trebuchets likely have more confidence in this than insurance companies.

The Illinois Department of Transportation funds the HCCTP, which is an intensive training program to give individuals technical skills to enter the trades and highway construction careers. Building a trebuchet was integrated into the fall curriculum. Josh Patton joined the HCCTP after graduating from Pleasant Plains High School and participated in the project. He says there was a lot of problem-solving and special skills needed to understand the mechanism and how to implement the project safely. “It's pretty fun knowing we built one,” said Patton.

Livia Adams is a graduate of the HCCTP. She fell in love with work in the trades. She is now 18 and a first-year apprentice for a sheet metal program. “Going through this class helps you get ready to go out to the real world and be on a job site,” she says. She



The trebuchet builders and operators included, left to right, Dave Colonius, Riki Dial, Matt Hill, Jimmy Hill, Dwayne Anderson and Raymond Colonius. PHOTOS BY KAREN WITTER



At the Lincoln Land Community College campus on a November Saturday, the trebuchets, named David and Goliath, launched pumpkins that traveled over 100 feet.

learned to show up early, be on time, put the effort in, don't quit, and ask for help if you need it. She has returned to speak to other classes and help with projects, such as building the trebuchet. Dave Colonius retired from the Secretary of State's office as a maintenance carpenter. Spears hired him to teach the advanced portion of universal shop for HCCTP. Colonius led their trebuchet team.

“It's about the kids,” says Colonius. “They learned how to overcome problems and issues.”

Riki Dial, Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council, was the first to get the local carpenters union involved. Dwayne Anderson is president of the Carpenters Local 270 and leads the Carpenters in Action (CIA) committee that volunteers with community projects. It was a perfect fit for the CIA. “We

can build anything,” says Anderson.

Matt Hill is a carpenter, self-proclaimed science geek and volunteer with CIA. He enjoyed having his son, Jimmy, experience this with him. Jimmy Hill is in seventh grade at PORTA junior high in Petersburg; his favorite subject is math. When Jimmy learned LLCC named its trebuchet Goliath, he gave the name David to the one built by the Carpenters. Jimmy learned how to drill and use a saw, helped research the formulas required for a successful trebuchet and learned about problem-solving.

On a cold, blustery Saturday before Thanksgiving, the teams demonstrated David and Goliath behind the Workforce Development Building at LLCC. The launched pumpkins traveled over 100 feet. Unfortunately, the payload arm of Goliath broke, and the Carpenters union team helped to reinforce it with steel. “The carpenters came to help us out,” said Colonius. “We are a brotherhood.”

The team also came together to present a program for approximately 25 boys from The Outlet to help bring STEAM alive. They explained the process of building a trebuchet and the history of this ancient device used as a weapon in the 12th century. They shared lessons learned, including the power of teamwork and working together on behalf of the community. Also, things that go wrong teach you a lot, and knowing how things work can help solve problems. They also shared information about apprenticeship programs and career opportunities in the trades. “Collectively, the boys said ‘wow!’ when they saw the video of the trebuchet launching a pumpkin high into the air,” said Michael Phelon, CEO of The Outlet. “We had a highly engaged Q and A session where our youth learned about the construction trades and STEAM details.”

Jimmy Hill, who worked side-by-side with his dad, Matt Hill, described how they solved problems: “We all thought together, we had multiple ideas, and we decided what was the best.” □

Karen Ackerman Witter started freelance writing after retiring from a 35-year career in Illinois state government. Through writing and community service her goal is to connect people, organizations and ideas to achieve greater results.

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Bake your best cookies

With tips from Incredibly Delicious

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

"Tis the season for cookies! Whether you like them crispy or chewy, spicy or frosted, we have tips to help you bake your best. Pastry chef Melanie Dineen works overtime during the holidays creating gorgeous cakes and cookies at Incredibly Delicious Bakery, a downtown Springfield culinary staple since it opened in 1995. No matter what style or quantity of cookies you're planning, Dineen shares some of her strategies for baking up festive treats that are as fun to make as they are delicious.

- Take an inventory of your pantry and get your mise en place ready: measure out all ingredients at the beginning so you don't discover halfway through preparing a recipe that you're short on a critical ingredient. Set out ingredients like butter and eggs to come to room temperature (adding cold eggs to soft butter will chill the butter and prevent the eggs from properly emulsifying with the butter).

- Read the recipe more than once before getting started, to make sure you comprehend the process. Every recipe is written differently. Pay close attention to the order of ingredients. This will save you from catastrophes.

- The internet is full of cookie recipes. Asking friends for their favorite recipes is a great place to connect and share family traditions, and you can usually trust that it's tried and tested.

- Use a toothpick in your tip while you are not using the icing so it doesn't crust over and get clogged.

Make sure you have fun! Cookies always taste better when you have fun in the process. If you run out of time or don't want a mess in the kitchen, Incredibly Delicious is taking holiday cookie and dessert orders through Dec. 18. They even sell DIY

kits, complete with scratch-baked cookies, icing and decorations.

Noel Nutballs

1 cup unsalted butter
2 tablespoons honey
2 ½ cups powdered sugar, divided
Zest of one orange
¼ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon bourbon
2 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
1 cup finely chopped toasted pecans
Cream together the butter, honey, ½ cup powdered sugar, orange zest, salt and bourbon until light and fluffy. Add the flour and pecans and mix gently to combine.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Roll tablespoon-sized balls of dough with your hands or a cookie scoop and place them on a greased or parchment-lined tray. You can place them fairly close but not touching – they will retain their spherical shape when baked. For best texture, transfer the dough balls to the freezer to chill for 30 minutes before baking. When the preheated oven is ready, bake the cookies for 15-18 minutes (time will depend on how chilled they are – room temperature dough will bake in closer to 12 minutes, while frozen dough will take closer to 18).

Remove the cookies from the oven when they are golden brown and they spring back when pressed lightly with a fingertip. Remove from the oven and let cool for 5 minutes. Toss the cookies in powdered sugar while still warm. Place them on a tray to cool and dust them generously with more powdered sugar. Once completely cool, package in an airtight tin where they keep well for about two weeks.

Molasses Spice Cookies

1 cup unsalted butter
1 ½ cups sugar
1 egg
2 tablespoons unsulphured molasses
3 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 teaspoons each, ground cinnamon, ginger, and cloves
½ cup finely chopped candied ginger
Demerara sugar for rolling, optional

Cream together the butter and the sugar until fluffy. Beat in the egg and molasses. In a separate bowl whisk together the flour, baking soda, spices and chopped candied ginger. Gently mix the dry ingredients into the butter mixture. Chill at least four hours or overnight. Scoop out balls with a cookie scoop and roll them in sugar before flattening with the base of a glass. Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven for 10-12 minutes until the cookies spring back lightly when gently pressed with a finger. This recipe works great for cutouts also; omit the chopped ginger for easier cutting.

Crisp Butter Cookies

1 1/3 cup powdered sugar
9 ounces unsalted butter (2 sticks, plus 2 tablespoons), at room temperature
1 egg yolk, at room temperature
Zest of one lemon, optional
¼ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg, optional
Other optional flavors include a tablespoon of bourbon, rum or vanilla, or ½ teaspoon almond extract
1 teaspoon salt

2 ¾ cups all-purpose flour

Cream together the butter, powdered sugar, egg yolk, zest and nutmeg or other flavoring and salt. Gently mix in the flour. Wrap the dough well and chill in the refrigerator for at least an hour and preferably overnight. Remove from the fridge 30 minutes prior to rolling. Generously dust a clean, dry surface with flour. Pat out the dough into a half-inch-thick circle, then use a floured rolling pin to roll the dough out to a thickness of approximately ⅛- to ¼-inch thick. Use floured cookie cutters to cut out shapes and arrange them on a greased or parchment-lined baking sheet about a half-inch apart – these cookies will not spread much. For cookies with clean, sharp edges, transfer the cut cookies to the freezer for approximately 20 minutes before baking. Bake at 350 degrees for 12-15 minutes, depending on size.

Let cool completely before decorating. To decorate the cookies with sugar before baking, brush the raw cutouts with beaten egg white then sprinkle with colored sanding sugar before baking as directed.

Royal Icing

1 egg white
1 cup powdered sugar
1 tablespoon white corn syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla, bourbon or rum
A pinch of salt

Beat the egg white until just foamy. Add the remaining ingredients and mix well until the icing is the consistency of Elmer's glue. Spread or pipe using a pastry bag or squeeze bottle and allow to set completely before packaging. □

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NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

As Meredith Wilson (of *The Music Man* composer fame) wrote in one of my favorite holiday songs, "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas everywhere you go," and it most certainly is doing just that. Along with the dandy decorations and ubiquitous canned music, there are plenty of special parties, plus regular gigs, all filled with extra music and whatever that "cheer" stuff normally associated with the season to be jolly is, to make all our days merry and bright. With that entrance, let's wade into the Yuletide waters and see what's a-going on.

Thursday evening gets an extra Christmas bump as Jack White drops into It's All About Wine to play holiday music starting at 6 p.m. Your friendly wine store has Elvis Himselfis there on Dec. 15 and Jack is back on Dec. 22 to fulfill your caroling and more needs. Jose Gobbo and his curated Thursday The Art of Jazz show at The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space hosts Will and Marion Mallard from 7 to 9 for a \$5 donation at the door.

We usually stay away from mentioning karaoke here, not because of disdain for the fine art of karaoke-ing, but because of generally sticking to the rule of supporting only live performances of music by musicians. But during Christmas time on Thursdays, folks may want to hit Jackpot Karaoke with Debbie Cakes at the Curve Inn and/or J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke at La Fiesta in Chatham to get your ya-ya's out on certain seasonal songs. I only bring this up because some of the arrangements and chord progressions in these once-a-year songs are tricky and particular to the song itself and not easily duplicated by your average musician with a keyboard or guitar, so using the backing tracks can make perfect, logical sense. And does anyone really know the third verse

to "Jingle Bells" (it's important to the storyline) or the exact order of the eight reindeer names at the beginning of Rudolph's song or what happens after the chestnuts get roasted on an open fire? For these important reasons and more, karaoke at Christmas can be a valuable and vital tool in making the holiday complete and fulfilling.

Friday night brings us the return of Chris Camp & His Blues Ambassadors to Lime Street Cafe (on Saturday, too), Soul Field cultivating the Friday Night Jazz series at Boones, Groove Daddies back at home on the Curve Inn stage, Wolf Creek Boys rocking in the round at George Ranks and Deja Voodoo making magic at Motorheads, plus a couple more karaoke opportunities with hosts Jamie Lynn at the Main Gate and J.C.B. back at Bald Buddha Brewing in Southern View.

Saturday night ups the ante and delivers more rocking sounds with Phat Kitti cutting around Weebles, Grounded grinding out the hits at Third Base, Roxschool giving lessons at Blue Grouch and Chicago Blues Hall of Fame artist Michael Charles and His Band getting down at Kuhl Tyme Korner in Jacksonville.

For a special mention, our friend and yours, Michael "Supe" Granda of Ozark Mountain Daredevils fame and beyond will be at Abe's Old Hat on Wednesday evening, Dec. 14 for a meet and greet, book signing (and selling) of his latest literary endeavor, *Fat and Funny: (So You Want to Be Santa Claus)*, while "myselfis" and Elvis Himselfis entertain with holiday hoopla happenings. While you're downtown for this Wednesday's holiday walk, be sure to visit Recycled Records to listen to Randy Erwin singing and playing for your listening pleasure.

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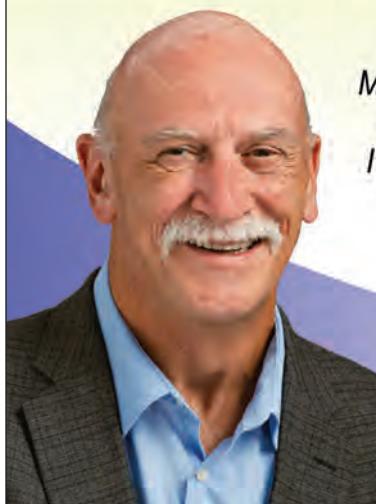
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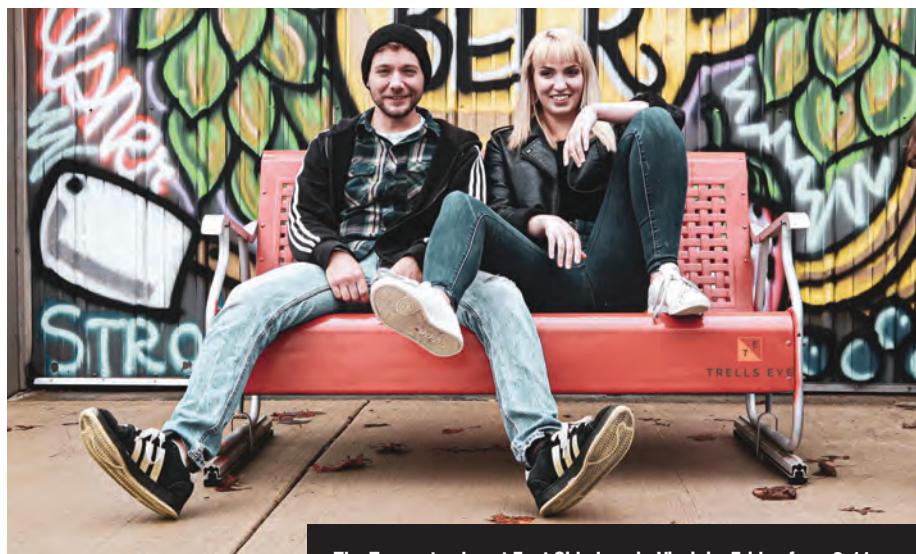
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Dec. 9-10, 7pm. Instrumental folk, classical, sacred and Christmas selections on violin, piano and guitar. Presented by the Fleming Academy of Performing Arts. Advance ticket sales only by calling 217-787-6556. \$16. First Church of the Nazarene, 5200 S. Sixth St.

The Prophecy Show

Wed., Dec. 14, 7:30pm. The music of Trans-Siberian Orchestra. Experience the power, the music and the magic once again this Christmas season as the Prophecy Show performs all your favorite music. uispac.com. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, (217) 206-6160.

■ Theater & Comedy

Christmas with the Alley Cats

Wed., Dec. 14, 7pm. Enjoy a night of great singing and comedy. \$25. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

A Message at Midnight

Dec. 8-9, 6pm and Sun., Dec. 11, 3pm. Go back to Christmas Eve, 1864. A celebration is far from the minds of General Grant and President Lincoln as they eagerly await the news from General Sherman as he marches towards Savannah. Starring Randy Duncan, Pam Brown, and Dennis Rendleman. Free. Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 413 S. Eighth St., 217-391-3221.

Miracle on 34th Street

Through Dec. 11. Based on the classic holiday film, this joyous

and heartwarming musical is pure joy meant for the whole family. Directed by Andrew Rains. \$20. Springfield Theatre Centre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Vince Morrid

Fri., Dec. 9, 8pm and Sat., Dec. 10, 7:30pm. Presented by Donnie B's Traveling Comedy Show. donniebs.com. VFW Post #755, 2211 Old Jacksonville Road, 217-546-9515.

■ Dance

The Nutcracker: Land of the Sweets

Sat., Dec. 10, 2-3, 6-7pm and Sun., Dec. 11, 2-3, 6-7pm. An abridged tale of the holiday classic featuring dancers from the Springfield Youth Ballet studio and preparatory companies and

local young dancers. Travel with Clara and the Nutcracker Prince through the land of the snow and sweets, to the delight of young and old. \$15-\$20. Sacred Heart-Griffin High School, 1200 W. Washington, 217-553-4475.

The Nutcracker

Wednesdays, Saturdays, 5:30pm. Presented by The Copper Coin Ballet Company and area dancers during Downtown Springfield, Inc.'s Old Capitol Holiday Walks. Performances are free, but a ticket is required for admittance. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

The Nutcracker

Sat., Dec. 10, 2, 7pm and Sun., Dec. 11, 2pm. Springfield Ballet Company brings Tchaikovsky's classic music to life. Bring the whole family to enjoy the timeless story of Clara and her Nutcracker prince, and experience the magic. \$22-\$42. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

■ Art & Architecture

Holidays at the SAA Collective

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-5pm. The juried artists of the SAA Collective present their ever-popular annual holiday art show. In addition to fine art, patrons can shop for holiday decor, jewelry, one-of-a-kind gifts, greeting cards and more. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

Thousand-Year Statehouse book signing

Sun., Dec. 11, 2-4pm. By architectural designer and photographer David L. Finnigan. The book details the planning, construction and subsequent history of the art and architecture of the State Capitol, including full-page, color photos from its basement tunnels to the top of its dome. Free. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

■ Food & Drink

it 12 Days of a Soul Food Christmas

Sat., Dec. 10, 2pm. Join author Lashonda Stewart, Ph.D. as she discusses her wonderful family book that embraces the nostalgia of Black traditionalism during the holiday season. Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, 1440

Monument Ave., 217-391-6323.

■ Faith & Philosophy

1850s Carol Sing

Sat., Dec. 10, 6pm. A special worship service to celebrate the heritage of both our faith and church. With Abraham and Mary Lincoln. Come in period dress, if you wish, and bring friends and neighbors. Free. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

Christmas - The Backstory

Fri., Dec. 9, 6:30-8pm. Sometimes, we celebrate Jesus' arrival on earth, but forget He left His Father's presence to embrace the brokenness of this fallen world. There is a backstory. freshvisionschurch.com. Free. Fresh Visions Community Church, 1551 J. David Jones Pkwy., 217-726-5988.

Christmas Vespers

Sun., Dec. 11, 4-5pm. Choral music and carols presented by the Westminster Choir and the St. Andrew's Sisters. Free. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 S. Walnut St., 217-522-4415.

Lessons and Carols

Sun., Dec. 11, 7-8pm. An hour of sacred music, scripture and prayers of Advent. With harpist Julia Kay Jamieson and director of music, Mark Gifford. Free and open to everyone. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-522-3342.

Vivaldi's Gloria and Handel's Messiah

Sat., Dec. 10, 7:30pm. Presented by the Springfield Choral Society with the Illinois Symphony Orchestra, Jake Woollen, music director. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-522-3342.

■ Holiday Happenings

Candlelight Christmas

Dec. 9-10. Experience the sights and scents of Christmases past in the candlelit historic buildings. clayville.org. Clayville Historic Site, Pleasant Plains, Route 125, 217-481-4430.

Candlelight Tours

Sat., Dec. 10, 4:30-6pm. Tour the Lincoln home after hours and learn about their family while enjoying the holiday decorations in the warm light of candles. Free. Lincoln Home National

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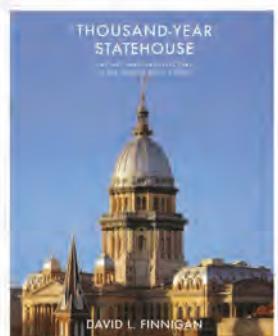
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THE CALENDAR

Historic Site, 413 S. Eighth St., 217-391-3221.

Christmas Candlelight Tours

Sat., Dec. 10, 4:30-7pm. Experience the historic house in all its candle-lit splendor for one night only. Step back to a Christmas of the past in the restored 1837 home which has been decorated for the season. Live music by Wild Columbine and cookie decorating for kids. By donation. Elijah Iles House, 628 S. Seventh St., 217-714-6469.

Holiday Cookie Sale

Sat., Dec. 10, 9am-12pm. A variety of Christmas favorites along with candies and assorted treats. Bring a cookie tins, Tupperware and boxes to fill. Come early before it's sold out. Prices vary and all product is sold by the half and full dozen. First Congregational Church, 2100 S. Bates Ave., 217-546-7170.

Holiday Craft and Bake Fair

Mondays-Fridays, 10am-12pm and Sat., Dec. 10, 10am-3pm. Enjoy a wide array of unique and beautiful handcrafted pottery, Christmas décor, plus beaded, woven, knitted, crocheted and quilted gifts, all at reasonable prices. Baked goods sold on Saturday, Dec. 3 and Saturday, Dec. 10. Free Admission. Jubilee Farm, 6760 Old Jacksonville Road, 217-787-6927.

Holiday Extravaganza

Sun., Dec. 11, 9am-4pm. Fine art to homemade products to homebased businesses. Check out the old-fashioned cake walk and concessions, visit Santa and enjoy entertainment from local children's performance groups. Proceeds benefit local school's cultural programs. \$4 and \$2 for seniors from 9-11am. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-782-6661.

Light up the Park

Thursdays-Sundays, 6-9pm. Through December 25. A local holiday tradition. Get ready to be wowed by the nearly 1-mile drive through hundreds of thousands of lights and beautiful displays. A \$5 per-vehicle donation is requested. Sponsored by the Chatham Friends of the Parks. Enter on Park Ave. Chatham Community Park, Chatham, 731 S. Main St.

Old Capitol Holiday Walks

Saturdays 10am-7pm and

Wednesdays 4-7pm. Revel in the holiday spirit with visits with Santa Claus, Midwest sleigh rides, ice skating, shopping at locally owned businesses, kid's crafts, live entertainment and even a hot cocoa bar. Free. Downtown Springfield, Downtown, 217-544-1723.

Southeast High School

Holiday Bazaar

Sat., Dec. 10, 10am-3pm. Shop for the holidays and support local crafters and home-based businesses. Enjoy music by local school bands and choruses while you shop. Free. Southeast High School, 2350 E. Ash St., 217-525-3130.

Teens and Cookies

Wed., Dec. 14, 6-7pm. Teens + cookies + decorating = Fun. Decorate winter-themed cookies and drink hot chocolate to kick off the library's Teen Winter Reading Program. Open to anyone in grades 6-12. Call or visit the website to register. free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900 ext. 5612.

Tree of Lights Ceremony

Sat., Dec. 10, 5:30pm. Buy a light to remember a special pet or loved one. Visit the website to order your light. Animal Protective League, 1001 Taintor Road, 217-544-7387.

A Visit from St. Nicholas

Holiday Tea

Sat., Dec. 10, 2pm. Enjoy a program while partaking in afternoon tea and treats. There will be a reading of "A Visit from St. Nicholas" and classic carols by Storia Winds, supplemented with their history by curator Sarah. All funds support the preservation and interpretation of Edwards Place. \$30-\$35. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Winter Holiday Floral Show

Through Dec. 21. Mon.-Fri. 12-4pm. Sat.-Sun. 12-5pm. Enjoy over 500 poinsettias nestled among the decorated fresh evergreens and lush tropical foliage. Free. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

YMCA North Pole Express

Holiday Party

Sun., Dec. 11, 2-5pm. All aboard for the North Pole Express Party. With kids' crafts, games, mini train ride, movie,

bounce house, treats and prizes, it will be fun for the whole family. Remember to wear your holiday jammies. Register online or at the event. \$5-\$10. Gus and Flora Kerasotes YMCA, 4550 West Iles Ave., 217-679-1625.

■ Children's Corner

Children's Holiday Store

Through Dec. 18. A wonderful shopping experience for children, teaching them the joy of giving. Gifts from \$1-\$15, wrapped and tagged by the children and volunteers. Benefits the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery. Fairhills Mall, 1919 W. Monroe St., 217-525-6800.

Holiday Fest: Las Posadas

Wed., Dec. 14, 4-7pm. Las Posadas is holiday festival celebrated in Mexico. Celebrate by making ornaments and more. Help deck the halls and trim the tree. Free. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-0061.

Winter Wonderland

Wed., Dec. 14, 4-7pm. Keep having fun learning after a good day at school. As part of the Old Capitol Holiday Walks, admission will be half price. \$5.00. Kidzeum of Health and Science Children's Museum, 412 E. Adams St., 217-679-2123.

■ Lectures & Meetings

Citizens Club Monthly Program

Fri., Dec. 16, 8-9am. Citizens Club member John Allen will host a conversation with Dr. Janet Gooch, chancellor of UIS, to discuss the vision for UIS including its relationships with the University of Illinois system, state government, the city and other entities. Free. Hoogland Center for the Arts Club Room, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

■ Bulletin Board

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Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
PNC Bank, National Association PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Kelly Shinnick; et. al.
DEFENDANTS
No. 2022FC000060
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 08/17/2022, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on January 3, 2023 at the hour of 9:00 AM at in the Second Floor Boardroom of the Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: PIN 14-23-0-176-031

Improved with Residential
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
1937 N. 20th St
Springfield, IL 62702

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER

PUBLIC NOTICES

ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-22-01162. I3207295

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

Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Dover Mortgage Capital Corporation Grantor Trust Certificate Series 2004-A

Plaintiff,

vs.

Leda White; Citizens Equity First Credit Union a/k/a CEFCU; Unknown Owners Tenants and Non-Record Claimants Defendants.

Case No. 2013CH00093

1323 Valley Drive, Springfield, IL 62702

Judge Adam Giganti

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 19, 2022, Jack Campbell will on January 10, 2023, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Second Floor, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 1323 Valley Drive, Springfield, IL 62702

Parcel Number(s): 14-20-353-015

The real estate is improved with an Owner Occupied Single Family Residence.

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

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). For information call Plaintiff's Attorney,

Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 19-028400.

Alan S. Kaufman

MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC

Attorneys for Plaintiff

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Chicago, IL 60601

Telephone: 312-651-6700

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Attorney No.: 6289893

Email: StateEFile@manleydeas.com

Case Number: 19-028400

I3208300

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

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,

PLAINTIFF,

VS.

CHRYSSTAL DEVINE; JOHN M MILLER A/K/A JOHN MICHAEL MILLER A/K/A JOHN NULL MILLER A/K/A JOHN MILLER A/K/A JOHN MILLER DESCAILLEAUX; VILLAGE OF CHATHAM; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

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NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on September 28, 2022, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 01/03/2023, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 29-07-0-176-051

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 421 Woodland Drive

Chatham, IL 62629

Description of Improvements: Tan and white mixed brick and blue wood siding, one story single family home, attached two car garage

The Judgment amount was \$191,418.22.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours.

NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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

For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 20-04470IL PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3204661

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF, VS.

TONI A MERCHANT A/K/A TONI MERCHANT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 22 FC 000040

1113 NORTH WESLEY STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on June 8, 2022, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 01/17/2023, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 14-25-0-104-006 & 14-25-0-104-007

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1113 North Wesley Street

Springfield, IL 62702

Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a Morton type building garage. The garage is detached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is tan. The property has a fence. The property is occupied. Fence has damage to it. The Judgment amount was \$81,221.14. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

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Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 22-08818IL PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3208622

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF

Terry A. Streeter, Deceased

2022 PR 440

CLAIMS NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Terry A. Streeter. Letters of Administration were issued on November 23, 2022, to Kevin N. McDermott, Attorney, 109 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, 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 17th day of November, A.D., 2022.

WAYNE E. VAN HEMERT, Deceased, BY: /s/Pamela E. Hart
Pamela E. Hart, one of its Attorneys.

PREPARED BY:
Pamela E. Hart (6299974)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of:

Jacob William Tucker,

Deceased.

No.: 2022-PR-441

NOTICE TO HEIRS AND
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE
Notice is given of the death of Jacob William Tucker, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on November 22, 2022, to Elisabeth A. Tucker, 5901 College Blvd., Suite 100, Overland Park, KS 66211, is acting as Successor Trustee of the John C. Burdzilauskas Trust. The terms of said trust provide that the debts of the decedent may be paid by the Trustee upon receipt of proper proof thereof.

All

creditors

of

the

decedent

are

notified

to

file

their

claims

in

the

office

of

the

Circuit

Court

or

with

the

representative

or

both

within

six

months

of

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first

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that

this

Notice

is

published

and

any

claim

not

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within

that

period

is

barred

. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Alan J. Jedlicka - 6291659

DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF
GEORGE CULLOM DAVIS,
Deceased.

No. 2022PR000418

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of George Cullom Davis, a resident of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, who died in Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on September 9, 2022. Charles Cullom Davis, whose post office address is 822 Midglen Way, Woodside, California 94062, was appointed executor of his estate on November 16, 2022. The attorneys for the executor are Hart, Southworth & Witsman, One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, of this notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this November 16, 2022.

Mike Southworth (ARDC #06186085)

Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #06339535)
Hart, Southworth & Witsman
One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Telephone: (217) 753-0055
msouthworth@hswnet.com
8051-928344

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
BUELAH E. HUNT,
Deceased.

Case No. 22-PR-000436

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of BUELAH E. HUNT, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on September 22, 2022, to VERA BROWN, 4161 Kruse Road, Decatur, IL 62561, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before March 23, 2023 or six (6) months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 22nd day of November, 2022.
Alex B. Rabin
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of
EDWARD R. CURRY, Deceased.

IN PROBATE

No. 2022PR000337

AMENDED DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of EDWARD R. CURRY, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on August 29, 2022, to ANGELA DAVIS, Executor, 1252 North 3rd St., PO Box 982, Riverton, IL 62561, whose attorney is Robert A. Stuart, Jr., Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before March 9, 2023 or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.

Dated this 18th day of November, 2022.

Robert A. Stuart, Jr.,

Registration No. 2761122

BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP

205 S. 5th Street, Suite 1000

Springfield, IL 62701

(217) 544-8491

rstuart@bhslaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of
JANET MARY HARDWICK, Deceased.

IN PROBATE

No. 2022-PR-386

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of JANET MARY HARDWICK, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on November 9, 2022, to WALTER "SAM" HARDWICK, Executor, 25899 Illinois Route 125, Ashland, Cass County, Illinois, 62612, whose attorney is Robert A. Stuart, Jr., Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th Street, Suite 1000, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before May 19, 2023, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.

Dated this 21st day of November, 2022.

Robert A. Stuart, Jr.,

Registration No. 2761122

Brown, Hay & Stephens

205 S. 5th Street, Suite 1000

Springfield, IL 62705

(217) 544-8491

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
LARRY LEE FLESSNER, DECEASED

Case #2022-PR-437

DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE/NOTICE TO LEGATEE

Notice is given of the death of LARRY LEE FLESSNER. Letters of office have been issued to TRICIA E. WAGNER, 5321 Turnstone Road, Springfield, IL 62711, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before June 1, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 22nd day of November, 2022.

Patrick J. Sheehan, III

SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.

1215 South 4th Street

Springfield, IL 62703

(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALICE POST, DECEASED

Case #2022-PR-448

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of ALICE POST, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on August 29, 2022, to JULIE RUSKEY, 1905 Interlacken Road, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before June 1, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 18th day of November, 2022.

Robert A. Stuart, Jr.,

Registration No. 2761122

Brown, Hay & Stephens

205 S. 5th Street, Suite 1000

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been filed.

Notice is also given to LORI ANN BLYTHE, that an Order was entered in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, on November 17, 2022, admitting Decedent's Will to Probate. You are named as a legatee of Decedent in the Petition for Probate of said Will.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of Admission, any interested person 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 by other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 755, Act 5, Section 6-21), or successor provision.

Interested persons also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 755, Act 5, Section 8-1), or successor provision, to contest the validity of the Will by filing a Petition with the Court within 6 months after November 17, 2022. Filings are to be made with the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before June 1, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 23rd day of November, 2022.

William P. Sheehan

SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.

1215 South 4th Street

Springfield, IL 62703

(217)544-0701

DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of ALICE POST. Letters of Office have been issued to JULIE RUSKEY, 1905 Interlacken Road, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

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Dated this 23rd day of November, 2022.

William P. Sheehan

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES K. RAY, DECEASED

Case #2022-PR-450

DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of CHARLES K. RAY. Letters of Office have been issued to DENNIS A. RAY, 203 E. Steward Street, Plano, IL 60545, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before June 1, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 23rd day of November, 2022.

Patrick J. Sheehan, III

SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.

1215 South 4th Street

Springfield, IL 62703

(217) 544-0701

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

JOSEPH P. ROCK, DECEASED.

No. 2022-PR-447

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES

Notice is given of the death of JOSEPH P. ROCK, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on November 23, 2022, to CHRISTOPHER WALSH of 4076 Rose Ave., Western Springs, Illinois 60558, whose attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; 2160 S. 6th Street, Suite E, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before June 1, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 23rd day of November, 2022, being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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

You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) and pursuant to Section 6-11 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-11) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate.

Dated this 29th day of November, 2022.

CHRISTOPHER WALSH, Independent Executor

of the Estate of JOSEPH P. ROCK,

Deceased

BY: DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC

By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney

Attorneys for Estate:

Anthony J. DelGiorno (IARD 6277358)

DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC

2160 S. 6th St., Ste. E

Springfield, IL 62703

Tel: (217) 773-5337

Service: service@delgiornolawoffice.com

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.

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Dated this 29th day of November 2022.

ELIZABETH ANN MAYFIELD and DAVID

JAMES MARX,

Co-Executors of the Estate of JAMES R.

MARX, Deceased

BY: DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Daniel Kirkum
For change of name to
J'yonte Dasan Alexander
Case No.: 2022-MR-504
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on
January 25, 2023 I will petition in said
Court praying for the change of name
from Daniel Kirkum to J'yonte Dasan
Alexander, pursuant to the statute in such
case made and provided.
Dated: Dec. 8, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD,
ILLINOIS

PNC Bank, National Association

PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Kelly Shinnick; et. al.

DEFENDANTS

No. 2022FC000060

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL
ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale entered in the above cause on
08/17/2022, the Sheriff of Sangamon
County, Illinois will on January 3, 2023
at the hour of 9:00 AM at in the Second
Floor Boardroom of the Sangamon
County Courthouse 200 South 9th Street
Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place
otherwise designated at the time of sale,
County of Sangamon and State of Illinois,
sell at public auction to the highest bidder
for cash, as set forth below, the following
described real estate:

LOT SIXTY-ONE (61) IN FRED W WANLESS'
VICTORY ADDITION. EXCEPT THE COAL
AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING
THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL
RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF
THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINER-
ALS. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY,
ILLINOIS.

PIN 14-23-0-176-031

Improved with Residential
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

1937 N. 20th St

Springfield, IL 62702

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest
bid by certified funds at the close of
the auction; The balance, including
the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned
Residential Property Municipality Relief
Fund, which is calculated at the rate of
\$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof
of the amount paid by the purchaser not to
exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due
within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject
property is subject to general real estate
taxes, special assessments, or special
taxes levied against said real estate and is
offered for sale without any representa-
tion as to quality or quantity of title and
without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS"
condition. The sale is further subject to
confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the
foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007,
purchasers other than the mortgagees will
be required to pay any assessment and
legal fees due under The Condominium
Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and
(g)(4).

If the property is located in a common
interest community, purchasers other
than mortgagees will be required to pay
any assessment and legal fees due under
the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS
605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the
Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled
only to a return of the deposit paid. The
Purchaser shall have no further recourse
against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or

the Mortgagee's attorney.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid,
the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of
Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a
Deed to the real estate after Confirmation
of the sale. The successful purchaser has
the sole responsibility/expense of evicting
any tenants or other individuals presently
in possession of the subject premises.
The property will NOT be open for inspection
and Plaintiff makes no representation
as to the condition of the property. Prospective
bidders are admonished to check
the Court file to verify all information.
**IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-
OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO
REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS
AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSES-
SION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE LAW.**
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Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601.
Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney
file number: 19-028400.
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Attorney No.: 6289893
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Case Number: 19-028400
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possession of the subject premises.
If this property is a condominium unit, the
purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure
sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the
assessments and the legal fees required
by The Condominium Property Act, 765
ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
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Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla
Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's
Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200,
Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-
9088. Please refer to file# 20-04470IL
**PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLEC-
TION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S
ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT
COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT
A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE
USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to
provide additional information other than
that set forth in this notice of sale.
I3204661

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD,

ILLINOIS

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,

PLAINTIFF,

VS.

CHRYSSTAL DEVINE; JOHN M MILLER

A/K/A JOHN MICHAEL MILLER A/K/A JOHN

NULL MILLER A/K/A JOHN MILLER A/K/A

JOHN MILLER DESCAILLEAUX; VILLAGE

OF CHATHAM; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND

NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

DEFENDANTS.

19 CH 000405

421 WOODLAND DRIVE CHATHAM, IL

62629

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDG-
MENT OF FORECLOSURE

UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLO-
SURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure

and Sale entered by the Court in the

above entitled cause on September 28,

2022, Sheriff of Sangamon County will

on 01/03/2023, in the boardroom of the

Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St.,

Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell

at public auction and sale to the highest

bidding for cash, all and singular, the

following described real estate mentioned

in said Judgment, situated in the County

of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much

thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy

said Judgment:

LOT ONE HUNDRED THIRTY (30) IN WAL-

NUT PARK ESTATES PLAT IV. EXCEPT ALL

COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS

HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED

OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON

COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TAX NO. 29-07-0-176-051

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 421 Woodland

Drive

Chatham, IL 62629

Description of Improvements: Tan and

white mixed brick and blue wood siding,

one story single family home, attached

two car garage

The Judgment amount was \$191,418.22.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for

"CASH". The successful bidder must

deposit 10% down by certified funds; bal-

ance, by certified funds, within 24 hours.

NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general

real estate taxes, special assessments

or special taxes levied against said real

estate, water bills, etc., and is offered

for sale without any representation as

to quality or quantity of title and without

recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS"

condition. The sale is further subject to

confirmation by the court.

If this property is a condominium unit, the

purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure

sale, other than the mortgagee shall

pay the assessments and the legal fees

required by the Condominium Property

Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney,

Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East

Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601.
Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney
file number: 19-028400.
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estate, water bills, etc., and is offered
for sale without any representation as
to quality or quantity of title and without
recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further
subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the bid amount,
the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of
Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a
Deed to the real estate after confirmation
of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection.
Prospective bidders are admonished
to check the court file to verify all
information.

The successful purchaser has the sole
responsibility/expense of evicting any
tenants or other individuals presently
in possession of the subject premises.
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USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to

provide additional information other than

that set forth in this notice of sale.

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below storage facility gives notice of the
sale under said act; Friday the 23rd day
of December, 2022 at 11:00 AM, on that day
will conduct a sale to the highest bidder,
with bidding to take place on lockerfox.com,
and payment to seller via credit/
debit card, the contents of spaces 10
Federal Self Storage, 3500 South
6th Street, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217)
387-3951 Joyce Lee A110. Addam Miller
B180. James Brown A100. Gen Lester
A84. Christopher Salo A74. Michael
Harris A12. Steven Carlisle A11. Faith
Hernandez A78. Jeremy Barrow A17.
Jeremy Barrow A1. Larry Hupp B163

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Federal Self Storage, 900 E Straight St,
Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 286-1550 Sue
Beach 124. Terri Lynn 21. Dawn Schleis
32. Olabisi Obe 69. Allants Hatchett
210. Frank Schewe 224. Amy Piper 26

Capitol Storage LLC
818 S Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL 62703
217-522-0300
Great Northern Drive :
#231 Somer Baylark
#327 Christopher Wyler
Winchester IL
#82 Tiffany Reich
#15 Nichole Busch
Taintor Rd
#JJS David Brown
HH18 Jason Newman
HH16 Lasanya Shivers
Dirksen

#176 Rae Ann Martin
#94 & #140 Rachel Smith
#83 Christine Lopez
#196 & #179 Rick Lascody
#164 Stephanie Cole
#13 Marla Jimerson
Peoria Rd
#32 Paul Scribner

To pay past due rent and fees call 1-217-

522-0300. Private Sale will be December

17, 2022 at 9AM. The sale will begin at

Dirksen Parkway Location. Please call to

verify start location day before sale.

In the Circuit Court
For the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois
Sangamon County, Springfield, Illinois
Jamiessha L. Jones, Petitioner
vs.
Jodeci Roby, Defendant
Case 2022-FA-355
Notice is given you, Jodeci Roby for
Petition to Establish Parentage of Journi
Jones and for other relief. Unless you
file your Answer or otherwise file your
Appearance in this case in the Office of
the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, 200
South Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield,
Illinois 62701 on or before December 12,
2022, a judgment or decree by default
may be taken against you for the relief
asked in the complaint.

Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Court

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT
AUCTION
To enforce Self Storage Lien in default
of payment of rent a private auction will

be held Saturday December 17, 2022 at 9:00a.m. Northend Storage is located at 1907 North Grand East, Springfield, IL. This is a private auction. In order to attend you must call 217-544-4521 a week prior to the auction date. Please leave your name, telephone number and an email address. Any individual wanting to retain their unit will need to pay their entire balance by December 16, 2022. No personal checks will be accepted.

Jessica Close 1-9
Frazier Mack 10-3
Patricia Steele 3-20
Donald Caves 5-23
Kristi Stover 5-29
Angela Davis 11-21
Kyle Washington B-20
Angelina Testa J-13

STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE ALLEN SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEN CAUSE NUMBER:
02D08-2209-JT-000207
SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION &
NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS HEARING
IN THE MATTER OF THE TERMINATION OF THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP:
TDN - DOB 3/19/2012
AND
ANGELO AMISON (ALLEGED FATHER)
TO: Angelo Amison
Whereabouts unknown
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above noted parent whose whereabouts are unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed a Petition for Involuntary Termination of your Parental Rights, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court.
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judge of the Allen Superior Court, 715 S. Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802, for a(n) Termination of Parental Rights on 3/27/2023 at 1:30 PM and to answer the Petition for Termination of your Parental Rights of said child.

You are further notified that if the allegations in said petition are true, and/or if you fail to appear at the hearing, the Juvenile Court may terminate your parent-child relationship; and if the Court terminates your parent-child relationship you will lose all parental rights, powers, privileges, immunities, duties and obligations including any rights to custody, control, visitation, or support in said child; and if the Court terminates your parent-child relationship, it will be permanently terminated, and thereafter you may not contest an adoption or other placement of said child.

You are entitled to representation by an attorney, provided by the State if applicable, throughout these proceedings to terminate the parent-child relationship.

YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, adjudication on said petition and termination of your parental rights may be entered against you, in your absence, without further notice.

/s/ Christopher M. Nancarrow
Christopher M. Nancarrow
Clerk of Allen Circuit and Superior Courts (Seal)
Mitchell J. Gerber, 24603-53
Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services
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201 E. Rudisill Blvd., Suite 200
Fort Wayne, IN 46806
Fax: 317-232-1249
Work Phone: 260-403-9792

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
RICHARD L. GROSS,
Deceased.

Case No. 2022-PR-410
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of RICHARD L. GROSS, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on September 28, 2022. Letters of Testamentary were issued on the 27th day of October, A.D., 2022, to STEVEN P. CHURCHILL, 116 Linden Lane, Williamsville, Illinois, 62693, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Sangamon County 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 28th day of October, A.D., 2022.

ESTATE OF RICHARD L. GROSS,
Deceased,

BY: /s/Pamela E. Hart
Pamela E. Hart, one of his Attorneys.

PREPARED BY:

Pamela E. Hart (6299974)
SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: MICHAEL E. CAMPBELL,

Deceased.

Case No.: 2022-PR-449

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of MICHAEL E. CAMPBELL of Williamsville, Illinois, and that Letters Testamentary were issued on November 28, 2022, to ELIZABETH C. CUMMINGS, as Executor, of 530 S. State Street, Lincoln, IL 62656, whose attorney is Duane D. Young of Young Law Partners, P.C., 1300 South 8th Street, Suite Two, Springfield, Illinois, 62703.

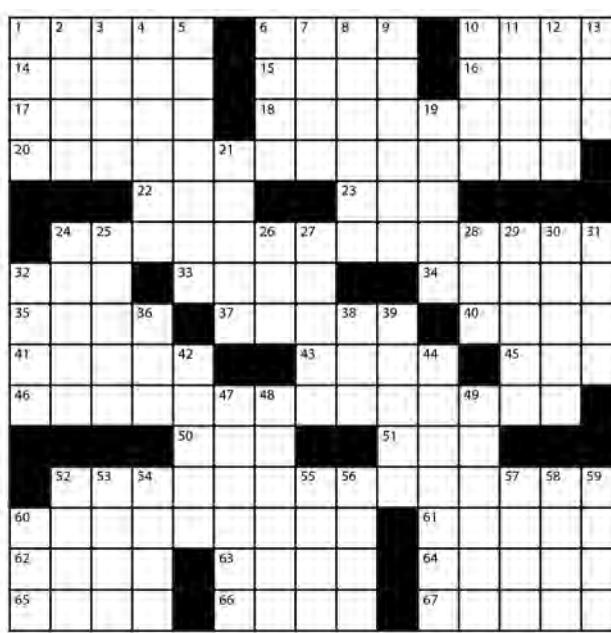
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, and with the offices of Young Law Partners, P.C., Attorneys for Executor, or both, within six (6) months from the date of publication and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to their attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

ELIZABETH C. CUMMINGS, Executor of the Estate of MICHAEL E. CAMPBELL, Deceased
Attorneys' Address:
Duane D. Young
Registration No.: 3091457
YOUNG LAW PARTNERS, P.C.
1300 South Eighth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62703
Telephone: (217) 544-8500
Facsimile: (217) 544-6200
8051-928675

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Across

- To the rear of
- It's built for a trial
- Catch sight of
- Heep of literature
- Big burden
- Gin flavoring
- Hitchhiker
- Jacket features
- 1999 best
- UN workers' group
- Romanian currency
- 1987 best
- Batman and Robin, e.g.
- Recipe direction
- Accustom
- List ender
- Boot add-ons
- "Oh, bother!"
- Practices
- Borrow's opposite
- Stopped fasting
- 1980 best
- Time of one's life
- Id's counterpart
- 1993 best
- Machine that reproduces an experience
- Skin problem
- Straford's stream
- Caesarean wrap
- Fall flower
- A-Rod, for one
- Long narrative poem



67. Geneva's river

12. Saccharide prefix

44. Part of Canis Major

Down

- Mystical emanation
- Hat edge
- Campaign worker
- "The Queen"
- Excites
- Cola's beginning
- Soon, to poets
- Subject to legal action
- Respect
- Jacob's twin
- Thin opening
- Geneva's river
- Brownish gray
- Brushed-on layers
- One-on-one instructor
- Stash away
- Tentative taste
- "I kid you not!"
- Put a stop to
- From the country
- Speak formally
- Neural network
- Floor model
- Island garland
- Sales pro
- Look of disgust
- Slower kind of mail

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week

S	L	E	E	T	A	C	E	S	W	A	S	P
L	E	V	E	R	O	D	O	I	D	I	D	I
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S	E	A	S	I	C	K	R	E	A	H	E	A

Crossword answers from #766

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

Sudoku answers from #766

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

JoshJosh answers from #766

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 767

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.

11+	120x		3x		3÷
	24x			120x	
		2-			12+
6x					
	16x			300x	
3	6x				

Difficulty medium

Sudoku No. 767

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

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

Difficulty medium

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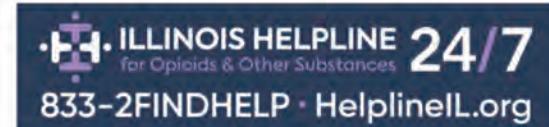
**NARCAN®
(naloxone) Nasal
Spray is for
the emergency
treatment
of a known or
suspected opioid
overdose.**

- Signs of an overdose include loss of consciousness; pinpoint pupils; unresponsive to stimulus; shallow or stopped breathing; snoring or gurgling; blue lips or fingernails; slow or erratic heartbeat.
- **Be sure to call 911 first!**
- Know where you have Narcan stored and how to give it – see the Quick Start Guide on the box.
- Stay with the person – Narcan can wear off in about an hour and overdose can recur.
- Rescue breathing is encouraged – 2 quick breaths followed by 1 breath every 5 seconds thereafter.

Available at These Locations:



**FOR TREATMENT
AND RECOVERY
SUPPORT CONTACT:**



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