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Home for the holidays, sadly

All they want for Christmas is a job.

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There's something for everyone

UPON FURTHER REVIEW | Bruce Rushton

It's Christmas Eve, and I know what you're thinking.

Too late. Santa's departed, the post office is closed, Victoria's Secret has left the building and you're out of Amazon points. But always remember: It's the thought that counts. And so here are some gift ideas for those who matter most.

The Springfield Park District: Praise. More than ever, parks have been sanctuaries, and they've looked immaculate despite everything.

The Springfield City Council: Ambien. Long meetings were bad enough before pandemic forced folks to breathe on each other while listening to the usual.

City Water, Light and Power: A lump of coal to keep lights on.

Illinois Republicans: Someone better than Bruce Rauner in 2022 and straight faces while they watch Democrats implode.

Bureaucrats: Longer lunch breaks so they'll have something other than coronavirus to blame for stuff not getting done.

The homeless: Steel Reserve for the thirsty and a shot for those ready to move on.

White Oaks Mall: An all-you-can-eat buffet in a supersized food court for coming hordes of state employees.

Economic development efforts: \$1 billion, because hundreds of thousands of dollars hasn't been enough.

Michael Madigan: A tenured professorship at the Harry Houdini College of Impossible Escapes



Gov. JB Pritzker: Thirty-six hours to a day. He'll need it during the coming legislative session.

Tim Timoney: Decorum.

Justin Fowler: A Pulitzer Prize.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum: A director who'll last longer than three years and won't embarrass the place.

Adam Lopez: A solid trial date, because this has gone on long enough. Oh, wait: That's what we got him last year.

Springfield School District 186: A real first day of school.

St. John's Hospital and Memorial Medical Center: Less coronavirus.

Restaurants with multiple tickets for coronavirus-related violations: Footage of hospitalized COVID patients streamed into dining rooms.

Sangamon County Department of Public Health: Backbone to shut down repeat scofflaws and keep 'em shut down until we've all been vaccinated.

Restaurants that followed the rules: More business than they can handle when this is over.

Ward 2 Ald. Shawn "I Never Said That" Gregory: A rifle plus membership to a gun club so that he might learn to shoot straight.

Illinois cannabis industry: Owners who aren't white.

Architects of Illinois' pot legalization law: New jobs.

Mister Rogers: Reincarnation. The world, where so many have acted like children, could use his wisdom now.

Donald Trump: Happy trails.

Joe Biden: Good luck. □

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It is time to show our resilience

GUESTWORK | Lee H. Hamilton

If you pay attention to global affairs, you know that increasing numbers of people believe U.S. leadership in the world is coming to an end and the West more broadly is being eclipsed. I think these predictions are exaggerated, but they are not without some basis. Our challenges have grown. It is time for us to re-establish ourselves by showing our capacity for change and adaptation.

The biggest external challenge we face is the rise of China and the competition it offers to the democratic model. It is not just that its wealth, military power and leverage around the world have all grown. It is also that China has had an astonishing rise, pulling millions of people out of poverty, drawing attention for its innovation and infrastructure development, and building one of the world's leading economies.

This is an important point. You do not build prestige abroad by collapsing at home. You cannot separate domestic and foreign policy, especially when you are the U.S. The world pays close attention to how we deal with internal problems, and our actions within our borders profoundly affect our standing and leverage as we assert global leadership.

So how do we reenergize our global role? We begin at home, by bringing the pandemic under control, reinvigorating our own economy and recommitting to the rule of law, to basic, long-established democratic processes and to the core values of justice, fairness and opportunity for all our citizens.

Then we need to return to the basics, which have taken a beating in recent years. We built our preeminence by using an international approach during the post-WWII period, working skillfully with European and other allies to lead the West. If we try to lead by ourselves, the task is far more difficult than if we join with European allies, Japan, other Asian countries and allies in South America and elsewhere.

We also must restore basic democratic values – promotion of democracy, treating people decently,

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Editor's note

Here's gratitude for *Illinois Times* making it through another year, and for all who helped *IT* do so – our readers, our writers, our newsmakers, our staff and drivers, our subscribers and donors, our advertisers and friends. Some weeks we marvel, not at how few ads we have, compared to before, but how many, compared to where we could be. Thank goodness for *illinoistimes.com*, for Food Weeks and *Capital City Visitor*, for our sister *Springfield Business Journal*, and for PPP (we're ready for Round Two). Thank you. —Fletcher Farrar, editor and CEO

Too late for a tax increase now

POLITICS | Rich Miller

“What if” games are never quite accurate, but I don’t think it’s a stretch to say that Gov. JB Pritzker had the opportunity -- and most probably, the votes -- to balance the state budget with an income tax hike during 2019, his honeymoon year with the General Assembly.

Instead, the governor came into office and proposed what was essentially a pension payment holiday and other magic budgetary solutions.

I was told in early 2019 by a high-level administration figure with influence over the budget that the Pritzker administration would not take the easy route of raising taxes and wanted to instead focus on the hard choices.

But hiking the flat tax to balance the budget ahead of a hoped-for 2020 change to the state constitution to allow for a graduated income tax would not have been the easy route. A pension holiday was the easiest route he could’ve possibly taken. There was nothing hard about that, except for convincing legislators that shorting the pension funds was the right thing to do.

Pritzker’s budget was eventually saved by an unexpected tax receipt boost in the spring which eliminated the immediate need for a pension holiday, budget cuts or a new revenue infusion.

And then came 2020, the mother of all lousy years. The international pandemic has punched all states and local governments in the fiscal gut. But the lack of preparedness hit Illinois even harder.

The state’s current revenue situation isn’t that bad in comparison to last fiscal year, partly because the state income tax filing deadline was moved from April to July, which is in the current fiscal year.

But because the governor’s Fair Tax failed, and because the current fiscal year’s budget depended upon those new revenues plus a nearly \$5 billion federal bailout from the federal government, the state budget office last month projected a \$3.9 billion deficit for the current fiscal year, which is now almost half over.

The immediate deficit projection has been lowered by \$2 billion because the state is borrowing that money from the Federal Reserve, less than half the \$5 billion it was eligible to receive.

That borrowing leaves the state with a \$1.9 billion or so hole to fill by June 30, and Pritzker outlined \$711 million in unilateral cuts last week.

Seventy-five million of those reductions relies on an agreement with AFSCME, and the union appeared to reject the notion out

of hand. Bruce Rauner’s attempt to wipe AFSCME out of existence backfired so badly that the union has been strengthened to the point where even asking for minor concessions is beyond difficult.

The governor pointed to the failure of his Fair Tax proposal as a big reason for the need to make cuts, and AFSCME countered by saying it was also all-in on the graduated income tax. But while Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden lost Sangamon County to President Donald Trump by just 4.3 percentage points (way down from Trump’s 9-point winning margin in 2016), the Fair Tax lost AFSCME’s home-base county by a whopping 26 points.

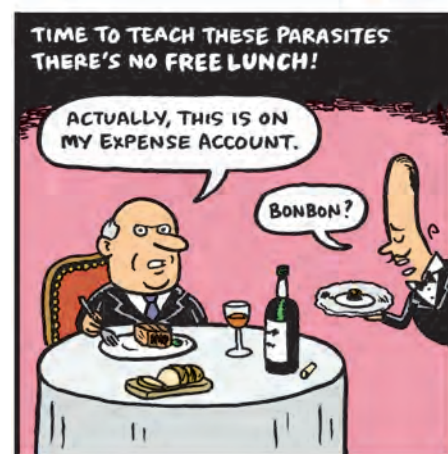
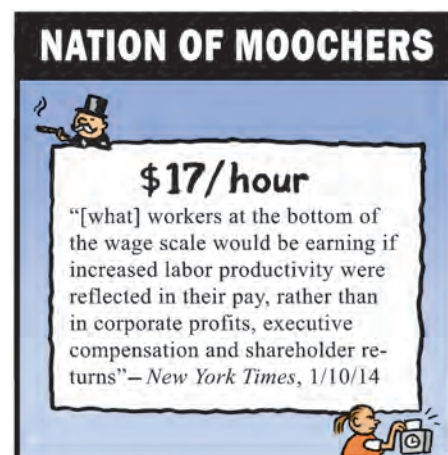
Heckuva job.

We can’t go back and change history and it’s often maddening to engage in the exercise. But, if the governor had just done the responsible thing in 2019 and used a flat tax hike to balance the budget when he could’ve drawn on an almost infinitely deep well of goodwill among his super-majority legislature, we wouldn’t be in nearly this mess right now. And he could’ve then

painted the 2020 constitutional amendment vote as a very real and substantial income tax cut for 97% of the populace instead of the few dollars he ended up promising.

Also, the governor said that he’ll need the General Assembly’s cooperation to make more cuts than the \$711 million he outlined. That’s not totally true. Under Rauner, the vast majority of the state’s budget was put on auto-pilot, either by statute or by judges. A big chunk of that money falls under various consent decrees entered into by the state. The administration could attempt to change those consent decrees without any help from the legislature. But doing so would bring enormous heat on the governor because those consent decrees involve things like minimum funding and staffing levels for the state’s care of children.

I’m only writing this now because when I laid out this very scenario in an early 2019 meeting with that high-level Pritzker person who has significant budget influence, I was laughed at and waved off with “We’re not taking the easy way out with a tax increase, Rich.” □



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It is time to show our resilience

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opposing corruption and abuse of human rights – to a prominent role in our foreign policy. Effective foreign policy requires a lot of components, but the moral dimension is key to making our leadership more attractive and more potent.

Obviously, American military power is part of our strength. People pay attention to us in no small part because of that power. But they also pay attention because of our willingness to work with others. In order to enhance our appeal, we need a well-functioning national security system with expanded arms control agreements. We have to counter Iran wherever and whenever possible – in a manner that does not risk war in the Middle East. And we must identify and oppose the world's bad actors by exposing their weaknesses, corruption and dictatorial tendencies.

We need to lead the fight on climate change. All the other issues we face are important, but this one is existential, and we do not have much time to get it right.

Finally, to help the U.S. revitalize its place in the world, we will need strong, capable, realistic and professional officials filling the key roles. That is true in the intelligence community – where unbiased and clear-eyed knowledge of events and other leaders is vital if we are to navigate the course of events and work with (or against) world leaders. And it is true in diplomacy, economics, the national security apparatus and elsewhere, where depth, knowledge and expertise are vital. We have become less respected for our competence, professionalism and skill over the last four years and, while experts can sometimes become too narrowly focused, highly regarded representatives abroad can be among the biggest assets we deploy.

It used to be that, in any international forum, it was almost instinctive to turn to the U.S. for leadership: the first question on the minds of allies was what the U.S. thought and planned to do. That is less often the case, and I do not think the world is better off as a result. We have a lot of work to do to reassert our leadership, starting with strengthening our own democracy. □

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Christmas poem # 15

my daughter Damaris wrote this note to her grandparents when she was 25. I found it saved in my parents' papers. Damaris – ever loved as she was loving – thought of daily but more so holidays – ! left this life by her own hand in 2010.

"Happy Yule 1978!
Dear Gram and Gramp,
I want to send my best wishes for the season and tell you again that I love you both. I'm thinking that I've seen the farm in a good many seasons and weathers now; the beautiful mountain ash, the hay, birds on the feeder, alfalfa and corn, the falling snow, the placid pond. How wonderful to share this place and these seasons with you. See you soon!
Your granddaughter Demi"

2020 Jacqueline Jackson

LETTERS

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PRIORITIZING VACCINES

My daughter texted me with the news that people over the age of 75 are in the next group to receive the COVID vaccine, and I fall into this category. However, I am in good health, thanks to my primary care physician, my cardiologist and my rheumatologist. My pacemaker is good for seven more years. The last shot I got in my right knee is still working. I can tell what day it is by checking my pill container with the days of the week on it.

I am retired. I don't have to leave my home. So why should I be in the next group to get the vaccine? I would like to go back to my "essential" activities like playing tennis and bridge, going to meetings and doing volunteer work. But I can tough it out.

However, there is a group that desperately needs the vaccine and is being ignored – prisoners. They and the

staff members have to live in a crowded environment. The virus is surging through the prisons. So why aren't they next? I can just hear the "holier than thou" saying they don't deserve it. After all, they committed crimes. But who among us hasn't done something bad? I recently got a warning for not stopping at a stop sign, and while in high school I stole a pen from the dime store.

Give a prisoner my shot.
*Sarah H. Thomas
Springfield*

NEW HVAC NEEDED

Downtown Springfield has many restaurants, bars and shops located in older buildings with HVAC systems that are more difficult to modernize and implement to meet national standards, particularly to help prevent transmission of COVID-19. Customers would be more comfortable if HVAC systems were improved with commercial air filters for virus removal, outside air exchange and effective internal circulation to purify air more quickly.

This will be expensive, but a worthy consideration for a fund to aid small business

owners downtown. Pandemics may become more frequent with climate change, just like other natural disasters. HVAC improvements now can help mitigate current and future disease transmission inside crowded shops, restaurants and bars, and reduce customer resistance to patronage.

*John Sanford
Springfield*

BYE BERNIE

I was a correspondent for the *State Journal-Register* ("Bye bye Bernie," Dec. 10). I remember when they rearranged the newsroom and put Bernie (Schoenburg)'s desk away from the main hallway. His desk area was amazing. I would just stop and stare. But his brilliance and dedication will be missed, I'm certain.

*Brenda Protz
Via [Facebook.com/illinoistimes](https://www.facebook.com/illinoistimes)*

JUST THE FACTS

Another good Bruce Rushton column with which I happen to agree ("A-twitter over Twitter," Dec. 17). Even when I (frequently) don't, he writes like adults did at one time. Or as he so precisely put it, very few adjectives and adverbs.

*Frederick Hayek
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Solving the preschool puzzle

State commission will recommend funding and other changes

EDUCATION | Rachel Otwell

Is a new state agency on the horizon? It's at least a possibility. The Illinois Commission on Equitable Early Childhood Education and Care Funding is set to release its recommendations in March. The commission, created by Gov. JB Pritzker in December 2019, is charged with establishing funding plans that would "provide equitable access to high-quality early childhood education and care services for all children birth to age five."

One theme has been how best to blend funding streams and child care and early childhood education programs administered by the state.

"Our system of early childhood education and care in Illinois has never prioritized equity," said state Sen. Andy Manar, who co-chairs the commission. The Democrat from Bunker Hill led an overhaul of the state's funding formula for K-12 education, which resulted in the Evidence-Based Funding Formula, signed into law in 2017. It's meant to send more state money to under-resourced school districts, all of which largely rely on property taxes.

Is preschool in need of similar treatment? "Yes. Now, we have to recognize up-front that the systems are very, very different. But the idea that money has to be prioritized in communities that need it the most is a

central theme," Manar said.

In addition to a needed change in the way preschool is funded, making the early childhood system less complex overall has been a "central theme" of the commission, said Manar. An anticipated recommendation of the commission will be to combine current programs administered by the state "under one umbrella," he said. The recommendations will not be binding, and whether that umbrella is an existing agency or a new one, and whether it comes to pass at all, remains to be seen.

What is known is that quality preschool education leads to better lifelong learning outcomes, and even better health. But rural and impoverished areas often lack affordable, licensed options.

Robin Steans is president of Advance Illinois, a nonpartisan state education advocacy organization. She's a member of the state's early childhood commission, which met Dec. 10. Steans echoed that while equitable funding is a top priority, the subsequent question is how it can best be distributed. She presented the idea of a centralizing efforts into a single early childhood agency.

Currently, the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois Department of Human Services and the Illinois Department

of Child and Family Services all play a role in child care and preschool funding and oversight. In other states with a standalone agency dedicated to early childhood, there's "a clear champion, someone whose job is relentlessly, tirelessly, to focus on that birth-to-five piece of the puzzle," said Steans.

"The system is horribly complex today," said Manar. It's a "puzzle" of for-profit and nonprofit providers and "a patchwork of programs that have, in many respects, different goals and different outcomes." From the commission, he said, "There will be some recommendations that can be implemented rather quickly by the administration without a change in state law. And then there will be heftier recommendations that undoubtedly will spark vigorous debate in front of the legislature – that will require legislative action."

Meanwhile, "It is going to be very difficult to invest major sums" of new money in the coming budget year, said Manar. Budget cuts loom as a result of the pandemic – with additional cuts due to the failure of the so-called Fair Tax amendment Pritzker spearheaded. □

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A shot of hope

First vaccines arrive in Springfield

HEALTH | Rachel Otwell

Medical professionals on the frontlines were some of the first to get inoculated for COVID-19 in Springfield last week. St. John's was designated by the state as the regional coordinating center for "Region Three" in west-central Illinois. The first doses were given Dec. 16.

St. John's received a shipment of vaccines to distribute to several hospitals, including ones in Jacksonville and Taylorville. Memorial Medical Center in Springfield was not allotted initial doses of the vaccine, but – according to news reports – St. John's chose to split its own allotment of 705 doses with Memorial, the capital city's other major hospital.

"The doses were administered to clinical colleagues providing direct patient care, all of whom voluntarily consented to receive the vaccine. At this time, Hospital Sisters Health System (HSBS) is not requiring its colleagues to receive the vaccination, although they are recommending colleagues receive the vaccine when it is available to them," according to a news release from St. John's.

According to NPR Illinois, both St. John's and Memorial plan to utilize additional doses from the vials of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, as a result of the Centers for Disease Control and Food and Drug Administration approving a sixth and even seventh dose out of vials originally thought to only contain five.

Dr. Prashant Jagtap, St. John's Hospital medical director of critical care, was one of the first to receive the vaccine in Springfield. "We are so grateful to have the vaccine available to our frontline colleagues," he said in a news release. "Vaccinations give us an additional tool to help our colleagues stay healthy to serve our patients as we continue to battle this pandemic in our hospital."

According to St. John's, it will still be several months before the vaccine is accessible more broadly "to all members of our communities." The hospital and other medical experts stress that the pandemic is not yet over. People still need to be vigilant about social distancing, hand washing and wearing masks to help stem the spread of infection. □

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Bailing out

Prosecutors making it tougher to get out of jail, lawyers say

CRIMINAL JUSTICE | Bruce Rushton

Sangamon County prosecutors have increased the number of petitions filed that require defendants to prove that sources of bail money are legitimate before they can be released from jail, courthouse insiders say.

As of last Friday, 42 of 365 inmates had petitions on sources of bail filed in their cases. The petitions mean that inmates must either get approval from judges before they can be released on bond or convince prosecutors to drop petitions by showing that their cash is clean.

Thirty-five of the 42 inmates with petitions are African-Americans. All but seven of the petitions were filed against defendants booked this year – the jail on Friday held 274 inmates arrested in 2020 and 91 arrested in prior years. The sheriff's office says it doesn't have records showing how many inmates had petitions a year ago, but lawyers and others who make livings in the courthouse say that prosecutors are filing more petitions than in the past.

"They only really use it against these young Black guys," says Lindsay Evans, who was a Sangamon County public defender for 13 years before resigning last spring. "If a known gang member is selling drugs, they almost always use it if they think the person is going to post (bond)." Cautioning that her client pool, being deemed indigent, may not have been representative of the jail population, Evans said that she typically would have one client with a petition out of 60 or so clients in jail.

"It was rare, which was a good thing," said Evans, who criticized the Sangamon County legal system as skewed against the disadvantaged when she resigned after being passed over to become head of the public defender's office. "To hear that there's 40 pending, that's a policy change."

Not so, says Sangamon County State's Attorney Dan Wright. And race, the county's top prosecutor said, plays no role.

"There's been no change in policy – there's been no change in the way we evaluate cases based upon unique facts that never include where someone happens to be of a certain race," Wright said. "We file source of funds motions based upon the facts, not upon any immutable characteristics of a defendant."

Mark Wykoff, a defense attorney, says that he has six clients with pending proof of funds petitions filed in their cases. Prior to this year, Wykoff said that he typically, at any given

time, would have one client with a proof of funds petition.

"I've never seen them invoked with the volume and frequency that we've seen in 2020," Wykoff said. "It used to be the rare occurrence. Now it's becoming the norm – it's the new normal."

Petitions don't necessarily result in judges getting involved. Wykoff said prosecutors recently withdrew a petition when the mother of a client demonstrated that she had money in a savings account and the client's father, who got a cash advance on a credit card, showed that he was employed.

Defendants who've had petitions filed in their cases by county prosecutors include defendants charged with gun offenses, drug crimes, murder and theft. Former Springfield School Board President Adam Lopez, arrested in 2018 and accused of bilking people out of nearly \$1 million, has a petition filed in his case – he's charged with financial exploitation of the elderly.

Also, there is Derrick Bailey, 19, who remained in jail as of Tuesday awaiting a hearing on whether he can be released after posting \$10,000 bond on Dec. 5. He's charged with possessing a weapon without having a state Firearms Owner Identification card. Arrested on Dec. 1 by Springfield police, Bailey got busted last February by Bloomington police who served a search warrant and found cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin and marijuana in addition to four guns, one that had been stolen – the drugs, police estimated, were worth \$25,000. Charged with seven drug offenses in McLean County, Bailey was free on \$10,000 bond when he was arrested in Springfield.

Dan Fultz, Bailey's lawyer, said that his client qualifies for release. "Everybody has a right to bond as long as they meet the statutory requirements," Fultz said. He also said that an increase in petition filings began five or six months ago, but he couldn't quantify the increase.

"I can't pinpoint it, but I know they've been on the rise," Fultz said. "You used to see it just mainly in drug cases, where they may be using the profits of an illegal drug enterprise to post bond. We're starting to see it more in violent crimes." □

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City accused of discrimination

Former Springfield public library employee cites lack of inclusive insurance

EQUITY | Rachel Otwell

The city of Springfield is again accused of discriminating against LGBTQ employees. Former city library employee Kate Holt, a transgender woman, claims the city violated state law by refusing to cover her medical expenses related to gender transition.

Transgender people have a variety of ways to go about transitioning. Some, like Holt, regularly take hormonal treatments via shots or pills. Holt started a job at the city library in February 2020. "My prescriptions were excluded from insurance," said Holt in a post on the website for the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois. "They were excluded not because they were exotic or unreasonably expensive. My medications are common and covered for other medical conditions. I had already taken them under a physician's care for more than two years without any problem. And the medications are covered for transgender people by other insurance plans, including our statewide Medicaid system."

Holt claims she had sought coverage for the medication she took for gender dysphoria over the course of several months in 2020. Gender dysphoria is the clinical designation of the feeling that one's gender identity does not match the sex they were assigned at birth. In June, the city's Joint Labor/Management Health Care Committee denied Holt's request for prescription coverage and said no change would be made, according to the ACLU of Illinois, which assisted Holt in filing the charge with the Illinois Department of Human Rights in November. City spokesperson Julia Frevert said via email that the city "has not received a copy of the complaint" and once it does, it "will review and provide a proper legal response."

Professor Jason Pierceson teaches political science at University of Illinois Springfield, with a focus on the intersection of law, public policy and the LGBTQ community. In 2012, he advocated that the city expand its medical insurance coverage to include partners of those in same-sex relationships in order to comply with state law – a move the city ultimately took. Meanwhile, in a city health benefit plan reviewed by *Illinois*

Times, there is currently a limitation in coverage "except where required by law" for "sex transformation and hormones related to such treatment."

"The Illinois Human Rights Act prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender identity, which would be the most relevant statute that this policy contradicts," Pierceson said, noting there are other state and federal laws that the policy not to cover gender transition treatment also potentially violates.

"There's a history of the city of Springfield discriminating against its LGBTQ employees," Pierceson said, referencing how in 2012 the city held that civil union partners of employees would not be eligible for insurance benefits. "The question is why this continues to happen."

In 2015, ACLU of Illinois raised the issue over insurance coverage for transgender employees with the city of Chicago, after an employee there was also denied health insurance benefits for transition-related health care. That resulted in a change of policy, and city of Chicago employees are now covered for gender reassignment services, including surgical intervention.

The Human Rights Campaign, a national LGBTQ advocacy group and lobbying organization, rates cities across the country for its Municipal Equality Index. Of the nine Illinois cities it rated for 2020, only Chicago and Peoria earned points for having transgender-inclusive health insurance benefits.

Holt no longer works for the city, having left her position in November. But Josh Blecher-Cohen, a legal fellow with ACLU of Illinois, said Springfield now has the opportunity to take a step in a more inclusive direction and set a new precedent. "Because the policy in Springfield's insurance plan is so broad and categorically denies transition-related health care to any employee, a victory here would ensure that all trans employees of the city – present and future – would have access to the health care that they need." □

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Mayor, county clash on COVID

PUBLIC HEALTH | Bruce Rushton

Sangamon County Board Chairman Andy Van Meter says that he doesn't understand why Springfield Mayor Jim Langfelder set a Jan. 12 date to reinstitute indoor dining in restaurants.

"I know nothing about Jan. 12 – I don't where the mayor got this Jan. 12 date," Van Meter said. "I really have no idea."

In setting the Jan. 12 date last week, Langfelder told reporters that's when any spike in infections caused by holiday gatherings should subside. He also noted that Springfield School District 186 plans to resume some in-classroom instruction on that date.

In a Dec. 21 email to city council members, Langfelder did not state a date when restaurants will be allowed to restart indoor dining, but he suggested that Jan. 12 may not be firm.

"Once a decision is made by the (Sangamon County) Department of Public Health to resume indoor dining, with restrictions, the city will follow the same guidelines," Langfelder wrote. "Since we are in the ninth month of dealing with the coronavirus and vaccinations are emerging, we will continue to allow indoor dining so there is no 'yo-yo' impact with closing and opening indoor dining." The mayor did not immediately return a

phone call seeking clarification on whether he has abandoned the Jan. 12 target date.

That indoor dining, once restarted, wouldn't be shut down again came as news to Van Meter, who said that decisions on when to allow indoor dining and whether to shut down indoor dining, once it restarts, will be made based on the number of people who test positive, the availability of intensive care unit beds and the stability of such numbers.

"That's common sense," the county board chairman said.

The mayor's email and Van Meter's comments came two days after authorities in Great Britain announced lockdown measures in response to a new strain of coronavirus said to be 70% more contagious than prior strains.

While there's no proof that closing down bars and restaurants in Sangamon County has curbed the pandemic, Van Meter noted a correlation: The infection rate went down after local authorities, after initially resisting a gubernatorial directive, shut down bars and restaurants last month.

"Unfortunately, it was clear that there was a wave that was almost approaching a tidal wave of cases," Dr. Donald Graham, an adviser to the

Sangamon County Department of Public Health told Sam Madonia, a local radio host, on Dec. 21.

"It just wasn't possible to stay open because there were cases all over the place." It was impossible, Graham said, to determine whether indoor dining with safeguards would be safe because too many people didn't follow rules. "There were parameters to follow that weren't being followed," Graham told Madonia. "One of the key ones was separation of people when they came into the restaurant, staying six feet apart."

Last week, Dr. Brian Miller, president of the county health board, told Madonia that the health department closed bars and ended indoor dining in November because authorities had no way of stopping private gatherings and hospital beds were filling up. "With the numbers being what they were, if we could just decrease that number by 10 or 15 percent – we needed to get through that eye of the needle, because it was tight," Miller told Madonia. "By doing that, we possibly avoided a major catastrophe."

While it's possible that indoor dining might resume shortly after Christmas, Miller told Madonia that numbers, not dates, will dictate and that pegging reopening dates to holidays won't

work.

"Every month has a holiday," the doctor said. "I understand the logic of why the mayor picked the number of Jan. 12. But it was a date. We're going to go by the numbers as opposed to the calendar."

On Saturday, Dec. 19, about 100 people gathered outside the governor's mansion to protest state orders shutting down bars and restaurants. Several politicians, including Ward 1 Ald. Chuck Redpath and Ward 10 Ald. Ralph Hanauer, state Rep. Mike Murphy, R-Springfield, and state Sen. Steve McClure, R-Springfield, spoke in support of reopening bars and restaurants at the rally organized by the Central Illinois Licensed Beverage Association.

Hanauer, who has criticized the city and county for acting on anonymous complaints against businesses that violate public health directives aimed at controlling the pandemic, downplayed the seriousness of violations and urged the crowd not to complain about businesses that break the rules.

"We're close to getting you guys open," Hanauer told the crowd. "We're close, but you've got to stay united. There are enough people working against you that are going around and turning people in for bogus rule violations — most of them, they're not even violations, they're turning you in because they see a couple cars in the parking lot. But you guys have got to stay united and stop fighting with each other and turning people in." □

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Home for the holidays, sadly

All they want for Christmas is a job.

UNEMPLOYMENT | David Blanchette

All they want for Christmas is a job.

As our COVID-19 guest stretches its uninvited stay into the end-of-the-year holidays, continuing pandemic restrictions and shutdowns have kept many Springfield area residents from the paychecks they desperately need.

That means Christmas stockings may go empty in many households this year, the unemployment assistance system will remain overburdened and the perfect winter storm of illness and joblessness is poised to blanket much of the region's holiday cheer.

It's a far cry from Christmas 2019, when Springfield resident Vincent Reed finally received his massage therapist license and embarked on a new career which was soon cut short by the pandemic.

"I picked the worst time in the world to become a massage therapist," said the 27-year-old Reed.

Reed had a full-time vending machine job plus two part-time massage therapy jobs and was so busy that he had no days off for a month and a half. He made the decision to quit the vending machine job in March and transition into his new full-time career, which happened to be just a few days before the COVID shutdown.

"When the pandemic shutdown happened I signed up for unemployment but they denied me any funds because I had quit my job," Reed said. "I appealed that and had a hearing and got a letter two weeks later saying that I was still denied."

Reed feels he is due unemployment benefits because it was the state's decision, not his, to shut down his source of income. He's been back to work on a COVID-restricted basis since June, but has spent a considerable amount of time attempting to plead his case with the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES).

"There were two weeks during this whole time that I was just calling every day and I couldn't get through, and it was maddening," Reed said. "I was such an asshole because I was so pissed off. I didn't make any money at all during those two and a half months that I couldn't work. I'm due money from them, but it's impossible to reach them."

Reed said the IDES system has since been changed, and allows people to leave a message



Breanna Hurst at her Springfield home with her son Nixon. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

for a return call from staff. Meanwhile, Reed was informed that he might be able to qualify for Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds, so he faxed a letter to the program as directed in June, but has heard nothing since.

"Luckily I got a good tax return so I was pretty much living just on that," Reed said. "My parents were helping me out too, so I haven't fallen behind on bills. But it's going to be a lean holiday this year, that's for sure."

"I can't catch a break"

"I am struggling to buy household goods, let alone a present for my kid," said 32-year-old Breanna Hurst of Springfield, an unemployed food service industry employee who had been working three separate jobs until the second round of COVID shutdowns hit in November.

"I can't catch a break. I am currently without a single job with no reopening day in sight," Hurst said. "We are approaching the holidays and this second shutdown is

ruining small businesses where all of my jobs are. The amount I am going to receive in unemployment barely covers half of my house payment."

Hurst said she received unemployment benefits for the first shutdown period in the spring and is receiving payments for the current shutdown as well, but her benefit is approximately \$100 every two weeks and she has yet to receive her COVID stimulus check. Hurst has left messages with IDES to ask about the low biweekly benefit, but as of press time had been waiting several weeks for a call back.

"Now that I am unemployed I don't qualify for child care assistance so I still have to pay for my son's schooling out of pocket," Hurst said. "But I am also in a couple of groups on Facebook that are helping each other out."

"Our food industry jobs were keeping a house over our heads. I was living a little more than paycheck to paycheck but I was making ends meet," Hurst said. "Something needs to happen to help those of us who have worked for years and are now displaced employees."

Springfield resident Jeff Sutzer nearly died from the Coronavirus and it's killed his employment opportunities as well.

The 45-year-old Sutzer lost his bartending job at a local food service establishment during the March COVID shutdown. He returned to work there in July but soon became seriously ill with COVID, which caused him to suffer a debilitating stroke.

Sutzer spent a month in the hospital and two months recovering from the stroke, including numerous doctor, physical therapy and speech therapy appointments. He was finally able to return to work in November, only to see his place of employment shut down again due to pandemic restrictions.

"I had unemployment for a couple of months but in July I was getting a bunch of error messages from the website that wouldn't allow me to certify any more," Sutzer said. "At the beginning of September I re-filed for unemployment so I started getting it again. I am in the process of appealing, trying to get back the payments I should have received when I wasn't able to certify."

I need to get back to work soon," Sutzer said. "I've got a daughter and Christmas is going to be slim this year. Luckily I had some

savings and money that was raised for me to help get me through.”

John Goodman of Springfield finally received a call back from IDES about his unemployment benefits, which were approved, and is anxiously waiting for the resulting debit card to arrive in the mail.

The 54-year-old Goodman is unemployed because his chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), that he contracted while working on a previous job, made it too risky for him to service customers at his most recent job in retail sales.

“I let them know when they hired me that I had COPD and because of that I couldn’t be around people, because if I got COVID it might kill me,” Goodman said. “So they put me in the back to stock things in the warehouse away from the customers.”

“Later they told me they were taking me off the schedule, they just let me go, because I couldn’t deal with customers at the register,” Goodman said. “I told them they should put me somewhere else, but they said they couldn’t because they needed everybody at the register. If I couldn’t work directly with customers, they didn’t want me at all.”

“Claimants needed something better”

The State of Illinois quickly found itself in over its head with the COVID-caused unemployment situation that began in March. During a Nov. 23 COVID briefing,

Kristin Richards, the acting director of the state unemployment security department, acknowledged that “this pandemic is inflicting an unprecedented economic toll on working families across the state,” and said the agency handled more unemployment claims during the first three weeks of the pandemic than it did for all of 2019.

“During our peak week in May, IDES received over 1.8 million incoming calls. That’s three calls every second with less than a two percent chance of connecting,” Richards said. “Claimants would call hundreds of times a day to win the lottery and speak with an agent. The system was unfair and unsustainable and claimants needed something better.”

Richards said IDES had already been “reeling from years of disinvestment” before the pandemic that had caused agency headcount to decline by half prior to 2020. Gov. JB Pritzker sought, and the Illinois General Assembly approved, a fiscal year 2021 IDES budget that allows the agency to add 226 people, but Richards said it has still been “an uphill battle” to try to keep pace with new and existing unemployment claims.

Richards said the new IDES callback system, where claimants leave a message rather than trying repeatedly to reach an agent on the phone, has resulted in more than one million returned calls and that response times are continuing to improve, with calls typically returned within seven to ten days.



Jeff Sutzer’s job was affected by the COVID shutdown, then he contracted the deadly virus and it caused him to have a stroke. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

During the Nov. 23 briefing, which focused on unemployment issues, Gov. Pritzker reiterated that “the financial shockwaves of this virus continue to ripple through the United States and here in Illinois, often causing the most harm to those least able to afford it.” He noted that as of the date of the briefing, IDES had processed more than \$17 billion in benefits to more than 1.3 million individuals, which was more than 16 times the amount of benefits paid during the same period in 2019.

All Illinoisans, whether employed or not, also face the added risk of unemployment fraud. Attorney General Kwame Raoul warned Illinoisans to watch out for evidence that something isn’t right.

“If you have received a debit card or a letter approving you to receive unemployment insurance benefits that you did not apply for, it likely means that an identity thief applied for benefits using your name or your Social Security number,” Raoul said. “Always be vigilant and keep a close eye on your financial account statements and credit reports. That is extra critical right now.”

“We are seeing a lot of people that we have never assisted before.”

Local organizations have stepped up to meet the needs of people who have found themselves unemployed due to the pandemic.

The Everyday Hope Project at Springfield’s South Side Christian Church allows its members to request up to \$250 to help people that they know who are facing tough circumstances. The program has been in operation for several years, but it’s taken on more significance in 2020.

“Almost all of the requests that we are getting now are people requesting to use it for someone who maybe has lost their job or is in

a tough position” due to COVID, said South Side Pastor Hope Van Ravenswaay. “In prior years it may have been used for a variety of different things.”

Pastor Adam Lanter stressed that the Everyday Hope Project is not a resource for which people can apply, but it allows individual church members to make a difference.

“Anecdotally there is greater awareness, people are more attuned to the needs of those around them right now,” Lanter said. “We love it as church staff when we can take care of everyday needs for people. Here we have a chance for our church to have boots on the ground and actually make a difference.”

Lanter said that South Side is once again doing their holiday toy drive, but instead of randomly passing out the gifts, they will be making the toys available to parents from identified neighborhood families in need.

Sangamon County Community Resources has seen a “dramatic increase” in requests for assistance because of COVID-related unemployment, according to Executive Director Dave MacDonna.

“We are seeing a lot of people that we have never assisted before. Nobody has experienced an event like this before, so we had no idea what to expect,” MacDonna said. “As the year continues, we know the need is still there and we are waiting to see what the federal government will do for additional funding.”

MacDonna said the largest increases in assistance have gone toward making mortgage and utility payments. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) has provided more than \$1.8 million in utility assistance since July 27. Since the beginning of the year through mid-November, 309 Sangamon County households have received



Vincent Reed has returned to work as a massage therapist but business is much slower than it was before the pandemic. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

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more than \$360,000 in rent and mortgage assistance compared with 38 families and \$38,000 for all of 2019.

"We have received a federal grant to offer these payments and one of the requirements was that it had to be COVID-related," MacDonna said.

"I am very much looking forward to going back to work."

Patrick McPartland of Springfield had been working as a bartender but a fire at one place of employment and COVID shutdowns at another means "my holiday spending is cut down quite a bit, and as far as buying gifts, we've decided not to do that."

The 62-year-old McPartland tested positive for COVID this summer but was asymptomatic. It meant he was off work during a period of time when bars and restaurants were allowed to operate, but McPartland was fortunate in that his employer secured a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan to make sure even quarantined employees could be paid.

McPartland didn't get unemployment benefits during the first shutdown in March, but has been receiving them for the most recent restrictions that began in November.

"I didn't really have trouble getting benefits. A friend who had applied previously walked me through it and I got my benefits within a few weeks," McPartland said. "It's not as much as I'd be making if I was working, not by a longshot, but I'm surviving on it."

"I think things at bars and restaurants will probably be permanently changed, but I think once we are able to go back to work, we'll probably be able to build it back up to where it was almost a year ago," McPartland said. "I have a feeling that once the vaccine is out, customers might come back."

Tracy Woodard is another worker whose food service industry job has been affected by COVID. He was furloughed March 13, returned to work in July, then tested positive for COVID, which caused Woodard to lose his sense of taste and smell.

"Then while I was under quarantine I fell and broke my hand and had to go on disability for three months," said the 57-year-old Woodard. "Now I'm just waiting for food and beverage service to start up again so I can get back to work."

"I received unemployment payments in the spring, then I received disability payments, and now I have to apply again for unemployment," Woodard said. "In the beginning it was really easy because I filed on March 17 and I think I was one of the first ones to apply. I had a little bit of difficulty the second time but I would imagine that's because they have been overwhelmed."

The holidays this year "will probably be kind of bleak," Woodard said. "I am very



Tracy Woodard and Patrick McPartland are still waiting to return to their food service industry jobs.

PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

much looking forward to going back to work."

Claire Dowling would like to get back to work, but Dowling's employer, who received a PPP loan to keep employees on the job, has not contacted her since she was laid off on March 16.

"I saw my job posted on Indeed. They never closed the business I worked at and over the summer they opened a new business," the 51-year-old Dowling said. "Apparently, they called all their employees back to work except me. I never called in and was a loyal, hard worker. Who does this in the middle of a pandemic?"

Dowling also had choice words about the lack of additional stimulus funds for people

like her who have been without work for most of 2020.

"The fact that Congress has been unable to accomplish anything for struggling Americans is abhorrent and unspeakable," Dowling said. "They all should be fired!"

Vincent Reed has returned to work as a massage therapist but the money isn't what it once was because of clients' concerns about COVID. He looks forward to the day when things return to normal and he can fully resume his chosen profession.

"I wanted to find a job where I could help people. I'm good with my hands, anatomy fascinates me, so when I can help people out that's what really makes me happy," Reed said. "It's a good calling for me." □

Craving Pop-Tarts: A reminiscence

Now you can make your own

FOOD | Peter Glatz

We've been traveling and living in our converted school bus since the start of the pandemic, often without Wi-Fi or a decent cellphone signal. For self-amusement (or just wanting to feel I'm doing something purposeful), I've probably spent close to 1,000 hours standing at my bus's kitchen counter engaged in cooking, baking and food preservation projects. When I'm not able to download a Netflix movie on our iPad or tune into NPR on my phone, my mind is left to wander and reminisce. I'm really craving nostalgic dishes from my youth, such as tuna noodle casserole or beef stroganoff... and lately, I'm embarrassed to admit, Pop-Tarts! I can still sing along with Milton the Toaster: "*You can eat 'em in the park, eat 'em in the dark, eat 'em on a rollercoaster!*"

Back when we were parents of young children, my late wife and I tried our best to hold our children up to lofty nutritional standards. Unfortunately they often felt embarrassed and deprived being sent to school with "healthy" sack lunches while their classmates enjoyed Lunchables and Twinkies. Being the children of a dentist, they knew soda and sugary beverages were strictly banned.

Deprivation often creates desire, and banned junk food becomes the forbidden fruit. When my late wife and I once traveled to Europe for a week, our friends Bill and Judy stayed with the kids and chauffeured them to and from school. Bill was a young dentist and Judy was a physician doing a residency in pathology. Because we were totally comfortable entrusting them with the well-being of our three children, it was a shock to find out that they were feeding our kids Pop-Tarts and Hi-C for breakfast. Their virgin palates had been corrupted! When I expressed my indignation, my daughter countered: "This is what Judy eats for breakfast and she's a doctor!" Nonplussed, I responded: "She's a pathologist! She works on dead people!"

Pop-Tarts turned 50 last September with annual sales reaching \$845 million, and I'm still preaching: "Just Say No!" According to healthline.com, Pop-Tarts rank #1 on its list of "The 15 Unhealthiest Junk Foods in America," because they contain "highly processed ingredients, including soybean oil and refined flour, refined white sugar, corn syrup and high-fructose corn syrup." The processed food industry, which amped up production capabilities to provide non-perishable meals for the troops in World War II, needed new



Homemade Pop-Tarts PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

markets to support its expanded infrastructure. The same technology that was used to create Gaines Burgers, a semi-moist dog food that didn't need to be refrigerated, led to the development of Pop-Tarts.

With apologies, I present my homemade version.

Homemade toaster pastries (aka Pop-Tarts)

Pop-Tarts are considered a "toaster pastry," and this recipe, though containing white flour and sugar, is a less-unhealthy version. Can they be baked in the toaster? Perhaps, if you've sealed the edges well, but don't toast for too long, because the tarts might leak.

Makes 9 tarts

Ingredients

For the pâte brisée (tart pastry):

1 ½ cups unbleached all-purpose flour
½ cup white whole wheat flour

1 T. sugar
1 t. salt
2 sticks unsalted butter, cut into 12 pieces and chilled
1 large egg
2 T. milk

1 additional large egg (to brush on pastry)

For the jam filling:

2/3 cup homemade or store-bought jam
1 tablespoon cornstarch mixed with 1
tablespoon cold water

Alternate filling: ⅔ cup Nutella

Preparation

Make the pâte brisée:

In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour, sugar and salt. With your fingers or a pastry blender, work the butter cubes into the dry

ingredients until the largest pieces are pea-size and the mixture holds together when you clump it. Whisk one egg with the milk in a small bowl and drizzle it into the dough, mixing just until everything is integrated. If necessary, knead briefly on a well-floured counter. The dough should be cohesive, but not wet or sticky.

Divide the dough in half, shape each half into a smooth rectangle, about 6 x 4 inches. Wrap each half tightly in plastic. Chill for at least an hour before proceeding. (The dough can be prepared ahead and refrigerated for up to four days or frozen for up to one month.)

Remove the dough from the refrigerator and allow it to soften a bit to become workable, about 15 minutes.

Place one piece of dough on a lightly floured work surface, and roll it into a rectangle about 1/8-inch to ¼-inch thick, large enough to be trimmed to 9 inches x 12 inches. Repeat with the second piece of dough. Using a bench scraper or pizza roller, section each piece of dough into nine 4-inch x 3-inch rectangles.

To make the jam filling: Combine the jam with the cornstarch/water in a small saucepan. Bring the mixture to a boil, and simmer, stirring, for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat, and set aside to cool. If using Nutella, omit the cornstarch/water step.

Beat the additional egg and brush it over the entire surface of half of the dough rectangles. Place a heaping tablespoon of filling into the center of each rectangle, keeping clear a 1/2-inch border. Place a second rectangle of dough atop the first, using your fingertips to press firmly around the pocket of filling, sealing the dough well on all sides. Press the tines of a fork all around the edge of each packet.

Gently place the tarts on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Prick the top of each tart multiple times with a fork to allow steam to escape. Refrigerate the tarts for 30 minutes, and preheat the oven to 350°. Bake until the crust is golden brown, about 20-25 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack and allow to cool before serving.

The baked pastries can be stored in an airtight container at room temperature for up to two days.

If you'd like to make them further in advance, freeze the unbaked tarts between layers of plastic wrap, and bake as needed. □

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Caoilinn Springall as Iris and George Clooney as Dr. Augustine Lofthouse in *The Midnight Sky*. PHOTO CREDIT MIKE ZERKLE

Movies for holidays at home

FILM | Chuck Koplinski

While change has occurred in almost every facet of our lives this year, Hollywood still looks at Christmas Day as a big day for big releases. And while we won't be able to take them in on the big screen – though Universal Pictures is hoping some will flock to see their western *News of the World* on any screens that might be open – this year they will be available in the comfort of your own home. We'll miss the movie theater, but there's something to be said about taking in George Clooney's latest in your PJs.

Subdued tone makes for cloudy *Sky*

If you're expecting high adventure from George Clooney's *The Midnight Sky*, you're likely to be disappointed. Though an end-of-the-world scenario is its basis and an outer-space tragedy akin to the disaster that occurred in *Gravity* takes place, the film is far more contemplative in nature, a character study about a haunted man striving for redemption while facing his own mortality. Grandly produced and replete with timely themes, this adaptation of Lili Brooks-Dalton's novel *Good Morning Midnight* is a film that features a veteran cast delivering solid performances, the highest of production values and a premise with many potentially dramatic moments. And yet, far too often, it just sits there. For a race-against-the-clock movie, there's a curious lack of urgency. Its languid pace, coupled with a bloated screenplay, ultimately makes for a frustrating experience.

Eerily quiet, the film's opening introduces us to Barbeau Observatory in the Arctic Circle. It's 2049 and a catastrophe has occurred that will eventually wipe out all human life on Earth. In flashback, we witness the station being evacuated by all except Dr. Augustine Lofthouse (Clooney) who's suffering from a terminal illness. Having no home to return to, he's decided to spend the rest of his days alone...that is until he finds Iris (Caoilinn Springall), a seven-year-old girl who's been left behind. And while this knocks the good doctor back on his heels, discovering there's a spaceship headed back to Earth after a three-year journey, unaware that it's now uninhabitable, puts him in a panic. Unable to warn them via the antenna at his disposal, Lofthouse and his young charge set off on a treacherous journey to another outpost with a more powerful signal.

Clooney cuts back and forth between the pair dealing with brutal weather, vicious predators and unexpected setbacks and the five-person crew of the Aether, who are concerned that none of their transmissions to Earth are being returned. Gordon (David Oyelowo), who commands the ship, is having a child with the science officer Sully (Felicity Jones), while Maya (Tiffany Boone), Sanchez (Demian Bichir) and Mitchell (Kyle Chandler) are all experts in their respective fields.

The film is never less than visually captivating, the special effects of the highest quality, while the Icelandic locations prove both beautiful and threatening. And while Clooney must be commended for adhering to

a contemplative tone throughout, the entire movie suffers for it. Though the focus is on the theme of redemption, a degree of tension or excitement should be present as well, what with the dire circumstances that take place. Three crew members are pelted with debris while repairing the ship, while Lofthouse and Iris have to contend with raging storms, a wolf pack and a melting ice floe. Yet, most of these moments are rendered in a flat, pedestrian manner, a sense of excitement missing. Equally troubling is that the majority of these scenes are unnecessary, many of them failing to advance the plot or offer any insights into the characters.

Sky has the best of intentions and couldn't be more timely in regards to its scenario and message of hope. Yet, in the end, this is a dour exercise, one that flirts with tedium throughout, instead of providing inspiration. And while the film's final revelation is a genuine stunner, its impact is dulled. *Midnight Sky* longs to move us, but Clooney never truly earns the tears he wants us to shed.

The Midnight Sky is streaming on Netflix.

Hanks nearly saves muddled *News*

Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd is an empty man. A Civil War veteran without a family, he wanders the Western Plains, reading stories from the many newspapers he has in tow, bringing them to audiences hungry for diversion. He ekes out a living on the meager donations he collects, just enough to get him to

the next town. He has no true direction, every day much like the last. So, when his path crosses that of a young white girl who's been kidnapped by natives, he's unsure how to proceed. His confusion mounts when he's charged with returning her to her family, a journey through violent, treacherous territory that will test them both while leading them to their true purpose.

There's a timely, vital message in Paul Greengrass' *News of the World*, an adaptation of the novel by Paulette Jiles. A western in appearance, it speaks to the power of not simply a well-told tale but the truth behind it. At its core, it examines the consequences of disinformation and the value of facts, even if they may be a tad unpopular. Ironically, for a film that deals with the power of a clear narrative, it comes off as a bit murky at times, with incidents and characters not fully explained or fleshed out. This prevents it from having the narrative through-line it needs to keep the viewer engaged. That the pacing moves in fits and starts shows that key elements are missing.

As Kidd, Tom Hanks' austere persona holds him in good stead. With stars of his stature, we have the convenience of shorthand, knowing with a glance what the character is all about, thanks to the actor's familiar bearing. Much like Chuck Noland from *Cast Away*, Kidd is adrift, Hanks employing his trademark faraway, sad-eyed gaze to convey the veteran's loneliness. But there's an anger here as well, which comes to the fore when bandits pursue him and his charge, young Johanna Leonberger (Helena Zengel), a daughter of German immigrants, adrift between a culture she's nearly forgotten and one she's been torn away from. Having abandoned her native tongue, communication between the odd travelers is limited, yet they learn how to "speak" to one another when forced to deal with the outlaws and zealots that cross their path.

Curiously constructed, *News* keeps the viewer at arm's length throughout, never revealing enough about Kidd to make him a charismatic character, while the various troubles he and Johanna encounter begin and end abruptly. The biggest misstep occurs midway through, when the pair encounter a large group of renegades

who've raped the land, ridding it of all minority groups while slaughtering hundreds of buffalo for just their hides. The intent of their leader, Farley (Thomas Francis Murphy), is never really explained and Kidd and Johanna's encounter with them begins and ends so suddenly, the whole episode comes off as a fever dream. Its disjointed nature mirrors the entire film, a ragged construct that never lets the viewer completely in.

Be that as it may, the movie ends on a high note and speaks to what *News* might have been. Kidd, with assistance from Johanna, delivers a stirring reading of a variety of stories from around the country to an appreciative crowd. They are transported by whimsical tales, shocked by violent stories and contemplative over social issues. And despite the listeners' various backgrounds, they take in Kidd's wares together, unified by his telling, though they may perceive them in different ways. It is a triumphant moment that speaks to all we have lost in this age of disinformation. Had *News* concentrated more on scenes such as this, it too would be a story worth remembering.

This film is available through video-on-demand services.

Mulligan impressive in *Promising Young Woman*

Sometimes the sheer force of a single performance can elevate a film, taking what would be a run-of-the-mill project and turning it into something truly special. Such is the case with Carey Mulligan and *Promising Young Woman*, a social diatribe disguised as a pitch-black comedy, a film that takes no prisoners as it examines sexual abuse and its far-reaching consequences. Its basis has been used in more than its fair share of exploitation flicks, the movie resembling a female-driven *Death Wish* with a wicked sense of humor. But it winds up being more than that, thanks to the sharp-edged writing from director Emerald Fennell and a fierce performance from Mulligan, who grounds her character's sense of guilt and vengeance in sincerity and remorse.



Tom Hanks as Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd in *News of the World*.



Carey Mulligan as Cassandra Thomas in *Promising Young Woman*.



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FEATURE

Cassandra Thomas (Mulligan) was once a woman of great promise. However, she dropped out of medical school soon after her best friend, also a pre-med student, was brutally raped by multiple men at the college they attended, and ultimately committed suicide. Living at home and languishing in a dead-end job at a local coffee shop, Cassie is seemingly adrift... that is until nightfall, when she goes out to bars, pretends to be drunk and allows herself to be picked up by a "Good Samaritan." He invariably reveals his true colors when he tries to take advantage of her. Our heroine, who soon reveals herself to be stone sober, turns the tables on her assailant. We see her putting hashmarks in a well-worn notebook replete with them each morning after, a signifier of her campaign of revenge against men like those who had assaulted her friend.

It seems like a dead-end path with no good end, until she reunites with Ryan (Bo Burnham), an old classmate who belatedly acts on his attraction to her. They go out a few times. Cassandra finds she can stomach him and even toys with the notion that while 99.9% of men are scumbags, Ryan may be a keeper. Could love and a healthy relationship be in her future? Of course, that would be too easy and run counter to Fennell's intentions. There are no happy endings to be had here. This is a world of victims and abusers and very little in between.

Like any well-done revenge tale, the story proves engaging, as it speaks to us on a primal level, appealing to our sense of right and wrong. The vengeful hero is a worthy cathartic figure whose only intention is to balance the scales. Run-of-the-mill entries are satisfied with providing simple vicarious thrills and little else. However, *Promising* is one of the few that digs deeper, revealing exactly what is driving Cassie, not simply looking at the violence she commits but the pain she's incapable of relieving. Mulligan, one of the great actresses of her generation, wears a wide variety of masks here and is convincing in each. Whether a "drunken" temptress, a sharp-edged coquette, avenging angel or wounded child, her sincerity validates every facet of Cassie's personality, in the end creating a flawed woman we can easily relate to. While we may be put off by some of her actions, in the end we long to comfort her, as futile as that would be. Mulligan delivers a complex portrait of madness that can't help but affect the viewer.

Fennell's one misstep is in the way she portrays men. Every one of them is reprehensible in one way or another. This broad-stroke approach runs counter to the complex examination of her heroine, a narrative flaw that's hard to excuse. Still, Mulligan is a sight to behold, and while *Promising* might not be one of the year's best films, her performance certainly is.

Promising Young Woman is available through Video-on-Demand services.



Jamie Foxx as Joe Gardner in *Soul*.

Soul a testament to the beauty of life

Joe Gardner has always had modest ambitions. Passionate about music, his primary goal has been to play in a band, not so much for fame and fortune, but just to do what he loves. As long as he could make enough to survive, he'd be happy. But like so many of us, he's made compromises and concessions, at times justified pushing his dreams to the side for more practical reasons, always intending to focus on it again when the time was right. However, time has passed, opportunities have become rare and, before you know it, his passion has faded and threatens to become something that gnaws and festers. Joe has settled in as a music teacher at a public school. However an opportunity pops up from out of the blue, to play at a renowned New York City club with a respected quartet. Too bad Joe dies before he can give his dream one final shot.

That's the set-up for Pete Docter and Kemp Powers' *Soul*, a beautiful meditation on life and all that makes it worth living. It's a simple enough theme, yet what with the scattered lives we lead and the vagaries of 2020 weighing on most of our shoulders, the special kind of inspiration Pixar Films supplies when firing on all cylinders is much needed. While this simple tale threatens to jump the tracks with a silly subplot, it soon rights itself and proves to be one of the studio's best and most moving productions.

After a former student calls Joe (voice by Jamie Foxx) telling him he's set up an audition for him with the great jazz artist Dorothea Williams (Angela Bassett), he's over the moon, even more so when he lands the job to play piano in her quartet. Unfortunately, his zeal to rush home to tell his mother causes him to make a misstep into an open manhole cover. Before you know it, he's riding a massive escalator to heaven. Sensing it's not his time, Joe hightails

it out of there and finds himself in The Great Before, a serene locale populated by new souls, who are not fully formed. Desperate to return to Earth, a bargain is struck and our hero is assigned Soul 22 (Tina Fey), a belligerent sprite who has yet to find her spark, the thing that will develop into her passion in life. It's Joe's job to help her find it. He has his work cut out for him.

The wealth of imagination in the script by Mike Jones, Docter and Powers is overwhelming, one clever concept tripping on the heels of the next, uproarious jokes flying left and right, genuine sentiment underpinning it all. Much like Docter's *Inside/Out*, the film does a masterful job of personifying emotions and behaviors in striking visual and behavioral terms, the most memorable being the Lost Souls who are doomed to wander in limbo. Hulking black, shapeless figures, they aimlessly drudge through a grim landscape, their single eye searching for purpose, which is constantly elusive.

It's a haunting image that serves as a stark counterpoint for the sights that put everything in perspective for Joe. Rivaling the heartbreaking opening of Docter's *Up*, he witnesses a series of seemingly mundane events from his life as well as a litany of everyday treasures, all of which he's taken for granted. In realizing the beauty in all these things, Joe rediscovers his spark. Our world and so much of what it contains makes life worth living. It's a simple notion, but *Soul* drives home this message with subtle grace, making it one of the most moving films of the year.

Soul is streaming on Disney Plus. □

Chuck Koplinski has had the great pleasure of reviewing movies for Illinois Times since 1998. A member of the Critics Choice Association and the Chicago Film Critics Association, he'll go to his grave contending the Will Ferrell Sherlock Holmes parody Holmes and Watson is a criminally overlooked comedy classic.

Two Christmas songs

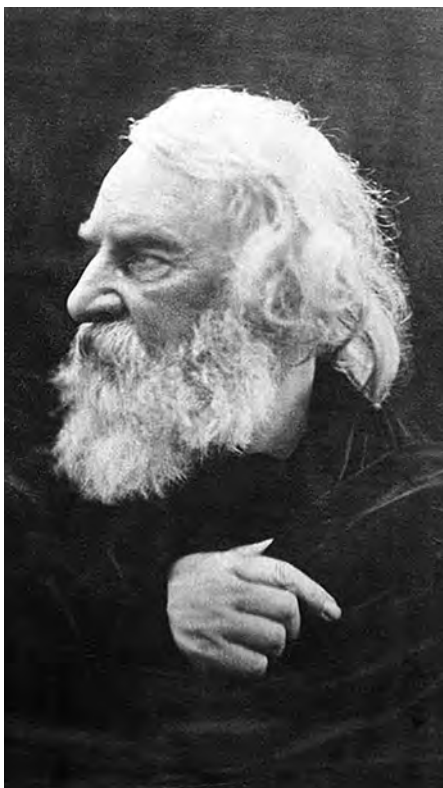
NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Happy holidays to everyone, and here's to having a very Merry Christmas, too. Since there's not much going on in the live music world, nor in the virtual one either, how about a ramble on two popular Christmas songs that just happen to be favorites of mine?

I've always appreciated the song Happy Xmas (War is Over) by John Lennon and Yoko Ono for challenging the listener to think about actually doing something positive for the event celebrating the birth of Jesus and also for the interesting chordal structure that feels rewarding and surprising to me every time I play it. Here's to John for not just mouthing good cheer nonsense while filling a silly holiday song with sentimental goop, as a seasonal number by another former Beatle sounds like to me, but for going after the nitty gritty with gusto. After the commercial success of Imagine, a timeless and beautiful song that, though credited to Lennon, contains much of Ono's philosophy, John is quoted as saying, "Now I understand what you have to do: Put your political message across with a little honey," and Happy Xmas is indeed a sweet song. Produced by the great (though extremely weird, to say the least) Phil Spector and featuring the Harlem Community Choir, it was originally put out as a 45-rpm single on green vinyl. Due to the many covers of the song since then, it's now considered a standard, still asking the listener every time it's played to do better, be better and live for and in peace.

And in case you're wondering, like I always did, why he called it Happy Xmas instead of Merry Christmas, it's reported that the British generally care to use "Happy," rather than "Merry." It's not a hard-and-fast rule, as proven by the old English carol, We Wish You A Merry Christmas, which dates back the 1800s, but from what I can tell, the phrase is much more common across the pond than here in the States.

Now my all-time, blue-ribbon special is hands down, I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day, and not just because it's a cool yule carol, but for its compelling backstory, including a hip twist at the end that comes along with the song. The lyrics come from a powerful poem written on Christmas Day in 1863 by none other than the eminent Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Worried about losing his son in Civil War combat, the august poet composed this seven stanza poem called Christmas Bells,



Henry Wadsworth Longfellow composed the poem that became the carol, I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day in 1893.

with the recurring phrase, "of peace on Earth, good-will to men," to take the reader from the depths of despair to a smashing victory for goodness, all told while listening to – in campanology speak – the pealing of said bells.

Music first made the words into lyrics in 1872, but for my taste, I will pass on that melody and go directly to the one initially recorded by Bing Crosby in 1956 and by many others since, including Johnny Cash, Burl Ives, Harry Belafonte, the Carpenters and Casting Crowns. The uplifting and oh-so-fitting music for this version was composed by none other than Johnny Marks, the same songwriter responsible for Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer, along with Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree, plus A Holly Jolly Christmas, Silver and Gold and the rest of the songs from that famously camp, 1964 TV show about Rudolph and the Island of Misfit Toys.

How's that for a little whoop-de-do finale? See you next week for our New Year's edition of Now Playing with no one playing anywhere. I'm fairly certain we will find something to go on about anyway. □

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VCHP SPRINGFIELD, LLC, PACKARD HOSPI-
TALITY MANAGEMENT, LLC, UNKNOWN
OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendant

2019 CH 177
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Oceanside Mortgage Company, Plaintiff,
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Jennifer M. Roe; Unknown Owners and
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Case No. 2019CH000187
2 Interlaken Road, Springfield, IL 62704
Judge Adam Giganti
NOTICE OF SALE

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SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
UMB BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR LVS TITLE TRUST 2018-3, Plaintiff,
-v.-
ANTHONY L. CATENCAMP, Defendant
2020 CH 000004
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
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Property Index No. 22-23.0-129-028
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The property will NOT be open for inspec-

tion 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 this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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, contact Plaintiff's attorney: RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, 120 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1140, Chicago, IL, 60602, (312) 239-3432. Please refer to file number 19IL00316-1. E-Mail: ilpleadings@rsmalaw.com
case # 2020 CH 000004

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,
v.
JEFFREY JOSEPH LANGBEHN, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
IN CHANCERY
Case No. 2020CH000164
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above-entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Suzanna Scherf
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD
3400 West Wabash Avenue
Springfield, IL 62711
(217) 529-5555
(B) The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate is: 2224 South College Street
Springfield, IL 62704
(C) The legal description of the real estate is as follows:
The South 5 feet of Lot 53 and the North 35 feet of Lot 52 in Charles S. Wanless' South First Street Subdivision. Except all coal and other minerals underlying said lands, together with the right to mine and remove same. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Commonly known as: 2224 South College Street, Springfield, IL 62704
Parcel Number: 22-04-407-007
(D) Description of the improvement on the real estate is as follows:
Single-Family Residence
(E) The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale.
(F) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, in the Sangamon County Board Chambers (2nd Floor) of the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois.
(G) The terms of the sale are cash or certified funds at time of sale.
(H) The subject property is sold subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, all general real

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

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BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, Plaintiff
By: /s/ Brian D. Jones
One of Its Attorneys
Sorling Northrup
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Brian D. Jones, of Counsel – Reg. #6286510
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NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HEARTLAND CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, vs.
JOHN POTTORF AKA JOHN L. POTTORF AKA JOHN LEE POTTORF, Defendant.
CASE NO. 20-CH-79
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 212 S. 8TH STREET RIVERTON, IL 62561
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on November 24, 2020, the following described real estate, to-wit: Permanent Index Number: 15-15.0-105-040
Commonly known as: 212 S. 8th Street, Riverton, IL 62561
will be offered for sale and sold at public venue on January 5, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.
The Judgment amount is \$181,684.25. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.
For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihar, LLC, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719
The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).

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

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

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

HEARTLAND CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, Veronika J. Miles (#6313161), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihar, LLC
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NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HEARTLAND CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, vs.
LINDSAY MICHELLE FAHEY SMITH, AS INDEPENDENT CO-ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF MARTIN T. FAHEY, DECEASED, JOEL MARTIN FAHEY, AS INDEPENDENT CO-ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF MARTIN T. FAHEY, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MARTIN T. FAHEY, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARTIN T. FAHEY, DECEASED, UNKNOWN

CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MARTIN T. FAHEY, DECEASED, THERESA M. FAHEY, LINDSAY MICHELLE FAHEY SMITH and JOEL MARTIN FAHEY, Defendants.
CASE NO. 20-CH-124
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2022 S. 4TH ST. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on November 24, 2020, the following described real estate, to-wit: Permanent Index Number: 22-04.0-430-006 fka 22-04-430-006
Commonly known as: 2022 S. 4th St., Springfield, IL 62703
will be offered for sale and sold at public venue on January 5, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.
The Judgment amount is \$43,054.63. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.
For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihar, LLC, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719
The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS

605/18.5 (g-1).

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

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

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HEARTLAND CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, Veronika J. Miles (#6313161), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihar, LLC
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NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
CHARLES E. LEE AND LINDA G. LEE, Plaintiff, vs.
LEE EDWARD WILLIAMS, JR., Defendant.
CASE NO. 20-CH-103
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1205 CONVERSE AVE. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on October 14, 2020, the following described real estate, to-wit: Permanent Index Number: 14-22.0-477-013
Commonly known as: 1205 Converse Ave., Springfield, IL 62702
will be offered for sale and sold at public venue on January 19, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.
The Judgment amount is \$54,056.46. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The

Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CHARLES E. LEE AND LINDA G. LEE, Plaintiff,

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NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

TOWN AND COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

RANDY SHAW AKA RANDALL P. SHAW JR. and BANK & TRUST COMPANY, Defendants.

CASE NO. 20-CH-157

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2522 SOUTH 13TH ST.

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on November 24, 2020, the following described real estate, to-wit: Permanent Index Number: 22-10.0-203-010 fka 22-10-203-010

Commonly known as: 2522 South 13th St., Springfield, IL 62703

will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on January 5, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$33,161.48.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CHARLES E. LEE AND LINDA G. LEE, Plaintiff,

Veronika J. Miles (#6313161), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC

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

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TOWN AND COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff,

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NOTICE OF SALE

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

COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF THOMAS J. SIDENER, JR., DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF THOMAS J. SIDENER, JR., DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF THOMAS J. SIDENER, JR., DECEASED, TRISTIE ANN SIDENER and WILLIAM P. BUTCHER, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THOMAS J. SIDENER, JR., DECEASED, Defendants.

CASE NO. 19-CH-386 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1813 E. KEYS AVE. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on December 16, 2020, the following described real estate, to-wit: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS FOLLOWS: Permanent Index Number: 14-23.0-332-026

Commonly known as: 1813 E. Keys Ave., Springfield, IL 62702

will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on January 19, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$52,854.86.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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

The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the

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PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

Veronika J. Miles (#6313161), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF

David Roth, Deceased.

Case No. 2020 P 663

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION OF ESTATE AND CLAIMS

INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Notice is given of the death of David Roth. Letters of office were issued on December 9, 2020 to Benjamin Roth as Independent Executor/Representative, whose attorney is Gary E. Kerr, 1020 S. 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703.

Notice is given to heirs of the decedent whose names or addresses were not stated in the petition that an order was entered by the court on December 9, 2020 admitting the will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 (755 ILCS 5/28-4) of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed within six months from the date of first publication. Any claim not filed within six months from the date of first publication or claims not filed within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to Creditor, whichever is later, shall be barred.

Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th St, Illinois, 62701 or with the representative, or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to his attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Dated: December 14, 2020

Law Office of Gary E. Kerr Ltd., Attorney for the Estate

1020 South Seventh Street

Springfield, Illinois 62703

217/522-2244

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In Re the Estate of:

MARTHA ROSE SMITH, Deceased.

Case No.: 2020-P-638

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Martha Rose Smith, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 1, 2020, to Robert Bradford Smith, as Independent Executor, whose address is 6767 Tipple Road, Rockford, Illinois 61102, and whose attorney is Barry O. Hines, 1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A, Springfield, Illinois 62704.

The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration, at any time, by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before June 17, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated this 2nd day of December, 2020.

Robert Bradford Smith

Independent Executor

Barry O. Hines - 01220918

Attorney at Law

1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A

Springfield, IL 62704

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of:

JoAnn Bokamp, Deceased.

No. 2020-P-503

NOTICE TO HEIRS AND

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given of the death of JoAnn Bokamp, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on November 30, 2020, to JR Evans, 2325 Eastview Drive, Springfield, Illinois, 62702 as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of JoAnn Bokamp of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring JR Evans and Jim Evans as the only heirs of JoAnn Bokamp. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act, 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Sarah Delano Pavlik – 6269250

DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC

Attorneys for Administrator

One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza

Springfield, Illinois 62701

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the matter of the estate of:

Jean Ann Orr Carlson, Deceased

Case No. 2020-P-661

Claim Notice

Notice is given of the death of Jean Ann Orr Carlson. Letters Testamentary were issued to Richard W. Carlson, as Executor, whose attorney is Mark Cullen. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Of-

fice of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, with the Executor, or with the attorney, on or before, June 17, 2021. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor within 10 days after it has been filed.

Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Attorney for Estate:
Mark K. Cullen
3022 Panther Creek Drive
Springfield, IL 62711

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of ANNA MARIE GRAVES, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
NO. 2020-P- 642
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of ANNA MARIE GRAVES, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on November 25, 2020, to Jacquelyn Graves, Administrator, whose attorney is Dwight O'Keefe, Brown, Hay & Stephens, 1000 US Bank Building, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before June 1, 2021, 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 25th day of November, 2020.

Dwight H. O'Keefe
Brown, Hay & Stephens
1000 US Bank Building
P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62701
(217) 544-8491

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Dwayne Lewis Hunter. Petitioner and
Kala Angela Hunter, Respondent
Case No. 2020-D-330
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you Kala Angela Hunter, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief.
Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 17th day of January, 2021 a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.

Paul Palazzolo
Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of CATHERINE ADAM
For change of name to
CATHERINE ADAM-ALBARRACIN
Case NO.: 2020-MR-458
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on February 2, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from CATHERINE ADAM to CATHERINE

ADAM-ALBARRACIN
pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: December 10, 2020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of CARLY MARIE SPURLOCK
For change of name to
SAI MARIE SPURLOCK
Case NO.: 2020-MR-981
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on February 2, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from CARLY MARIE SPURLOCK to SAI MARIE SPURLOCK
pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: December 17, 2020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of EMMA RAE SMITH
For change of name to
MILES AARON SMITH
Case NO.: 2020-MR-1142
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on February 16, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from EMMA RAE SMITH to MILES AARON SMITH pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: December 24, 2020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of LANDEN SCOTT JACOBS
For change of name to
LANDON SCOTT CORBRIDGE
Case NO.: 2020-MR-1199
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on February 16, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from LANDEN SCOTT JACOBS to LANDON SCOTT CORBRIDGE pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: December 24, 2020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS
Oceanside Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs.
Jennifer M. Roe; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants.
Case No. 2019CH000187
2 Interlacken Road, Springfield, IL 62704
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 August 2, 2019, Jack Campbell will on January 12, 2021, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Second Floor, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
Lot Ninety-five (95), Except the North 20 feet, in Charles S. Wanless' Country Club Acres.
Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the

estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any.
Situating in Sangamon County, Illinois.
Commonly known as 2 Interlacken Road, Springfield, IL 62704
Parcel Number(s): 22-06.0-127-002
The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.
Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount.
The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.
The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601.
Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 20-021394.
Michael A. Phelps
MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
One East Wacker, Suite 1250
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, -vs-
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KENNETH E. STINNETT, deceased, JASON K. STINNETT, WILLIAM R. STINNETT, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS and THEODORE J. HARVATIN, As Special Representative for KENNETH E. STINNETT, Deceased. Defendants.
No. 2020CH000188
3021 S. Park Avenue
Springfield, IL 62704
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF KENNETH E. STINNETT, Deceased:
Notice is given of the death of Kenneth E. Stinnett. The Court has appointed Theodore J. Harvatin as Special Representative for Kenneth E. Stinnett, deceased, in the above entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 3021 S. Park Avenue, Springfield, Illinois and legally described as: The North 70 feet of the East 5 feet of Lot 12 in Call and Landgrebe Subdivision also part of Lot 37 in West Grand Place in the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, the boundary of said part being further described as follows:
Beginning at an iron pin, 105.0 feet North of a concrete monument on the East line of Lot 37, said concrete monument being 175.0 feet South of the Northeast Corner of Lot 37, thence Westerly 143.80 feet parallel to and 70.0 feet Southerly from the North line of Lot 37, thence Easterly 143.70 feet along said North line of Lot 37 to an iron pin at the Northeast Corner of Lot 37, thence Southerly 70.0 feet along the East line of Lot 37 to the Point of Begin-

ning.
PIN: 22-08.0-253-040
The address of the Special Representative is: Harvatin Law Offices, P.C., 1100 So. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing.
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 e-file.illinoiscourts.gov/ service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.
/S/ THEODORE J. HARVATIN
As Special Representative for Kenneth E. Stinnett, Deceased.
THEODORE J. HARVATIN
Attorney Reg. #06180268
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20CH188

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, PLAINTIFF, VS.
TED HARVATIN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DECEASED MORTGAGOR, MICHAEL ECKHOFF; MARY ROSE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MICHAEL ECKHOFF, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 20 CH 000118
1517 NORTH 5TH STREET
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
JUDGE
PRESIDING JUDGE
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MICHAEL ECKHOFF; IF ANY
Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants
defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: THE EAST 180.7 FEET OF THE SOUTH 45 FEET OF LOT 5 IN BEVERLY ALLEN'S SUB-DIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as: 1517 North 5th Street
Springfield, IL 62702
and which said Mortgage was made by, Michael Eckhoff a/k/a Michael R Eckhoff Mortgagor(s), to First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation Mortgage, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2001R38769; and for other relief.
UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before January 25, 2021, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.
E-filing is now mandatory with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first

create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/ service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider.
If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoislegalaid.org.
If you are unable to pay your court fees, you can apply for a fee waiver. For information about defending yourself in a court case (including filing an appearance or fee waiver), or to apply for free legal help, go to www.illinoislegalaid.org. You can also ask your local circuit clerk's office for a fee waiver application.
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200
Chicago, IL 60602
Ph. (312) 346-9088
File No. 20-02422IL
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ARENA LIMITED SPV, LLC, Plaintiff, -v.-
VCHP SPRINGFIELD, LLC, PACKARD HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant
2019 CH 177
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 25, 2020 (the "Judgment Order"), an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on January 12, 2021, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate and personal property associated therewith described more fully in the Judgment Order:
PARCEL 1:
THE SOUTH HALF OF BLOCK 17, EXCEPT THE NORTH 8.00 FEET AND EXCEPT THE EAST 150.00 FEET THEREOF, OF THE OLD TOWN PLAT OF THE TOWN, NOW CITY, OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7 AT PAGE 10 IN THE OFFICE OF THE SANGAMON COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK 17, THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID BLOCK 17, SAID WEST LINE ALSO BEING THE EAST LINE OF AN 80.00 FEET RIGHT OF WAY FOR FIRST STREET, A DISTANCE OF 158.28 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE 8.00 FEET SOUTH OF AND RUNNING PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH HALF OF SAID BLOCK 17; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID PARALLEL LINE A DISTANCE OF 200.15 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE 150.00 FEET WEST OF AND RUNNING PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID BLOCK 17, THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID PARALLEL LINE, A DISTANCE OF 158.36 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 17, SAID SOUTH LINE ALSO BEING THE NORTH LINE OF AN 80.00

FEET RIGHT OF WAY FOR ADAMS STREET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 200.81 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
PARCEL 2:
LOTS. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 AND 26 OF BULLOCKS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7 AT PAGE 53 IN THE OFFICE OF SANGAMON COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 26 IN SAID BULLOCKS ADDITION; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF AN 80.00 FEET RIGHT OF WAY FOR ADAMS STREET, A DISTANCE OF 240.74 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 21 IN SAID BULLOCKS ADDITION; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 21, A DISTANCE OF 158.30 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 21, SAID CORNER ALSO BEING ON THE SOUTH LINE OF A 16 FOOT ALLEY; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID ALLEY, A DISTANCE OF 240.58 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 26 IN SAID BULLOCKS ADDITION, SAID CORNER BEING ON THE WEST LINE OF AN 80.00 FEET RIGHT OF WAY FOR FIRST STREET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES, 08 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 26, A DISTANCE OF 158.22 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.
PARCEL 3:
THE EAST 150 FEET OF THE SOUTH 157.8 FEET OF BLOCK 17 OF THE OLD TOWN PLAT OF THE TOWN, NOW CITY OF SPRINGFIELD SANGAMON COUNTY ILLINOIS ALSO DESCRIBED AS LOT 8 AND THE EAST 62.2 FEET OF LOT 7, BLOCK 17 OF THE OLD TOWN PLAT OF THE TOWN, NOW CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 101 E. ADAMS ST. AND 125 E. ADAMS ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701
Property Index No. 14-33-22-7-032, 14-33-228-011, 14-34-101-007
The real estate is improved with a hotel. The judgment amount was \$18,622,614.64 as of September 30, 2020.
Sale terms:10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate and associated personal property identified in the Judgment Order after confirmation of the sale. 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 this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). 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, Ann E. Pille, REED SMITH LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 10 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, 40TH FLOOR, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 207-1000. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. REED SMITH LLP 10 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, 40TH FLOOR Chicago IL, 60606 312-207-1000 Case Number: 2019 CH 177 TJSC#: 40-2453 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 19CH117

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS UMB BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR LVS TITLE TRUST 2018-3, Plaintiff, -v.- ANTHONY L. CATENCAMP, Defendant 2020 CH 000004 NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 19, 2020, the Sheriff of Sangamon County will at 9:00 AM on January 12, 2021, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Lot 265 Franklin Park Estates, Eighteen Addition. Except all coal and other minerals underlying said lands, together with the right to mine and remove same. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Commonly known as 2013 STOCKTON DR., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 Property Index No. 22-23.0-129-028 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$203,281.70. 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 on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special as-

sessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. 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 this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). 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, contact Plaintiff's attorney: RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, 120 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1140, Chicago, IL, 60602, (312) 239-3432. Please refer to file number 19IL00316-1. E-Mail: ilpleadings@rsmalaw.com case # 2020 CH 000004

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, v. JEFFREY JOSEPH LANGBEHN, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. IN CHANCERY Case No. 2020CH000164 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above-entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. (A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Suzanna Scherf BANK OF SPRINGFIELD 3400 West Wabash Avenue Springfield, IL 62711 (217) 529-5555 (B) The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate is: 2224 South College Street Springfield, IL 62704 (C) The legal description of the real estate is as follows: The South 5 feet of Lot 53 and the North 35 feet of Lot 52 in Charles S. Wanless' South First Street Subdivision. Except all coal and other minerals underlying said lands, together with the right to mine and remove same. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Commonly known as: 2224 South College Street, Springfield, IL 62704 Parcel Number: 22-04-407-007 (D) Description of the improvement on the real estate is as follows:

Single-Family Residence (E) The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale. (F) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, in the Sangamon County Board Chambers (2nd Floor) of the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois. (G) The terms of the sale are cash or certified funds at time of sale. (H) The subject property is sold subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, all general real estate taxes which have not yet become due and payable, with special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record, and existing leases, if any, applicable zoning laws; property is sold "AS IS, WHERE IS, and with no warranties", and without any representation as to quality or quantity of the title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. 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. BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, Plaintiff By: /s/ Brian D. Jones One of its Attorneys Sorling Northrup Stephen A. Tagge, of Counsel – Reg. #2793369 Brian D. Jones, of Counsel – Reg. #6286510 Attorneys for Plaintiff One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200 P. O. Box 5131 Springfield, IL 62705 Telephone: (217) 544-1144 E-Mail: bdjones@sorlinglaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff, vs. THOMAS A. KOCIS AKA THOMAS KOCIS, Defendant. CASE NO. 20-CH-151 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 401 CARROLL ST PAWNEE, IL 62558 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Thomas A. Kocis aka Thomas Kocis, Defendant, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 401 Carroll St, Pawnee, IL 62558, more particularly described as: Lot 10 and the East 87 feet, except the North 67 feet thereof, of Lot 1 in W.R. Lochridge's Second Addition to Subdivision of part of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 13 North, Range 4 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Permanent Index Number: 36-07.0-253-012 fka 36-07-253-012 Commonly known as: 401 Carroll St, Pawnee, IL 62558 UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Room 405, Springfield, IL 62701-1299 on or before January 11, 2021, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE. CLERK OF THE COURT

THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Julie Beyers (#6217185) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 740 Decatur, IL 62525 Send Notice/Pleadings to: Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 20CH151

NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS HEARTLAND CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, vs. JOHN POTTORF AKA JOHN L. POTTORF AKA JOHN LEE POTTORF, Defendant. CASE NO. 20-CH-79 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 212 S. 8TH STREET RIVERTON, IL 62561 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on November 24, 2020, the following described real estate, to-wit: Part of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 16 North, Range 4 West of the Third Principal Meridian, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East street line of Eighth Street in Riverton, Illinois, 130.00 feet South of the North line of the aforesaid South half of the North half of the East half of the West half of the West half of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 15; thence East parallel to the North line 200.00 feet; thence North 32.54 feet; thence East parallel to the South line of the said Lot 24.4 feet; thence South parallel with the West line of said Lot 184.54 feet to a point 222.00 feet East of aforesaid East street line; thence West 72.00 feet parallel to aforesaid North line; thence North 60.00 feet parallel to aforesaid East street line; thence West 150.00 feet parallel to aforesaid North line; thence North on the East street line 92.00 feet to the point of beginning. Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed of record. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Permanent Index Number: 15-15.0-105-040 Commonly known as: 212 S. 8th Street, Riverton, IL 62561 will be offered for sale and sold at public venue on January 5, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$181,684.25. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential

real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1). If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. HEARTLAND CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, Veronika J. Miles (#6313161), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 740 Decatur, IL 62525 Send Notice/Pleadings to: Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 20CH79

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

TOWN AND COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff, vs. RANDY SHAW AKA RANDALL P. SHAW JR. and BANK & TRUST COMPANY, Defendants. CASE NO. 20-CH-157 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2522 SOUTH 13TH ST. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on November 24, 2020, the following described real estate, to-wit: LOT 47 OF MILDRED PARK SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 396 FEET OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Permanent Index Number: 22-10.0-203-010 fka 22-10-203-010 Commonly known as: 2522 South 13th St., Springfield, IL 62703 will be offered for sale and sold at public venue on January 5, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$33,161.48. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution

of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).

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

Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. TOWN AND COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff, Veronika J. Miles (#6313161), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 740 Decatur, IL 62525 Send Notice/Pleadings to: Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 20CH157

NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HEARTLAND CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, vs.
LINDSAY MICHELLE FAHEY SMITH, AS INDEPENDENT CO-ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF MARTIN T. FAHEY, DECEASED, JOEL MARTIN FAHEY, AS INDEPENDENT CO-ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF MARTIN T. FAHEY, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MARTIN T. FAHEY, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARTIN T. FAHEY, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MARTIN T. FAHEY, DECEASED, THERESA M. FAHEY, LINDSAY MICHELLE FAHEY SMITH and JOEL MARTIN FAHEY, Defendants.
CASE NO. 20-CH-124
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
2022 S. 4TH ST.
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on November 24, 2020, the following described real estate, to-wit:
Lot 55 in Block 22 of PAYNE'S SOUTH SIDE ADDITION, SECOND PLAT, to the City of Springfield, Illinois. Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed or reserved of record. Situated in SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Permanent Index Number: 22-04.0-430-006 fka 22-04-430-006

Commonly known as: 2022 S. 4th St., Springfield, IL 62703
will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on January 5, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$43,054.63. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

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

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

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

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

Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection

Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. HEARTLAND CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, Veronika J. Miles (#6313161), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 740 Decatur, IL 62525 Send Notice/Pleadings to: Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 20CH124

NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
CHARLES E. LEE AND LINDA G. LEE, Plaintiff, vs.
LEE EDWARD WILLIAMS, JR., Defendant.
CASE NO. 20-CH-103
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
1205 CONVERSE AVE.
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on October 14, 2020, the following described real estate, to-wit:
LOT 49 OF RESERVOIR PARK PLACE, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. Except all coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying said land, together with the right to mine and remove same, heretofore conveyed or reserved of record. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
Permanent Index Number: 14-22.0-477-013

Commonly known as: 1205 Converse Ave., Springfield, IL 62702
will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on January 19, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$54,056.46. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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

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

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

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

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

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of Amanda Behymer. Petitioner and Jesse Behymer, Respondent
Case No. 2020-D-326
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you Jesse Behymer, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief.
Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 17th day of January, 2021 a judgment of

dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Paul Palazzolo
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON
MORGAN N. FOSDICK, Plaintiff, vs.
ANNA L. VASCONCELLES, Defendant.
Case No. 2020 L 141
ANNA L. VASCONCELLES, Counter-Plaintiff, vs.
MORGAN N. FOSDICK and KELLY FOSDICK, Counter-Defendants.
Case No. 2020 L 141
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Counter-Defendant KELLY FOSDICK, that you are hereby served by publication pursuant to order entered by the Honorable Gail Noll entered November 16, 2020 in a pending cause of action captioned Morgan N. Fosdick, Plaintiff, v. Anna L. Vasconcelles, Defendant, Case No 2020 L 141 wherein Kelly Fosdick is a named Counter- Plaintiff.
Unless you file your Answer to the Counter-Claim or you otherwise file you Appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Building, 200 S. Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, 62701 on or before January 4, 2021, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.
December 10, 2020
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court
August M. Appleton
Attorney for Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff
ARDC No.: 6304584
Stratton, Moran, Reichert, Sronce And Appleton
725 South Fourth Street Springfield, IL 62703
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appletonlawillinois@gmail.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the interest of MI'ONEST ROSS, a minor
Case No: 19-JA-175
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN UNKNOWN FATHERS, respondents, and to all whom it may concern, that on November 17, 2020 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by State's Attorney's Office in this court and that in courtroom of Judge Karen Tharp or any judge sitting in her stead in Room 7A of Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, on FEBRUARY 10, 2021 at 10:00 AM hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, AN ORDER OR JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE PETITION. UNLESS YOU APPEAR AT THE HEARING, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN THIS CASE, INCLUDING THE FILING OF AN AMENDED PETITION OR MOTION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the interest of I'YONNA HARRIS, a minor
Case No: 15-JA-130
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN CHRISTYEN BARNER AND UNKNOWN FATHERS, respondents, and to all whom it may concern, that on September 10, 2019 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by State's Attorney's Office in this court and that in courtroom of Judge Karen Tharp or any judge sitting in her stead in Room 7A of Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, on JANUARY 15, 2021 at 9:00 AM hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, AN ORDER OR JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE PETITION. UNLESS YOU APPEAR AT THE HEARING, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN THIS CASE, INCLUDING THE FILING OF AN AMENDED PETITION OR MOTION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Sara Gillmore, Petitioner vs.
Pete Robinson, Respondent
Case No: 2020-OP-1879
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Pete Robinson, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before January 14, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Court
Date: December 10, 2020

NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF THOMAS J. SIDENER, JR., DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF THOMAS J. SIDENER, JR., DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF THOMAS J. SIDENER, JR., DECEASED, TRISTIE ANN SIDENER and WILLIAM P. BUTCHER, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THOMAS J. SIDENER, JR., DECEASED, Defendants.
CASE NO. 19-CH-386 PROPERTY ADDRESS:
1813 E. KEYS AVE.
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above

Court entered in the above entitled cause on December 16, 2020, the following described real estate, to-wit:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS FOLLOWS:

LOT FIFTY-FIVE (55) IN SPAULDING'S SECOND ILLINOIS WATCH FACTORY ADDITION. Permanent Index Number: 14-23.0-332-026

Commonly known as: 1813 E. Keys Ave., Springfield, IL 62702

will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on January 19, 2021, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$52,854.86.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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

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

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

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

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

gagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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

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

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY

Michael Emerson Petitioner vs.

Steven Behl, Jr., Respondent

Case No: 2020-OP-1423

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Steven Behl, Jr. , this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before January 28, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.

Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of the Court

Date: December 24, 2020

Unwanted pressure

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Across

- 1. Word that could follow the first word of each starred clue
- 5. Taxis
- 9. Stair parts
- 14. Jessica of "Dark Angel"
- 15. Comply with
- 16. San Diego baseballer
- 17. Like a sad sack
- 18. *** Person who looks exactly like another
- 20. Rope fiber
- 22. Like some eclipses
- 23. Cataract site
- 24. Promotes
- 26. Gave the once-over
- 28. Diner
- 31. Spice holder
- 35. Badge wearer
- 38. Short skirt
- 39. Lack of vitality
- 41. *** In the past
- 44. "I couldn't ____"
- 45. Jets or Sharks, e.g.
- 46. Family room
- 47. Univ. lecturer
- 48. Kind of number
- 50. They take the bait
- 53. Musical exercise
- 56. Infomercials, e.g.
- 59. Some college students
- 62. Author Zola
- 64. Popular vacation destination

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- 67. Get-out-of-jail money
- 68. Idiot
- 69. Celeb
- 70. Carbon compound
- 71. Rocket gasket
- 72. His and ____
- 73. "Phooey!"
- 8. 2000 Olympics city
- 9. Cathedral topper
- 10. Beachgoer's goal
- 11. Barely beat
- 12. The hunted
- 13. Bone-dry
- 19. Beam of light
- 21. Andean animals
- 25. Time on the job
- 27. Sketched
- 29. Conclude
- 30. Chip feature
- 32. In the thick of
- 33. Give as an example
- 34. Songwriter Gus
- 35. Nasdaq listing: Abbr.
- 36. Completed
- 37. 100 centavos
- 39. "Tomorrow" musical
- 40. Cancel
- 42. Jazz phrase
- 43. Crew need
- 48. "I can't believe it!"
- 49. Timber
- 51. Cake topper
- 52. Have a bawl
- 54. Paul Anka #1 hit
- 55. "Silas Marner" novelist
- 56. Bullets, e.g.
- 57. Last name in fashion
- 58. Draped dress
- 60. Go out with
- 61. Lasting impression
- 63. Building additions
- 65. Sun follower?
- 66. Mins. and mins.

Down

- 1. Crones
- 2. ____ Island
- 3. Treat badly
- 4. Hot ____
- 5. New England catch
- 6. Brother of Cain
- 7. Squire

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week

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Crossword answers from #667

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

Sudoku answers from #667

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

JoshJosh answers from #667

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 668

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

2-	7+		2-	12+	
	3x	11+			
				2÷	3-
16+	1-	3÷			
		9x		1-	
			6+		2

Difficulty medium

Sudoku No. 668

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

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	6	1	8				2	

Difficulty medium

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Homeless in Springfield•Part V

No Room in the Inn

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. (Luke 2:-7)

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Have you ever heard someone say Jesus was homeless?

It's a fairly common idea that gets circulated each year. People cite the lack of room in the inn and sleeping in the stable as the proof text. Yet the context of this beautiful story reveals that Joseph and Mary were sojourners on their way to Bethlehem to pay taxes and be counted in the census. While it's true their trip to Bethlehem was arduous—and the inn was crowded with fellow sojourners—Joseph and Mary were not homeless.

They had a foundation of family and faith around them. They were raised with love and a good work ethic. Joseph had an ability to maintain employment, and both could navigate through life due to their positive relationships and their ability to develop new ones.

So when they made the trip to Bethlehem, they carried their home with them.

They were never destitute and forlorn. They didn't leave Nazareth traumatized by life. They left with an abiding hope and trust in God and His many provisions.

In contrast, most of our homeless in Springfield and across our country do not have a home. They lack positive relationships and have no idea how to develop them. Years of brokenness, strife, abuse, and loneliness left its mark, making it difficult for them to relate to others, hold a job, or maintain housing. Their struggle is real and ongoing.

Of course we all know people with similar issues as the homeless, such as mental illness, addictions, developmental issues, or PTSD, and they don't become homeless. That's because they have family or other caring people in their lives making sure they get the help they need.

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People without the vital resource of positive relationships find it difficult to stabilize in society.

The good news is Jesus came to earth to restore broken relationships. He didn't come with a political angle, using empty platitudes to identify with the homeless while doing nothing to alleviate their brokenness.

Instead, he spent time with them. He ate with them, talked with them, and ministered to a world of poverty, building relationships with a community in need. He met people where they were, but loved them too much to leave them there.

Scripture shows God reaching out to humankind for a relationship. At the

perfect time in history, he sent his son, Jesus, to be the bridge that would connect us to God. Now he asks all who are willing to lay down their spiritual, emotional, and physical poverty and accept the gift of eternal life, or eternal "living," that is offered through Jesus' sacrifice.

At Inner City Mission, we offer a new way of living to the homeless. When they arrive, we give them time to calm down from the issues that brought them here. We start with a simple conversation like, "We know you don't know us, but try to relax if you can. Sit back and watch what we do here. Don't just believe what we tell you. See if our actions line up with our words. Then let us know, because we will be doing the same for you. We will watch your actions to see if they line up with what you say. Then we'll talk about it."

These words open up the beginning of a relationship, which leads to insight as we get to know one another's strengths and weaknesses.

...

It is the foundation of relationship gives us the right to speak into each other's lives.

Although not easy, we have to address the issues we see in our residents at the mission. Some issues are fairly simple, like Maria's, when she came to us after being evicted from an unsafe apartment. Shortly after her arrival, we began seeing water pouring out from an upstairs restroom. When it happened a second time, we started monitoring and realized it was Maria.

Talking to her about the water, we

found out Maria had never thought of putting the shower curtain inside the bathtub. "My mom didn't teach me stuff like that," she said, shrugging. Then her eyes widened, "I got evicted from my last two apartments because the bathroom floors were rotting so bad."

Not long after, Maria moved into another apartment and never experienced a problem with rotting floors again. Thankfully, that was an easy fix, but it shows the kind of relationship she had with an addicted mom who slept on the couch most of the time.

Other issues are more difficult to address. Charlotte came to the mission directly from prison after serving eighteen months. Soon after, the police arrived and handcuffed her and escorted her from our property. She had been caught on tape stealing at a local convenience store. It wasn't the first time, we learned, and it wouldn't be the last.

During the next ten years, Charlotte would move in and out of the mission seven times. With each stay, our relationship would grow, and trust would build. Eventually, Charlotte found stability in the love of God as she learned to live in his truths, and she overcame her kleptomania.

At the mission, we seek godly wisdom to understand the deeper issues of our residents. In doing so, we become a **relational resource** for them. We can tell you from experience, this has its challenges. Staff members can become emotional punching bags as we help people move past their trauma and teach them how to forgive.

Yet we are happy to say, through prayer and relational resources, emotional healing does come for those who are willing.

Until next time,

Scott & Connie Payne
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