

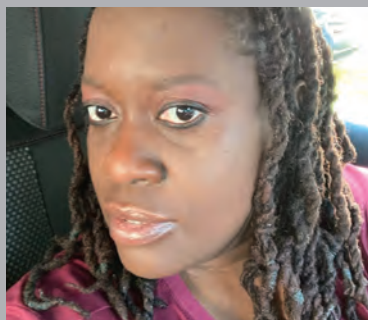


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# REMEMBERING THE LIVES THEY LIVED

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## “New” Town & Country Shopping Center (T & C) and Springfield Reinvestment

- Larkspur Properties of Miami FL made the high bid and bought T & C at auction in June 2022.
- Meanwhile Larkspur President David Bernstein has visited Springfield regularly and met with City leaders, MacArthur Boulevard Association, and others to devise plans to return T & C to prosperity and vitality.
- Springfield needs to welcome reinvestment in our City.
- This year Mayor Langfelder worked diligently to welcome a \$30M reinvestment in the aging 30 story, 400 room Wyndham Hotel Downtown. A successful NY/NY buyer specializing in converting big box hotels to mixed uses planned to upgrade the hotel rooms and also create 250+ market rate apartments.
- However, 6 unyielding City Council members\*, Mike Coffey and the Downtown Convention Center Board, and the Springfield Growth Alliance Executive Board worked against those efforts. With their singular focus on preserving hotel rooms, they were unwilling to accommodate the simultaneous goals of a \$30M upgrade to the Wyndham Hotel building and Downtown repopulation. They rejected repeated compromise efforts from our Mayor and the NY/NY buyer.
- Now who will invest in the low-occupancy cash-starved Wyndham hotel building? Will the Wyndham Hotel now close and Downtown lose all 400 hotel rooms?

Joe McMenamin

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About the issue

Our annual REMEMBERING edition, the last issue of the year, reminds us small-town folks that people we thought we knew we didn't know as well as we wish we had, and those we didn't know, we wish we had known. It reminds us that many more have died this year than we could possibly write about, so this presentation is always just a sample of the richness of lives gone. We strive for diversity among those we include, and always know we fall short of the diversity that's available to us. Readers were invited to submit memorials in our print edition and more are online. REMEMBERING tells us not only how much this town has lost this year, but how much from each life it has gained.

—Fletcher Farrar, editor and CEO

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CARL FISCHER April 19, 1939-March 25, 2022

A knack for design

REMEMBERING | Carey Smith

“Both were very ambitious,” notes Karen Prange of her parents, Carl and Kay Fischer, “both in our family life, and in their careers and professional lives. When people think of my dad, it’s hard to think of him without Kay. They had the most amazing love affair, worked together, sailed together and raised a family together. They were truly inseparable, not because of dependency, but this deep-seated love they had.”

A year after marrying and blending a family of five children, Carl and Kay Fischer began Carl Fischer Associates out of their large South Walnut Street home in Springfield. Prange recalls a portion of the first floor of their home dedicated to her parents’ office and conference room, with draftsmen at work in the basement. The children played upstairs in the attic. “We were probably one of the first work-at-home families,” jokes Prange.

A native of Springfield’s north end, Fischer joined the U.S. Navy after graduating with a degree in architecture from Washington University in St. Louis. He returned to Springfield and worked for a couple of architecture firms before he and Kay partnered up. In 1982, after former coworker August Wisnosky joined the firm, it was renamed Fischer-Wisnosky Architects and then FWAI Architects. Farnsworth Group, a national full-service engineering, architectural and survey firm, acquired FWAI Architects in 2020, and it remains an integral part of Springfield’s architectural scene.

“Carl had a knack for design,” recounts Wisnosky, and was especially skilled in the area of historical restorations. The renovation of former President Ronald Reagan’s childhood home in Dixon, Illinois, was Fischer’s pride and joy. He spent time with the Reagans, reportedly hearing many family stories and spending Reagan’s birthday with him.

Prange notes Fischer’s lasting impact on the vistas of the streets of Springfield. “I think if you go through Springfield and look at the buildings

that he designed, or influenced the design on, you’ll see grace and simplicity. His buildings are not plain. They’re not ordinary. But they’re also not ostentatious, nor elaborate in ornamentation. They have this simple elegance to them that make them timeless.”

Fischer’s interest and skill in historical renovations brought him requests to renovate many homes in the area of the Lincoln Home



Carl and Kay Fischer on their boat, Kathryn. The couple were married in 1975 during a sailing regatta. PHOTO COURTESY KAREN PRANGE

National Historic Site. He purchased the old Broadwell’s Drug Store at Fifth and Washington streets in the early 1980s and made it his office. Fischer donated the Broadwell building to the Springfield Art Association a year before his death.

“He did that partially because he knew the Art Association would take care of the building,” says Prange. “They recognize the beauty of it, and will take care of it in a way that selling for commercial reasons would not.” SAA is the long-term caretaker of Edwards

Place, Springfield’s oldest home on its original foundation. The Broadwell building currently houses the SAA Collective gallery and the Michael Victor II Art Library, as well as art studios and labs.

Fischer also had a passion for sailing and woodworking. He and Kay were married during a sailing regatta. They raced sailboats for many years at Island Bay Yacht Club and later purchased a boat where they would spend several weeks every summer sailing.

“My fondest memories were of days spent on boats, because that’s where he relaxed,” recalls Prange. “He was the captain and we were his crew. He loved being on water.” Fischer taught all of his grandchildren to swim. “It was important to him that they could take care of themselves in the water,” says Prange.

When Carl and Kay built a house in Petersburg, a woodworking shop was part of the plans. “He finally got to do what he wanted,” says Prange, of Fischer’s many hours of making furniture and all of the wooden parts needed for their boat.

Prange notes that in her entryway is a shelving unit Fischer made with medicine drawers from the Broadwell building. “Appreciation for all things and taking care and reusing them was not just in his career, but in his hobbies,” she says.

Prange says Fischer became more appreciative of his family as he aged, with five children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren added to their blended family.

“His love for us grew as his family grew. When he passed away earlier this year, the last time he talked with us, it wasn’t about the business or his accolades. He just thanked us for being such a wonderful family. That’s what he left us with. He was a wonderful man.”

*Carey Smith appreciates being invited into someone’s inner world to shine a light on its distinctive beauty.*

## • In Memoriam •

### JIM TURPIN

Feb. 26, 1932 - April 10, 2022



Jim was a popular Springfield personality and well-known radio broadcaster for University of Illinois football and basketball games. He worked in public relations and advertising in the late 1970s for the newly built Prairie Capital Convention Center and also for Watt

Bros. Pharmacy West. He was also a popular master of ceremonies for events.

Much of Jim's broadcasting was done on WTAX AM radio, and included a regular sports information program that he wrote called "One Man's Opinion." One program was broadcast on April Fool's Day, and I recall that, after reciting a number of goofy sports opinions, Jim closed that program saying, "And, that's one man's opinion. I'm Curt Gowdy."

He once told a story about an Ohio State football game with the University of Illinois during which Jim heard head coach Woody Hayes, a history buff, admonish his Buckeyes to play well and respect the Illini team because they were now in the home state of Abraham Lincoln, a very great American.

Jim also rode with the university basketball teams to out-of-town games. Their transportation was usually in small planes, which were not necessarily new. According to Jim's recollections, often when the plane landed, one or more team members would shout, "It's another miracle!"

Likely the most excited and emotional broadcast I ever heard Jim deliver was from the March 1989 basketball game at Bloomington, Indiana, when Nick Anderson heaved a long, long shot at the end of the game that banked in and won the game for the Illini. Jim shouted himself hoarse after that game.

Mr. Jim Turpin was a civic treasure for both Springfield and Champaign.

Friend J.J. Watt

### CULLOM DAVIS

May 2, 1935-Sept. 9, 2022

As he did for me, Cullom Davis hired most of the early faculty members of the new Sangamon State University, providing SSU with intelligent, steady, balanced leadership. In many leadership roles, he always stood for the university's integrity. His Lincoln Legals Project will forever inform

historians of how Lincoln's Illinois legal career helped prepare him for the presidency.

I had the opportunity to participate with Cullom in two local Springfield efforts: recovery of evidence to enable Springfield to acknowledge the Race Riot in 1908 and leadership of the plaintiffs who successfully secured through the federal courts the desegregation of the Springfield public schools.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christopher N. Breiseth

History Teacher at SSU (1971-1980; 1983-1984)  
President of Deep Springs College (1980-1983)  
President Emeritus of Wilkes University (1984 to 2001)  
President Emeritus of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute (2001-2008)

**DAVE SHAW** Aug. 8, 1956-April 24, 2022

## An artful teacher

The way he lived may have been his greatest lesson

REMEMBERING | Rachel Otwell

It's hard for me to call Dave Shaw anything other than Mr. Shaw. Even as our orbits continued to collide during my adulthood, he was always my teacher. His classroom moved around the Rochester High School campus during seemingly endless renovations. Regardless of his location — a trailer, a garage — Mr. Shaw's classroom was where everyone wanted to be. And while he was a safe harbor for all the weirdo kids, he knew art was for everyone. His classroom brought together the jocks, freaks and geeks alike, as did the yearly theater productions he directed and designed.

He gave me the role of Anybodys in *West Side Story*, the gender-defying, tomboy character who tries to run with the guys in the Jets gang — a bit of typecasting. And I've never felt more seen on a stage, my hair in a short cut as I tried to exude equal parts grit and yearning to belong. Some rehearsals took the form of boot camp as he built camaraderie between members of the rival gangs.

The sense of belonging in the theater world is what draws in so many. At the center of this universe in Rochester was Mr. Shaw. He made us feel loved, and he taught us how to love each other, regardless of whatever silly high-school clique we thought we belonged to or were being excluded from.

Mr. Shaw knew what it was like to be a little different. Growing up in Moline with his two brothers and sister, he was introverted. "He loved art. He was an artist ever since he could pick up a crayon and pencil. We would play school and he would try to teach us," says sister Deb.

On top of being a born artist and teacher, he was a lifelong friend to his sister. A really great one. "He was always there. If I ever needed anything, he was right there," she said. Even as a kid, he showed kindness, empathy and a desire to help.

In college at Illinois State University, he had a hippie streak, drawn to the counterculture — often barefoot. He taught K-12 art for six years at the Chandlerville School District before teaching drama and art in Rochester for more than three



decades, retiring in 2016.

When he wasn't teaching, he had a hand in numerous community-theater productions. He created epic sets, like the one for a Muni production of *The Secret Garden*, where he painted the eyes and facial features of cast members into the scenery.

Leigh Steiner worked on countless productions with Mr. Shaw over three decades. "I think of him as my artistic soulmate." Not only were they creators, they were patrons. If a set in a production they were taking in lacked aesthetic appeal, Leigh says she would look over to see him with his eyes closed. "It hurt him if something wasn't beautiful."

With each actor, each facet of a performance, his aim was to bring out potential. "His ego was not in the way at all," says Leigh. He embodied an essence of art and theater that translates broadly: "We're all just people. And we don't survive without each other."

Mr. Shaw was a prolific and talented visual artist, and yet humble — much more reserved around adults than his high-school students. In his "retirement" he could often be found at the Springfield Art Association (SAA), where he was a board member, juried artist and busy volunteer. One of his

favorite programs, Opening Minds through Art, gave those struggling with dementia a chance to express themselves creatively.

Students of Mr. Shaw will long carry his legacy. And more yet will carry his memory forward through a fund in his honor that will help young adults pursue a variety of visual and theater arts. The seed money came through an auction of his creations and collected pieces that were donated after his death. "He was wildly talented, and personable, and wonderful to be around," says SAA's executive director, Betsy Dollar. Dollar hopes the first award in Shaw's honor will come out by the end of the school year.

A final note: I feel like I am cheating by not including a former student voice in this piece other than my own. But the truth is, I wouldn't know where to start. Each of us has our own story to tell about his impact. We're a constellation, all over the world, each shining brighter for having had him in our lives.

*Rachel Otwell is a former Illinois Times staff writer and associate editor. She currently works for Illinois Comptroller Susana A. Mendoza. She will always believe art is a crucial part of existence, and largely has Mr. Shaw to thank for that.*





**ELIZABETH GERALDINE TINSLEY BANKS ALEXANDER** Sept. 9, 1940-Jan. 20, 2022

# A cornerstone that can never be replaced

**REMEMBERING | Vincent “June” Chappelle**

Throughout this year we have all witnessed the loss of loved ones and others who have touched our hearts in ways we might not have imagined. For many of us within the Springfield area – with emphasis on the Black community – one of those great losses was that of Elizabeth Alexander.

Born Elizabeth Geraldine Tinsley to George E. Tinsley and Geraldine Murrell-Tinsley, Ms. Liz – as she was often addressed – was kind, poised, took absolutely no mess, and had a welcoming smile that was noticeable from a mile away. That same smile was one of the first to greet me when I began my journey with the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum nearly five years ago.

Not only did she diligently serve as facility administrator, graphic designer and a board member of the SCIAAHM, she was a devoted volunteer as well. She cared deeply about the preservation of our varied histories, which showed in the way she helped operate the museum. No longer seeing her stoic image grace its doorways has felt very strange and misplaced for many of us.

A skilled researcher, she also assisted in carefully curating an exhibit on four of the oldest Black churches in Springfield and two installations of “Early African American Pioneers of Central Illinois.” The exhibit bore the history of her mother’s side of the family, the Murrells, a family whose journey in central Illinois goes back to the 1870s. Board members, some who also assisted in this effort, keep her memory fondly.

“Liz Alexander was a mainstay of the African American History Museum,” said board president Carolyn Farrar. “She was devoted to making the museum a premier organization to serve the community, whether improving the facility or planning and developing captivating programs and exhibits, Liz was always at the forefront of making things happen.”

Board member Aaron Pearl said, “My recollection of Mrs. Alexander is that she was very prompt in everything that she did. She also expected everyone to work at their highest standards. There was nothing that she wouldn’t do for this



organization. I cannot put words to her love for the African American History Museum. We lost a true cornerstone that can never be replaced.”

While she held a great deal of adoration for the museum and those who worked in it, there was nothing in this world more important than her family – her husband, Steve Alexander, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A few would occasionally trail her into the museum, and she doted on them at every chance.

In addition to living by her faith, Ms. Liz also lived for the ones she cared for the most, making sure they knew love, understood that their futures were bright and teaching them to be unmovable.

Steve Alexander, an accomplished musician, had this to say of his beloved wife of 26 years: “She was the love of my life. I admired her dedication and how she was never afraid to get her hands

dirty. As for the museum, Liz was very instrumental, alongside Jerrie Blakely, in getting it off the ground. She dedicated her life and time to that as well.”

Ms. Liz was a success in many facets. Her career was spent in the banking industry, from which she retired in 1998. Prior to the close of her professional career, she also fulfilled her dream of procuring a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Illinois in 1995, through faith and perseverance.

She will be forever cherished in our hearts and minds.

*June Chappelle, the museum coordinator of the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, has been working in historical research and curation for more than six years. He has been a freelance writer for Illinois Times since 2020.*

## DOROTHY O. BECK

March 2, 1925 - Aug. 23, 2022



On Aug. 23, my siblings and I lost our mother, who was 97 years old.

Although she was an only child and raised by a single parent, she and our father had nine children. It wasn’t until after Dad’s death in 1989 that we

realized who the real source of strength was in the family.

Mom was independent and completely engaged in life until a stroke took her down when she was 89 years old. She enjoyed playing cards often, staying abreast of politics, keeping in close contact with her children, family and friends, and helping others whenever there was a need.

Her last few years were necessarily spent in nursing care. However, she had an influence on everyone who crossed her path until the day of her death.

Our mother was a loving disciplinarian who set the example. We challenged her often when we were younger, but she loved us unconditionally.

We are grateful that we had the good fortune to be a part of her life. She instilled in us life skills that we unknowingly incorporate into our daily routines. She is missed dearly, as we loved her heart and soul.

*Her daughter, Carole Fisher*

## LEO R. DAPRON

Aug. 3, 1937 - March 4, 2022



Leo married the love of his life, Sharon, when he was 17 and she was 16. Together they raised one son and four daughters. He was a wonderful father and husband.

At one time, he worked three jobs to make ends meet. He retired from CWLP in 1995 at the age of 57. He had also previously worked for Sangamo Electric and Fiat-Allis.

After retirement he would go to Ft. Myers, Florida, for the winter, and during summer, you would see him mostly at Lost Arrow Campminium in Havana, Illinois.

He was loved by all, and was a very handy man who would help anyone he could.

He lost his wife on June 6, 2021. After that, his heart was so broken that all he wanted was to be with her again. Nine months later, he joined her. May he rest in peace now that he is with Sharon again.

*Love and miss you! Daughter Darlene xoxoxo*



**DR. JOANNE MARIE MAURER, D.D.S.**  
Dec. 6, 1956 - Feb. 1, 2022



Mom was the Lorelai to my Rory and always lived her life to the fullest. She was feisty, independent, extremely smart, adventurous, fun-loving, strong and welcoming to anyone in need. She loved spending time with family

and friends who she called family. Mom also enjoyed watching a good Hallmark movie or a "Gilmore Girls" episode in the morning with both her daughter and her dogs in the bed with her.

She would attempt to beat me in a game of backgammon, however, she would always end up telling me that she hated losing, so eventually I would give in and let her win a couple of the games. She also enjoyed singing, playing the guitar and piano.

She was a well-respected dentist who practiced for 27 years. She shared an office with her husband, Mark, whom she met in dental school. She developed a friendly rapport with every one of her patients and had an amazing work ethic that she passed onto her two children.

She endured many challenges throughout her 65 years of life. However, she never lost her fighting spirit. She showed her husband and two children, me and Robert, what a fighter she was after undergoing two complicated open-heart surgeries.

Although Mom may be gone from us physically, she continually shows signs that she is still present in our daily lives and she continues to be missed by all of her loved ones.

*Her daughter, Demitria*

## JOAN MARIE MOORE

March 25, 1949 - Aug. 17, 2022



Joanie! Grandma! Mom!

With a verve and focus on what a positive attitude can bring to any person or group, Joan moved through life's changes with a strength and humor that kept everyone around her smiling and strong.

Car wrecks – walked away  
Love problems – talked away  
Hanging' wallpaper, settin' tile  
All home remedies treated with style.  
Cookin' the soup, makin' the pies  
Nights were for watchin' the skies.  
And, her dahlias were a sight to behold  
Brilliant, flashy – coulda' been sold.  
But given away, like her love to embrace,  
And, now with her spirit she's taken her place,  
With the rest of the stars in that infinite space.

*Her husband, Jim*

**KENLEY WADE** June 19, 1935-June 2, 2022

# A legacy of fighting racism in Springfield and beyond

**REMEMBERING | Scott Reeder**

Kenley Wade was so accomplished in his career that he was admitted into one of the nation's most prestigious MBA programs, even though he had never earned an undergraduate degree.

The Springfield civil rights leader left behind a legacy of fighting racism in Springfield and beyond.

"He was very, very smart," his daughter Francine Coleman said. "And when I think about the opportunities that he had – or did not have – at the time that he was growing up and then consider what he was able to do with his life, I think that he was really accomplished."

Wade graduated from Springfield's Feitshans High School in 1953. In 1959 he became one of the first African Americans to become a manager within the Kroger grocery store chain.

Like many things within his life, he had to fight for it, said Sister Marcelline Koch, who served with Wade on the Springfield Coalition on Dismantling Racism.

"They offered leadership training and he took the training, did very well in it, and he went to his supervisor and said, 'OK, now that I've done this and you know, I did quite well in it, what does that mean for me here?' And basically the supervisor said, 'Oh, that isn't for you.' It's was not going to help him at all because he was a person of color," Koch said.

Despite being rebuffed by his white supervisor, he persevered and moved into management.

From 1967 to 1971, Wade was the director of the Community Action Agency in Peoria.

"He interviewed against I think five or six other candidates who had a lot more education than my dad had," Coleman said. "But he was chosen based on his experience and ability to present that experience over people who had degrees. He was given a director role. This was back in the late '60s. ... That just really shows his ability as a leader."

After leaving Community Action



Agency, he returned to Springfield to work for the state of Illinois under then-Gov. Dan Walker.

Wade was someone who liked to take on tasks bigger than himself, said his longtime partner, Virginia Conlee.

"He was always a little guy, but he loved sports and he would insist on going out for sports. He played football, loved golf and was a very physically active person, especially given his size. ... He took a lot of beatings in terms of his body, but he kept going," she said.

His concern for civil rights stemmed from the discrimination he had faced, Conlee said.

"Well, I think partially it came from how he had been treated many times in his life," she said. "And it didn't stop him. It just made him more interested in succeeding. So, he tried to help others do that too."

Despite the longevity of their relationship, neither Conlee nor Wade chose to wed. "I would say we were

boyfriend and girlfriend for 30, 40 years. ... He wasn't divorced when I first met him. He was not living with his spouse, but it took him a long time to get divorced. (Mary Lee Leahy) was Ken's attorney for his divorce. And she used to say it was the world's longest divorce project."

The marriage produced five children.

Daughter Francine Coleman said he was passionate about paving the way for his children and others to succeed.

"My dad was very outspoken. He liked to be involved in the community. He was a member of the Boys and Girls Club board. In Peoria, he was part of the Urban League and was always very much a community leader.

"When my older brother and sister were in high school, the school district was starting to bus children back and forth and my dad had no problem going up to the school and saying, 'You know, I moved here so my kids can go to a better school. You're not going to bus them out of here.' I think about my dad and my mom, honestly, with their limited college education, they were both very smart and willing to stand up for what they believed in."

It was that intelligence and his experience as a manager that led him to an unusual education path.

He applied to the MBA program at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management without first earning a bachelor's degree.

"He did not have a bachelor's degree," Coleman said. "He had just a few hours actually, of undergraduate credits, but no real degree. What he was able to do was use his professional experience to show that he had the experience and knowledge and he was able to go to Northwestern and get his master's."

Sister Koch said Wade's life experiences served him well in many ways. "I think his legacy for this community is that he fought for it to be a more equitable place for everyone."





**MICKY SHOMIDIE** Sept. 25, 1958-June 16, 2022

# VIP rock star lived the life he wanted

**REMEMBERING | Tom Irwin**

Lots of young men dream of living the life of a rock star, but few ever achieve the status necessary to qualify for that exalted position in our society. Those that do and make it to the big time are few and far between. Our late friend Micky Shomidie did it on his own terms, stayed in his hometown, and shared the lifestyle – along with the living – with all who knew him.

The original VIP rock star, a term he coined when throwing the best musician parties in town, headed to his next rock ‘n’ roll show on June 16, 2022, after a tough, protracted battle with cancer.

Micky liked to say he studied at the school of hard “knox” to learn about the rock ‘n’ roll business, and everything he did was self-taught, self-promoted and self-discovered. From early on, he knew music was his thing, and that beyond making the music was being a larger-than-life representation of the guy in a band playing his heart out for a crowd, giving it all he had every time he hit the stage, no matter the time, place or situation.

During his lifetime as a musician, Micky wrote, recorded, produced and performed music with several bands, including Tuff Luck, Nasty Nasty, Modern Superstar and House of Nasty. While he played plenty around central Illinois, he also toured nationally, performing in all 48 continental states at clubs, bars, fairs and festivals, wherever and whenever his bands got booked.

The biggest part of Micky and music was that he never gave up or gave in, and just kept at it all the time. That perseverance continued to bear fruit year after year, even after the bands had slowed down touring and recording. He was very proud of the fact that in 2008 he performed at Rocklahoma, the largest outdoor rock festival in the nation, with an average attendance of 30,000 people, held annually in Oklahoma.

In 2009, years after the heyday of Nasty Nasty, a label based in Las Vegas specializing in metal and hard rock reissues picked up the older recordings



and re-released them for international distribution. In 2011, the band went back in the studio to record a new album, then in 2021, released a newly discovered House of Nasty live recording at Micky’s *VIP Legacy Show*, one of the last times he made it out on stage.

Through the business side of music, he owned and operated ESP Entertainment, a booking agency that brought many big-name bands to town, with Micky being the one responsible for booking, handling, promoting and setting up the concerts. He contributed to raising thousands of dollars for charities by supporting music-based fundraisers for organizations such as Toys for Tots, Make-A-Wish Foundation, American Cancer Society, UCP, American Red Cross and others.

And through all the hard work, touring and playing, he remained steadfast in his love and respect for

family and friends. Tragically, Micky lost his only son, Shane, in a kayak incident on the Sangamon River in May 2018, but he faced the pain and carried on, only to soon deal with his own reckoning with mortality when the cancer was discovered. Through it all he persevered, happy to talk about how he lived and why he did what he did. And with that, let’s let Micky have the last word about his lifelong aspirations and ambitions, using quotes from interviews I did with him through the years.

“I just want to say that people always ask me if I have any regrets. My answer is always ‘No!’ Why? Because I legitimately chased a dream which, by sacrificing time away from kids, losing jobs, houses, girlfriends, wives – nine out of 10 musicians are actually scared to do when it comes down to it. And if I were to have made my dream happen, we wouldn’t even be having this conversation, because I could have provided a better life for more of my family,” Micky told me in 2021. “The point is, I did it to try to make a better life for my children and family by doing it the only way I knew how.”

He shared this in 2019. “I’ve lived the lifestyle and all the clichés of a rock band – the good, the bad, and the ugly – and there is no better feeling than playing live music in front of people,” he said. “I have always given my heart and soul to give all music fans their money’s worth and will continue to do so. Hell, I might break a hip doing this someday.”

In a final quote, this one from 2009, the VIP rock star sums it all up by saying, “This is what I do for a living. I play music and book bands. I’m going down with the ship.”

*Tom Irwin didn’t know Micky well but felt he knew what he was about, since both chose playing music as the main deal and lost a lot of other things along the way in going for that dream. He wishes he could be there with him and all his friends at a VIP rock star party right now.*

## BOB PRATHER

Oct. 23, 1944 - April 4, 2022



This year at Christmas we remember a beloved husband, stepfather, grandfather and friend.

Bob was born in Charleston, Illinois. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and was stationed in San

Diego, California. He made Fountain Hills, Arizona, his lifelong home along with a summer home in Springfield, Illinois.

He was a commercial real estate investor by trade. He and his wife, Jane Ann, enjoyed hiking mountain trails, taking their Jeep to Sedona, Arizona, and camping and skiing in Telluride, Colorado.

Bob had an infectious smile, and was a devoted friend to all who knew him. He was a lover of all animals, especially his three huskies and his buddy, Skittles the cat.

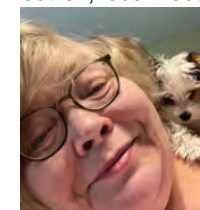
By far the greatest love of his life was his family and grandchildren, and their visits to Fountain Hills. He was an inspiration to all and is greatly missed.

Merry Christmas in heaven, “Papa” Bob.

*Love, Jane Ann, Michelle, Justin, Jennifer, Charlie, Hannah, Gaige, Madelyn, Paige, Paiton and Paison*

## LAURA T. SAMPSON

Oct. 31, 1965 – Oct. 24, 2022



One of Laura’s favorite places to be was in the kitchen. Many times she told me that cooking was her therapy. She loved food and to cook. She was always searching for new recipes, which she’d usually tweak. She’d come up with

a new dish to try on her own. I was more than happy to join her for many lunches and dinners at the Sampson household. Taco night was one of Laura’s favorite meals.

Besides her family, Laura loved her dogs. Gunther, a 3-year-old pitie mix and Maddie, a 5-pound Yorkie, were always by her side. Her mornings were always started with a big cup of coffee and good morning kisses from Gunther, and both dogs’ antics brought joy and smiles to Laura.

Our lives were turned upside down when we lost her. Laura was always taking pictures of us – her loving husband, James Sampson, her adoring son, Justin Misialek and me. Since she was the one taking the pictures, very few of them had her in them with us. So, take the selfie with those you love, even if they grumble a bit. Document your memories with those you love.

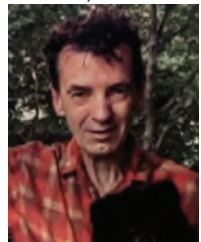
*Denise Wake, her best friend*



## • In Memoriam •

### ROGER L. SCHIMTZ

June 26, 1949 - March 3, 2022



Roger passed away at his home. He is survived by his companion, Dave Ridenour. Roger was an innkeeper and operated the Rippon-Kinsella House bed and breakfast in Springfield. He loved to cook, play cards and Scrabble, and walk his dog, Benny.

He was loved by everyone and will be greatly missed. A few years ago, I took a long lunch hour and we walked over to the Sangamon County building. I think I charged \$42.50 on my Visa card, and I told him at the time, "Hey, it's only been 37 years and we don't want to rush into anything."

*His companion, Dave*

### ROBERT (BOB) SLOAN

Sept. 11, 1948 – Dec. 29, 2021



Bob was a self-proclaimed hippie who wore his hair long, loved fishing and sci-fi, supported live music and the arts, and told you exactly what he thought about politics, human rights and marijuana legalization.

He was a gifted computer programmer and musician who mentored a blended family and many friends freely and willingly.

Music defined Bob's soul. He played in The Signets and The Far Cryse in his younger years. He was a founding member of the Illinois Central Blues Club (1986) and remained a member until he passed. Bob hosted numerous jam sessions open to all musicians and friends. In the last decade of his life, he operated Cat Herders Music, a home recording studio offering free services to local singer-songwriters performing original music.

Following his cancer diagnosis in May 2021, Bob spent his remaining time focused on what mattered to him – music, family and friends.

Bob's final desire was for others to celebrate his life through the music he loved. A large celebration was held in his honor on Sept. 11, 2022, where musicians jammed, poets spoke and others listened. You could feel the love and peace, which is exactly what Bob left behind. Keep the music alive.

*Cecelia Sloan, his wife and companion of 42 years*

### MARY COOKSON Oct. 4, 1943-May 9, 2022

## Christ in the clever disguise of a cook

REMEMBERING | Dan Frachey

Mary "Ma" Cookson was a legend. She was, in a very real sense, the matriarch for a great many years to the many haggard spirits who came in search of a hot meal served with kindness and hospitality at the St. John's Breadline in Springfield. Working as a cook at a soup kitchen was no ordinary job, given all the hardships that those coming in were experiencing in life. To get a sense of who this woman was, try to imagine someone who was a wonderful combination of Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Ma Kettle from the old MGM movies of the 1940s.

Coming from a life on the farm in Spirit Lake, Iowa, it's as if she took on the role of Milly, the feisty bride from the musical *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*. The Breadline, as it was called for short, had a sort of boarding house feel to it, with all kinds of people streaming in to get a hot meal.

When asked what was for lunch or dinner, Mary would often bark out, "Hunter stew!" which meant that it would be comprised of whatever she could hunt for and put in the kettle. This in no way indicated that her soup was wanting, either. Mary did have a good handle on how to manage the intense flow of food coming in each day and being served out. Sometimes we likened the day's meal to deep-sea fishing, because we wouldn't know what was going to be on the serving line until we opened the proverbial nets to see the catch.

Mary made and served up thousands of meals with as much love as could be infused into such a hard place. Indeed, the old St. John's Breadline located at 230 N. Sixth Street (the northeast corner at Madison Avenue where the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum now sits) had many previous lives, including being the Coconut Grove Night Club in the 1920s.

When I began work as supervisor of St. John's Breadline in December 1993, Mary led me up the long flight of stairs to my office that had bright key lime green-painted walls with Oz-green shag carpeting. I was told that this was the Madame's office, with dancing taking place on the main floor and gambling and other sundry and shady pastimes occurring in the basement.

In this mean setting, grace burst through the cracks because of Mary's great love and



compassion that she held for the guests, a name that emerged from a radical sense of hospitality that we all sought to embrace and that which Mary embodied. As a result, Mary's presence helped to transform that place into one of hope amid the human degradation of homelessness, addiction, street violence, despair and loss. At a deep level, everyone wants to be acknowledged and valued, and Mary's heart held a great capacity for all who came our way.

Part of her ability to bring this about was the way she could make people laugh. Once on a gloomy, wet and cold day when spirits were low, I gave Mary a little piece of paper and asked her to make an announcement. Quickly scanning the note, she smiled as she picked up on the humor and announced with her usual commanding and husky voice: "Excuse me everyone, I'm looking for someone...I'm looking for Amanda... Huggin...kis. I need A-man-to-hug-and-kiss!" One burly guy in the dining room stood up and shouted back, "Over here, Mary...I'll give ya a man to hug and kiss!" The place broke into laughter and the day was better for it, for Mary being there.

Mary truly was Christ in the clever disguise of a cook. She was a mother when the guests needed one, which meant she

was disciplinarian, encourager and yes, a hugger when one was needed. She was a true leader in terms of welcoming a myriad of volunteers and would step out of the kitchen to stand near the awaiting guests by the entrance to offer an opening meal prayer. In fact, she would often end her prayers with, "and let us serve these as you deserve," which is actually a powerful twist on the great *Prayer for Generosity* of St. Ignatius of Loyola. This deep sense of faith that Mary possessed and manifested was spoken with the command of a jovial bishop or the beloved mayor of a town.

So, God bless you, Mary. I see you seated at an exquisite banquet table where Jesus would wash your feet and wait on you, given how much you served Him on this side of eternity. I can see Him filling your glass, with the other hand on your shoulder, whispering from behind, "Well done my good and faithful servant, welcome home."

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**SUNDERINE TEMPLE** Oct. 29, 1936-March 4, 2022

# Known for Lincoln and candy

REMEMBERING | Bruce Rushton

Sunderine Temple's life was not ordinary.

Her mother died when she was two or three, according to her husband, Wayne "Doc" Temple. She ran away from an orphanage when she was nine or so, he says, and fell in with a carnival, which helps explain her fascination with the merry-go-round at White Oaks Mall. Long ago in Florida, she picked cotton and strawberries.

"When you asked her about her education, she said, 'Defective,'" Temple recalls.

Born in Missouri, Sunderine – Sandy to her friends – eventually landed in Springfield, where she became an assistant to the wife of Alvin S. Keys. She also catered parties. An artistic streak was notable enough that one of her paintings, a depiction of a cardinal, hangs at the Old Lux. No slouch with firearms, her FOID card is valid through 2026, and she was an Endowment Life member of the National Rifle Association.

"She was a good shot," Temple says. "She was steady. She shot a .22 rifle and .38 Smith and Wesson Special. She and I always knew what we were shooting at."

Sunderine was an institution at a Springfield institution.

In 1969, she went to work at the Old State Capitol. The building had just been reassembled after being taken apart stone by stone after decades spent as the Sangamon County courthouse. For 41 years, she worked as the building's volunteer coordinator, visitor guide and floor manager.

She was, Temple says, perfect for the job.

"She was not only beautiful, she liked people," Temple says. "She was kind and considerate. She liked Lincoln."

So did Temple, a former history professor at Lincoln Memorial University who became deputy director of the Illinois State Archives in 1964 and wrote more than a dozen books on the Great Emancipator. Before that, he held a top security clearance as a junior officer on Dwight D. Eisenhower's staff during World War II.

The two met at Steak 'n Shake in 1979 – a waitress named Rhonda connected them. It was January. Soon afterward, he asked her to cater his birthday in February. Where, she asked. Honolulu, he answered.

"She said, 'You want to take me to Honolulu?'" Temple recalls. "I said, 'Yes, I do. I want to spoil somebody.' She said, 'I'll go



if can have my own room.' I said, 'That's no problem.'"

The extended date at the Moana Hotel went well and included a tableside visit from a member of the Ink Spots. He proposed upon their return home, and the couple was wed at the governor's mansion in April, barely four months after meeting. Some had their doubts, Temple acknowledges, but time proved skeptics wrong.

Temple knew he'd fallen for a younger woman, but he wasn't quite sure just how young. Only after the wedding did Sandy learn when she was born. She'd always picked a day – Aug. 21 – out of the air, her husband said, but she'd never needed the truth. That changed when the couple made plans for overseas vacations and she needed birth records to get a passport.

"They were just a magnificent couple," says Sharon Miller, a neighbor whose friendship spans three decades. "If they weren't working, they were certainly traveling – he took her all

over the world. They went out to eat, several locations throughout the community. They had their own personal waitresses at every restaurant they went to. Everywhere they went, they always gave out candy. Everybody knew that." Twix and Dove chocolate were mainstays.

Sunderine loved to read and helped with research on several books, particularly a volume about the Old State Capitol, Temple says. He says Sunderine insisted that the two write the building's history. The project consumed 10 years. "She helped me quite a bit with it," Temple says. Among other things, Sunderine knew what questions visitors to the landmark asked most often, and the two used that information to help compile an appendix.

Upon her retirement from the Old State Capitol, Sunderine was presented a key to the building. Architects who planned the building's renovation are the only others so honored, Temple says.

## BARBARA SUE THULL

March 18, 1941 - July 27, 2022



This holiday season, my husband Joe and I are remembering the life of my mother, Barb Thull, who passed away unexpectedly in late July. Not a day goes by that I don't think of her and miss her.

We were the best of friends and enjoyed spending time together. In years past that included vacations to Washington, DC, Texas, Las Vegas, San Diego, Los Angeles (to see "The Price is Right"), Baltimore, New York City, Milwaukee, Atlantic City, Maine and all along the East Coast.

She was a real pistol – so much fun, and so kind and giving to many of her friends in my hometown of Ramsey, Illinois. Many will be missing the over 120 dozen cookies she made every Christmas. She made fantastic cookies and loved sharing them throughout the year. She was also a skilled seamstress and enjoyed flowers, gambling and the St. Louis Cardinals.

Mostly we remember her sweetness and kindness. As Robert Frost said so well, "Nothing gold can stay."

Rest in peace, sweet Mom, the world was a better place for having you in it. We love you and give thanks for the beautiful blessing and joy of time spent with you.

Her daughter, Carol Mullen

## LISA TOMASINO

Sept. 15, 1965 – Jan. 26, 2022



After battling breast cancer for five years, my wife and one true love of 22 years lost her fight with this horrific disease.

Lisa was kind, caring and giving, and she cared deeply about people. After working in social services

for over 25 years, she changed careers to become a licensed esthetician and owner of Shanti Skincare Studio. She specialized in oncology services and addressing the many skin issues those receiving chemo and radiation treatments experience. Many people have told me that they started as clients and ended up being friends with Lisa. She was a wonderful listener and just wanted everyone to live their best life. Always happy and positive, she could light up a room with her smile, and her laugh was contagious.

She loved a good dirty gin martini, good food and time near the water. She was an amazing friend, sister, daughter, partner and wife.

Her favorite role was being Mom to our wonderful daughter, Erin. Lisa knew before she died that she was going to be a grandma and Erin told us the baby was a girl. Sure enough, Charlotte Rose was born in July. I see Lisa in her eyes and smile.

Lisa was a one-of-a-kind and is missed by many. May our memories bring us smiles!

Her wife, Jonna J Cooley, Ph.D.





MARK KESSLER Nov. 16, 1947-April 24, 2022

# “It’s a lot quieter”

REMEMBERING | Bruce Rushton

If Adams Street had a mayor, Mark Kessler qualified.

Genial? Could be, depending on circumstance. Genuine? Always. Shrewd? In spades, and bridge.

As co-owner of Recycled Records, Kessler could, gently, tell a hopeful customer that her late grandfather’s trove of Terry Baxter LP’s might be best off at Goodwill. He was sharp with the sketchy, ordering suspected shoplifters off premises in a voice leaving no room for argument before returning to the nice lady with the Baxter records. For trusted customers, Kessler, with a scale accurate for precious metals, would double-check the weight of purported grams of weed sold across the street at a pot emporium with which he had a love-hate relationship: He liked businesses that drew people downtown, but not everyone was welcome.

When nearby business owners got ga-ga over the prospect of Adams Street permanently becoming pedestrian only, Kessler asked how customers could deliver heavy boxes of records to his store if cars were banned. He loved to talk – parking issues were perennial, and he was quick to give a quarter so that customers absent change wouldn’t risk a ticket.

Kessler didn’t suffer for his opinions, witness when he won the 2019 Wally C. Henderson Award from Downtown Springfield Inc. for lifetime achievement. Only by insistence did Kessler attend the banquet – he showed up because the group’s executive director, according to a *State Journal-Register* story, told him that he must be there, without telling him why.

He had at least one acknowledged weakness: He never gained online savvy, and so Recycled Records always was a local game. If you wanted spoken-word instructional LPs for airplane pilots, or a deeply discounted disc of *(Turn On) The Music Machine*, you had to visit Kessler’s shop.

Kessler spent nearly a lifetime in the Adams Street building where his grandparents opened a furniture store in 1910 after immigrating from Russia. Upon graduating from high school, Kessler went on to Southern Illinois University, where he fell prey to bridge.

“He learned to play bridge with a great player, with three or four other people who became incredible bridge players,” says Gary Kessler, Mark’s brother and Recycled Records



co-owner. “Bridge causes more divorces and more dropouts than any other thing in this world – anybody who plays bridge is going to do something bad. It’s more addicting than any drug. You find yourself playing with other fine players, you find yourself playing bridge all night and sleeping all day. That’s what happened. He also played a lot of pool – he almost put himself through college hustling pool and playing bridge.”

But cards got the better of him, Gary says, and so Kessler left SIU for Simpson College in Indiana, where the campus was quiet and all-night bridge sessions rare. After graduating with a degree in business, Kessler got married and landed a job running a hardware store in Maywood. The marriage didn’t last. By the late 1970s, Kessler was back in Springfield. His brother, who’d been studying zoology in Pennsylvania, returned about the same time.

By then, Kessler had developed an affinity for secondhand treasures, and he was familiar with Chicago-area record stores. “One of the

things he was trying to do at flea markets was sell records,” Gary Kessler says. “Mother said, ‘Throw them up on the balcony, maybe someone will buy one.’”

So was born the sign outside the Kessler store. “Springfield Furniture” still has top billing, with “Recycled Records” underneath. Only the upper floor is devoted to vinyl, with bins full of classics and the obscure amid scant decoration.

Downstairs is a celebration of records, posters, neon, antiques and sundry weirdness. Chairs and other furniture are in the basement.

Lack of air conditioning notwithstanding, you could tell the season by Kessler’s hair. During fall and winter, his white locks were straight; come summer, he favored tight-curved perms. It was, says his widow, Kathy, a matter of practicality for someone who knew that the second person to a good yard sale was the first loser. “In the summertime, he was up at 5 and out the door by 5:30,” she says. “He didn’t have time to fuss over hair.” Kessler was picky, his brother says.

“There was no one who was more particular about his appearance than Mark,” Gary Kessler says. “Even when he wore T-shirt and jeans, it was really wonderful jeans and a good T-shirt.”

Kessler met Kathy in 1981 at the Crow’s Nest during a Vanessa Davis show. “She had quite a following,” Kathy recalls. “We ended up being squished together.” The relationship begun in a mosh pit became a marriage in 1984. Kessler was raised Jewish and graduated from Springfield High School; his widow is Catholic and went to Sacred Heart-Griffin. Kessler could size up a garage sale in minutes. She had to pick things up and ponder. He liked to talk, she did not. Those differences didn’t matter.

“I think we had a lot of the same core values,” Kathy Kessler says. “The artworks we had, we both loved. We were so happy when we were on vacation and spent time together. Mark is larger than life, I’m quiet. We just meshed.”

But not on everything.

“I remember one time he brought home a scale, one of those porcelain scales,” Kathy Kessler says. “I said it is absolutely not coming in the house – it was a counter scale, heavy and ugly. He loved it. He couldn’t believe I didn’t love it, too.” The scale lived in the garage awhile before disappearing – Kathy suspects from a Recycled Records shelf. Eventually a rule was established: If Kessler brought one thing in the house, two things had to go. She thinks he cheated, having found a vintage get-the-tiny-ball-in-the-tiny-hole toy stashed on a shelf.

Kessler’s knowledge of music defined vast, and employees knew at least as much as he did. His favorite artist? That’s easy: The Who, at high volume. His home listening room was small, Kathy says.

“I’d be upstairs, yelling ‘Turn it down! Turn it down!’” Kathy Kessler says.

The end came sudden. Kessler had fatigue. Losing weight, he went to a doctor. When lab test results came in, the doctor called: Go to the emergency room, we think you have a pulmonary blood clot. Kathy figured he’d be home soon. He died nine days later from lung cancer. Once a heavy smoker, he’d quit five years ago.

The sign outside the store remains, as does kitsch inside. But one thing has changed.

“It’s a lot quieter,” Gary Kessler said.



**J. MICHAEL “MIKE” ZIMMERS** Oct. 15, 1949-Oct. 5, 2022

# A gentle giant

REMEMBERING | Scott Reeder

Mike Zimmers was a giant among the teachers and administrators he mentored, the junior high students he taught and, most of all, the kindergarteners he tutored.

At 6 foot, 6 inches tall, he towered over most everyone he met.

But among his peers, his stature wasn't measured in inches but in his keen intellect and caring disposition.

“He brought laughter and joy into the room. Everybody on the (school) board, myself included, considered him a friend because you knew you could always reach out to him and ask for anything, and he and or his wife would be there to support District 186,” said Jennifer Gill, superintendent of Springfield Public Schools.

He died in his sleep at age 72, presumably of a cardiac issue, his wife, Nancy, told *Illinois Times*.

During his 37 years in public education, he worked as a special education teacher, a principal, a central office administrator and finally, a school board member.

Gill said Zimmers' empathy made him stand out.

“He always had a smile on his face. If it was a particularly hard board meeting or we had a hard family situation or parent situation or even a staff situation, he always called and checked up on me the next day and would just make sure I was grounded and feeling OK. He would do that with fellow board members as well,” she said.

Zimmers earned a master's in educational administration at University of Illinois Springfield and a bachelor's at the now-defunct MacMurray College, where he was basketball captain his senior year. In 2014, he was named to MacMurray's Athletic Hall of Fame, having held the all-time single season rebound record.

He moved to Springfield, working as a behavior disorder teacher for 13 years at Washington, Feitshans and Grant Middle schools, and coaching girls' and boys' basketball and track.

“He taught middle school. Always, middle school,” Nancy Zimmers recalled. “He never taught any other grade level. He had a special talent with that grade level. He had such a great connection with kids, and he always saw the good in kids. And even a kid who was struggling, he could see past the



struggle and see a solution or see the good or maybe even see the hurt and figure out how to help a kid. He was amazing.”

He was named principal at Jefferson Middle School in 2005, where he served for three years. In 2009, he was recruited to work as a managing principal for three years and he retired in 2011.

When he ran for Springfield School Board in 2013, his campaign slogan was “I'm in it for our kids because our kids come first.” He served nine-and-a-half years on the school board, including three terms as president and three as vice president.

Zimmers also served on the One Sangamon Schools group, which organized a countywide school tax referendum that successfully passed a sales tax increase in 2018, benefitting nine county school districts.

“That was one reason he stayed on the board for another two years, because he wanted to see some of the buildings actually come into fruition,” Nancy Zimmers said.

While serving on the school board, he volunteered at Enos Elementary School.

“He would volunteer mostly in our kindergarten classrooms, but one year he did volunteer in a first-grade classroom,” Claudia Johnson, the school's principal, said.

“The ‘Gentle Giant’ is what the students

would call him. They would always look forward to seeing him. ... He was a very tall guy and the funny thing about him is that when he would volunteer in those classrooms, he wanted to sit in the student seats. So, no matter how tall he was, he would get down to their level. And, of course, his knees would be almost up to his chin. But they would just get the biggest kick out of him sitting right next to them, listening to stories and participating.”

Johnson said a remarkable thing about Zimmers was how he interacted with all of the employees in the building.

“He supported everyone,” she said. “Although he was here for the children, of course, he supported the teachers in the classrooms that he was in. ... I've got to tell you, he and his wife would always go out and make sure teachers have bagels. You know, teachers need food and they love to eat. And so, he would support them by bringing in food.”

When he visited her school, she said Zimmers made a point of speaking not only to teachers but to the school secretary, custodians, cafeteria workers and others.

“He would walk through the halls and take the time to listen to people when they talked. And you always knew he was right there, trying to make sure we had the best.”

**ROBERT D. GORDON**

Oct. 15, 1927 - July 22, 2022



My father, who was born in Colorado City, Texas, passed away at the age of 94. He was a remarkable man.

With the exception of his service in World War II and Korea, and a few years with the government in Washington, D.C., his

career was spent in the broadcast industry. As a pioneer broadcaster and television personality, he helped build a television station from the ground up in Tupelo, Mississippi, in the 1950s.

Dad spent the rest of his professional career as a broadcast executive, much of it in Cincinnati, Ohio, as vice president and general manager of WCPO-TV. During his time in Cincinnati, he served as the chairman of the National Association of Broadcasters and was honored by the establishment of a City of Hope Medical Research Fellowship in his name. He retired in 2001 as president and CEO of Boston University Communications.

During his lifetime, he was a championship horseman, marksman, boat enthusiast, artist, golfer and dedicated family man. He dearly loved his family, which included his wife of 72 years, Jeanne, sons Bob Jr., Jeff and Gus, his daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchild. He approached every aspect of his life with 100% effort, dedication and decency.

*His son, Gus Gordon*

**THOMAS ALLEN GUM**

Aug. 2, 1936 – July 18, 2022



Thomas Allen Gum was a kind, quiet, gentle man who always put his family first, from giving up smoking when his daughters developed asthma, to spending his two-week vacation driving to various parts of the country to give

his daughters educational and fun experiences.

He was a man of faith and attended the First Church of God in Springfield with his family his entire adult life. He worked his way up from poor beginnings to computer punch-card operator to a programmer, giving his family a better life. He also served his country in the Illinois National Guard.

He's beloved and missed terribly by his daughters and his wife of 63 years.

*His wife, Betty, and his daughters, Becky and Angie Gum*





**PATRICK COBURN** March 3, 1941-May 18, 2022

## “We were very lucky”

REMEMBERING | Bruce Rushton

Pat Coburn loved chardonnay, art, travel and Springfield. He hung Christmas decorations early.

Among veterans at the *State Journal-Register*, where he rose from cops reporter to publisher during a journalism career spanning from 1966 to 2006, he is remembered for microwave popcorn.

Jack Clarke, Coburn's predecessor in the publisher's office, had an MBA from Harvard but no journalism background before getting the top job, which he held for nearly 30 years. “He was quirky,” recalls Greg Mellis, a former *SJ-R* photographer who became Coburn's friend. “He ruled with an iron first: No one's going to watch TV in my newsroom.” In addition to banning televisions, Clarke was known for not allowing microwave popcorn in the building. “Everyone knew Jack didn't like the smell,” Mellis said.

When Coburn rose from managing editor to publisher in 1997, he slipped into the *SJ-R* cafeteria, put popcorn in the nuker and let fragrance waft. It isn't clear whether he liked the stuff, but the message was clear: The *SJ-R* was going to change.

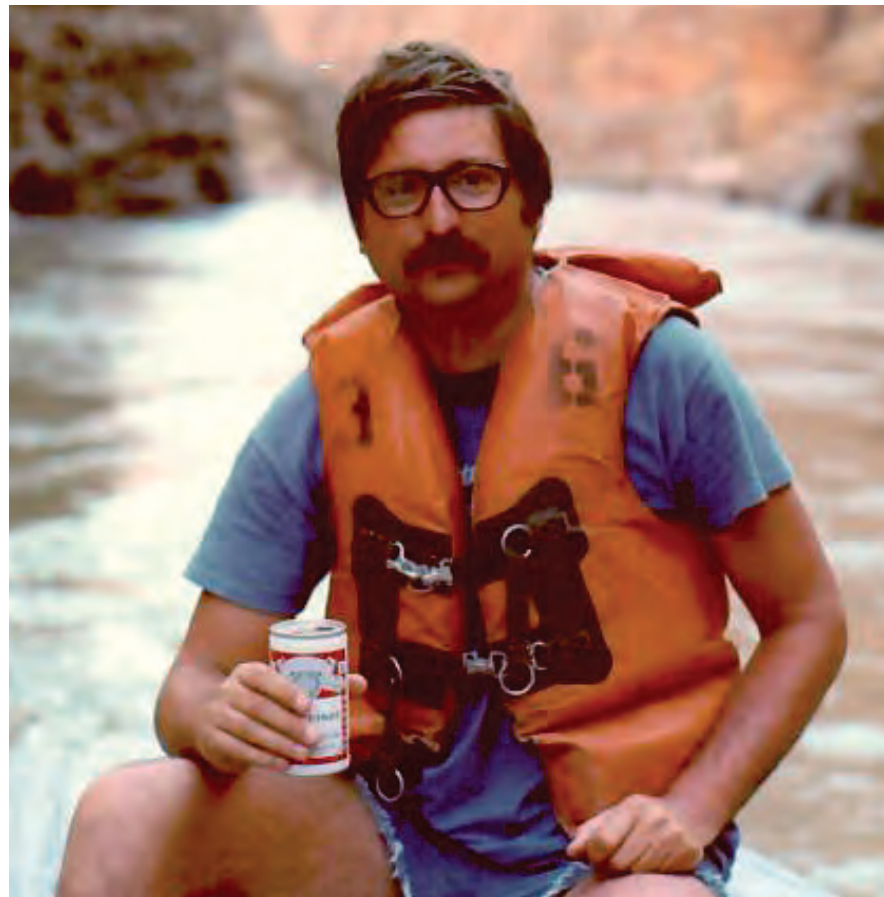
“We were very lucky,” says Sarah Antonacci, former *SJ-R* reporter hired two years after Coburn became publisher at the only newspaper where he ever worked. “We didn't know it at the time, to have the kind of newspaper we had at the time and the freedom to tell our stories about our history.”

Newspapers then wielded power. When Chicago White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf wanted public money for a new stadium, he pitched the *SJ-R*'s editorial board. When George W. Bush and Jimmy Carter lunched in Springfield, Coburn was on the guest list.

“He had that big office,” Antonacci says. “When you got invited in there, it was like being invited into royalty – it was such a special place to be. Sitting in on editorial board meetings: They had so much heft. What was great about him was, he gave us all the freedom to work. I never felt pressure to write things in a certain way or report things in a certain way. He had respect for professional journalism, and in return, he had our respect.”

The Copley family, which owned the string of newspapers that included the *SJ-R*, were Republicans, and Copley newspapers were expected to endorse GOP candidates for president.

“The paper had a reputation of being in the pocket of the Republican Party,” Antonacci recalls. “Pat turned that around. It took a long time.



People got the picture: We were going to do fair and balanced reporting.”

Under Coburn, the *SJ-R* was a Pulitzer Prize finalist in 2003 for a series on racism and immigration in Beardstown, where Latinos had come to work at a meatpacking plant. A cautious *New York Times* wasn't yet printing color photographs in news pages when Coburn took over the *SJ-R*, but he welcomed the shift from black and white.

“He loved visuals – he embraced that era of technology,” Mellis said. “We always had our own cartoonist – that was a mark that Pat put on the paper.”

Coburn invited the sports department to his home for brunch, recalls former *SJ-R* sports editor Jim Ruppert. Before heading home each night, Coburn walked through the newsroom, stopping at each desk to say hello, Ruppert says. If there was money in the budget for a graphic artist but lieutenants backed a promising reporter instead, Coburn changed direction. He boasted about the newspaper, Mellis said, not so much about

himself.

“He was just very even-keeled,” said Robert Pope, former *SJ-R* managing editor. “I don't think I ever saw him get mad more than a handful of times – I don't think I ever saw him flustered. He was an old-fashioned, classic gentlemen. As publisher, he would walk by and say ‘I've got a tip for you.’”

During the 1980s, before being named publisher, Coburn donated \$100,000 to Sangamon State University, now called University of Illinois Springfield. The university objected when Coburn asked that the gift be anonymous.

“They said, ‘We object to you doing this anonymously because we believe that if you would put your name to this, it would make others feel inclined to do what you did,’” recalls Mellis, who owns three small newspapers in Wisconsin. “He thought about it and he said, ‘OK.’ He didn't want credit for it, but he did it.”

Coburn knew his calling when he entered Eastern Illinois University, where he majored in English and journalism while also working in the

dining hall. “He wanted to be solidly based in grammar and English so that he could be a writer, a journalist,” says F. Dale Whitten, who became Coburn's roommate while both were sophomores. “I don't think publisher was really on his radar. It was how we mature. You realize, ‘I have the skill sets.’”

Coburn early on learned how to handle crisis.

In 1963, Peter, Paul and Mary, then one of the hottest acts in America, was scheduled to play Eastern Illinois University, with Whitten coordinating the show and Coburn in charge of ticket sales. The concert was sold out, lots of money was involved. Then came a call during dinner shortly before curtain time. The band had landed at O'Hare International Airport, but, due to fog, their flight to the Mattoon airport had been canceled. They would rent a car. “Panic swept through Patrick and me and others who were in charge,” Whitten recalls. “Patrick's big worry was, we didn't have enough cash on hand to refund money if people stormed the box office.”

Coburn was standing outside the gymnasium when a station wagon bearing Peter, Paul and Mary arrived. By then, Whitten recalls, the crowd was “getting a little out of control.” With Coburn and his roommate in the front row, the show went on, with numerous standing ovations. There was, Whitten remembers, revelry in the dorm that night, where Coburn and his roommate kept a tank of piranhas and charged classmates to watch them eat. The two also launched a campus radio station that played music and broadcast news.

“Pat was not an in-your-face kind of guy,” says Whitten, whose friendship with Coburn endured. “He'd sit around a table, say ‘Let's discuss it.’” During a float trip down the Grand Canyon, the solution to unpleasant people on a crowded raft was avoiding them, Whitten recalled.

Coburn spent his final years in Chicago, where he succumbed to heart failure, according to Mellis. He didn't want to overshadow successors by staying in the capital city, Mellis says, but Springfield stayed in his soul. He left the bulk of his estate to the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln, with no restrictions on how the money can be used. It is a sizeable amount, said John Stremsterfer, foundation president and chief executive officer.

“Gifts like that come from people who love their community in a deep, broad way,” Stremsterfer said.



**SAM DRAPER** Jan. 8, 1963-Sept. 14, 2022

## A true musician and a musician's true friend

REMEMBERING | Tom Irwin

When Sam Draper passed away, he left behind a legacy of music-making in Springfield that reached far beyond the notes he played and melodies he sang. Through a lifetime of performance, along with the thousands of listeners he touched who took the good feelings he sent out home with them, Sam also gave the gift of support and validation to plenty of musicians who then gave of themselves with music to extend his sphere of influence to an incredible level that continues on into the future for generations to come.

Born in Springfield, Sam was a Springpatch guy through-and-through. He graduated from Southeast High School, married Madalyn Wilson and worked for the Secretary of State's office. He loved and supported all of his family here, including parents and grandchildren, while taking time for other pastimes such as fishing, pets and computers.

He was the caring glue in the many bands he sang and played guitar with, including Harmony Deep, Royal Pain, For the Love of Lennon, Vinyl Brothers, Elephant's Gerald and Spy vs. Spy (plus, he was proudly an honorary member of Secret Society), and they did most of their gigging here in the local bars and clubs.

Along with his constant and productive cover band participation, Sam was known as the guy full of encouragement and optimism for beginning musicians and used his time as an open-mic host (mostly with Kortney Leatherwood as his partner in playing crime) to reach out and push others to do more than they often believed they could.

Traveling well beyond the performance musical aspect, Sam also gave his heart and soul to everything he was involved in, including doing charitable work in numerous fundraisers and giving deep and vital encouragement to others to do their own thing, all while creating lasting friendships that crossed boundaries and generations. The outpouring of tributes to him just after his death, especially on Facebook, were



steeped in love and admiration, with many musicians giving Sam full and undeniable credit for encouraging them to keep playing and for supplying the motivation and inspiration to stay at it. His response to praise – and this was often cited by fellow musicians – was to simply say love was the greatest gift, and folks took that to heart.

He did a couple of interviews with the band Fun DMC on their blog page and they give us some insight into the thoughts behind Sam the Man. In the first installment back in 2016, Sam makes his bold claim for an Arnold Palmer drink being the “most refreshing substance on the planet,” then lists the singers that inspired him as “John Anderson of Yes, Rob Halford of Judas Priest, Ronnie James Dio, Lou Gramm of Foreigner. Marty Robbins, Lennon and McCartney.” And to the question of “What song challenged you the most?” he tacked on a thoughtful and interesting piece of advice included in his answer of “Love Me Tonight” by Head East. He said, “It’s much more difficult to sing than you would think. I try to choose songs that I can sing well. Playing copy music, there are too many songs out there to sing songs you struggle with.”

In 2018, he was asked about his guitar playing and gives this list of guitarists

who have inspired him: “Jeff Beck, George Harrison, Jerry Reed, Chet Atkins,” then cites “Ramble On” by Led Zeppelin as the most challenging song to play because it’s “tough to be Page and Plant at the same time, for sure.” And when asked about the most overplayed song done by cover bands, he states in delightful and wonderful SamSpeak, “There’s an endless list of great tunes that have been musically abused to the point of nausea.”

With that little window into what Sam was into and about, we can miss him more, let him go and watch as all those seeds of love and inspiration he planted without any desire for recognition, reward or reimbursement grow into fruition. Thanks again, Sam, for all the singing, the playing, the joking and supporting, and for the way you took your music, your companions and your life down the long and winding road of love.

*Tom Irwin didn't play a lot of music together with Sam, but they were always on the same page, both being supportive of open mics and happily and enthusiastically encouraging others to play music. And he believes Sam's legacy of kindness and music love will continue to be felt through generations of area musicians, because it already is.*



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**CULLOM DAVIS** May 2, 1935-Sept. 9, 2022

# A teacher, mentor, colleague and friend to all

REMEMBERING | Carey Smith

Cullom Davis began his time in Springfield in 1970, helping to create the innovative learning experience that was Sangamon State University (SSU), which later became University of Illinois Springfield. From planning courses to recruiting and hiring instructors, Davis was far more than an administrative vice president and teacher of history.

Larry Golden, one of Davis' fellow founders, says, "Cullom was critical to helping us get through that period of the birth of the university. He had a way of being able to build bridges among people from different viewpoints at a time that was really critical for helping the university go forward. It was a very trying period – but also, for me at least, and for many others, it was one of the most exciting and challenging years of our lives."

Kitty Wrigley, who first met Davis as her history professor, considered him "a teacher, a mentor, a colleague and a friend." Wrigley says that she was always a good student, but it was taking Davis' oral history class that "lit a fire for scholarship. He was a mentor and inspiration for so many people. He was good at mentoring because he could see an individual's strengths and played to those strengths."

Wrigley also recalls Davis as an impeccable mediator. Of his administrative role, Wrigley recalls Davis saying, "It's just one meeting after another, with every meeting full of unsolvable problems." But he kept going," she says.

Davis was nationally recognized for the oral history program he developed at SSU. Many of the recordings he made were of survivors of Springfield's 1908 Race Riot. Judy Everson, another founding faculty member of SSU says, "Everybody in Springfield knew about Lincoln, but not a lot of people knew about the race riot. Cullom researched that and developed a public presentation on it" to fill in the gaps in Springfield's forgotten history.

Davis' focus on Lincoln and equity led him and others to file a lawsuit against Springfield School District 186 to desegregate the schools. "We were indignant that Lincoln's home town should still



have segregation," recalls Larry Shiner, another member of SSU's founding faculty and whose children attended District 186 schools. The 1974 lawsuit was successful and District 186 was put under a desegregation order, which remains to this day. "He was trying to apply his expertise as a scholar and his social consciousness to the betterment of the community," attests Everson.

For nearly 30 years, Davis served as the director of the Lincoln Legal Papers, which focused on finding and interpreting all of Lincoln's known legal works, plus indexing and digitizing them to be available to all. Don Tracy, who served on the board of the Abraham Lincoln Association with Davis, says, "He was a legend among Lincoln scholars, just a selfless servant to the Lincoln community."

James Krohe Jr., a longtime *Illinois Times* contributor and sometimes local historian, regarded Davis as a mentor. "Cullom was more entrepreneur than scholar, and I mean no insult by it. He had a keen eye for opportunities in public history and the energy to scrounge start-

up capital and the savvy to build organizations to exploit them." From "digging out the documentary detritus of Lincoln's legal career from courthouse basements" to "collecting the untold stories of what Cullom described as 'the others' in American and rural life," including women, minorities, working-class people and "troublemakers," Krohe says that "Cullom's services to Illinois history were substantial and lasting."

Joel Horwedel, executive director of Lincoln Memorial Garden, recalls Davis as "one-of-a-kind. One of his most redeeming qualities was that no matter what socioeconomic background you came from, you were an equal with him. He was just a really amazing guy and did so many things for this community."

Davis, who lived in close proximity to LMG and of course loved all things Lincoln, helped write the first strategic plan for LMG and also was significantly involved in the Acorn Legacy Campaign, which raised \$1 million over three years, doubling the size of LMG's endowment.

Everson, who helped in this campaign,

says that Davis developed a three-word motto for raising money: Learn, Earn, Return. This motto recognizes the support of a community to someone as they are growing and learning, then earning a living, and finally, "giving back what you've gotten from your education and what you've earned for your career" for the betterment of one's community, says Everson.

LMG was the site of Davis' celebration of life on a beautiful, warm and sunny fall day. Many people who knew Davis throughout his long and bountiful life spoke about the many ways in which he touched them.

"He was of course, as everyone has said, affable, gracious, and a person who was socially at ease with any kind of person in any kind of situation. That's one of the reasons we all miss him so much," says Shiner.

*Carey Smith feels fortunate to have gotten to know Cullom through her interviews with those who knew him well.*



**DEIDRE SILAS** July 30, 1985-Jan. 4, 2022

# Caseworker who wore many crowns

**REMEMBERING | Dean Olsen**

Deidre Silas was a “go-getter” and “always one to diffuse a situation” rather than allow it to escalate, her mother says.

Silas’ parents said those traits made it all the more painful to lose someone with her ambition, talent and energy. She was killed Jan. 4, 2022, while working as a caseworker at the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and responding to what her union called a report of children in danger at a home in Thayer.

“It’s such a waste,” said Silas’ father, Roy Graham, 62, who lives with his wife and Deidre’s mother, Barie, 58, in Springfield. “I think about it every day.”

Barie Graham, a room service associate at Springfield Memorial Hospital, said her daughter was a “kindhearted person. Her goal was to help a child.”

Few details have emerged thus far about Deidre Silas’ death in Thayer, a village of about 630 people at the southern tip of Sangamon County. The situation frustrates her parents.

They say they want to see Benjamin Reed, 33, of Thayer, who has been charged with first-degree murder, aggravated battery and unlawful restraint in connection with Silas’ stabbing and bludgeoning death, to go to prison for the rest of his life. They said they also want to see more people charged in the case.

Charges remain pending against Reed, who authorities say lived at the home Silas was visiting. He is being held without bail at the Sangamon County Jail.

Silas, like her parents, was born in Jamaica and later became a naturalized U.S. citizen. She moved to Springfield with her father, who works as a sterile processing technician at Memorial, when she was 10. Her mother and younger brother, Mario, now 32, followed from Jamaica. They all live in Springfield now, as does Silas’ husband, Andre Silas, and her two children, a 6-year-old son and a 3-year-old daughter.

Andre Silas, who cares full time for the children,

both of whom have autism, didn’t return a phone call seeking comment.

Deidre, who attended what is now Lincoln Magnet School and Grant Middle School, graduated from Springfield High School and at one time talked about becoming a lawyer, her parents said.

“She loved to talk. She loved to write,” Roy Graham said.

But after growing up with many cousins in Jamaica, whom Deidre Silas would visit in the summers, and volunteering as a high school student to mentor younger children in Springfield, she eventually turned her attention to social services, according to her mother.

Silas graduated from Illinois State University with a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice science, and later earned a master’s degree in public administration from the University of Phoenix.

After graduation from ISU, Silas worked as a correctional officer for the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice at the all-male Illinois Youth Center in St. Charles. The residents there called her “Mama D.” because of her motherly approach in mentoring young people, Roy Graham said.

Her life wasn’t without struggle. She wrote in a self-published book, *The Crowns I Wear*, that she dealt with depression and contemplated suicide. But she wrote that her Christian faith helped pull her through two deliveries, the difficulties of being a military wife and life on an Army base in Kansas while her husband was deployed.

“As women, we tend to play many roles and wear many crowns in our lives,” Silas wrote in the preface to her 2020 book. “I have personally worn several in the last 10 years of my life. Some I wear with pride, and some taught me a life lesson. ... My goal for this book is that readers take how important self-care is and to reach out to someone when you’re at that breaking point.”



Silas and her family moved back to Springfield in July 2021 after encountering financial hardships while living in Arizona, her parents said. She worked as a behavioral health specialist at Springfield’s Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center before taking a job with DCFS in August 2021.

She hoped to work her way into a managerial or administrator position at DCFS, her parents said.

Silas seemed to be getting satisfaction from her job, which sometimes involved removing children from abusive or dangerous home situations, Roy Graham said. She wasn’t worried about her personal safety, he said.

“It’s not a job that you think every day about being hurt,” Roy Graham said.

Silas’ death was the second of its kind in four years. DCFS investigator Pam Knight was attacked in Carroll County in September 2017 and died about four months later from the fractured skull and brain damage she sustained.

Silas’ parents said they appreciated the kind words and assistance from Gov. JB Pritzker, DCFS Director Marc Smith, Roberta Lynch, president of Council 31 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, and DCFS Deputy Chief of Staff Glenda Lashley after their daughter’s death.

They said they are happy about several things that have happened in the wake of her death, including the passage of Illinois laws that authorize DCFS investigators to carry personal protection spray devices such as mace or pepper gas, and the 100%-paid extension of state health insurance coverage for families of any state or university employee killed in the line of duty.

AFSCME says it is working to improve DCFS staffing levels to increase the frequency of DCFS investigators going in pairs into homes. A bill backed by Pritzker to establish enhanced criminal penalties for attacking DCFS employees hasn’t progressed in the General Assembly.

However, Roy Graham said he would get more comfort from learning more details about the home visit her daughter made, what happened inside the house where his daughter died, and why she apparently became a target.

Police said six children, ages 1 to 7, were in the home when the stabbing occurred. Silas was found dead in the residence. Reed was arrested after receiving care for a non-life-threatening cut to his hand at a hospital, police said.

“I want an explanation,” Roy Graham said. *Dean Olsen is a senior staff writer at Illinois Times. He can be reached at [dolsen@illinoistimes.com](mailto:dolsen@illinoistimes.com), 217-679-7810 or [twitter.com/DeanOlsenIT](https://twitter.com/DeanOlsenIT).*

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**MICHAEL LEATHERS** May 13, 1961-Aug. 3, 2022

## PR guy with a reporter's heart

REMEMBERING | Dean Olsen

Springfield-area residents read and heard Michael Leathers' name many times in *Illinois Times* and *The State Journal-Register* and on television and radio as he spoke on behalf of Memorial Health for 20 years.

Yes, he was a PR guy for an important health care institution in Springfield, the one that operates Springfield Memorial Hospital and affiliated hospitals in Jacksonville, Decatur, Taylorville and Lincoln. But Leathers, a Chatham resident who died at 61 on Aug. 3 from cardiovascular problems, was more than your average PR guy.

He was more helpful than most in his line of work. He was both kind and well-connected at Memorial. Always professional. Knowledgeable but not boastful. He had a newsman's heart, and the time he spent as a journalist made it easier for him to empathize with the role of the media and easier to translate the language of health care for the general public.

The respect Leathers earned over the years inside Memorial – a not-for-profit organization with more than \$2 billion in assets, \$1 billion in annual revenues, and one of the largest employers in the region – resulted in more Memorial officials going on-the-record with the press. That meant the general public learned more about the impact and importance of health care in central Illinois because of him.

"He was very patient, very kind," Memorial Health Chief Executive Officer Ed Curtis said of Leathers, whom Curtis worked with during Leathers' entire tenure at the organization. "And he loved Memorial and was very proud of Memorial. He embodied our value of integrity in all of his work. He served us very well."



Leathers, whose survivors included his wife, Tammy, and son, Geoff Leathers of Chicago, was a playwright in his spare time. According to his obituary, his plays and sketches have been performed at Chicago's Second City, Heartland Theatre Company in Normal, Monroe Actors Stage Company in Waterloo, Iowa, and Baldwin Theatre in Royal Oak, Michigan.

Before he joined Memorial, he worked as a reporter for the *Alton Telegraph* and was editor of *Illinois Baptist*, a newspaper covering Southern Baptist congregations across Illinois.

Leathers' story of how he lost his job at *Illinois Baptist* after he reported the arrest and charging of a Baptist minister with sexually abusing girls in Olney was part of articles by Texas newspapers and the *New York Times* about the way Southern Baptist churches

covered up pastors' abuse of children.

The minister was convicted, served time in prison and later "returned to the pulpit in a series of Baptist churches nearby," *New York Times* columnist Nicholas Kristof wrote in February 2019.

Amelia Benner, Memorial Health communications editor and a former journalist, said she enjoyed sitting near Leathers in Memorial's communications and marketing department, where he worked as a media and public relations consultant.

"He just had such a great sense of humor and was always optimistic," she said.

Benner said she and Leathers "leafed through" *Illinois Times*' "REMEMBERING" issue a few Decembers ago. He told Benner, "If I die while I'm still working here, I want you to

write one of these for me."

Here are a few paragraphs from what Benner wrote as a tribute to Leathers:

"You said you wanted your obituary to be funny and irreverent, not sentimental.

"It was an easy promise to make because I thought I'd never have to do it. But you died too soon, and now I must fulfill that promise – although nothing about this seems funny.

"Honestly, Michael, you left your co-workers in the lurch. Who else had such an encyclopedic knowledge of the Associated Press stylebook? Who could argue so eloquently about the superiority of *Star Trek* to *Star Wars*? Or deploy a sly one-liner with such a gleam in your eye.

"You may have spent the past few decades as a 'PR guy,' but you never stopped being a reporter at heart. You had a reverence for the transformative power of journalism, even in an era when that kind of idealism could seem quaint. You were passionate about the theater and had a side career as a playwright. And you loved your family above all – Tammy, who picked out your ties, and Geoff, who shared your sense of humor.

"Michael, I feel myself veering into the kind of sentiment you didn't want. So, to finish: You have proven to be irreplaceable, and it was very inconsiderate of you to die."

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# Pre-New Year's Music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Welcome to almost 2023 or actual 2023, depending on when you read your *Illinois Times*, but I always believe everyone grabs a print copy (or goes online) every Thursday with bated breath to see what we have in store for you. And while we are in the mindset, isn't it really remarkable and wonderful we have an *Illinois Times* for you to peruse every week of the year. It's something to add to the "let's be thankful for what we got" list that should be included in your New Year's resolution list.

Since last weekend's Saturday night was Christmas Eve, which is always a slow night for live music action, that means this week's Saturday night is New Year's Eve, which of course you know is the complete opposite and generally one of the busiest times of the year for music everywhere the holiday is celebrated. With Sunday Funday falling on New Year's Day there's an absence of gigs there, but by next weekend we will be back up to snuff and knocking out the shows like nobody's business.

If you so desire, begin your New Year's celebration a little early with a Thursday night party at Whiskey Jack's with Brandon Santini's Big Time Blues Trio, featuring Brandon plus Robert Sampson and Ron James.

On Friday, get it going with the Rob Killam Quintet, consisting of five, definitely alive, veteran jazz musicians at Boones for Friday Night Jazz, then roll on into Weebles for the Elderly Brothers



delivering real-deal country songs with four-part harmony and stellar musicianship forged by years of experience and friendship. You can continue the chase as Branded gets hot at the Curve Inn while Damned Torpedoes are the bomb at Danenbergers doing Tom Petty tunes all night long.

I couldn't wait to get to Saturday and announce the return of First Night Springfield for the 35th anniversary of the longest-running official First Night celebration west of the Alleghenies. After a break of two years the live show is back, all self-contained in the shining edifice known as the Hoogland Center for the

Arts. I do hope folks understand just what this event means to our city and just how neat and sweet it is. Now let's stand up and congratulate Sheila Walk, the Springfield Area Arts Council executive director, for being a large part of keeping it going. Sheila, I know, would like to thank all the volunteers, performers, contributors and attendees, along with anyone and everyone who had anything at all to do with the continued success of First Night Springfield. I've spent too much time just going on about it, so now you will need to do some googling to find out about it, but so you should at [springfieldartsco.org](http://springfieldartsco.org).

Otherwise, on the hopping night of New Year's Eve, I got word from Kip that Off the Wall plays host at Danenbergers to a big party with a food bar, party glow sticks, midnight toast and a chance to win tickets to DfV's Outdoor Summer Concert Series and for OTW to do a house party at your house, all for a \$25 ticket price. Also, the mighty cool Curve Inn presents Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas for a \$5 ticket cover that covers free pizza (at 10 p.m.), party favors (that phrase always sounds so mysterious) and complimentary champagne for a NYE toast (at midnight, of course) so you can bring in 2023 in style, or any way you so choose.

There are plenty of other live music happenings on NYE, mostly in the small surrounding towns, so go for the gusto. I'll see you next year. □

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Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum, 8pm

**The Elderly Brothers**  
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-11pm

Saturday  
Dec 31

**Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas**  
Curve Inn, 8:30pm-12:30am



Brandon Santini's Big Time Blues Trio plays at Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar on Thursday, Dec. 29 at 7-10 p.m.

**Positively 4th Street**  
Hand of Fate Brewing Company, Petersburg, 9pm-12am

**Black Queen**  
Pub 116, Taylorville, 9pm-12am

**Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters**  
Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum, 7:30pm

**No Backup Plans**  
The Blue Grouch, 6pm

**Wowie Zowie**  
VFW 10302 Northenders, 9-11:59pm

**Hat Trick**  
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 8pm

Sunday  
Jan 1

**Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters**  
The Hangout Bar & Grill, Jacksonville, 5pm

**Curt Smith**  
Harvest Market, 10am-1pm

**Open mic**  
Piper Glen Golf Club, 1-5pm

**Ole Stogie, Cigar Box Guitar Classic Rock**  
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

Monday  
Jan 2

**Open mic with Joel Honey and Silas Tockey**  
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 8-11pm

Tuesday  
Jan 3

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

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

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

Wednesday  
Jan 4

**Open mic**  
Boone's, 7-10pm

**Karaoke**  
Cliques, 9pm-1am

**Roger & Mandy open mic**  
Trails End Saloon, Curran, First Wednesday of every month, 7-11pm

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



WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT

CAPTAIN GEECH  
AND THE SHRIMP  
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# THE CALENDAR



Baptist Church, 1405 E. Monroe St.,  
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### ■ Holiday Happenings

**it First Night**  
Sat., Dec. 31. On this night, Springfield's art, music and theater worlds meet in a spectacle of dazzling sights and sounds to celebrate the New Year. Free arts and crafts for kids 1-4pm. Enjoy talented local musicians and performers beginning from 6-10pm. Fireworks at 8:15pm. Tickets available in advance or at the door. Adults \$20, \$5 youth. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

**Zoo Lights**  
Through Dec. 30, 5-9pm. Take a stroll through the zoo and enjoy thousands of lights and displays. Enjoy hot cocoa or roast a marshmallow over the fire pit. See zoo animals that are active this time of year such as red wolves, arctic fox, eagles, cougars, birds of prey and many others. Adults \$7.50, kids 3-12 \$5.50, kids 2 and under free. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-585-1821.

### ■ Children's Corner

**Noon Year's Eve Celebration**  
Sat., Dec. 31, 9am-2pm. A countdown at midnight is so passé. The cool kids know you should do it at noon. Kidzeum of Health and Science Children's Museum, 412 E. Adams St., 217-679-2123.

### ■ Health & Fitness

**Chair aerobics for seniors**  
Mondays, Wednesdays, 9-10am. Chair aerobics is suitable for everyone, with gentle exercises that develop flexibility, strength, balance, coordination and fitness. Call for more information. athenschristian.net. free. Athens Christian Church, Athens, 1411 E. Route 29, 217-636-8463.

**Let's Get Fit**  
Exercise classes for individuals 50+ hosted by Senior Services of Central Illinois. Meets Monday through Friday, 9-10am, both in person and via Zoom. Contact Justin Yuroff for more information and to register for the Zoom link. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

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

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

### CHILDREN'S CORNER | Hello 2023

**it** Because a countdown at midnight is so passé (and staying up that late is kind of hard), the cool kids know you should do it at noon instead. Stop by the Kidzeum of Health and Science to help usher out the old year and ring in the new one. Join in some great games and fun like making party hats and dressing up to walk the red carpet. You can even get a balloon animal from Black Cat Paints and Twists. The doors open at 9 a.m. and the fun will continue until 2 p.m. so the museum staff can celebrate the holiday with their families. So, stop by to say goodbye to 2022 and hello to 2023, and have a happy and fun New Year.

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9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
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times and locations are subject to last-minute  
changes, so we suggest calling before attending  
events.

### ■ Theater & Comedy

**2022 New Year's Eve Joke Show**  
Sat., Dec. 31, 5-6pm. A revival of Ken Bradbury's popular show with a surprise performance. Call for reservations. Limited seating. \$10. The Warehouse 200, Jacksonville, 200 E. Douglas St., 217-473-4735.

**Rob Little**  
Sat., Dec. 31, 7, 9:30pm. \$30.50-\$32.50. Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-787-2360.

### ■ Art & Architecture

**January Senior Crafty Creations**  
Wed., Jan. 4, 10:30-11:30pm. Create sock gnomes while you connect with others in a relaxed environment. All supplies will be provided. To help with the cost of supplies, please consider a donation of \$5. Free. Ball-Chatham Senior Center, Chatham, 111 W. Mulberry St., 217-483-2713.

### ■ Film & Television

**Film Series Preview Party**  
Wed., Jan. 4, 7pm. Kick off the annual Molly Schlich Independent International Film Series with a screening of a film by Maria Ansley that tells the story of a 1984 graduate of Springfield High School student who was denied the title of valedictorian, despite her #1 class ranking. Ansley and others will be present to discuss the film. Drinks and popcorn available. Free. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

### ■ Food & Drink

**New Year's Day Stone Soup Hike**  
Sun., Jan. 1, 10am-12pm. Join an easy 2-mile walk before sitting down to a shared meal of hot soup. Bring a vegetable, grain or meat for the soup and your own bowl and utensils. Meat should be first cooked at home. Meatless soup will be available. Hosted by the Sierra Club Sangamon Valley Group. RSVP on the event page. No dogs allowed in the garden. Free. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-414-6325.

### ■ History

**"J. Capps & Sons, Ltd. A History of Nice Threads!"**  
Through Dec. 30. Featuring the history of Jacksonville's first manufacturer, the exhibit traces the history of the company from 1839 through the company's closing in 1975. See original fabrics, tools,

company records and photographs, and read the reminiscences of Capps' employees. Jacksonville Area Museum, Jacksonville, 301 E. State St., 217-408-1197.

### ■ Faith & Philosophy

**Burning Bowl Releasing Ceremony**  
Sun., Jan. 1, 10-11am. Make a fresh start the New Year with this symbolic Unity practice. The Burning Bowl ceremony allows each person to release past shortcomings, regrets, or things that no longer serve them, and begin the New Year with a peaceful, positive feeling. Love offering. Unity of Springfield, 417 Cordelia, 217-523-5897.

**Healing Crystal Bowls**  
Sun., Jan. 1, 6-8pm. Crystalize your intentions. Meditate on your intentions and for the New Year with an immersive sound bath of crystal bowl tones and vibrations, and learn how the intentions will receive healing vibrations each month through the year. \$20 love offering suggested. Unity of Springfield, 417 Cordelia, 217-523-5897.

### ■ Holiday Observances

**Watch Night**  
Sat., Dec. 31, 4pm. A celebration of December 31, 1862, when enslaved people waited for the Emancipation Proclamation to be signed by President Lincoln. Sponsored by the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum. Union

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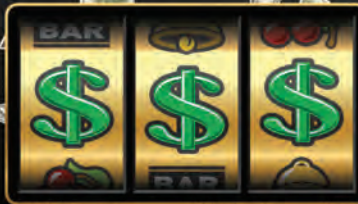
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
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SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
MICHAEL K. RYAN AND WESTWIND HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION,  
Defendants.  
CASE NO. 22-FC-96  
PROPERTY ADDRESS:  
997 RIDDLE HILL RD.  
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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on October 26, 2022, the following described real estate, to-wit:  
Permanent Index Number: 13-33.0-454-001 aka 13-33-454-001  
Commonly known as: 997 Riddle Hill Rd., Springfield, IL 62711  
will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on January 31, 2023, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.  
The Judgment amount is \$89,847.74.  
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, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

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SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
Caliber Home Loans, Inc.  
PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Matt O. Siewert a/k/a Matthew O. Siewert; et. al.  
DEFENDANTS  
No. 2022FC000039  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 06/08/2022, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on January 31, 2023 at the hour of 9:00 AM at in the Second Floor Boardroom of the Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
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Springfield, IL 62702  
Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.  
If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).  
If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).  
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgageor,

the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.  
The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.  
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), 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: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-22-02077.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
NAKESHA N. MCCOY AKA NAKESHA MCCOY;  
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD  
CLAIMANTS;  
Defendant(s).  
CASE NO. 18CH50  
Property Address: 2101 Marland Street Springfield, IL 62702  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE  
Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on July 13, 2018, I, Sheriff, Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on February 6, 2023, commencing at 9:00 AM, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to-wit:  
Commonly known as: 2101 Marland Street, Springfield, IL 62702  
P.I.N.: 14-22.0-127-024  
Lien Position; SFR; Judgment Amount  
\$149,917.60  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1) (H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT. Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County.  
The person to contact for information regarding this property is:  
Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale.  
This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC  
1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120  
Naperville, IL 60563  
(630) 453-6960  
midwestpleadings@dallegal.com

COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ESTATE OF  
PATTI J. LEWIS,  
DECEASED  
CLAIMS NOTICE  
No. 2022 PR 465  
Notice is given of the death of Patti J. Lewis. Letters of Office were issued on December 12, 2022, to Linda Williams Hammer, c/o Kevin N. McDermott, 109 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701.  
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704, or with the Executor, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 12th day of December, 2022.  
Kevin N. McDermott  
Attorney for the Estate of Patti J. Lewis  
109 South Seventh Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
(217) 753-4070  
Ill. Reg. No. 6196497  
Kevin@KevinNMcDermott.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In Re the Estate of:  
JAMES ROBERT "ROB" MEHAN, JR.,  
Deceased.  
Case No.: 2022PR000472  
CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of James Robert Mehan, Jr., of Riverton, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 14, 2022, to Diana Cappelli, as Independent Executor, whose address is c/o her attorney of record, 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 Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before June 23, 2023, 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 14th day of December, 2022.  
Diana Cappelli  
Independent Executor  
Barry O. Hines - 01220918  
Attorney at Law  
1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A  
Springfield, IL 62704  
Telephone: (217) 698-8444  
Email: Barry@HinesLaw.net

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



# PUBLIC NOTICES

VICTORIA L. WILLIAMS, Deceased.  
Case No. 2022-PR-451  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE AND NOTICE TO HEIRS  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of VICTORIA L. WILLIAMS, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on November 10, 2022. Notice is hereby given that the Last Will and Testament of VICTORIA L. WILLIAMS, dated September 14, 2022, was admitted to probate on November 30th, 2022 and on that date Letters Testamentary were also issued to SUSAN J. THOMPSON, 2713 Clifton Dr., Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Sangamon County Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.  
DATED this 6th day of December, A.D., 2022.  
Estate of VICTORIA L. WILLIAMS, Deceased,  
BY: /s/ Pamela E. Hart  
Pamela E. Hart, one of its Attorneys.  
PREPARED BY:  
Pamela E. Hart (6299974)  
SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.  
Attorneys at Law  
611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200  
Springfield, IL 62701  
Telephone: (217)753-8200  
peh@scottscottlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: PAUL S. BRADY, Deceased.  
Case No. 2022-PR-443  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of PAUL S. BRADY, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on October 11, 2022. Letters of Testamentary were issued on the 30th day of November, A.D., 2022, to MICHAEL S. BRADY, 908 S. Linden Street, Normal, Illinois, 61761, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Sangamon County Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.  
DATED this 6th day of December, A.D., 2022.  
ESTATE OF PAUL S. BRADY, Deceased,

BY: /s/Pamela E. Hart  
Pamela E. Hart, one of his Attorneys.  
PREPARED BY:  
Pamela E. Hart (6299974)  
SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.  
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611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200  
Springfield, IL 62701  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of: Mark A. Talkington, Deceased.  
No.: 2022-PR-453  
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE  
Notice is given of the death of Mark A. Talkington, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on December 1, 2022, to Phillip A. Canady, 14386 Boy Scout Trail, Petersburg, Illinois 62675, as Independent Executor, 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 Mark A. Talkington of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Christopher Lee Talkington as the only heir of Mark A. Talkington. 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.  
Alan J. Jedlicka – 6291659  
DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC  
Attorneys for Executor  
One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: 217-544-2703  
Fax: 217-544-4664  
ajedlicka@delanolaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of: CHARLES M. KENNEY, II, Deceased.  
NO. 2022-PR-457  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Charles M. Kenney, II of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 7, 2022, to Janet K. Kenney, 2624 Hazelnut Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62702, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois

62701 or with the representative or both, on or before June 14, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
DATED this 7th day of December, 2022.  
Matthew J. Cate - 06272040  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-4868  
matthewcate@barberlaw.com  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In Re the Estate of: JEFFREY A. MAGUIRE, Deceased.  
No. 2022-PR-471  
CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of JEFFREY A. MAGUIRE, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 14, 2022, to CYNTHIA MAGUIRE, as Independent Executrix, and whose attorney of record is WILLIAM D. REID, Elmore & Reid, 808 South Second Street, 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 Sangamon County, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of issuance of Letters, and any claim not filed within that period is barred.  
CYNTHIA MAGUIRE,  
Independent Executrix  
ELMORE & REID  
Attorneys At Law  
808 South Second Street  
Springfield, IL 62704  
217/523-2340

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN RE THE ESTATE OF JUDITH ANN McCASKELL DECEASED  
Case No. 2022-PR- 426  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is hereby given of the death of JUDITH ANN McCASKELL. Letters of Administration were issued on December 6, 2022, appointing TINA PIERCE, 78 W. Fairview Lane, Springfield, IL 62711, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Creighton R. Castle of Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C., 900 Community Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703, Phone: (217) 525-1571. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated: 12/08/22  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Sangamon County Complex

200 S. Ninth Street  
Springfield, IL 62701  
Prepared By:  
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Springfield, IL 62703  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of BARBARA A. KOLKHORST, Deceased.  
IN PROBATE  
No. 2022-PR-456  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Barbara A. Kolkhorst, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on December 6, 2022, to Sharon K. Sampson, 20953 Athens Blacktop Road, Petersburg, IL 62675, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Brandon R. Clark, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 12th day of June, 2023, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
DATED this 7th day of December, 2022.  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Brandon R. Clark  
Registration No. 6329553  
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62705-2459  
(217) 544-8491  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GARY CHASTAIN, Deceased  
NO. 2022-PR-464  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of GARY CHASTAIN, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on December 14, 2022, to GARY L. CHASTAIN, 225 Homes St., Manton, MI 49663, and KATHY CONVERY, 648 E. Devon Hurst Lane, Point Vedra, FL 32081, as Independent Administrators, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before June 15, 2023, or six (6) months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
DATED this 14th day of December, 2021.

Alex B. Rabin  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin, & Reinbold,

LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAROL M. TUNGETT, DECEASED  
Case #2022-PR-466  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of CAROL M. TUNGETT. Letters of Office have been issued to RICHARD E. POOCK, JR., 322 Julie Court, Chatham, IL 62629, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before June 27, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
DATED this 13th day of December, 2022.  
Patrick J. Sheehan  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
1215 South 4th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TERRY J. HUNTER, DECEASED  
Case #2022-PR-470  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE/NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS  
Notice is given of the death of TERRY J. HUNTER. Letters of office have been issued to KAREN PATTERSON, 2800 Via Rosso #200, Springfield, IL 62703, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before June 28, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Notice is also given to the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF TERRY J. HUNTER, Deceased, including any unknown heir who may be a minor or a disabled person, that an Order was entered in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, on December 14, 2022, admitting Decedent's Will to Probate. You are named as an heir of Decedent in the Petition for Probate of said Will. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of Admission, any heir may file a Petition with the court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or by other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 755, Act 5, Section 6-21), or successor provision. Heirs also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 755, Act 5, Section 8-1), or successor provision, to contest

the validity of the Will by filing a Petition with the Court within 6 months after December 14, 2022. Filings are to be made with the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers>. htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk to your local Circuit Clerk's office. Dated this 14th day of December, 2022.  
Patrick J. Sheehan, III  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
1215 South 4th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217)544-0701

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY  
Re: the marriage of David M. Fickas Jr., Petitioner And Christina A. Fickas, Respondent  
Case No. 2022-DC-247  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you, Christina A. Fickas, 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 22nd day of January, 2023, 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 Stephanie Lynn Lockhart  
For change of name to Stephanie Lynn Maupin  
Case No.: 2022-MR-496  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on February 7, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Stephanie Lynn Lockhart to Stephanie Lynn Maupin, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
DATED: Dec. 15, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of Kory Alexander Wall  
For change of name to Elise Dawn Willow  
Case No.: 2022-MR-455  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on February 7, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Kory Alexander Wall to Elise Dawn Willow, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
DATED: Dec. 15, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT



SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of Ann Katherine Hearring Stealey For change of name to Katherine Stealey  
Case No.: 2022-MR-508  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on January 13, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Ann Katherine Hearring Stealey to Katherine Stealey, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Dec. 15, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of Katherine Elizabeth Rohrscheib For change of name to Marzipan Lenore Eyrie  
Case No.: 2022-MR-511  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on January 24, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Katherine Elizabeth Rohrscheib to Marzipan Lenore Eyrie , pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Dec. 15, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of Katherine Nicole Dzierzanowski For change of name to Katherine Nicole Strode  
Case No.: 2022-MR-469  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on February 7, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Katherine Nicole Dzierzanowski to Katherine Nicole Strode, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Dec. 22, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of Hayley Elizabeth Jacobson For change of name to Casey Emory Jacobson  
Case No.: 2022-MR-418  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on February 7, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Hayley Elizabeth Jacobson to Casey Emory Jacobson, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Dec. 22, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, vs.  
DAVID M. SCHNECK, JAIMEE L. BELLOT, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
No. 2022FC000239  
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or

after which a default may be entered against Defendants is January 27, 2023. Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on December 9, 2022.  
1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 2022FC000239.  
2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois  
3. The names of the title holders of record are: David M. Schneck and Jaimee L. Bellot  
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
Lot 18 in Woodland Estates Subdivision Plat No. 3, according to the plat thereof recorded June 3, 1997, in the Office of the Recorder of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 97-21070.  
5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 901 Redwood Drive, Auburn, IL 62615  
6. The Tax Identification Number for the real estate is as follows: 34-10-304.010  
7. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Names of Mortgagors: David M. Schneck and Jaimee L. Bellot  
Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank  
Date of Mortgage: May 15, 2020  
Date of recording: May 19, 2020  
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois  
Recording document identification: Document No. 2020R11142  
/s/ Paul Palazzolo  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Emmet A. Fairfield  
Registration No. 6180505  
205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-8491  
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8051-928844

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, successor by merger to Illini Bank Plaintiff, vs.  
JOSEPH J. BURGER, LINDA L. BURGER, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants.  
No. 2022FC000240  
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218, and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is January 27, 2023. Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on December 9, 2022.  
1. The names of all Plaintiffs and case number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation, successor by merger to Illini Bank; Case No. 2022FC000240.

2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois  
3. The names of the title holders of record are: Joseph J. Burger and Linda L. Burger  
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
Lot Thirteen (13) Country Lake West, 2nd Plat according to the Plat thereof recorded March 23, 1979 as Document No. 819484.  
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.  
5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 7486 Country Lake Drive, Springfield, Illinois  
6. The Tax Identification Number(s) for the real estate is/are as follows: 13-29-452-006  
7. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Names of Mortgagors: Joseph J. Burger and Linda L. Burger  
Name of Mortgagee: Illini Bank  
Date of Mortgage: January 29, 2013  
Date of recording: February 7, 2013  
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois  
Recording document identification: Document No. 2013R04659  
/s/ Paul Palazzolo  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Emmet A. Fairfield  
Registration No. 6180505  
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62705-2459  
(217) 544-8491  
efairfield@bhsllaw.com  
8051-928846

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation Plaintiff, vs.  
CHRISTOPHER THOMPSON, LEONIFEL V. THOMPSON, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a municipal corporation, STATE OF ILLIONIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
No. 2022FC000241  
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218, and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is January 31, 2023. Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on December 13, 2022.  
1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 2022FC000241.  
2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois

3. The name of the title holder of record is: Christopher Thompson  
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
The South 52 feet of Lot 12 and the South 52 feet of the East Half of Lot 11 in Block 7 in Paynes South Grand Avenue Subdivision Number 3 of Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian.  
Situating in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 1409 South First Street, Springfield, Illinois  
6. The Tax Identification Number(s) for the real estate is/are as follows: 22-04-206-012  
7. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Name of Mortgagor: Christopher Thompson  
Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank  
Date of Mortgage: September 5, 2001  
Date of recording: September 20, 2001  
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois  
Recording document identification: Document No. 2001R46266  
/s/ Paul Palazzolo  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Emmet A. Fairfield  
Registration No. 6180505  
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62705-2459  
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NOTICE OF SALE  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
CITY OF SANGAMON  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff, vs.  
MICHAEL K. RYAN AND WESTWIND HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, Defendants.  
CASE NO. 22-FC-96  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 997 RIDDLE HILL RD. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62711  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on October 26, 2022, the following described real estate, to-wit: LOT 5 IN WEST WIND, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 5 IN WESTWIND. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Permanent Index Number: 13-33.0-454-001 aka 13-33-454-001  
Commonly known as: 997 Riddle Hill Rd., Springfield, IL 62711  
will be offered for sale and sold at public venue on January 31, 2023, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.  
The Judgment amount is \$89,847.74. 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, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719  
The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).  
If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.  
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff, Dated Dec. 22, 2022  
By Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549), Its

Attorney  
Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC  
Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549)  
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC  
Attorneys at Law  
P.O. Box 740  
Decatur, IL 62525  
Send Notice/Pleadings to:  
Veronika J. Miles (#6313161)  
Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com  
Telephone: (217) 422-1719  
Facsimile: (217) 422-1754  
8051-928153

Capitol Storage LLC  
818 S Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-522-0300  
Sale 01-07-2023  
Peoria Rd  
#37 Rick Lascody  
Taintor Rd  
I7 Treyvion Burton  
J6 Pam Kirk  
To pay past due rent and fees call 1-217-522-0300. Private Sale will be January 7, 2023 at 9AM. The sale will begin at Peoria Rd. Location. Please call to verify start location day before sale.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS Plaintiff, vs.  
2004 HONDA CR-V  
VIN# JHLRD78844C021973  
Jennifer Duval  
No. 22-MX-000188  
22-AF-018  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. Daniel K. Wright, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on February 24, 2022. UNLESS YOU file a verified answer with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.  
/s/ Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of Court  
J.W. Pierceall  
Assistant State's Attorney  
200 S. 9th Street, Room 402  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
(217) 753-6690  
Sangamoncounty.SAO.civil@sangamonil.gov

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs.  
Dorothy M. Johnson, Bobby J. Jimerson, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
No. 22-MR-522  
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Dorothy M. Johnson, Bobby J. Jimerson, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on December 6, 2022 for demolition of the structure or structures



located on the real estate commonly known as 2000 E. Cook Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as: Lot 5 and the West 10 Feet of Lot 4 in Block 1 of Gatschenberger's Subdivision of the Northwest Part of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 14-35.0-327-001); and for other relief.

UNLESS Dorothy M. Johnson, Bobby J. Jimerson, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before January 17, 2023. A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.

/s/ Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of Court  
James K. Zerkle  
Corporation Counsel  
Kateah McMasters  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
800 E. Monroe, Room 327  
Springfield, IL 62701-1653  
(217) 789-2375

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
MARINE BANK,  
Plaintiff,  
Vs.  
BONNIE DOKUPIL, et. al.,  
Defendants.  
No. 2022-FC-202  
NOTICE  
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RAYMOND E. DOKUPIL, deceased:  
Notice is given of the death of Raymond E. Dokupil. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Raymond E. Dokupil, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 2608 S. Pasfield, Springfield, IL 62704  
The address of the Special Representative is Way Law Offices, LLC, 1100 S. 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 [efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm](http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm) to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit [www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp).  
/s/ Dan E. Way  
Special Representative for Raymond E. Dokupil, deceased.  
Dan E. Way, #6204735  
WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC  
1100 S. Fifth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
Tel. 217-525-7003

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Assoc.

Plaintiff,  
Vs.  
Jimmie Bahr; et. al.,  
Defendants.  
No. 2022-FC-212  
NOTICE  
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DARLA J. WILSON, deceased:  
Notice is given of the death of Darla J. Wilson. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Darla J. Wilson, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 500 N. Hill St., Springfield, IL 62702.  
The address of the Special Representative is Way Law Offices, LLC, 1100 S. 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.  
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/s/ Dan E. Way  
Special Representative for Darla J. Wilson, deceased.  
Dan E. Way, #6204735  
WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC  
1100 S. Fifth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
Tel. 217-525-7003  
Fax. 217-525-7012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing,  
Plaintiff,  
Vs.  
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Leslie S. Wanless;  
S. Wanless;  
Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants,  
Defendants.  
2022-FC-186  
NOTICE  
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LESLIE S. WANLESS, deceased; and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS  
Notice is given of the death of Leslie S. Wanless. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Leslie S. Wanless, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 1401 N. Lincoln Ave., Springfield, IL 62702.  
The address of the Special Representative is Way Law Offices, LLC, 1100 S. 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.  
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need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit [www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp).  
/s/ Dan E. Way  
Special Representative for Leslie S. Wanless, deceased.  
Dan E. Way, #6204735  
WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC  
1100 S. Fifth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
Tel. 217-525-7003

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JANET J. BREHM, DECEASED  
Case #2022-PR-477  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of JANET J. BREHM. Letters of Office have been issued to ALLEN P. BREHM, 3379 Jim Town Road, New Berlin, IL 62670, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before June 30, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 20th day of December, 2022.  
Patrick J. Sheehan  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
1215 South 4th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of  
JOHN FRICKE,  
Deceased.  
NO. 2022-PR-479  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of John Fricke of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 19, 2022, to Amy Montgomery, 805 N. Bitterroot, Athens, Illinois 62613, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Bernard G. Segatto, III, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before June 26, 2023 and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 20th day of December, 2022.  
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705-0079  
(217) 544-4868  
[bsegatto@barberlaw.com](mailto:bsegatto@barberlaw.com)  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of:

LARRY DEAN CARVER,  
Deceased.  
NO. 2022-PR-458  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Larry Dean Carver of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 7, 2022, to James Sullivan, 37 Westwood Terrace, Springfield, Illinois 62702, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before June 14, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 7th day of December, 2022.  
Matthew J. Cate - 06272040  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-4868  
[matthewcate@barberlaw.com](mailto:matthewcate@barberlaw.com)  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of:  
LARRY DEAN CARVER, Deceased.  
NO. 2022-PR-458  
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS  
To: All unknown heirs whose names and addresses are unknown:  
Notice is given to the above who are heirs in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose names or addresses are not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, that an order was entered by the Court on the 7th day of December, 2022, admitting the will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission any heir or legatee 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 755 ILCS 5/6-21 of the Probate Act. You also have the right under 755 ILCS 5/8-1 of the Probate Act to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within six months after admission of the will to probate.  
James Sullivan  
Independent Representative  
Filings are to be made with:  
Circuit Clerk  
Sangamon County Courthouse  
200 South Ninth Street  
Springfield, IL 62701  
Matthew J. Cate - 06272040  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-4868  
[matthewcate@barberlaw.com](mailto:matthewcate@barberlaw.com)  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION  
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST F,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
CHRISTINA R. MAGGIO F/K/A CHRISTINA R. MAGGIO-JENKINS; et al.,  
Defendants.  
Case No.: 2022-FC-000116

Property Address:  
2405 Grom Dr., Springfield, IL 62707  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING,  
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS  
defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 19 OF IRISDALE 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: 2405 Grom Dr., Springfield, IL 62707  
Names of the titleholders of record: Christina R. Maggio, f/k/a Christina R. Maggio-Jenkins.  
Date of the Mortgage: September 24, 2002.  
Name or names of the mortgagors: Christina R. Maggio, f/k/a Christina R. Maggio-Jenkins.  
Name of the mortgagee: Countrywide Home Loans, Inc..  
Date and place of recording: October 29, 2002; Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Identification of recording: Document No. 2002R59495.  
NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before January 30, 2023, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT. E-filing is now mandatory with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://illinoiscourts.gov/self-help> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit [www.illinoislegalaid.org](http://www.illinoislegalaid.org). For information about defending yourself in a court case (including filing an appearance or fee waiver), or to apply for free legal help, go to [www.illinoislegalaid.org](http://www.illinoislegalaid.org). You can also ask your local circuit clerk's office for a fee waiver application.  
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
Lender Legal PLLC  
2807 Edgewater Drive  
Orlando, Florida 32804  
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Service Emails:  
[mjdiaz@lenderlegal.com](mailto:mjdiaz@lenderlegal.com)  
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LLS10778-IL - Maggio  
Meaghan J. Diaz de Villegas, Esq.  
Counsel of Record for Plaintiff  
ARDC # 6340688  
I3210029

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
MENARD COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of Goddess Krystonilyn White-Wykauf-Wikoff  
For change of name to  
Toni Lyn White  
Case No.: 2022-MR-10

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on January 19, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Goddess Krystonilyn White-Wykauf-Wikoff  
to Toni Lyn White pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Dec. 29, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
Caliber Home Loans, Inc.  
PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Matt O. Siewert a/k/a Matthew O. Siewert; et. al.  
DEFENDANTS  
No. 2022FC000039  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 06/08/2022, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on January 31, 2023 at the hour of 9:00 AM at in the Second Floor Boardroom of the Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
THE EAST 40 FEET OF THE WEST 80 FEET OF LOT THREE (3) IN WANLESS' NORTH GRAND PLACE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PIN 14-26.0-226-011  
Improved with Residential  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:  
2348 N Grand Avenue E  
Springfield, IL 62702  
Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (g)(4).  
If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).  
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.  
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/



expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.  
The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.  
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-22-02077.  
I3209925

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
NAKESHA N. MCCOY AKA NAKESHA MCCOY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;  
Defendant(s).  
CASE NO. 18CH50  
Property Address: 2101 Marland Street  
Springfield, IL 62702  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE  
Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on July 13, 2018, I, Sheriff, Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on February 6, 2023, commencing at 9:00 AM, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to-wit:  
THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, TO-WIT:  
LOT 185 IN WANLESS' PARK ADDITION. EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Commonly known as: 2101 Marland Street, Springfield, IL 62702  
P.I.N.: 14-22.0-127-024  
Lien Position; SFR; Judgment Amount \$149,917.60  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT. Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County.

The person to contact for information

regarding this property is:  
Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit [www.dallegal.com](http://www.dallegal.com) 24 hours prior to sale. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC  
1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120  
Naperville, IL 60563  
(630) 453-6960  
[midwestpleadings@dallegal.com](mailto:midwestpleadings@dallegal.com)  
8051-929061

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS,  
FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREDIE MAC SLST 2022-2 PARTICIPATION INTEREST TRUST.,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
ISAIAH MINOR; AQUA FINANCE, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; ELIANE A. BEKGIN, Defendants,  
Case No. 2022FC000243

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Isaiah Minor, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 6 and the North 8 feet of Lot 3 of Cheryl Estates, an addition to the City of Springfield, Illinois being part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian according to the plat thereof recorded in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Illinois August 25, 1977 in Book 23 of Plats, Page 14, as Document Page 300392.

1000 Lori Lane, Springfield, IL 62712  
22-34.0-178-038  
Now, therefore, unless you, Isaiah Minor, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, on or before February 20, 2023, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

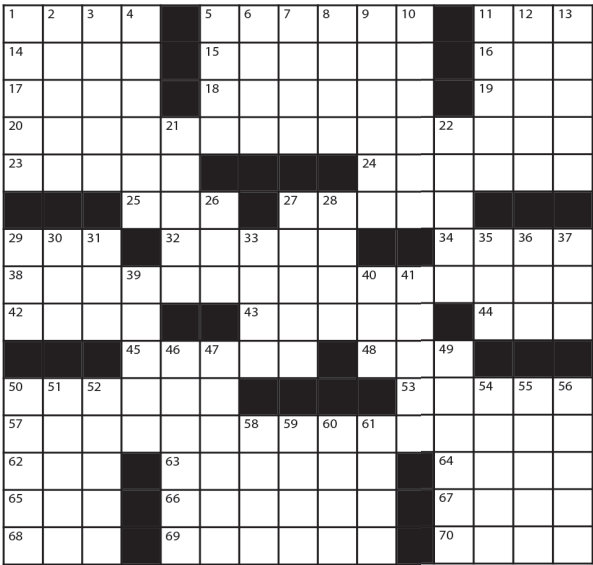
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One of Plaintiff's Attorneys  
File Number: 22-031148  
I3210298

## Henson's neighborhood

Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 770

- Across**  
1. GPs  
5. Yellow hues  
11. Ozone pollutant: abbr.  
14. Moonfish  
15. Hardy pal  
16. Modern address  
17. Claudius I's successor  
18. Get there  
19. Scotland's "City Rollers"  
20. A two-term president  
23. Beaver State capital  
24. Show clearly  
25. Hi-  
27. Weighed down  
29. Half a cocktail  
32. Have a TV dinner  
34. The dark side  
38. Christian Bale, Bruce Dem and Leonardo DiCaprio in 2014  
42. Toddler's questions  
43. Artist's plaster  
44. Wee bit  
45. Dinner fowl  
48. Boil fluid  
50. Straighten out  
53. Warm, sweetened wine drink  
57. Won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1950  
62. Tramcar load  
63. Basketmaker?  
64. "The King and I" woman  
65. Blvd. crosser



66. Sea between Greece and Turkey  
67. Drawbridge site  
68. No. on a business card  
69. Store sights around Christmas  
70. Corn pieces  
7. Oscar-winner Ives  
8. Toledo's lake  
9. Gunned  
10. Elbow locale  
11. Popular cigar  
12. Pre-euro money  
13. Bonnie's partner  
21. Arabian ruler  
22. Like notebook paper  
26. Anatomical pouch  
27. Bedsheets as such  
28. Six-legged scurriers  
29. T-bar offering  
30. Louisville Slugger wood  
31. Frigid  
33. Fast-food option  
35. Dog doc  
36. Org. in Michael Collins  
37. Some '60s hits?  
39. Fancy tie  
40. Sixth sense  
41. Some are proper  
46. Alveolus  
47. Position filler  
49. Street where the start of 20-, 38- and 57-across reside  
50. WWII sub  
51. Guts  
52. Angler's basket  
54. Salami choice  
55. Relating to an arm bone  
56. Blind parts  
58. NASA cancellation  
59. Comic Carey  
60. Try for a role  
61. Mantel pieces

## Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week

W	A	D	S		A	L	I	D		C	A	R	P	E
E	M	I	T		C	A	S	A		A	L	E	R	T
P	I	N	N	U	M	B	E	R		T	I	E	O	N
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F	L	A		U	T	E		D	R	E		R	O	B
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A	C	A	S	T		H	A	T	E		I	S	N	T
N	A	N	C	Y		O	W	E	S		T	P	K	S

Crossword answers from #769

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

Sudoku answers from #769

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

JoshJosh answers from #769

## JoshJosh

by J. Reynolds - No. 770

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.

30x			5-	2÷	1-
8+					
60x	2		72x	3-	3÷
			8+		
	5x		1-	1-	2÷
24x					

Difficulty medium

## Sudoku

No. 770

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

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

Difficulty hard





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