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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; 36 are 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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CHARLES “CHUCK” FLAMINI June 12, 1946-April 21, 2021

A teacher at heart

REMEMBERING | Cinda Ackerman Klickna

Chuck Flamini held about every job in education in Springfield District 186 one could possibly have: teacher, coach, union president, principal, athletic director, central office administrator, assistant superintendent and board member. Ask anyone about his main philosophy while serving in any of these roles, and the comment always is, “Chuck had teachers in his heart.” Gary Sullivan, former administrator and close friend, says, “Chuck owed his success to his teachers and truly believed teachers were key to everything.” Former superintendent Bob Hill echoes that. “No matter what role Chuck had, for the rest of his life he viewed himself as the supporter of teachers.”

People who knew Chuck smile when thinking of his jokes, feisty spirit and often colorful language. Sullivan says, “What you saw is what you got; he would tell you what he thought.” Everybody loved him.

It was a teacher who encouraged Chuck to earn his teaching degree, which he did at Eastern Illinois University in 1968. He returned to Springfield and was hired as a physical education elementary teacher. Throughout his career, he coached track, eighth grade and high school basketball and high school track.

Since he was always proud of his north-end roots, he jumped at the opportunity in 1980 to teach at Lanphier High School, his alma mater. By then he had witnessed the needs of teachers, which led him to the role of Springfield Education Association president from 1983-1986.

Steve Rambach, who taught with Chuck at Lanphier, praises him for his teaching and his leadership in SEA. “He taught me the role of political action and the way to fight for the rights of teachers. We became fast friends.”

Union activist Sue Davies-Yoggerst remembers Chuck’s credo, “He always said the role of the SEA president was to love teachers, and the role of teachers was to love kids.”

He had fun, entertained others easily and built a spirit of enthusiasm all around him. He would often laugh at himself. Being with Chuck meant having a good time.

Chuck was later recruited into administration and served in several capacities, first as principal at Lanphier for six years in the 1990s, then moving to the central office as the assistant superintendent in curriculum and instruction. In 1999, he took on a dual role as the assistant superintendent for secondary schools as well as the principal at Springfield High School. In every role he brought fresh ideas.

Sheri Pohlman, former administrator at Springfield High School, says, “I always valued his expertise and insight. He took over at SHS after a few difficult years, and within a short time, he rectified inequities. He knew how to address an issue, and he would be straightforward and let people know when they were not doing their jobs but wouldn’t make a mountain out of a molehill when there were bigger fish to fry.”

In addition to Chuck’s support of teachers, everyone points to his passion for District 186. He was constantly coming up with new approaches to improve and strengthen the district. Sullivan says, “He was an idea person and was always thinking ahead.” Chuck certainly encountered difficult situations, and the image of him pacing up and down in his office, deep in thought, often talking to no one in particular, is one many who



knew him will remember.

Hill also calls Chuck a true advocate for students. “He would talk to kids in a way that they opened up about themselves without him prying. Kids would sit and listen to him and hear his advice. His advice was worth listening to.”

After retiring in 2002, he still focused on education. He taught a course on “Dealing with Diversity” at UIS, he helped superintendents navigate the role of collective bargaining, he served as a director of Ursuline Academy and curriculum coordinator for Springfield College in Illinois, helping to establish an elementary education bachelor’s degree program.

Then, he put his political action to the test and ran for District 186 School Board. He won, and served from 2013-2018, part of the time as the board president. In making decisions, he maintained his advocacy for teachers and for the district.

Chuck was respected and loved by all. He will be missed.

*Cinda Ackerman Klickna has fond memories of Chuck Flamini through their work in SEA, including her own time as SEA president.*

## In Memoriam



### JOSEPH "BOBO" BENEKY July 15, 1940-Oct. 29, 2021

Bobo loved everyone and everyone loved him. He had such a passion for life. His laughter filled a room, and it was matched only by the laughter of those around him enjoying his jokes and stories.

He was a horseshoe-throwing star, a marathon runner, an amazing dancer and he loved a good party. He had a special fondness for rock 'n' roll and he wasn't shy about singing or whistling along.

Bobo loved his friends and kept them forever. He loved his family, and grew up with both of his parents and two sisters. Along with his wife, Nancy, Bobo was an incredible parent to Brad, Heather and Holly, and he adored his grandkids and great-grandchildren.

His very best years started and ended with Nancy, his high school sweetheart. They were together for 63 years and were married for 57 years. Nancy was his rock, his protector, his friend, his love, his life. This couple built their lives on love and faith.

Bobo loved his faith. He often said our role on earth was to get to heaven. Well, when we look at his life, his friends and family and his faith, we are confident Joseph "Bobo" Beneky accomplished that mission.

Everyone felt honored to have known him.

*Submitted by his daughter, Holly Dahlquist*

### RETIRED LT. CANDACE CAIN July 22, 1959-March 29, 2021

Candace "Candy" Cain left this world in the early morning hours on March 29.

Candy would do her best to provide the homeless by getting them food and giving them blankets. Candy loved to read and was a devoted reader of crime stories and mysteries.

She was a worker, and on Nov. 25, 1993, she found her dream job at the corrections division of the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office. She began there as a control room operator and worked her way up to lieutenant. She took great pride in her job and was respected not only by her staff, but by the inmates as well.

On Aug. 31, 2015, after being diagnosed with cancer, Candy had to retire from the job she loved to fight the health battle with her family, friends and co-workers by her side. She passed away after fighting the disease for almost six years. She was ready to go to heaven. She never once stopped thinking about the sheriff's department and all of her friends.

She left behind her brothers Lonnie, Kevin and Kelly, her sisters-in-law, and her precious dog, Louie. Her sister, Kim, had passed away on Sept. 21, 2020. She also had three people who she called angels who had stayed with her through her illness.

Candy's famous words throughout her life were, "I am blessed." Yes, Candy, you were, and we were blessed for knowing you.

*Submitted by Mary Jo Enlow*



## ROBERT "BUTCH" EMIL RAMELOW March 5, 1944-May 23, 2021

# A one-of-a kind musician

### REMEMBERING | Tom Irwin

When Robert Emil Ramelow went on to his next big gig joining up with the everlasting band, the guy everyone knew simply as Butch left behind a striking and deep legacy of making music in central Illinois.

Born in Springfield to Robert L. and Gertrude P. (Guyett) Ramelow, no one seems to know exactly when the younger Robert began picking the guitar, but no one seems to remember when he didn't, either. From his early days of playing with the Stingrays as well as Johnny and the Impalas plus others in the 1960s, to a band called The Stone Creation in the early 1970s and on into his Butch's Back Street Band-era before becoming a one-man band solo show for the remaining years of his music career, Butch Ramelow just always played music on his guitar.

He played for weddings, parties and high school dances, in halls, bars, clubs and joints, with many different local musicians in various combos and as a solo act. Sometimes he played weekly gigs, like his long-running Sunday afternoon slot at the Buckhart Tavern and other times he took what he could book. As long as he was playing the guitar and singing, everything was OK.

After a stint in the U.S. Army right out of high school, Butch worked at Schnepf and Barnes Printing Company for 20 years, and always kept up the playing. After years of gigging with local bands, he made a push for something different and started a country group in the mid-70s called Butch's Back Street Band that included plenty of original material.

In a definite career highlight as an attempt to break into the music industry outside of Springfield, he booked time in a Nashville, Tennessee, recording studio in the late 1970s. The resulting music was produced by John "Bud" Logan, the same guy who did the huge hit, "Rose Colored Glasses" by John Conlee, and in the same studio, so Butch was going for top-shelf stuff there. Bandmates in the Back Street Band, Rocky Clevenger (bass), Larry Coffey (drums) and Robert "Slick" Sandidge (organ) joined in the recording, while Nashville-session heavyweight Buddy Emmons played pedal steel guitar. Everyone hoped big things would happen, but as they usually do, they didn't. Still, Butch had a fine-sounding single in "Country Morning Light" (written by Butch) and the 45rpm record appeared on many a jukebox around the bars in Springfield.

"Headed that Way," another well-produced and played song (written by Butch and Larry) is available to hear on YouTube, thanks to a posting by Nereida Littrell.

Sometimes when playing music so much and so often, musicians get cynical or feel under-appreciated, but if Butch did, he didn't show it. Many, many comments poured onto Facebook tribute pages to him when he passed and all basically said the same thing: Butch was a great guy and had the respect of all who knew him and heard him play.

No comment is more telling, or at least well-said from a perspective few had, than the statement from Robert "Slick" Sandidge, a longtime cohort, friend and fellow musician of Butch's who wrote, "I first met Butch in 1968 when I joined The Stoned Creation and rocked Shammy's in Thayer every Saturday night for two years solid. In the 70s, it was Butch's



Backstreet Band. Hundreds of gigs, hundreds of songs and many years of great memories and a few bar fights, which Butch NEVER lost. You will be missed, my friend. You were one-of-a-kind."

As is the case with live music, nothing can really ever capture for posterity the vibrations in the air created by musicians playing, and nothing ever will. It's all about the instantaneous sounds a person with an instrument puts out there into a space and how the emotions and feelings caused by that sound reaches people. It's gone as soon as it's done in real time, but what lingers and stays is what is given by the musician and what is taken by the listener. That precious spot in time is what good guys like Butch selflessly gave through a lifetime dedicated to making music, and that's what he will be remembered for doing.

*Tom Irwin only met Butch a few times in person, but remembers the first time he learned about him. It was in 1981 at a now-defunct bar on 11th Street, and a 45 record of Butch's Back Street Band was on the jukebox. Finding out that someone from the area actually made a record that landed on a local jukebox gave him the inspiration to make his own records. Butch led the way.*

**ADLAI E. STEVENSON III** Oct. 10, 1930-Sept. 6, 2021

# Illinois' consummate statesman

REMEMBERING | Bruce Mackey

One of the benefits of growing up on South St. Mary's Road in rural Libertyville, Illinois, was being a neighbor to Adlai Stevenson II. The elder Stevenson was the grandson of vice-president Adlai Stevenson (the Grover Cleveland administration), former governor of Illinois, twice-nominated candidate for the presidency on the Democratic ticket and the U. S. ambassador to the United Nations during the Kennedy and Johnson administrations.

His son, Adlai III, inherited an impressive political bloodline.

During my adolescent years, I spent a lot of my free time on the Stevenson farm. The farm manager's son, Jim Holland, was my best friend.

One fall Saturday morning in 1961, Jim and I stopped by Adlai II's home office. He was seated behind his desk and there were a couple of other people in the room.

At the time, I had a 17-foot canoe. Adlai II had given me permission to leave it on his property next to his row boat on the banks of the Des Plaines River.

Suddenly, someone started to enter the room, but stopped seeing the crowd. I had never seen this person before. He was dressed for hunting and his attire was pure Abercrombie & Fitch. He was carrying an over-and-under shotgun, also very impressive.

Speaking to no one in particular, he asked whose canoe was down at the river? He explained he wanted to use it to cross the river to hunt pheasant on the Red Top Farm property. Adlai II laughingly said, "It belongs to Bruce, you'll have ask him," and pointed in my direction on the other side of the room. After an awkward pause, I quickly responded with, "Sure, of course you can use it." I had no idea who this person was, but I knew he was someone important. A few minutes later I whispered to Jimmy, "Who was that guy?" Jimmy whispered back, "He's Adlai's oldest son, Adlai III."

After that first meeting, my relationship with Adlai III continued to thrive during the next 15 years and beyond. I was motivated by his dedication to public service. That motivation was what urged me to be elected a precinct committeeman and township chairman in Libertyville on the Democratic ticket. I was also active in Adlai's winning campaign for Illinois State Treasurer.

I later left Illinois to pursue a career in journalism. Adlai and I stayed in touch, and our paths crossed a number of times over the years. He was a fascinating individual: intelligent, perceptive and intuitive. However, his dedication to help others, his honesty and integrity set him apart.

Adlai III had the ability to deal with both the power of Chicago Mayor Richard Daley and the soft-spoken demeanor of President Jimmy Carter, who considered Adlai as his running mate, but decided on Walter Mondale instead.

Adlai and I continued our friendship throughout his various business ventures, eventually spanning some 60 years. He told me on more than one occasion, "Don't get old, Bruce. It's tough."

I will miss him; the people of Illinois will miss him. He served us all well.

*Bruce Mackey is a retired daily newspaper and business journal publisher.*



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## In Memoriam

### JIM COX

May 13, 1942-April 25, 2021

This year, Springfield lost Jim Cox, who had portrayed Santa in downtown Springfield for the past 10 Christmases. His seasonal job made him proud. He loved interacting with kids, many of whom visited year after year. Jim would listen to their wish lists and hand them a candy cane. Sometimes he even got to pose for selfies. He looked the part and was always excited to play the role, too. His wife, Pat, stood by his side as Mrs. Claus. They were a great team.



Before becoming Santa, Jim retired from AT&T, was on the board of directors for the Senior Center of Central Illinois and gave tours as a ranger at Lincoln Home National Historic Site, as well as historical tours at Camp Butler. He was also a Navy Veteran, a father of three and grandfather of six.

During the holidays, I'll always remember the magic that my Uncle Jim passed on to everyone he met. While he isn't around this year, his Christmas spirit is, and will be for a very long time.

*Submitted by his niece, Jodi Tabor*

### SAMUEL BRUCE DAVIS

May 14, 1953-Sept. 20, 2021

Sam grew up in the village of Dawson, Illinois. Toward the end of the Vietnam War, he was a member of the U.S. Air Force stationed in England. His horizons were widened by the experience and he returned home with a passion to live a life less ordinary.



At Southern Illinois University Carbondale Sam studied film, his first love. He later became part of the annual King Richard's Faire in Wisconsin, living on the grounds with the rest of the workers and merchants. Many with King Richard's would migrate to other fairs, and Sam drove a vehicle shaped like a giant swan through the mountains as the caravan traveled to the eastern part of the country. It was there that Sam slogged through cranberry bogs as part of a nighttime search party, tracking the magician's missing civet cat in a race to find it before the local hunters.

We were both students at Sangamon State University, now the University of Illinois Springfield, when we met. He had returned to school to earn a master's degree in English and was a prolific poet. Sam could also capture candid photos of people. His eye was the camera's eye, and it was a perspective he incorporated into his poetry and painting.

He enjoyed music, and every Saturday we threw together an eclectic playlist for our Sam & Danz at Dawn radio show. The biggest joy we shared was attending pop culture conventions. Sam loved talking to actors, artists and musicians, learning about their passions and inviting them to be guests on WQNA's Fly Over Zone.

Although Sam had a curmudgeonly exterior, he was a deeply caring soul who found his work with Brother James Court residents rewarding. His unassuming manner and his genuine interest in people let this wandering star make lasting friends.

His large group of family and far-flung friends cannot believe we won't see him again.

*Submitted by friend and WQNA 88.3 FM radio co-host, Jennifer "Danz" Danzinger*



**ELVIN ZOOK** March 31, 1937-Nov. 24, 2020

# The father of academic medicine in Springfield

**REMEMBERING | Scott Reeder**

They call themselves "Zookies," the physicians scattered across the planet who trained under Springfield's legendary plastic surgeon, Elvin Zook.

But Zook was more than an accomplished teacher and brilliant plastic surgeon, he was a father of academic medicine in the capital city, said Ed Curtis, president and CEO of Memorial Health.

Zook came to Springfield in 1973, shortly after Southern Illinois University established its medical school. He didn't just create the plastic surgery department; at first, he was the entire department. Today, Springfield is renowned for the specialty.

"People think a plastic surgery is cosmetic surgery. That's a stereotype. It's very important work, and I'm not saying anything bad about it. But if you're in Iowa City – home of the famous University of Iowa (Hospitals) – and an M-80 explodes in your hand on New Year's Eve, they are going to fly you to Springfield, Illinois, to replant those digits and fingers. It happens all the time," said Curtis.

Curtis said Zook was a man of strong opinions. He hated motorcycles and didn't believe children under the age of 5 should be around dogs. Those opinions derived from treating devastating injuries suffered from motorcycle accidents and repairing wounds of children bitten by canines.

Not only are SIU plastic surgeons known for reconstructing hands, reattaching limbs and saving the lives of burn patients, they are known for training top-tier plastic surgeons who go on to practice and teach in a variety of settings.

Surgeons taught by Zook have gone on to chair Harvard University's plastic surgery department and have joined the faculty of Johns Hopkins University and other major medical institutions.

Zook retired from SIU in 2011 and Dr. Michael Neumeister replaced him as department chair.

The SIU Cleft and Craniofacial Clinic was one of Zook's proudest accomplishments, Neumeister said. Limb and trunk reconstruction, breast reconstruction for cancer patients, neck and head reconstruction and hand surgery are also part of his legacy in Springfield, he said.

"He put, at least in the plastic surgery world, Springfield on the map," Neumeister said.

Zook grew up on a farm in rural Indiana and graduated from medical school at Indiana University. He remained an avid Hoosier basketball fan his entire life.

He also was a passionate outdoorsman who loved to hunt. In fact, he named the Baylis Building on the campus of Springfield Memorial Hospital after the Pike County village near his favorite deer hunting spot.

Zook chaired both the American Board of Plastic Surgery and the American Society of Plastic Surgeons.

But his three daughters may be an even greater legacy in the medical field. Two are doctors, and one is a nurse. Dr. Tara Bennett is a Springfield obstetrician and gynecologist; Dr.



Nicole Sommer is an SIU plastic surgeon and Leigh Krueger is a registered nurse in Nebraska.

Zook and his wife, Sharon, were married 60 years.

"The one big thing was that he was happy when he came home," said his daughter, Nicole Sommer. "He never really brought work home. If something upset him or if something wasn't going well at work, he never talked about it. So that was good for his marriage as well as his children. And that's why we all went into medicine. We never heard a negative side about it."

Sommer trained under her father and also proudly claims the title of a "Zookie." At plastic surgery conferences and conventions, those who trained under Elvin Zook routinely gather to exchange stories about their mentor.

Zook was a tireless advocate for mentoring women in a field that has long been dominated by men.

"He may not have been as much of a women's advocate if he didn't have three daughters and saw the importance of supporting them. You know, I think it changed him," said Sommer.

**MIKE AUSTIN** Oct. 5, 1964-Oct. 4, 2021

# A passionate life well-lived

REMEMBERING | Tom Irwin

Even though we lost Mike Austin, often called Augie or Mikey, way too soon, no one who knew him would say he didn't get every bit out of his nearly 57 years on this earth. The "living life to its fullest" phrase fit him very well, and maybe he didn't express such a thing out loud, but he sure lived it every day. While growing up in his hometown of Pawnee, he got his first nickname of Augie and received a well-deserved reputation for having fun and making sure others did, too. Whatever it was that got young Mike going was evident from the beginning and he continued into adulthood with that passion for pranks, performance and perseverance as something that could not be denied.

After the fun times growing up in Pawnee and some jobs in retail, Mike landed on radio as a big personality among many on Ray Lytle's Morning Disaster show on local rock station WQLZ. Running from 1994-2006, Mikey was in the thick of it for a lot of it. The immense popularity and reach of the program came from the interplay between members of Ray's team and Mikey was certainly a notable part of the success, cutting up and cracking up on a daily basis, demonstrating his continued dedication to pulling pranks, witty comebacks and being good at having fun.

His influence on the music community was substantial, stemming from his two decades of running a self-designed and operated booking agency called Mikey's Entertainment. By keeping area bands and local bars supplied with live music, he again showed his passion for life and living it to the fullest. As the musicians were out there counting on the gigs, Mike was behind the scenes working so they could play, doing the basically thankless job of making sure bookings were fairly paid, organized correctly and continued to come in. You knew if you were his band, he had your back and was taking care of business.

He handled the live music for his hometown's Pawnee Prairie Days, as well as for several other area festivals



and fairs. All this is based on trust, and Mikey had that from his clients on both sides of the stage. His last big organizational work was setting up the music for the 2021 International Route 66 Mother Road Festival in September. As usual, there was a snag and things got jumbled at the last minute, but Mike, not in good health and knowing he didn't have long to live, still made sure all was good and running fine when the day came for the music to happen.

A retrospect of Mike Austin's life would not be complete without mentioning his passion (there's that word again) for all things involved with the rock band

KISS. Not only did this fanatical obsession start in 1975 just as the band was becoming a really big thing, it continued on throughout his lifetime. Mike reportedly attended some 80 KISS concerts, had an incredible collection of band merch and also hung out with the KISS guys themselves on several occasions. But hey, why wouldn't a lifelong prankster be a fan of a band who pulled off one of pop music history's biggest gags by painting their faces, doing over-the-top live shows and creating songs that literally defined the rock 'n' roll party rock star image, all while becoming one of the top-grossing acts of all time?

The pattern here is when Mike got into something, he dug in deep and stayed there for a lifetime. Other things he felt strongly about included the Pittsburgh Steelers NFL football team and the famous city of New Orleans. He hardly missed a Steelers game broadcast, attending several live games as well, and he visited the Crescent City many times over the last 20 years, most notably during the big party time of Mardi Gras.

But for all his attention and dedication to these things, his family meant the most. Especially toward the end of his life, visiting with loved ones including grandkids, children, nieces, nephews and the extended brood became his greatest, and most lasting, passion of all.

In later years, Mike took Jesus Christ as his savior and found great comfort in knowing he was going to see his maker as a Christian believer. So to this life so well-lived of fun, play, work and seriously doing stuff, let's just say, Mike went for it, found it and played it to the limit.

*Tom Irwin had heard of Mike for several years before they finally ran into each other and hung out at a gig where he was there to support NCR, one of the bands he booked, and Tom was playing the afternoon slot at the same venue. Mike would always ask to have his groups featured in the Illinois Times Band Spotlight during summer festivals and fairs, getting his acts maximum exposure.*



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## In Memoriam

### LEO "LEE" DONDANVILLE JR.

June 25, 1930-Nov. 22, 2021

Leo "Lee" Dondanville, P.E., S.E., didn't expect to spend his career working for one engineering firm. He had scheduled interviews with firms across the country after he finished two years of post-college service in the U.S. Air Force in 1956. When Walter E. Hanson called that year with an invitation to join his new company, Hanson, Collins and Rice, Lee decided Springfield would be the right place to start his civilian career.



In his early career with Hanson, Lee spent almost 20 years working on approximately 1,500 AT&T radio relay towers and blast-resistant cable sites across the U.S. His other project highlights included a multistory addition to Franklin Life Insurance Co. and the framing of Christ the King Catholic Church, both in Springfield, and the proposed Ruck-A-Chucky Bridge. Intended to span the American River near Auburn, California, it came with numerous challenges because of the necessity to anchor the cable-hung structure in the fractured rock of the surrounding mountainsides.

Despite his fondness for technical work, Lee was drawn to the human side of engineering management. That epiphany led him to his role as president and CEO of then-Hanson Engineers Inc., in 1976. "The thing I remember most about my career is the incredible staff we were able to attract, hire and keep," he said in 2015, adding that it takes a strong team to establish a company that inspires decades of employee service and loyalty.

Lee retired from full-time service in 1995, but that didn't stop him from visiting the office to recognize employees' tenure and successes. His most enjoyable task after retirement was serving as "company grandpa." It came with no salary, no authority and no responsibility, he said. "What a privilege."

*Submitted by his Hanson Professional Services, Inc. colleague, Mandy Bekoin*

### DR. TRACY R. EVANS

Oct. 21, 1950-March 16, 2021

For Dr. Tracy Evans, life was all about the journey. From her love of travel to her desire, in retirement, to seek a Ph.D., she was always moving forward.

Tracy retired as a biologist at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. She was an associate researcher at the Illinois State Museum and she earned her Ph.D. from Leiden University in the Netherlands, post retirement. Most recently, she served on the Illinois Endangered Species Board.

Tracy was a lifelong advocate for the environment with a special talent for removing stigmas that surround the micro-ecosystems she loved. She encouraged young people to get down in the mud and explore the world beneath their feet. The work she started will continue because of the young people she encouraged along the way.

Tracy loved to travel with her husband. She would often give presentations of these excursions at brown bag events. No matter where they traveled in the world, kayaking the Arctic Circle or hiking the jungles of South America, she always relayed her experience by first saying, "This is what I learned."

Tracy had a hunger for learning and experiencing all life had to offer. I was lucky enough to tag along for part of her journey.

*Submitted by her friend, Dannyl Dolder*



## MARGARET (PEGGY) SOWER KNOEPFLE Oct 30, 1934-May 23, 2021

# She was always looking forward to life

REMEMBERING | Deborah Brothers

Whenever Peggy saw me, she smiled, her cheeks touching the bottoms of her gold wire rims, and her peace sign earrings dancing a little as she raised her arms to embrace me. Peg's signature jewelry held more weight than a few ounces tugging at her earlobes, more than some hippie symbol from the 1960s. Peggy hugged her values as closely as she hugged those she loved, and peace and compassion formed Peg's core, helping her create and sustain the long relationships she treasured.

Born in Denver to Ed and Agnes Sower, Peg said that she followed her politically progressive and educated parents down the path of social justice activism. Her father, a civil engineer, built dams in the U.S. and South America, and the family went with him. Peggy spent two years in Peru, becoming fluent in Spanish and politics. Living in a dictatorship opened her eyes to oppressive policies worldwide, and she brought that awareness back to the United States.

From the 1950s until a bout with COVID-19 last December, Peggy could often be found demonstrating -- making speeches, marching, standing as a silent witness -- against war, injustice, inequality. Peg didn't talk about her awards for peace activism, but she earned several, among them "12 Women Who Changed Springfield," (from WUIS-NPR), "Humanitarian of the Year" (The Greater Springfield Interfaith Association) and "Woman of Excellence" (YWCA).

Peggy loved educating. Beginning in 1989, she produced World in Progress, (formerly Works in Progress) for cable access television. Her featured guests were activists, writers and artists. As a longtime member of Witness for Peace, Peg made five trips to Nicaragua and one to Cuba as a delegate. She chaired the local chapter of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Peggy managed Heartland Peace Center and was a board associate for a decade. She belonged to peace and faith groups at St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist congregation. At 74, Peggy campaigned door-to-door in Iowa for Barack Obama's first presidential bid. At 84, she demonstrated in 90-degree-plus heat at the Families Belong Together rally in Springfield.

Peggy married young. She met American poet John Knoepfle during a writing workshop at college in Ohio. She said, "I kept going back just to look for dates. John was doing the same thing. I was the second woman he called to ask out." They married Dec. 26, 1956, and had five children together: James (died in infancy), John, Jr., David, Christopher and Molly. There are four grandchildren: Hannah, Emily, Molly and Austin.

"My parents had a love story until the very end," Molly Knoepfle Evans says, "with decades of kitchen table and morning rituals. They were both very blessed in that marriage, and it lasted 63 years."

John and Peg showed up together regularly at Barnes & Noble, Trout Lily Café, writers' groups, book launches and sometimes they just danced the two-step together in the kitchen for their grandchildren. John died Nov. 16, 2019.

The Knoepfle family moved to Auburn in 1972 when John got hired to teach creative writing at Sangamon State University. Peggy, at 38, had recently finished her bachelor of arts at Washington University. For the next 30 years, their yellow house on 10th Street was the spot. Dogs Joe and Mooch licked food off plates and had their bellies scratched as Peg baked oatmeal cookies and hosted meetings. She became associate editor of *Illinois Issues* magazine for two decades, but early on, Peg also formed brainchild, a women's writing collective.

Peg told me stories about the group's beginnings. "We did a reading at this bar. . . next to the Leland Hotel. Jackie Jackson stood up. She read a piece about a vaginal itch, and at that moment, the writing of the women of Springfield changed," Peg laughed.



Peggy with daughter Molly Knoepfle Evans at a "dump Trump" election-night party.

Those of us in brainchild lived for the flash of that smile and Peg's trademark feedback to our writing, her "That's just awesome!" The group met regularly for 35 years, until Peg and Jackie merged those left into a mixed Thursday night group.

Jackie also taught at SSU, becoming close friends with John and Peg right away. She says, "At first, for me, brainchild wasn't even about the writing. I was going through a divorce, had young daughters. I'd go to meetings and fall asleep. Peg understood." Around the time John retired, the Knoepfles moved. Jackie says Sunday night suppers began then.

"I'd bring the main course. Peg made salad and chocolate pudding from scratch. We became family," says Jackie. "Even in small ways, Peg was always looking forward to life."

Part of Peggy's zest for living came from her love of nature. As a child she spent hours climbing trees, hiking and exploring gorges. Peg drew emotional and spiritual solace from the outdoors, encouraging her children to do likewise. Peggy spent five weeks early in 2021 at her daughter's Alaskan home. "She'd been cooped up so much," Molly explains. "Mom was ready to get back into nature. We went to dog sled races and walked. God gave us this beautiful last Alaskan adventure together."

Peggy and another friend were driving to Washington Park last May when a car accident claimed her life. The shock hit family, friends and the community hard.

We know Peggy's spirit and legacy is still present in all she touched, but Peggy was vital, larger than life. Granddaughter Emily Evans shared that Peg was "a beacon of light and empathy who could truly listen to anyone," no matter if her values aligned with theirs. Emily says that Peg, "exuded kindness and raised hell in her own brilliant ways."

"Peg was just a gift to all of us," says longtime friend Jackie.

"And she wore hats so well," laughs Pat Martin, another longtime friend and former brainchild member.

Once, following the death of our mutual friend Rosie Richmond, Peg said to me with tears streaming down her face: "You just can't replace people."

No, Peggy dear. You just can't.

*I first met Peg when I was a college student working on a project for Illinois Issues magazine and we were later involved in brainchild together. She ended up being my friend for over 35 years, and I will be forever grateful for the support, love, nurturing, intellectual stimulation and inspiration that Peg and John provided.*

**PEGGY RYDER** Feb. 7, 1950-Sept. 16, 2021

# Community leader and volunteer, devoted to family

**REMEMBERING | Karen A. Witter**

Peggy Ryder was fearless, vibrant and alive in all ways, says her youngest son, Tim. Everyone who knew her was touched by her warmth, beautiful smile, generosity, good humor and positive attitude. She left her mark on Springfield as an extraordinarily dedicated community leader and volunteer. Sadly, she passed away on Sept. 16, after valiantly battling ovarian cancer for four-and-a-half years.

Through her passionate service with a multitude of organizations, Peggy enriched the lives of many. She didn't simply join an organization; she gave it her all. And, she did this for multiple organizations concurrently. It was common for her to volunteer and then join the board while continuing as an active volunteer.

Peggy and Tom Ryder moved to Springfield in 2006, but Peggy was active in Springfield long before that. Tom was a state legislator from Jerseyville for many years and Peggy worked in his legislative district office, in addition to working as a P.E. teacher before having children.

When their children were young, Peggy traveled to Springfield so their family could be together while Tom was working. The Illinois State Museum, adjacent to the State Capitol, was a perfect destination for Peggy and her young sons, Josh and Tim. She instilled in them a love of learning and adventure. Years later, the governor appointed her to the Illinois State Museum Board, and she also served on the Illinois State Museum Society Board. Ryder stood on the front porch, and with her radiant smile and welcoming personality, greeted throngs of schoolchildren visiting on field trips. Always curious and a lifelong learner, she also participated in the museum's travel opportunities. Later, she delighted in bringing her grandchildren to the museum.

Peggy also introduced her boys to the Dana-Thomas House and later volunteered as a docent. She served on the Dana-Thomas House Foundation board and helped recruit and train volunteers. As a world traveler, she enjoyed learning where visitors were from and sharing her knowledge and love of the Dana-Thomas House with people from all over the world.

In 2008, Mayor Tim Davlin appointed Peggy to the Springfield Commission on International Visitors. She enjoyed hosting international visitors in her home, serving as a tour guide and ensuring they experienced the best of Springfield. "A day in the life of a volunteer is never the same. It's always something different and always fun," said Ryder during an interview in celebration of the commission's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Peggy also contributed her time, talents and treasures to the Community Foundation's Women for Women Giving Circle. She served with distinction on both the grants committee and steering committee. In 2015, Peggy and Tom established the Ryder Family Fund at the Community Foundation, demonstrating their commitment to philanthropy.

With Peggy's diverse interests, she always found places to help. She organized an annual book sale for Friends of Lincoln Library and later joined the board. She chaired the American Association of University Women's annual fundraising tea. She helped sort medical supplies at Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach. She served on the board of the Hoogland Center for the Arts. She was a powerful presence at the Simmons Cancer Institute's Women's Power Lunch Against Cancer.

Peggy had "a heart for the arts and passion to help the community. She did it so humbly," said Pam Johnson, a longtime friend from



Cherry Hills Church, where Peggy also volunteered.

Through all of this community service, Peggy's highest priority was her family. She was devoted to her husband, Tom, and helped organize his life, says son Tim. Their mother was enormously proud of both Josh and Tim, who says their childhood was filled with wonderful times.

"Never one to stay at home, she filled our world with experiences," said Tim. Days were filled with visits to museums, historic sites, summer art classes and other adventures. They tagged along on their father's work trips, seeing and experiencing new things and places.

"She instilled in my brother and me a desire to not rest on our laurels, to constantly see what's out there, to get comfortable, but not too comfortable," he said. Tim is now a writer, actor and director in Los Angeles after working in Chicago at Second City and on a cruise ship in the Mediterranean. His parents were a constant presence at his performances.

Josh lives in Springfield and has two children, Finley and Isaac, who were Peggy's pride and joy. She adored taking her grandchildren to places she took her sons when they were young, and having adventures that made their parents nervous.

Peggy lived life to the fullest. While battling cancer, she didn't want to be fussed over or pitied. Her family is committed to keeping her vivacious spirit alive. They suggest to honor her memory, get vaccinated, read a good book, travel somewhere you've never been and go through a door you're not supposed to.

To be like Peggy, do it all with a wide smile on your face.

*Karen Ackerman Witter is a former associate director of the Illinois State Museum. She had the pleasure of knowing Peggy through the Illinois State Museum and serving with her on the steering committee of the Community Foundation's Women for Women Giving Circle.*

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**REV. TINNIE “TINY” ROBERTA RANDALL** July 1, 1957-Dec. 17, 2020

# A spiritual dynamo

**REMEMBERING | Scott Reeder**

Before succumbing to COVID-19, the Rev. Tinnie Randall had a final word for her family: Pray. She was a spiritual dynamo packed into a 5-foot-tall body.

She died Dec. 17, 2020, at age 63, after a 54-day stay at Springfield Memorial Hospital.

Her husband of 35 years, the Rev. Nate Randall, recalled with a laugh that he asked her to marry him on their first date – and she turned him down -- but they wed within eight months of meeting.

The pair, who met at choir practice, had a song they sang to one another: “I’ll love you more today than yesterday, but not as much as tomorrow.”

“Sometimes we would sing it when we were in the car together, or in the kitchen or just before going to bed,” he said. Nate added their three daughters never joined in the melody. “It was just between me and her,” he said.

Nate is a quiet man, while his wife was boisterous.

“She could show up at a party and manage to be friends with everyone in the room within half an hour. I, on the other hand, would only manage to speak with one person during that same period.”

If she hadn’t entered the ministry, she might have had a future as an international diplomat. Nate said he remembers when she brokered peace between two Springfield street gangs.

“It was at the YMCA, when it was at its old location. She wanted to get some youth to go to a night at the Y, but she did not know that she had invited two gangs. They played together for about an hour. And then, all of a sudden, they split up into their sections and it was only me and a worker at the Y who stood between them. But we realized that we could not keep them apart if they wanted to come together.”

At the brink of violence, Tinnie walked into the room and picked the biggest guy, Nate said.

“She said, ‘Bend down so I can hug you.’ She hugged him and said, ‘You guys are not going to fight.’ And I still remember him saying, ‘Rev. Tinnie, we want to fight.’”

But violence was averted.

“So, I got on the bus and I took him home. Then I came back and got the second group and took them home. And the Y never invited us back. But she managed to stop a fight, with just hugs and kisses. That’s what a lot of them just came for -- hugs and kisses. So, she gave them out freely.”

The couple reared three daughters: Natalie, Lillian and Tinnie Rachel. They pastored together at Faith Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church in Springfield and Tinnie also pastored at Allen Chapel in Taylorville. Since her death, Nate Randall has pastored both churches.

Tinnie Randall also held outside employment at the same time she pastored. She worked for Franklin Life, the Illinois Department of Health as a microbiologist, and later as a system analyst for the Department of Human Services.

The Randall’s youngest child, Rachel Randall-Davenport, said her mother had a servant’s heart.

“She was always doing for others.... When anybody was ever in need, she would help them --whether it was a listening ear or they needed groceries because they were just short – she would step forward.”



**Tinnie and Nate Randall**

Her mother always had a love for helping children, particularly those living in lower-income neighborhoods, Randall-Davenport said.

“She liked to have Christmas plays, Easter egg hunts. We also had an annual chili dinner. She made some of the best chili that everybody loved. She took kids to Sky Zone (Trampoline Park). And she would take them to St. Louis to Six Flags. She was always heavily involved with the children,” her daughter recalled.

Randall-Davenport said, “I remember her getting ready to go to the hospital and me telling her ‘I love you,’ and that everything was going to be all right. But God had other plans and decided to take her home a little bit early.”

During Tinnie Randall’s time in the hospital, the family had video conferences with her, despite her being weak and drifting in and out of consciousness.

Randall-Davenport said, “I’ll always remember her last word that she ever spoke: ‘Pray.’”

*Scott Reeder is a staff writer for Illinois Times. He was active in the public speaking club, Toastmasters, with Nate Randall many years ago.*

## In Memoriam

**TAMARA S. FANALE**

Nov. 3, 1957-April 23, 2021

We always heard the first year of loss was the toughest. For that first year, every day was the first without you. November was the hardest so far, with your birthday and our anniversary among the days.

You were our rock, our foundation and our compass. You still remain so. Your legacy will always be your children – Theresa, Mark and Sarah Jane. You loved nursing, but raising the kids and motherhood were your true calling. What a terrific job you did. I am so proud of you.

We miss you terribly but we are happy that your suffering and pain is over. As I promised you, your dog Marley will continue to be taken care of to enjoy that quality of life you wished for him.

Enjoy your reward in Heaven with our Lord and your mom and dad.

Missing you, BDT.

*Submitted by her husband, Thomas Fanale*



**DR. J. E. (JACK) GILLEN**

May 19, 1929-Dec. 13, 2020

His obituary mentions his 40 years as a chiropractor in central Illinois, but there was also his work at IDOT/ Division of Waterways helping with several of the man-made lakes coming to fruition in this state, his work as a Springfield police officer and a narcotics officer with the Illinois Narcotics Bureau and his run for Christian County coroner against a long-time Democratic incumbent.

He found in his cardiologist, Dr. Richard Katholi, an unexpected friend. Dr. Katholi remembered my father coming into a downtown pharmacy when he was a beat cop and Dr. Katholi was then a pharmacist, before either of them pursued different, health-oriented careers.

*Submitted by his daughter, Michelle L. Gillen*



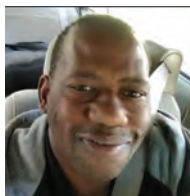
**DAVID LEE THURSBY**

Nov. 12, 1968-June 2, 2021

We are reminded of how precious life is every day. Someone who lived his life to the fullest was my co-worker and friend, David Thursby, who died in June, a mere five hours after his last shift at work. He was a friend to all who shopped at Schnuck’s on Montvale Drive and the old Schnucks store on Jefferson Street, and he went out of his way to greet everyone. That is the thing I remember most, how he went out and did the job required of him and never complained – something I wish we could all do!

Let’s take a moment and remember how precious this life is and remember David.

*Submitted by his fellow Schnuck’s team member, E.J. Kienzler II*





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**SUSAN MOGERMAN** June 11, 1945-July 15, 2021

# “A passion for preserving history, with a wicked sense of humor”

**REMEMBERING | Julie Dirksen**

Remember Susan Mogerman? If so, get ready to think back over many memories of this amazing lady. If you did not have the pleasure of knowing Susan, sit back and savor learning what you missed.

I met Susan in 1975 when we both worked at the fledgling *Illinois Times*, a weekly downstate newspaper where I sold advertisements and she was a freelance writer. Susan had a degree in journalism from University of Missouri and immediately put her skills and education to work. Susan and I worked, laughed and helped put out the weekly paper.

In July 1977, a new editor came to lead our team, Fletcher Farrar. As he remembers, “Some called *IT* the New Yorker of the Prairie, and Susan fit the bill with her clever, funny columns and the style she put into her writing. Her main assignment was writing the weekly calendar of events, which was second only to the personal ads as the most popular part of the paper. Susan was just a lot of fun, and we all hated it when she ‘went over to the other side,’ as we called it, to work for Jim Thompson and state government.”

Susan worked for both Governor Jim Thompson and Governor Jim Edgar. She worked in Thompson’s press office and later served more than a decade as deputy director, then director, of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. In these positions, Susan became involved with the long-term planning and development of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) and Foundation. Nicki Stratton, former director of Looking for Lincoln, says, “Susan was very familiar with the rich Lincoln history spread throughout Illinois and saw the importance of statewide outreach for all Lincoln sites.”

Another significant professional role was serving as executive director of Downtown Springfield, Inc. (DSI) from 2002-2004. During that time, she built relationships between nonprofit organizations and state and local elected officials. Megan Pressnall worked with Susan at DSI and says, “Susan always knew just how to ask the right person to volunteer for anything the organization needed – recruiting a preservationist to lead architecture tours and gathering bank presidents to steer the board of trustees. Susan could also craft a speech that was witty, creative and concise.”

As busy as Susan was with her career, she was also involved in Springfield’s Jewish community, including Temple Israel and its Sisterhood and Hadassah. She also participated in the Springfield Junior League where she met Julie Cellini, a community leader working to develop the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, who asked Susan to join in this project. Susan’s passion for our community and her people skills were instrumental in developing a world-renowned historical site honoring our 16<sup>th</sup> president, Abraham Lincoln.

Constructing the ALPLM required millions of dollars in federal and state funding. Susan’s previous working relationships with former governors Thompson and Edgar, plus a longtime friendship with Senator Dick Durbin, made her go-to skills quite important. Durbin, a strong advocate for the creation of the library and museum, said, “Sue combined the savvy of big-league politics and a passion for preserving history with a wicked sense of humor. We had been friends since our kids roamed the sidewalks of Lincoln Avenue together. When I needed an honest ally in pursuit of the ALPLM, Sue could be trusted to give sound advice and make key contacts. She was a major



part of the inside team that brought this integral piece of history to fruition.”

Estie Karpman, Susan’s longtime friend, remembers clearly the day Susan met with her about the planned ALPLM. Susan had been appointed the first chief operating officer of the ALPLM Foundation and asked Estie to join the team as the foundation’s development director. Estie says, “Susan spoke with such passion about this once in-a-lifetime opportunity, not to just give Abe his due, but to make it more than an ordinary presidential museum. It would be a destination for young and old alike, and we have only one shot to do it right!” That “shot” turned out to be successful.

I was always in awe of Susan’s many talents beyond her career. Her artistic talents were recognized by a scholarship to the Art Institute of Chicago. She could paint, make amazing sculptures and create beautiful needlepoint.

Another talent was having a large circle of friends. Sandy Weiss recalls, “When Barry and I moved to Springfield in 1973, Susan was the first person I met. She instantly welcomed me and introduced me to Springfield. Her loving manner allowed us to meet friends, be a part of the community and celebrate Jewish holidays together. Our remarkable friendship lasted 48 years.”

My favorite remembrance was watching Susan with her husband, Jay, and their sons, Josh and Rob – sharing good food, fun, hearing their laughter and tales of dearest grandson, Isaiah.

Susan’s amazing smile and quick wit began to falter as Alzheimer’s developed. Susan succumbed to this disease on July 15. We miss you, dear friend, but you will definitely remain in our memories.

*Julie Dirksen and Susan Mogerman were friends for more than 45 years and also worked together professionally in the formative years of both Illinois Times and the ALPLM. They shared a passion for developing a world-class museum and library to preserve the legacy of our 16<sup>th</sup> President, Abraham Lincoln.*

## In Memoriam

### CHARLES F. “CHUCK” HARRIS

June 23, 1937-June 27, 2021

Charles F. Harris died in Buffalo, Illinois. He had been born in Springfield and spent his life in central Illinois.

He was a member of the Cathedral Boys School class of 1955 where he earned 11 varsity letters. He was married for 61 years to Ursuline Academy graduate Mary Lou Mehlick Harris who survives him, along with six children and 11 grandchildren.

Chuck made a lasting impact on our community through his work as a high school English teacher, coach and yearbook adviser, first at Hartsburg-Emden High School and then for over 27 years at Tri-City High School in Buffalo.

Chuck taught generations of high school students how to write, give a speech and appreciate words and reading, saying often, “Remember, people, you are what you write!” As a baseball and basketball coach, he was a role model to many, teaching them more than just the rules of the game. He embodied the values of hard work, follow-through and discipline. He taught, coached and mentored students and young teachers with love, humor and always with a funny story.

Mr. Harris, as he was referred to, was a beloved teacher, lifelong mentor, influential coach, dedicated friend and loving husband, father and grandfather. He will be missed.

*Submitted by his daughter, Christy Harris Lemak*



### EDWARD M. HETTINGER

July 26, 1928-Aug. 9, 2021

I lost my father after having him for 69 years. Yes, I was blessed, and that’s why it’s been so hard to not have him around anymore. He was born in Chicago and lived through the Great Depression, World War II and the pandemic.

He had a great sense of humor that continued to the very end. He was kind, and a true gentleman. Even though he used a walker, he still held the door open for me and Mom.

He was a meat cutter by trade, working at a grocery store in Chicago and also having his own meat shops at different times. He loved his trade, helping others in many ways, was always positive and liked to reminisce.

He loved Mom for 72 years, along with his love for God. He said prayers before every meal, even in restaurants. He attended Mass regularly and was involved in church in many ways. He even sang in the choir in his 80s. During the pandemic, Mom and Dad would watch two Masses on TV and one on the computer every Sunday. He stayed up-to-date on the computer at 93 years old.

He and Mom had four children, 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. He died just before his last two great-grandchildren were born.

I am so lucky to still have Mom, and Dad is now in the loving arms of Jesus.

*Submitted by his daughter, Joanne Kirchner*



## In Memoriam

### CAROL HOPKINS

May 21, 1949-March 27, 2021

Carol Hopkins was the receptionist for AgeLinc for many years, beginning in May of 2008 until her passing in March of this year. An incredibly hard worker, Carol retired from the Illinois Department of Public Health before beginning work at AgeLinc. To say that she was a shining light for our organization is an understatement. Her sunny attitude, wonderful sense of humor and concern for her co-workers and our clients made working with her every day a joy.

Carol married Joseph Hopkins on Sept. 9, 1995, and their relationship was one to envy. Joe doted on her, and they shared a great love for each other and their dog, Luke. Joe and Luke preceded her in death, and she missed them desperately. We can only take comfort that at least now they are together again.

She was one of the most positive people we have ever worked with and was extremely popular with our clients. We miss her every day.

Submitted by the AgeLinc staff



### JOAN HUGGINS

Oct. 19, 1938-May 13, 2021

In 2016, as members of the Springfield-Decatur Area Alumnae Chapter (SDAAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority promoted the annual Pre-Kwanzaa Expo, a call was received from Joan Huggins, a Delta new to the area, asking how she could assist. From then on, she became an active member of SDAAC – attending meetings, serving as general chairperson for Delta Academy, an enrichment program for eighth grade girls, and chaplain. She attended state meetings, regional conferences and national conventions, even traveling to Okinawa, Japan, for the Delta International Sisterhood Retreat.

An active member of St. Paul AME Church, Joan served as treasurer of the Lay Organization and vice president of the Women's Missionary Society. Her other activities included being a member and vice president of the American Legion Auxiliary, a member and trustee of the Elks Club and a member of the Ebony Royale Red Hat Group.

Because of her commitment to public service, she received the NAACP Senior Citizen Award in 2020.

Joan was very personable and never met a stranger. The Springfield community lost a treasure when she died.

Submitted by her Delta Sigma Theta Sorority sister, Jeanette H. Goza, chapter president



### LAURA RUTH HAGE SCHEMMER

Jan. 18, 1970-Apr. 30, 2021

"I Shall Lift You Up"

Our daughter dedicated her life to helping others overcome difficulties. Teaching was a perfect fit for her. For example, when the parent of one of Laura's fourth graders became unable to transport her daughter to school during the fourth quarter, Laura transported the student daily so the student would not have to change schools at mid-term.

Laura always met you with a smile and grace. She would inspire you to the next platform. Over 400 friends met at the Crowne Plaza in November to honor and remember her 51 years.

We miss you, kid!

Submitted by her parents, Ken and Fran Hage



TONY LEONE Sept. 1, 1950-Feb. 3, 2021

# Ambassador for Springfield

REMEMBERING | Karen Ackerman Witter

Tony Leone was a self-proclaimed ambassador for Springfield with deep roots in the capital city. His parents and grandparents lived their entire lives in Springfield. Tony owned his grandfather's home, which had been in the family for 100 years. Always the entrepreneur, he was developing it into a coffeehouse featuring Springfield memorabilia prior to his untimely death. Tony once said he would die with his boots on; that he did.

Tony grew up in a north-end neighborhood, an ethnic melting pot of blue-collar workers. He lived across the street from St. Aloysius Catholic Church where he went to school. He graduated from the all-boys Griffin High School. There he learned to get along with many different people, which was instrumental in his political career. He stayed local and attended Springfield College and University of Illinois Springfield, earning a degree in economics.

Tony detested urban sprawl, lamented the erosion of close-knit neighborhoods and missed the vibrant Springfield downtown he frequented as a child. He bemoaned the demise of the neighborhood of Italian immigrants surrounding his grandfather's home following construction of the Willard Ice Building. It's no wonder he became a champion for Springfield and strong proponent of historic preservation and tourism.

Restoring the Pasfield House near the State Capitol was Tony's pride and joy. He raised community awareness of the significant impact three generations of George Pasfields had on Springfield. Tony transformed the Pasfield House into a vibrant bed-and-breakfast and event venue, filled with books, art and memorabilia relating to Abraham Lincoln, state and local history and politics. Tony hosted Mardi Gras parties, Fourth of July celebrations, political gatherings and culinary events. He loved being innkeeper – his second act following a high-level political career.

For decades, Tony was involved in the inner workings of state and local government. He played important roles on issues related to elections, campaign finance and lobbyist registration requirements that are better understood by those on the inside of government and politics.

Rupert Borgsmiller, longtime director of the State Board of Elections, was an intern when he first met Tony, who was working at the board to implement new requirements for campaign finance disclosure. He says Tony always had an idea to help improve a situation. In the mid-1980s, Tony developed an electronic campaign finance reporting system, which Borgsmiller says was the first of its kind and 10 years ahead of the curve.

Politics was a big part of Tony's life. His mother had a major influence. She was a bookkeeper who for almost 30 years did accounting for the Sangamon County GOP. Tony volunteered for a variety of political campaigns. He was executive director of the Sangamon County Republican Foundation for many years.

In 1979, George Ryan tapped Tony to serve as assistant clerk of the Illinois House of Representatives. When Ryan was elected speaker in 1981, Tony became clerk. Tony continued to serve as assistant clerk from 1983-1992. Ryan and Tony developed an undying friendship. As secretary of state, Ryan appointed Tony director of the Index Department, overseeing administration of public disclosure laws, including campaign financing, lobbyist registration and reporting and governmental ethics.

Tony was chair of the Sangamon County Board of Review, State

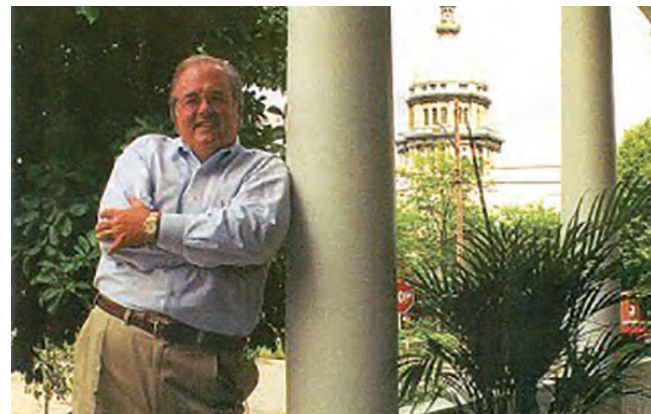


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Property Tax Appeal Board and Springfield Rules and Regulations Review Commission. He founded Leone & Associates lobbying firm in 1995. He was involved in the early years of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and served on the Historic Preservation Agency Board. Tony was a powerful voice on issues he cared about deeply. Not everyone agreed with him, but that was never a deterrent for Tony.

Tony valued his lifelong friends. "Tony was a good friend, which is hard to find these days," said George Ryan. He talked to Tony several times a week and says he misses him greatly. "If he was your friend, he was your friend," said Ryan.

Borgsmiller, who met Tony through the State Board of Elections, said, "Tony was genuine and always trying to help people."

Frank Giganti, a friend of Tony's since high school, describes Tony as trustworthy, caring, empathetic, loyal and supportive through good times and bad. "The days are a little less bright without him," he said.

Tony was proud to be named the Historic Preservationist of the Year by the Springfield Historic Sites Commission in 2011 and to have the Pasfield House featured on the 2014 annual Springfield City Ornament. He also had fun coauthoring the 2019 book, *Springfield's Celebrated Horseshoe Sandwich*.

Cathy Cragoe was Tony's devoted partner for more than 20 years. They met at the Illinois State Fair in August 2000. She says Tony was a people person who enjoyed many different interests and touched many lives. They delighted in having international exchange students work at the Pasfield House.

"Tony was a teacher and mentor to them," said Cathy. They enjoyed maintaining a friendship with their first students from Romania.

Cathy always proofread Tony's many letters to the editor and articles. "I found him fascinating. He was also kind, generous and fun. He is a Springfield citizen who loved his town, state and country."

*Karen Ackerman Witter knew Tony Leone for over 42 years. She interacted with Tony when she was associate director of the Illinois State Museum and he was involved with the Pasfield House and ALPLM. She first met Tony through her husband, Randy. Tony was an usher at Karen and Randy's wedding in 1979.*

**WILLIAM “BILL” L. BOYD** Jan. 11, 1931-Feb. 7, 2021

# Always there to help

REMEMBERING | Justin Blandford

Bill Boyd was always there to help, whatever was needed. That’s what you hear when you talk to people who knew Bill well and served alongside him during the decades he devoted to Springfield. He was a tremendously effective leader, a devoted husband and father and an esteemed mentor to many individuals. His kindness, sound judgment and work ethic left an indelible mark in our community through multiple institutions and organizations.

And if you knew Bill, you knew Carolyn. They were married on July 31, 1955, in Gahanna, Ohio. To witness their love for each other was simply beautiful. Carolyn preceded him in death on Jan. 28, 2015, and the two are buried together at Camp Butler National Cemetery.

Bill served our country as a corpsman in the Navy during the Korean War. Following his military service, he earned a bachelor’s degree from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, and a master’s degree in health care administration from the University of Chicago. Bill enjoyed a long career of 35 years with Memorial Medical Center. During his career he oversaw historic periods of growth, supported the creation of SIU School of Medicine and served as an interim president. Bill retired as vice president of Memorial Medical Center in 1992.

He did so much and made it look so easy. He was a longtime member of Christ Episcopal Church, serving on the vestry and managing the building and grounds. He was active in the Episcopal Diocese, Boy Scout Troop 7 and the Old State Capitol Foundation. One of his favorite investments of time was serving for many years as executive director of Memorial’s Festival of Trees. In addition, he played in several bagpipe bands and was a long-standing official with the Illini Striders Track and Field team. His level of commitment made it appear as if he were always just around a corner, always here to help. His legacy is a call to action to be involved in our community, but first, involved at home.

I remember meeting Bill through Downtown Springfield, Inc. One of my favorite stories dates back to August 2004, when Victoria Ringer, who would grow very close to Bill and Carolyn, started as the organization’s new executive director. Victoria was more than a little surprised when she learned early on that DSI was heavily involved in decorating the downtown for the holidays. The intimidating task turned into a formidable feat when only one volunteer stepped forward to rewire and resuscitate 220 wreaths. That one volunteer, however, was Bill Boyd. According to Victoria, “Bill chipped away at the assignment several days a week for three months until all the wreaths looked fantastic.” Next, he led the effort to hang the wreaths throughout the downtown. During other seasons, Bill methodically walked the sidewalks of downtown to note cracks and damage for DSI to report to the city for repair. For these efforts, which he repeated many times, Bill received the DSI Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009.

It is fitting to publish this tribute to Bill while the spirit of the holiday season is still in the air. Over a very long period of time, he helped create special memories for countless families, first through Festival of Trees and later through his commitment to downtown. It is interesting that this year, the year we lost Bill, Festival of Trees has evolved into Holiday Fest and relocated downtown. This community collaboration would make Bill smile – and he had a great smile.

Whether you knew him or not, you’ll miss him now that he’s gone. In memory of Bill Boyd, let us recommit ourselves – to our neighbors and our community – to be always here to help, whatever is needed. May the light of God’s face shine upon Bill and Carolyn Boyd.

*Justin Blandford is the superintendent of Springfield’s state historic sites. He became friends with Bill by serving together during a variety of DSI and Old State Capitol Foundation events.*



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**LEONARD LIEBERMAN** Sept. 23, 1947-Nov. 9, 2021

# Lobbyist for society's vulnerable

**REMEMBERING Rabbi Barry Marks**

When Len Lieberman was hired in 1981 to be the Government Affairs Director for the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, he had found his dream job. In his previous positions working for the state, he had acquired an impressive knowledge of state government and of the legislative process that would serve him in good stead. He was deeply committed to and involved in Jewish communal life, and he was a passionate believer in society's obligation to care for its most vulnerable members.

Len and Chicago's Jewish Federation were pioneers. When he was hired, he was one of the first legislative lobbyists to work full time for a Jewish Federation. Such positions now exist in almost every state. Although hired by Chicago, Len saw himself as representing the interests of the entire Illinois Jewish community. His work touched on a wide range of issues, including hate crime legislation and accommodations made for the religious practices of the Jewish community. Len's main focus, however, was on safeguarding and supporting the health care, welfare and social service programs of the Jewish Federation and ensuring that they were adequately funded, so that they could serve those in need – the ailing, the elderly, the disabled, the impoverished, the abused and the newly arrived immigrant. He cultivated legislators on both sides of the aisle, forged alliances with spokespersons for other charitable and nonprofit groups and earned the respect of lawmakers and colleagues alike over the course of a 30-year career. When middle school students from Jewish schools in Chicago visited Springfield for their tour of the state capital, he would enjoy making a presentation to them about the work of the Government Affairs Office. He had the opportunity to mentor interns in his office about the workings of state government and remained in touch with many of them over the years.

A humorous sidenote: Len's wardrobe had previously consisted of bold plaids and bright colors. Now having to represent the Jewish community during session on an almost daily basis and to speak with legislators and other state officials, Len made a hurried trip to St. Louis and bought some conservative-looking suits for himself in black, navy and pinstripe, as would befit the dignity of his new position.

Len and his wife, Gail, who had a distinguished career at the State Board of Education, were part of a wave of young Jews who came to Springfield during the expansion of state government in the 1970s and the founding years of Sangamon State University and SIU School of Medicine, most of them from Chicago, St. Louis or other metropolitan areas. Len and Gail joined Temple Israel, and both took on active roles as participants in, leaders of and generous donors to the synagogue and the Jewish Federation of Springfield.

Len served a term as president of Temple Israel, was a regular Saturday morning worshipper and was actively involved in fundraising efforts for the Temple and in ensuring the congregation's long-range financial viability. When church or college groups came to observe a Jewish worship service, he warmly welcomed them and sat with them during the refreshment hour following services to answer their questions.

For many years Len chaired the *Chevre Kadisha* ("sacred society"), which prepares the bodies of the deceased for burial, and which administers the congregation's plot at Oak Ridge Cemetery. In Jewish tradition, this is considered a *mitzvah*, a good



deed of the highest order. Len organized the annual cleanup each summer by Temple volunteers of the congregational section at Oak Ridge and was appointed by the mayor to serve on the Oak Ridge Board.

Len's father had died when he was a teen, leaving his mother, Rae, to raise three young sons on her own. Len was a devoted son to Rae, who came to live in Springfield in her later years. Len and Gail were married for over 40 years. When Gail was diagnosed with cancer, Len took early retirement to care for her and to travel with her to some of the destinations on her "bucket list." Len was close to his brothers, Marcus and Arnold, and there were frequent trips to Las Vegas and Albuquerque to visit with them and their wives. In his last years, Len found comfort in spending time with his daughter, Miriam, and her husband, Matt, traveling with them or having dinner at their home, where Miriam prepared some of Len's favorite dishes.

Len's civic and communal involvement was not limited to the Jewish community. He volunteered for Parents Anonymous, was active in the alumni association of his and Gail's alma mater, Northern Illinois University, and, following his retirement, took an active role in Lincoln Land Community College's Academy of Lifelong Learning, which he served for a time as president.

Len was a diehard Chicago White Sox fan, an intrepid traveler and a lover of games of every sort – backgammon, bridge and poker. He was the convener of not one, but two, local poker groups, whose sessions he referred to as "choir practice."

Len received many honors during his life – from Northern Illinois University, from the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, and from the local Jewish community, among others. His legacy endures in the good that he accomplished through his work and through his personal generosity and kindness; his memory is a blessing.

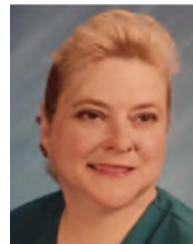
*Barry Marks was Len Lieberman's rabbi and friend for more than 40 years.*

## In Memoriam

**DAVIE SUE RAKER**

Dec. 3, 1948-April 12, 2021

Davie Sue Raker was born in East St. Louis and spent her pre-school years in Dupo, Illinois. Her family moved to Springfield where she attended West Grand School, Franklin Middle School and Springfield High School, from where she graduated in 1966. She played in the high school band, was a member of Les Bas and the National Honor Society, a Girl Scout Mariner and also participated in a folk singing group, the Folky Niners, that performed at community events.



After graduation, she attended the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC). She graduated in 1970 with a degree in social studies and a later earned a master's degree in English.

With fond memories of Dupo, Sue applied for and was hired as a history teacher at Dupo High School, where she found her true calling. She talked about the thrill she got when "that light bulb went on." She coached pep club, cheerleaders and girls' volleyball, in addition to her teaching duties. She served as head of the English department for 32 years. She began the Advanced Placement program and sponsored the Model United Nations team for 16 years. In 1984, the Dupo team was chosen the outstanding team for the entire region. She began and taught the ACT prep course, mentored beginning teachers and had 10 student teachers. Proud of UIUC, she took groups of students there to see the campus and possibly attend.

In 1992, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville cited her as a Teacher of Excellence. She received an entry into Who's Who Among American Teachers and became a member of the Dupo High Hall of Fame. She was considered a strict but fair teacher, and several of her former students wrote glowing remarks on her memorial page.

She had many hobbies and compiled a Raker family genealogy. She enjoyed traveling in the U.S. and abroad, quilting and playing Trivial Pursuit weekly.

*Submitted by her friend, Katharine Dehen*

**MARY FRAN RALPH**

Aug. 14, 1934-April 24, 2021

Mary Fran Ralph passed away gently and quietly at Lewis Memorial Christian Village surrounded by love and peace. She was born in Springfield, the daughter of Elmer and Rose (Brunner) Ralph.



Mary was known for living her life as a quiet Christian, focusing on service to others in her personal and professional life. She was a woman of integrity, humility, compassion and faith. She has been described as loving, gentle and kind by those who knew her.

Mary was grateful to be a graduate of the St. John's College of Nursing and worked as a nurse anesthetist for 44 years. She then embraced a second career working as a realtor/broker in Springfield until her retirement.

A memorial gathering was held for Mary on May 3, 2021, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Springfield, followed by a Memorial Mass of Christian Burial officiated by Reverend Manuel P. Cuizon. Inurnment was at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

*Submitted by her family*



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**YAVUZ I. GONULSEN** Aug. 2, 1936-Feb. 7, 2021

**AYDIN O. GONULSEN** Feb. 15, 1943-July 6, 2021

# Soccer missionaries

**REMEMBERING James Krohe Jr.**

In the 1960s, missionaries from such foreign places as Greece and England and South America and New York City landed on Springfield's barbarian shore. They introduced to the natives a new gospel that had conquered the rest of the world – soccer. Some had been players at home, others just fans, but all loved the game and like all enthusiasts wanted everyone in their adopted home to love it too.

Fittingly they spread the word via the local branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, which sponsored a men's team whose members became organizers, referees and coaches to build their new church. Prominent among them were the Gonulsen brothers, Yavuz and Aydin, proud sons of Izmir, Turkey (the famed ancient city of Smyrna), on Turkey's Aegean coast.

Yavuz was born in 1936. He came to America in the 1950s and earned a degree in civil engineering from Oklahoma State University. He came to Springfield to work for the Illinois Department of Transportation, where he stayed for more than 40 years. (Fittingly, he was a bridge builder.) IDOT in those days was the closest thing that Springfield still had to an ethnic neighborhood, and several of the founding fathers of the city's soccer movement worked there.

The Gonulsens did more than preach the gospel. They and members of the Y Soccer Club ministered to the ignorant through workshops and summer camps and did good works in the form of coaching and refereeing, even lining and mowing the fields. They importuned the powers that be to set up varsity school teams and, when District 186 balked, the club promised to supply volunteer referees and coaches and raised money for facilities.

Yavuz was a keen athlete away from his desk – he was a member of the Springfield Road Runners and the Springfield Ski Club and ran a dozen marathons – but soccer was his boyhood game. In 1977 I described in these pages a typical game in which Yavuz managed to be match official and coach and cheerleader in a game between teams of under-8-year-olds playing in the Y's youth soccer league. I noted how, after he'd blown a whistle signaling an improper throw-in, he might offer a few words of advice to the child on how to do it right next time, perhaps even a demonstration, adding, "He yells encouragement – 'ya, ya' – as he scrambles over the pitch, stopping ya, ya here and there to inquire after the health of a fallen player, leading the charge at halftime on chilly days to the refreshment stand for hot chocolate. He is much loved by the soccer people."

If Yavuz was, as many referred to him, the grandfather of soccer in Springfield, his six-years-younger brother, Aydin, was a creature of the game. An All-American player at North Carolina's Warren Wilson College, where he set the school's single-season goal-scoring record, Aydin from 1968 to 1976 was the coordinator of the YMCA youth soccer program and the first athletic director and head soccer coach at the then-Sangamon State University (in 1977), which he led to three national championships. The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, the small-college NCAA, twice named him national Coach of the Year and inducted him into



Aydin, left, and Yavuz Gonulsen

its hall of fame in 2000 for his life achievements as a coach, recruiter and international ambassador for the sport. In 2002 Aydin also was inducted into the Springfield Sports Hall of Fame.

Whatever his passport said, Aydin was a familiar American type. He worked his way through college but disdained a life at a desk. Aydin was a soccer entrepreneur, a proselyte, a hustler. (Said one player about his recruiting pitch, "He could sell a tank on a used car lot.") He built a team from scratch, a collegiate program, soccer camps, even a stadium for SSU, and in the process built a career for himself.

Like most brothers, the Gonulsens were not much alike. In the Y team, it was probably inevitable that the older brother would be the team manager, the rule-giver, while the younger and brasher one was the show-off star player. Yavuz was kind (off the field anyway), soft-spoken and reserved, Aydin voluble and emotional, Yavuz dapper in tweeds and turtlenecks, Aydin more comfortable in a tracksuit.

To reflect on the lives of the Gonulsen brothers is to reflect on the ways that immigrants have made and continue to enrich Springfield life. Yavuz certainly did. He once remarked to a colleague that the work of him and his brother and their soccer compatriots in building the game in the capital was "our contribution to America." It's a little late now, but thank you.

*James Krohe Jr., a founding scribe for Illinois Times, was famous in the 1980s for the Saturday morning parties he hosted at his Monroe Street home to watch international soccer on TV.*

## In Memoriam

**ELAINE DIANE ROTH**  
Oct. 14, 1934-Oct. 7, 2021

Elaine Diane Roth was the picture of kindness. She always had a smile that was gentle and contagious, and she rarely had a conversation that didn't mention Jesus. Her unwavering love for our Lord, her selfless nature and the way the Holy Spirit shown through her made Elaine special.



She had a servant's heart of gold that was evident through her nursing career and the numerous ways she volunteered in her community. She had a heart so full of love for her neighbor, it spilled over into two more generations of daughters and grandchildren who also chose paths in health care. She spent her days loving her family well, keeping up with dear friends, making memories with her great-grandchildren, attending horse shows, celebrating holidays and birthdays and playing Skip-Bo.

One of her last conversations included how she couldn't wait to meet Jesus and how we needed to continue to lead people to Him. May she be remembered as a teacher, an encourager, a fierce prayer warrior, a gracious loser, a humble winner, a brilliant card player and, most importantly, an incredible mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who passed on a strong faith that will inspire generations to come.

*Submitted by her granddaughters, Alaina Griffin and Courtney Cave*

**CARLA STROEMER**  
June 13, 1932-July 3, 2021

I lost my mom and my best friend six months ago. She was an amazing person, funny and fun, opinionated, political, religious and smart.



She lusted after Clark Gable, adored John Kennedy, worshipped Jesus Christ, idolized her father, enjoyed music, dancing, Jack Daniels and an occasional cigarette. She loved to read. She loved to collect. She also loved a good party! She was an artist and an animal lover.

I was very fortunate to have my mom close so that my family and I could share her life. My girls grew up with her in their lives every day and we endured the ups and downs of life together. We spent quite a lot of time together.

I miss her every day and still can't believe she's gone. I sometimes expect to see her playing solitaire at the kitchen table or I want to tell her something and then I realize she's not here.

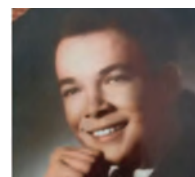
We had many adventures and laughed a lot. Her influence is reflected in every aspect of my being. She helped me to be a better person and instilled in me an appreciation of life and the importance of kindness.

I think her greatest gift was her ability to provide unconditional love in words, actions, thoughts and prayers. I love you, Mom.

*Submitted by her daughter, Karen Stroemer*

**LARRY EUGENE MORRIS**  
April 1, 1949-Nov. 25, 2021

Larry Eugene Morris died on Thanksgiving Day this year. I met Larry some 65 years ago. He was my oldest and dearest friend. We were like brothers.



Larry enlisted in the U.S. Navy and then the U.S. Army, serving for more than 20 years, including several tours in Vietnam. He was a well-decorated veteran with many medals, including the Silver Star and Bronze Star. He was a lifetime and active member of the Northenders V.F.W., Vietnam Veterans of America Post 534, honor guard and took part in Disabled American Veterans activities.

Even though we didn't see him often as his career had him stationed all over, we did keep in touch. Whenever he came back home on leave before or after deployment, we always got together and had a good time. Larry came back here to live after his wife of 22 years passed away. That was twelve years ago.

Larry was like a jack of all trades. There wasn't anything he wouldn't do for his family and friends.

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*Submitted by his friend, Dennis Bierbaum*



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**SELVARINE JONES** Jan. 26, 1960-Oct. 14, 2021

# Playwright, dancer, mentor in the arts

REMEMBERING | Kenneth Lowe

In her 61 years of life, Selvarine Jones worked everywhere from restaurants and retail to city government, the faith community and in the arts, where she mentored dancers and brought a new rhythm to her church and to the Springfield Area Arts Council. To those she mentored and associated with in Springfield, she was known as a playwright and a dancer.

But to her family, including twin sister Elmada Meek, she became the glue that held the family together when their mother passed away. Meek said both daughters were raised by a working mother and their grandmother, and started working themselves at a young age. They also danced.

"It started off with praise dance in the church," Elmada recalled. "We were one of the first to actually bring praise dance to the church in Springfield. We became well-known in the community for praise dance and working with youth, and a friend approached us about opening a dance studio."

The sisters opened up a dance studio together in 90s, during the same time Jones - Selvar to her sister and friends - was working with the city of Springfield. In her long career, she also produced a local talk show on public access Channel 4 and produced videos for the State of Illinois' Central Management Services.

And then there were the arts, a passion her sister said started to shine through after she worked with CMS. Though family always came first, Meek said, it was clear her sister had an artist's drive.

"When it became her passion, it was clear that she should've followed that path," Meek said.

High school classmate and dance collaborator Derrick Stapleton, now president of Frontiers International's Springfield chapter, was among those who performed at Jones' funeral. He lent his vocal talents to collaborate with the sisters at their dance studio and said Jones' dancing skills brought versatility to the local arts scene.

"Because of their gift, Selvarine and Elmada were able to do different dance routines for different sorts of programs," Stapleton said. Of their dance studio, he said, "It was an opportunity for the community to connect in some kind of way to whatever their passion was, or to introduce them to new things."

Penny Wollan-Kriel served as executive director of the Springfield Area Arts Council during Jones' time on its board. She said she most remembers Jones' passion for dance and her efforts to bring diversity to the Council's programming.

"It was a different element of dance, in that it was not the ballet that so many people see, that she brought," Wollan-Kriel said. "It was also the diversity in presentation that we might not have had otherwise within the dance genre. And she was vibrant. She was a joy to work with."

Wollan-Kriel said she actually had not been aware Selvar and Elmada were twins, although according to Meek, she and her sister got up to the sort of mischief twins sometimes will. During their stint as servers at Tops Big Boy, Meek said her sister had developed a group of friendly regulars. As a prank, Jones had the sisters trade nametags and coached her sister on how to impersonate her. Hilariously, it worked, Meek said.

The girls would repeat the trick in school, swapping identities to cover for one another's weak subjects. Their fellow students were in on it, but Meek said the teachers were none the wiser.

It was an early glimmer of the performer in her sister, Meek said. "I think those were the early signs of what kind of a character



she was, and her pivotal role as, not an actress, but a sign that she had this ability to put on a different face," she said.

Another lifelong constant was her sister's faith, Meek said. Later in life, Jones attended Lincoln Christian University in Lincoln, where she received an associate's degree in biblical studies, graduating magna cum laude. Meek said her sister's faith anchored the rest of her accomplishments.

"When she became involved in the church, it was like she had a calling," Meek said. "And that calling led her to not only further her education in the Christian faith, but it also helped her balance her life. It allowed her to have time for everything else she did. Because her life was very balanced and her faith was important to her, it just seemed like everything fit."

Jones leaves behind an unfinished body of work that was to include a documentary about a local restaurateur and a play about Richard Allen, founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Those kinds of passion projects defined her sister's life and legacy in Springfield, Meek said.

"I feel that my sister really became a part of history in Springfield," she said. "The things she did got recognized in little ways, but I just think that's why you can look at her now and realize how much she's done. She never talked about and never boasted about anything she was doing. But it became evident when you saw the finished product."

*Many times the people who teach us a life skill or provide us a role model for our creative drive and passion are not the folks who make headlines. For Kenneth Lowe, it was a great privilege to speak to the people who danced and sang alongside Selvarine Jones during a lifetime where she gave those gifts to so many.*



**KRESTON RAE LIPSCOMB** March 23, 1953-Sept. 28, 2021

## “A warm smile and an open ear”

**REMEMBERING Laura Lipscomb**

I remember a day in elementary school when I spent an afternoon with my dad. After a quick lunch at Cozy Dog, we went to Jewel Osco for groceries. Dad picked up a few items for the house and then grabbed some cat food. We didn't have a cat. After we checked out, we walked around behind the building to say hi to one of his friends. The woman sitting behind the grocery store was happy to see us. They chatted for a few minutes and he introduced me, we gave her the cat food, and we left. My dad told me on the drive home that she was usually back there by herself and he suspected she might sleep there in the field. He said she always welcomed his visits and she loved the stray cats who hung around, so he liked to help her with food for them once in a while.

That was my dad. Kres Lipscomb paid attention to people, got to know them. He checked on them and he did it quietly behind the scenes. He greeted everyone he met with a warm smile and an open ear.

Kreston Lipscomb, Kres as he was better known, was born in Parkersville, West Virginia, in 1953. He and his brother, Marc, were raised by their mother, Marian Russell. They moved to Dixon, Illinois, as kids and stayed there throughout their childhood. He was a graduate of Dixon High School, North Central College and Bethany Theological Seminary. He served as a pastor for 45 years, most recently at First Church of the Brethren in Springfield, from 1986 to 2018.

Kres was happily married for 45 years to Elizabeth Scudder Lipscomb. They began dating in high school in Dixon, and after some time on and off, were married in 1976. They raised three daughters together – Corinne, Rebecca and me. Our parents were dedicated supporters of each other and us. They worked together on everything. In our household, Dad often shopped and cooked dinner and Mom could be found doing handiwork around the house. They shared passions for social justice, the environment and numerous vacations to national parks around the country. Neither of them grew up in Springfield, but they found a community here and were quick to become a part of it. They valued family and faith.

Kres and Liz lost their son, our brother Andrew, in 1982. In the

late 80s, they started leading SHARE at St. John's Hospital, a monthly support group for parents who lost children to infant death. In their over 25 years of leading the group, they met with hundreds of parents. The group was very special to them. “Many of us met in a time of grief and survived to remain friends long after,” Liz says of their SHARE community.

Kirk Herren talks about his time at SHARE: “Kreston was a humble man who deeply cared about the parents he and Liz helped. They both attended countless memorial events, funerals and did so many good things for others.”

Pastor Kres' sermons often carried themes of social justice, service work and peaceful living. In his 32 years at First Church of the Brethren, he challenged the congregation to embrace these themes. He encouraged many outreach projects of the church – packing school supplies for refugees, praying around the peace pole, volunteering with Compass for Kids, preparing holiday meals for homebound seniors. Any time people gathered in the church, Pastor Kres could be found wandering with a cup of coffee, talking to whomever he could catch.

Longtime friend Patty Drake remembers crossing paths with Kres several times throughout the last 30 years. “It started with peace work during the Gulf War, lots of hours working on the fair trade sale every December, and Thanksgiving and Christmas meal deliveries.” Patty remembers preparing those meals with her daughter and says, “Kres always reminded us that we might be the only person that the people we deliver to may talk to that day. We prayed, we sang and we all felt the camaraderie in that basement before we left. I am grateful to have known Kres and will remember him as a person who put his faith into action. A lesson we could all learn. Peace.”

My dad was a familiar face around Springfield. Whether he was at high school cross country meets, standing at a peace rally, welcoming people to the church or having coffee at the Hometown Pantry, Kres Lipscomb wanted to know the people around him.

*Laura Lipscomb of Springfield, daughter, mother, barista and gardener, continues her parents' legacy of faith-inspired activism for peace and justice.*

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**CORINNE WOOD** May 28, 1954-May 18, 2021

# First female lieutenant governor for Illinois

**REMEMBERING | Kenneth Lowe**

The Illinois GOP of 1998 had room for candidates like Corinne Wood of Lake Forest, who, as a freshman House representative, threw her hat into the ring to serve alongside Republican Governor George Ryan as lieutenant governor. She would be the first woman to ever hold the post in the state's history. For some of those who worked alongside her in her efforts to influence public policy in the years since, her death this year highlights how different the Illinois GOP of today has become.

"We had a great relationship," Ryan said, recalling his time working with Wood. "She was a great lieutenant governor and was always there to help me."

For Ryan, Wood was key to balancing the ticket of his 1998 race for governor. He had, as he recalled, "problems with women" in light of his opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment in his role as speaker of the Illinois House. Wood was perceived as a more centrist Republican, in particular due to her pro-choice stance on abortion. Ryan said he was approached by a group urging him to make a female Republican his running mate, and after an interview process, she emerged as the best candidate.

"I was to the right politically, certainly she was more to the left of me, and we felt that it was a good balance on the ticket, to have somebody who could talk to people on the left," Ryan recalled. "She was a good fit for me because she helped me work through those problems."

Wood was known for an incisive approach to policy, always ready with a barrage of tough questions. Madeleine Doubek, formerly a reporter with the Arlington Heights *Daily Herald* who covered Wood, had the tables turned on her when she became executive director of CHANGE Illinois and found herself on the receiving end of Wood's questions. Wood served on the board of CHANGE Illinois, which fights for redistricting reform.

"When I was the one being asked the questions, I came to appreciate even more fully what a brilliant master of strategy she was," Doubek said. "She asked me a lot of tough, incisive questions, and it wasn't ever the case where she was phoning it in. She expected a lot, and she demanded a lot."

Wood's work with CHANGE Illinois was a highlight of a career that was often focused on ethics, Doubek said.

"She was very committed to improving ethics in Illinois and



very much committed to the battle to try to end gerrymandering, and she was a key contributor to shaping our strategy on various attempts over the years to get an independent redistricting commission in Illinois," Doubek said.

Terry Cosgrove, president and CEO of Personal PAC, recalled not only Wood's tough questions, but her principled stand on pro-choice matters. She was, he said, not one to put on kid gloves or hide what she thought.

"Anti-choicers introduced a bill that made the erroneous connection between abortion and breast cancer, and as a survivor of breast cancer, she was outraged that they were manipulating medical facts to fit their agenda," Cosgrove recalled. "She killed the bill by going to the committee and testifying against it as a breast cancer survivor. My respect for her grew immensely when she did that, because she stood up for what she believed in. As you know, in politics, that can sometimes be a rarity."

As a pro-choice Republican, Wood was not so uncommon in the Illinois GOP of the late 90s. Largely because of Wood's stance, Cosgrove said he voted in the Republican primary in 2002, supporting Wood's candidacy for governor in the hopes of taking abortion politics off the table. Now, he said, the GOP in Illinois has become staunchly anti-choice. Wood came in third in that primary.

Cosgrove spoke with *Illinois Times* on the same day the U.S.

Supreme Court heard oral arguments in a Mississippi abortion case that advocates fear could overturn *Roe v. Wade*. In one way, Wood's passing highlights a total shift in the Illinois GOP, which, Cosgrove said, has become radical on abortion even as the supposedly pro-life party argues against things like COVID-19 vaccine mandates. He said he often wonders how Republicans in Wood's mold feel about the change.

"There is not a single pro-choice Republican left in the state of Illinois in elected office," Cosgrove said. "That's what's so frustrating: The Republicans are so right-wing."

Wood fought the metastatic breast cancer that eventually claimed her life even as she stepped up to run alongside Ryan. Though it wasn't a secret, Wood didn't want it to dominate headlines.

"I think it was a few months after our election that I found out she was struggling with breast cancer, but she was in remission and was handling it very well," Ryan said.

"I think that she was a very engaged and committed public servant, but she also loved her family very much. Very quietly, for 15 or more years, she waged a courageous battle against breast cancer and very rarely let the people of Illinois know what was going on," Doubek said, saying that news of Wood's death came as a surprise to her. "She really wanted to not make that battle the center of everybody's focus on her."

Wood was visible in Illinois politics long after she left the electoral landscape, standing alongside then-Gov. Bruce Rauner when, in 2017, he signed controversial legislation expanding the state's public funding of abortions for low-income women and eliminated a provision some argued would have made abortion illegal in the event *Roe v. Wade* is ever overturned.

"I think it has always been a challenge but is just more magnified right now: Someone in her mold would probably have a very difficult time getting out of a primary," Doubek said. "And yet, I think that someone in her mold could have a real shot in a general election."

*Kenneth Lowe once served in a lieutenant governor's office and has followed Illinois politics for some time. For him, the passing of Corinne Wood was like the passing of an age.*

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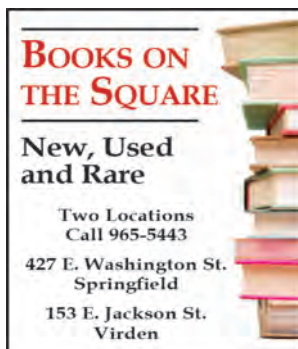
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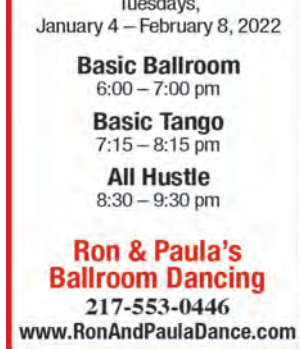
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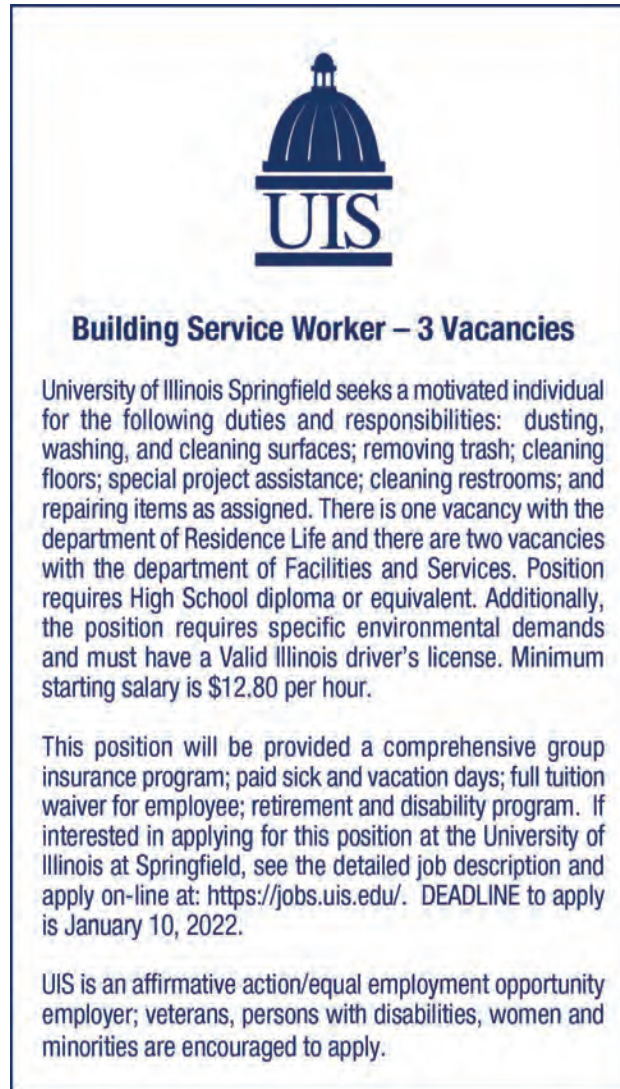
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**Real Estate Foreclosure**  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH  
 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
 WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL AS-  
 SOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE  
 MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-4, ASSET-  
 BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-4  
 Plaintiff,  
 -v.-  
 MARY JO HANSEN, STATE OF ILLINOIS  
 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
 Defendants  
 20 CH 000012  
 NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE  
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
 pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and  
 Sale entered in the above cause on De-  
 cember 30, 2020, the Sheriff of Sangamon  
 County will at 9:00 AM on January 25,  
 2022, at the Sangamon County Court-  
 house, 200 S. Ninth Street, SPRINGFIELD,  
 IL, 62701, sell at public auction to the  
 highest bidder for cash, as set forth below,  
 the following described real estate:  
 Commonly known as  
 524 W. FAYETTE AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD,  
 IL 62704  
 Property Index No. 14-33.0-407-008  
 The real estate is improved with a single  
 family residence.  
 The judgment amount was \$94,453.46.  
 Sale terms: 10% down of the highest  
 bid by certified funds at the close of  
 the auction; the balance, including the  
 Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential  
 Property Municipality Relief Fund, which  
 is calculated on residential real estate  
 at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or  
 fraction thereof of the amount paid by the  
 purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified  
 funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours.  
 The subject property is subject to general  
 real estate taxes, special assessments,  
 or special taxes levied against said real  
 estate and is offered for sale without any  
 representation as to quality or quantity of  
 title and without recourse to Plaintiff and  
 in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further  
 subject to confirmation by the court.  
 Upon payment in full of the amount bid,  
 the purchaser will receive a Certificate of  
 Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a  
 deed to the real estate after confirmation  
 of the sale  
 The property will NOT be open for inspec-  
 tion and plaintiff makes no representation  
 as to the condition of the property. Pro-  
 spective bidders are admonished to check  
 the court file to verify all information. If this  
 property is a condominium unit, the pur-  
 chaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale,  
 other than a mortgagee shall pay the as-  
 sessments and the legal fees required by  
 The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS  
 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a  
 condominium unit which is part of a com-  
 mon interest community, the purchaser of  
 the unit at the foreclosure sale other than  
 a mortgagee shall pay the assessments  
 required by The Condominium Property  
 Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).  
 IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-  
 OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN  
 IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER  
 ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN  
 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C)  
 OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLO-  
 SURE LAW.  
 For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney:  
 Alexander Potestivo, POTESIVO & ASSOCI-  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PRAIRIE STATE BANK & TRUST, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, v. KEVIN WICKER, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
No.: 2021CH000095  
NOTICE OF COURT SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. The sale shall be subject to Court approval. Buyer will be entitled to possession 30 days after the sale is confirmed by the Court.  
(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Samuel J. Witsman Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055  
(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 418 North Fourth Street, Illiopolis, Illinois 62539  
(C) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: Approximately 1,976 square foot 1.5 story residence with 4 bedrooms and 1 bath.  
(D) No times have been specified in the judgment of foreclosure for inspection of the real estate prior to sale.  
(E) The time and place of the sale are: Time: 9:00 a.m. on February 1, 2022 Place: Sangamon County Courthouse Second Floor Boardroom 200 South 9th Street Springfield, Illinois 62701  
(F) The terms of the sale are: Cash at the time of the sale.  
(G) Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances prior to the mortgage of Prairie State Bank & Trust, all general real estate taxes, special assessments if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all encroachments, if any. PRAIRIE STATE BANK & TRUST, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff Samuel J. Witsman (ARDC #6193744) Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 switsman@hswnet.com  
NOTE: This communication is made for the purpose of collecting a debt. Any information obtained in response to this communication may be used for that purpose.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT  
Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of November, 2021, a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that: Binh Hai Cao intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit: B Nails and Spa and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principal place of said business is located at: 3421 Freedom Drive, Suite 130, Springfield, IL 62704

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of WILLIAM KAESEBIER, Deceased.  
NO. 2021-P-294  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of William Kaesebier of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 24, 2021, to Michelle Kaesebier, 2900 Taylor Ave, #4, Springfield, Illinois 62703, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Brittany Kink Toigo, 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 representatives or both, on or before December 1, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 24th day of May, 2021.  
Brittany Kink Toigo - 06306334  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 (217) 544-4868  
bk@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In Re the Estate of MICHAEL DENNIS HURLEY, Deceased.  
No. 2021-P-666  
CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of MICHAEL DENNIS HURLEY, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 6, 2021, to PEGGY S. CAMPBELL, as Independent Representative, 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.  
PEGGY S. CAMPBELL, Independent Representative  
ELMORE & REID  
Attorneys At Law  
808 South Second Street  
Springfield, IL 62704  
217/523-2340

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In Re the Estate of: MARY MARGARET DACAR, Deceased.  
Case No.: 2021-P-634  
CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of MARY MARGARET DACAR, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 6, 2021, to THOMAS E. DACAR, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is William D. Reid, Elmore & Reid, 808 South 2nd 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.  
THOMAS E. DACAR, Independent Administrator  
William D. Reid  
ELMORE & REID  
808 South Second Street  
Springfield, IL 62704  
217/523-2340

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILMA JEAN AYERS, Deceased  
No. 2021-P-000655  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Wilma Jean Ayers, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on November 24, 2021 to Ronald Alan Ayers, 9622 Ginder Rd., Rochester, IL 62563 and Carolyn Jean Ruggless, P.O. Box 175, Stanford, KY 40848-0175 as Co-Executors, 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 May 24, 2021 (6 months) 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 3rd day of December, 2021.  
SGRO, HANRAHAN, DURR & RABIN, LLP  
Alex B. Rabin  
1119 South Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703

217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER CLOYD, Deceased  
NO. 2021-P-683  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of CHRISTOPHER CLOYD, Deceased.  
NO. 2021-P-683  
Letters of Office were issued on December 06, 2021, to Alex Cloyd, 609 N. Cedar St., New Berlin, IL 62670 as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 16th day of June, 2022 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 6th day of December, 2021.  
Alex B. Rabin  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of WALTER H. KASTEN, Deceased.  
IN PROBATE  
NO. 2021 P 650  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of WALTER H. KASTEN, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on November 18, 2021, to Kathryn L. Nonneman, Executor, whose attorney is Dwight O'Keefe, Brown, Hay & Stephens, 1000 US Bank Building, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before May 28, 2022, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.  
Dated this 7th day of December, 2021.  
Dwight O'Keefe, of Counsel  
Brown, Hay & Stephens  
1000 US Bank Building  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62701  
217-544-8491

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DARRELL JAMES POWELL, SR., Deceased  
NO. 2021-P-700  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Darrell James Powell, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on December 14, 2021, to Anita J. Perry, 404 E. Mill Street, Rochester, IL 62563, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, 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 the 24th day of June, 2022, 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 14th day of December, 2021.  
Gregory P. Sgro  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUDY AKERS RIDINGER, Deceased  
NO. 2021-P-695  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Judy Akers Ridinger, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on December 14, 2021, to Jerry C. Ridinger, 108 E. Sycamore Street, Normal, IL 61761 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, 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 the 24th day of June, 2022, 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 14th day of December, 2021.  
Gregory P. Sgro  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-1200

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY  
Re: the marriage of Ebony L. White, Petitioner And Arneal L. Davis, Respondent  
Case No. 2021-D-568  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you Arneal L. Davis, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 16th day of January, 2022, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Circuit Clerk

ADOPTION NOTICE – STATE OF ILLINOIS, County of Sangamon, Seventh Judicial Circuit Court of Sangamon County. In the matter of the Petition for the Adoption

of Adoption of Phoenix Anthony Ellis, a male child, Adoption No. 2021-AD-94. To Courtney Craig Knapp and Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern: Take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, for the adoption of a minor child named Phoenix Anthony Ellis. Now, therefore, unless you Courtney Craig Knapp and Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Room 405, in the City of Springfield, Illinois, on or before January 20, 2022, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition. 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/serviceproviders.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/FAO/gethelp.asp/s/Paul Palazzolo](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAO/gethelp.asp/s/Paul%20Palazzolo), Sangamon County Circuit Clerk  
Dan E. Way, Attorney for Petitioner  
1100 S. Fifth St.  
Springfield, IL 62703

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of Evan-Alex Elijah Bolt  
For change of name to Evan William Bolt  
Case No.: 21-MR-1573  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on Feb. 22, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Evan-Alex Elijah Bolt to Evan William Bolt pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Dec. 23, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, PLAINTIFF vs. JOANN E. ROSEBERRY; CITY OF SPRINGFIELD; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANT  
2021CH000013  
PUBLICATION NOTICE  
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, JOANN E. ROSEBERRY; and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the 7th Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois by the plaintiff against you and other defendant, praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows to wit: LOT 17 IN BLOCK 1 OF SHAUGNESSY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
COMMON ADDRESS: 1921 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, IL 62704

P.I.N.:  
22-04.0-278-027  
and which said mortgage was signed by JOANN E. ROSEBERRY, Mortgageor, to National City Mortgage, a division of National City Bank, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County as Document No. 2007R33765; and for such other relief prayed; that summons was duly issued out of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the said above defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of this Court in Sangamon County in Room 405 at 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701 on or before January 24, 2022, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-Filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/fag/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite 1125 Chicago, Illinois 60606 Email: [ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com](mailto:ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com) Ph. 312-541-9710 / Fax 312-541-9711 JB&A # IL 20 8330 I3183578

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-4, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-4 Plaintiff, -v.- MARY JO HANSEN, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE Defendants 20 CH 000012 NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 30, 2020, the Sheriff of Sangamon County will at 9:00 AM on January 25, 2022, at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: THE NORTH 115 FEET OF THE WEST HALF OF LOT 10 IN BLOCK 3 OF MRS. ULRICH'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 524 W. FAYETTE AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704 Property Index No. 14-33.0-407-008 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$94,453.46. Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against

said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Alexander Potestivo, POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606, (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 115992. E-Mail: [ilpleadings@potestivolaw.com](mailto:ilpleadings@potestivolaw.com) Case # 20 CH 000012 I3173331

Date of Sale: January 5, 2022, 1:00 P.M. Location: Westside Storage, 3142 South Douglas Ave., Springfield, IL 62704 Bid D #156 5X10 Orville Adams/Amber Czerniak C/O Melissa Tucker 226 S 11th St Quincy, IL 62301 Bid L #113 10x10 Lorena Beard 1157 West Elliott Springfield, IL 62702 Bid A #93 10x10 Kianna Brown 820 Livingston Springfield, IL 62703 Bid KK #9 5x12 Kurt Curry 16 Concord Square #2 Boston, MA 62118 Bid A #166 10x10 Kerry Hill 210 Yeomen Springfield, IL 62704 Bid H #11 5x10 Ryan Manion 2715 S Macarthur Blvd Apt 127 Springfield, IL 62704 Bid N #125 10x10 Bridget Trumbo 860 University Ave W #1 St. Paul, MN 55104

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. WRIGHT CHOICE RENTALS & PROPERTIES LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 21-MR-1602 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Wright Choice Rentals & Properties LLC, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on December 9, 2021for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 1917 E. Cedar Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as: Lot 32 in Jefferson State Bank Addition to the City of Springfield. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 22-02.0-104-015); and for other relief. UNLESS Wright Choice Rentals & Properties LLC, 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 24, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT. /s/ Paul Palazzolo Clerk of Court James K. Zerkle Corporation Counsel Kateah McMasters ARDC #6309668 Sr. Assistant Corporation Counsel Attorneys for Plaintiff 800 E. Monroe, Room 327 Springfield, IL 62701-1653 (217) 789-2375 Kateah.mcmasters@springfield.il.us

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. TTLREO 2, LLC, KATHY BELLEMEY, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 21-MR-1619 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, TTLREO 2, LLC, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on December 15, 2021, for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 1131 Virginia, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as: Lot 26 in Block 2 of E.S. Hodgson's Subdivision. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 14-28.0-101-024); and for other relief.

UNLESS TTLREO 2, LLC, 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 24, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT. /s/ Paul Palazzolo Clerk of Court James K. Zerkle Corporation Counsel Kateah McMasters, ARDC #6309668 Assistant Corporation Counsel Attorneys for Plaintiff 800 E. Monroe, Room 327 Springfield, IL 62701-1653 (217) 789-2375 kateah.mcmasters@springfield.il.us

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. KIMBERLY BROWN, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SANGAMON COUNTY AS TRUSTEE FOR TAXING DISTRICTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 21-MR-1618 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Kimberly Brown, Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on December 15, 2021, for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 1013 S. 14th Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as: Lot 4 in Block 14 in Eastman's Addition. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 14-34.0-439-014); and for other relief. UNLESS Kimberly Brown, 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 24, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT. /s/ Paul Palazzolo Clerk of Court James K. Zerkle Corporation Counsel Kateah McMasters, ARDC #6309668 Assistant Corporation Counsel Attorneys for Plaintiff 800 E. Monroe, Room 327 Springfield, IL 62701-1653 (217) 789-2375 kateah.mcmasters@springfield.il.us

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. CAROLYN S. BEAUFORT, AGT INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC, CHARLES BELLEMEY, IVY JACK, INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 21-MR-1620 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Carolyn S. Beaufort, AGT Investment Group, LLC, Ivy Jack, Inc., Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on December 15, 2021 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 821 N. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as: Lot 9 of County Clerk's Subdivision Number 2. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 14-27.0-255-023); and for other relief. UNLESS Carolyn S. Beaufort, AGT Investment Group, LLC, Ivy Jack, Inc. and 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 24, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT. /s/ Paul Palazzolo Clerk of Court James K. Zerkle Corporation Counsel Kateah McMasters, ARDC #6309668 Assistant Corporation Counsel Attorneys for Plaintiff 800 E. Monroe, Room 327 Springfield, IL 62701-1653 (217) 789-2375 kateah.mcmasters@springfield.il.us

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Bobbi L. Likar, Petitioner vs. Bradley W. Conley, Respondent Case No: 2021-OP-1861 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Bradley W. Conley, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before January 13, 2022, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint. Paul Palazzolo Clerk of the Court Date: Dec. 16, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Karli Raygan Likar, Petitioner vs.

Bradley W. Conley, Respondent Case No: 2021-OP-1860 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Bradley W. Conley, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before January 13, 2022, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint. Paul Palazzolo Clerk of the Court Date: Dec. 16, 2021

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

SANGAMON COUNTY Keeley Humes, Petitioner vs. Darnell Thomas, Respondent Case No: 2021-OP-1824 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Darnell Thomas, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before January 6, 2022, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint. Paul Palazzolo Clerk of the Court Date: Dec. 16, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Keeonna N. Westbrook, Petitioner vs. Anthony D. Maple, Respondent Case No: 2021-OP-1928 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Anthony D. Maple, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before January 20, 2022, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint. Paul Palazzolo Clerk of the Court Date: Dec. 16, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Michael A. Likar, Petitioner vs. Bradley W. Conley, Respondent Case No: 2021-OP-1862 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Bradley W. Conley, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before January 13, 2022, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint. Paul Palazzolo Clerk of the Court Date: Dec. 16, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Theresa E. Rouse, Petitioner vs. James E. Gregory, Respondent Case No: 2021-OP-1821 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION James E. Gregory, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before January 6, 2022, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint. Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of the Court  
Date: Dec. 23, 2021

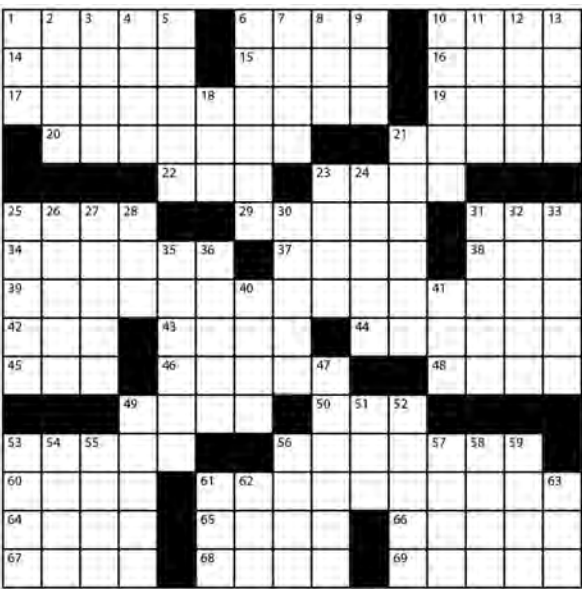
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:  
MARK P. LEYS, No. 2021-P-614  
Deceased.  
No. 2021-P-614  
AMENDED CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Mark P. Lelys. Letters Testamentary were issued on October 27, 2021, to Matthew A. Lelys, 1 Gettysburg Dr., Springfield, IL 62702 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Dan E. Way, WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703.  
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before June 24, 2022, which is not less than six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, 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. 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 contact your local Circuit Clerk's office  
Dated this 27th day of October 2021.  
Dan E. Way, #6204735  
WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC  
1100 S. Fifth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 525-7003

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PRAIRIE STATE BANK & TRUST, an Illinois banking corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
KEVIN WICKER, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants.  
No.: 2021CH000095  
NOTICE OF COURT SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. The sale shall be subject to Court approval. Buyer will be entitled to possession 30 days after the sale is confirmed by the Court.  
(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is:  
Samuel J. Witsman  
Hart, Southworth & Witsman  
Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: (217) 753-0055  
(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is:

418 North Fourth Street, Illiopolis, Illinois 62539  
(C) The legal description of the real estate is:  
Lots 11 and 14 in Block 3 in the Village of Illiopolis.  
Situatd in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Tax Identification Numbers: 18-07-255-007 and 18-07-255-006  
(D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is:  
Approximately 1,976 square foot 1.5 story residence with 4 bedrooms and 1 bath.  
(E) No times have been specified in the judgment of foreclosure for inspection of the real estate prior to sale.  
(F) The time and place of the sale are:  
Time: 9:00 a.m. on February 1, 2022  
Place: Sangamon County Courthouse Second Floor Boardroom  
200 South 9th Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
(G) The terms of the sale are:  
Cash at the time of the sale.  
(H) Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances prior to the mortgage of Prairie State Bank & Trust, all general real estate taxes, special assessments if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all encroachments, if any. PRAIRIE STATE BANK & TRUST, an Illinois banking corporation,  
Plaintiff  
Samuel J. Witsman (ARDC #6193744)  
Hart, Southworth & Witsman  
Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: (217) 753-0055  
switsman@hswnet.com  
NOTE: This communication is made for the purpose of collecting a debt. Any information obtained in response to this communication may be used for that purpose.  
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## Are you ready for some... Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 720

- Across**  
1. Designer's concern  
6. Brawl  
10. Pro \_\_\_\_  
14. Give a speech  
15. Oscar winner Paquin  
16. Black, in poetry  
17. Revolver toter?  
19. Infamous Roman emperor  
20. Yogurt drink  
21. Become established  
22. Golf bag item  
23. Erupt  
25. Didn't have enough  
29. Like composition paper  
31. Arrange  
34. Rosemary and sage  
37. One of a 1492 trio  
38. Australian runner  
39. Sam Adams?  
42. A pint, maybe  
43. Big bash  
44. Simple shelter  
45. Bloodshot  
46. Foreheads  
48. Jury member  
49. Brazilian soccer legend  
50. Pea's place  
53. Complain  
56. Enter  
60. Crew equipment  
61. Peter?  
64. Jenny Craig's plan  
65. Not hot



66. About  
67. \_\_\_\_ gin fizz  
68. Knots  
69. Sheep counter's quest  
**Down**  
1. Med school grad  
2. Cupid, to the Greeks  
3. Pacific  
4. "Beetle Bailey" pooch  
5. Move, as a plant  
6. "Friends" female  
7. Black  
8. "We're number \_\_\_\_!"  
9. Driveway material  
10. Ask for more Time?  
11. Aid and \_\_\_\_  
12. Actress Spelling  
13. Soon, to poets  
18. Chowd down  
21. Put under  
23. Barber's motion  
24. Kind of code  
25. Academy Award  
26. Humpback, e.g.  
27. Blew it  
28. Fizzler  
30. Acquired relative  
31. Paris's river  
32. Overact  
33. Coach  
35. London landmark  
36. Tangle  
40. Sunburn soother  
41. Grammy category  
47. Shells out  
49. Adhesive  
51. Baseballer Mel  
52. Records  
53. Mount Olympus dwellers  
54. Racetrack fence  
55. Creme-filled cookie  
56. Battering wind  
57. Hammer's target  
58. Grow weary  
59. "\_\_\_\_ bitten, twice shy"  
61. Clock standard: Abbr.  
62. Jr.'s jr.  
63. Call on

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



Crossword answers from #719

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

Sudoku answers from #719

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

JoshJosh answers from #719

## JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 720

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.

1-	6	20+	3+		36x
			3÷		
2÷	2÷			16+	
		2÷	15+		5-
1-	9x				
				3-	

Difficulty medium

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

Difficulty hard



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