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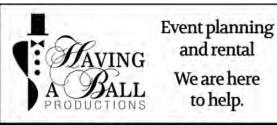




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Blue Cross fined \$339,000 by state

Removal of Springfield Clinic from its network constituted a "material change"

MEDICAL | Dean Olsen

Gov. JB Pritzker's state insurance department has fined the parent company of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois \$339,000 for failing to notify the state last year about the removal of Springfield Clinic as an in-network provider.

The Illinois Department of Insurance continues to evaluate whether the Chicago-based insurer's downstate preferred-provider network is adequate to meet patients' needs after Blue Cross removed the clinic's more than 600 doctors, advanced-practice nurses and physician assistants as part of a contract dispute with the Springfield-based, for-profit clinic.

The insurance department, in a news release, said Blue Cross violated the "material change notice requirements" in state law when two HMO plans lost access to Springfield Clinic on July 1 and four PPOs lost access to the clinic on Nov. 17.

Late fees of \$1,000 per day began to accrue July 16 and Dec. 2, the deadline for Blue Cross to notify the state of changes. Blue Cross later filed documents with the department in March, resulting in late fees for 244 days in one case and 95 days in the other, the department said.

This is the first time that the department has issued a fine associated with the state's Network Adequacy and Transparency Act, which was enacted in September 2017 for plans beginning Jan. 1, 2019, and beyond.

"Insurance companies must be able to show that they have adequate provider networks so that Illinois consumers have access to the medical care and providers that they pay for," Pritzker said in the news release. "This fine should serve as notice that we will require insurers to maintain adequate provider networks and uphold all consumer



See page 11 for an op/ed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield on the company's dispute with Springfield Clinic

protections under the law."

The Illinois House Insurance Committee scheduled a hearing for March 22 at the Capitol on the contract dispute and the disruption in health coverage it has caused. But the hearing was postponed amid scheduling changes related to other issues the General Assembly was dealing with, and another hearing hasn't been scheduled yet, according to state Rep. Sue Scherer, D-Decatur.

The insurance department says it reviews every plan's network when the plan is filed, but the law "recognizes that a plan's network may change mid-plan year."

If there is a "material change" in the network during the plan year, the insurer must submit updated "network adequacy filings" within 15 days of the change occurring, according to the department.

Referring to Blue Cross, insurance department director Dana Popish Severinghaus said in the release: "We're disappointed that the company continues to evade acknowledging this material change. Under Illinois law, the removal of a major health system like Springfield Clinic is a material change that could render a network, or parts of a network, inadequate. We are committed to exercising the department's full authority to protect consumers from being harmed in a corporate contract dispute."

The department says Blue Cross must pay the fine immediately but has 10 days to dispute the action.

Blue Cross' parent company, Chicagobased Health Care Service Corp., posted more than \$44 billion in revenues in 2020 and \$3.9 billion in profits, or a margin of almost 9%. HCSC operates Blue Cross plans in Illinois, Texas, Montana, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Health Care Service Corp. is a "mutual legal reserve company" that operates on a not-for-profit basis for the mutual benefit of its member contract holders," according to Illinois Department of Insurance documents.

Unlike a charity, however, HCSC is a "taxable insurance corporation subject to federal income and state and local taxes," Blue Cross spokeswoman Lilyanna Fragoso said in an email.

"HCSC is not a tax-exempt organization," she said.

Asked whether Blue Cross will dispute the fine, Fragoso said, "We are evaluating the department's decision, and we will work collaboratively and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations."

Fragoso added: "Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois has been working closely with the Illinois Department of Insurance since contract negotiations first began with Springfield Clinic last May. Though we had a reasonable and well-informed opinion that Springfield Clinic's decision to leave our network did not trigger any network change filing, when the department requested one within the past few weeks, we promptly complied."

Springfield Clinic spokesman Zach Kerker said clinic officials "applaud" the Democratic governor and the insurance department "for upholding the public trust by enforcing laws that promote adequate access to affordable, high-quality health care."

Clinic officials estimated the contract dispute has affected about 100,000 central Illinois residents, many of whom lost innetwork access to their longtime clinic providers if their employers didn't switch to another insurer.

Using a doctor or other provider outside the Blue Cross network can mean much higher out-of-pocket costs for Blue Cross members.

Blue Cross officials have estimated that 55,000 Springfield Clinic patients were affected by the network changes.

The public began to learn about the impact of the normally private negotiations between Blue Cross and the clinic last summer.

A Blue Cross official told *The State Journal-Register* at that time that discussions between the two over the continuation of a smaller contract, one covering some state of Illinois employees and some other employers, resulted in clinic officials voiding the Blue Cross contract.

According to the *SJ-R*, the official said the company then terminated its other Blue Cross network agreements with clinic providers, effective Aug. 19 and Nov. 17, "in hopes of restarting negotiations on the smaller contract and also to promote a 'broader discussion' with the clinic about value and quality in contracts."

The contract dispute remains unresolved. \Box

Editor's note

Senate Judiciary chair Richard Durbin, D-Springfield, reminded committee members on the second day of hearings on the Supreme Court nominee what the late Muriel Humphrey would tell her husband, the loquacious Vice President Hubert Humphrey: "A speech doesn't have to be eternal to be immortal." After all, Abraham Lincoln, R-Springfield, used just two minutes, with 275 words, to deliver the Gettysburg Address, Durbin said. Then 20 senators rattled on for about 30 minutes each, taking the hearing past 10 p.m. On the third day, when each senator was given another 20 minutes to ask the nominee questions, the weary chair said he would be grateful to any member who would "yield back" at least part of the time. But Durbin seemed resigned to yet another day in the Senate version of eternal life. – Fletcher Farrar, editor

Green to go

Small-time weed farmers win lawsuits

CANNABIS | Bruce Rushton

Would-be pot growers soon may get a green light thanks to a recent ruling from Sangamon County Circuit Court Judge Gail Noll.

At issue was a state Department of Agriculture decision to disqualify 11 growing-license applicants for failure to provide information about law and accounting firms named on applications. Disqualified applicants sued, maintaining that since the accountants and lawyers had no ownership interests in the planned growing operations, the state had no right to the information, which plaintiffs' attorney Carl Draper said included Social Security numbers.

"The bottom line is, the act (legislation) and the rules don't require that you disclose who your attorney or accountant will be, much less their Social Security numbers – they're not the business," Draper said. He added that his clients nonetheless told the state who would be providing financial and legal services – the applicants believed they had no choice.

"If we'd left that blank, there's no question the department would send a notice of disqualification," said Draper, who represented two clients whose applications were rejected by the state. Attorney Don Craven, who represented seven applicants who sued on the same grounds, said his clients had to go to court to confirm why their applications were rejected. "We had to file suit in order to get the paperwork," Craven said. "Based on the administrative record, all of these folks, my clients and Carl's, had perfect scores."

Judge Noll on March 10 sided with plaintiffs, remanding their applications to the Department of Agriculture for renewed consideration. Within a week, she dissolved an injunction that had prevented the state from awarding 60 growing licenses while lawsuits were pending. Under the 2019 law that legalized recreational marijuana, the state was supposed to grant the licenses in December.

Krista Lisser, spokeswoman for the Department of Agriculture, said via email that the department won't comment on whether litigants had perfect scores on applications that can run into the hundreds of pages. "(T)he Department is prepared to finalize the process of notifying the top scoring craft grower applicants of their eligibility to receive a license pursuant to the scoring and selection process of the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act and its corresponding administrative rules," Lisser wrote. "The department remains committed to ensuring that all licenses are



issued in a fair and equitable manner."

The state awarded 40 growing licenses last summer, a year later than mandated by the 2019 legalization law, which was supposed to give an inside track to applicants disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs or otherwise benefit communities harmed by the drug war. Since the law took effect, the state has been hit with a succession of lawsuits from unsuccessful applicants to grow or sell pot.

The first litigation came in 2020, when no people of color were among the initial winners of licenses to sell recreational marijuana, contrary to stated goals of legislators. Large companies, none run by minorities, continue to control the Illinois marijuana industry, which is entirely supplied by 21 growing operations that each can cultivate as much as 210,000 square feet of recreational pot. The state licensed those operations when only medical marijuana was legal. Winners of 150 subsequent licenses will be limited to 5,000 square feet initially, with the chance to expand to 14,000 square feet, subject to state approval.

Consumers have purchased nearly \$2.3 billion worth of recreational pot, all from large-scale operations that started business under the state's medical marijuana law, since Jan. 1, 2020, when recreational weed became legal. The same cultivation centers have realized nearly \$800 million in wholesale medical marijuana sales during that same time period. Only large cultivation centers are allowed to grow medical pot, with no cap on square footage.

The first small-scale operations, dubbed craft grows in state statute, likely won't

have product available for a year, says Scott Redman, president of the Illinois Independent Craft Growers Association. About two-thirds of the growing entities licensed last summer have started design and construction work, he estimates. Redman, a lawyer with ownership in a McHenry County craft-growing entity, says that he regularly hears from people interested in buying craft-grow licenses from successful applicants. The going rate, he said, is between \$3 million and \$4 million; licensees can spend as much as \$150,000 to assemble an application. "I think they're selling in that range," Redman said. "I'm not involved in those deals."

Small-scale licensees have asked lawmakers to amend the law so that craft growers can immediately cultivate 14,000 square feet instead of the 5,000 square feet initially permitted under statute. The effort stalled, Redman said, after the board of the Cannabis Business Association of Illinois, which includes owners of large cultivation centers, decided not to support an expansion proposal. "That happened in February, and that killed the bill," he said. The change is needed, he said, so that investors will put money into craft grows.

Politicians and others who once proclaimed that Illinois would be a national leader in making recreational pot profitable for minorities and other disadvantaged entrepreneurs have been proven wrong, he said: "Illinois is no longer seen as the poster child of social equity cannabis − that's gone away with all these lawsuits and delays." □

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Medical students Bennett Stephens and Lauren Hall with Bennett's parents Harvey (left) and Mary Beth Stephens (right).

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Match Day for medical students

CAP CITY | Karen Ackerman Witter

Match Day is an exciting milestone in the life of a medical student. Fourth-year med students across the country learn at the same time where they will be going for their advanced training. On Monday, March 14, students were informed by email if they were matched for a residency. The following Friday students find out where they were matched. At the March 18 Match Day celebration at Memorial Learning Center, 64 SIU School of Medicine students opened an envelope to discover the location of their residencies, which begin July 1.

Becoming a physician involves four years of college, four more years of medical school and a multiyear residency. Fourth-year med students choose their specialization and apply to upwards of 50 or more institutions. An extensive interview process follows. In February students submit a list of preferred destinations to the National Resident Matching Program. The culmination is match week in March.

Bennett Stephens of Springfield and Lauren Hall, LaSalle-Peru, pursued the couples match. They will be going to the University of Iowa, Stephens in OB-GYN and Hall in family practice. Stephens discovered he likes being in an operating room and that nothing quite compares to labor and delivery. He wanted a specialty where there is a long-term relationship with patients. While match week provides big moments to celebrate, Stephens says there is a lot of stress and long days to get to that point. Knowing you are matched is a relief, but there is anxiety anticipating what comes next. Stephens applied to 46 programs and had 16 interviews. Hall applied to 34 and had 17 interviews. They are both excited and happy to be within a day's drive from family. However, Stephens says he will miss SIU and the excellent faculty who provided great training.

Robin Schmidt running for judge

COURTS | Scott Reeder

Almost five years after Judge John Schmidt's unexpected death, his widow, Robin, is seeking her own spot on the Sangamon County bench.

She currently serves as a felony prosecutor in the Sangamon County State's Attorney's Office and as a trustee of the Springfield Park Board

"These are big shoes to fill with the retirement of Judge John Belz, but I was encouraged by Judge Belz and by other members of the legal community and people in Springfield and Sangamon County to run for this position," said Schmidt. "It's the pinnacle of an attorney's career, in my opinion, to be a judge."

The position is elected countywide. Schmidt is the only person in the Republican primary seeking the post. No Democrats have filed for the spot, but the vacancy can be filled either by a write-in candidate this spring or by a party slating before July 25, Bill Houlihan, head of the Sangamon County Democratic Party, said.

"Robin Schmidt is among the most experienced prosecutors in my office and her dedication to seeking justice for victims is truly unparalleled," Sangamon County State's Attorney Dan Wright said. "She has also demonstrated a commitment to procedural justice for all people and the rights of criminal defendants. As a judge, she will be ready on Day One to apply the Constitution and the laws of Illinois without bias or favor."

The judge in this position will likely preside over both civil and criminal cases. While Schmidt is currently a felony prosecutor, she notes that she has plenty of experience handling non-criminal matters.

"I've been in private practice on two different occasions," Schmidt said. "Also, for the state of Illinois, I handled civil matters – administrative matters – for the Illinois Department of Public Health. I was chief administrative law judge for some years and handled a lot of nursing home administrative violation cases. And when I was in private practice, I handled a lot of municipal law."

John Milhiser, who led the office at the time, hired Schmidt to work as an assistant state's attorney shortly after her husband's 2017 death. Milhiser went on to be appointed U.S. Attorney for Central Illinois and is now seeking the GOP nomination for Illinois Secretary of State.

"She cares about people," said Milhiser.
"And when you're prosecuting cases, you're often dealing with victims who have been



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through traumatic events. And I think she understands and cares about them." He added the death of her husband has given her greater empathy for those who are suffering.

"She approaches cases with empathy, not only understanding that these victims are going through something, but she knows even the defendants have made mistakes. They need to be held accountable. But not all of them need to be locked up with the key thrown away," Milhiser said.

Schmidt, who holds a law degree from Southern Illinois University, said she has an affinity for courts geared toward addressing problems that cause defendants to keep reoffending.

"The victims of crimes certainly deserve to know that they're protected from dangerous members of our community," she said. "However, there certainly is an emphasis in the criminal justice system to look at what we could do in terms of treatment for defendants, so that we're not continually finding him back in the exact same situation as we started with."

For example, Sangamon County has a drug treatment court, a structured program in which nonviolent felony offenders who

have drug dependency issues are placed on probation and are required to participate in substance abuse treatment, frequent drug testing and community support meetings. Their progress is at first monitored weekly by the court.

Other jurisdictions have also experimented with courts for homeless offenders or for veterans who commit crimes after leaving military service. Schmidt said she would like to see such programs expanded in Sangamon County.

Sangamon County Circuit Clerk Paul Palazzolo added, "I think she has a heightened sense of fairness and dedication. In her role as part of the state's attorney's office, our office interacts with her rather frequently. My team members who interact with her always have positive things to say about their interactions."

The late John Schmidt had been the Sangamon County state's attorney prior to becoming a circuit court judge. He had been appointed an appellate court judge shortly before his death. □

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NEWS

Big plans for the budget

Flush with cash, city seeks to tackle one-time projects

CITY | Dean Olsen

The final fiscal 2023 budget for Springfield city government includes \$6 million to purchase seven new fire vehicles and \$10 million to build three new fire stations.

City Council members passed 16 amendments in February before finalizing the budget for the 2023 fiscal year that began March 1

The result was a net increase of \$3 million over what was originally proposed for the corporate fund budget, which was finalized at \$182 million, rather than \$179 million, according to city budget director Bill McCarty. This represents a significant increase from the fiscal 2022 budget of \$127.5 million.

The upgrade in equipment for the fire department was supported by a report on the department from the Center for Public Safety Management in Washington, D.C. That report said equipment should be replaced after 15 years.

The council changed the proposed budget, which previously didn't include money for the six new fire engines and a fire truck, to reduce the number of new fire stations from four to three. The \$2 million saved by the reduction, along with more money allocated from other city revenues, will pay for the new fire vehicles, McCarty said.

The city budget was flush with cash from federal COVID-19 relief funds and benefited from an increase in sales and income-tax revenue connected with surging consumer demand.

The budget left the city after fiscal 2022 with a surplus of almost \$17 million and a record \$50 million in reserves.

"That's what's put us in the position to be able to do these great programs that we've wanted to do for years in the fiscal 2023 budget," McCarty said.

The budget, with almost \$23 million in federally funded infrastructure improvements, includes \$33.8 million the city expects to receive from the federal American Rescue Plan.

The one-time federal dollars will contribute \$6 million toward the new fire equipment and new fire stations.

The money also will contribute \$6 million for road projects and modernization; \$7.5 million for sewer improvements; \$3.5 million in water system work; \$715,000 in marketing by the Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau, which includes \$165,000 for local tourism grants; \$207,000 for license-plate reader technology for the police department; and \$50,000 for traffic signal enhancement.

Among other things, the fund surplus from



Mayor Jim Langfelder said the success of the Levitt AMP concerts on the Y-block has helped revive momentum for redevelopment of the site.

fiscal 2022 will contribute \$3 million toward the cost of a future yard-waste drop-off facility, \$700,000 for downtown trees and planters and \$444,000 for enhanced technology benefiting the police department.

McCarty said he remains concerned about ongoing increases in the city's required contributions to fund fire and police department pensions, which total \$28 million in fiscal 2023.

He said Springfield and other municipalities have called upon the Illinois General Assembly to restructure the state's municipal pension-related debts so the mandated 90% funding level is achieved in 2050 instead of 2040, as the law now requires.

McCarty said a corporate fund balance projected at \$31.5 million by the end of February 2023 would help protect city government if the nation's economy heads into

While not part of the fiscal 2023 budget, Mayor Jim Langfelder said the city hopes to receive \$3 million through the state's Downtown and Main Street grant program to kick off development of the city-owned block just north of the Illinois Governor's Mansion. A grant application was filed recently.

The block is bounded by Capitol Avenue on the north, Jackson Street on the south, Fifth Street to the east and Fourth Street to the west. The city bought the block, home to the former YWCA building, in 2014 for about \$1.5 million, using funds from the downtown taxincrement financing district.

A plan for the block was proposed by Langfelder in 2017 and backed by then-Gov. Bruce Rauner. But momentum for the project faded when a group backing the development argued with organized labor about the lack of a project labor agreement.

The success of the Levitt AMP concert series on the vacant land has helped revive momentum for the development, Langfelder said.

"I think people truly understand how valuable that can be in connecting the sights and businesses and really enriching downtown," the mayor told *Illinois Times*.

According to the city's state grant application: "The North Mansion Block Plaza sits in a corridor of downtown Springfield that can be a renewed vista and vantage point to the pulse of the entire city. The proposed plan will create an outdoor street-level event center and an urban square, including interactive plaza space."

The cost of overall development, which could include funding from state government and the business community, is undetermined, Langfelder said. The mayor said he hopes a more detailed design plan can be developed in the next several months.

But the grant application says the downtown plaza would include statues of former Presidents Abraham Lincoln and Barack Obama, amphitheater seating, an area honoring women, a market pavilion, a kid-friendly area, a dog-friendly area, a portable performance stage, food truck locations around the perimeter, and sidewalks and ramps to assist people with disabilities. \square

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A reason to smile

Pending bill would mandate insurance coverage for cleft lip, cleft palate treatment

DENTAL | Dean Olsen

Susan Wilham and her husband have had to spend hours on the phone with their insurer, fork out hundreds of dollars for medical services insurance wouldn't pay and worry whether future oral surgeries for their 16-year-old son will be covered at all.

The struggles these Springfield residents have gone through are common for families dealing with the often frustrating task of paying for multiple surgeries to deal with long-term effects of cleft lip and cleft palate, both congenital conditions.

"We're not going for a Colgate smile," Wilham said of her efforts to help her son, BeiLee Wilham, whom she adopted from China when he was 2. "All we want is for my child to have a functioning jaw."

A bill pending in the Illinois General Assembly would, for the first time, mandate insurance coverage for "medically necessary care and treatment" for cleft lip and cleft palate until at least age 19.

House Bill 4349 passed the Illinois House with no dissenting votes on March 3 and is scheduled for a Senate committee vote this week

"This will give a blueprint of what is covered," said Dave Marsh, director of governmental relations for the Illinois State Dental Society.

The bill, if passed by both chambers and signed into law by Gov. JB Pritzker, would take effect Jan. 1, 2024. The legislation would apply to "fully funded" health plans and the self-funded health plans for state of Illinois employees.

However, other self-funded plans would be exempt from the mandate.

Marsh said efforts are underway in Congress to mandate coverage of treatment related to cleft lip and palate for other self-funded plans. Those plans currently are governed by the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, or ERISA.

Cleft lip and cleft palate occur when a baby's lip and mouth don't form properly during pregnancy, resulting in an opening in the upper lip and an opening in the roof of the mouth.

About one in every 1,600 to 1,700 babies in the United States is born with a cleft lip and cleft palate, or just a cleft palate, while one in every 2,800 babies is born with just a cleft lip, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Illinois dental society says one in every 33 babies in the United States is born with



some sort of "congenital anomaly" or birth defect that affects the way they look, develop or function.

Health insurance commonly covers initial surgery and treatments for cleft lip and cleft palate for babies, Marsh said.

But he said most people with the conditions require multiple oral surgeries to remove teeth, realign the jaw and other procedures to deal with the long-term ramifications – some surgeries are needed in their late teens and into their 20s – to adjust the palate, avoid jaw pain and promote proper chewing.

It's after the initial surgery that medical plans have been known to label the procedures cosmetic and deny reimbursement, Marsh said.

When the procedures aren't covered, families may have to pay tens of thousands of dollars out of pocket, he said.

Some families impoverish themselves so they can get the surgeries covered through Medicaid, he said, while others go through stressful, drawn-out appeals within an insurer's administrative channels to get financial relief.

The delays in care that result can lead to the failure of corrective surgeries and the need for repeat surgeries, he said.

The dental society has worked with the insurance industry for three years to come up with a legislative proposal that the industry agreed not to oppose, Marsh said.

The bill says "medically necessary care and treatment' to address congenital anomalies associated with a cleft lip, or palate, or both,"

would include "reconstructive services and procedures necessary to improve and restore and maintain vital functions."

Also covered would be prosthetic treatments such as "obdurators," speech appliances, orthodontic treatment and management, prosthodontic treatment and management and otolaryngology treatment.

The bill wouldn't apply to insurance plans that only cover dental care.

State Sen. Laura Fine, D-Glenview, said she is confident the Senate will pass the bill and send it to the governor's desk for his signature.

"To lead a healthy life, it's something that needs to be addressed," Fine said. "It saves a ton of money down the line."

Susan Wilham, an attorney for a state agency – the Office of the State Appellate Defender – said she and her husband, a retired lawyer, found the bureaucratic hoops they had to jump through with their Health Alliance plan daunting at times.

She and her husband occasionally had to pay for services out of pocket for their son, but she said most of his procedures eventually were

Wilham, who has testified in favor of the bill at legislative hearings, said she wonders how other families without the time or professional expertise have coped with the financial and bureaucratic challenges.

"It's just a frustrating process of getting everything covered," Wilham said.

In the past, doctors have told her that BeiLee needs to have all of his surgeries and procedures by age 18 or they won't be covered by the family's health plan.

Having another year – until age 19, as the bill provides – would help, but Wilham said her son still may need more surgeries in his 20s, when the growth of bones in his mouth and jaw are complete.

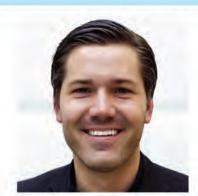
If HB 4349 is passed and enacted, data could be collected on its impact to push for follow-up legislation requiring insurance coverage for cleft lip and palate until a person reaches his or her mid-20s, Marsh said.

It would be easier to justify to the legislature once routine coverage of the conditions becomes the standard of care, he said. "It becomes more defensible and more based on facts."

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Monday, April 18 • 7pm Sustainable Architecture

Aaron Brakke, B.S., B.Arch, M.Arch

Assistant Professor in the Department of Architecture & Interior Design. Dr. Brakke will describe his experiences of urban interventions, participatory design projects, and sustainable architecture.



Monday, May 2 • 7pm Closing Chapter in Afghanistan Ross Wilson, B.A.,

M.I.A., M.A.

American Diplomat who has served as the acting U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan. Mr. Wilson, will discuss the messy evacuation of US embassy staff, American citizens, representatives of other countries, and Afghans of interest to the United States and Coalition member countries followed.

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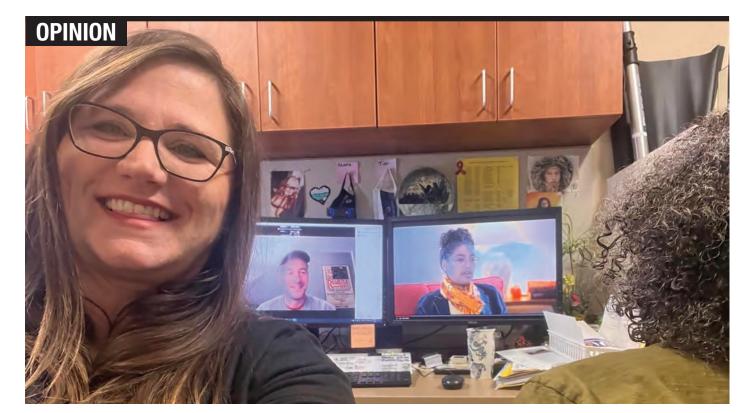
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A documentary premiering next month at the Hoogland Center for the Arts, No Title for Tracey, tells the story of Tracey Meares, who in 1984 was on track to become the first Black valedictorian at Springfield High School, but a white student was selected for recognition instead. CREDIT: FACEBOOK.COM/NOTITLEFORTRACEY

third grade memory #1

ronald grow in my third grade class repeated loudly and jeeringly (I can still hear every syllable) "there's not any santa claus! it's just your mother and father!" a desperate yammering crew myself among them appealed to miss hermann I can still see her gazing out the window her faint smile her misty distant eyes hear her say "I have never seen santa claus – but I do know there is a Christmas Spirit." that was enough for us. but by spring of that 3rd grade year I was too old to believe in the easter bunny

2022 Jacqueline Jackson

LETTERS

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RACIST TOWN

Tracey Meares' experience is appalling ("The Black valedictorian who never received the title," March 17). I came from the Chicago area to go to graduate school here and immediately moved to Southern California. Upon my return in the late 1980s, I remarked to my husband that Springfield was one of the most racist towns I had ever seen - and I grew up in a south suburb of Chicago. It was subtle racism, but evident nonetheless. Kudos to Maria Ansley and the wonderful Dr. Nicole Florence for spearheading this documentary. Shelley Davis Helton Via Facebook.com/illinostimes

DIDN'T DIMINISH

This saddens me to read of incidents like this, but I'm glad to learn that it did not diminish Tracey Meares' character, nor her goals for higher education and career ambitions. Hopefully, learning of situations like this can cause people to change

for the better. Our society definitely has much room for improvement.

Mike Pippen

Via Facebook.com/illinostimes

ANOTHER GARDEN

I read and shared your article on community gardens ("Gathering to garden," March 17). It will hopefully be helpful to educate some people that not all are communal. At Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church, we rent boxes for \$10 and have one community strawberry box. We are in the process of replacing our old, wooden deteriorating boxes with metal boxes. We installed several last fall and have more to assemble. The church took down an old, rotting tree which opened up a lot of sunshine.

Anyway, just wanted to say great article and happy gardening. We are having our pastor bless our boxes after church on April 3, so about 11:40 a.m. if anyone wants to check us out.

Dianna Trost
Springfield

LOST PROVIDERS

I can no longer see my providers that know my conditions and are aware of my history ("Innetwork doctors in decline," March 17). And I cannot change insurance because my work has Blue Cross Blue Shield. Stop playing games with those who need your services, BCBS. It is beyond time to end this power play.

Judy Simon McEvoy

Via Facebook.com/illinostimes

ONE PROVIDER EASIER

I'm not sure how everyone else has dealt with this, but it has actually made my life easier. My primary doctor at Springfield Memorial Hospital has agreed to manage anything my son and I were seeing a specialist for. So now we are only seeing one doctor in one building, and he is closer to home. We saw many good and kind providers at Springfield Clinic, but won't be returning even if they come to an agreement.

I guess there might be an issue if our chronic illnesses got worse and a primary doctor didn't want to handle it, but so far, keeping one provider has been nice. I understand this is unfortunate for Springfield Clinic and the providers there, but this is what they drove me to do.

Kels Pedigo Via Facebook.com/illinostimes

OPINION

Police union prepares to campaign

POLITICS | Rich Miller

The Chicago Fraternal Order of Police's top campaign priority this spring is defeating Sen. Rob Martwick, D-Chicago, in the Democratic primary. The police group is backing Chicago police detective Erin Jones, who not long ago was described as a "loyal member" of the Northwest Side GOP Club.

The previous practice in that area of fielding Republican candidates against Democrats in the general election has simply not worked. In 2018, then-Rep. Martwick defeated Republican Ammie Kessem, a Chicago police sergeant and the current 41st Ward Republican Committeeperson, by 21 points. Lindsey LaPointe was appointed to Martwick's seat when Martwick was appointed to the Senate in 2019, and she buried Republican police detective Jeff Muehlfelder by 20 points in the 2020 general election. The failed Republican push in both years and even long before that was a project of GOP operative Dan Proft and folks affiliated with the Illinois Policy Institute.

Republicans have also run in Democratic primaries in that part of the world with disastrous results, but they're going to try again with Detective Jones, only this time with real

In addition to the Marwick vs. Jones race, Rep. LaPointe faces famed Chicago 911 dispatch operator Keith Thornton, who managed the radio response to police officer Ella French's fatal shooting, and realtor Tina Wallace in the June 28 primary. Rep. Sonya Harper, D-Chicago, is up against Carolynn Crump, a Chicago cop with a PhD in business administration, as well as Steven Williams.

As noted above, Martwick is at the very tippity top of the FOP's hit list. FOP President John Catanzara made it clear to his members last week that any politician who endorses or helps Martwick will feel the fiery wrath of his union.

Sen. Martwick and Reps. LaPointe and Harper all voted for the SAFE-T Act, the police and criminal justice reform bill which Catanzara said on a Facebook video last week was backed by the "Black Caucus and a ridiculously left-leaning agenda, radical Democrats in Springfield." The Chicago FOP, Catanzara said, "has been very clear none of those members who voted for that [bill] will get any support from the FOP. Period." Rep. Harper chairs the Legislative Black Caucus.

Catanzara also said in the video message that he told three Northwest Side Chicago alderpersons, who are loyal to the Chicago Fire Fighters Union, that if they backed Martwick in the primary there would be consequences when they ran for reelection next year. They and any others could introduce or even pass all the police-friendly ordinances they wanted, but it wouldn't matter if they stood with Martwick over the cops, he warned.

Martwick himself has taken tremendous media heat for sponsoring a pension sweetener bill for the Chicago police, but the police union doesn't care. They want that man gone,

Sen. Martwick is also absolutely despised by the charter school lobby, and those folks may wind up spending significantly more against him than the FOP, which recently boosted dues for its political push against its enemies.

I think Rep. LaPointe could be viewed as collateral damage. The cops definitely don't like her, yet they don't hate her with the intensity that they hate Martwick. But she represents half of Martwick's district, so they might as well take both shots while they're mucking around in Martwick's neighborhood. Same goes for the charter schools.

One issue for the FOP is that LaPointe's other opponent Tina Wallace will likely not bow out in favor of 911 dispatcher Thornton, who reportedly has district residency issues and has an opposition research file that's like five miles deep. The general rule of thumb

for incumbents when it comes to primary opponents is 'The more the merrier,' because multiple opponents can split the opposing vote into smaller fragments. But Ms. Wallace will undoubtedly want a clear shot at a majoritywins, two-way primary and will likely try to kick Thornton off the ballot.

The Illinois Association of Realtors is almost always supportive of any member, like Wallace, who runs for office. Coincidentally, the Illinois Network of Charter Schools hired the Realtors' top political person away from them not long ago, so the two groups now have a lot in

Meanwhile, Crump will be "fully supported" by the FOP against Rep. Harper, who had real trouble gathering candidate

A gigantic question remains whether the FOP, INCS and the Realtors can convince enough conservative Chicagoans to take Democratic ballots to vote against liberal Democratic incumbents in liberal districts instead of voting Republican. It's not an easy ask and it almost never works, despite all the money that's about to be dumped into these races.



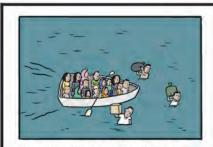
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OPINION

Buy now, save later

WEEKLY REEDER | Scott Reeder

The problem with inflation is that there is more than enough blame to go around.

Some folks will say it's Joe Biden's fault, others blame Donald Trump, or Russia, or Congress or the Federal Reserve. Maybe everybody is a little bit right or a little bit wrong.

I don't know.

I grew up on a farm. And no one appreciates the dynamics of commodity pricing better than a farmer. Every morning my folks would turn on WGIL and listen to the price for a bushel of corn or soybeans and a hundredweight of hogs.

It was not a time for children to speak. This was important stuff.

But that didn't keep me from asking annoying questions. At age 10, I might ask my father why the price of pork was high or low. And he would try to explain it in language a child could understand, saying something like, "Fewer baby pigs were born six months ago and that means the supply is down and prices are going up."

Or he might explain that we had favorable weather for raising corn and that had brought the supply of the grain up and price for it down.

And sometimes he might just scratch his head and say, "I don't know why it's doing what it is doing."

My point? Rarely are there simple solutions to complex problems like inflation.

But here are a few contenders in my book: the Federal Reserve has kept interest rates far too low for too long; Congress has been spending like crazy since the beginning of the pandemic; the labor market is tight and labor costs are rising; the pandemic has really messed up supply chains and left store shelves bare and made prices for what is left higher; and Russia invaded Ukraine, upending the petroleum markets.

Inflation is a thief that steals from families and leaves us poorer.

So how can an individual combat inflation? Here are some thoughts: negotiate everything.

When I make a major purchase, I negotiate. For example, I purchased a wall-mounted fireplace from a Springfield hardware store last week. I asked an assistant manager how much she could knock off the price. She told me they don't negotiate prices unless the item is damaged. After jokingly offering to whack it with a hammer, I got to dickering with the store's top manager, and he carved \$75 off the purchase price.

Be pleasant but persistent.

With the inflation rate between 7% and



Buying in bulk can be a good strategy when inflation is high. PHOTO BY SCOTT REEDER

8%, it's smart to assume what you buy now would cost more later. So, for consumables, things you are certain to use no matter what, look for good prices and buy in bulk.

For example, I recently bought 18 bottles of Arm and Hammer detergent when I saw a good price at Menards. Or I bought a six-pack of Colgate toothpaste at Sam's Club when I saw a good price.

I know that no matter what the economy does, I'll be washing my clothes and brushing my teeth. By buying now and using later, I'm hedging inflation. It's like buying a 7% bond. It's not a flashy investment, but it is a pragmatic one.

With labor prices escalating, it may also be an appropriate time to consider spending money on that project you have been putting off. For example, I have a plumbing project that I have continually postponed, but I know will eventually have to happen.

I got an estimate from my plumber several months ago that is good for six months. I have watched labor rates shoot up since then. So, I gave the green light to the project at the price it was bid at six months ago. Again, it's like buying a bond paying at the rate of inflation.

I'll be the first to admit, these aren't easy undertakings. It requires spending savings now in anticipation of those dollars in your bank account being worth less if they go unspent.

It's hardly an ideal situation. But the economy is giving few alternatives to staying ahead of inflation. □

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Access to Springfield Clinic comes at a cost, but it cannot come at all costs.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois: "We've come to the table, time after time."

GUESTWORK | Krishna G. Ramachandran

The writer is divisional senior vice president, health care delivery, for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois.

For more than 80 years, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois has worked diligently to ensure that our members have robust access to support their health and wellness.

We contract and collaborate with over 100,000 providers here in Illinois to improve health outcomes, reduce costs and enhance the quality of care for our more than 8 million members – including nearly 10,000 Blue Cross and Blue Shield employees that live and work in Illinois, and thousands of employees right here in the central Illinois region.

We've been trying to work with Springfield Clinic for nearly a year to reach an agreement to continue to offer affordable and accessible health care to our members in the Springfield market. While we've kept diligently attempting to negotiate on behalf of our members, it was only just two weeks ago that we received Springfield Clinic's very first specific counteroffer, even though we had been asking them for just that since June of 2021. Springfield Clinic, a for-profit entity, demanded a skyrocketing 75 percent increase in rates – even though their rates are already the highest in the Springfield market and tower 60 percent more than those in the Chicago market.

We've had Springfield Clinic providers in our network for more than 30 years and have a tremendous amount of respect for the staff and physicians who work there. In fact, we have consistently maintained a great relationship with them until they decided to send us a notice of termination for our Blue Choice relationship. Despite our best efforts, we have not been able to reach a deal that protects our members and employer groups from some of the highest health care costs in the state.

It is not in the best interest of our members and local employers in central Illinois to pass along the unfair burden of skyrocketing rate increases, who are already reeling from rising medical trends and inflationary expenses. Doubling the Springfield Clinic's rates could cause local Springfield area small businesses to see an increase of up to 30 percent in their premiums. This directly hits their bottom



A contract dispute means Springfield Clinic is no longer an in-network provider for families insured by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois.

line.

We understand how deeply personal health care is and, throughout the past many months, our top priority has been to care for our members, keeping them informed about the potential termination and then, their options for continued access to care amid the disruption. Members with questions about how Springfield Clinic's network status affects their coverage is available at 1-877-325-2958 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Our customer advocates are ready to help answer questions about specific benefits and provide guidance.

Members who are pregnant, being treated for a disability, acute condition or life-threatening illness, may be covered by what is known as "continuity of care." This means they may still be able to use Springfield Clinic providers at the in-network benefit level under their current plan. In fact, since Springfield Clinic left our network in November, we've approved over 1,400 members' requests for continuity of care – including members undergoing active cancer treatment. Their claims are among the 1 million we process every day. Our goal is to process these claims correctly 100% of the

time. If we make a mistake, we want to fix it quickly.

Even though Springfield Clinic left our network, our local members can choose from more than 3,000 valued, in-network local providers who are aligned in our mission. We have and will continue to work closely with the State as we ensure access, affordability and quality in health care for Springfield residents.

While Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois is fighting to curb health care costs against inflationary pressures, Springfield Clinic's rates are already the highest in the Springfield area, and their unexplained demands simply fail to put patients and regional health care needs first.

We've come to the table, time after time, advocating for access, affordability and quality in health care for the millions of Illinoisans we serve. While it takes two to reach an agreement, for the past year it has really been us sitting at the table across from an empty chair.

We remain committed to working with Springfield Clinic to reach an agreement that is in the best interests of our members and employer groups. \square





Building more emergency shelters and funding more foster homes seems on the surface to be a logical way to start improving a troubled child welfare system in Illinois.

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) has been beset by images of children sleeping in department offices because they have nowhere else to go, reports of children spending too much time in restrictive psychiatric facilities, and a lack of sufficient foster parents to accommodate children who have been removed from their families.

The department has issued three calls for proposals asking providers to submit plans for building emergency shelter capacity, emergency foster homes and programming for youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The proposals address the apparent shortage of housing and services for many of the state's most vulnerable youth.

But a group that has been at odds with DCFS for decades about how the department cares for those caught up in the child welfare system has blasted the proposals as the wrong thing at the wrong time.

"This is precisely the sort of ill-considered, misdirected, counterproductive, fiscally irresponsible, and panic-driven activity that Plaintiffs have been working to prevent" during ongoing litigation, reads a recent post on the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) website.

"It is troubling that the department is actively encouraging providers to develop more shelter beds and emergency foster homes to serve the 'one percent of youth' DCFS acknowledges it currently struggles to place – those who are stuck in psychiatric hospitals beyond medical necessity, those stranded in emergency rooms due to lack of psychiatric hospital capacity and those who have lost their placement due to extreme behaviors."

"Every expert has told the department that these youth do not belong in shelters, and DCFS knows from its own failed experience that these youth are not accepted by emergency foster homes because they lack the supports to address these youths' severe, immediate needs," the post concludes.

So if more emergency services aren't the answer, how do you fix the Illinois child welfare system?

"We should use child removal as a last resort"

The Illinois Collaboration on Youth, a private organization that supports the safety and success of Illinois' children, feels that the best way to serve at-risk children isn't to provide more emergency care. They say the state should keep more situations from becoming emergencies.

"Think of DCFS as like an emergency room," CEO Andrea Durbin said. "When primary health care systems aren't working, then people go to the emergency room for things that aren't emergencies or didn't have to become emergencies. DCFS is not separated from the human services system, it's a part of it, but it's the last resort."

Durbin said the solution involves a more

robust human services system that focuses on child and family well-being so that people have housing and they get their mental health, addiction and traumas treated.

"They are able to have jobs that support their families, they have access to child care and early childhood education," Durbin said. "When those systems are working well, there are fewer kids in care."

Durbin said that any reform process must aim to reduce the number of families that need DCFS services, and that any discussion about funding additional social service supports must take into account the trauma that foster care causes to families. She said an alarming trend has developed in that Illinois currently has a higher number of kids going into foster care than any of the other 10 most populous states.

"The analogy is like chemotherapy. Everybody knows chemotherapy uses a very toxic, potent drug and you are only going to use a treatment like that if nothing else works," Durbin said. "Are we too often relying on a treatment, in this case child separation from their parents, because we don't have anything else available or because it's the only solution that will work?

"When things are really, really bad, people end up in foster care. It's not a good outcome, it's a bad outcome," Durbin said. "We should use child removal as a last resort, not a first resort."

Durbin said the Pritzker administration has taken one positive step, investing more resources to help provide rate increases for the state-reimbursed community-based providers that serve approximately 85 percent of the children in the child welfare system. She said those providers had only seen two very small rate increases in almost 20 years.

William McCaffrey, DCFS director of communications, said the agency has seen

other system improvements recently.

"The Department of Children and Family Services is continually working to improve the child welfare system in Illinois and has made significant, measurable progress in the past three years," McCaffrey said. "We recognize that we still have more to do as we build a system in which all of Illinois can be proud, and are thankful for the support of the governor and the General Assembly for providing increases in our annual budget to help hire more employees, increase support for our private partners and address some of the longstanding challenges the department is facing.

"We will continue to collaborate with our stakeholders and advocates to make the changes necessary to ensure we protect vulnerable children and help strengthen families in crisis," McCaffrey said.

"That child will always want to go back to their family"

Much of the recent collaboration regarding Illinois' child welfare system has been in court, as the ACLU and DCFS work through numerous consent decrees resulting from ACLU lawsuits over the way the department handles the children in its care.

Heidi Dalenberg, the ACLU's managing legal director, remains involved in a DCFS consent decree that stems from a 30-year-old lawsuit. She said a different focus is needed to fix the system, as the goal should be to keep families together whenever possible.

"You must understand that when you're removing children from the custody of their parents, that child will always want to go back

to their family," Dalenberg said. "The place where these kids do best is when we have them in foster care with their own relatives.

"The thinking sometimes goes, why would I put a kid with the grandmother when the mother that the grandmother raised didn't take proper care of her children?" Dalenberg said. "The grandmother might be an absolutely phenomenal person to take care of her grandchildren while her daughter or son is dealing with a drug use problem or a mental health issue."

Dalenberg said that the child welfare system has changed over the years and it's time that DCFS started to shift some of its priorities.

"I don't think they ever imagined that we would be where we are today where 70 percent of the kids in foster care are living

DCFS director held in contempt for 7th time in 10 weeks

16-year-old developmentally disabled boy was in temporary placement for more than a year

CHILDREN | Beth Hundsdorfer, Capitol News Illinois

For the seventh time in 10 weeks, a Cook County judge found Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Director Marc Smith in contempt for failing to comply with a court order.

DCFS was ordered by a judge in March 2021 to move a 16-year-old boy who has low intellectual functioning and cognitive delays from his temporary shelter to a placement to meet his needs, according to the Cook County Public Guardian's Office, who represents the boy in court.

Despite a court order entered a year prior and the agency's own recommendation for a residential placement appropriate for him and his abilities, the boy remains in a temporary placement.

"This boy has spent every major holiday in the last year stuck in a place unable to provide him the care and nurturing he needs," stated a release from Cook County Public Guardian Charles Golbert's office.

On March 17, Cook County Judge Patrick T. Murphy found Smith in contempt for failing to move the boy and fined him \$1,000 a day for every day the boy remains in temporary housing. The fine was stayed until March 24.

"DCFS and our private partners have aggressively been attempting to locate homes for those children. They had been doing it for months. There was no ignoring of the need of those children. And the truth is it takes a lot of negotiation with many providers for them to be able to develop the resources to care for those individual children," Smith told a Senate appropriations committee

March 17.

It was hours before Smith faced a seventh contempt order from Murphy. In two of the seven cases, the contempt order was purged when the kids were placed in their recommended setting. Those two cases involved:

- An 8-year-old girl placed in a locked psychiatric hospital unnecessarily for more than seven months.
- A 13-year-old boy kept in a "temporary" shelter in Mt. Vernon nearly five hours away from his family for nearly five months. Before the shelter, DCFS placed him in a utility room in an office.

In the other four previous cases, the contempt order remains in place and the children remain in their present settings. Those cases involve:

- A 17-year-old boy who was placed in a locked psychiatric hospital for more than four months beyond medical necessity.
- A 16-year-old girl housed in 25 different places in two months, including hospitals, emergency shelters, a shelter in Indiana, and temporary foster homes. Before that, she was in a locked psychiatric hospital for nearly two months after it was recommended that she be moved.
 - An 11-year-old girl medically approved

for discharge from a locked psychiatric hospital for nearly a year waiting for a transfer to a residential placement.

• A 15-year-old girl placed in a locked psychiatric hospital since December 6, 2021 – approximately three months waiting for transfer to a specialized foster home.

Each of the seven children in these cases is represented by the Cook County Public Guardian's Office. The orders for contempt were signed by Judge Murphy, who served for 25 years as the Cook County Public Guardian.

DCFS has placed 356 children statewide in inappropriate settings for an average of 55 days, Golbert said. There were so many children that Murphy, the presiding judge over the child protection division, created a separate "beyond medical necessity" or "stuck kids" docket.

A court order in one of the contempt of court cases filed against Smith noted that in 2020, DCFS had 314 wards in psychiatric hospitals beyond the date of discharge. In 2014, there were 75 DCFS wards in mental health facilities beyond the date of discharge. That number doubled in 2015 to 168.

Golbert has said that holding a state agency director in contempt of court is extraordinarily rare. In the more than 30 years that he has been practicing in juvenile court, he could not recall a single prior instance where a judge held the DCFS director in contempt.

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DCFS Director Marc Smith: "There was no ignoring of the need of those children."





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with relatives. And yet when you hear them talking about doing placement drives, what are they doing?" Dalenberg said. "They are going to churches and community events and they are recruiting foster parents from those venues. That's all a worthwhile thing to do, but that's not where the vast majority of the kids they are going to have to place are going to land.

"You need to sit down, take a deep breath, do some planning, really think about what you want to build," Dalenberg said. "And lose this mentality of 'I have to work with what I have."

"Litigation doesn't turn hard problems into easy ones"

What DCFS has now is a lot of court oversight into its operations, with the most significant and still active case more than 30 years old.

The ACLU filed a class action federal lawsuit in 1988 against DCFS on behalf of a client known by the initials of B.H. The lawsuit alleged that the DCFS system was poorly funded and administered and that scores of children and families were being hurt as a result.

In 1991, what has become known as the B.H. Consent Decree was accepted by the U.S. District Court. It requires DCFS to meet a standard of care that protects children in its custody from harm. The consent decree also mandates that DCFS provide adequate health care for those children, including mental health care, and has several other provisions related to the safety and wellbeing of children and families involved in the DCFS system.

A consent decree is an action plan the state makes with litigants to resolve lawsuits involving civil rights or federal law violations. A judge appoints an expert monitor, and through that monitor the judge oversees progress on the plan. The judge can require the state to abide by the terms of the plan or hold the state in contempt if it doesn't. The consent decree ends when the judge is satisfied the state has met the terms of the plan.

It's been 31 years and there is no end in sight for the B.H. Consent Decree.

"Litigation doesn't turn hard problems into easy ones, particularly if you're battling with incompetent or corrupt leadership, and we've had both," said ACLU attorney Ben Wolf, who was involved in the B.H. case from the time it was filed until his retirement last year. "Despite our interventions and some very good efforts by independent experts, the system has continued to decline, and that pattern continues today."

Wolf said consent decrees such as B.H. are necessary to force state government to do its constitutionally obligated duty, which is to provide adequate resources and services

that protect children and families who are involved in the DCFS system. Wolf's fellow attorney, the ACLU's Dalenberg, thinks that "it is absolutely possible for DCFS to get it right."

"You either use the consent decree as a tool for the benefit of the people you are supposed to be serving, or you view it as a hindrance that makes it more difficult to do whatever you please with your agency," Dalenberg said.

Several times through the years, particularly during state budget cuts, the B.H. Consent Decree was the only thing that stood between families and disaster.

"If the consent decree hadn't been in place we would have been in a terrible spot," said Durbin of the Illinois Collaboration on Youth. "In general, consent decrees are an imperfect solution, they are kind of a blunt instrument, and shouldn't be the only way that reform occurs."



Heidi Dalenberg, the ACLU's managing legal director

"Not the best policy-making strategy"

Running a state agency by consent decree is not an ideal method, according to a veteran government expert.

"Consent decrees do keep the checks coming, but it's not the best policy-making strategy," said Kent Redfield, professor emeritus of political science at University of Illinois Springfield. "If you've been doing this for 30 years you have to ask, why are we operating this way? Is this the only way we can move things along?"

Redfield said the state's outdated revenue system, coupled with ever-increasing numbers of mandates, means that Illinois is constantly staggering from one fiscal crisis to the next, and it often takes a tragedy to focus attention on critical services that need funding.

"If we are just putting out fires then you

can't think about a holistic approach. Instead, you've got a lot of headlines-driving policy," Redfield said. "Do you have the money for more frontline case workers when you are also trying to fully fund education and deal with pension debt and all of the other things that are on state government's plate?"

The ACLU's Dalenberg said the B.H. Consent Decree had to be used during the Pat Quinn administration to force adequate DCFS funding in the face of proposed 50 percent across-the-board agency budget cuts.

"In that instance we had to go to court and argue that we couldn't even feed and clothe the children that were in DCFS care for the amount of money that was being set aside for the agency," Dalenberg said.

"Deserved to be litigated"

Shortly after the B.H. Consent Decree was signed, child welfare advocates had hope. Governor Jim Edgar moved Jess McDonald from his post as director of the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities to head DCFS, a position that McDonald held from 1994 to 2003. McDonald brought with him a realization that the child welfare system needed to change.

"The conditions that DCFS created for

children and families deserved to be litigated," McDonald said. "The pressure isn't so much that you're being sued, the pressure is, how do I solve the problems that caused the lawsuits?"

McDonald committed to working with the ACLU and other interested parties through the B.H. Consent Decree to reform the system.

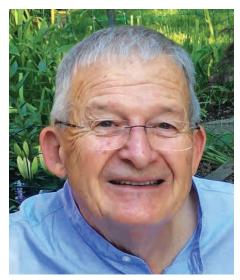
"You cannot take a child from a family because of neglect and then neglect the child again in the public system. The litigation was always about that," McDonald said. "The system had created more harmful conditions for these kids."

McDonald found the ACLU to be "incredibly good partners" in reforming the child welfare system.

"People inside state systems curse the ACLU, but they hold our feet to the fire," McDonald said. "They keep us accountable and they try to make sure the change is transparent."

The ACLU attorneys grew to appreciate McDonald's commitment to reform.

"McDonald understood how to negotiate with us in a very tough way," the ACLU's Dalenberg said. "But he also understood how to leverage the demands of the decrees to bring his agency into closer compliance with the decree and the constitutional requirements



Jess McDonald of Springfield, who headed DCFS from 1994 to 2003, is credited with bringing reform to the troubled agency.

for his agency."

The ACLU and the federal court noted progress during McDonald's tenure. From 1994 to 2004 there was a significant reduction in the number of re-abuse cases of children who had been reported to the system. There were also increases in the number of children

placed in adoptive or permanent guardianship homes, and a decrease in the time that kids were in the foster care system.

"At the time we sued, Illinois was among the worst in the country in trapping kids for long periods of time in temporary foster care," the ACLU's Wolf said. "We were able to reverse that pattern and make real progress. When Jess was there, those changes had a very significant positive effect on the system."

Wolf said a key development was the creation of an independent research agency, the Children and Family Research Center at the University of Illinois, which continues to provide an independent, reliable source of data on how the reform process is proceeding. Unfortunately, Wolf said, that data has shown a steady system decline ever since McDonald left DCFS in 2004.

"During the McDonald years, even when there was an occasional tragedy, as there is even in an improving system, we were able to look at the data and see where the problems were," Wolf said. "It takes a while to break something after you've fixed it, so starting a few years after McDonald left in 2004 the system started to slide back."

"The system doesn't fix itself, and knowing there's a problem is very different than knowing how to fix it," Wolf said. □









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Try a soufflé

A glorious but achievable finish to a great meal

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

Soufflé is one of those miraculous dishes that transforms seemingly humble ingredients into a marvelous main course or decadent dessert. Julia Child writes about them extensively in *The Art of French Cooking*, with several pages dedicated to detailing every nuance of the process. She wrote that, "Many people consider the dessert soufflé to be the epitome and triumph of the art of French cookery, a glorious and exciting finish to a great meal." While this dish may seem formal and unapproachable, preparing a soufflé is absolutely achievable by home cooks as long as a few key principles are kept in mind.

This recipe utilizes classic techniques to turn everyday ingredients like milk, flour and eggs into a showstopper dish that can be either sweet or savory. Child describes a soufflé succinctly as "...a sauce containing a flavoring or purée into which stiffly beaten egg whites are incorporated. It is turned into a mold and baked in the oven until it puffs up and the top browns." Its preparation relies on two key culinary techniques that, when mastered, open up a gateway to preparing hundreds of different recipes.

The first is making a béchamel sauce, one of the five French "mother" sauces. Known to many as white sauce or simply cream sauce, this is the first step to making a host of dishes from homemade mac and cheese to moussaka to crispy fried croquettes. In preparing a soufflé, the base béchamel is enriched with egg yolks and either cheese or sugar.

The second technique essential to pulling off a lofty soufflé is proper handling off the egg whites and yolks. It helps to temper the egg yolks to prevent them from cooking and curdling as they are whisked into hot sauce. Have all your ingredients and equipment ready and whisk continuously as they are incorporated into the hot sauce.

Stiffly beaten egg whites provide loft and structure to the soufflé. In order to achieve the best possible volume, be sure to use roomtemperature eggs and very clean hands, beaters and bowls. Any trace amount of oil or grease will impair the egg whites' ability to form a stable network of air bubbles. For this reason it is also important that there be no trace amounts of egg yolk in the egg white mixture. My preferred method for separating eggs is to crack the whole egg into a small clean bowl, then simply pluck the yolk out of the bowl and place it in a separate dish. Transfer the white to a clean mixing bowl and repeat. Doing each egg one at a time will prevent an accidentally broken yolk from spoiling a whole bowl of clean



egg whites.

A final consideration when preparing soufflés is the type of dish that must be used. They can be prepared in small individual dishes (you will need to adjust baking time) or in a large family-style type dish. Whatever you decide, it is essential that the dish have straight sides like a ramekin and be deep enough to allow the soufflé to climb – approximately four inches for a large family-style preparation or two inches deep for individual dishes. Sprinkling the buttered dish with cheese or breadcrumbs acts like a ladder and allows the soufflé to climb up the sides of the dish.

The soufflé is an ideal dinner party or brunch dish. The béchamel base can be prepared up to three days ahead. Bring up to room temperature before proceeding with the recipe. The soufflé can be prepared completely and held in the mold for an hour before being put in the oven so it can easily be timed to come out of the oven at just the right moment when entertaining.

Spinach and Cheese Soufflé

4 tablespoons butter, divided

2 tablespoons breadcrumbs or grated parmesan

1 clove garlic, minced

3 tablespoons flour

1 cup hot milk

½ teaspoon salt

A pinch each cayenne, nutmeg, and pepper 4 egg yolks

2 tablespoons minced green onion

1 10-ounce package frozen spinach, thawed and squeezed very dry

(Optional add-ins or substitutions include cooked broccoli or diced ham – use up to ¾ cup total of cooked fillings)

34 cup grated cheese such as sharp cheddar or

Gruyère, divided 1/4 teaspoon salt 5 egg whites

1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar

Coat the inside of an eight-cup soufflé dish with a tablespoon of the butter and sprinkle with the breadcrumbs or cheese. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees and position the rack in the middle of the oven.

To make the sauce base, melt the butter in a saucepan over medium heat. Stir in the garlic and then the flour and cook until they foam up without browning, about two minutes depending on the heat of your stove. Whisk in the hot milk and bring to a boil, reduce heat and continue to cook, whisking all the while, until the sauce is thick, about one minute. Remove from heat and stir in the salt and seasonings.

Have the egg yolks ready in a small mixing bowl. Whisk a spoonful of the hot sauce into the egg yolks to temper them, then whisk the tempered egg yolk mixture into the hot sauce. Stir in the chopped, dry spinach and ½ cup of the grated cheese. Taste for seasoning and set aside.

Using a clean bowl and whisk, beat the egg whites with the cream of tartar and a pinch of salt on medium speed for one minute until they're foamy. Increase the speed and beat until they are firm and glossy and seven times their original volume.

Whisk a quarter of the beaten egg whites into the spinach mixture to lighten it, then gently fold in the remaining egg whites. Carefully turn the mixture into your prepared mold and sprinkle with the remaining ¼ cup of cheese. Place the soufflé in the oven and immediately turn the heat down to 375 degrees and bake for 25-30 minutes. □



WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT



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Rhodes & Battles celebrate their album release at the Gin Mill this Friday.

On March music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Did I miss something, or did the month of March just fly by in a whirlwind of activity? I suppose the feeling is a combination of the approaching spring season, plus a reaction to the lessening of COVID restrictions and, more importantly, the number of COVID cases falling here in our area and around the country. Any way you score it, we're in our last weekend of March 2022, and by the looks of things, it's going to fly by as well.

Let's welcome Jack Whittle of the greater Chicago area to our blues scene as he rolls in to play Thirsty Thursdays at Whiskey Jack's, a weekly blues night hosted by MCG Presents. Jack, playing at Jack's with his blistering blues trio, calls his music "a deep blend of blues and roots" and keeps quite busy playing guitar in the big city up north, which says a lot about his talent, ability and hustle. Stop by to give the guys a hearty Springfield welcome this Thursday at 7 p.m.

Elvis Presley fans (I know, I didn't really need to use his last name, but once in a while, it's OK) are in for a treat this weekend as two tribute shows hit town. On Friday, Branson headliner and nationally touring artist, Joseph Hall, presents his awardwinning show, *Elvis: Rock 'n' Remember* at the Legacy Theatre with all the trimmings. Then on Saturday, our very own Elvis Himselvis plays Harvest Market Brewhouse Brews (6-9 p.m.) as a warm-up for his latest Tribute to the King concert coming to the Hoogland Center for the Arts on Saturday, April 16.

The Gin Mill (Bar None) venue on Fifth and Monroe hosts a double bill weekend, hailing back to the glory days when the place was a hot spot for live music. On Friday, Rhodes & Battles, an acoustic duo rooted in sweet harmony, hosts a release party for their

debut album, *Love is Free.* Joined by Jamie Merideth, Karen and Amy are elated to play the new record in-person and thrilled to sell you some copies, too. Some guy (haha) named Micah Walk opens the show at 8 p.m. Then on Saturday night, the legendary (I think it's OK to use that adjective) Looming returns to a Springfield stage along with Astrofix in a great display of local, original rock bands doing it up right. It's always great to see homemade music coming out, so please come out to support these working, rocking, DIY, area indie-artists.

On Saturday, in honor of Dion Doss turning the big 4-0, Good News ENT presents the Soulfield Music Festival, an all-day celebration of music-making from 2 to 10 at Danenberger's. Check out this lineup of BAAAD BOYZ, David Lumsden Band, DJ Masterjam, J Brew & the Crew (BOC), Kapital Sound, Michael Burnett & the Sun Band, RIQ (aka Yuri K.) DJ, SmoothTimes and Soul Experience all playing in one place on one day. Visit goodnewsent.biz for ticket purchases and information. Happy birthday Dion. You know how to throw a party!

This Sunday, Petersburg throws down a party as well when Sounds of the Square happens with live music happening all day long at various venues around the square. It all starts at 10 a.m. in the Talisman with Nathan Cozadd and Josie Lowder and ends with Brandon Boston at the VFW from 6 to 8 p.m. For all the in-between shows, check out the Facebook event page or just head out there and wander around until you hear some music playing. What fun!

Be sure to look for all the other music going on around town. Next stop, April 2022. □

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Thursday Mar 24

Jackpot Karaoke with Debbie

Cakes Curve Inn, 7-11pm

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

The Art of Jazz
The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 7-9pm

Jack Whittle Band Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 7pm

Friday Mar 25

Frank Trompeter Jazz Quartet

Anchors Away, 8-10pm

The Tangents Band The Blue Grouch Pub, 7:30-10:30pm

Friday Night Jazz - Liz Fitz Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke

Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 8pm-1am

Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

Sushi Roll Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Captain Quirk Danenberger Family Vineyards,

New Berlin, 7pm Karaoke

Dew Chilli Parlor Grill Pub on North Grand, 7-11pm

Rhodes and Battles with Micah Walk

The Gin Mill, 8pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' **Blue Band**

Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

Sunshine Daydream Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30-10:30pm

John Stevens

New Moon Cafe. Decatur. 6:30-8:30pm

Karaoke with DJ Dan Suter Pier 55 Lounge, 8pm

Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum, 8pm

John Drake Slauterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn, 6-9pm

Solar Chariot
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar,

Saturday

Mar 26

Broken Stone

The Blue Grouch Pub, 7:30-10:30pm

Open mic with Joel Honey and Silas Tockey Boone's, 7-11pm

Ashley McBryde Boonedock's, 7pm

Jameson Freeway Band Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Soulfield Music Festival Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 2-10pm

Antone Trio with Jeff Kornfield

Funky Monkey, Taylorville,

Looming and Astrofix The Gin Mill, 8pm

The Tangents

Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 7-10pm

Elvis Himselvis Band Harvest Market Farmhouse

Brews, 6-9pm Angel Brown's Smooth N'

Blue Band Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

Taylor June Locals Bar, Pawnee, 1-5pm

Springpatch Serenade Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill

& Museum, 8pm 3's Company

Third Base Sports Bar, 7-10:30pm

Karaoke with Cam and Lori VFW Post #755, 8-11pm

Keith Dunlap Walnut Street Winery. Rochester, 7-10pm

Branded

Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30-10:30pm

Sunday

Mar 27

Wolf Crick Boys Buckhart Tavern, Rochester,

The Red Ribbon Revue It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Risky Rooster Band Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

The Tangents

The Stadium Bar & Grill, 2-5pm

Cozadd & Lowder

The Talisman at Broadgauge, Petersburg, 10am-12pm

Tom Irwin and Owen Irwin Trails End Saloon, Curran, 4-7pm

Monday

Mar 28

Kingdom Brothers The Alamo, 7pm

Al Kitchen

The Stadium Bar & Grill, 6pm

Open mic with Silas Tockey

Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 8-11pm

Tuesday

Mar 29

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke

The Alibi, Rochester, 8pm-12am

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

Songwriter open mic with Tom Irwin

It's All About Wine, 6-9pm

Wednesday

Mar 30

Karaoke

Crows Mill Pub, 8pm

The Kitchens

Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum, 6-9pm

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





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HISTORY | Illinois women you should know

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■ Special Music Events

Brown Bag Concert

Wed., March 30, 12:15-12:45pm. Featuring pianist Pei-I Wang and baritone Troy Castle, Free, First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

Joseph Hall: Elvis Rock 'n' Remember

Fri., March 25. An awardwinning tribute show. \$25 in advance, \$30 day of and \$35 VIP. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 800-838-3006.

Legendary - A Tribute to Barbra

March 25-26, 7:30pm. Starring Sharon Owens. \$32. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Sherman Gospel Concert

Sat., March 26, 6pm. Featuring The Lesters, The Redemptions and The Wanda Mountain Boys. Freewill offering. Sherman Church of the Nazarene, Sherman, 7085 Village Center Road, 217-496-3255.

■ Theater & Comedy

Fiddler on the Roof

Thu., March 24, 7:30pm, A wonderful cast and a lavish orchestra tell this heartwarming story. \$24-\$89. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Lindsay Glazer

Fri., March 25, 8pm and Sat., March 26, 7:30pm. Comedian, lawyer, mom. Get tickets online at bonniebs.com. Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-787-2360.

Nightmare at the Sweet Dreams Inn

Fri.-Sun., Mar. 25-27. A totally 90s murder mystery set in a roadside motel in the Appalachian Mountains on a dark and stormy night in September 1996. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

■ Art & Architecture

Amature cosplay: Piece by agonizing piece

Sat., March 26, 1-2pm. Amateur cosplayers Natalie Zelman, Tiffany Oken, and Sarah Suits share tips, techniques and tricks. Share in their stunning triumphs

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Fri., March 25, 5:30-8pm and Sat., March 26, 12-4pm. Stop by and check out DIM's new digs. DIM Art House, 319 Chatham Road, 773-235-5600.

■ Auditions

Kinky Boots the Musical

Sat., March 26, 9am. Based on a true story about a London shoe factory on the verge of bankruptcy. Visit AtTheLegacy. com for audition materials and to schedule an audition. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 800-838-3006.

■ History

Building a Better World: Women's History Walking Tour

Fri., March 25, 2-3:30pm and Sat., March 26, 2-3:30pm. This one-hour, 1.5-mile walking tour highlights the women from several generations and different corners of the state who shared the belief that it is possible to

build a better world. Free. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-524-3971.

"No Blackberry Pie!"

Sat., March 26, 11am, 1pm. Tour is based on historical documents and is an educational opportunity, as well as entertaining performance. \$15. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 2175232631.

Susan Lawrence Dana - A community trailblazer

Wed., March 30, 12-1pm. This Springfield socialite and heiress used her platform to promote progressive social change, and regularly advocated for the rights of women and African Americans. Presented in honor of Women's History Month. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-844.

■ Politics

Symposium on Ukraine

Thu., March 24, 6-7:15pm. Roy Wehrle, Ph.D. and Jonathan Carlson-Eastvold, Ph.D. will address the context, current events and global ramifications of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Presented on three consecutive Thursdays through April 7. Free. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 S. Walnut St., 217-522-4415.

Ukraine and the new refugee crisis in Europe

Sat., March 26, 2-3pm. An expert in human trafficking, Laura Dean, Ph.D., will discuss the refugee crisis ignited by Russia's war in Ukraine 2014 to now. Sponsored by the Lithuanian-American Club of Central Illinois. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-503-0586.

■ Faith & Philosophy

Synodality in Central Illinois -**Listening Sessions**

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Tiny Adventurers

Wed., March 30, 10-11am, 1-2pm. A hands-on nature exploration program for children ages 3 to 5 with an adult chaperone. Participants will learn about a nature topic, make a craft and enjoy a story. Call for registration information. \$5 per session per family. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

■ Nature, Science & Environment

Nighttime frog walk

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Bulletin Board

it The Ritz

Sat., March 26, 5:30pm. A three-course dinner, an evening of dancing and a celebration of the progress made by the LGBT community during the past two years. springfieldcoral.org. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-741-4603.

Spring Coin Show

Sun., March 27, 9am-4pm. U.S. coins and paper money, gold and silver bullion, ancient and modern coins. Hosted by the Central Illinois Numismatic Association. Admission \$1, early bird 7-9am \$20. Northfield Inn, Suites and Conference Center, 3280 Northfield Dr., 217-528-7634.

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Interview Workshop

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■ Sports

Springfield Jr. Blues vs. Minnesota Magicians

Fri., March 25, 7pm and Sat., March 26, 6pm. Adults \$10-\$12. Children 12 and under \$6-\$8. Nelson Center, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-525-2589.



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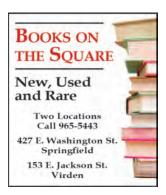
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAI CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, **ILLINOIS**

PNC Bank, National Association **PLAINTIFF**

Jason M. Norris: et. al. **DEFENDANTS** 2019CH000350

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL **ESTATE**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 12/18/2019, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on May 3, 2022 at the hour of 9:00 AM at in the Second Floor Boardroom of the Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois. sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: PIN 14-29.0-404-030

Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 331 N Amos Ave

Springfield, IL 62702 Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further

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

subject to confirmation by the court.

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

Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or

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

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

verify all information IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSES-SION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION

15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-09605. 13189957

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. PLAINTIFF

Luis F. Perez: et. al. DEFENDANTS 2019CH000355 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 12/18/2019, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on May 3, 2022 at the hour of 9:00 AM at in the Second Floor Boardroom of the Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PIN 14-13.0-177-012 Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3050 Twin Lakes Dr Springfield, IL 62707 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 Ahandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condo-

minium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (a)(4). If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(a-1).

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

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

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

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-09587. 13190170

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST Plaintiff.

MATTHEW R. HOBROCK AKA MATTHEW **HOBROCK** Defendant

19 CH 396

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 26, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on April 26, 2022, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRING-FIELD, IL, 62701, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2916 S. 11TH ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 Property Index No. 22-10.0-405-005 fka 22-10-405-005

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$61,398.63. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest hid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate 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 (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The **Judicial Sales Corporation conducts** foreclosure sales.

For information, contact HEAVNER, BEY-FRS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 398315.

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You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tisc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 111 East Main Street DECATUR IL. 62523 217-422-1719 Fax #: 217-422-1754

E-Mail: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys. Attorney File No. 398315 Case Number: 19 CH 396 TJSC#: 42-1099 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Col-

lection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

\Case # 19 CH 396

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RITA A. MAMMEN, deceased. Case No. 2022-PR-00033 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS Notice is given in the death of Rita A. Mammen of Springfield, Illinois, Letters of office were issued to Robert W. Reich, Jr., whose address is 47 Prairie Lane, Leichfield Kentucky 42754 on February 10, 2022 Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, within 6 months from the date of this publication and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of

a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. DATED February 23, 2022 Robert W. Reich, Jr., Executor BY: /s/ James P. Baker His Attorney Prepared by: James P. Baker Baker, Baker & Kraiewski LLC 415 South Seventh Street Springfield, Illinois 62701 (217) 522-3445 (217) 522-8234 facsimile

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ERIKA B. ALTMAN, deceased. Case No. 2022-PR-00088 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS Notice is given in the death of Erika B. Altman of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of office were issued to Scott Altman, whose address is 1413 36th Street, NW. Washington, D.C. 20007 on March 3, 2022. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse. 200 South Ninth Street. Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, within 6 months from the date of this publication and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. DATED:_March 9, 2022 SCOTT ALTMAN Executor BY: /s/ James P. Baker His Attorney Prepared by: James P. Baker Baker, Baker & Krajewski LLC 415 South Seventh Street Springfield, Illinois 62701 (217) 522-3445 (217) 522-8234 facsimile JPB@bbklegal.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of: Elmer Riech, Jr. Deceased. No. 2022-PR-101 NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE Notice is given of the death of Elmer Riech, Jr., of Springfield, Illinois, Letters Testamentary were issued on March 10, 2022, to Thomas Riech, 3129 E. Division

PUBLIC NOTICES

Springfield, IL 62702, as Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC. One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza. Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Elmer Riech, Jr. of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Thomas Riech, John Riech and Paul Riech as the only heirs of Elmer Riech, Jr. The estate will be administered without

court supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act, 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Paul Palazzolo

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One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: 217-544-2703 Fax: 217-544-4664 sdpavlik@delanolaw.com

Sarah Delano Pavlik - 6269250

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of BARBARA L. FREESEN, Deceased. NO 2022-PR-84 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Barbara L. Freesen of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 1, 2022, to Bonnie Miller, 6309 Kate Court Springfield Illinois 62712 as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Bernard G. Segatto, III, Barber, Segatto Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79. Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both on or before September 8, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the at

torney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP

Dated this 2nd day of March, 2022

Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753

Springfield, IL 62705-0079

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAI CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS BARBARA L. STILLWAGON, Deceased. NO. 2022-PR-113 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Barbara L. Stillwagon of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 17. 2022, to Pamela J. Tackett, 12 Briarwood Lane, Rochester, Illinois 62563, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before September 26, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 17th day of March 2022. Randall W. Segatto - 06193211 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate. LLP Springfield, IL 62705-0079 (217) 544-4868

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: JOANNE M. MAURER, NO 2022-PR-64 **CLAIM NOTICE** Notice is given of the death of Joanne M. Maurer of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 1, 2022, to George M. Gekas, 1045 West Vine, Springfield, Illinois 62704 as Executor whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705 Claims against the estate may be filed in

the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before September 8, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 1st day of March, 2022. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040

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

WILBUR C GAEDTKA Deceased. NO. 2022-PR-104 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Wilbur C. Gaedtka of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 15. 2022, to Margaret Ann Gaedtka, 151 S. Durkin, Apt. 3, Springfield, Illinois 62704, and Suzanne Marie Gaedtka 3302 Mackinaw Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62711, as Co-Executors, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate. LLP. P.O. Box 79. Springfield. Illinois 62705.

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in

September 22, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has Dated this 16th day of March 2022 Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP PO Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF MELINDA K. VIEHLAND, Deceased No. 2022-PR-85

matthewcate@barberlaw.com

CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Melinda K Viehland of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on March 1, 2022, to Debra Phillips whose address is 301 W. 3rd Street PO Box 232 Kinmundy, IL 62854, as Administrator, and whose attorney is JAMES R. ENLOW of GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL, 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL, 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse. Springfield. IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. DATED this 2nd day of March 2022

James R. Enlow (#6199891) GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL Attorneys at Law 1231 South Eighth Street Springfield, IL 62703 Telephone: (217) 522.9010 Facsimile: (217) 522.9020 Email: jim@gwspc.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF JAMES J. FISHER, Deceased. No. 2022P000097 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of James J. Fisher, a resident of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, who died in Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on June 29, 2021. Virginia L. Fisher, whose post office address is 2533 South 4th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, was appointed executor of his estate on March 7, 2022. The attorneys for the executor are Hart, Southworth & Witsman, One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the executor, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication, or 3 months from the

date of mailing or delivery, of this notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 8th day of March, 2022. Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930) Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535) Hart, Southworth & Witsman

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAI CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS MARY CELINE SESTAK, Deceased.

No. 2022PR000087 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of MARY CELINE SESTAK. Letters of office were issued on March 1, 2022, to Veronica Stalcup, 2624 Lemont Dr., Springfield, Illinois, 62704, as Executor, whose attorney is Paul E. Presney, II Presney & Gonzalez 726 South Second Street Springfield Illinois 62704 Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street. Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative or both within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. The representative reserves all statutory rights including the right to require any claim be filed with the court pursuant to Section 18-11 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/18-11). Dated this 1st day of March, 2022 Paul E. Presney, II - Reg. #6182986 Presney & Gonzalez Attorneys for Executor 726 South Second Street Springfield, Illinois 62704

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of JOSEPH PATRICK DOYLE, Deceased. IN PROBATE NO. 2022-PR-20 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE -NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS Notice is given of the death of Joseph Patrick Dovle. Letters of office Under Independent Administration were issued on January 13,2022 to Sandra S. Cavanagh, whose attorney of record is Brown, Hay & Stephens, 1000 US Bank Building, P. O. Box 2459, Springfield, Illinois. Notice is given to unknown heirs who are named in a Petition filed in the above proceeding to probate a Will and whose names or addresses are not stated in the Petition, that an Order was entered by the Court on January 13, 2022 admitting the Will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of Admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21) You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will

to probate. 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, Illinois, 62701 or with the representative of the estate, or both on or before August 5, 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.

Paul Palazzolo, Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CARL A. GIGANTI. Deceased NO. 2022-PR-94 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Carl A. Giganti, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on March 8, 2022 to Nino T. Giganti. 1557 Santa Cruz Drive, Apt. 2, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121 and Carmyn A. Giganti, 1012 N. 5th Street, Riverton, IL 62561, as Co-Administrators. whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold. LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth

Springfield II 62701 or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 19th of

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 8th day of March, 2022 Gregory P. Sgro

Sgro. Hanrahan, Durr. Rabin & Reinbold, LLP 1119 S. Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAI CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY. ILLINOIS ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC, f/k/a QUICKEN LOANS. LLC. and f/k/a QUICKEN LOANS INC.,

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF EDWARD P. O'BRIEN JR; et. al., Defendants No. 2022-FC-0016

TO: LINKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATERS OF EDWARD P. O'BRIEN, Deceased Notice is given of the death of Edward P. O'Brien. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Edward P. O'Brien, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 906 N. 15th St, Springfield, IL 62702.

The address of the Special Representative is: WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file. you must first create an account with an efiling service provider. Visit efile.illinoiscourts. gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. /s/ Dan E. Way, #6204735 Special Representative for Edward P. O'Brien, deceased, WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC 1100 S. Fifth Street Springfield, IL 62703 Fax 217-525-7012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS WINTRUST MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF BARRINGTON BANK & TRUST Co., N.A.,

dan@danwavlaw.com

Plaintiff JOSHUA BANKSTON, et. al., Defendants Re: Estate of Jesse B. Boose, Deceased. No. 2022-FC-0006 NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JESSE B. BOOSE: Notice is given of the death of Jesse B. Boose. The Court has appointed Dan E. Special Representative for Jesse B. Boose. deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 3505 Damyan Ct., Springfield, IL 62704. The address of the Special Representative is: WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To efile, you must first create an account with an efiling service provider. Visit efile.illinoiscourts. gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. /s/ Dan E. Way Special Representative for Jesse B. Boose, deceased Dan E. Way, #6204735 WAY LAW OFFICES LLC 1100 S. Fifth Street

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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAI CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD F. WEEKS. DECEASED. NO. 2022-PR-92 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS Notice is given of the death of DONALD F. WEEKS of Sherman Illinois Letters of Office were issued on March 3, 2022 to LINDA J. CAIN (31027 W. Weldon Ave., Buckeye, AZ 85396) and CONNIE DRUIEN (9922 136th St. Ct. West, Taylor Ridge, IL 61284) as Independent Co-Executors, and whose attorney is DelGiorno Law Office LLC: 2160 S 6th Street, Suite E, Springfield, Illinois 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th St., room 405, Springfield, IL 62701 or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 17th day of March, 2022, being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file. you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit https://efile. illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htmto learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble efiling, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/ gethelp.asp or talk with your local circuit clerk's office Dated this 3rd day of March, 2022 LINDA J. CAIN and CONNIE DRUIEN,

Co-Executors of the Estate of DONALD F.

By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney

BY: DeIGIORNO LAW OFFICE LLC

Independent

WEEKS, Deceased

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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MARSHA MORGAN AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF KAITLIN ELIZABETH CHRISTY, Deceased, Case No. 22-PR-60 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of KAITLIN ELIZABETH CHRISTY, Deceased, Letters of Office were issued on February 24, 2022, to Marsha Morgan, whose address is 9 Oak Wood Drive, Springfield, IL 62711 as Personal Representative. The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, under Section 28-4 of the

Probate Act (III. Rev. Stat. 1979, Ch. 110 1/2

par. 28-4) any interested person terminates

independent administration at any time by

mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street. Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Personal Representative or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the personal representative within ten (10) days after it has been filed. DATED this 7th day of March, 2022 MARSHA MORGAN, Personal Representative of the Estate of KAITLIN ELIZABETH CHRISTY, Deceased,

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MARSHA MORGAN AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF KAITLIN FLIZABETH CHRISTY Deceased Case No. 22-PR-60 PROOF OF SERVICE The undersigned, under penalties as provided by law pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/1-109, certify that I serve one copy of the foregoing by placing the same in the United States Mail, Springfield, Illinois, proper postage fully prepared on the 7th day of March, 2022, plainly addressed to: Illinois Times, 1320 South State, Springfield, Illinois 62704. Also sent via e-mail: bmatheis@illinoistimes.com Patricia M. Crawford Patricia M. Crawford Grea W. Sronce (# 6304062) STRATTON, MORAN, SRONCE, **REICHERT & APPLETON** 725 South Fourth Street Springfield, Illinois 62703 (217) 528-2183

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAI CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of Christina C. Rum, Petitioner And Ryan M. Connely, Respondent Case No. 2020-D-317 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you Ryan M. Connely, 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 10th day of April, 2022, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition. Paul Palazzolo Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of Crystal Collins, Petitioner And Michael L. Quinn, Respondent Case No. 2020-D-659 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you Michael L. Quinn, 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 24th day of April, 2022, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition. Paul Palazzolo Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of Kathleen Alnory, Petitioner And Ali Alnory, Respondent Case No. 2020-D-609 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you Ali Alnory, 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 24th day of April, 2022, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition. Paul Palazzolo Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY II I INOIS In the matter of the Petition of Bryanna Rea Hea For change of name to Bree Kovac Case No.: 22-MR-84 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on May 3, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Bryanna Rea Hea to Bree Kovac, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: March 10, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Michelle Adrianna Marone For change of name to Lisa Marie Comparone Case No.: 22-MR-32 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on May 3, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Michelle Adrianna Marone to Lisa Marie Comparone pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: March 17, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH SANGAMON COUNTY. ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of U'Laylah Christina Marie White For change of name to U'Lavlah Christina Marie Boyd Case No.: 22-MR-48 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on May 3, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from U'Laylah Christina Marie White to U'Lavlah Christina Marie Boyd, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: March 17, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Oakley Matthew Leach For change of name to Oakley Semaron-Aziz Lawson Case No.: 22-MR-76 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on May 17, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Oakley Matthew Leach to Oakley Semaron-Aziz Lawson, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: March 24, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COLINTY ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Daimion Dueqalion Potts For change of name to **Daimion Duegalion Bennett** Case No.: 22-MR-101 PLIRLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on May 17, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Daimion Duegalion Potts to Daimion Duegalion Bennett, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided Dated: March 24, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Todd Allen Cooper For change of name to Todd Allen Snook Case No.: 22-MR-114 Public Notice is hereby given that on May 17, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Todd Allen Cooper to Todd Allen Snook, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: March 24, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Regina Lorraine Cooper For change of name to Regina Lorraine Snook Case No.: 22-MR-115 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on May 17, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Regina Lorraine Cooper to Regina Lorraine Snook pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: March 24, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Alice Regina Cooper For change of name to Alice Regina Snook Case No.: 22-MR-116 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on May 17, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Alice Regina Cooper to Alice Regina Snook, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: March 24, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Bradley Ryan Klinger For change of name to Amber Lynn Reilly Case No.: 22-MR-44 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on May 17, 2022 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Bradley Ryan Klinger to Amber Lynn Reilly, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: March 24, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD. ILLINOIS PNC Bank, National Association PLAINTIFF Vs

Jason M. Norris; et. al. DEFENDANTS 2019CH000350 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 12/18/2019, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on May 3, 2022 at the hour of 9:00 AM at in the Second Floor Boardroom of the Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate

LOT 3 OF HENRY SELINGER ESTATE SUBDIVISION OF ALL THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING SOUTH OF THE MIDDLE LINE OF THE BEARD-STOWN ROAD, EXCEPT THE EAST 3 FEET THEREOF CONVEYED BY WARRANTY DEED TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SPRING-FIELD RECORDED DECEMBER 10, 1980 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 866850, EXCEPT ALL COAL MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PIN 14-29.0-404-030 Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 331 N Amos Ave Springfield, IL 62702 Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation

as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007. purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act. 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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

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

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION. IN ACCOR-DANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-09605. 13189957

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH

SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD,

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. PLAINTIFF Luis F. Perez; et. al. DEFENDANTS 2019CH000355 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 12/18/2019. the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on May 3, 2022 at the hour of 9:00 AM at in the Second Floor Boardroom of the Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT ONE HUNDRED EIGHT (108) OF TWIN LAKES SUBDIVISION, THIRTEENTH ADDITION. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LANDS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PIN 14-13.0-177-012 Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3050 Twin Lakes Dr Springfield, IL 62707 Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The halance including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction

thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-

OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCOR-DANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-09587

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation.

JOHN KENT FORTNER, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUNDS SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR WF 19 GRANTOR TRUST, PERSONAL FINANCE COMPANY LLC, ONE MAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC, and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.

Defendants. Case No. 2022-FC-34 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION Notice is hereby given to Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants of the real estate described below. Defendants in the aboveentitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is April 22, 2022. Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on March 10,

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 22-FC-34

2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois

3 The name of the title holder of record is: John Kent Fortner
4. A legal description of the real estate suf-

ficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

Lot 52 and the South 28 feet of Lot Fifty-One (51) of Lewis Pape Subdivision 2nd Plat, a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 7. Township 13 North, Range 4 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Situated in the Village of Pawnee, Illinois.

Situated in SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS 5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 1007 N. 7th Street, Pawnee, Illinois 62558 6. The Tax Identification Number(s) for the real estate is/are as follows: 36-07.0-205-005

7. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

Name of Mortgagor: John Kent Fortner Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank Date of Mortgage: June 3, 1999 Date of recording: June 23, 1999 County where recorded: Sangamon County,

Illinois Recording document identification: Document No. 1999R30036 PAUL PALAZZOLO CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Emmet A. Fairfield Registration No. 6180505 205 S. 5th Street - Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-8491 efairfield@bhslaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS WARREN-BOYNTON STATE BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff.

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REAL ESTATE SERVICE AND CONSULTATION LLC an Illinois limited liability company, THOMAS L. MINOR, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No. 2022-FC-14 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION Notice is hereby given to REAL ESTATE SER-VICE AND CONSULTATION LLC and THOMAS L. MINOR of the real estate described below. Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is April 28, 2022

Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on January 25, 2022.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: Warren-Boynton State Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 2022-FC-14.

2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County,

3. The name of the title holder of record is: Real Estate Service and Consultation LLC 4. Legal descriptions of the real estate sufficient to identify them with reasonable certainty is as follows:

LOT 68 IN CHARLES S. WANLESS' LAKE-LAWN, FOURTH PLAT, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS SHOWN BY PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 16 OF PLATS, PAGE 51 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS.

SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PARCEL 1:

Lot 75 and the East 2 feet of Lot Seventyfour (74) of Charles S. Wanless' South First Street Courts.

Except the coal and other minerals underlying the surface of said land and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal and minerals

Lot 6 in C.H. Schenk's Subdivision of Lots 7, 8 and 9 in Block 3 of Mrs. Ulrich's Addition to the City of Springfield.

Except the coal and other minerals underlying the surface of said land and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal and minerals

PARCEL 3:

Lot Two (2) in Mester's Osburn Avenue Addition to the City of Springfield.

Except the coal and other minerals underlying the surface of said land and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal and minerals

The North Half of Lot 6, all of Lot 7 and the South Half of Lot 8 in Cowgill's Addition to the City of Springfield.

Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed or reserved of record. 5. Common addresses or descriptions of the locations of the real estate are as follows: COUNTI

2623 Huntington Road, Springfield, Illinois 62703 COUNT II:

Parcel 1: 65 Ruth Court, Springfield, Illinois 62704

Parcel 2: 532 Fayette Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62704

Parcel 3: 815 W. North Grand Avenue, Springfield Illinois 62702 Parcel 4: 128 N. Walnut Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702

6. The Tax Identification Numbers for the real estate are as follows:

COUNT I: 22-14.0-278-025

COUNT II: Parcel 1: 22-04.0-428-004 Parcel 2: 14-33.0-407-006

Parcel 3: 14-21.0-380-027 Parcel 4: 14-28.0-455-023

7. Identification of the mortgages sought to be foreclosed are as follows: COUNT I:

Name of Mortgagor: Real Estate Service and Consultation LLC

Name of Mortgagee: Warren-Boynton State Bank

Date of Mortgage: May 30, 2018 Date of recording: June 8, 2018

County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois Recording document identification: Docu-

ment No. 2018R11805 COUNT II: Name of Mortgagor: Real Estate Service and

Consultation LLC Name of Mortgagee: Warren-Boynton State

Date of Mortgages: September 25, 2018 Date of recordings: September 27, 2018 County where recorded: Sangamon County,

Illinois Recording document identification: Docu-

ment No's. 2018R20274, 2018R20275, 2018R20273, and 2018R20277 PAUL PALAZZOLO CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SANGAMON COUNTY BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Emmet A. Fairfield Registration No. 6180505 205 S. 5th Street - Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-8491

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS SEVENTH JUDICAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ROB-ERT JOE HOOVER: ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVEL-OPMENT AUTHORITY: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HAROLD LEE HOOVER A/K/A HAROLD L. HOOVER; CARLA LOUISE VAUGHN A/K/A CARLA L. VAUGHN; UNKNOWN OWN-ERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS. Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 2022FC000018 Property Address: 1920 E. Watch Ave. Springfield, IL 62702

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BOBERT JOE HOOVER: LINKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HAROLD LEE HOOVER A/K/A HAROLD L. HOOVER . defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 34 OF SPAULDING'S SECOND ILLINOIS WATCH FACTORY ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD SITUATED IN COUNTY OF SANGAMON COUNTY. STATE OF ILLINOIS P.I.N.: 14-23.0-332-018

Said property is commonly known as 1920 E. Watch Ave., Springfield, IL 62702 and which said mortgage(s) was/were made and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 2010R47354 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now nending.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County on or before April 11, 2022, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date 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 www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff

Naperville, IL 60563

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank.

JULIE N. SMITH, n/k/a JULIE N. MOHAN, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.Defendants. No.: 2022FC000005 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE Notice is given to defendants, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, of the following described real estate, that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action is now pending, and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said defendants is APRIL 18, 2022. The Plaintiff has certified that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action was filed on January 11, 2022, and is now pending.

(i) The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above. (ii) The court in which said action was brought is identified above. (iii) The name of the title holder of record is: Julie N. Smith, n/k/a Julie N. Mohan.

(iv) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: Parcel I: Lot 4 in Block 1 in Simpson's Addi-

tion to the Town of Mechanicsburg. Parcel II: Lot 9 in Block 1 in Simpson's Addition to the

Parcel III: The East 10 feet of Lots 5 and 8 in Block 1 in Simpson's Addition to the Town of

Town of Mechanicsburg.

Mechanicsburg. 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

Tax ID Number: Parcel I: 16-26-403-003 Parcel II 16-26-403-010 Parcel III: 16-26-403-015

(v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 304 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg, Illinois 62545

(vi) An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: (A) Nature of instrument: Mortgage (B) Date of mortgage: July 6, 2015. (C) Name of mortgagor: Julie N. Smith. (D) Name of mortgagee: Illinois National Bank, N.A.

(E) Date and place of recording: July 13, 2015 in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Springfield County, Illinois. (F) Identification of recording: Document No. 2015R19003 Paul Palozzolo

Clerk of the Circuit Court Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930) Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535) Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 trigby@hswnet.com

aprillaman@hswnet.com 8051-921562

PUBLIC NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE CERTIFICATE NUMBER 139-0419-07 To: REGISTERED AGENT SOLUTIONS IN AGENT FOR 249 BROADWAY NJ LLC AND/OR UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS TELOS LEGAL CORP AGENT FOR LOAN FUNDER LLC SERIES 64351 AGENT FOR BROOKSTONE MANAGEMENT

FRANK LESCO CITY CLERK CITY OF SPRINGFIELD JOSH LANGSFELDER SANGAMON COUNTY CLERK, and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees or parties interested. A Petition for a Tax Deed on the premise described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County. Illinois, as Case Number 2022-TX-000020. On July 26, 2022 at 10:00 am, in Room TBD, the Petitioner will make an application to such court in Sangamon County, Illinois, for an Order on the Petition that a Tax Deed be issued if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale. The real estate is described as follows, to wit: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: L 24 B 3 MENDEN-HALL MATHENY & TURNEYS ADDN PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER: 14-33.0-455-025

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON ATHENS STATE BANK. n/k/a ALLIANCE COMMUNITY BANK, a state banking corporation,

and was sold on 11/8/2019 for general taxes

for the year 2018. The period of redemption

will expire on 7/15/22.

PETITIONER

8051-921747

RAVEN SECURITIES INC

LOIS VAN METER, or her successor in title, as Trustee of the LAV Trust dated May 14, 2013, or as amended and LOIS A. VAN METER, a/k/a LOIS VAN METER, BENEFICIARIES of the LAV Trust dated May 14, 2013, or as amended, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants. CASE NO. 21-CH-73

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on the 1st day of December, 2021 Sheriff JACK CAMPBELL, of SANGAMON County, will on the 19th day of April, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 o'clock A.M. at the Sangamon County Courthouse, County Board Chambers Room, Sangamon County Building, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises: Legal Description

Lot 16 of St. Cabrini Subdivision, a Subdivision of Lots 88 and 96 and parts of Lots 93, 94, 95, 97 and 98 of Wanless' Capital Heights Addition, and Lots 1 and 2 of Wanless' Bergen Park Addition, as shown on Plat recorded September 22, 1953 as Document Number 252333. 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 of Property: 25 St. Cabrini Ct., Springfield, IL 62702 Tax Parcel No. 14-25.0-179-023

PARCEI 2

Lot 11 of St. Cabrini Subdivision, a Subdivision of Lots 88 and 96 and parts of Lots 93, 94, 95, 97 and 98 of Wanless' Capital Heights Addition, and Lots 1 and 2 of Wanless' Bergen Park Addition, as shown on Plat recorded September 22, 1953 as Document Number 252333. 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 of Property: 15 St. Cabrini Ct., Springfield, IL 62702 Tax Parcel No. 14-25.0-179-018

PARCEL 3:

Lot 12 of St. Cabrini Subdivision, a Subdivision of Lots 88 and 96 and parts of Lots 93, 94, 95, 97 and 98 of Wanless' Capital Heights Addition, and Lots 1 and 2 of Wanless' Bergen Park Addition, as shown on Plat recorded September 22, 1953 as Document Number 252333. 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 of Property: 17 St. Cabrini Ct., Springfield, IL 62702 Tax Parcel No. 14-25.0-179-019

AND PARCEL 4:

Lot 119 of Spaulding's Illinois Watch Factory Addition, as shown on Plat recorded April 7, 1907 in Plat Book 4, Page 12. 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 of Property: 1819 Converse Street, Springfield, IL 62702

Tax Parcel No. 14-23.0-376-031 The improvements on each of the parcels of property consist of a single family residence. Sale Terms for each parcel: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours. certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments

The properties WILL NOT be open for inspection.

Upon the sale being made as to each property, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law. For information, contact the Plaintiff's Attorney, Charles K. Smith, 113 East Douglas, Petersburg, Illinois 62675, (217) 632-7750, or Josh Gronewold, Alliance Community Bank 321 N 6th Street Petershurg Illinois 62675, (217) 632-3241 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., however under the Illinois law, Attorney and Bank are NOT required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON ATHENS STATE BANK, n/k/a ALLIANCE COMMUNITY BANK, a state banking corporation, Plaintiff.

LOIS VAN METER, or her successor in title, as Trustee of the LAV Trust dated May 14, 2013, or as amended and LOIS A. VAN METER, a/k/a LOIS VAN METER, BENEFICIARIES of the LAV Trust dated May 14, 2013, or as amended, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS. Defendants. CASE NO. 21-CH-73 PROOF OF MAILING I. Charles K. Smith, certify that on March 7, 2022, I served a copy of the Notice of Foreclosure Sale, attached hereto, marked

e-mail and by depositing in the United States

as Exhibit A and incorporated herein, via

mail at the post office at Petersburg, Illinois, postage fully paid, addressed to the following LOIS VAN METER, a/k/a LOIS A. VAN METER, Individually, and as Trustee of the LAV Trust dated May 14, 2013 25 St. Cabrini Court Springfield, IL 62702 /s/CHARLES K. SMITH CHARLES K. SMITH Attorney At Law Attorney for Plaintiff 113 East Douglas Street Petersburg, IL 62675 Telephone: (217) 632-7750

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON ATHENS STATE BANK n/k/a ALLIANCE COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff. a state banking corporation,

ALAN MCMULLIN, a/k/a ALAN W. MCMULLIN, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, CASE NO 21-CH-74 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on the 1st day of December, 2021. Sheriff JACK CAMPBELL, of SANGAMON County, will on the 19th day of April, 2022. at the hour of 9:00 o'clock A.M. at the Sangamon County Courthouse, County Board Chambers Room, Sangamon County Building, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises: Legal Description

Lot 6 in Block 2 of LaFayette Smith's Subdivision of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section

33, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlyingt he 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 of Property: 705 S. English Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704 Tax Parcel No. 14-33.0-157-024 The improvements on the property consists

of a single family residence. Sale Terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, certified funds. No refunds. The sale shall be subject to general taxes and to special assessments. The property WILL NOT be open for inspec

Upon the sale being made, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a deed on a specified date unless the property is redeemed according to law.

For information, contact the Plaintiff's Attorney, Charles K. Smith, 113 East Douglas, Petersburg, Illinois 62675, (217) 632-7750. or Josh Gronewold, Alliance Community Bank, 321 N. 6th Street, Petersburg, Illinois 62675. (217) 632-3241 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., however under the Illinois law. Attorney and Bank are NOT required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON ATHENS STATE BANK, n/k/a ALLIANCE COMMUNITY BANK,

a state banking corporation,

Plaintiff.

ALAN MCMULLIN, a/k/a ALAN W. MCMULLIN. UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. CASE NO. 21-CH-74

PROOF OF MAILING I, Charles K. Smith. certify that on March 7, 2022, I served a copy of the Notice of Foreclosure Sale, attached hereto, marked as Exhibit A and incorporated herein, via e-mail and by depositing in the United States mail, at the post office at Petersburg, Illinois,

postage fully paid, addressed to the following

persons: ALAN MCMULLIN a/k/a ALAN W. MCMULLIN 522 E. Cooke Street Mt. Pulaski, Illinois 62548

ALAN MCMULLIN a/k/a ALAN W. MCMULLIN 705 English Avenue Springfield, Illinois 62704

ALAN MCMULLIN a/k/a ALAN W. MCMULLIN 2137 Walnut Street Springfield, Illinois 62704 /s/CHARLES K. SMITH CHARLES K. SMITH Attorney At Law Attorney for Plaintiff 113 East Douglas Street Petersburg, IL 62675 Telephone: (217) 632-7750

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM M. WELLS, Deceased NO. 22-PR-11 NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATERS Attached to this Notice are copies of the Petition to Probate and the Order Admitting the Will to Probate. You are named in the Pe tition as an heir or legatee of the Decedent. Susan Wells was appointed Executor on January 13, 2022

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of Admission, any heir or legatee may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Last Will and Testament by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755

ILCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/6-1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate.

SUSAN WELLS, Executor under Independent Administration under the Last Will and Testament

of William M. Wells, Deceased By: /s/Alex B. Rabin One of Her Attorneys CERTIFICATE OF MAILING I hereby certify that on January 14, 2022, I did mail (1) a copy of the above Notice; (2) a copy of the Will; (3) a copy of the Petition to Admit to Probate the Will of the above named Decedent; (4) a copy of the Order entered thereon showing the date of entry; (5) a copy of Rights of Interested Persons During Independent Administration; and (6) a copy of the Death and Claim Notice to each of the testator's heirs and legatees whose names and post office addresses are stated in said Petition, except those who personally appeared before the Court at a hearing or have filed a waiver of notice, as provided by Section 6-10 of the Illinois Probate Act. /s/ Alex B Rabin

Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP

Registration No. 6280907 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 WILLIAM M. WELLS, Deceased NO. 22-PR-11 RIGHTS OF INTERESTED PERSONS DURING INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION: FORM OF PETITION TO TERMINATE ADMINISTRATION A copy of an Order is enclosed granting Inde pendent Administration of Decedent's Estate. This means that the Executor or Administrator will not have to obtain court orders or file estate papers in Court during probate. The Estate will be administered without court supervision, unless an interested person asks the Court to become involved. Under section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/28-4), any interested person may terminate independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of the Court. However, if there is a Will which directs independent administration, the independent administration will be terminated only if the Court finds there is good cause to require supervised administration; and if the Petitioner is a creditor or non-residuary legatee independent administration will be terminated only if the Court finds that termination is necessary to protect the petitioner's interest A petition in substantially the following form may be used to terminate independent

administration. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAI CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM M. WELLS. Deceased NO. 22-PR-11 PETITION TO TERMINATE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

oath states:

1. On January 13, 2022, an Order was entered granting independent administration to Susan Wells as Independent Executor. 2. I am an interested person in this Estate as ((heir) (non-residuary legatee) (residuary legatee) (creditor) (representative) 3. The Will does direct independent admin-

istration. 4. I request that independent administration be terminated

Petitioner

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this day of Notary Public

In addition to the right to terminate independent administration, any interested person may petition the Court to hold a hearing and resolve any particular question that may arise during independent administration, even though supervised administration has not been requested. (755 ILCS 5/28-5). The independent representative must mail a copy of the estate inventory and final account to each interested person and must send notice to or obtain the approval of each interested person before the estate can be closed (755 ILCS 5/28-6, 5/28-11). Any interested person has the right to question or object to any item included in or omitted from an inventory or account or to insist on a full court accounting of all receipts and disbursements with prior notice, as required in supervised administration. (755 ILCS 5/28-11). SUSAN WELLS, Executor under Indepe Administration

of the Estate of William M. Wells, Deceased Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP By: /S/ Alex B. Rahin

One of Her Attorneys Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP Alex B. Rabin Registration No. 6280907 1119 S. Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAI CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM M. WELLS. Deceased NO. 2022PR000011 PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY I, SUSAN WELLS on oath state: 1. WILLIAM M. WELLS, whose place of residence at the time of death was in Dunkirk, Chautauqua County, New York, died on March 2, 2000, leaving a Last Will and Testament dated February 2, 2000, which Petitioner believes to be the valid last Will of the Decedent. 2. The approximate value of the Estate in this

state is: Personal: \$0 Real: Unknown 3. The names and post-office addresses of the Decedent's heirs and legatees are: Name

Relationshin Heir-H, Legatee-L, Minor-M. Disabled Person-D Post office address Susan Wells H-Daughter

617 Washington Avenue Dunkirk, NY 14048 William C. Wells H -Son P.O. Box 635

Dunkirk, NY 14048 William J Wells 1 243 Chestnut Hill Drive Rochester, NY 14617 Jacob T Wells 1

P.O. Box 3484 Redmond, WA 98073 Luke A. Wells L 2201 Foxboro Court

Erie, PA 16510 Jillian I Wells I 2201 Foxboro Court Erie, PA 16510

Alia K. Stock L 1888 Brett Lane Salsburg, PA 15681 Steven R Wells 1

19 Watson Avenue Westfield, NY 14787 Zachary Wells L

Unknown Rachael Wells L Unknown

4. The Decedent nominated as Executor the following, qualified and willing to act: Name Post-office address Susan Wells

617 Washington Avenue Dunkirk, NY 14048

5. The will was duly signed, attested, and admitted to probate in the State of New York, as will appear from the exemplified copy of the instrument and the proceedings had by the Chautauqua County Surrogate's Court of the State of New York

6. Petitioner asks that the Exemplified Will be admitted to probate and Letters Testamen tary be issued.

/s/ Susan Wells Susan Wells, Petitioner

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA The undersigned, a Notary Public, does hereby certify that the person signing the above Petition is personally known to me and that she appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that she signed said instrument. SUBSCRIRED AND SWORN to before me this

6th day of January 2022. Jeffrey G. Passafaro Notary Public

JEFFREY G. PASSAFARO 24751374 NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK QUALIFIED IN CHAUTAUGUA COUNTY MY COMMISSION EXPIRES APRIL 30, 2023 Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP Alex R Rahin 1119 S. Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 217-789-1200

alex@casevista.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM M. WELLS, Deceased NO. 2022-PR-000011

ORDER APPOINTING LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF DECEDENT'S ESTATE On the verified Petition of SUSAN WELLS for issuance of Letters of Office, SUSAN WELLS has presented her bond and has been approved. IT IS ORDERED, that independent administra-

tion is granted. IT IS ORDERED, that Letters of Office be issued to SUSAN WELLS. ENTERED: JANUARY 13, 2022 GAIL L. NOLL

JUDGE

LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION FOR BID

The Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority is requesting sealed hids for the Automated Garage Parking System at the BOS Center. Sealed bids will be received by the Authority in the Administrative office at 1 Convention Center Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701 until 11:00 AM on Monday, April 18, 2022 at which time bids will be opened publicly during the Board Meeting at 12:00 noon. Complete information, including specifications may be obtained on our website www theboscenter

The SMEAA Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the best interest of the Authority. BOS Center is an Equal Opportunity Contractor.

PUBLIC NOTICE Please take notice that the Springfield Mass

Transit District, dba Sangamon Mass Transit District, an Illinois Municipal Corporation has prepared a tentative Amendment to the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021. Copies of the tentative Amendment to the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance have been placed on file for public inspection, Monday thru Friday each week, until 4:30 p.m. at the Sangamon Mass Transit District offices, at 928 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, A public hearing on the Amendment to the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Sangamon Mass Transit District for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 will be held at 928 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, on April 25, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. The final budget, along with amendments, will be adopted at the April 25, 2022 Board Meeting at 4:30 p.m. held at the Sangamon Mass Transit District offices at 928 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois.

The Sangamon County Circuit Clerk is accepting bids for replacement of Court/Jail Video Arraignment System. The bid documents are available on the Circuit Clerk's website or by sending an email to brian.aarup@co.sangamon.il.us with the subject line of "2022 Court/Jail Arraignment System"

Bids must be received by April 15, 2022 at 12:00 n m CST in the brian aarun@

co.sangamon.il.us e-mail box.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAI CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS FRONY GRICE Petitioner

KFITH EVANS Respondent. Case No. 2021-0P-2210 PUBLICATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to you, Keith Evans, Respondent, that this cause has been commenced against you in this Court. Petitioner is asking for an order of protection.

Unless you file your answer or response or otherwise enter your appearance in this case in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, on or before April 14, 2022, a Plenary Order of Protection may be entered against you by default granting the relief requested in the Petition for Order of Protection

/s/Sarah L. Peterson Sarah L. Peterson, Attorney for Petitioner Sarah I Peterson Attorney at Law ARDC No. 6337776

Land of Lincoln Legal Aid 3085 Stevenson Drive, Ste. 202 Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 529-8400

Efile: efilenro@lincolnlegal.org

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

Mitchell Neece, Respondent Case No: 2021-0P-1904

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Mitchell Neece, 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 April 7 2022, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in

the complaint. Clerk of the Court Date: March 10, 2022

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

Jason Forgas, Petitioner Jennifer J. Keen, Respondent Case No: 2016-0P-88 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Jennifer J. Keen, 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 April 28. 2022, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in

STATE OF ILLINOIS

the complaint.

Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of the Court

Date: March 24, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY

Malonda Laurence, Petitioner Thierry Kekare, Respondent Case No: 2021-0P-2119 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Thierry Kekare, 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 April 21, 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: March 17, 2022

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Sherri Tate, Petitioner Verona Motterchaw, Respondent Case No: 2021-0P-2308 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Verona Motterchaw, 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 April 7, 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: March 10, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST Plaintiff. -v.-Matthew R. Hobrock aka matthew HOBROCK

19 CH 396 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 26, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on April 26, 2022 at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 22 IN MILLER'S BUNN PARK ADDITION EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND

SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Commonly known as 2916 S. 11TH ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 Property Index No. 22-10.0-405-005 fka

22-10-405-005

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$61,398.63. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is

due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate 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(q)(1) and (q)(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(a-1).

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

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, contact HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 398315. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, II 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC

111 East Main Street DECATUR IL, 62523 217-422-1719 Fax #: 217-422-1754 E-Mail: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Attorney File No. 398315 Case Number: 19 CH 396 TJSC#: 42-1099 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. \Case # 19 CH 396 8051-921769

Coined phrases

Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 733



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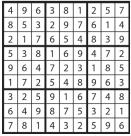
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Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week





Sudoku answers from #732

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JoshJosh

by J. Reynolds - No. 733

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52. Oscar de la

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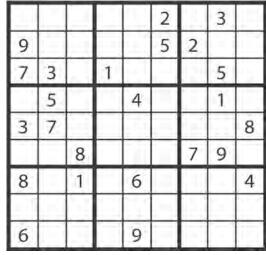
56. Listen to

57. "I see!"

44. Echo

No. 733

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



Difficulty medium



