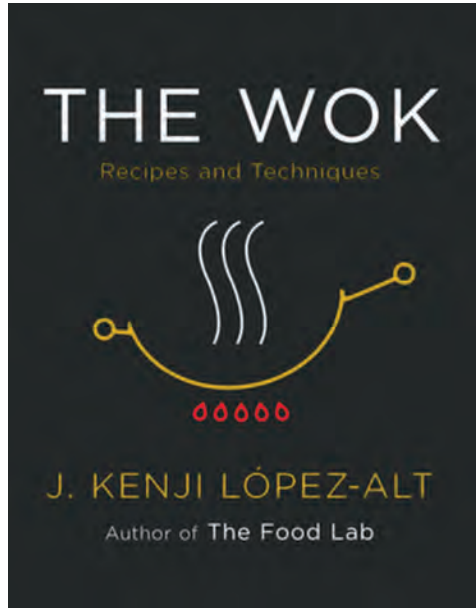




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State still seeking answers from Blue Cross

Insurer accuses Springfield Clinic of demanding unreasonable rates

HEALTH | Dean Olsen

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, which has agreed to pay a \$339,000 state fine stemming from the insurer's almost year-long contract dispute with Springfield Clinic, says the clinic is making unreasonable demands.

Blue Cross divisional senior vice president Krishna G. Ramachandran said the for-profit, multi-specialty clinic, in its "first very specific counter-offer," is demanding a 75% increase in reimbursement rates "even though their rates are already the highest in the Springfield market and tower 60% more than those in the Chicago market."

Ramachandran made the statement in a Guestwork piece published in the March 24 edition of *Illinois Times*. The company wouldn't provide the data upon which its assertions were based.

The aggressive stance by Chicago-based Blue Cross, the state's largest insurance company, comes as thousands of central Illinois patients deal with the ramifications of Blue Cross removing the clinic's doctors and other medical providers from the insurer's preferred-provider network last summer and fall.

Illinois' insurance department is evaluating whether Blue Cross' remaining central Illinois provider network meets adequacy standards without Springfield Clinic's more than 600 medical providers.

Department officials said the fine was based on Blue Cross failing to notify the department that the removal of the clinic was a "material change" in the network that justified the insurer filing documents proving adequacy.

The fine was issued amid reports that Blue Cross' online listing of network doctors and other providers wasn't up to date.

Some patients say they have had to leave longtime doctors at the clinic to avoid higher

out-of-pocket costs and faced long waits for appointments at other medical practices.

Other patients who were granted "continuity of care" extensions by Blue Cross for temporary in-network benefits for pregnancy or life-threatening conditions have said they faced stressful bureaucratic hurdles to get extensions, were granted extensions for only a few weeks or a few months at a time, or were denied in-network coverage.

Still other Blue Cross-insured patients say they have postponed getting care outside of Springfield Clinic in hopes the dispute will be resolved.

There's no resolution in sight, however.

Colleen Miller, spokeswoman for Blue Cross's parent company, Chicago-based Health Care Service Corp., said March 29 that HCSC paid the penalty assessed by the state. She wouldn't say why the company decided not to dispute the fine, the first issued since the state's Network Adequacy and Transparency Act took effect in 2019.

She did say Blue Cross is "taking the opportunity to explain our position" to the state and "is committed to working with the state and looks forward to further clarify around how it applies and enforces these rules."

HCSC operates Blue Cross plans in Illinois, Texas, Montana, New Mexico and Oklahoma. HCSC posted \$45.9 billion in revenues in 2021 and \$1.2 billion in profits, representing a margin of 2.6%.

Illinois Times asked Springfield Clinic for a response to Ramachandran's letter and specifically his statements about Springfield Clinic's reimbursement rates and the clinic's proposed rate increase.

Clinic spokesman Zach Kerker responded with an emailed statement.

"Central Illinois is not Chicago," he wrote. "We have strong relationships with more than a dozen



Joe Vallar, his wife, Sara, and their four sons, whose ages range from 3 to 14. The family lives in Chatham.

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commercial insurance companies that recognize the value and quality of care that Springfield Clinic provides to our patients. BCBS is the only insurer that jeopardizes access to that care by significantly undervaluing our market to increase its own profits. Thankfully, there are laws in place to protect employers and patients from the very type of 'ghost networks' that have recently been exposed, and we applaud the Department of Insurance for working to uphold the law."

Springfield Clinic has declined to provide data supporting its statement that Blue Cross is jeopardizing access to care from clinic providers.

Illinois State Medical Society President Dr. Regan Thomas said in a statement that the state fine "is a critical first step for ensuring patients get the access to medical care they deserve.

"The practice of 'ghost networks' must end. Insurance company provider directories often list doctors who are unavailable, not taking new patients, are located far away or who don't work at the listed medical facility, or are no longer a part of the network."

State Rep. Sue Scherer, D-Decatur, who said many of her constituents have lost access to their regular doctors because of the contract dispute, on March 23 introduced House Bill 5729, which Gov. JB Pritzker said would "make our system operate more transparently and give people and regulators more tools to hold health care insurers accountable."

Officials at the insurance department, which

is controlled by the Democratic governor, said the bill would put in place more stringent standards for network adequacy to make sure patients don't have to travel long distances to reach medical providers.

The bill hasn't been considered yet by the House or Senate.

The legislation would give state officials the ability to tell consumers when an insurance company's actions are being investigated as part of a "market conduct exam."

When asked Blue Cross' view of the bill, Miller said, "We welcome efforts to offer clarity around laws that impact our industry and how we can best serve our members."

Miller said Blue Cross "has begun proactive outreach to the 1,400-plus members approved for continuity of care with the Springfield Clinic. Our staff are calling to let those members know we'll be reviewing all their claims to ensure we're managing those claims properly. We'll also be sending out letters with the same message."

Miller said Blue Cross has set up a new phone line, 877-325-2958, for members with questions about how Springfield Clinic's network status affects their coverage. The line will be answered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Chatham resident Joe Vallar said his family has dealt with stress, administrative headaches, hours on the phone with Blue Cross and uncertainty about out-of-pocket expenses associated with his wife's treatment for breast cancer from Springfield Clinic. The treatment began in March 2021 and continues, he said.

Joe Vallar, 38, gets Blue Cross insurance for himself, his wife and their four sons through his job as a first-responder.

Vallar said he and his wife, Sara, 37, trust their clinic doctors and have been upset with Blue Cross because of delays, uncertainty and occasional denials from Blue Cross for continuity of care to preserve in-network coverage.

"It's been a lot of phone calls and a lot of paperwork," he said, adding that he has refused Blue Cross' suggestion that he switch his wife's cancer care to doctors outside the clinic.

"I wasn't willing to risk my wife's life over something petty that's going on," he said. "Springfield Clinic has been nothing but wonderful to us."

Vallar said he blames Blue Cross for the additional stress his family has dealt with when it comes to paying for his wife's care, which has included 14 rounds of chemotherapy and 37 rounds of radiation treatment.

"It's asinine. It's wrong," he said. "I'm paying a premium for a reason. You're playing with my wife's life." □

Editor's note

Eleven years ago this month Gov. Pat Quinn signed legislation that made Illinois the 16th state to abolish the death penalty. Now more than half the states have either abolished capital punishment or have enacted a formal moratorium. This, along with opinion polls, the number of executions and new death sentences, shows continued erosion of support for capital punishment across the United States, according to the Death Penalty Information Center. A key reason is the risk of executing an innocent person. Since 1973, at least 186 people who had been wrongly convicted and sentenced to death have been exonerated. Another who has a strong case for innocence is scheduled for execution in Texas on April 27. Last week a bipartisan group of 87 members of the Texas House, led by a conservative Republican, called for clemency for Melissa Lucio, sentenced to death on charges she murdered her two-year-old daughter; forensic experts argue the toddler died from an accidental fall down stairs. The case shows, again, that the death penalty is not reserved for the worst of society, but for the most vulnerable. — Fletcher Farrar, editor

On the cover: State photographer Doc Helm in 1960. At left are two of Helm's 21,000 photos now available online: President Lyndon Johnson campaigning at the Old State Capitol in 1964 and, bottom, Illinois Gov. Dwight Green and cowboy movie star Roy Rogers with a greeter at the Illinois State Fair in 1946.



Site work has begun for the future Springfield-Sangamon County Transportation Center, and the county has asked the YMCA of Springfield to survey the community about interest in a potential second downtown branch in the center. PHOTO BY STACIE LEWIS

Another downtown YMCA possible

Plans for transportation hub take shape, open house March 31

COMMUNITY | Dean Olsen

YMCA of Springfield members have received emails asking whether they would like to see a second branch open downtown inside the future Springfield-Sangamon County Transportation Center.

But the idea, being floated just a little over a year after a new \$33 million downtown Y opened at Fourth and Carpenter streets, is preliminary, and there is no guarantee it will move forward, a YMCA official said.

The emails are part of a survey of YMCA members and area residents that was done at the request of Sangamon County government, YMCA Chief Executive Officer Angie Sowle said.

“We don’t have any results yet,” she told *Illinois Times*. “It’s still in its infancy.”

County government is considering potential amenities for the \$84.3 million transportation hub, County Board Chairman Andy Van Meter said.

Construction has begun on a new \$13.26 million transfer facility for the Sangamon Mass Transit District in the first phase of the hub’s development. Future phases, all part of the Springfield Rail Improvements Project, will include an Amtrak operational center and a new parking garage.

An informal, public open house on the hub and overall rail improvements project will go on from 4 to 7 p.m. March 31 at the Bank of Springfield Center.

Project team members will be on hand to provide updates on the rail improvements’ archaeological site, land acquisition and minority participation. An open microphone session during the mask-optional event will be available from 6 to 7 p.m.

A preliminary design for the transportation hub will be presented. It will be bounded by Washington Street on the north, 11th Street on the east, Adams Street on the south and Ninth Street on the west.

Funding for the hub, just north of the Sangamon County building, will come from local, state and federal funds. The total will include \$34.5 million from county government, \$26 million of which the county plans to borrow through the issuance of bonds, Van Meter said.

The latest total cost of the hub doesn’t include what the survey describes as “a new state-of-the-art branch” of the YMCA.

The survey – to gauge interest in what could be an indoor “activity center” with a “gym-type feel” – is being conducted by Florida-based Phil Balducci & Associates, Sowle said. The firm conducts community surveys for YMCAs across the country.

Despite the wording of the survey, it’s unknown whether the YMCA of Springfield would be involved in such a center or how much it would cost, but the YMCA, a nonprofit organization, wouldn’t pay for it, she said.

Survey results aren’t expected for at least a few weeks. Once in hand, the YMCA will forward the information to county officials, Sowle said.

Regardless of the recent opening of the new downtown YMCA in November 2020 and the services already offered by the Kerasotes branch at 4550 W. Iles Ave., it’s worth considering more recreational options downtown, Van Meter said.

“I want to find out what the community is interested in,” he said. The source of funding for a new activity center hasn’t been discussed, according to Van Meter.

The survey asks whether a new YMCA branch at the transportation hub would be a convenient location.

The branch, according to the survey, would offer “many of the same programs and facilities as the two existing branches, plus some new classes. However, it may not include an indoor pool.”

“If this new Y opens,” the survey asks, “what are you most likely to do? ... Suppose that the YMCA of Springfield began to offer a program of interest to you at this new location that is not available at your current branch. How likely are you to consider coming to this new branch for this program?” □

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Springfield-Ukraine connections run deep

CAP CITY | Karen Ackerman Witter

Delegations of Ukrainians have visited Springfield over many years through a collaboration between the Springfield Commission on International Visitors and the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation. Typically, five to six delegates and a translator visit for seven days, staying with host families. In 2018 Barb and Lee Malany hosted Ivan Federov, who was a member of the Melitopol City Council and later elected mayor. He was here to learn more about urban planning and improving housing and utilities. In March Federov was abducted by Russian soldiers and later released.

Over the years delegates have included Anton Senenko from the Institute of Physics at the National Academy of Science of Ukraine, city council members, leaders in youth policy, Ukrainian state experts in education and science innovation, consultants and assistants to the Ukrainian parliament and representatives of nonprofit groups and the media. These visits are part of the Open World Program, administered by the U.S. Congressional Office of International Leadership, established in 1999 to bring emerging world leaders to U.S. cities.

Barb and Lee Malany have stayed in touch with several Ukrainians who visited Springfield. Through daily contacts via Facebook, Barb knows that Anton Senenko drove his wife and child to the border, returned to Ukraine and, along with other non-soldiers, drive others to the border on a daily basis to escape the atrocities. “We just have to believe,” he tells her. Barb is also in daily contact with Kira Tolstikova, a TV editor who visited Springfield in 2020.

The Malanys, Mayor Jim Langfelder, Janet Kenney (board chair of the Springfield Commission on International Visitors) and others are bringing visibility to Springfield’s friendship with Ukraine. One example is the blue and yellow light display every night at the Illinois Realtors Bicentennial Plaza. The Malanys are also leading a collaboration with local Rotary Clubs to install blue and yellow banners on poles in downtown Springfield. To help with this project or for more information, email barbmalany@yahoo.com. □

Southeast High gives teen court a try

A jury of peers may take interest in a young person's life

JUSTICE | Scott Reeder

Springfield's Southeast High School is experimenting with a program designed to divert students who misbehave away from the criminal justice system.

For example, if a student is caught stealing, the current approach is to have the police officer who is assigned to the school write a citation and the matter is referred to the Sangamon County State's Attorney.

But Southeast is beginning a diversion program called teen court, which will allow a jury of fellow students to ponder the transgression, question the students involved and develop an alternative punishment.

"We are trying to avoid that school-to-prison pipeline," Southeast Principal Cody Trigg said. "And we viewed it as an opportunity to still hold students accountable for a poor choice or mistake they made. But also limit the use of police interventions."

He said the current system doesn't always work well.

"Let's say a student steals something from another student and the matter is transferred over to the criminal court system. The student will likely be fined," Trigg said. "Often the fines go unpaid or the student's parents pay it. Either way, it doesn't teach a student much of a lesson."

With the teen court, the matter may be pondered by a jury and the student may be ordered to perform community service, apologize to the person they harmed or perhaps perform some other form of restitution.

School board member Erica Austin added that a peer jury may take a greater interest in what is happening in a youngster's life.

"They can ask a student – or their parents – if there are problems at home that should be considered when deciding how to deal with a case," she said.

Trigg said no students will be referred to teen court without the participation of their parents. Parents are expected to be a part of the court proceeding and may also be asked questions.

"We may go to a student who is facing a 10-day suspension and tell them if they agree to participate in teen court their suspension may be reduced to two days. This encourages participation but has the added benefit of keeping him in school learning."

The idea for teen court was presented to Springfield Public Schools by Assistant U.S. Attorney and Southeast alum Sierra Senior-Moore.



"I thought it would be a great opportunity for the school district," she said. "I did go to Southeast. Additionally, I knew people in the administration and their connections with Southeast. So, it just kind of made for an easier transition."

Senior-Moore said this will be an excellent experience for students serving as jurors.

"They will be learning to practice empathy and do away with biases," she said. "They are going to be hearing not only what the offense is that brought the student to teen court, but they will also potentially hear about other issues that the student may have. They can then assess what would be an appropriate remedy to make the victim whole as well as to ensure that the offender does not repeat that offense or any other offenses."

Senior-Moore said the goal is to eventually expand teen court to other Springfield high schools. She added the jury's responsibility is not to determine guilt or innocence – a student's culpability has already been decided before the matter is referred to teen court.

"The dean, the social worker, the principal, those people can make the recommendation that a student participate

in teen court. Obviously, the student and the student's guardian or parent would have to agree to allow the student to participate.

"The student would then go before the jury and the offense would be read. They would have to take responsibility for the actions and then they would have the opportunity to explain to the jury what happened and anything else that they might feel that the jury should know."

A victim of the crime may make a statement as well.

She added remedies may vary from performing community service to writing an apology letter. But much emphasis will be placed on having the offender learn the impact their transgression had on others.

"Let's say the offense was a small theft against a teacher. The small theft may have prevented the teacher from doing some sort of activity. So maybe the remedy would be for the student offender to not just apologize to the teacher but to apologize to the entire class." □

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Closing the digital divide

Expanding internet access on city's north and east sides

BROADBAND | Dean Olsen

A Springfield steering committee planning for the city's expansion of affordable broadband internet services, especially for residents of the city's north and east sides, is receiving technical assistance from a new state program.

Springfield is one of six communities selected by the administration of Gov. JB Pritzker to be in the first group served by the Accelerate Illinois Broadband Infrastructure Planning Program.

In addition to Springfield, the "communities" include the tiny Jersey County village of Elsah and the counties of Knox, Jackson, Mercer and Whiteside.

Julia Frevert, Springfield's communications director, said the state program's once-a-week, hour-long online informational sessions for the city's seven-member steering committee will conclude this spring.

Conducted by the Benton Institute for Broadband and Society, the sessions will help the panel come up with a broadband expansion plan for the City Council's consideration this year, and possible full implementation by 2024, to "close the digital divide in Springfield," she said.

"Through our previous research and data-gathering, coupled with city assets, we believe our participation in the Accelerate Illinois program will help us formulate this plan and implementation strategy," she said.

"Connection to high-speed internet is critical to the equitable economic good for our neighborhoods and families, and we look forward to furthering conversations with our residents and stakeholders to hear how we can best make that a reality," she said.

The city's steering committee members

are: Shelly Heideman, executive director of the Faith Coalition for the Common Good; Mike Murphy, president and CEO of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce; Kathi Lee, principal of Lawrence Education Center; Marcus Johnson, president and CEO of the Springfield Urban League; Stacy Grundy, interim director of the Office of Community Engagement for Southern Illinois University; Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams; and Donna Davlantis, grants coordinator for Springfield's Office of Planning and Economic Development.

The Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance is spearheading a similar effort for the entire county.

The alliance, which promotes economic development in Sangamon County, plans to award a contract in the coming weeks for a consultant who will analyze gaps in broadband internet in rural, suburban and urban areas of the county and propose solutions, alliance President and Chief Executive Officer Ryan McCrady said.

The study will be funded by a \$100,000 grant from Sangamon County government, he said. The money will come from the county's share of federal American Rescue Plan Act funds.

The consultant will work with Springfield officials to use information that already may have been collected on specific neighborhoods, McCrady said.

The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted gaps in internet access that many families deal with when it comes to where they live and what they can afford, he said. Those gaps have made it hard for many people to work



from home and provide a productive at-home educational environment for their children during the pandemic, he said.

The availability of affordable, fast internet service is important when a business is considering opening or expanding, especially in rural areas, McCrady said.

"Broadband is a key economic development tool," he said.

The efforts by Springfield and the alliance could culminate with applications for state or federal assistance to pay for broadband infrastructure, officials said.

Both efforts envision the use of existing private internet providers and expanding their reach.

"We are working to get broadband to the inner city and the underserved," Frevert said.

The Springfield steering committee's work, she said, likely will focus on the 62701, 62702 and 62703 ZIP codes, which cover some of the city's most economically challenged neighborhoods, she said.

Some existing internet providers offer

reduced-price broadband access in certain neighborhoods, she said. The city's future plans could include expanding that access, as well as providing internet-connected devices such as laptops and tablets and teaching residents how useful the internet can be to improving their quality of life, Frevert said.

Fast internet – beyond the internet speeds available through smartphone cellular networks – can be essential for telehealth services, employment applications, education and home security systems, according to Tom Chi, project manager of Springfield's smart cities program.

A report on Springfield's 2021 internet survey, conducted by the University of Illinois Springfield's Institute for Legal, Legislative and Policy Studies, said the results "paint a complicated picture of speed, reliability, quality and importance of the internet for Springfield households."

The survey of 635 Springfield residents found people on the north and east sides were less likely to use the internet for accessing health care, interacting with local and non-local businesses, consuming news and connecting with government than residents of the south and west sides.

Residents of the south and west sides were much more likely to report having a household member who works from home, according to the survey, which is available online at bit.ly/SPIInternetSurvey. □

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LETTERS

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CORPORATE GREED

Price gouging for profit is a fundamental underlying cause of the growing consumer price inflation we are experiencing today ("Buy now, save later," March 24). Many of the markets in our economy, from food processing to housing and energy, are noncompetitive, monopolistic or oligopolistic markets where one or a few sellers exercise a disproportionate influence over setting the price of goods. This situation has come about over the last four decades due to relaxation in antitrust enforcement, financial deregulation and increased corporate influence on economic policy.

For many firms, their profits are the bottom line, and the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted their profitability by shocking the economy. Now, these firms want to recuperate profits by raising prices. Many large companies are passing on increased costs to consumers, charging even more for their products, and are in turn celebrating record profit margins – all while blaming the ensuing inflation on government spending, supply shocks, rising wages, the war in Europe and downplaying the issues of monopoly competition and price gouging. Further, increases in corporate profits over the past year are greater than both inflation and compensation increases together.

For consumers living under a general price inflation, an

inflationary mindset can take over, where they come to rationalize paying any price, no matter how high, and buying in bulk to hedge against future price increases. This mindset risks adding gasoline to the inflationary fire, causing prices to increase further. The federal government needs to discipline monopolies to bring competition back to the economy and protect consumers from unscrupulous profiteers, while labor must exercise its power to provide a bulwark against corporate greed.

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MISPLACED PRIORITIES

Attending a recent Sangamon County Board meeting, I watched a tedious, large-screen presentation given by a well-paid consultant; it gave us all a fancy, high-tech virtual tour of both the new multimodal transportation center and the upcoming remodeling of the county building. Among other wowing features of the soon-to-be built transportation center and county building redo were two murals at a cost of around \$200,000 and an exhibit covering the history of the county building. These were

clearly ego projects meant to embody civic pride.

Meanwhile, across town our Sangamon County Animal Control facility staff and volunteers were struggling to keep up with the mountain of feces and urine-soaked laundry using a residential-grade washer and dryer, their larger commercial-grade set having broken down. Apparently, there was no money appropriated for a replacement at that time. But back at the transportation center, six figures paid for two murals featuring hackneyed themes was absolutely affordable.

In other news, the findings of a number of recent investigations into the operation of the animal control facility came back as "adequate," and any operational liabilities as "not criminal." Being merely "not criminal" seems to me to be a pretty low bar to set as a standard. These studies and investigations came at a steep cost as well.

There is a county board election approaching, with several new candidates and current members seeking reelection. I am sincerely hoping that amongst these candidates and board members there are those that will see our county animal control operation and facility as an "ego project," the sort of operation that is striving to be humane, state-of-the-art, and of which we are civically proud – the sort of facility that other communities look at and consult to emulate, rather than merely being "adequate" and "not criminal." That is an election platform plank that I could support, and vote for.

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Debate over paying down debt

POLITICS | Rich Miller

After the Illinois House and Senate voted to pass legislation to partially pay down the state's unemployment insurance trust fund debt, top Democratic leaders gathered for a Statehouse press conference to boast about their accomplishment.

Yes, they admitted, it was only a partial pay-down. The debt is \$4.5 billion, and they patched it with \$2.7 billion in federal money from the American Rescue Plan Act. But the Democrats pointed out Illinois is using a higher percentage of its federal ARPA aid on its debt than surrounding states, including neighboring Indiana.

Most states had to borrow money from the federal government when the 2020 COVID shutdowns created an unprecedented flood of unemployment benefit applications and states simply didn't have enough money on hand to meet the enormous demand. But the Democratic spin avoided the fact that surrounding states didn't have the same level of crushing debt as Illinois.

While Indiana and Illinois both underfunded their trust funds before the pandemic began, Indiana's resulting problem wasn't as great as Illinois' partially because that state was more aggressive about reopening businesses earlier during the pandemic than Illinois was. But that Hoosier decision came with a different and much more devastating cost because Indiana's COVID death rate is significantly higher than Illinois' rate, and it's even higher when you look at the figures after vaccines were widely available.

And, perhaps more to the point, Indiana and other states, unlike Illinois, used a significant chunk of their Trump-era CARES Act allotment to pay down their trust fund debts, so their resulting need for ARPA money to shore up their funds just wasn't as critical as ours. Illinois' budget situation at the height of the pandemic was, of course, worse than surrounding states because of decades of fiscal mismanagement here, so the CARES Act money was desperately needed elsewhere.

Business groups were generally upbeat after the bill's passage. A joint business statement called the legislation a "positive step" toward "addressing" the "massive" shortfall in the trust fund. "We're hopeful that negotiations will continue to resolve the remaining balance of this unprecedented deficit," said the statement from the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, Illinois Manufacturers' Association, Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, the National Federation of Independent Businesses of Illinois and the Associated General Contractors of Illinois.

The appreciation from business groups was

definitely not matched by the Republicans' tone. They fretted that since all the debt wasn't eliminated, the rest would have to come from employer tax hikes and worker benefit cuts. Senate Republican Leader Dan McConchie issued a statement predicting that the bill will have a "devastating" impact on businesses — the same businesses whose industry representatives called the same bill a "positive step."

The Republican crocodile tears over potential benefit cuts for unemployed workers is super-rich for a party that almost uniformly demanded that those very same unemployment benefits be slashed last year so that the resulting poverty would force people back to their lousy jobs. I mean, I was born at night, but not last night.

The Democrats were also quick to point out that not a single congressional Republican voted for ARPA in the first place. So, Illinois Republicans are angry about not getting their way on how the ARPA money was spent when their party didn't want the ARPA money to begin with.

The Democrats showed some political acumen by including other debt elimination in the bill, including paying off all the remaining

debt in the College Illinois program and spending \$300 million more on pension debt than required by law.

The package also included paying off close to a billion dollars in past-due debt for public employee and retiree group health insurance. The bill's provision is a godsend for Springfield-area health providers, which have dealt forever with a state that has shown little to no interest in their fiscal well-being. Yet, every Republican in that region voted against the bill, including appointed Rep. Sandy Hamilton (R-Springfield). Hamilton is challenging Sen. Doris Turner (D-Springfield), and her "No" vote will likely be used against her this fall.

But, hey, the state's wealthiest resident, Ken Griffin, is basically calling the shots for the GOP this election year because he has an abundance of what Republicans so desperately need right now: Cash money. And you could bet your house (and the Senate) that Griffin would be very angry if the Republicans signed on to any sort of measure that could possibly involve future tax hikes on businesses. Griffin was also no fan of the federal ARPA program, by the way. □



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OPINION

Leading a privileged life

WEEKLY REEDER | Scott Reeder

A few months ago, I was pulled over by a Springfield-area police officer for a minor traffic violation.

He shined a flashlight in my car and said, "Mr. Reeder, are you carrying?" I replied that no, my firearm was home locked up in a safe.

He replied, "You should always carry. It doesn't do you any good if it's home locked up."

He gave me a verbal warning and sent me on my way.

I couldn't help but wonder how different that encounter might have been if I were Black.

In 2020, I wrote a piece about Rep. Curtis Tarver, D-Chicago, who was pulled over not far from his home for having a burned-out headlight. An officer asked him, "Do you have a gun in the car?" He responded he did and showed them his valid concealed carry permit.

But he says he was still hauled into a police station, handcuffed to a table for seven hours and not allowed to call an attorney. They treated him this way despite knowing he was a lawyer and a state lawmaker.

Nine months later, charges against him were dismissed because it was determined he hadn't broken any law. But the cops kept his gun.

Tarver is Black. I'm white. He was arrested despite being licensed to carry. I was scolded for not carrying.

That's the definition of white privilege.

I might add that white privilege isn't necessarily something someone seeks. And it doesn't mean you haven't had struggles in your life. It just means that one of those struggles wasn't related to the color of your skin.

Sometimes it manifests itself in big ways such as whether one is arrested. But often smaller things are more telling.

Last week, our puppy chewed up my well-worn pair of work boots. I went to my favorite shoe store, a place where I've always found the service to be excellent.

There was one other customer there, a Black man with his family. He has a good job as a union drywall installer, and he too was buying a new pair of boots.

After trying a pair on, I asked if I made the purchase whether they could throw in a free pair of socks. In a rather officious tone – as if he were speaking to an audience, not just me – the manager told me, "We never do that."

And he pointed at my sales associate and said, "He could be fired if he did that."

I stepped into the washroom, and when I returned, the African American family had left. The associate had my boots boxed up and handed me a free pair of socks. He said, "You're a good customer – you deserve this."

My first reaction was, "That's nice, he changed his mind."

As I drove home, it dawned on me that whole charade was done so they wouldn't be obliged to also give a free pair of socks to the Black customer who was spending the same amount as me.

White folks, myself included, can be pretty clueless when it comes to the privileges we are extended.

Several years ago, I was driving just south of Springfield Memorial Hospital when I came across a van that had broken down on a side street.

The driver was a young African American man who had recently graduated from high school. He said he had run out of gas and was worried about being late for his job working in a restaurant.

I had him climb in my truck and I drove him to a gas station several blocks away. I got out of the truck and grabbed a nozzle to fill up my gas can.

The young man said, "You can't do that. This is my neighborhood station, and you have to prepay." But it was the station I stopped at routinely on the way to work, and I had never prepaid.

Sure enough, as soon as I stuck the nozzle in the can, gasoline flowed.

I looked at the young man, who was dressed in a nice pair of jeans. I had been doing yard work that day and was wearing a pair of bib overalls. So, it wasn't how I was dressed that got me treated better.

He drove an old van, but I was driving an old pickup. Perhaps I was treated better because I have some gray in my hair, but I doubt it.


It would seem my skin color offered me a privilege that's denied others. That's just not right, but it won't change until more white people realize that the privileges they receive often are denied others. □

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Fifty years of Doc Helm's photos

Illinois' official state photographer chronicled the mighty and the ordinary

PHOTOHISTORY | Karen Ackerman Witter

Doc Helm was a legendary Springfield photographer, known as "One Shot Doc" due to his astute ability to compose a shot in his mind and capture it with just one exposure. Nevertheless, he took thousands of images over his 50-plus years behind a camera. More than 21,000 photographs taken during his long career as Illinois' official state photographer are now accessible and searchable online through the Illinois Digital Archives (see page 13). Thousands more will be added in the future. The Illinois State Archives received a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission to make this possible.

Eddie Winfred "Doc" Helm worked for the Secretary of State's office from 1941-1992. As the state's photographer, he photographed political events, politicians and their families, ordinary state workers, famous people visiting Springfield,

historic events at the state Capitol and day-to-day life in government and around Springfield, including the Illinois State Fair and auto shows. He took many official photographs for the *Illinois Blue Book*. His striking photographs provide insights to political and social history, cultural issues of the times and ordinary life spanning half a century. The photographs are predominantly black and white and demonstrate a mastery of shadow and light.

Helm grew up in Mt. Vernon. There he earned the nickname "Doc" as a result of delivering prescriptions for a local pharmacy. Helm moved to Springfield in 1934 when, through political connections, he got a job with the Secretary of State's office. Helm was assigned the task of climbing to the top of the Capitol to raise and lower the flag each day.

Later he microfilmed documents for the Illinois State Library. Helm had an interest in photography from a young age and took correspondence courses in photography. He asked to use a darkroom in the state library and was given permission, but only during lunch and official breaks. Once the head librarian saw what he could do, he was promoted to state photographer.

Helm carried two cameras so he could take official state photos as well as photos for his personal use. Throughout his time as state photographer, Helm also had his own commercial studio. He photographed businesses, weddings, church activities, programs of the NAACP and Frontiers International and chronicled ordinary life of black residents on the east side of Springfield. Daughter Beverly Helm-Renfro of Springfield

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A huge collection, now digitized and accessible online

Illinois State Archives launches Doc Helm collection on the Illinois Digital Archives

Thousands of Doc Helm's photographic negatives from his long career as state photographer are housed at the Illinois State Archives' Margaret Cross Norton Building in Springfield. To make these remarkable images spanning half a century more accessible to the public, the Illinois State Archives applied for and received a \$60,178 "Access to Historical Records: Archival Projects" grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, which is part of the National Archives. The State Archives provided an in-kind match to preserve, digitize and provide online access to 21,000 of Helm's images.

Now anyone can view these photos through the Illinois Digital Archives at <http://www.idaillinois.org/digital/collection/DocHelm/search/> (scheduled to be live April 1). Users can search the database by name of the person in the photo, date (or general date), location where the photo was taken and the subject matter or topic.

Cathy Popovitch served as grant administrator for the project. She said grant funds were used to purchase a scanner and acid-free envelopes and hire contractual workers. They partnered with University of Illinois Springfield to recruit current and recently graduated students in the public history graduate program. The students rehoused the negatives, entered descriptive metadata into a spreadsheet and digitized the negatives. The project revealed that there are actually more than 40,000 negatives in the archives. The intent is to include all of the images in the online database.

The Illinois State Archives is under the umbrella of the Secretary of State. Founded in 1921, it is the official depository for permanent state government records. The Margaret Cross Norton Building opened in 1938 and is located in the Capitol Complex immediately north of the Illinois State Museum.

The archives staff welcomes questions about accessing the Doc Helm collection via the Illinois Digital Archives as well as additional information and names of unidentified people in the photographs. Contact them at 217/782-4866.

— Karen Witter

(A) President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Governor William Stratton depart the Governor's Mansion to go to the Illinois State Fair in 1954. In his career, Helm took photos of at least six current or future presidents.

(B) The Christmas display in the rotunda of the state Capitol in 1955. Through the years, the display has changed, but the tradition of December holiday decorations in the rotunda continues.

(C) The Illinois Secretary of State's duplicating department in 1956.

(D) Gloria Green, the daughter of Governor Dwight Green, races her sled down the driveway at the Governor's Mansion in December 1943. Helm often took pictures of the families of high-ranking officials.



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has thousands of prints and negatives from his personal collection. She says he was always perfecting his skills, and the wide range of his photographs show more than one dimension of her father. The name One Shot Doc came from his determination to not waste film and do it right the first time. Helm-Renfro says her father taught her, “When you do something, be good at it and do it the right way.” Also, “talk to people the way they want to be talked to and the way you would like to be talked to.”

Helm’s private work has been exhibited at the Illinois State Museum and Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, but this is the first time his public work will be available to the public online, said David Joens, director of the Illinois State Archives. Helm’s photographs represent more than state government and reflect division of labor, race, social issues and much more. Helm’s iconic photos range from pictures of presidents to holiday staff parties on the roof of the State Archives building. “He went beyond his duties to take pictures of ordinary state workers. He intentionally photographed people who were not usually photographed,” said Jim Ladd, records archivist, noting that Helm likely took more photographs of African-American legislators and other African-Americans than white photographers would have taken.

Helm was known as a gentleman who dressed very nately. The only time Helm-Renfro saw her father in shorts was during vacation in Michigan. She remembers her father always suiting up in the morning and remaining dressed in a suit and tie all day, every day. He never knew when someone would call and need him to take a photo right away. For example, insurance companies called him to take pictures of automobile wrecks.

Helm retired in 1992 and died in 1994. Through this project, the legacy of Doc Helm will live on, and his photographs will be widely accessible. “I’m so honored and so proud that he is getting the recognition for the work he did,” said Helm-Renfro. “It is humbling and also a great sense of pride. I can see Dad smiling up there.” □



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(E) In 1963, during the height of the Civil Rights movement, demonstrators gather at the Lincoln statue in front of the state Capitol to call for fair employment opportunities.

(F) State Senator Fred Smith of Chicago poses with his family on the Senate floor during the first day of session 1959.

(G) Entertainer Bob Hope received the key to the city shortly after arriving at Springfield airport in 1952. During his career, Helm photographed many famous celebrities as they passed through Springfield.

(H) In 1950, actors playing Abraham Lincoln and Ann Rutledge rehearse for the play *Forever This Land* at New Salem State Park.

(I) In 1945, Governor Dwight Green signs legislation calling for the teaching of African American history in Illinois schools as State Representatives Corneal Davis and Fred Smith look on.

(J) President Harry Truman campaigning in Springfield in 1948.

(K) U.S. Senator Joseph Biden (D-Delaware) came to Springfield in 1974 to attend a State Senate Democratic fundraiser. Biden, who had been elected to the Senate less than two years earlier, is pictured at Capitol Airport with state Senators Charlie Chew and Phil Rock.



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The art of stir-frying

FOOD | Peter Glatz

I've been eagerly awaiting the release of this cookbook like a grandparent anticipating the arrival of a grandchild.

Two years ago we loaded up our belongings into our bus and headed out of Oklahoma City. We were supposed to be relocating to Michigan to start new jobs at Milkweed Inn, but the pandemic had shut down the resorts. I had already quit my job in Oklahoma and given up our apartment, so we were temporarily unemployed and technically homeless.

The rulebook for living your life during a pandemic had yet to be written, so we stocked up on dry goods and hand sanitizer and started driving east. Most of the campgrounds were shut down so we spent several nights in Walmart parking lots. When we reached Springfield, we spent a week in a friend's driveway so we could attend our granddaughter's drive-by birthday party.

Over the last two years, we've grown fond of our nomadic lifestyle, despite the constant presence of COVID-19 lurking in the shadows. We've had many wonderful adventures and have been recipients of much kindness and generosity. I adapted to a life without TV or Wi-Fi by spending many a night glued to my phone, watching YouTube cooking videos.

My favorite YouTube channel during the pandemic has been J. Kenji López-Alt's "Kenji's Cooking Show," a series with over a million viewers. López-Alt is the former culinary director for *Serious Eats* and *New York Times* food columnist, and is the author of the encyclopedic cookbook *The Food Lab*. He is an M.I.T. graduate and he approaches cooking from a scientist's perspective. He spent the pandemic working at home on a new book devoted to woks, and many of his pandemic YouTube episodes and Instagram posts were about recipes he was developing for the project. *The Wok: Recipes and Techniques*, released this month, is a nearly 700-page deep-dive into the science and applications of wok cookery. It's an invaluable guide to using "the most versatile pan in your kitchen." *The Wok* contains more than 200 recipes and over 1,000 step-by-step photographs to show you why each recipe works in the way it does.

Woks are generally associated with stir-frying, a high-heat and rapid-fire technique, kind of like sautéing on steroids. I must confess that I've always found stir-frying rather intimidating, but López-Alt breaks it down and "woks" you through the process.

He also explains the wok's other uses, such as steaming, smoking, braising and deep-frying.

What differentiates *The Wok* from other cookbooks is its emphasis on technique. British celebrity cook Nigella Lawson likens it to "taking a cookery course with the inspirational teacher of your dreams." López-Alt's approach is more like navigating with a map instead of a GPS. A map gives you an overview of all the ways to get from point A to point B, while a GPS merely lists the steps. *The Wok* contains many useful sidebars, including a comprehensive list of the smoking points of different cooking oils, how to buy and store clams and how to prepare lemongrass.

In the years to come, whenever I heat up my wok and swirl smoking oil, I'll be reminded of the pandemic nights I spent on my phone, watching "Kenji's Cooking Show."

Chinese American Kung Pao Chicken

Recipe from *The Wok: Recipes and Techniques*, by J. Kenji López-Alt, published by W. W. Norton
Serves 4

Ingredients

For the chicken:

1 pound boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into ½- to ¾-inch chunks
½ teaspoon (1.5 g) kosher salt
1 teaspoon (5 ml) light soy sauce
1 teaspoon (5 ml) Shaoxing wine or dry sherry
½ teaspoon (2 g) sugar
½ teaspoon (3 ml) roasted sesame oil
½ teaspoon (1.5 g) cornstarch

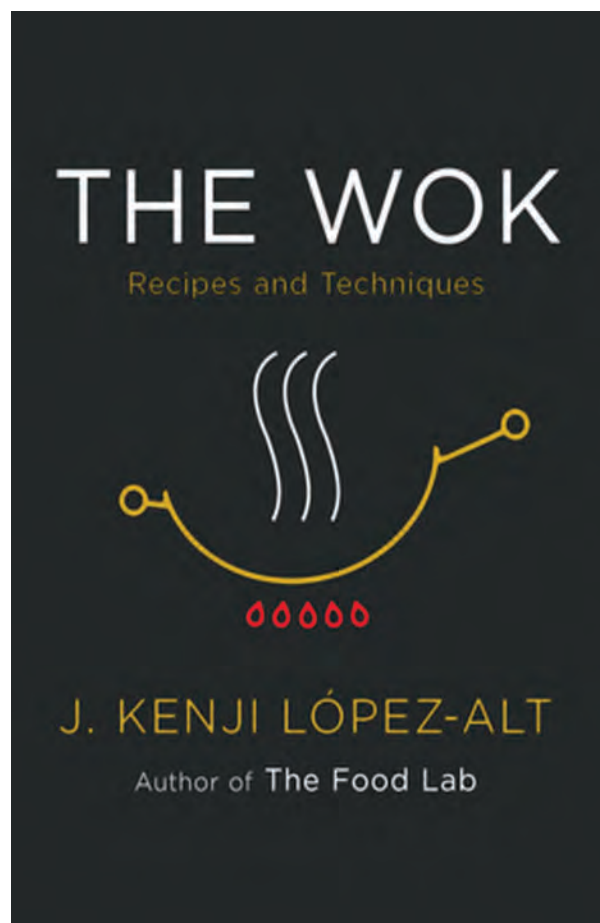
For the sauce:

1 tablespoon (15 ml) light soy sauce
2 teaspoons (10 ml) dark soy sauce
1 tablespoon (12 g) sugar
1 teaspoon (10 ml) rice vinegar
1 tablespoon (15 ml) Shaoxing wine
1 teaspoon (15 ml) roasted sesame oil

For the cornstarch slurry:

2 teaspoons (6 g) cornstarch
1 tablespoon (15 ml) water

For the stir-fry:



The Wok: Recipes and Techniques, by J. Kenji Lopez-Alt. Published by W. W. Norton, March 2022, \$30.

3 tablespoons (45 ml) peanut, rice bran or other neutral oil
2 coin-sized slices (10 g) fresh ginger
2 medium garlic cloves (5 g), smashed
8 small dried arbol chiles, snipped into ½-inch segments, or ¼ teaspoon hot red pepper flakes
1 small zucchini (145 g), cut into ½-inch dice
1 medium red bell pepper (145 g), cut into ½-inch dice
2 scallions, sliced ½ inch thick
½ cup (90 g) roasted peanuts

Preparation

For the chicken: Place the chicken in a medium bowl, cover with cold water and vigorously agitate it. Drain through a fine-mesh strainer set in the sink and press on the chicken with your hands to remove excess water. Return the chicken to the bowl and add the salt, soy sauce, wine, sugar, sesame oil and cornstarch. Stir vigorously with

your fingertips or chopsticks for 30 seconds. Set aside while you prepare the remaining stir-fry ingredients (at least 15 minutes).

For the sauce: Combine the soy sauce, sugar, vinegar, wine and sesame oil in a small bowl and stir together until homogenous. Set aside. Combine the cornstarch and water in a separate bowl and stir with a fork until the cornstarch is dissolved.

Before you stir-fry, get your bowls ready:

- Marinated chicken
- Ginger, garlic, dry chiles
- Zucchini and bell peppers
- Scallions and peanuts
- Sauce
- Cornstarch slurry
- Empty bowl for cooked ingredients
- Serving platter

For the stir-fry: Using a paper towel, rub a thin film of oil into a wok and set it over high heat until smoking. Add 1 tablespoon of the oil and swirl to coat. Immediately add the chicken, spread into a single layer, and cook without moving until lightly browned, about 1 minute. Continue cooking, tossing and stirring frequently, until the exterior is opaque but the chicken is still slightly raw in the center, about 2 minutes longer.

Transfer to a clean bowl and set aside.

Wipe out the wok and reheat over high heat until lightly smoking. Add the remaining 2 tablespoons of oil and swirl to coat. Immediately add the ginger, garlic and chiles and stir-fry until the chiles darken in color, about 10 seconds. Immediately add the zucchini and peppers and stir-fry until the vegetables are tender-crisp, about 1 minute. Add the scallions and peanuts and toss to combine.

Return the chicken to the wok and toss everything to combine. Stir the sauce and add to the wok by pouring it around the edges. Stir the cornstarch slurry and add a splash. Cook, tossing, until the sauce thickens and the chicken is cooked through, about 30 seconds longer. Adjust the sauce consistency with more cornstarch slurry if it is too thin or a splash of water if it is too thick. Transfer to a serving platter and serve immediately with steamed rice.

Into April music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

We can now give our regards to mean old March and those finicky weather days, as we give a rowdy, howdy hey to an aspiring April 2022 and the soon-to-be regularly warmer times ahead. Blessed as our scene is with an abundance of outdoor-ish music venues at several local bars, look for the heated spaces and stages to be filled with bands galore very soon.

Let's give a special hurrah to Buzz Bomb Brewing Company for going completely and beautifully bonkers with music over the next few days. Surely it's all related to Benjie's Birthday Bash on Saturday, but this is a whale of an upcoming lineup. On Thursday comes Swamp Rats, a Florida folk duo known for mating claw hammer banjo with punk guitar rhythms accompanied by riveting vocals and meaningful lyrics. Scotty and Andy just released their latest EP, *Butcher Knife*, on Bandcamp with an April 23 date announced for all other digital platforms. Friday delivers us Justin Moyer, the One Man Blues Band, from Erie, P-A, getting down with lovely guitars and harmonica swirls as he finishes up his *These Blues Were Made for Marching* tour that took him (as his one-man band) throughout the Midwest during the month of March. For a grand finale on Saturday, how about four acts in one night with Black Tarpoon, The Pentagram String Band, Abraham and the Old Gods and Johnny Lawhorn taking turns taunting your mind, toying with your flesh and tickling your soul, starting at six o'clock and going until eleven, if you so dare.

Friday, many of our local heroes are back in the saddle again, including Captain Geech at the Curve, After Sunset at Long Bridge, Exit 52 at Weebles, Positively 4th Street at George Rank's, Josie Lowder at Anchors Away, J. Brew & the Crew at Boone's and White Lightnin' at Northenders VFW, while the Blue Grouch hosts the debut of our latest Springfield group, Grounded. For touring acts on Friday, there's Elvie Shane at Boondocks and the Kentucky Headhunters with the Georgia Thunderbolts at Jacksonville's Water's Edge Winery & Bistro. Rumor has it Recycled Records plays host to Elton John, Bryan Adams and Ryan Adams joined by Lady Gaga, Lady Antebellum and Liza Minnelli upstairs at the store for an April Fool's Day evening free show that is not really happening.

Saturday arrives with a blistering blast of more familiar local acts coming back,



Swamp Rats from Florida arrive at Buzz Bomb this Thursday night.

including The Remix at the Curve, Gabe Marshall at Whiskey Jack's, Damned Torpedoes at Danenberger's, Smooth Groove at the Blue Grouch, Rockhouse at the Main Gate and Lick Creek with Unchained at Boondocks. One newcomer band drops in with a friendly Springfield face when Zack Fedor brings Sunflower Headlights, his Windy City musician pals, to his hometown for a gig at Weebles.

Here are some things going on with two Springfield-based, internationally acclaimed musicians. Ben Bedford kicked off his Kickstarter campaign last week to crowdfund his sixth album and you can learn all about it in his project notes. You'll also find a good read on making art, trials and tribulations of being a working-for-a-living musician and other thoughtful considerations penned by Ben. Cowboy Randy Erwin, our very own world-famous yodeler, singer and musician, adapted and arranged traditional music for Reggie Guyton's new play, *Small Beginnings*, now showing in the Union Theater at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum several times over the next four weeks and continuing on into the summer months. Check with the ALPLM for show times, then look up and listen to a clip of Randy performing the play overture on YouTube.

That's all folks. See you on the flip-flop. □

Live music within 40 miles of Springfield. Dates, times and locations are subject to change, so we suggest calling before attending an event.

Attention bands, bars and musicians: submit your shows and photos online at www.illinoistimes.com or by email calendar@illinoistimes.com.

Thursday Mar 31

Swamp Rats
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 8-11pm

Jackpot Karaoke with Debbie Cakes
Curve Inn, 7-11pm

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

Friday Apr 1

Joel Honey Jams
The Alibi, Rochester, 9pm-12am

Josie Lowder
Anchors Away, 8-10pm

Grounded
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-10pm

Friday Night Jazz - J. Brew and the Crew
Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

Elvie Shane
Boonedocks, 7pm

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 8pm-1am

Justin Moyer One Man Blues Band
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters
Curve Inn, 6:30-9:30pm

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

Positively 4th Street
George Rank's, 7-10pm

Karaoke with Iceman
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7pm-1am

After Sunset
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30-10:30pm

White Lightnin'
VFW 10302 Northenders, 7pm

The Kentucky Headhunters with The Georgia Thunderbolts
Waters Edge Winery & Bistro, Jacksonville, 7-11pm



Elvie Shane performs at Boondocks Friday night.

Exit 52
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-11pm

Saturday Apr 2

Smooth Groove
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-10pm

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

Lick Creek with UNCHAINED
Boonedocks, 8pm

Black Tarpoon | Pentagram String Band
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 6-11pm

The Remix
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Damned Torpedoes
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7-10pm

Wood 'n' Nickel Society
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8pm-12am

Joel Honey Jams
Maddy's Tavern, Divernon, 8-11pm

RockHouse
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm-12am

Tom Irwin & the Raouligans
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 7-9pm

Tom and Geoff
Walnut Street Winery, Rochester, 7-10pm

it Sunflower Headlights
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-11pm

Gabe Marshall
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 7-10pm

Sunday Apr 3

JackAsh
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 2pm

it Rhodes & Battles
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Monday Apr 4

Susan Williams & The Wright Groove
The Alamo, 7pm

AI Kitchen
The Stadium Bar & Grill, 6-9pm

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

Tuesday Apr 5

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

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

JB open jam with Sarah Schneider
George Rank's, 8pm

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

Wednesday Apr 6

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

Karaoke
Crows Mill Pub, 8pm

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

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

THE CALENDAR



Opening day
Sat., April 2, 12-4pm
Henson Robinson Zoo
1100 E. Lake Shore Dr.
217-585-1821
\$5-\$7

NATURE | What's new at the zoo in 2022?

it Planning on venturing outdoors this weekend? The zoo is a great destination for some early spring adventures. Henson Robinson Zoo began as a dream of a prominent Springfield citizen, Henson C. Robinson. In 1967, the city of Springfield donated a tract of land to the Springfield Park District and construction of the zoo began the next year. Since then, the zoo has grown and expanded with the addition of new animals and exhibits. Visit the zoo during its upcoming opening day and see what new things are waiting to be discovered by you this year. Chat with the zookeepers and check out the bio-fact stations, see the new African penguins and adorable wallabies, and visit with your favorite animals from last season. Beyond opening day, the zoo has other exciting events planned for later this month, such as the fun and educational experiences of April Zoo Tots and Zooper Adventures. Perhaps best of all, if you are age 13 or older, the zoo has wonderful volunteer opportunities for animal ambassadors, interpreters and for helping at events. Check the Facebook page to learn about everything new at the zoo.

Theater & Comedy

A Doll's House, Part 2
Fri., April 1, 7:30pm. Written by Lucas Hnath. Visit the website or call to learn about COVID requirements. uis.edu. \$6-\$14. UIS Studio Theatre, One University Plaza, 217-206-7529.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella

April 1-2, 7pm and Sun., April 3, 2pm. The Tony Award-winning family fun musical that delights audiences with its contemporary take on the classic tale. \$18. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Art & Architecture

Friday Nights at DIM
Fridays, 6-8pm. First Friday offer or get art critiques, on the second Friday try model live drawing, hang out with the artists on the third Friday and fourth and fifth Fridays are for projects. DIM Art House, 319 Chatham Road, 773-235-5600.

Sangamon Watercolor Society Exhibition

First Friday of every month, 5-8pm. Enjoy artist demonstrations and refreshments. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Film & Television

Opening weekend
April 1-2. *Moribus*, *Spiderman: No Way Home*, *Uncharted*, *Ghostbusters: Afterlife*. Route 66 Twin Drive-In, 1700 Recreation Dr., 217-698-0066 or 217-546-8881.

Auditions

The Nutcracker and company positions

Sun., April 3. Auditions for dancers age 13 and up are 3-4pm. Auditions for dancers ages 8-12 for *The Nutcracker* only are 5-6:30pm. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

History

Abe for all: Sensory-free night
Sat., April 2, 4-7pm. A series of learning experiences supporting and promoting diversity and inclusion. Intentional activities to engage guests and make Lincoln's legacy accessible to all. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Abraham Lincoln and the Matson Slave Case

Wed., April 6, 7pm. John Lupton and Samuel Wheeler will discuss the case where Lincoln represented the slave owner, Robert Matson, and why the case continues to interest historians. Hosted by Looking for Lincoln. Live streamed on the Facebook page. 217-492-8366.

Building a Better World: Women's History Walking Tour
Thu.-Sat., March 31-April 2, 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.

New volunteer orientation

Sat., April 2, 10am. Learn what volunteering is all about and what's in store for this year. Call 217-632-4000 to register or with any questions. Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane.

Politics

Symposium on Ukraine

Thu., March 31, 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. Free. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 S. Walnut St., 217-522-4415.

Faith & Philosophy

Synodality in Central Illinois - Listening Sessions

Wed., April 6, 7-8:15pm. Pope Francis has called for a new way of moving forward by inviting all members of the Catholic church to take part in the Synod on Synodality, where many people come together for a process of visioning the church's future identity and direction. Call for info. Free. 217-899-9918.

Fundraisers

DSI's Annual Awards and Dinner

Wed., April 6. Networking at 5:30 pm. Dinner and 2021 Downtown Awards for Excellence at 6:30pm, followed by the Mayor's Annual State of the Downtown Address. \$85-\$1,500. Wyndham at Springfield City Centre, 700 E. Adams St., 217-789-1530.

Habitat for Humanity chicken dinner

Thu., March 31. Chicken, Southern-style green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy and dinner rolls with butter. Tickets must be purchased by April 15. The meal will be served from 4-6pm on April 24 by drive-through pick up from 4-6pm. All proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity. 217-523-2710. \$12. Third Presbyterian Church, 1030 N. Seventh St., 528-0457.

Petunias for moms and pets

Through April 29. Purchase a 10" hanging flower basket. Proceeds support the APL.

Purchase online at apl-shelter.org or call. Animal Protective League, 1001 Taintor Road, 217-544-7387.

Spring fundraiser

Through May 1. Benefits the Enos Park Neighborhood Improvement Association. Beautiful grown individual flowers, hanging flower baskets and pots provided by Seaney Farms. Order online at EPNIA.com/flowers. Enos Park Sculpture Garden, Enos Avenue between 7th and 8th streets, 572-1500.

Ukraine benefit concert

Sun., April 3, 1:30-2:30pm. Donations will be shared between Doctors without Borders, Lutheran Disaster Response and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Parking is available at both churches and public garages. Masks are required. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

Nature, Science & Environment

it Henson Robinson Zoo opening day

April 2-3, 10am-5pm. Come out to see what's new at the zoo. \$5-\$7. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-585-1821.

Nighttime frog walk

Sat., April 2, 8pm. Bring a flashlight and rubber boots for a guided nighttime stroll. Hosted by Friends of Sangamon Valley. Call 217-525-1410 to RSVP. Nipper Wildlife Sanctuary, Loami, 9560 Withers Road.

Spring Floral Show

Through April 17. Mon.-Fri., 12-4pm. Sat.-Sun, 12-5pm. Lilies, tulips and narcissus will fill the air with the sweet smell of spring. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

Springfield Civic Garden Club

Mon., April 4, 9:30am. Master rosarian Dan Keil will discuss the basics of rose care. Open to the public and masks are required. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 S. Walnut St., 217-546-7709.

Wildflower nature walks

Saturdays, 10am, 2pm. Hosted by the Elkhart Historical Society. Take a wagon ride up to Elkhart Hill, see the variety of spring flowers and hear about some of the uses for them. Weather permitting and only by reservation. elkharthistoricalsociety.org. \$10-\$15. The Country Bumpkin, Elkhart, 103 Gov. Oglesby St., 217-947-2238.

Bulletin Board

Career Connections Expo

Thu., March 31, 11am-2pm. Build your professional network and learn about a variety of job opportunities. Bring copies of your resume. Check COVID requirements for attendance. Free. UIS Recreation and Athletic Center, 2171 University Dr., 217-206-6508.

The Chamber Job Fair

Tue., April 5, 4-6pm. Find your next job. Employers are looking for high school students, college students, seasoned professionals and area newcomers. gscoc.org. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-525-1173.

The future of journalism

Wed., April 6, 11:30am. Featuring Fletcher Farrar Jr., publisher and editor of Illinois Times, and Jason Piscia, director of the UIS Public Affairs Reporting program. Part of the Lunch and Learn Series. Program begins at 12pm and is also available free via Zoom. uis.edu/alumni. \$32. Illini Country Club, 1601 S. Illini Road, 217-206-6058.

Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope

Thu., March 31, 6:30pm. A Zoom event with SIU School of Medicine's female medical students. Hosted by the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum. Visit the website for link information. spiaahm.org.

Health & Fitness

Forest Therapy

Sat., April 2, 9:30-11am. Get a sense of connection or relationship with nature through a 1.5-2-hour walk led by a certified guide. This experience has been shown to lower blood pressure, reduce anxiety and depression. Group size is limited and pre-registration is required. Call for more info. \$30. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

Sports

Lincoln Presidential Half Marathon

Sat., April 2. Run through history in Abraham Lincoln's hometown, including past his law office, his tomb and the only home he ever owned. USATF certified course. Go Abe! Downtown, Old State Capitol Plaza. Hosted by the Springfield Road Runners Club. srrc.net.

MARKETPLACE

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Summary: Working in the University of Illinois Springfield (UIS) Division of Advancement under the supervision of the Associate Vice Chancellor for Development and working closely with the NPR Illinois General Manager, the Director of Development-NPR Illinois is primarily responsible for finding and acquiring sources of contributed revenue from individual donors. The successful candidate will plan strategies and actively seek major and annual gifts for the benefit of NPR Illinois at UIS. The position is responsible for managing the overall fundraising program of NPR Illinois. The position's emphasis is on identification, cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship of major gift donors and prospects. The individual is expected to develop and manage a portfolio of approximately 100 major gift prospects and have 12 or more face-to-face donor visits per month. This position is responsible for planning and implementing annual giving solicitations, including on-air drives, mass communications, and crowdfunding. This position requires building local relationships and cannot be performed away from the local/region covered by NPR Illinois.

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SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARVIN EUGENE DAY, JR., Deceased
NO. 2022-PR-112
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Marvin Eugene Day, Jr., Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on March 21, 2022, to KaMyra D. Day, 2521 Raleigh Road, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Benjamin M. Sgro of Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 3rd day of October, 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 21st day of March, 2022.
Benjamin M. Sgro
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 789-1200

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL 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.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.
Dated this 3rd day of March, 2022.
LINDA J. CAIN and CONNIE DRUIEN,
Independent
Co-Executors of the Estate of DONALD F. WEEKS, Deceased
BY: DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney
Attorneys for Estate:
Anthony J. DelGiorno (IARDC 6277358)
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2160 S. Sixth St., Ste. E
Springfield, IL 62703
Tel: (217) 773-5337
Service: service@delgiornolawoffice.com

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

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 Isaiah Lincoln, Petitioner and Theresa Lincoln, Respondent Case No. 2021-D-520
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given to Theresa Lincoln, 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 30th day of April, 2022, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in this Petition.
J.W. Pierceall, Attorney for Isaiah Lincoln, Petitioner, STANGE LAW FIRM, PC, 400 S. 9th St., Suite 100, Springfield, IL 62701, 217-717-8605.

ADOPTION NOTICE – STATE OF ILLINOIS, County of Sangamon, Seventh Judicial Circuit Court of Sangamon County. In the matter of the Petition for the Adoption of Leila Haven Carmichael, a female child. Adoption No. 22-AD-11. To Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern: Take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, for the adoption of a child named Leila Haven Carmichael. Now, therefore, unless you Unknown Fathers and All Whom It

May Concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Room 405, in the City of Springfield, Illinois, on or before the 4th day of May 2022, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> /s/Paul Palazzolo, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk
Dan E. Way, Attorney for Petitioners
1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of 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 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of U'Laylah Christina Marie White For change of name to U'Laylah 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'Laylah 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 COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Daimion Dueqalion Potts For change of name to Daimion Dueqalion Bennett Case No.: 22-MR-101
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 Daimion Dueqalion Potts to Daimion Dueqalion

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
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 Klingler 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 Klingler to Amber Lynn Reilly, 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 Margaret Portia Becker For change of name to Margaret Portia Duckworth Case No.: 22-MR-60
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 Margaret Portia Becker to Margaret Portia Duckworth, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated March 31, 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 BEARDSTOWN ROAD, EXCEPT THE EAST 3 FEET THEREOF CONVEYED BY WARRANTY DEED TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD 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 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codiilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-09605. I3189957

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

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
PARCEL 1:
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
AND
PARCEL 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
AND
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, 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,
vs.
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 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:
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,
a state banking corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
ALAN MCMULLIN, a/k/a
ALAN W. MCMULLIN,
UNKNOWN OWNERS, and
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
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 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: 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 inspection.
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,
vs.
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

Date of Sale: April 13, 2022, 1:00 P.M.
Location: Westside Storage, 3142 S Douglas Ave., Springfield, IL 62704
BLD KK #9 5x12
Kurt Curry
16 Concord Square #2
Boston, MA 02118
BLD A #166 10x10
Kerry Hill
210 Yeomen
Springfield, IL 62704
BLD KK #4 5x12
Thomas Ray
1100 S Pasfield St
Springfield, IL 62704
BLD A #84 10x10

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT A. ROBBINS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
No. 22-MR-125
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Robert A. Robbins, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on March 22, 2022 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 801 N. 12th Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as: Lots 13 and 14 in Block 8 of Furniture Factory Park Addition to the City of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, excepting therefrom the West 80 feet thereof. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 14-27.0-258-031); and for other relief.
UNLESS Robert A. Robbins, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before May 2, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.
/s/ Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of Court
James K. Zerkle
Corporation Counsel
Robert Hogue
Assistant Corporation Counsel
Attorneys for Plaintiff
800 E. Monroe, Room 327
Springfield, IL 62701-1653
(217) 789-2375
robert.hogue@springfield.il.us

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 LEGATEES
Attached to this Notice are copies of the Petition to Probate and the Order Admitting the Will to Probate. You are named in the Petition 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
Alex B. Rabin
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 Independent 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 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM M. WELLS, Deceased
NO. 22-PR-11
PETITION TO TERMINATE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION
_____, on 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 administration.
4. I request that independent administration be terminated.

Petitioner
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this ____ day of _____, 2022.
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 Independent Administration of the Estate of William M. Wells, Deceased
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP
By: /s/ Alex B. Rabin
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 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM M. WELLS, Deceased
NO. 2022PRO00011
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
Relationship
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 L 243 Chestnut Hill Drive
Rochester, NY 14617
Jacob T. Wells L P.O. Box 3484
Redmond, WA 98073
Luke A. Wells L 2201 Foxboro Court
Erie, PA 16510
Jillian L. Wells L 2201 Foxboro Court
Erie, PA 16510
Alia K. Stock L 1888 Brett Lane
Salsburg, PA 15681
Steven R. Wells L 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 Testamentary 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.
SUBSCRIBED 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 CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES APRIL 30, 2023
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr
& Rabin, LLP
Alex B. Rabin
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 administration is granted.
IT IS ORDERED, that Letters of Office be issued to SUSAN WELLS.
ENTERED: JANUARY 13, 2022
GAIL L. NOLL
JUDGE

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.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Corie Drew Sr., Petitioner
and
Lisa Reder, aka Carlisa Carpenter,
Respondent
Case No. 2021-F-151
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you Lisa Reder, aka Carlisa Carpenter, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced and you are summoned to a child custody case and for other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois on or before the 10th day of May, 2022, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.
Paul Palazzolo
Circuit Clerk

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 p.m. CST in the brian.aarup@co.sangamon.il.us e-mail box.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
EBONY GRICE,
Petitioner,
vs.
KEITH EVANS,
Respondent.
Case No. 2021-OP-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 L. Peterson
Attorney at Law
ARDC No. 6337776
Land of Lincoln Legal Aid
3085 Stevenson Drive, Ste. 202
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Alexandrea N. Locker, Petitioner
vs.
Tyraill L. Smith, Respondent
Case No: 21-OP-2431
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Tyraill L. Smith, 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 14, 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 31, 2022

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Alexandrea N. Locker, Petitioner
vs.
Kortney Smith, Respondent
Case No: 21-OP-2432
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Kortney Smith, 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 14, 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 31, 2022

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Glenn Grigsby, Petitioner
vs.
Steven Grigsby, Respondent
Case No: 2022-OP-76
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Steven Grigsby, 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 the complaint.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Court
Date: March 31, 2022

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Jason Forgas, Petitioner
vs.
Jennifer J. Keen, Respondent
Case No: 2016-OP-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 the complaint.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Court
Date: March 24, 2022

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Malonda Laurence, Petitioner

vs.
Thierry Kekare, Respondent
Case No: 2021-OP-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

Invitation to Bid
Legal Notice
The Bank of Springfield Center is receiving sealed bids for the auction of a used 1979 Horner Flooring Co. Sports King portable basketball floor, including installation hardware, excluding baskets. Dimensions are 112' x 66'. Floor was refinished and local area high school logos were added circa 1998. Specifications can be obtained from the Administrative Office of the Bank of Springfield Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701 or by calling 217-788-8800. Bids must be submitted to the Administration Office by 10:00 a.m. local time April 18, 2022; sealed bids will be opened in the Board Room at the same location at 12:00 pm on April 18, 2022. The Bank of Springfield Center reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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W19-0610
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Community Loan Servicing, LLC;
Plaintiff,
vs.
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Linda Pianfetti; Sutton's Inc., f/k/a Sutton Siding & Remodeling, Inc.; Niccole Pianfetti, Individually and as Legal Representative of the Estate of Linda L. Pianfetti; Estate of Linda L. Pianfetti;
Defendants.
19 CH 283
Judge Presiding
NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a judgment heretofore entered by the said court occurred in the above entitled cause, Sheriff of Sangamon, Illinois, will on May 10, 2022, at the hour of 09:00 AM at Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, County Board Chambers or Conference Room on 2nd Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate in the said judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy such judgment to wit:
LOT EIGHTY (80), EXCEPTING THE WEST 35 FEET THEREOF IN WESTCHESTER FIFTEENTH ADDITION, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION EIGHTEEN (18), TOWNSHIP FIFTEEN (15) NORTH, RANGE FIVE (5) WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS PLATTED BY PLAT FILED OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON NOVEMBER 11, 1971, AND RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 343491 IN BOOK

20 OF PLATS AT PAGE 65, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF SANGAMON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.
C/K/A: 2001 Austin Drive, Springfield, IL 62704
PIN: 22-18.0-279-012
The person to contact regarding information regarding this property is: Sales Dept., The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1540, Chicago, IL 60603. Any questions regarding this sale should refer to file number W19-0610. The terms of the sale are Cash. 10% at time of sale, with the balance due within 24 hours.
The property is improved by: single family home. The Property is not open for inspection prior to sale.
The real estate, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and tenements, hereditament and appurtenances thereunto belonging shall be sold under such terms.
The Wirbicki Law Group LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1540
Chicago, IL 60603
Phone: 312-360-9455
W19-0610
pleadings.il@wirbickilaw.com
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NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
vs.
JANIE SEEBOLD, AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF A. JAMES ROBINSON AKA A. ROBINSON, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF A. JAMES ROBINSON AKA A. ROBINSON, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF A. JAMES ROBINSON AKA A. ROBINSON, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF A. JAMES ROBINSON AKA A. ROBINSON, DECEASED, CAROL ROBINSON AND JANIE SEEBOLD AKA JANIE L. SEEBOLD, Defendants.
CASE NO. 21-CH-110
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
813 ROANOKE DR.
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on March 16, 2022, the following described real estate, to-wit:
Permanent Index Number: 14-30.0-401-003
Commonly known as: 813 Roanoke Dr., Springfield, IL 62702
will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on April 26, 2022, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.
The Judgment amount is \$105,034.03. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real

estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.
For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihar, LLC, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719
The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).
If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (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.
Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
Dated
Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihar, LLC
Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549)
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC
Attorneys at Law
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS WEST CENTRAL BANK, an Illinois banking corporation,

Plaintiff, vs. BREE-ANNA BEA, BRANDON G. BEA, and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No. 2022-FC-27 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION Notice is hereby given to BREE-ANNA BEA, Defendant 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 said Defendant is April 30, 2022. Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on February 23, 2022.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: West Central Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; Case Number 2022-FC-27

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: Bree-Anna Bea

4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

The North 55 feet of Lots 5 and 6 in Block 2 of the Town of New Auburn, said block being also known as Block 30 of the Town of Auburn, according to Ira Merchant's Resurvey now in and part of the City of Auburn.

Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed of record. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:

215 South 5th Street, Auburn, Illinois 62615

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

Name of mortgagor: Bree-Anna Bea Name of mortgagee: West Central Bank Date of mortgage: February 15, 2019 Date of recording: February 20, 2019 County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois

Recording document identification: Document No. 2019R02906

/s/ Paul Palazzolo CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Emmet A. Fairfield Registration No. 6180505 205 S. 5th Street - Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-8491 efairfield@bhsllaw.com 8051-922014

22-095515 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS BANKUNITED N.A. PLAINTIFF,

-vs- Tamikia Hurt; Ernest Jerome Thomas; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS DEFENDANTS NO. 22 FC 20 PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you Ernest Jerome Thomas; Unknown Owners

and Non-Record Claimants; Unknown Occupants.

Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 38 IN WHITE CITY SUBDIVISION, SECOND PLAT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AUGUST 25, 1955 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS DOCUMENT NO. 261800.

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.

Commonly known as 508 White City Boulevard, Springfield, IL 62703

Permanent Index No.: 14-35-280-003 and which said Mortgage was made by Tamikia Hurt Mortgages, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagor, as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp. as Mortgagee, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, Document No. 2009R12470.

And for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the suit is now pending.

Now therefore, unless you, the said above named defendants, e-file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, on or before the 30th day after the first publication of this notice which is MAY 2, 2022. Default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Clerk

LOGS Legal Group LLP Attorney for Plaintiff 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 (847) 291-1717 ILNOTICES@logs.com

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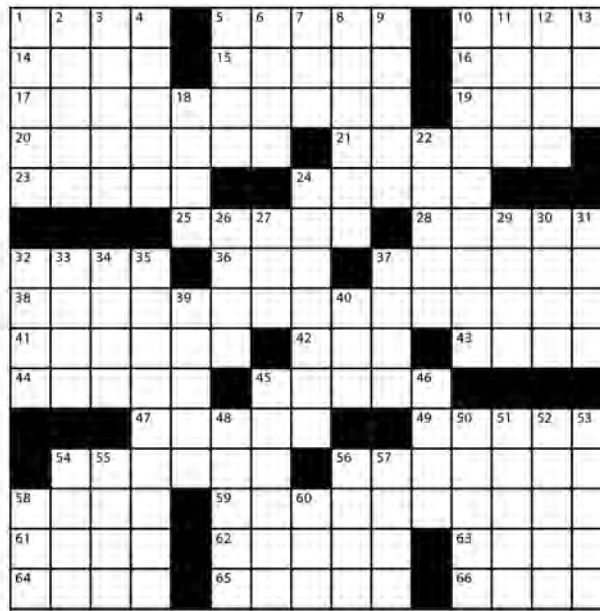
Ernest Jerome Thomas 508 White City Boulevard Springfield, IL 62703 Ernest Jerome Thomas 1054 North 5th Street Springfield, IL 62702 Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Unknown Occupants 508 White City Boulevard Springfield, IL 62703

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Hits Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 734

Across

1. Litter box users
5. Hindu master
10. Snake's warning
14. Mine: Fr.
15. Like forks
16. Archipelago part
17. Like some lines
19. Prefix with -algia
20. Create a flip book, say
21. Big name in cosmetics
23. "A pity"
24. Med. centers
25. Scarecrow stuffing
28. Strainer
32. Gymnast Korbut
36. Mr. Rogers
37. Extent
38. Risk-it-all bet
41. Block houses
42. Suffix with pant or aunt
43. Change for a twenty
44. Stringed instruments
45. Threw in
47. Peace goddess
49. Actor Milo
54. Meet, as expectations
56. Irish dogs
58. Meat
59. Baseball rarity
61. Let up
62. Artist's stand
63. Der ___: Adenauer
64. Happy
65. Twists
66. Honk



Down

1. Spanish houses
2. ___ acid
3. Author Morrison and singer Braxton
4. Fraternity letter
5. Leave in, as text
6. Ring bearer
7. Singer DiFranco
8. Easygoing
9. Think tank nuggets
10. It may be 20/20
11. "Amazing Grace" ending
12. Bit of slander
13. To be, in Barcelona
18. Boys
22. Unexpected sports outcome
24. Rural outing
26. ___ bien
27. Aussie hopper
29. Canal of song
30. ___ diagram
31. Brain tests, for short
32. Lyrical
33. Opera house box
34. Shorebird
35. Like child labor
37. Two tablets, maybe
39. France's longest river
40. Actor Beatty
45. Hooded jacket
46. Lavish affection (on)

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #733

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

Sudoku answers from #733

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

JoshJosh answers from #733

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 734

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

24x		1-		13+	
	10+		11+		5
12+		3-		2÷	3-
3-	4x		36x		
		1-		1-	

Difficulty hard

Sudoku No. 734

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

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

Difficulty medium



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