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DCFS finds foster parent negligent in death of 7-year-old boy

State's attorney has not decided whether to file criminal charges

CHILD WELFARE | Dean Olsen

The state's child welfare agency has found a Springfield man negligent in the March 16 drowning death of a 7-year-old foster child in the man's care.

An investigation completed by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services on June 28 concluded that neglect by David Yankee led to the death of Barrett Koches, DCFS spokesperson Heather Tarczan said July

"This is just such a profound tragedy," she told *Illinois Times*.

DCFS also determined that Yankee and his husband, Michael, inadequately supervised the two other foster children in their care at the time of Barrett Koches' drowning in the Yankees' outdoor, in-ground swimming pool behind their home in the 2300 block of Winnebago Drive on Springfield's north end.

Sangamon County State's Attorney John Milhiser said he hasn't decided yet whether to file criminal charges against anyone in the incident and is "waiting on additional reports" from investigators. He wouldn't elaborate.

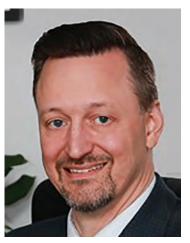
The DCFS findings, by themselves, don't trigger any other punishment of the couple by DCFS, Tarczan said. But the agency could take the findings into account in considering whether to allow the Yankees to care for any foster children in the future, she said.

When reached by phone, David Yankee, 47, a certified financial adviser, said he and his husband are declining comment at this time.

Yankee ran unsuccessfully for the Ward 4 seat on the Springfield City Council in 2023.

The Yankees' three foster children, all boys, were left without adult supervision for almost an hour after David left to go to the Walmart on North Dirksen Parkway at about 11:40 a.m. March 16, according to Springfield police reports.

The two remaining foster children, a 10-year-old unidentified boy, as well as Barrett's 4-year-old brother, Ryder, were





An investigation completed by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services on June 28 concluded that neglect by David Yankee, left, led to the death of Barrett Koches, right, a 7-year-old foster child in his care. Photo VIA HOUGH & SONS FUNERAL HOME

LEFT PHOTO COURTESY DAVID YANKEE



A handful of local residents gathered June 28 outside a DCFS office on North Walnut Street to protest and call for criminal charges to be brought against the foster parents.

PHOTO BY BRANDON TURLEY

removed from the home by DCFS after the drowning.

The Yankees, who police said had been foster parents for eight years, currently have no foster children, according to Tarczan.

Barrett had been living with the Yankees for "approximately a month," police said. He was found face-down in the home's uncovered pool, according to police reports obtained by *Illinois Times* through the Freedom of Information Act.

David Yankee told police that when he left for Walmart, he planned to go to a bank inside the store. Reports quoted Yankee as saying he wanted to either deposit money or cash a check at the bank – both tasks were mentioned – so he "could take the children downtown."

Police said Yankee "told the children to stay inside and to not go outside."

While at the store, Yankee "got distracted

in the clearance and Easter aisle, so he took longer in Walmart than expected," reports

Police said the entry gate to the fenced-in backyard where the pool was located didn't have locks or evidence of other safety measures to prevent unauthorized access to the pool.

"Access to the pool could easily be made by entering from the garage or rear of the house," reports said.

Michael Yankee "was not home at the time of the incident" and "had not been home since the morning when he left for work at Kohl's," according to reports.

The 10-year-old boy told police that the 4-year-old "threw a brick into the shallow end of the pool. Barrett jumped into the pool to retrieve the brick. Barrett threw the brick out of the pool and attempted to get out. Barrett slipped in the shallow end of the pool and, as a result, slid into the deep end."

The water, which was a "murky black/ brown," appeared to be five feet deep at the center of the pool, police said. "The pool was left uncovered, and due to this, debris and water accumulated at the bottom, along with the remaining water left after seasonal emptying," reports said.

Police and other emergency responders were alerted after the 10-year-old ran out to the front of the house and got the attention of a FedEx driver who then called for help. Police said the children didn't have access to a phone

for emergencies.

A Springfield firefighter and a city police officer pulled Barrett out of the pool, and firefighters began to perform CPR. Barrett was transported by ambulance to HSHS St. John's Hospital, where medical staff worked on him before pronouncing him dead at 1 p.m.

When asked how state guidelines and laws govern adults who leave children unattended, Tarczan said authorities consider the facts of each case when considering charges.

She cited an Illinois statute that defines a "neglected minor," in part, as "any minor under the age of 14 whose parents or other person responsible for the minor's welfare leaves the minor without supervision for an unreasonable period of time without regard for the mental or physical health, safety or welfare of that minor."

News about Barrett's death has spread on social media, and a handful of local residents gathered June 28 outside a DCFS office on North Walnut Street to protest. They held signs that said: "Justice for Barrett," "The System Has Failed Barrett" and "How Many More Kids Have to Die? Take Action!"

The organizer, Cheryl Britz, told *Illinois Times* she is a retired public aid worker and former foster parent who decided to organize a rally after seeing media reports about Barrett's death. She said she is frustrated that criminal charges haven't been filed against the foster parents.

Editor's note

Abraham Lincoln is famous for saying you don't swap horses in the middle of a stream. Lincoln knew horses, but history shows he would have been smart to switch out some of his generals sooner than he did. It's clear the Republicans aren't going to change their lame entry in this year's race. Polls will soon show Democrats that their best chance to win is to choose a fresh horse. Riding a fresh horse is risky and can be dangerous. But it would be a thrilling experience. — Fletcher Farrar, editor

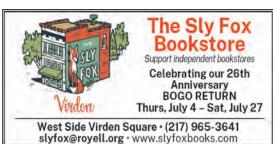
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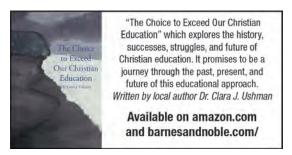


















SCOTUS ruling could upend federal corruption cases for Madigan, allies

Court narrows scope of federal bribery law used to charge former speaker, 'ComEd Four'

COURTS | Hannah Meisel, Capitol News Illinois

The U.S. Supreme Court on June 26 narrowed the scope of a federal bribery law prosecutors have relied on in their cases against former Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan and several of his allies convicted of bribing him.

A jury last spring found those allies – former lobbyists and executives for electric utility Commonwealth Edison – guilty on all counts, while a judge earlier this year pushed Madigan's trial to October in order to wait for the high court's decision on the federal bribery statute.

In a 6-3 decision, the Supreme Court's conservative majority ruled that the federal bribery statute – referred to as "Section 666" – does not criminalize "gratuities" given to a state or local public official after he or she has already performed an official act.

The high court's decision narrowing the scope of Section 666 only to bribes, which require a quid pro quo, bolsters defense arguments made during last spring's ComEd case.

Prosecutors alleged the utility bribed Madigan with jobs and contracts for the speaker's allies in exchange for favorable legislation in Springfield. But attorneys for the "ComEd Four" argued the utility's legislative wins were due to a multi-year strategic campaign, including spending big to contract with some of Springfield's most influential lobbyists.

An attorney for close Madigan confidant Mike McClain, a longtime Springfield lobbyist who is a defendant in both bribery cases, predicted that the ComEd case will have to be retried

"We will be asking the court to vacate the conviction at a minimum," attorney Patrick Cotter told Capitol News Illinois.



Former House Speaker Michael Madigan exits the Dirksen Federal Courthouse in Chicago on Jan. 3. The U.S. Supreme Court issued a ruling Wednesday that could affect several of the bribery charges he is currently facing. Capitol News Illinois Photo by Andrew Adams

As for the case in which McClain is a codefendant with Madigan, Cotter said his legal team would likely challenge the charges that rely on the federal bribery statute and may make other arguments, including that the grand jury indicted Madigan and McClain under an "incorrect" law.

Former U.S. Attorney Scott Lassar, who represents former ComEd CEO Anne Pramaggiore, had vowed to appeal the case after the trial concluded last spring, but a delay in the ComEd defendants' sentencings has prevented that so far.

"The Supreme Court decision makes clear that what Anne Pramaggiore was charged with is not a crime," Lassar told Capitol News Illinois An attorney for Madigan did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The recent high court decision stems from a 2021 conviction of a northwest Indiana mayor who accepted \$13,000 from a company that had recently won contracts to sell garbage trucks to the city. Former Portage, Indiana, Mayor James Snyder argued that payment was a "gratuity" and not a bribe.

Writing for the majority, Justice Brett Kavanaugh said when crafting the law, Congress was deliberate in its use of the word "rewarded." He gave a hypothetical example of a bribe where a quid pro quo agreement was made before the official act but the payment was made after the act.

"An official might try to defend against the bribery charge by saying that the payment was received only after the official act and therefore could not have 'influenced' the act," Kavanaugh wrote. "By including the term 'rewarded,' Congress made clear that the timing of the agreement is the key, not the timing of the payment, and thereby precluded such a potential defense."

He also wrote that a gratuity offered and accepted "may be unethical or illegal under other federal, state, or local laws" but treating it the same as a bribe would set "a vague and unfair trap for 19 million state and local officials" who are often given gifts.

The court's three liberal justices dissented, with Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson writing for the minority that the Justice Department's reliance on Section 666 has not been "the dragnet for public school teachers, soccer coaches, or trash collectors that the majority conjures."

"Rather, the real cases in which the

Government has invoked this law involve exactly the type of palm greasing that the statute plainly covers and that one might reasonably expect Congress to care about when targeting graft in state, local, and tribal governments," Jackson wrote. "After today, however, the ability of the Federal Government to prosecute such obviously wrongful conduct is left in doubt."

The high court's acceptance of the bribery case in December, in addition to health issues faced by U.S. District Judge Harry Leinenweber, who oversaw the ComEd trial, indefinitely delayed the ComEd defendants' sentencings originally scheduled for January.

Leinenweber died earlier this month after a battle with lung cancer and the case has been transferred to U.S. District Judge Manish Shah. Shah as scheduled a status hearing in the case for July 9.

Cotter told Capitol News Illinois he didn't "have an opinion" about whether the scheduled Oct. 8 start date for Madigan and McClain's trial would have to be pushed.

But he said in both cases, it was "a good day" after the Supreme Court's decision.

"It's been a very long war and it's not over by a longshot, but today we won an important battle in that war," Cotter said. "But it doesn't mean the war is over." □

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OPINION

Practice responsible gun ownership

GUESTWORK | Catherine Wells

The U.S. Surgeon General has recently identified gun violence in America as a public health crisis. The American Medical Association has long considered the uncontrolled ownership and use of firearms a threat to public health. And yet all political attempts to curb gun injuries and deaths have been met with fierce resistance.

What is missing from the national debate is gun responsibility, that is, the use and storage of firearms in accordance with standards that have been well articulated for the last century at least.

Ideally, all gun owners would follow all recommended use and storage advice. But in reality, many gun owners are more careless with their guns than they are with their garden tools.

For the past year I have been engaging gun owners in conversations about the responsibilities that are a part of firearm ownership. Here is a sampling of the responses: One gun owner keeps them "on my workbench." Another said he has "the same responsibilities as anyone!" Others state the responsibility is "to not use it illegally" or "to follow all applicable laws, nothing more."

Actually, more often my question about firearm responsibility gets a heated, political response. Or crickets.

Here's the problem: Many gun owners are unaware of gun safety protocol, or willfully disregard gun safety rules. This is astonishing, considering that guns are dangerous. To elaborate, guns are designed to kill from a distance. That is their only function. They are not made to be safe; they are made to be dangerous. Owning and handling guns requires training and a commitment to using them responsibly by observing use and storage standards. Police, military personnel and veterans understand this, and tend to be better about gun safety protocol than most. But even among the best-trained firearms users, observation of gun safety is imperfect.

The NRA offers a very basic set of gun safety rules, which includes this guidance:

"ALWAYS keep the gun pointed In a safe direction. Know your target and what is beyond. Be absolutely sure you have identified your target beyond any doubt. Equally important, be aware of the area beyond your target. This means observing your prospective area of fire before you shoot. Never fire in a direction in which there are people or any other potential for mishap. Think first. Shoot second."

There is a stop sign at the end of my



This stop sign in rural Rochester has been used for target practice, a common irresponsible behavior of gun owners. Photo by Catherine Wells

country road. Across the road, less than a quarter mile away, is a house. There is a bullet hole in the stop sign that was made from a direction that shows that the bullet was fired from a position that put that house in danger. That is an example of irresponsible gun use, and road signs that have been used for target practice are a common sight in rural areas.

"ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use. Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons."

Of the many people I've spoken to about firearms, I have encountered only three gun owners who store their firearms properly, that is to say, unloaded and locked in a gun safe or a gun cabinet. The most common reason I hear for keeping a gun unsecured is that it is for self-defense, and so it must be ready at hand. This is a part of why there are so many accidental gun deaths of children. Others simply don't lock up their firearms because they don't have children. A gun that is not locked away is easier to steal, and most of the guns used in crimes have been obtained by theft or by buying stolen weapons.

There are several other personal safety suggestions the NRA makes, including an important suggestion about the shooter's

personal fitness on a given shooting occasion:

"Never use alcohol, over-the-counter drugs or prescription drugs before or while shooting. Alcohol, as well as any other substance likely to impair normal mental or physical bodily functions, must not be used before or while handling or shooting guns."

All gun owners should adhere to a "no alcohol" rule when they use their firearm, but that's not where we are.

It's time to call upon firearm owners to step up to the plate and take full responsibility for their guns. Know the safety protocols and commit to them. Practice safety in gun use and storage. If gun owners as a whole do not voluntarily practice the responsibility that is a part of owning a lethal weapon, eventually people will see to it that laws are passed that mandate responsible behavior. People are tired of the body count. Doctors are tired of the blood-soaked ERs. Everyone is tired of seeing children sacrificed to the culture of Second Amendment rights without responsibility. □

Catherine Wells is a retired mental health counselor, artist and lifelong Illinoisan. Her perspective on firearms is informed by her personal experiences with guns.

OPINION

LETTERS

We welcome letters. Please include your full name, address and telephone number. We edit all letters. Send them to editor@illinoistimes.com.

MAKE REPORT PUBLIC

The Muni board of trustees was, deservedly, excoriated by members of the theater community last year when they chose to nominate and install Bill Bauser to their board of directors. Bauser, as noted in Dean Olsen's article "Protecting children" (April 6, 2024), was central in bringing Adam Power back into Springfield Theatre Centre after multiple complaints had been filed. Bauser was also fired from his position in the Rochester school district for his own inappropriate conduct ("Former Muni board member fired from job in Rochester district," April 27, 2023). The trustees were well aware Bauser was the subject of complaints over the years and chose to nominate and install him anyway.

Subsequently, the trustees hired John C. Milhiser to investigate internal processes at The Muni. In Olsen's article "Petersburg man pleads guilty to child porn charges" (May 8, 2024), Dennis O'Brien, chair of The Muni's Board of Trustees, said the investigation was completed but would not disclose the results of the investigation.

The Muni trustees fail to recognize why this is problematic. Keeping the results of the investigation from the community only furthers concerns about this organization. Had Milhiser's investigation come back squeaky clean, O'Brien and the rest of the trustees likely would have announced that to anyone who would listen.

The fact they have not shared the results of the investigation with *Illinois Times* or members of the local theater community creates justified suspicion. It suggests either Milhiser's investigation was merely for show, or something exists within the investigation the trustees would rather not have in the public.

Independent investigations should be independent. That includes being independent of The Muni trustees deciding if the community should see it.

Why should the community be allowed to see the results of the investigation? Because The Muni is a community theater organization made possible by unpaid volunteers in the community. They are a 501(c)3 nonprofit and accountable to its stakeholders.

Unmatched local talent will be on The Muni stage this summer, with countless people behind the scenes making it come together. Each person is doing it for a love of the arts. They are owed a safe place. They deserve transparency from the trustees and the board of directors charged with maintaining the health of the organization. Anything less is





Adam L. Power, left, is facing at least 15 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to 34 counts of producing, receiving and possessing child pornography. Bill Bauser Jr. right, was the person who asked Power to be vocal director of a production when Bauser was the Springfield Theatre Centre board's volunteer executive director and treasurer. Complaints from parents prompted the STC board to remove Power from the show, and the Hoogland Center for the Arts banned him from the building. The STC board later asked for, and received, Bauser's resignation from the board in December 2019. However, Bauser was then appointed to the board of Springfield Municipal Opera in December 2022. He resigned in April 2023, after youth and parents involved in area community theater groups complained on public websites that Bauser hadn't done enough to protect children from Power. The same month, Bauser was fired from his job with the Rochester school district for allegedly making "sexually suggestive" comments to high school students and engaging in bullying, intimidation and harassment.

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Johnny Molson Springfield Editor's note: Illinois Times

unacceptable.

Editor's note: Illinois Times has requested a copy of the report more than once. The first request was denied, and there has been no response so far to the most recent request on June 19.

COMBINE POLICE FORCES

How about a points system for violations ("City compromises on liquor licenses," June 20)? As far as if there is a call for service at a bar, then safety and security for west side

Poop Poem

They drained and cleaned the Y pool because a little kid pooped in it. Well, OK. But I think of our sweet little Vermont lake filled with fish that poop, turtles, ducks, geese, loons, frogs, clams, snails, beavers, and all manner of other critters including little kids at the public beach. Should we drain our lake daily? It would refill by two little streams coming down from the hills where cattle graze, also foxes, weasels, rabbits, and once I saw a moose. Some thirty years ago I gave a speech on children's books, titled, *They Never Dig a Latrine*. Now there's a book for toddlers called *Everybody Poops*. But it's not allowed, apparently, in the YMCA pool!

2024 Jacqueline Jackson

wards is in jeopardy, that can be stated for every ward and municipality because of the number of police that show up at the various calls for service.

Are we deploying your resources correctly? Are we using technology? Is technology proving its cost? For example, there are more and more studies stating ShotSpotter is not as effective or accurate as we were led to believe. Many cities are not renewing contracts.

If we are doing this to be consistent with the county, let's study the creation of a metropolitan police force. Less bureaucracy, less management and more cops on the streets.

Aaron McEvoy Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

CONTRIBUTING TO THE CRISIS

I appreciated David Blanchette's interview with Sen. Dick Durbin and the senator's candor during it. ("Durbin views the national scene," June 20). But I am very confused about his and many other Illinois politicians' attitudes towards Gaza. He said, "It's a humanitarian crisis unlike any in my lifetime," yet he voted to re-arm Israel with weapons. What do you think they are doing with those weapons, Senator? Contributing to the humanitarian crisis. Have you not seen the images coming out of Rafah? If you call that self-defense, I'll call you a liar. *Mike Gascoigne*

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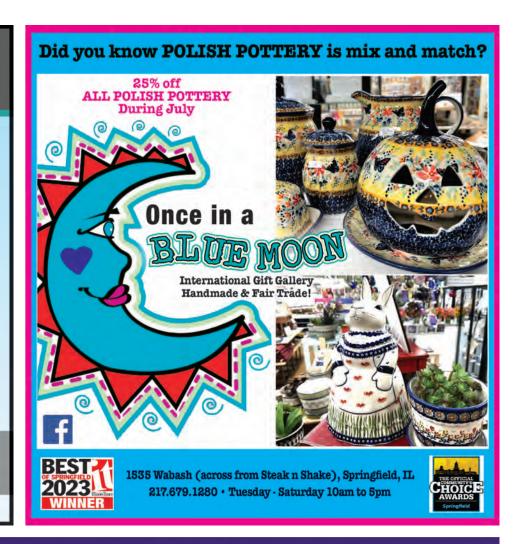
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GRILLIN' AND CHILLIN'

Park upgrades planned

Splash pad, pickleball courts, playground updates all in the works for Springfield parks FEATURE | Holly A. Whisler

Summer is peak time for fun in Springfield parks, and there's plenty of work going on behind the scenes that the public doesn't see but is necessary to keep our parks in good working order. The Springfield Park District is tasked with maintaining 36 parks, 23 miles of bike trails, more than 20 recreation facilities and outdoor amenities and 322 acres of nature

"We have a very full plate of things we're doing now," said Leslie Sgro, president of the Springfield Park District board, noting that it's a constant balancing act of fixing, replacing or upgrading existing park structures and creating

We have one of the oldest park districts in Illinois," Sgro said. Created in 1900, the Springfield Park District was the second park district organized in the state.

That means there are substantial financial expenditures on aging structures and equipment, such as the refrigeration systems for the ice rink at Nelson Center and repairs on both the dome and the heating and cooling system at Washington Park Botanical Garden. Sgro explained, "We're replacing old systems for more energy-efficient ones that are also more cost-efficient."

Sgro said, "We're also spending money on some fun things. We've received several state grants over the last five years that enabled us to do the overhaul of Iles Park." Kiwanis Park, 3050 Stanton Dr., used grant money for a walking path, lights, upgrades to the fields, new bathrooms, shelter and grills and a whole new play system that should be completed in the next few months. Sgro said, "It gives me great joy seeing people use the parks after improvements have been made."

The state also awarded the Park District \$600,000 to help transform the site of the 60-year-old Veterans Memorial Pool in Gielt Park into a huge splash pad that will be four to five times larger than that of Southwind or Comer Cox parks. It will feature many creative elements for kids of all ages, slides and shaded

Veterans Memorial Pool is closed for this season so that demolition work can begin. "I can't promise it will be ready for next summer, but that's the goal," said Sgro. "It will be very interactive, and we're tremendously excited

A new exhibit at Henson Robinson Zoo is getting ready to open in the building where the lemurs and langurs live. Sgro explained



A \$600,000 state grant will help transform the site of the 60-year-old Veterans Memorial Pool in Gielt Park into a huge splash pad that will be four to five times larger than that of Southwind or Comer Cox parks. RENDERING COURTESY OF SPRINGFIELD PARK DISTRICT

that at one time this building was in complete disrepair, and now it's a functioning structure that provides habitats for the animals. Sgro pointed out that this is another example of why partnerships are so important to the Springfield Park District, allowing projects to be completed as needed.

For each grant received by the Springfield Park District, Sgro explained, the district puts up a match. Grants come from a variety of sources such as the state, local organizations and private donors. Some people leave money to the Park District in their will.

"We have amazing people and groups in our community who support our parks," said Sgro. "When we partner up, we're able to do so much more. I love our parks, and I'm grateful that the community and donors trust us to make the necessary improvements for the benefit of everyone who visits our parks."

Sgro said the Springfield Park District has recently received multiple grants from a private donor who prefers to remain anonymous. The first grant was \$100,000, and recently that same donor gave \$80,000 and requested it go to two parks - Lindbergh and Indian Hills. Each park will get \$40,000 plus the matching funds from the district for new play systems. Sgro is hoping the projects will be finished this fall but said the district is busy with multiple

Two different projects are in the works at Washington Park, thanks to help from donors.

The Rees Carillon Society raises money for the Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon in Wash-

ington Park and recently donated funds for the purpose of lighting the carillon. Sgro said, "We still have electrical work to do, and when that's finished, we'll be able to light the carillon for events in the park."

The McDrew Tennis & Jazz Festival, an annual event that raises funds for local charitable organizations, gave \$50,000 to repair all the tennis courts at Washington Park.

Coming up fast on the heels of tennis is pickleball - the fastest growing sport in America, according to the Association of Pickleball Professionals. The sport has gained such popularity in Springfield that more courts

Dave Marsh, a semi-retired lobbyist, Springfield resident and avid pickleball player, learned the Springfield Pickleball Club was looking to raise funds for new courts, and he offered to lobby on behalf of the club. He worked with State Sen. Doris Turner, D-Springfield, who sponsored the appropriation, and State Sen. Steve McClure, R-Springfield, who served as the cosponsor. They were successful in getting more than \$1 million earmarked for new pickleball courts in Centennial Park and revamping the existing courts in Iles Park.

"It is incredible to me and so rewarding to work with our partners and make wonderful things happen as we balance between what the older facilities need and the new things like pickleball courts," said Sgro. "It's a process. It's always hard when we have millions of dollars of need, and that's why partnerships are so important to us," she said. □





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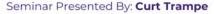
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Wildlife adventures

FEATURE | Mary Bohlen

Oh, give me a home, where the buffalo roam and the deer and the antelope play – along with wolves, elk, bears, cougars, camels, water buffalo and plenty of other animals.

Seldom is heard a discouraging word if you are looking for a day trip to see some wildlife this summer. Plenty of options exist within a few hours' drive from Springfield. What can't be guaranteed are skies that are not cloudy all day.

Still, summer months are great times to enjoy our furry and feathered friends in a safe atmosphere and to learn how many groups are working to preserve them.

While zoos sometimes get a bad rap for containing wildlife in unnatural areas, many are making efforts to improve conditions and protect endangered species. In our area you can spend a whole day at the large zoos in St. Louis, Indianapolis and Brookfield outside of Chicago. Closer destinations are the smaller venues such as our own Henson Robinson Zoo near Lake Springfield, Miller Park Zoo in Bloomington, Scovill Zoo in Decatur and Peoria Zoo in the city's Glen Oak Park.

Other options are places with a primary goal of preserving specific species and commercial outlets that offer driving or walking tours through animal habitats. Here are some:

Endangered Wolf Center

Founded in 1971 by renowned wildlife host Marlin Perkins and wife Carol Perkins, the sanctuary is a family friendly area in Eureka, Missouri, west of St. Louis. It is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day except Tuesdays.

The center is home to Mexican, Red and Maned wolves; Swift, Fennec and Arctic foxes; and African Painted dogs. Many of the endangered species come from other accredited facilities or from the center's managed-breeding program, according to Jimmy Parsons, communications and media coordinator.

"Wolves are a critically misunderstood species," Parsons says. "They are nothing like the ones portrayed in books and movies. Instead, they play a critical role in the ecosystem." That is why he recommends visiting the center and learning about conservation efforts in person.

Visits are by reservation and include guided tours such as the most popular, 90-minute endangered species tour" Its cost is \$23 for adults and \$18 for children. You can schedule special tours and encounters with the animals for an extra fee, and the after-hours' evening wolf howls are popular.

For information and reservations, go to endangeredwolfcenter.org or call 636-938-5900.



Red wolves find a home at the Endangered Wolf Center in Eureka, Missouri. Other wolf varieties and several kinds of fox also live at the center. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ENDANGERED WOLF CENTER

Lone Elk Park

Lone Elk Park in Valley Park, Missouri, southwest of St. Louis, houses elk, bison, wild turkeys, waterfowl and deer in an area that was once part of a World War II ammunition testing and storage facility. St. Louis County took it over in 1964 and opened it to the public in 1971.

Some of the elk came from Yellowstone National Park and the St. Louis Zoo donated bison. Catch-and-release fishing is allowed from the lake with a reservation.

Visitors can drive through the 546-acre park to view the animals from 8 a.m. to sunset every day. A visitors' center, shelters and walking trails add to the experience. No bicycles, motorcycles or pets are allowed. The park is free but accepts donations. Call 314-615-4386 for details.

Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie

Another repurposed ammunition site turned animal home is the 20,283-acre Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie near Wilmington at the former location of the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant. Midewin began in 1996 as the first national tallgrass prairie in the U.S.

Spokesman Joseph Wax says the site hosts 80-90 bison, first brought in 2015 from Colorado and South Dakota after many years of cleaning up the site to rid it of toxic materials. The U.S. Forest Service oversees the prairie, which is open to the public from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m.

A welcome center, open from 8 a.m. to

4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (and Saturdays during warmer months) features display panels, interactive exhibits appealing to children and a bison head mounted on the wall. A spotting scope focused on an eagle's nest is popular, Wax says.

To see bison, visitors usually have to hike a two-mile roundtrip from the Iron Bridge trailhead to spotting scopes along the Route 53 trail. Wax says the trail is crushed gravel and rated easy to moderate. Dogs on leashes are allowed but motorized vehicles are not. You can bring your own bicycle or horse to access a network of other trails on the property.

"It is a really great place for kids to experience nature," Wax says. Even if they can't hike to see the bison, they should enjoy the welcome center's displays. For more information, go to www.fs.usda.gov/midewin.

Aikman Wildlife Adventure

Located in Douglas County near Arthur and Arcola, the Aikman family took over the old Rockhome Gardens site in 2015 to open a commercial wildlife adventure filled with more than 220 animals of 90 species ranging from addax to zebras.

President James Aikman says it is the only drive-through safari adventure in Illinois. The 30-minute driving route takes visitors through fields where they can spot large animals, including the popular zebras and camels and a few rare African antelopes. A walk-through area takes about 45-60 minutes and features smaller animals such as the crowd favorites --

spotted hyenas and ring-tailed lemurs.

"We have more hands-on experiences than most other places," Aikman says. "It seems to appeal to all ages and all income levels and it is definitely a place the whole family can enjoy."

The adventure is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. It is open on weekends in the fall.

Aikman says the most popular tour is the "triple crown" that includes the driving area, the walking area and the site's Museum of Prehistoric Life with life-sized models of dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$20 for children.

A drive-through tour alone is \$25 for a standard vehicle while a walk-through tour, including a petting zoo, is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children. Other kinds of animal encounters vary in price. For tickets and information, go to aikmanwildlife.com.

Wildlife Prairie Park

Ten miles outside of Peoria near Hanna City you can see black bears, wolves, elk, bison, cougars, bobcats and more than 50 other species at Wildlife Prairie Park, opened in 1978. Many animals that are or were native to the area now roam the park's nearly 1,800 acres.

Marketing director Calli Dicks says it is "a park for all. We are considered a jewel of the Midwest. Not only do we have animals, but we also have adventures and recreational activities."

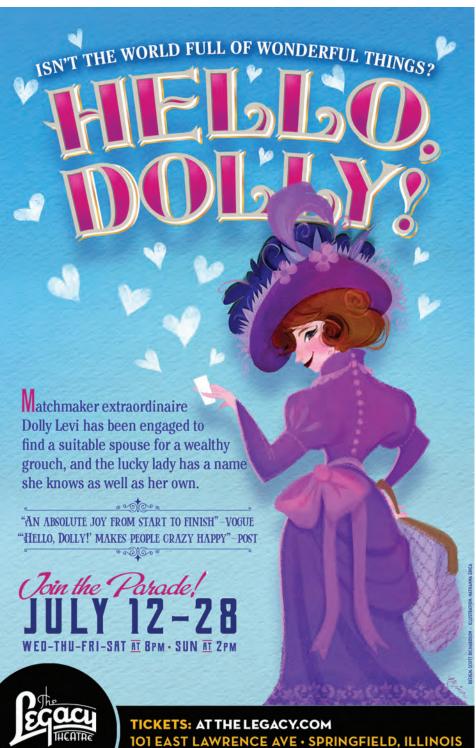
You can take a 1.5-mile walking trail, board a small train for a ride around the park, watch for birds and even stay overnight in a cabin, converted caboose, grain bin or campground. The park also offers mountain biking, fishing, disc golf, laser tag, kayak rentals, a sculpture walk and a café. Daily programs include chats with animal keepers. For extra fees, you can arrange private animal feedings and encounters with some of the larger animals or hayrack rides through the bison and elk pastures.

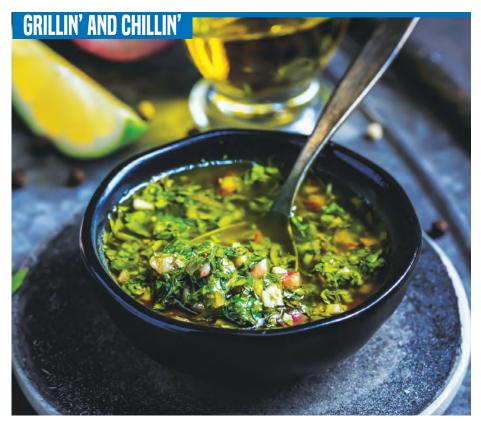
Hours are 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily and until 8:30 p.m. on Fridays in the summer for concerts and evening animal viewing. The only closed days are Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. General admission is \$14 for anyone 13 and up, \$12 for seniors, \$10 for ages 3-12 and free for 2 and under. An all-day train pass is \$7 per person.

For more details, go to wildlifeprairiepark.org. \square

Mary Bohlen of Springfield writes travel stories for IT, specializing in day and weekend trips in the Midwest. She loves seeing buffalo – and bison – roam.







Chimichurri

The sauce is the boss

FEATURE | Ashley Meyer

Think of these five sauces as your passport to delicious summer meals. Transform plain Jane grilled chicken thighs or pork loin into a vibrant, flavor-packed meal with a simple drizzle. They keep well in the fridge or freezer, making it easy to jazz up any meal at a moment's notice.

Chimichurri

Known in my house simply as "green sauce," chimichurri is an iconic recipe from Argentina and Uruguay. Verdant green herbs and savory fresh garlic are bathed in lemon and olive oil, resulting in a bright and zippy dressing that's equally delicious on a steak or a pile of grilled cauliflower.

2 cups fresh parsley

3 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano (mint is a delicious alternative)

1 jalapeno, seeded and roughly chopped (optional)

1-2 cloves garlic, to taste

Zest of one lemon

1 tablespoon each lemon juice and red wine vinegar

½ cup olive oil

Salt to taste

Add the herbs, jalapeño and garlic into the bowl of a food processor along with a pinch of salt. With the motor running, slowly pour in the olive oil, stopping to scrape down the sides as necessary. Taste and adjust the seasoning if necessary. Add water as needed to achieve the desired consistency. Serve immediately or refrigerate up to one day. Can be frozen for up to one month. Allow to come to room temperature before serving.

Spicy peanut dipping sauce

This protein-rich, Southeast Asian-inspired peanut sauce is delicious with grilled chicken skewers or drizzled over a bowl of brown rice and grilled vegetables for a luscious plantforward meal.

½ cup peanut butter Juice of 2 limes

1 tablespoon fish sauce or soy sauce

1-2 tablespoons sambal oelek

2 teaspoons honey or brown sugar

1-2 cloves minced garlic

Combine all the above ingredients. Add water one teaspoon at a time to achieve your desired consistency.

Romesco sauce

Romesco is a rustic sauce that originated in Catalonia, located in the northeast corner of Spain. Originally developed to serve with fish, romesco sauce is devastatingly delicious with all manner of grilled vegetables, especially scallions.

1/3 cup almonds or hazelnuts, toasted (skins removed if using hazelnuts)

2 large roasted red bell peppers, peels and seeds removed, either freshly prepared or bottled, about 1 $1/2\ c$

3-4 garlic cloves

2 tablespoons sherry vinegar

1 tablespoon minced fresh rosemary

1 tablespoon chopped

1-2 teaspoon sugar

1 teaspoon salt

½ cup olive oil

Place all the ingredients, except the olive oil, in the bowl of a food processor. Process until all the ingredients are finely ground, stopping to scrape down the sides as needed. With the motor running, add the olive oil in a thin stream. The sauce should be quite thick. Taste and adjust for seasoning. You may want to add more salt, sugar, vinegar or hot pepper. The sauce can be used cold, room temperature, or gently warmed. (If it gets too hot, the oil will separate.) Makes about 1 3/4 cups.

Yum yum sauce

Bring home the Japanese steakhouse experience with this easy-peasy yum yum sauce. It's a perfect condiment for just about anything from shrimp to steak to veggies or even french fries.

1 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup ketchup
1 tablespoon melted butter
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
1 teaspoon honey or sugar

1-2 teaspoons sriracha for sambal oelek, to taste Combine all the above ingredients and mix well. Taste for seasoning and refrigerate until thoroughly chilled.

Shallot vinaigrette

Not just for salads, this piquant Parisian-style vinaigrette elevates grilled chicken or fish and is perfect drizzled over steamed potatoes.

2 tablespoons minced shallot
½ teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons lemon juice
2 tablespoons cider vinegar
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard, preferably whole grain
½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
3 tablespoons minced chives
½ teaspoon black pepper
Salt

Combine the shallot, salt, vinegar and lemon juice in a small mixing bowl and let stand for five minutes. Whisk in the mustard, then add the olive oil one teaspoon at a time, whisking constantly until the oil is fully emulsified and the dressing is creamy. Whisk in the minced chives and pepper into the vinaigrette, then taste for seasoning.



Cut back on cooking this summer

FEATURE | Pamela Savage

Ah, the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer. ... And the last thing I want to do at the end of them is cook dinner. Lucky for me (and my hungry family), there are loads of wonderful things to whip up for dinner that require no or very little cooking at all.

Market veggie sandwiches

Cucumber sandwiches: Mix an 8 oz block of softened cream cheese with dried dill, salt, pepper, garlic powder and green onions. Voila, herbed cream cheese! Now herbed cream cheese is good enough on its own, but spread it on toast or bread, add sliced cucumbers (and a slice of feta if that's your thing), and you have a refreshing and classic cucumber sandwich.

Radish sandwiches with butter and salt: This sandwich is as simple as can be. You can use a baguette, sourdough or any bread, really. Simply spread butter on your bread, salt the butter, then top with sliced radishes. Finish off with arugula, and this sandwich is ready to be enjoyed.

Tomato sandwiches: These are a summertime staple. White bread is a mainstay of tomato sandwiches, but I suppose you could try others. Toast or not, it's up to you. Spread on some mayonnaise (your brand may vary, but the internet has opinions if you are curious to read about which is the quintessential tomato sandwich mayo), top with slices of fresh summer tomatoes, sprinkle with salt and dig in. This is a messy sandwich if you are lucky – it means you got a good tomato.

Summer soups

Gazpacho: Add 2 lbs of roma tomatoes, 1

small cucumber, 1 bell pepper, half of a red onion, 2 cloves of garlic, 3 tablespoons of olive oil and 2 tablespoons of sherry vinegar to a blender and let 'er rip. Puree for one minute, or until the soup is how you like it. Add salt and pepper to taste. Cumin is a nice addition as well. Refrigerate for 3-4 hours. When it's time to eat, crusty bread, croutons, fresh herbs, an extra drizzle of olive oil or even a hardboiled egg are great toppings. You just have to convince someone else to turn on the stove to boil the egg.

Chilled avocado soup: Grab two ripe avocados and put them in a blender along with one and half cups of plain (not Greek) yogurt, a quarter cup lime juice, half a cup of olive oil, salt and pepper, and a small bunch of cilantro or parsley. Blend until smooth, check if it needs more salt or pepper, and chill until it's time to serve.

Consider a can of beans

White bean caprese salad: Drain and rinse a can of white beans and combine them with a big handful of halved cherry tomatoes, some torn basil leaves, a couple of glugs of olive oil, salt, pepper, and of course, hunks of mozzarella cheese. Drizzle with balsamic vinegar and enjoy as a salad, or put this entire delicious concoction on top of a piece of sourdough bread for an open-faced sandwich.

Black bean tacos: Drain and rinse a can of black beans, smush them with a fork and add in some olive oil, salt, pepper and cumin to taste. Warm your bowl of beans in the microwave for a minute. Then, mix shredded cabbage (I use bagged coleslaw from the salad

aisle) with sliced green onions and the juice from one or two limes to make a slaw topping. Spoon the black bean mixture into tortillas, put the slaw on top of the beans, and then send the whole taco over the top by adding big, salty hunks of feta cheese. Yum!

Homemade hummus: Add a clove of garlic, the juice of one or two lemons, a 16-ounce jar of tahini, salt and cumin to taste in a blender. Blend the mixture until it looks like sticky peanut butter, then slowly drizzle in half a cup to a cup of ice water until your mixture is smooth and creamy. Now, add in two cans of drained and rinsed chickpeas and blend for about three more minutes until your chickpeas are totally incorporated and your hummus is smooth. Serve with veggies, pita, chips or whatever.

Anything goes

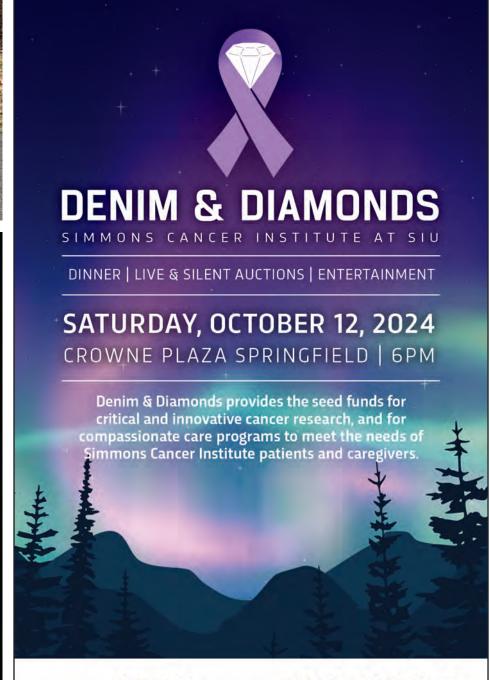
It's summer. Summers are laid-back. Dinner can be laid-back, too. For example, I maintain that standing over your counter with ice-cold cubes of watermelon and a bowl of salty potato chips is a summer mealtime in its own right. "Plates of small things" is another great summertime dinner option − think of it like a less-fancy charcuterie board (and if you have ever had a toddler, you've made this meal countless times). Cheese, crackers, hummus, fruit, bread, peanut butter and jelly, veggies, dips... Truly, anything goes. Ignore your pots and pans and enjoy the sunset. □

Pamela Savage lives in Springfield, where she does not cook much between the months of June and August.

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Delicious and nutritious Swiss chard

Vegetable used in pies, soups, pasta and side dishes

FOOD | Peter Glatz

Of all the plants in my vegetable garden, I have a special fondness for Swiss chard. Unlike asparagus, which makes an early spring appearance and then quietly goes to seed, or Brussels sprouts, whose tasty orbs do not come to maturity until the fall, Swiss chard graces my garden from late spring through the long, hot summer until the first frost. Rainbow chard is especially gorgeous, with celery-like stalks and crinkly leaves that come in a carousel of colors including pink, orange, red, purple, white and yellow. Unlike lettuce and spinach, which favor cooler weather, Swiss chard stands up to the heat of summer. Throughout the growing season, you can harvest the mature outer stalks and it will continue to produce more stalks from the center. Unlike spinach, which requires you to crawl around on your knees, Swiss chard is easily harvested while standing up.

Swiss chard is packed with nutrition. It's a good source of fiber and antioxidants. A small serving of cooked Swiss chard covers your daily requirement for vitamin K and is high in vitamins A, C and E as well as magnesium, potassium, iron, copper and calcium. Swiss chard is very low in calories and makes a colorful side dish as well as being a nutritious addition to soups, pastries and pasta dishes.

Chard is considered to be of Mediterranean origin. Europeans favor cooking the chard stalks instead of the leaves. Cookbook author Richard Olney, in *Simple French Food*, wrote that except for the south of France where chard leaves are used in stuffings, gratins and soups, "the green leafy parts ... are usually fed to the rabbits and the ducks." In European vegetable markets, chard is sold with long, wide stalks 4 to 6 inches wide. Americans, on the other hand, tend to prefer the leaves, and here chard is usually sold with short, narrow stalks.

The leaves of chard are prepared like spinach: sautéed briefly or blanched for one-two minutes in boiling salted water and plunged into an ice bath to stop the cooking. The stems are best sautéed in olive oil until tender, about three to five minutes. In recipes calling for both leaves and stems, always cook the stems first, until just tender, and then add the leaves.

Swiss chard makes a surprising appearance in pies sold in bakeries in the city of Nice, located on the French Riviera. Traditionally made with an olive oil pie dough (this is not a dairy country), both savory and sweet versions are offered. The sweet version, known as Tourte de blette sucrée, contains raisins, pine nuts, sometimes apple slices, a little rum and is dusted with powdered sugar. The savory version, Tourte de blette salée, contains pancetta (or bacon), onion and cooked rice.

Tourte de blette salée - savory Swiss chard pie

Adapted from *Niçoise: Market-Inspired Cooking from France's Sunniest City* by Rosa Jackson.

This savory pie makes a great picnic food or luncheon dish. I like to serve it with a small salad. 6 servings

Ingredients

For the olive oil pastry dough:

 $3 \frac{1}{3}$ cups (400 g) all-purpose flour, plus additional for rolling the dough



Savory Swiss chard pie. PHOTO BY PETER GLATZ.

10 tablespoons (150 ml) good quality olive oil 10 tablespoons (150 ml) hot water 1 teaspoon fine sea salt 1 egg, beaten, for egg wash

For the filling

1 large bunch of Swiss chard – about 1 pound

1/4 cup short-grain white rice, such as Arborio
1 red onion, finely minced
1/2 cup bacon, cut into 1/4-inch dice
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
3 eggs
2/3 cup freshly grated Parmesan
2 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley
A pinch of dried thyme or 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preparation

For the pastry dough:

In a medium-size bowl, combine the flour and salt. Slowly drizzle in the olive oil and mix with your hands until coarse crumbs form. Pour in the hot water and mix with a bowl scraper or fork until the dough comes together into a ball.

Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured work surface and knead it gently for about 20 seconds, until it is soft and smooth. If the dough is too sticky to work with, roll it in a little extra flour. Do not overwork the dough.

Flatten the ball into a disk about 1-inch thick. Wrap it in plastic wrap and let it rest in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes before using.

For the filling

Bring a small pot of water to a boil. Add the rice and cook for 10 minutes, or until al dente. Drain and set aside.

Remove and reserve the chard stems and ribs. Discard any stem segments wider than ½ inch. Slice the leaves crosswise into thin ribbons. Slice the stems into ½-inch thick pieces and keep separate from the leaves.

In a sauté pan over medium-low heat, cook the onion, chard stems and bacon until the bacon turns golden and the stems have softened, about 8 minutes. Add the chard leaves and cook until wilted, about 3 to 4 minutes more.

Transfer the mixture to a large bowl and allow to cool a bit. Stir in the eggs, cooked rice, Parmesan, parsley, thyme. Mix until well combined. Season generously with salt and pepper.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Divide the dough into two pieces, one about twice as large as the other, and shape into disks about 1-inch thick. Set the smaller piece aside for the top crust. On a lightly floured surface, roll the larger piece out into an 11-inch round about ½-inch thick. Line a 9-inch pie pan with the pastry dough, letting it hang over the edges of the pan, and fill with the vegetable mixture. Then roll out the second ball of dough as thin as the first. Drape it over the top of the filling, press the edges of the pastry together, and, using scissors or a sharp knife, trim the overhang. Crimp the edges of the pastry with the tines of a fork. Brush the surface of the pastry with the beaten egg. Prick the pastry all over with a fork.

Bake the pie for about 40 minutes, until the crust is golden. Serve at room temperature. \Box

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Jacksonville, Illinois

TUESDAY, JULY 9

8:30 a.m. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, SE corner of Fairgrounds

4:00 p.m. Merchant Building – Open 5:00 - 11:00 p.m. Pavilion – Open

5:00 p.m. Talent Contest - Grandstand [\$10*; 6 & under FREE]

6:00 p.m. Youth Fun Show – Horse Arena 7:00 p.m. Morgan County Fair Pageant – Grandstand [\$10*; 6 & under FREE] *\$10 Grandstand Ticket valid for both Talent Show & Pageant.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

8:00 a.m. Sheep Judging 8:00 a.m. Rabbit Judging 1:30 p.m. Land of Lincoln Hon

1:30 p.m. Land of Lincoln Honor Flight – 4-H Building

2:30 p.m. Mainstreet Farms: A GROWhood Initiative – 4-H Building

4:00 p.m. Merchant Building – Open 5:00 - 11:00 p.m. Pavilion – Open

6:00 p.m. Salute the Troops - Grandstand

6:30 p.m. Pony Pulls – Horse Arena 8:00 - 11:00 p.m. Music by: DJ Eddie B – Pavilion

THURSDAY, JULY 11 - KIDS' DAY

8:00 a.m. Swine Judging
1:30-3:00 p.m. Kids' Day Activities – SE corner of the Fairgrounds
4:00 p.m. Merchant Building – Open
5:00-11:00 p.m. Fair Pavilion – Open
6:00-10:00 p.m. 90s Night presented by

Westown Ford feat. Sushi Roll – Pavilion 6:00 p.m. Power Wheels Derby – Grandstand 6:30 p.m. Speed Show – Horse Arena 7:00 p.m. Demolition Derby – Grandstand [\$15; 6 & under FREE]

FRIDAY, JULY 12

8:00 a.m. Goat Judging
1:00 p.m. Master Showmanship Contest
4:00 p.m. Merchant Building – Open
4:00 p.m. -12:30 a.m. Pavilion – Open
6:00 p.m. Arcadian City – Pavilion
7:00 p.m. 3 Man Sort & Pen-Horse Arena
7:30 p.m. Mitchell Tenpenny with special guest Sara Evans - Grandstand [\$55 Big Ticket; \$40 GA]

Following Concert Music by: Blacktop South –Pavilion

SATURDAY, JULY 13

8:00 a.m. Beef Judging
9:00 a.m. 6 on 6 Volleyball Tournament
10:00 a.m. Western Horse Show – Horse Arena
12:30 p.m. Lego Contest (registration at
12:00) – Merchant Building
1:00 p.m. Merchant Building – Open
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Kids' Corral – Merchant
Building

2:00 p.m. -12:30 a.m. Fair Pavilion – Open 6:00 p.m. Ladies Breakaway Roping – Horse Arena

7:30 p.m. Brantley Gilbert with special guest Matt Schuster – Grandstand [\$65 Big Ticket; \$50 GA] Following Concert Music by: The Longmeyer Band – Pavilion

SUNDAY, JULY 14 – FAMILY DAY: FREE GATE ADMISSION

9:00 a.m. 4 on 4 Volleyball Tournament 10:00 a.m. Poultry Judging 10:00 a.m. Team Roping - Horse Arena 11:00 a.m. Bags Tournament Registration – Under Grandstand

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Kids' Corral – Merchant Building

12:00 p.m. Pet & Wheel Parade – Livestock Show Ring

12:00 - 10:00 p.m. Fair Pavilion – Open 1:00 p.m. Toss for Autism Bags Tournament – Under Grandstand

1:00 p.m. Community Summer Band – Pavilion 1:00 p.m. Merchant Building – Open 1:30 p.m. Kids' Pedal Tractor Pull registration

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Petting Zoo – Poultry Barn 2:00 p.m. Kids' Pedal Tractor Pull – 4-H Building

4:30 p.m. Truck & Tractor Pulls – Grandstand [\$20; 6 & under FREE]

MONDAY, JULY 15

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Left to right: Darrell Morgan, Bruce Boehler, Mark Dean, Jeff Colvin, Mark Baker and Joe Neilsen make up the Sharp Shooters, a Springfield team that took home first place at the VNEA World Pool Championships in Las Vegas earlier this month. PHOTO COURTESY MARK DEAN

World champions from Springfield

Six-man team wins first place in Las Vegas championship tournament

FEATURE | Courtney Wick

The Sharp Shooters, a six-man Springfield team, took home the coveted first place Charlie the Cougar trophy and \$11,000 prize money at the 44th annual VNEA World Pool Championships in Las Vegas earlier this month. The 2024 VNEA open division is a tournament for non-professional players, and it hosted 383 teams from 20 different countries.

"We thought maybe we'd come in the top 16, but nobody thought us old dudes would win it," said Mark Dean, the Sharp Shooters team captain. "We had to change our plane tickets because we'd planned to come home the day before it even ended."

The VNEA championships is a grueling, weeklong tournament where teams play daily beginning in the early morning hours. "It's a lot of endurance, mentally exhausting, and there's a lot going on when you're playing at that high a level," Dean said.

In 2023, the Sharp Shooters won the American Cue Sports Illinois State Championships but came in 97th at the VNEA competition. Since then, they've enlisted the help of a professional pool player instructor, Mark Wilson. "My game has really elevated since working with Mark. He was on the U.S. team; he's very knowledgeable. It's unbelievable what the guy knows," said Jeff Colvin, a core member of the Sharp Shooters since 2012. Even after playing pool for many decades, the whole group believes they've grown and improved a lot these past few years.

Their love for the game developed

early, with most of them being self-taught. They either played with their dads during adolescence or met up at a pool hall as teenagers. Colvin was hit by a car when he was a child and unable to go to school. "I had a home tutor, so pool was what I did for most of the day. I made a little short-stick and threw myself around the pool table in my wheelchair," he said. Dean remembers playing before he was tall enough to reach the table. "I'd carry a little stool around, climb up and take a shot, climb down and move it again," said Dean.

Dean met his first teammate, Marc Baker, at the now closed Scooby's & Stix when Baker was in his early 20s. Over the years they've gathered their pool crew, finalizing the group with the addition of Joe Neilsen in 2021. The team formed when they decided they wanted to play in the Vegas tournament.

Most of the team has known each other for 25 years or more, playing with and against each other across pool halls in the central Illinois area. They all refer to the Sharp Shooters as a "band of brothers" and believe this team has the winning combination of skill and solidarity.

Baker said, "Our team camaraderie is great; we're super close. If somebody loses a game, the next guy picks up and wins the next game. We pick each other up really well."

Bruce Boehler, the oldest member at 71, has been with the group since 2010. "I try to keep everybody in line and keep them calm. I'm a pretty good cheerleader for them, too.

We're all great players," said Boehler.

Now that they've won the open division, the Sharp Shooters are automatically placed into the intermediate division for semi-professional and professional players at the 2025 VNEA tournament. "We'd like to win intermediate back-to-back with the open, so we're already talking about how we're going to get better," Dean said.

Colvin is confident. "I feel we have a good shot at intermediate. The level of play with the top 20 open teams is highly competitive. It will be the same level of competition in intermediate, and I think we could do very well," said Colvin.

Unfortunately, the world of pool is changing. The Sharp Shooters played for many years out of Starship Billiards Parlor until it closed earlier this spring. Starship was the last remaining pool hall in Springfield, so there's currently nowhere local for the team to play. They said they will likely need to travel to Decatur to participate in a league.

"This was a good year to win it, because we don't know what's going to happen now," Baker said. "It'll be a lot harder to make it through, but what separates us from most teams is there's no weak link. We're all strong shooters, and we all want to win," he said. □

Courtney Wick is a Springfield writer and assistant bureau chief for Department of Human Services. Her father was a semi-professional tournament pool player in the central Illinois area.



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Paul Niehaus IV plays the Blue Grouch this Saturday.

Fourth and more music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

This week's issue of IT is out a day early because the Fourth of July lands on Thursday, our usual out and about day. That change reminded me of the weekend before last when we were out for a gig and a friend who knew I wrote for IT suggested we should put out the paper on Tuesday so readers would have time to prepare better for the upcoming weekend

Now I'm certain that change won't occur, but if others are in the same pickle (sweet or otherwise) of feeling sometimes stuff happens before plans can be made, please remember that our calendar listings are online weeks in advance of the actual events. Of course, the acts can change and some folks don't get their dates into the system until the week of, but just take a look for yourself sometime to see who is playing where in the future. In the meantime, I'll just stick to what's "now playing" each week here because that's the best way to keep track of all the goings on.

With that said, gear up for a pile of action this week, as the aforementioned Fourth falling on a Thursday gives us an unusual midweek Wednesday night party time, plus a full regular weekend of entertainment options. I'm guessing lots of intrepid employees took Friday off work to make for a Yankee Doodle Dandy of a weekend, so let's take a gander at what's up for Independence Day Eve and

For a lit firecracker of a start on Wednesday, watch out as Springfield son Zack Fedor with his group The Long Goodbyes, plus Positively 4th Street, have a blast at the Curve Inn, while Off the Wall blows it up in Dawson at the village park. Dave Littrell takes off like a bottle rocket at Obed & Isaac's, Al Kitchen and friends pop it at Motorheads, Mike Burnett sizzles at Dublin Pub and After

School Special sparkles at Coz's Pizza.

Moving on to the Fourth proper, one of my favorite annual events is my distant cousin (by marriage) Clara Irwin's Strawberry Party at the Elijah Iles House. Live music makes any party better as the lovely and lively, oldtime fiddle and banjo duo Peaches and Bacon deliver the goods here.

UNCHAiNED sets the stage at Trade Winds before the big fireworks display at Knights Action Park, while downtown dazzles at the Levitt AMP music series when Tennesseans Tyler Bryant and the Shakedown are joined by Springfieldians the Colin Helton Band to light up the evening sky. The Curve Inn explodes with Earth to Mars (Bruno Mars tribute) and R&B Ladies Live Edition as Brushville brings it to Franklin for the village's annual Fourth of July celebration in the town square park.

Moving to the weekend, there's so much going on I don't know where to start, but here are a few among the many terrific shows happening. Friday sends us Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band along with John Till and Josie Lowder at Danenberger Family Vineyards, Fairweather Friends at VFW 755 and Jeff Berendt upstairs at Harvest Market.

On Saturday, Hippies from the Heartland go groovy at the Railyard, Joel Gragg jogs over from Indianapolis with the Filaments to join with Paul Niehaus IV up from St. Louis at the Blue Grouch and American Legion Post 809 hosts Rudy Boswell & The Stone Cold Band.

On Sunday, the Boat Drunks float out to Hill Prairie Winery near Oakford, Square of the Roots figure in at El Taco Guapo and Hank Greenwalt covers the bases at Elks Lodge #158.

Have a happy and safe, long holiday weekend. □

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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

Earth to Mars with R&B Ladies Live Edition Curve Inn. 6-10pm

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

Open mic with **Bob Besser**

Decatur Brew Works, Decatur,

Peaches and Bacon Elijah Iles House, 3-6pm

Brushville Franklin Fourth of July Celebration, Franklin, 6pm

Karaoke Goodfellas Pub, 8pm.

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke La Fiesta Chatham, 6-10pm

Open mic with

Silas Tockey Spirited Republic/Limerick Brewing Company, Lincoln, 7-10pm

Kortney and friends open mic The Blue Grouch,

7-11pm

UNCHAINED Trade Winds Pub and Eatery, 6:30-9:30pm

Friday Jul 5

The Rick Mari Band Around the Bend, Ashland, 6-9pm

J.D. Graham The Backroom Lounge, Riverton,

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke Bald Buddha Brewing, 7-11pm

Friday Night Jazz & Blues -Soul Field Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

Matt Eck Crowne Plaza Springfield, 6:30-10pm

Kapital Sound Curve Inn, 6-10pm

The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band with John Till, Josie Lowder

Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7pm

Karaoke Foxhole Pub N Grub, Lincoln, 8pm-12am

Michael Burnett and Joe Dawkins George Rank's, 7:30-10:30pm

Jeff Berendt

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews. 6-9pm

John Drake Hy-Vee Wahlburgers, 5:30-

Ricarda Rosalina La Fiesta Grande, 6-9pm

Deja Voodoo Lake Springfield Marina, 7:30-11pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue

Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm and July 6, 7-10:30pm

Jason McKenzie

Legendary Small Town Trading Co., Taylorville, 6-9pm

Colt Ball

The Railyard, 6-9pm

Off the Wall

Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 8pm

Fairweather Friends VFW Post #755, 7-10pm

X-Krush Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30pm

Saturday

Jul 6

Virden, 6pm

Karaoke AJ's Corner, Chatham. 8-11pm

Avery Kern American Legion Post 386, Virden, 12-3pm

Lil Higgy and the House Reckers American Legion Post 386,

Rudy Boswell & The Stone Cold Band with Tony Young, Ellie Ramey

American Legion Post 809,

The Aileana Rawlins Band The Crowbar, Decatur, 10pm

Bustin' Loose Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Mr. Blue Sky Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Fuiiko. Rain Garden, Ricki Marvel Dumb Records, 7pm

El Taco Guapo at Lake Springfield Marina, 1-4pm

Hat Trick

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

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

Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

Astrofix

Mowie's Cue, 8pm

Renegade Karaoke Northern Lights Lounge, 8:30nm-12:30am

Hippies of the Heartland The Railyard, 6-9pm

After Sunset

Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 8pm

Karanke

Silver Sevens Gaming Pub & Parlor, 8pm-12am

Rich Van Dorn Stella Coffee & Tea, 11am-12:30pm

Joel Gragg & The Filaments with Paul Niehaus IV The Blue Grouch, 8pm

Karaoke

The Next Stop Saloon, Mount Pulaski, 8pm-12am

The Cocktails VFW Post #755, 7-10pm

West End Boogie Project VFW Post 99, Decatur, 7:30-10:30pm

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

Sunday Jul 7

Tom Thady Brookhills Golf Club, Fantastical Folk Jam

Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., First Sunday of every month,

Don, Jerry and Dewaine The Crowbar, Decatur, 2-5pm

Square of the Roots El Taco Guapo at Lake Springfield

Marina, 1-4pm

Thomas G

Hand of Fate Brewing Company. Petersburg, 1pm

Not Petty Harvest Market Coffee Bar, 10am-1pm

The Boat Drunks Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford,

2-5pm Stuart Smith It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Big Guy's Digital Sound Experience with guest

singers Lucky's on the Square, Petersburg, 3-6pm

Studebaker John Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Tom and Geoff The Railyard, 1-4pm

Hank Greenwalt Springfield Elks Lodge #158. 4-7pm

Al Kitchen Trails End Saloon, Curran,

Monday Jul 8

Doug Deming The Alamo, 7pm

Al Kitchen Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, **Branson Anderson, Stuart**

Pizza Records, Jacksonville, 8pm

Tuesdav

Jul 9

Songwriter open mic with Tom

It's All About Wine, 6-9pm

Karaoke

Oogie and JJ's Bar, Glenarm, 7pm

The Rusty Rail Pub, Lincoln, 8pm-

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

Wednesday

Jul 10

Open mic with Joel Honey and Silas Tockey Boone's, 7-10pm

Karaoke Clique, 9pm-1am

After School Special Coz's Pizza and Pub, 7:30pm

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke Crows Mill Pub, 8pm-12am

Jason McKenzie Obed and Isaac's, 6-9pm

Al Kitchen and friends Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill. Museum & Entertainment Complex, 6-9pm

Prairie State of Mind Springfield Motor Boat Club,

6-9pm **Michael Burnett** The Dublin Pub, 5:30-8:30pm.

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



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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS | Have a blast at your choice of area pyrotechnic shows

Happy Fourth of July! From local neighborhoods to area towns, the fireworks have been going up for days now in our traditional celebration of the nation's birthday. Haven't seen any organized shows yet? No worries. Several shows will occur today (Wednesday, July 3) through Friday in Springfield, Chatham, Dawson, Franklin, Jacksonville, Petersburg, Lincoln, Sherman and other locales. Notable celebrations happening on Thursday – Independence Day - the Fireworks Extravaganza and Concert at Knight's Action Park/Trade Winds Pub and Chatham Jaycees Freedom Fest in Chatham Community Park. Other shows are set in Franklin, Jacksonville and Sherman, just to name a few. Friday's big show is the popular annual Rock the Dock celebration at Lake Springfield Marina. All area events include live music, food, children's activities and more. Play your cards right and you could see four straight nights of fireworks culminating with those at the Loami Celebration on Saturday at Colburn Park. And lest we forget, fireworks shows are scheduled tonight and Thursday at Robin Roberts Stadium after the Springfield Lucky Horseshoes games.

■ Special Music Events

Blackberry Smoke with Stackin' **Eights**

Sun., July 7, 7pm. Blackberry Smoke is an American country music band. Stackin' Eights will open the show. The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 620 E. Riverside Dr., 217-422-5911

Dale Osborne

Sun., July 7, 6pm. Part of the Concerts in the Park series hosted by the Pilot Club of Jacksonville. Bring lawn chairs and blankets to the Big Bandstand. Free. Jacksonville Community Park, Jacksonville, 1201 S. Main, 217-243-5678.

The Docksiders

Sat., July 6, 7pm. The Docksiders are tribute act playing favorite soft rock songs of the 1970s and 80s now defined as "yacht rock.". \$9-\$35. The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 620 E. Riverside Dr., 217-422-5911.

The Fortunate Sons and **Heartache Tonight**

Sat., July 6, 6:30-10:30pm. Tributes to Creedence Clearwater Revival and The Eagles. Call for ticket info. Part of the Sherman Village Park Amphitheatre Summer Tribute Concert Series. \$18, 18 and younger free. Sherman Village Park, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Road, 217-4962621.

Jesse McCartney

Fri., July 5, 7pm. Singer, songwriter, artist and actor Jesse McCartney has built a catalog of instantly recognizable anthems and captivated audiences on the road and on the screen. \$25-\$45. The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 620 E. Riverside Dr., 217-422-5911.

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Fri., July 5, 12-1pm. Que will perform a mix of gospel, country, R&B and pop. Part of the Artist in the Park series. Free. Union Square Park, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-753-3519.

Tyler Bryant & The Shakedown

Thu., July 4, 6-9:30pm. This Tennessee band rocks. Part of the Levitt AMP Springfield Music Series. The Colin Helton Band will open. Free. Y Block, north of the Governor's Mansion, 217-544-

■ Books & Authors

Author talk

Wed., July 10, 2pm. Darrel Dexter will talk about his new book Pulling Off the Sheets: The Second Ku Klux Klan in Southern Illinois. Signed copies of Dexter's book will be available. Free to attend. Books on the Square, 427 Washington St., 217-965-5443.

■ Theater & Comedy

Comedy open mic

Second Wednesday of every month, 6-9pm. Hosted by Lance Cain. Signup is at 6pm with show at 7pm. See the Facebook page for more info. Anvil and Forge Brewing and Distilling Company, 619 E. Washington St., 217-494-6200.

Sober Comedy Showcase

Sun., July 7, 6:30-8pm. Features several sober comedians of all kinds to celebrate sobriety. Cassandra Simpson will headline the show. Free. The Wakery, 5 W. Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-670-2354.

■ Dance

Friday Night Open Dancing

Fridays, 7-10pm. An evening of open dancing to a mix of music by the DJ. You can also bring your own music. Two step, West Coast Swing, East Coast Swing, cha-cha-cha, line dancing, ballroom styles, flow dancing. prairielanddanceclub.com. \$5. Prairie Land Dance Club, Illiopolis, 650 Matilda St., 217-413-8646.

■ Art & Architecture

"Portracts"

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-5pm. Through July 31. Delinda Chapman creates large-scale

artwork that combines portraits and abstracts using mixed media. springfieldart.org. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

Edwards Place Servants Tour

Sat., July 6, 1-2pm. Learn what it like to work for the Edwards family in the 19th century with a tour revealing their working day. Meet people who worked for the Edwards family while they prepare for a special event. The tour goes to the second floor and the newly restored attic space (these areas are only accessible by stairs). Tickets are \$15 or \$10 for SAA Members. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

"EUPHORIA"

Tuesdays-Saturdays, 11am-5pm. Through July 31. A collection of pastel paintings by juried artist Kristen Houtch in the Collective's newest exhibition space, the Underground Gallery. springfieldart.org. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-523-2631.

"Once and Again: Alterations"

Saturdays, 10am-3pm. Through July 6. Using needle and thread for self-expression, Susan Lenz works to articulate the accumulated memory inherent in discarded things. Her work has appeared in national publications, numerous juried exhibitions and

at fine craft shows. springfieldart. org, Free, Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

"Spirituality"

Fridays, 12-8pm and Saturdays, 12-6pm. Through July 27. Pharmacy artists were asked to use spirituality as inspiration for their work in the current gallery exhibit. Free. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 217-622-7903.

■ Film & Television

Monday Movie Matinee

Mondays, 2-4pm. Through July 22. Escape the heat. All ages are welcome. Popcorn provided. Visit the website for the moview lineup. lincolnlibrary.info. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

■ Food & Drink

Clara Irwin's Strawberry Party

Thu., July 4, 3-6pm. Clara Irwin, the spouse of the house's second owner, was known for her promotion of horticulture, and renowned for the quality of her strawberries and her strawberry parties in the 1840s and 50s. Live music by Peaches and Bacon. Recitation of the Pledge of Alliance at 4:15pm. Donations welcome. Elijah Iles House, 628 S. Seventh

History Cooks: Macarons and Sweets

Fri., July 5, 12pm. Chef Stephanie Warren, LLCC adjunct culinary instructor, will discuss these sweet treats, Ilcc.edu, Free, Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 413 S. Eighth St., 217-786-2200.

Old Capitol Farmers Market

Wednesdays, Saturdays, 8am-12:30pm. Through Oct. 26. Shop for fresh local produce, baked goods and products. Please note health quidelines will be followed. Sponsored by HSHS St. John's Hospital. Old Capitol Farmers Market, Fourth and Adams streets, 217-544-1723.

■ History

Edwards Place Guided Tours

Tuesdays-Saturdays, 1, 2pm. Through Dec. 21. A guided tour through the newly-restored first and second floors. See the authentic "Lincoln Courting Couch" from the parlor of the Ninian Edwards home where Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd were married and a piano that was likely played at their wedding. springfieldart org Adults \$5

children 10 and younger free. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

■ Holiday Happenings

4th of July Celebration

Thu., July 4, 3-9pm. Familyfriendly Independence Day celebration featuring food, drink, music, kid's games and activities (ping pong, bags, board games, etc). A fireworks display begins at dusk. VFW, Jacksonville, 903 VFW Lane, 217-243-6814.

Chatham Jaycees Freedom Fest

Thu., July 4, 5-9:30pm. Enjoy food, fun, live music and fireworks at dusk. Music by Tulo + Eads. See the Facebook page for more info. Chatham Community Park, Chatham, 731 S. Main St.

Fireworks Extravaganza and

Thu., July 4, 6pm. Live music on the patio at Trade Winds Pub by UNCHAiNED. Fireworks at 9:30pm. Knight's Action Park, 1700 Knights Recreation Dr., 217-546-8881.

Franklin Fourth of July Celebration

Thu., July 4, 6am. Includes vendors, burgoo, children's activities, live music and fireworks at dusk July 4. Music by Jack Dupp and the Empty Bottles on July 3 and Brushville on July 4. Franklin Fourth of July Celebration, Franklin, Franklin Square Park, 473-4913.

Loami Celebration

Sat., July 6, 2pm. Fishing Derby 10am-12pm. Parade at 2pm. Food, live music, crafts, tractor games, mud volleyball and fireworks at dusk. See the Facebook page for more information. Loami Celebration, Loami, Colburn Park.

Rock the Dock

Fri., July 5, 6-11pm. Central Illinois' largest fireworks display. Live music by Deja Voodoo and Joel Honey as well as food and beverages. Free. Lake Springfield Marina, 17 Waters Edge Blvd., 217-483-3625.

Sherman Fireworks Spectacular Thu., July 4, 9pm. Fireworks begin at dusk. Sherman Village Park

Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr., 217-496-2621.

■ Fairs & Festivals

Salute the Troops

Wed., July 10, 6-8pm. A tribute to our brave men and women in uniform, past and present. The event will begin with introductions and a speech by a veteran,

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followed by a meet and greet with the crews of World War II tanks courtesy of WW2 Armor. Get up close and personal with these historical tanks and feel a connection to our military history.>. Morgan County Fairgrounds, Jacksonville. 110 N. Westgate, 217-245-6884.

■ Children's Corner

Camp Firelight VBS

Mon., July 8, 9am-12pm, Tue., July 9, 9am-12pm and Wed., July 10, 9am-12pm. Camp FireLight is a weeklong event for kids age 3 through entering sixth grade. Campers are invited to explore how trust in God illuminates even the darkest paths. Campers will learn Bible stories that showcase how biblical heroes trusted in God through their fears. Register online at CalvarySpringfield. org/VBS. Free. Calvary Church Jefferson Campus, 1730 W. Jefferson St., (217) 546-9700.

Kids Fare Garden Club

Mondays, 10-11am. Through Aug. 5. This gardening club for school-aged children will be taught by Alana Reynolds. Children will help manage three raised beds in the Enos Park Neighborhood Garden. Drop-ins are welcome. enosparkgardens. org. Free. Enos Park Neighborhood Garden, 1022 N. Fifth St., 217-610-0720.

Sensory-Friendly Visit Times

First Sunday of every month, 9-11am. Through Dec. 1. Lights and noises are turned down to make the museum more comfortable for visitors with sensory differences so they can explore and discover the galleries at their own pace. Headphones are available for loan. kidzeum.org. Admission. Kidzeum of Health and Science Children's Museum, 412 E. Adams St., 217-971-4435

Try-It Tuesdays: Ice Age

Tues., July 9, 10am-2pm. In this week's family-friendy Try It Tuesday event, young adventurers can stop by the Illinois State Museum's Ice Age exhibit for fun with arts, crafts and fun facts. illinoisstatemuseum.org. Free. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-6044.

■ Bulletin Board

Al-Anon District 19 of Greater Springfield

Mondays-Saturdays. Ten

meetings are held in the local area each week. Five are inperson and four are hybrid of in-person and via Zoom. One meeting is Zoom only. Visit spi-alanon.weebly.com or call for more information. Various locations, Springfield, 217-891-

ARLES Vendor Pop Up Shop

Sun., July 7, 3-7pm. Local husiness owners and providers will showcase their businesses. Event includes onsite bartender, food, shopping, music, networking and fun. arleventspaces.com. Free. AR Luxury Event Spaces, 675 E. Linton Ave., 888-341-2541.

Cat adoptions

First Saturday of every month, 12-3pm. Forever Home Feline Ranch will have cats available for adoption. Opportunities are also available for fostering and volunteering. Donations welcome. Ace Hardware, 1600 Wabash Ave., 217-787-5100.

GriefShare 13-week Support/ **Recovery Program**

Tuesdays, 6-8pm. Through Aug. 27. Grief support group for people dealing with the death of a family member or friend. Over 13 weeks, participants find relief and comfort as they learn what to expect in the days ahead and how to navigate their personal grief process. Pre-registration is requested but there is no charge to attend. Call or email for more information, trinity-lutheran.com. Free, Trinity Lutheran School. 515 S. MacArthur Blvd., 217-899-9418.

Illinois Product Farmers Market

Thursdays, 3:30-7pm. Through Sep. 26. Local meats, produce, dairy products, baked goods, honey and jams, craft beers, woodworking, jewelry and more. Plus live entertainment and a food truck. agr.illinois.gov. Illinois State Fairgrounds, The Shed, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-524-9129.

Nar-Anon Family Group

Thursdays, 6pm. A 12-step support group for those dealing with an addiction problem of a family member or friend. Call for more info. Leave message if no answer. Free. Laurel United Methodist Church, 631 S. Grand Ave. W., 217-891-5565.

Nash Wed., July 10, 1pm. The pet therapy team, Nash and Christie, will stop by to visit with the seniors. Senior Services of

Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

Ribbon cutting, hall of fame recognition event

Tue., July 9, 4:30pm. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Illinois will dedicate administrative building at 430 W. Jefferson St. (Andre Iguodala Drive) and hold a hall of fame recognition celebration. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP to dfrench@bgccil.org. Free. Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Illinois, 300 S. 15th St., 217-971-4189.

Route 66 Mingle on the Square

First Saturday of every month, 10am-6pm. Through Oct. 5. A bustling market featuring an array of vendors such as thrift stores, unique furniture boutiques, bookshops and crystal stores, plus local eats. See the Facebook event for more information. Virden Square, Virden, Downtown.

Aviation Mechanics 101 information night

Thu., July 11, 5-7pm. Students interested in careers in this high-demand, high-paying field will learn about the program, cost and how to get signed up to start this fall. Register for the event online. Ilcc.edu. LLCC's Levi, Ray & Shoup Aviation Center. Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport. 815 South Airport Drive.

■ Health & Fitness

Yoga Classes

Saturdays, 9:30-10:30am. Through July 27. Pilot program for teens and adults in June and July. To be held in the grassy area of WPLM's Outdoor Education Space. Bring a mat. Some extra mats available. Children must be accompanied by an adult. williamsvillelibrary.org. Free. Williamsville Public Library and Museum, Williamsville, 217 N. Elm St., 217-566-3520.

■ Sports

Putt Fore Paws Golf Outing

Sat., July 6, 10:30am-3pm. Participants receive 18 holes of golf w/cart, lunch, drink tickets, goodie bag and prizes. There is a hole-in-one contest on every par 3 hole. The format is a 4-person scramble. Check-in begins at 9am. Registration due by June 26. Play limited to the first 100 paid entries. All proceeds benefit Menard Animal Protection, \$80. Shambolee Golf Club, Petersburg, 101 South Shore Dr., 217-341-

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"PULLING OFF THE SHEETS: THE SECOND KU KLUX KLAN IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS"

Books on the Square is located at 427 East Washington Street in downtown Springfield.

Wednesday, July 10th.

2 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. Signed copies of the book will be available at the talk and in the store thereafter.

> Details available at 217-965-5443.



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Real Estate Foreclosure

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SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
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SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO UNION PLANT-ERS BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER
TO MAGNA BANK, N.A.
PLAINTIFF.

Chris L. Gudgel; Regions Bank, Successor in Interest to Union Planters Bank, N.A.; DEFENDANTS

NO. 23 FC 144 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled

matter on October 11, 2023; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on July 30, 2024 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building, Sangamon County Board Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court.

Said property is legally described as follows: Commonly known as 1616 East Glenn Avenue, Springfield, IL 62703 Permanent Index No.: 22-03.477-061 Improvements: Single Family Residential

The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.

The judgment amount was \$18,230.21. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORT-GAGOR (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.

Sale Clerk LOGS Legal Group LLP 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 ILNOTICES@logs.com (847) 291-1717 Regions Bank d/b/a Regions Mortgage, Successor by Merger to Union Planters Bank, N.A., Successor by Merger to Magna Bank, N.A. One of Plaintiff's Attorneys LOGS Legal Group LLP Attorney for Plaintiff 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 (847) 291-1717 ILNOTICES@logs.com Randal S. Berg (6277119) Michael N. Burke (6291435) Christopher A. Cieniawa (6187452) Laura J. Anderson (6224385) Mallory Snyderman (6306039) Thomas Belczak (6193705) Debra Miller (6205477) Amy Aronson (6206512) THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAIN-ING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
-SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE OF
CIMTRUST 2022-NR1,
Plaintiff

vs.
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS;
JEANNE SCHMUCK; RICHARD MEANS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF VIRGINIA
E. MEANS; WILLIAM BUTCHER AS SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE OF VIRGINIA E. MEANS;
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS;

Defendant(s) CASE NO. 2023FC000185 Property Address: 1407 North Franklin Avenue Springfield, IL 62702 NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on April 17, 2024, I, Sheriff Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on July 30, 2024, commencing at 9:00AM, Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701 ROOM TBA, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree,

Commonly known as: 1407 North Franklin Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702 P.I.N.: 14-21.0-451-019 First Lien Position; Single-Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$27,609.41 IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT. Terms of Sale: CASH - 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the

amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County. The person to contact for information regarding this property is:
Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale.
This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be

a dept and any information obtained v used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563

(630) 453-6960 midwestpleadings@dallegal.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDI-CIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Nationstar Mortgage LLC; Plaintiff

vs.
Erick Gudgel a/k/a Erick W. Gudgel;
Defendants.
Case No. 23 FC 143

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 July 23, 2024, 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:

C/K/A: 345 North Walnut Street, Rochester, IL 62563

PIN: 23-16.0-226-016
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 W23-0286. 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. Russell C. Wirbicki (6186310) Christopher J. Irk (6300084) Cory J. Harris (6319221) Tracey M. Coons (6311050) The Wirbicki Law Group LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1540 Chicago, IL 60603 Phone: 312-360-9455 W23-0286

pleadings.il@wirbickilaw.com

| Notice is given to claimants of the Es
| PENELOPE A. MEYER, deceased.
| Letters of Office were issued on June
| 2024 to MICHAEL MEYER, 2901 Dart
| Ct., Springfield, IL 62704, Executor, wattorney is Robert A. Stuart, Jr., Brow
| Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th Street, Ste.
| Springfield, IL 62701.
| Claims against the estate may be file
| the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit C

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of June, 2024 a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that:
Albert Williams intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit:
Williams Enterprise and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principal place of said business is located at: 2344 S 13th St. Sprinofield, IL 62703

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of MICHAEL L. SIMPSON, Deceased IN PROBATE No.: 2024-PR-246 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of Michael L. Simpson, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on June 18, 2024, to Travis M. Simpson and Amanda M. Clouser, as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney is Claire D. Meyer, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or hoth, on or before the 6th day of January, 2025, 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 26th day of June, 2024. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Claire D. Meyer (Registration No. 6346059) 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705-2459 (217) 544-8491 cmeyer@bhslaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of PENELOPE A. MEYER, Deceased. IN PROBATE NO. 2024PR000259 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Letters of Office were issued on June 24, 2024 to MICHAEL MEYER, 2901 Dartmoor Ct., Springfield, IL 62704, Executor, whose attorney is Robert A. Stuart, Jr., Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th Street, Ste. 1000, 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 January 5, 2025, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred Dated this 25th of June. 2024. Robert A. Stuart, Jr.

Registration No. 2761122 Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP 205 S. 5th Street Springfield, IL 62701 (217) 544-8491 rstuart@bhslaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In Re the Estate of HAMILTON I. JONES, Deceased. Case No.: 2024PR00023 CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Hamilton I. Jones, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 20, 2024, to Deborah Kay Sidener, as Independent Executor, whose address is c/o her attorney of record, Barry O. Hines, 1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A, Springfield, Illinois 62704 The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration, at any time, by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before December 27, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to

or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated this 25th day of June, 2024.

Deborah Kay Sidener Independent Executor

Barry O. Hines - 01220918

Attorney at Law

1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A

Springfield, IL 62704

Telephone: (217) 698-8444

Email: Barry@HinesLaw.net

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JULIE MARIE CARLISLE, deceased. Case no. 2023-PR-364 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS Notice is given of death of Julie M. Carlisle, whose place of residence at her death was Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office as Independent Co-Administrators were issued on March 26, 2024, to Sarah Enlow, 2120 S. Glenwood, Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62704 and Michael Carlisle, 7103 Irwin Bridge Road, Pleasant Plains IL 62677 whose attorney is Joseph Ghibaudy, 1415 West Main, P.O. Box 610 Carmi, Illinois 62821. The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS5/28-4 any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by filing a petition with the Court within six (6) months after issuance of letters of office Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both. on or before Jan. 4, 2025, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the

attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 4th day of July 2024. Joseph Ghibaudy, Attorney for Co-Administrators

By: Joseph Ghibaudy, Attorneys at Law
1415 W. Main P.O. Box 610
Carmi, IL 62821
(618) 387-1148
joeghibaudy@gmail.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of: CAROLE L. DAVIS. Deceased. No. 2024-PR-190 NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE Notice is given of the death of Carole L. Davis of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on June 17, 2024, to Aeyshia Crockett, 1815 South Grand Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois, 62703, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701. Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Carole L. Davis of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Trennetta DeBerry, Zunotrietta Davis, Aeyshia Crockett, Ashanti Crockett, Frankie Davis, and Mevuntoe Davis as the sole heirs of Carole L. Davis. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act, 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of

a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed

or delivered to the representative and to the

Joseph B. Roesch

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Attorneys for Administrator

Sprinafield, Illinois 62701

Telephone: 217-544-2703

Fax: 217-544-4664

Sarah Delano Pavlik — 6269250 DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC

One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza

attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE ANNA MAY FAWNS, DECEASED. 2024PR000260 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS Notice is given of the death of ANNA MAY FAWNS, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on June 27, 2024, to SUSAN E. BUTTERFIELD, P.O. Box 42, Williamsville, Illinois 62693, and DENISE M. YOKLEY, P.O. Box 24, Williamsville, Illinois 62693, whose attorney is Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C., 232 West State Street, P.O. Box 550. Jacksonville. Illinois 62651 Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 4th day of July 2024, being the date of first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

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

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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 27th day of June, 2024 SUSAN E. BUTTERFIELD and DENISE M. YOKLEY Independent Executors of the Estate of ANNA MAY FAWNS, Deceased, BY RAMMEL KAMP BRADNEY P.C. By: Richard Freeman, Attorney Attorneys for Estate: Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C. Richard Freeman #6198969 232 W. State Street, P.O. Box 550 Jacksonville, IL 62650

Communications: rfreeman@rblawyers.net

Telephone: (217) 245-6177

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DELLA MAE WEAKLEY, Deceased. CASE NO. 24-PR-211 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of DELLA MAE WEAKLEY, who died on March 20, 2024. The name and address of he independent legal representatives are David Owen Weakley of 2 Birch Lake Drive, Sherman, IL 62684 and Dulcie Ann Weakley of 19286 Log Cabin Lane, Petersburg, II 62675; and the attorney of record is Charles K. Smith, whose address is 113 East Douglas, Petersburg, Illinois

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, #405, Springfield Illinois 62701 or with a representative or both, on or before 01/02/2025. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. The estate shall be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4 of the Probate Act, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. You may obtain a copy of a form of a petition to terminate independent administration from the Clerk of Court at the above address. Dated this 21 day of June. 2024. David Owen Weakley and Dulcie Ann Weakley Independent Co-Executors of said Estate CHARLES K. SMITH Attorney for Estate 113 East Douglas Petersburg, IL 62675 Telephone: 217/632-7750 Facsimile: 217/632-2532

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TOM JEFFREY BERKSHIRE, DECEASED Case #2024-PR-254 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of TOM JEFFREY BERKSHIRE. Letters of Office have been issued to JENNIFER BERKSHIRE, 23 Woodward Ave., Gloucester, MA 01930, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before January 6, 2025, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 20th day of June, 2024. William P. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH

Sprinafield, IL 62703

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: MARILYN A. FROMM, Deceased. NO. 2024-PR-248 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Marilyn A. Fromm of Sangamon County, Illinois, Letters of Office were issued on June 20, 2024, to Robert E. Fromm, Jr., 2034 N. 11th, Springfield, Illinois 62702, and Kim M. Luparell, 2456 Griffiths St., Springfield, Illinois 62702, as Co-Executors, whose attorneys are Barber Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representatives or both, on or before December 27, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 20th day of June. 2024.

Matthew J. Cate - 06272040

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P.O. Box 79

Springfield, IL 62705

(217) 544-4868

Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELSON LEE NANCE, Deceased NO. 2024-PR-175 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of ELSON LEE NANCE, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on April 24. 2024, to Adrian Nasi, 1002 Rhondell Lane., E Alton, IL 62024, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, 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 October 25, 2024 or six (6) months) from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor. whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed Dated this 18th day of June, 2024 Alex B. Rabin Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin, & Reinbold, LLP

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

1119 S. Sixth Street

Springfield, IL 62703

217-789-1200

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Agnes Harmon Deceased. Case No. 2024 PR 251 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION OF ESTATE AND CLAIMS

INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVE Notice is given of the death of Agnes Harmon. Letters of office were issued on Tuesday. June 18, 2024 to Michael Donald Harmon of 1900 Halifax Drive, Springfield, IL 62703 as independent Executor/Representative, whose attorney is Victoria E. Kerr, 1020 S. 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703.

Notice is given to heirs of the decedent whose names or addresses were not stated in the petition that an order was entered by the court on Tuesday. June 18, 2024 admitting the will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 (755 ILCS 5/28-4) of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed within six months from the date of first publication. Any claim not filed within six months from the date of first publication or claims not filed within three months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to Creditor, whichever is later, shall be barred.

Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to his attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: June 18, 2024 The Law Office of Kerr & Harmon 1020 South Seventh Street Springfield, Illinois 62703 Phone: 217/522-2244 IL Reg. 6319284

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - IN PROBATE In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES A. VESPA, Deceased. 2024PR000233 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of JAMES A.

VESPA of Springfield, Sangamon County

Letters of Office were issued on June 12, 2024 to TRINA SCOTT, 14070 Lara Trace, Bloomington, Illinois 61705, Independent Executor, whose attorney is Thomas E. Herr of the Dunn Law Firm. LLP. 1001 N. Main Street. Suite A, Bloomington, Illinois 61701. This estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 28-4 of the Illinois Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk Claims may be filed within 6 months from the date of first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Fourth Floor, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or claims may be filed with the Personal Repre-

sentative, or both. If filed with the Clerk, the claimant must within 10 days mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Personal Representative and to her attorney and file with the Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery. 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. Dated: June 14, 2024 TRINA SCOTT. Independent Executor By: /s/ Thomas E. Herr Thomas E. Herr, Attorney for Independent Executor PUBLICATION DATES: 6/27, 7/4 and 7/11, 2024 Thomas F Herr ARDC #6211062 Dunn Law Firm, LLP 1001 N. Main Street, Suite A Bloomington, IL 61701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: BRENDA K. WHITEMAN, Deceased. NO. 2024-PR-241 CLAIM NOTICE

(309) 828-6241

Email: teh@dunnlaw.com

Notice is given of the death of Brenda K. Whiteman, f/k/a Brenda K. Melcher, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, Letters of Office were issued on June 13, 2024, to Brandon M. Melcher, 1720 E. Cleveland Ave Decatur Illinois 62521 as Independent Administrator with Will Annexed, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before December 20, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 13th day of June. 2024. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP

P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF KENNETH R. HANSEN, Deceased. No. 2024-PR-135 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Kenneth R. Hansen. Letters of Office were issued to Tyler Hansen, as Independent Administrator, whose address is 405 East Raymond, Danville, Illinois 61832. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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Dated March 25, 2024. Attorneys for Independent Executor: Sorling Northrup Aaron D. Evans, Attorney (6305883) 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200 PO Box 5131 Springfield, IL 62705

E-Mail: adevans@sorlinglaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF REGAN GRANVILLE SMITH, Deceased. No. 2024-PR-221 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of REGAN GRANVILLE SMITH. Letters of Office were issued to Paul J. Staab III. as Independent Executor, whose address is 2173 Greenbriar Road, Leland Grove, Illinois 62704. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before December 13, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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Dated June 3, 2024. Attorneys for Independent Executor: Sorling Northrup Aaron D. Evans, Attorney (6305883) 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200 P.O. Box 5131 Springfield, IL 62705 Telephone: 217-544-1144; Fax: 217-522-3173

E-Mail: adevans@sorlinglaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF KATHLEEN C. FLOYD, No. 2024-PR-210

CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Kathleen C. Floyd. Letters of Office were issued to DiAnn Campbell, as

to the Clerk.

Telephone: 217-544-1144; Fax: 217-522-3173

Independent Executor, whose address is 24251 Walnut Hill, Hockley, Texas 77447. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before December 14, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed

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Attorneys for Independent Executor: Sorling Northrup John R. Simpson, Attorney 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200

P.O. Box 5131 Springfield, IL 62705 Telephone: 217-544-1144 Fax: 217-522-3173 E-Mail: jrsimpson@sorlinglaw.com

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

Estate of: FRANK A. VOLLMER, Deceased. No. 2024-PR-214 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Frank A. Vollmer of Sangamon County, Illinois, Letters of Office were issued on May 22, 2024, to Kathleen M. Ervin, 2467 Suddeth Rd., Springfield. Illinois, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before December 19, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 12th day of June, 2024. Randy S. Paswater - 06283705 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 (217) 544-4868

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUDY ANN GUERRA, DECEASED Case #2024-PR-207 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of JUDY ANN

paswater@barberlaw.com

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GUERRA. Letters of Office have been issued to MICHAEL P. IRWIN, 8749 Tolan Road, Pleasant Plains, IL 62677, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701. or with the Independent Administrator, or both, on or before December 27, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 12th day of June, 2024. Patrick J Sheehan III SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Stree Sprinafield, IL 62703 (217)544-0701

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of JOHN R. DALEY, Deceased. NO. 2024-PR-224 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of John R. Daley of Glenarm, Sangamon County, Illinois, Letters of Office were issued on May 30, 2024, to Amanda M. Daley, 13 Covered Bridge Acres, Glenarm, IL 62536, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Randy S. Paswater, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before December 19, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 12th day of June. 2024. Randy S. Paswater - 06283705 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 (217) 544-4868 paswater@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of RUTH ANN CINCEBOX, Deceased. IN PROBATE No. 2024-PR-239 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of Ruth Ann Cincebox, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on June 6, 2024, to Craig S. Fischer, as Executor, whos attorney is Hugh F. Drake, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield IL 62701, or with the representative, or both on or before the 23rd day of December, 2024 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 11th day of June, 2024. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Hugh F. Drake (Registration No. 6269666)

205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705-2459 (217) 544-8491

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of MARK L. GORSKI, Deceased. NO. 2024-PR-223 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Mark L. Gorski of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 4, 2024, to Kelli Gorski, 19112 Glenmoor Dr., West Palm Beach, Florida 33409, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Matthew J. Cate, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee Wilke & Cate LLP PO Box 79 Springfield Illinois 62705.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before December 11, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 6th day of June, 2024. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of Regina Fanning, Petitioner And Travis Fanning, Respondent Case No. 2024-DN-000103 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you, Travis Fanning, 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 27th day July, 2024, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition. Joseph B. Roesch Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Erias D'arrin Smith For change of name to Erias Elijah Jones Case No. 2024-MR-000175 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on Aug. 20, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Erias D'arrin Smith to Erias Elijah Jones pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: July 4, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Cashmere Jadyn Shepherd For change of name to Cashmere Jadyn Biyens

Case No. 2024-MR-000220 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on Aug. 6. 2024 I will petition in said Court praving for the change of name from Cashmere Jadyn Shepherd to Cashmere Jadyn Bivens pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: June 20. 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Kewonne LeRay Michael For change of name to Kewonne LeRay Douglas Case No. 2024-MR-000211 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on Aug. 6, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Kewonne LeRay Michael to Kewonne LeRay Douglas pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: June 20, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Kane Isaiah Folkerts For change of name to Kane Isaiah Dukett-Folkerts Case No. 2024-MR-000211 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on Aua. 6, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Kane Isaiah Folkerts to Kane Isaiah Dukett-Folkerts pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: June 20, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Gracelyn Marie Drennan For change of name to Gracelyn Marie Theilen Case No. 2024-MR-000212 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on Aug. 6, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Gracelyn Marie Drennan to Gracelyn Marie Theilen pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: June 20, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL SANGAMON COUNTY SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO UNION PLANT-ERS BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO MAGNA BANK, N.A. PLAINTIFF,

Chris L. Gudgel; Regions Bank, Successor in Interest to Union Planters Bank, N.A.; DEFENDANTS NO. 23 FC 144 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on October 11, 2023; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on July 30, 2024

at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building, Sangamon County Board Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Said sale shall be subject to general taxes,

special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court. Said property is legally described as follows LOTS 132, 133, 134 AND 135 IN LINCOLN HEIGHTS ADDITION. CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. COUNTY OF SANGAMON, ILLINOIS. EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS LINDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND FASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINFRAI S

SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 1616 East Glenn Avenue, Springfield, IL 62703 Permanent Index No.: 22-03.477-061 Improvements: Single Family Residential

The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property The judgment amount was \$18,230,21 Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POS-SESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Bid Amount contact: Sale Clerk

LOGS Legal Group LLP 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 ILNOTICES@logs.com Regions Bank d/b/a Regions Mortgage, Successor by Merger to Union Planters Bank, N.A., Successor by Merger to Magna Bank, N.A. One of Plaintiff's Attorneys

LOGS Legal Group LLP Attorney for Plaintiff 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 (847) 291-1717 ILNOTICES@logs.com Randal S. Berg (6277119) Michael N. Burke (6291435) Christopher A. Cieniawa (6187452) Laura J. Anderson (6224385) Mallory Snyderman (6306039) Thomas Belczak (6193705) Debra Miller (6205477) Amy Aronson (6206512)
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY

FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION. 8051-943842

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL AS-SOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE OF CIM TRUST 2022-NR1 ,

THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS; JEANNE SCHMUCK; RICHARD MEANS; UNKNOWN

HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF VIRGINIA E. MEANS; WILLIAM BUTCHER AS SPECIAL REPRESEN-TATIVE OF VIRGINIA F MEANS: LINKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS: Defendant(s). CASE NO. 2023FC000185

Property Address: 1407 North Franklin Avenue Springfield, IL 62702 NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on April 17, 2024, I, Sheriff Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on July 30, 2024, commencing at 9:00AM, Sangamon County Building 200 South Ninth Street Springfield IL 62701 ROOM TBA, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit: THE NORTH 75 FEFT OF THE SOUTH 200 FEET OF THE EAST 160 FEET OF LINCOLN PARK, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF "LINCOLN PARK SUBDIVISION" SITUATED IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. Commonly known as: 1407 North Franklin Avenue . Sprinafield, IL 62702 P.I.N.: 14-21.0-451-019 First Lien Position; Single-Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$27,609,41

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G) (5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(q-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (a)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSEC-TION (q-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County.

The person to contact for inform ing this property is: Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC. 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120. Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com

24 hours prior to sale. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be

used for that purpose.
Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 453-6960

midwestpleadings@dallegal.com 8051-943791

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Nationstar Mortgage LLC; Plaintiff.

Erick Gudgel a/k/a Erick W. Gudgel; Defendants. Case No. 23 FC 143 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 July 23, 2024, 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:
PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTH-

EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. BOUNDED AS FOL-LOWS. TO -WIT: BEGINNING AT A POINT 20.91 3/4 CHAINS SOUTH OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION: THENCE RUNNING WEST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION. 5 CHAINS: THENCE SOUTH PARAL-LEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 1.25 CHAINS; THENCE EAST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 5 CHAINS; THENCE NORTH 1.25 CHAINS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL OIL GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEY-ANCES, 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. C/K/A: 345 North Walnut Street, Rochester, II 62563 PIN: 23-16.0-226-016

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 W23-0286. 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. Russell C. Wirbicki (6186310) Christopher J. Irk (6300084) Corv J. Harris (6319221) Tracey M. Coons (6311050) The Wirbicki Law Group LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1540 Chicago, IL 60603 Phone: 312-360-9455

W23-0286 pleadings.il@wirbickilaw.com 13246363

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 300 S. 7th Street, on July 16, 2024, for consideration of a petition for annexation, for the following legally described property: The East 70.0 feet of Lot 11, Estill Estate Subdivision in the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Sangamon County, Illinois, and that part of Lot 10 described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Lot 10, at an axle; thence South 50.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence East 2.00 feet; thence South 50.00 feet; thence West 2.00 feet; thence North along the West line of said lot 10 to the point on beginning. Lots 11 and 12, Estill Estate Subdivision in the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 16 North. Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Sangamon County, Illinois, EXCEPT; the South Half of Lot 11 and the East 70.00 feet.

In The Circuit Court For The Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois Sangamon County, Springfield, Illinois ILL DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION (Petitioner) VS. POONAM FIRST LLC et al. (Defendant) Case Number: 2024-FD-I NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS that this action has been commenced for judgment of just compensation

for the real property described in the attached Exhibit A and Exhibit B and for other relief Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, 62701 on or before August 2, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

Name: R Phillip Reed Attorney for: III Dept of Transportation ARDCN0: 2300478 Address; 2616 Hazelnut Drive City: Springfield State: IL Zip Code: 62702 Area Code/Telephone: 217-528-7333 DESCRIPTION OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR DEED EXHIBIT A F.A.P. ROUTE 666 (BL-55 / 6TH ST)

SECTION: (110X-5) WRS, N, SW JOB NO. R-96-003-10 PARCEL 6030128A & B SANGAMON COUNTY STA, 49+38.07 TO STA, 54+34.75 (Proposed F.A.P. Route 666(BL-55/6th St.) Alignment) POONAM FIRST LLC, A LIMITED LIABILITY

COMPANY

Part of Lots 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40 in County Clerk's Subdivision of part of Section 9, 10, 15, and 16, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Sangamon County, Illinois, described as follow 6030128A

Commencing at a mag nail at the northwest comer of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15: thence North 88 degrees 25 minutes 56 seconds East on the north line of said Northwest Quarter, 312.86 feet to the east right of way line of South 6th Street West: thence South 01 degrees 17 minutes 52 seconds East on said line, 115.12 feet; thence South 01 degree 17 minutes 57 seconds East on said line, 484.85 feet to the north right of way line of Saint Joseph's Street; thence North 88 degrees 25 minutes 58 seconds East on said line, 288.97 feet to the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning, thence North 76 degrees 41 minutes 45 seconds East. 54.16 feet to the westerly right of way line of F.A.P. ROUTE 666 (BL-55 / 6TH ST); thence South 09 degrees 54 minutes 07 seconds West on said line. 11.24 feet to the north right of way line of Saint Joseph's Street; thence South 88 degrees 25 minutes 58 seconds West on said line, 50.79 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.006 acres or 280 square feet, more or less. 6030128B

Commencing at a mag nail at the northwest comer of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15; thence North 88 degrees 25 minutes 56 seconds East on the north line of said Northwest Quarter, 312,86 feet to the east right of way line of South 6th Street West; thence South 01 degrees I 7 minutes 52 seconds East on said line, 115.12 feet: thence South 01 degree 17 minutes 57 seconds East on said line, 469.70 feet to the Point of Beginning.

From said Point of Beginning, thence North 88 degrees 34 minutes 28 seconds East, 8.93 feet: thence South 47 degrees 53 minutes 39 seconds East, 13.79 feet; thence South 75 degrees 07 minutes 45 seconds East, 19.80 feet to the north right of way line of Saint Joseph's Street; thence South 88 degrees 25 minutes 58 seconds West on said line, 37,97 feet to the east right of way line of South 6th Street West; thence North 01 degrees 18 minutes 07 seconds West on said line. 15.15 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.007 acres or 292 square feet.

The said Real Estate being also shown by the plat hereto attached and made a part thereof. Bearings and distances are based on the Illinois State Plane Coordinate System NAD83 (1997) - West Zone PIN 22-15.0-102-012 DESCRIPTION OF TEMPORARY EASEMENT EXHIBIT B

E.A.P. ROUTE 666 (BL-55 / 6th ST) SECTION: (110X-5) WRS, N, SW JOB NO. R-96-003-10 PARCEL 6030128TE1 & 6030128TE2 SANGAMON COUNTY

STA. 53+45.00 TO STA. 54+34.75 (Proposed F.A.P. Route 666(BL-55/6th St.) Alignment) STA. 5+11.07 TO STA. 8+31.00 (Proposed St. Joseph's St. Alignment)

POONAM FIRST LLC, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Purpose of Easement: 6030128TE1 Grading and Shaping 6030128TE2 Entrance Construction & Grad-

ing and Shaping Part of Lots 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40 in County Clerk's Subdivision of part of Section 9, 10, 15, and 16, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Sangamon, County, Illinois, described as follows:

6030128TE1

Beginning at a rebar on the westerly right of way line of F.A.P. ROUTE 666 (BL-55 / 6TH ST), said point being 107.03 feet left of the centerline of Proposed South 6th Street at Station 54+33.59; thence on said line the following two courses: South 21 degrees 27 minutes 46 seconds East, 61,20 feet, South 16 degrees 49 minutes 19 seconds East, 28.70 feet; thence South 71 degrees 42 minutes 55 seconds West, 9.25 feet; thence North 16 degrees 40 minutes 59 seconds West, 91.05 feet; thence North 88 degrees 27 minutes 31 seconds East, 4.22 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.015 acres or 672 square feet, more or less

6030128TE2 Beginning at a point on the east right of way line of South 6th Street West, said point being 81.18 feet left of the centerline of Existing Saint Joseph Street at Station 5+11.15; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 01 second East, 8.86 feet: thence South 01 degree 25 minutes 32 seconds East, 29.00 feet; thence South 48 degrees 54 minutes 54 seconds East, 16.28 feet: thence South 74 degrees 26 minutes 26 seconds East, 19.01 feet; thence North 88 degrees 33 minutes 44 seconds East, 237.82 feet: thence North 01 degree 25 minutes 32 seconds West. 5.50 feet; thence North 88 degrees 34 minutes 28 seconds East, 43.00 feet: thence South 01 degree 25 minutes 32 seconds East, 3.41 feet; thence South 76 degrees 41 minutes 45 seconds West, 31.68 feet to the north right of way line of Saint Joseph Street; thence South 88 degrees 25 minutes 58 seconds West on said line, 251,00 feet: thence North 75 degrees 07 minutes 45 seconds West, 19.80 feet; thence North 47 degrees 53 minutes 39 seconds West, 13,79 feet; thence South 88 degrees 34 minutes 28 seconds West, 8.93 feet to the east right of way line of South 6th Street West; thence North 01 degree 17 minutes 57 second West on said line, 35.68 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.045 acres or 1946 square feet, more or less. The said Real Estate being also shown by the plat hereto attached and made a part hereof. Bearings and distances are based on the

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY David Cook, Petitioner and Clarissa Hopps, Respondent Case No. 2024-FA-000167 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you Clarissa Hopps, 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

Illinois State Plane Coordinate System NAD83

(1997) - West Zone

PIN 22-15.0-102-012

on or before the 4th day of August, 2024. a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint. Joseph B. Roesch Circuit Clerk

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF Paisley Power, Minor Child

No 2024-GR-000107 To: All Persons Having A Right To Notice: Please be notified that Tammy Musgrove has filed a Petition for the Guardianship of the Estates and Person of Paisley Power, minor child.

You are required to answer said Petition before July 27, 2024 or be defaulted by the Dated: June 27 2024

To enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent a private auction will be held on Saturday July 20, 2024 at 9:00a.m. Northend Storage is located at 1907 North Grand East, Springfield, IL. 62702 This is a private auction. In order to attend you must call 217-544-4521 a week prior to

the auction date Please leave your name, telephone number and an email address. Cash is the only form of payment accepted

for the auction. Any individual wanting to retain their unit will need to pay their entire balance on or before

July 17 2024 No personal checks will be accepted for storage units that are in lien. NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT

Larry Hagaman Unit #3-2 Destiny Boastick Unit #4-1 Melvin Graves Unit #8-4 Frank Sheehan Unit #9-3

Michael Farley Unit #2-24 Michael Ozanic Unit #2-33 Terrance Rice Unit #3-38 Ashlev Goins Unit #7-21 Edward J Thomas Unit #9-25 Shalik Rhynes Unit #9-34 Terry Broida Unit #9-37

Susan Grant Unit #10-12 Gabriella Allen Unit #10-17 Bertha Bostic Unit #G-3 Gary Moore Unit #H-8 Vernon Raglin Unit #I-2 Justina Carr Unit #I-14

Charlotte Burnett Unit #2-19 TAKE NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NO. 141-396-7 Alexander Watson Spouse of Aexander Watson Deanna Beever Matthew Dixon Lorie Day **Occupant**

Alexander Watson Spouse of Alexander Watson Alexander Watson Spouse of Alexander Watson IL Dept. of Healthcare & Family Svcs IL Dept. of Healthcare & Family Svcs Illinois Attorney General

City of Springfield Sangamon County Clerk Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property;

Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.

A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, IL as Case No. 2024TX000047

The Property is located at: 407 W Canedy St, Springfield IL 62704 Property Index Number: 14-33.0-404-029 Said Property was sold on 11/12/2021 for Delinguent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2020. The period of redemption will expire on 10/11/2024. On 11/25/2024 at 11:00 AM

the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.

1095 Investments LLC. Petitioner 8051-943568

TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 141-386-3

Carmelita Hummel Spouse of Carmelita Hummel . Carmelita Hummel Spouse of Carmelita Hummel Carmelita Hummel Spouse of Carmelita Hummel George Obrien

Roy Allen Garret Schlebach **Occupant**

Sangamon County Clerk Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property;

Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.

A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, IL as Case No. 2024TX000046

The Property is located at: 425 W Mason St., Springfield IL 62702 Property Index Number: 14-28.0-405-018 Said Property was sold on 11/12/2021 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for

the year 2020. The period of redemption will expire on 10/11/2024 On 11/25/2024 at 11:00 AM the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed

1095 Investments LLC, Petitioner 8051-943567

TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 141-383-4

Vicky L McGuar Estate of Carol L McGuar Vicky L. McGuar Estate of Carol L McGuar Britny Bacon Angeline Nuss Occupant

Sangamon County Clerk Persons in occupancy or actual possession of

said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots

A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, IL as Case No. 2024TX000045

The Property is located at: 1130 Patton St., Springfield IL 62702 Property Index Number: 14-28.0-127-013 Said Property was sold on 11/12/2021 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2020.

The period of redemption will expire on 10/11/2024. On 11/25/2024 at 11:00 AM the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.

1095 Investments LLC, Petitioner 8051-943566

TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 141-65-7 Gregg D Shimchick Julia A Shimchick Occupant 0 Gregg D Shimchick

Capital One, Natl. Assoc. Equicredit Corp. of America Equicredit Corp. of America Village of Pawnee Sangamon County Clerk Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, IL as Case No. 2024TX000043 The Property is located at: 915 Lincoln Street, Pawnee, IL 62558 Property Index Number: 36-07.0-179-019 Said Property was sold on 11/12/2021 for Delinguent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2020. The period of redemption will expire on 10/11/2024. On 11/25/2024 at 11:00 AM the Petitioner will make application to such

Court in said County for an Order for Issuance

Julia A Shimchick

8051-943565 TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 141-422-2

1095 Investments LLC, Petitioner

Gregory Gilmer Jr Gregory Gilmer Jr Gregory Gilmer Jr William Canet

of a Tax Deed.

Occupant Alliance Community Bank Alliance Community Bank Sangamon County Clerk

Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said

land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, III. as Case No.

2024TX000056 The Property is located at: 1509 S 8th St., Springfield, IL 62703 Property Index Number: 22-03.0-106-011 Said Property was sold on 11/12/2021 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for

the year 2020. The period of redemption will expire on 10/11/2024. On 11/25/2024 at 11:00 AM the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed Ivv Jack, Inc. Petitioner

TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 141-37-3

8051-943564

Skinner Brothers Farms Skinner Brothers Farms Marcie Skinner Brenda Smith Occupant

The Havana National Bank Sangamon County Clerk Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property;

Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.

A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, III. as Case No. 2024TX000051

The Property is located at: 16450 Berlin Tower Rd. New Berlin. IL 62670 Property Index Number: 11-35.0-200-006 Said Property was sold on 11/12/2021 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2020.

The period of redemption will expire on 10/11/2024. On 11/25/2024 at 11:00 AM the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed lvv Jack, Inc. Petitioner 8051-943563

TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 141-24-7

Frica Daubard Estate of Edra Daubard Anthony Bezroukoff Occupant 0 Erica Daubard

Sangamon County Clerk Persons in occupancy or actual possession of

said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots

A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County. III. as Case No.

2024TX000050 The Property is located at: 212 N Stephen Av., Springfield, IL 62702 Property Index Number: 14-25.0-357-006 Said Property was sold on 11/12/2021 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for

the year 2020. The period of redemption will expire on 10/11/2024. On 11/25/2024 at 11:00 AM the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance

of a Tax Deed. Ivy Jack, Inc, Petitioner 8051-943562

TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 141-10-6 T0:

Estate of Edward E Ray Arrow Finacial Svcs L.L.C. **Occpant**

Estate of Carolyn L Ray Spouse of Edward F Ray Wendy Hankins

Edward Ray Edward Ray Timmothy Ray

Arrow Financial Services L.L.C. Sangamon County Clerk Persons in occupancy or actual possession of

said property;

Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.

A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, III. as Case No. 2024TX000049

The Property is located at: 3110 S Hoover Av. Springfield, IL 62703 Property Index Number: 22-11.0-351-019 Said Property was sold on 11/12/2021 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special

Assessments for the year 2020.

The period of redemption will expire on 10/11/2024. On 11/25/2024 at 11:00 AM the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.

Ivv Jack, Inc. Petitioner 8051-943561

TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 141-8-7

Estate of John G Conway Mary Herring Occupant

Darrell Conway Darrell Conway Lisa Luebbert Lisa Luebbert

City of Springfield

Sangamon County Clerk Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property;

Unknown owners or parties interested in said

land or lots.

A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, III. as Case No. 2024TX000048

The Property is located at: 2909 S 12th St., Springfield, IL 62703 Property Index Number: 22-10.0-405-018 Said Property was sold on 11/12/2021 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for

The period of redemption will expire on 10/11/2024. On 11/25/2024 at 11:00 AM the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed

lvy Jack, Inc, Petitioner 8051-943560

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association,

DAMON ADEDEJI HAASTRUP, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS. Defendants.

No.: 2024FC82 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Notice is given to defendants, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, of the following described real estate, that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action is now pending, and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said defendants is AUGUST 5, 2024.

The Plaintiff has certified that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action was filed on June 3, 2024, and is now pending. (i) The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.

(ii) The court in which said action was brought is identified above.

(iii) The name of the title holder of record is:

Damon Adedeji Haastrup. (iv) A legal description of the real estate suf-

ficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

The South 30 feet of Lot 21 and the North 10 $\,$ feet of Lot 20 in Block 2 of the Subdivision of Lots 1, 2, 13, and 14 of Washington Iles' Subdivision No. 2, in Section 3, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal

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 ease ments in favor of the estate of said coal, oil. gas and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Tax ID Number: 22-03.0-252-014 (v) A common address or description of the

location of the real estate is as follows: 1818 South 13th Street, Springfield. Illinois 62703

(vi) An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

(A) Nature of instrument: Mortgage. (B) Date of mortgage: February 24, 2023. (C) Name of mortgagor: Damon Adedeji

Haastrup.

(D) Name of mortgagee: INB, National Association. (E) Date and place of recording: February 27,

2023 in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Sangamon County, Illinois. (F) Identification of recording: Document No.

2023R03093.
INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, Plaintiff Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930) Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535) Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 trigby@hswnet.com aprillaman@hswnet.com

8051-944336

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association,

DAMON ADEDEJI HAASTRUP, a/k/a DAMON HAASTRUP, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRE-CORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants. No.: 2024FC81

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE Notice is given to defendants, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, of the following described real estate, that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action is now pending, and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said defendants is AUGUST 5, 2024. The Plaintiff has certified that the above

entitled mortgage foreclosure action was filed on June 3, 2024, and is now pending. (i) The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.

(ii) The court in which said action was brought is identified above.

(iii) The name of the title holder of record is: Damon Adedeji Haastrup, a/k/a Damon

(iv) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

Lot Thirty-six (36) in Block Four (4) of Payne's Grand venue Subdivision No. 2 in the City of Sprinafield.

Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveved or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Tax ID Number: 22-04-209-001 (v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 1502 South Pasfield Street, Springfield, Illinois

(vi) An identification of the mortgage sought to

be foreclosed is as follows:

(A) Nature of instrument: Mortgage. (B) Date of mortgage: March 21, 2023. (C) Name of mortgagor: Damon Adedeji

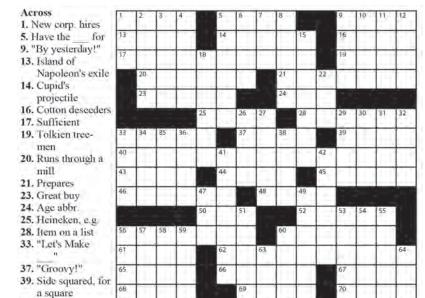
Haastrup, a/k/a Damon Haastrup. (D) Name of mortgagee: INB, National Association.

(E) Date and place of recording: March 30, 2023 in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Sangamon County, Illinois. (F) Identification of recording: Document No. 2023R05008.

INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association. Plaintiff Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930) Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535) Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 trigby@hswnet.com aprillaman@hswnet.com 8051-944337

Eastwood Classic

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66. Words on Alice's snack

to walk alone 67. Locked (up) 43. 1963 role for Liz 68. Bit of 44. Boris Godunov.

for one 45. Route from Me. to FL

might not want

46. Has a hunch

40. Where you

48. Stinging remark 50. V.J.'s employer 52. Moran and

Brockovich 56. Elegant dancer Fred

60. Rear 61. Washer cycle

62. Melecs Rock" (Simon & Garfunkel hit)

choreography 69. Nine-digit IDs

70. 2004 Brad Pitt

Down 1. Memory unit, for

film

short 2. E-musings 3. Cut short 4. Miss Hawkins of

Dogpatch 5. Take care of

6. Some Spanish medals 7. Capote, to friends 8. Damp 9. Long, long time

10. Breaks a commandment 11. Some chips, maybe 42. Protocol

15. Cabbie's question 18. Empower 22. Dungeons &

Dragons game co. 26. Some MIT grads 27. Kind of center

29. Fan sounds 30. Suffix with buck

31. Element #10 32. Miami- County 59. Take 33. Basics

34. Chip's cartoon chum 35. Biblical plot

36. Years, in Lisbon 38. Magician's

opening 41, "No kidding!"

47. Brit. record label 12. "Hey you!" 49. Piece maker

51. Gamblers' mecca 53. Bumbling

54. Montana, e.g., once 55. " evil ..."

56. "No returns" 57. Clash

58. Proctor's call (snooze)

60. Song of praise 63. Capt.'s inferiors 64. Hog's home

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



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

Sudoku answers from #847

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

JoshJosh answers from #847

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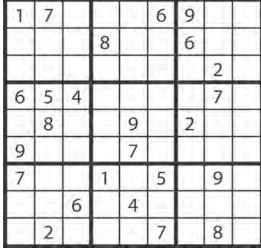
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.

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Difficulty hard

Sudoku No. 848

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



Difficulty medium

Prevent HIV







What is PrEP?

PrEP, or pre-exposure prophylaxis, is medicine people at risk for HIV take to prevent getting HIV from sex or injection drug use. PrEP can stop HIV from taking hold and spreading throughout your body. PrEP has been **approved by the FDA**.

Why Take PrEP?

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PrEP reduces the risk of getting HIV from sex by about 99% when taken as prescribed. Among people who inject drugs, it reduces the risk by at least 74% when taken as prescribed.

Is PrEP Right for You?

PrEP may benefit you if you test negative for HIV and -

you have had anal or vaginal sex in the past 6 months, and you:

- have a sexual partner with HIV (especially if the partner has an unknown or detectable viral load),
- · have not consistently used a condom, or
- have been diagnosed with an STD in the past 6 months.

you inject drugs and

- have an injection partner with HIV, or
- share needles, syringes, or other injection equipment.

If you are a woman and have a partner with HIV and are considering getting pregnant,

talk to your doctor about PrEP. PrEP may be an option to help protect you and your baby from getting HIV while you try to get pregnant, during pregnancy, or while breastfeeding.



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