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SMTD tries to reduce pollution

A \$17.8 million federal grant provides hybrid and natural gas buses
ENVIRONMENT | Scott Reeder

The federal government is cutting Springfield Mass Transit District a check to the tune of \$17.8 million to provide the city with buses that pollute less and are more efficient to drive.

The transit district will be adding 12 hybrid buses that are powered by a combination of diesel fuel and batteries, along with seven buses that burn natural gas.

The move is being made in anticipation of future regulations that may eventually force transit districts to eliminate all emissions, said Steve Schoeffel, the district's managing director.

"Rather than be forced by the state or the federal government to react, I would rather be in a position to where we're controlling our own destiny. So, hybrid is a good step," Schoeffel said. "It is an intermediate step, instead of jumping at electric vehicles or something that we don't feel like we're really ready for."

"We can do a better job just making sure that we've done the research and we know what direction we want to go – whether we're forced to or not. Every year there's legislation to put a date on when we have to be fully zero emissions."

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Springfield, and U.S. Rep. Nikki Budzinski, D-Springfield, held a news conference July 15 in front of two of the district's newest buses, crediting themselves for bringing home the bacon to their constituents.

"It was an effort that brought money back home to Springfield," Durbin said. "Which is part of our responsibility. ... If you believe greenhouse gas emissions are a problem, then you need to do something about it. And that's what we've done with the bipartisan infrastructure law. This bipartisan



Mayor Misty Buscher, left, U.S. Rep. Nikki Budzinski, center, and U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin held a news conference July 15 at Springfield Mass Transit District to announce a \$17.8 million federal grant that will help add hybrid and natural-gas powered buses to the fleet. PHOTO BY STEVE HINRICHS

bill provided resources all across the United States so that the next generation of buses will be cleaner. ... That means some 19 buses will be purchased over two cycles. So, they'll be replaced with diesel hybrids and natural gas-fired buses. That's a cleaner outcome for everyone. And it's a good thing that we put a request in."

Budzinski echoed her senior colleague, saying, "With the ramifications of climate change, I think we need to make that transition to the clean energy economy and reduce carbon. And in order to do that, it

takes these types of critical investments in our communities to make that transition. With this announcement of almost \$18 million, clean buses are here for public transportation.

"We know that the transportation sector is one of the larger emitters of carbon emissions in our country. So, we're starting to chip away at reducing carbon while making investments in our community. This is a step forward. We've got a lot of steps to make, but it's a step in the right direction."

Schoeffel said the federal government is footing the entire bill for the new buses with no local tax dollars going into the mix.

"Honestly, with our small and not-growing tax base, that's the only way we can afford to buy buses. We don't bring in all that much from the property tax," he said.

Crews have been trained in how to repair and care for the hybrid buses, said Spencer Sidwell, superintendent of maintenance at SMTD. The battery pack systems for the hybrid buses are particularly expensive, at more than \$100,000 each, he said.

"The battery life on these should exceed the life expectancy of the vehicle," Sidwell said. "We're going to do everything we can in our power to service these and make them last."

The hybrid buses are manufactured in California and the natural gas-powered

vehicles are made in Alabama.

The new hybrid buses can be programmed to switch to battery power when congregating at a transfer facility. This should eliminate diesel fumes that accumulate at such sites, Schoeffel said.

Before receiving the current grant, SMTD was preparing to put eight hybrid buses onto Springfield streets, thanks to funding from another grant source. It will be eight to 10 more years before SMTD eliminates all of its diesel-only buses, Schoeffel said.

The natural gas buses cost \$900,000 each and the cost of each hybrid is between \$650,000 and \$680,000, which is about \$50,000 more than a traditional diesel bus, he said.

"They're not quite on the street yet. But when they are, we will be at 60% low emission," Schoeffel said. "(Compressed natural gas buses) and hybrids are considered low emission, not zero emission. With this new grant, it will push us to about 82% low emission. So, we'll have 10 diesels left after these (replacements). And somewhere in the neighborhood of spring of 2026, all of these will, hopefully, be in service." □

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Editor's note

There was good news as Camp Compass ended this week. The free five-week summer learning program, a joint effort of District 186 public schools and the nonprofit Compass for Kids, served a record 940 low-income elementary school children to prevent summer learning loss. Assessment data show that with morning instruction the children are improving in math, reading and social-emotional skills, while afternoon field trips and swimming make camp fun. At this week's "stakeholder breakfast," supporters, including Mayor Misty Buscher, Congresswoman Nikki Budzinski, Sen. Doris Turner and many others, heard Jennifer Gill, the school superintendent, not only celebrate the success of Camp Compass, but also worry out loud about how to pay for it next year, now that federal American Rescue Plan funding has run out. The room sensed that we must find a way, this is too good to lose, and paying for programs like Camp Compass is what governments and private donors are for. — Fletcher Farrar, editor

Protests continue following death of Sonya Massey

Cousin says she expressed concerns about being killed by police

JUSTICE | Dean Olsen

Less than a month ago, Sonya Massey was acting “extremely paranoid” and had voiced concerns for months “about being killed by the police,” her cousin, Sontae Massey, told *Illinois Times*.

Sontae Massey said July 11 that he is not sure why his 36-year-old cousin was exhibiting such anxiety. But Sontae Massey, 53, a manager for the Springfield Housing Authority, said it was obvious his cousin was upset when they talked face-to-face about two weeks before her death on July 6.

“I’ve known Sonya since I was a kid,” Sontae Massey said. “She was very depressed about something. I had never seen her like that.”

It’s unknown whether the paranoia Massey detected played a role in the police-involved death of Sonya Massey, a single mother of two children who died from a single gunshot wound to the head in her home in unincorporated Woodside Township, a few blocks south of Springfield’s Bunn Golf Course.

But Sontae Massey joined a growing chorus of residents wanting more answers to questions about what led to his cousin’s death.

Up to 100 people – many of them supporters of Black Lives Matter Springfield – protested the morning of July 12 in front of the Sangamon County Courthouse, demanding the authorities release additional information.

The crowd chanted: “No justice, no peace – prosecute the police,” “Black lives matter,” “Black women matter,” “Say her name – Sonya Massey” and “What do we want? Bodycams! When do we want it? Now!”

Civil rights attorney Ben Crump announced on “X,” formerly known as Twitter, that he is representing the Massey family, and he is expected to be in Springfield on July 19 to potentially attend Massey’s funeral that day and speak with the news media.

Little information has been released about the incident, and two deputies from the Sangamon County Sheriff’s Department who were present when Massey was shot have been put on paid leave while the Illinois State Police investigates.

The names of the deputies haven’t been released, and Alyssa Haaker, a lawyer who represents members of the Fraternal Order of Police union who work at the sheriff’s department, hasn’t responded to requests for comment.

Sheriff Jack Campbell said in a



Donna Massey (center), the mother of Sonya Massey, looks down as she holds a sign during a two-hour rally July 12 in front of the Sangamon County Courthouse in Springfield. The rally was organized to protest the handling of an incident July 6 by Sangamon County sheriff’s deputies that ended with the police-involved shooting death of Sonya Massey in the 2800 block of Hoover Avenue in unincorporated Woodside Township.

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text message to *Illinois Times* that paid administrative leave “is standard for these type of events. This is pending the outcome of the ISP investigation.”

Tiara Standage, founder of a Springfield social-service agency, Intricate Minds, who helped organize the #StandWithSonya protest on July 12 and smaller protests in subsequent



Sonya Massey

PHOTO FROM FACEBOOK

days, told the crowd July 12 that paying the two police officers while on leave was an insult.

She called upon authorities to swiftly release any police body-worn camera footage and other information surrounding the incident.

“We are protesting against the wrongful death of Sonya Massey at the hands of Sangamon County sheriffs,” she said. “Why are they on paid leave at home playing PlayStation with their kids?”

“Fire them killer cops. Fire them,” Standage said. “They need to be prosecuted to the highest extent of the law. Sonya Massey was killed in cold blood inside of her own home after calling for help.

“We need people, especially our own people, to stand up or nothing changes,” she said.

The Sangamon County Sheriff’s Department said in a news release that it dispatched deputies to Massey’s home in the 2800 block of Hoover Avenue at 12:30 a.m. July 6 after a 911 call reporting a prowler.

“Upon arrival, two deputies conducted a search of the area,” according to a news release from the department later that day. “At approximately 1:21 a.m., the deputies

reported that shots had been fired, resulting in a female being struck by gunfire.”

The news release said the deputies immediately administered first aid until emergency medical service workers arrived. Massey was transported to HSHS St. John’s Hospital, and Sangamon County Coroner Jim Allmon said Massey was pronounced dead at 1:47 a.m. July 6 in the hospital’s emergency room.

“No deputies were injured during the incident,” the sheriff’s department news release said.

Results of an autopsy haven’t been released, but Allmon said preliminary findings show Massey died from a gunshot wound.

Crump said a statement that Massey called the police because she “thought there was an intruder in her home.”

Crump said: “It is extremely hard to imagine how a woman who calls the police out of fear of an intruder ends up shot in the head by the police at her own home. We demand that all body-camera footage from the incident be released immediately so that Sonya’s family and the public can see what happened in those 30 deadly minutes.

“No family should have to endure the pain and suffering that Sonya’s loved ones are experiencing right now.”

It’s unclear when footage might be released. When contacted July 12, an ISP spokesperson wouldn’t elaborate on a July 10 statement from the state agency that said ISP is “collaborating closely with the Sangamon County State’s Attorney’s Office to conduct a timely, comprehensive and transparent investigation.”

State’s Attorney John Milhiser declined to elaborate even after *Illinois Times* was able to confirm July 16 that the ISP investigation was complete.

The July 10 ISP statement said: “In order to protect the integrity of the legal process and the right to a fair trial in the event charges are filed, the body-worn camera video and additional information related to the incident are not being released at this time.

“When appropriate, additional information, including the video, will be shared with Sonya Massey’s family before releasing further.”

Sangamon County Board member Sam Cahnman, a Springfield Democrat, said he wants police to release any body camera footage immediately. He said he has reached out to the sheriff to request its release and will encourage ISP to release the video, as well.

He noted that Springfield police in early December 2023 released body-worn camera footage from the police-involved shooting death of a juvenile who was trying to escape the Sangamon County Juvenile Detention Center with a hostage.

Release of video footage came in advance of the ISP completing its investigation into that incident in March 2024.

No one was charged in the Sept. 30, 2023, death of detention center inmate Camren Marcelis Darden, 17, and no police officers faced discipline in connection with the incident.

Sonya Massey's mother, Donna Massey, 67, of Springfield, attended the July 12 protest. She looked down during most of the event and dabbed tears from her eyes. She was silent as others chanted around her.

Donna Massey briefly spoke to the protesters and the gathered news media. Her words were too soft for many in the media



This was the home of Sonya Massey in the 2800 block of Hoover Avenue in unincorporated Woodside Township, a few blocks south of Bunn Golf Course in Springfield. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

to hear, but Standage said Massey wondered aloud why the deputies needed to shoot a young woman who weighed 110 pounds.

People surrounding Donna Massey at the protest said the Massey family didn't want to provide additional comments. They referred reporters to Crump, whose office didn't return a phone call and an email.

Crump's law firm also represented the family of Earl Moore Jr., 35, a Black resident of Springfield whose family filed a wrongful-death lawsuit against LifeStar Ambulance after Moore died Dec. 18, 2022.

A LifeStar paramedic and an emergency medical technician, Peggy Finley and Peter Cadigan, were charged with first-degree murder for allegedly strapping Moore face-down on an ambulance gurney outside his home in a way that led to his death by suffocation. Their criminal cases remain pending.

Sonya Massey, according to her cousin, Sontae, was a "very private person other than when she came around family." She had two children, a 17-year-old son and a 15-year-old daughter, who sometimes lived with her

when they weren't staying with their fathers, Sontae Massey said.

He said Sonya, who was unemployed at the time of her death, was her mother's only child and part of a large, close-knit extended family.

Sontae Massey said his cousin "was concerned about the Sangamon County police department before this even happened."

During the rally, Standage said it was her understanding that Sonya Massey didn't have a weapon when police arrived.

"The same people that are supposed to protect us as Black women are the same people that are killing us inside our homes," Standage said.

Springfield resident Breonna Roberts, a downtown restaurant manager, took part in the protest and said she has been "terrified by the police" since she was a child because she has witnessed Springfield-area police harass Black people such as herself.

Roberts, 25, said authorities are "not listening" to the concerns of residents, and they "certainly don't care about the cause."

Springfield resident Jessica Buchanan, 46, who is white, said she has supported Black Lives Matter at other events in Springfield and wanted to show solidarity with others concerned about the latest death of a Black person involving suspicious circumstances.

Buchanan, an insurance account manager, said she witnessed unfair treatment of Black people by police when she was a college student about 25 years ago in the Chicago suburb of Aurora. She said her activism ramped up after the 2020 murder of George Floyd by a white police officer in Minneapolis.

Buchanan said Floyd's death was "a wake-up call for many white folks."

The three-bedroom home that Sonya Massey was renting on Hoover Avenue is owned by Connie and Clarence Armstrong of Springfield. Connie Armstrong said Massey was "a good tenant... she was very cordial" and "a talkative-type person."

Armstrong said Massey's ability to work was affected by "a lot of health issues." Armstrong didn't elaborate on what those health issues were but said Massey expressed interest in starting a home-based business making candles.

Armstrong said she was shocked to hear about Massey's death.

"With me," Armstrong said, "she was very outgoing and very pleasant." □

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A divisive time

Durbin and Budzinski address Trump shooting, Biden's candidacy

POLITICS | Scott Reeder

The two members of Congress who live in Springfield are calling for toning down the political rhetoric in the wake of the assassination attempt on GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump.

"It is a miracle that Donald Trump is alive today," U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Springfield, said. "If you saw that scene, and many of us have seen it over and over again, if that bullet would have been one inch in another direction, I'm afraid he would have given his life to this assassination attempt. But thank God he survived. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family and the families that were affected by this."

U.S. Rep. Nikki Budzinski, D-Springfield, added, "We need to again lower the political temperature, come together. We can agree to disagree and we can do that peacefully."

Firearms such as the one used in the July 13 shooting in which Trump's upper ear was pierced by a sniper's bullet should be outlawed, Durbin said.

"Two years ago, a troubled youth in Highland Park, Illinois, was given an AR-15 by his father. He went up on the roof during a Fourth of July parade and fired off 78 rounds in 60 seconds, killing seven people and injuring dozens. ... I don't think giving a military-style weapon to a child to solve a psychological problem makes much sense. But, in this case (of the Trump shooting), this wasn't a child; it was a 20-year-old."

Durbin said military-style rifles should not be available to the public.

Both Durbin and Budzinski said they continue to support President Joe Biden and want him to be the Democratic Party's



U.S. Rep. Nikki Budzinski, left, and U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin at a July 15 press conference in Springfield. PHOTO BY STEVE HINRICH

nominee to face Trump.

"The vast majority of Democrats support the reelection of Joe Biden, like I do," Durbin said. "Many of us still believe he's the strongest standard bearer for our party."

Just how the assassination attempt will affect the dynamics of the election remains to be seen, said Christopher Mooney, a political science professor at University of Illinois Springfield.

"Assassination attempts – we haven't had them in a while – but they tend to give a little bump (in the polls). Jerry Ford got a little bump both times he got shot at. (Ronald) Reagan was the one who really benefited dramatically. Reagan was sort of down in the polls. His story was very similar (to Trump's). Yes, he was brave. He was telling jokes to the doctors."

Rather than joke, Trump raised his fist

and called for his followers to "Fight! Fight! Fight!" Mooney said.

"Trump's image is of being an angry white man. 'They're after me.' 'I'm a victim.' 'They're coming for me.' 'I took a bullet for America, for my people.' And he can say that in a plausible way (now). He sort of did." □

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City council moves Frito-Lay project forward

Zoning variances receive final approval, despite objections from neighbors

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | Dean Olsen

Almost two dozen neighbors of what is expected to be a large Frito-Lay distribution center along Interstate 55 near the Chatham exit left a Springfield City Council meeting frustrated July 16.

The council voted 6-3 in favor of zoning variances allowing the project to move forward.

Voting in favor were Aids. Chuck Redpath of Ward 1, Lakeisha Purchase of Ward 5, Brad Carlson of Ward 7, Erin Conley of Ward 8, Jim Donelan of Ward 9 and Ralph Hanauer of Ward 10.

Voting against were Aids. Roy Williams of Ward 3, Larry Rockford of Ward 4, and Jennifer Notariano of Ward 6. Ward 2 Aid. Shawn Gregory was absent from the vote.

Representatives of Lakeview Acres LLC, the company that would develop the land and lease the proposed 226,800-square-foot facility to the end user, said the soonest construction could begin would be spring 2025.

Lakeview officials and Frito-Lay representatives have declined to say whether Frito-Lay would be the end user, but *Illinois Times* has confirmed the snack food company's involvement in a site that would cost between \$30 million and \$51 million to build, based on industry estimates.

The council's decision on zoning didn't require disclosure of an end user.

Taylor Bass, a manager from Becknell Industrial, which is assisting the developer of the site – currently a farm field – said Lakeview will work with the Illinois Department of Transportation to determine whether and where additional traffic signals and turning lanes need to be installed along Palm Road and at Lakewood Drive to help regulate traffic flow.

Lakeview would pay for any road improvements or signals, Bass said.

Neighbors who turned out, clapping loudly and yelling to express their opposition to the project, said the project would bring unwanted noise, dust, traffic congestion and potential danger to school buses transporting Ball-Chatham School District students.

"It's going to be an eyesore," Melissa Smith told council members. "This is the entrance to Springfield. This is very alarming."

Council members who supported the project, which would be in Ward 1, indicated they supported it because the approximately 30-acre site already is in an industrial zone and the project would potentially create hundreds of good-paying jobs for people who don't need college degrees to be hired.

Rockford said he is in favor of bringing new



Melissa Smith, a neighbor of a planned distribution center on a 30-acre site along Palm Road near the Chatham exit along Interstate 55 in Springfield, tells the City Council on July 16 that the project would be an eyesore and would create traffic, dust and noise problems in the area. The council then voted 6-3 to support zoning variances needed for the project to move forward. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN.

jobs to Springfield but sympathized with the neighbors' concerns and wished there would have been "more discussion" before a final vote.

Williams said he would have preferred that the distribution center be located closer to his ward on the east and north sides of the city to make jobs at the center more accessible to his constituents.

Ryan McCrady, president and chief executive officer of the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance, said information about potential sites throughout Springfield were shared with the developer. But he said final decisions on purchasing land and proceeding with zoning approval are up to developers and can be influenced by whether landowners are willing to sell.

The building at the distribution site would be 45 feet high. A fence surrounding the site would be 8 feet tall, with 2 feet of barbed wire on top.

Variances were needed because of several factors, including the size of the fence – higher than normally allowed – and to allow the building height to exceed the maximum 35 feet currently allowed.

Sources told *Illinois Times* that 150 to 200 permanent full-time workers would be employed at the site. Bass told the council that 150 to 200 temporary construction jobs would be created.

He said an earthen berm to be constructed on the west side of the site and adjacent to four-lane Palm Road would largely obscure the site

from the view of residents living west of Palm and reduce noise reaching the neighbors.

But Brad Metzger, another neighbor, said the site would "distract from the aesthetic appeal of our neighborhoods."

Neighbor Fred O'Connor said the project would cause home values to plummet.

"They could go to another area," O'Connor said. "You don't build on an exchange. You want to build near an exchange."

He asked council members: "Would you want this in your neighborhood? I don't think you would."

Bass said the site is an ideal location for a large distribution center. He estimated that up to 50 or 60 tractor-trailer trucks would be transporting goods to and from the site each day once fully operational.

Smith said the site is not within Sangamon Mass Transit District boundaries, so city buses wouldn't transport people to and from the site. But Hanauer said, however, that Sangamon/Menard Area Rural Transit, which operates vans to transport people to rural parts of Sangamon County, would be available to serve workers at the site who schedule rides ahead of time.

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission voted 9-1 on June 20 to recommend City Council approval of zoning for the project. □

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OPINION

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SHE'S STILL GUILTY

Katherine Smith set the entire thing up ("Not present at crime, still charged with murder," June 27). She is guilty. Even if she didn't stab him, Charles Manson didn't kill anyone either, he just set up the murders. What is there even to argue about?

Graham Spiff Shipley

Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

NOT GUILTY OF MURDER

One thing people are forgetting, or not even aware of, is Katherine Smith was actually being abused and manipulated by Dayne Woods, (the man who allegedly committed the murder). She is not innocent, but she is not guilty of murder, either. She was a young girl starved for attention from anyone who would give it to her. Yes, she made mistakes, but she was also afraid for her life as well, and people don't seem to even care about that.

Molly Sheridan Hobbie

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PREDICTABLE OUTCOME

"But we should make people responsible for what they did, not for unimagined consequences," Scott Main, a criminal defense lawyer in Chicago who sits on the board of nonprofit Restore Justice, told *Illinois Times*. The outcome was totally imaginable, though. I hope the law stands. Just because you're too stupid to understand your crime can snowball once it's being committed doesn't mean you're not guilty.

Pam Novak

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DISPROPORTIONATE CHARGES

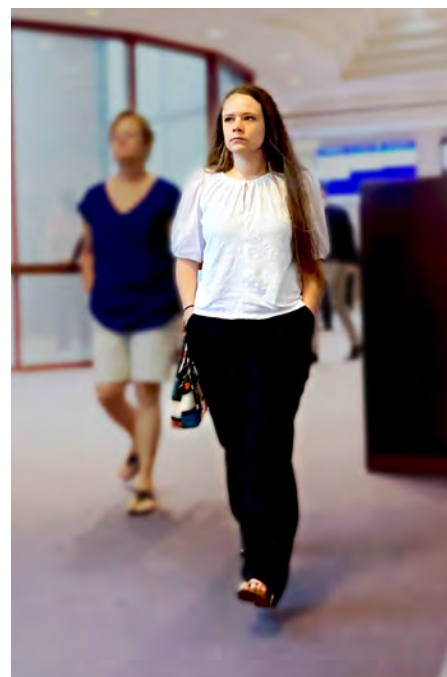
I'm the wife of an inmate serving life without parole based on felony murder and accountability, who pled guilty when the state was incorrectly seeking the death penalty. I'm all for being held responsible for one's actions, but completely disagree with disproportionate charging and sentencing of an accomplice who had no belief that anyone would be injured, much less killed.

Linda Weirich

Round Lake Beach

VICTIMS' FAMILIES NEED CLOSURE

This article is so skewed toward supporting Chicago Democrats' push for more pro-crime legislation. Shame on you. They have already done too much damage to law enforcement with their SAFE-T Act. Maybe they can pass some legislation to pay all the legal fees for those accomplices. Oh wait, they already do



Katherine Smith in the hallway of the Sangamon County Courthouse on June 25 after testifying at the trial of Dayne Woods, who is alleged to have stabbed Dohndre Hughes to death. Smith, Woods and a third codefendant are all charged with first-degree murder, despite Smith not being present when the two men allegedly broke into Hughes' home.
PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

– it's called a public defender. But let's tip the scales further to ensure the victims' families never get closure.

Candy Anderson

Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

BRING BACK SIGNS

The minister, board of directors and members of the Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Springfield have long endorsed steps that honored the victims of the 1908 Race Riot as well as affirming our support for Black Lives Matter-Springfield. As recently as last month, we joined with other

Tango, Toddle and Shimmy

I saved this from an old newspaper so I can't tell the date but here is what the editor of a Chicago newspaper wrote: J. Louis Guyon, proprietor of the largest public dance hall in the Midwest, said today "he would urge dance hall operators in the country to place a ban on the Shimmy, Woddle, Toddle, Drag-Waltz, Shuffle-Step, Tango, One-Step and Cheek-to-Cheek. Dancing must become sane and tame again." I wonder what he'd think of modern TV which can't seem to survive without a different kind of Cheek-to-Cheek.

2024 Jacqueline Jackson

members of the Springfield community in a well-attended public meeting, during which we called on President Joe Biden to designate the site of the 1908 Springfield Race Riot as a national monument. Several speakers mentioned how the diversity in the room reflected positive changes within Springfield during the past two decades.

However, the public has learned that the city recently removed the BLM-SPI Way and Reconciliation Way street signs. We recall that Reconciliation Way was installed in 2008 as a physical reminder that our community made a commitment to chart a better course for the future. We also remember that Springfield's designation of BLM-SPI Way occurred in 2021 following a series of massive protests by peaceful demonstrators in 2020.

We are disappointed that these designations have been removed. We understand that Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory is working on a proposal that will restore these signs. We applaud his efforts and trust that the city council will adopt this measure.

Rev. Martin Woulfe

Anna Sabin, board president

RETHINK THE PLANS

One very simple improvement that could be done at the Illinois State Fairgrounds is to plant more trees ("Big plans for future of the State Fairgrounds," June 27). Throughout seven different governors' administrations, I have watched the gigantic, old-growth trees on the grounds fall to storms, age and ash borers, and nobody in all that time seems to be replacing those trees. They are what give the grounds their character and the shade people desperately need.

Grandstand Avenue, in particular, is an asphalt desert. While the replacement trees are growing, you could hang shade sails across that avenue from the poles, and the shade cloth could be subsidized by printing ads on them. A small version of shade sails is visible near the entrance to Happy Hollow and looks great.

The illustration seems to suggest they tear out the Food-O-Rama structure to make more unshaded, bare concrete, stamped to look like brick. That's going to be so fun on a 90-degree August day, especially after soaking up the sun's heat for eight hours. And no benches, tables or chairs in sight. You should make the architects actually come to the fair for more than a day before they start planning.

Mark Susko

Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

MORE EVENTS

Make the fairgrounds the center of Springfield entertainment – festivals, art shows, farmers markets, dirt racing, concerts, literally anything.

Patrick Stewart

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Fixing Chicago-area transit

“No new revenue without reform”

POLITICS | Rich Miller

A little-noticed bill passed both the Illinois House and Senate that will generate \$300 to \$400 million a year for local governments, including \$95-127 million for the Regional Transportation Authority.

The bill (SB3362) will help capture sales tax revenue from more out-of-state retailers and in-state retailers who ship to Illinoisans in out-of-state locations.

The new money is not quite a fifth of the \$730 million “fiscal cliff” that northeastern Illinois’ mass transit agencies are facing starting next fiscal year, but it’s a decent start. A down payment, so to speak. But, remember, the \$730 million deficit is only for Fiscal Year 2026. It rises to \$1.2 billion by FY31, according to the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning.

Even so, not one Chicago-area transit official mentioned that new money in their testimony to the Senate Transportation Committee last week. Instead, most of them simply demanded lots more money and refused to consider any sort of structural management reforms.

But those structural reforms are very much needed. Just a few years ago, the Chicago Transit Authority and Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot tried to stop a pilot project to cut South Side Metra fares to CTA levels and increase train service on the South Side and south suburbs as well as increase the frequency of some Pace bus service. Why were they opposed to something that would help people? The CTA believed the proposal would reduce its revenues. So, once the pilot project got off the ground, the CTA refused to provide low-cost transfers between the lines and also prevented riders from using their CTA Ventra cards for Metra fares.

These inter-agency fights have gone on forever. And while there has been a little progress at cooperation among the CTA, Metra and Pace, it’s mostly because the transit bosses know that they have to make a decent show because that horrific fiscal cliff is staring them in the face. If they get the money, they simply cannot be trusted to not revert to their old ways.

“The governance model is not the problem here,” CTA President Dorval Carter defiantly told the committee. The problem, he said, is funding.

Carter’s logic doesn’t quite compute. The CTA is still operating on COVID-era federal subsidies, but rider discontent is rampant. Scheduling is a wreck. Stations, buses and trains are too often dirty. Security is a constant concern, and CTA’s efforts have been a laughable attempt at security theater. Train and

bus routes have been slashed. The system is in tatters even with full federal funding.

Also, a lack of capital spending oversight led directly to a recent scandal at Metra that I told you about not long ago. Metra was caught spending tens of millions of dollars on a warehouse purchased outside of any sort of procurement rules.

The only transit chief who told the Senate committee that he understood the stakes was RTA Chairperson Kirk Dillard. “As you said,” he told committee chair Sen. Ram Villivalam, D-Chicago, “There’s going to be no new revenue without reform.”

Dillard is a former gubernatorial aide and a former Republican state Senator who faced down huge blowback from his own caucus years ago when he voted to raise sales taxes to fund mass transit. He’s one of the last old-school “governing party” Republicans. And he told me that he greatly appreciated the extra state funding this year.

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning has suggested two models for transit agency consolidation. One of them is “integrate

the RTA and the service boards into one regional transit entity.” Dillard has fully jumped on that recommendation.

Dillard told the committee the RTA wants to set regional standards for service and set a regional fare policy, wants greater oversight on capital spending, wants consolidation of staff and, “There should be a review of board seats to ensure regional and balanced decision makings.”

The problem with that last bit is that suburban politicians view this consolidation idea as a Chicago takeover and Chicago folks think it’s a suburban power grab. Assistant House Majority Leader Marcus Evans, D-Chicago, told the *Tribune* recently that he was “adamantly opposed” to giving suburban officials control over the CTA.

So, Dillard most definitely has his work cut out for him. I think there is an appetite in the General Assembly for more transit funding, even above and beyond the fiscal cliff. But nobody wants to throw good money after bad, and regional mistrust is intense on this topic from all sides. □



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Rabbi Rob returns to Jacksonville

Native son invests in downtown buildings, philanthropic efforts

HOUSING | David Blanchette

He tools around town in a pickup truck with the license plate “Rabbi R.” He has bought several downtown buildings and is transforming them into retail, entertainment and living spaces. He’s going to bring actual World War II tanks to town and have them fire off a few rounds. He’ll even officiate at a wedding from time to time.

Just who is this man who has in a very short time left an indelible mark on the Jacksonville community?

Meet Rabbi Rob Thomas, 57, a native son of Jacksonville who has returned to his hometown with a mission as bold as the rumbling tanks he likes to drive in his spare time. That mission is to address two chief concerns among current community leaders – the need for more housing and entertainment opportunities.

“We want to bring more young professionals to town to live and become entrepreneurs, which will bring even more young professionals to town,” Thomas said. “I call this the self-licking ice cream cone.”

Thomas, an ordained rabbi, is practicing what he preaches with the purchase and rehabilitation of four downtown Jacksonville buildings. The former Kresge Store building on the southeast corner of the square now houses Pizza Records, a retail and entertainment establishment, on the ground floor with two apartments being developed above. A similar plan with retail, restaurant or entertainment establishments below and residential units above is underway for the Andre & Andre Building, formerly the site of Sears; the former Osco Building known locally as the “green monster” and a red brick corner building at 201 E. Morgan Street.

“This is the sort of thing that feeds on itself,” Thomas said. “You’ve got a critical mass of people living on the square; therefore, the square needs services for them of every type.”

Thomas is quick to point out that downtown Jacksonville had already come a long way by the time he returned to the community a few years ago. He hadn’t seen the formerly struggling downtown in years and was amazed by what the area had become.

“There were all of these boutiques and shops, the buildings were painted, everything was vibrant and exciting,” Thomas said. “I’m doing things downtown and people say, ‘Thanks for what you’re doing,’ but I’m just standing on the shoulders of giants. Others



Rabbi Rob Thomas in the upper floor of the former Kresge Store building in downtown Jacksonville, a space he is transforming into apartment units.

PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

blazed the trail.”

One of those trailblazers was Judy Tighe, executive director of Jacksonville Main Street, who knew Thomas as a youth and was thrilled when he recently expressed an interest in the downtown area.

“He was tickled to discover the square was not what he remembered it being several years ago prior to our Downtown Turnaround project, and he wanted to get involved,” Tighe said. “The next thing you know, he bought a few buildings and he’s doing work on them. He’s a major sponsor for our 25th anniversary party that’s coming up in September, and he is sponsoring our summer concert series.”

“Rabbi Rob and his wife, Lauren, are just joyful,” Tighe said. “He’s not a complainer; he’s very optimistic.”

Kristin Jamison, president of the

Jacksonville Regional Economic Development Corporation, is another community leader who is happy to have Thomas back in town.

“Not only does he have pride in Jacksonville but he also has a vision for its future, whether he is restoring buildings more than a century old, serving on committees to lift up vulnerable populations or investing in technology to achieve hyperconnectivity,” Jamison said. “Rabbi Rob’s love for his community and business acumen is making the Jacksonville region a better place for people to live, work and do business.”

“Man plans while God laughs.”

So who is Rabbi Rob, and why did he leave Jacksonville as a youth, only to return as a major presence decades later?

Thomas spent an “idyllic” childhood in

Jacksonville that he described as “the first season of the TV series ‘Stranger Things’ without the monsters,” he said. “I didn’t appreciate just how wonderful this town was for a child until I was much older.”

Thomas attended a gifted program at Illinois College when he was 12 years old and caught the computer programming bug there, a passion that was furthered by classes he took while a student at Jacksonville High School. After his 1985 high school graduation, Thomas enrolled in Western Illinois University for two years where he learned two things: “One, college is expensive, and two, you need to have the funds to pay for it,” he said.

Unsure what he wanted to get from college, Thomas enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserve where he was trained as a hospital

corpsman. He was attached to several U.S. Marine Corps units during Operation Desert Storm, where he experienced firsthand the horrors of combat that he describes as “something your readers don’t want to hear about.”

Thomas took up computer programming as a part-time job and turned it into a vocation right at the time that the commercial internet was being created. Thomas joined “the guys configuring and deploying the gear, and I got to see the internet as it commercialized and understood how important it would be later in life for all of us,” he said.

Specializing in network security, Thomas eventually founded his own company, Team Cymru, that works with large financial institutions. He also began to invest in the stock market and after learning “some incredibly expensive lessons,” Thomas became a venture capitalist investing primarily in tech companies.

“That has been a great blessing and has allowed me to invest in other things,” Thomas said.

During this time Thomas and his wife, Lauren, found themselves at a spiritual crossroads and they decided to follow the path of Lauren’s faith, Judaism. Shortly thereafter a friend who wanted to become a rabbi listed Thomas as a reference. When the rabbinical school called, that conversation ended with Thomas wanting to become a rabbi himself.

“There’s a Yiddish saying, ‘Man plans while God laughs,’” Thomas said. “My wife knew that I always do things 110%, and she thought becoming a rabbi would be a great way to further explore our faith. Plus, I do life-cycle events like weddings and that sort of thing.”

A friend at the U.S. Defense Department heard that Thomas had become a rabbi and asked if Thomas would be willing to counsel Jewish U.S. combat veterans coming back from deployment.

“I knew what they had experienced, and I could speak to them on an emotional and spiritual level,” Thomas said. “That’s all pro bono, and that’s how I found my calling as a rabbi.”

“A true blessing for our community.”

A few years ago, Thomas’ father, longtime Jacksonville teacher and radio personality Bob Thomas, became seriously ill and Rob and Lauren came back to the city to be with Bob.

“We told my dad that none of us know how long we have, so name it, whatever is on your bucket list, we’ll make it happen,” Thomas said. “He quickly replied, ‘I just want to spend time with you.’ That obviously pulls at the heartstrings.”

Rob and Lauren, who live in Florida, decided to spend one week a month with Bob



These two buildings at the corner of Morgan and Central streets are being rehabilitated for mixed use, businesses on the main level and residential units upstairs.

PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

as he recovered, and soon decided to buy a residence in Jacksonville as well.

“Lauren is a Chicago girl. She is urban all day long, but once she saw this town she fell in love with Jacksonville,” Thomas said. “I fell in love with it again, too. It’s fun to see old friends and make the many new friends we now have.”

One old friend who was glad to see Thomas return was Jacksonville Mayor Andy Ezard, and the mayor was even happier when Rob and Lauren decided to live and invest in the community.

“They both have huge hearts and a passion for the greater good. Working with them has been a real pleasure,” Ezard said. “They don’t make hasty decisions. They thoroughly think through the projects they tackle so they will stay solvent and provide longevity for years to come.”

“They do all this with compassion and grace and enjoy the challenges in helping Jacksonville move forward,” Ezard said. “I often try to figure out what they are going to come up with next. Rabbi Rob and Lauren

have been a true blessing for our community and I do not see that ending.”

The Thomas’ investments also include supporting local causes, but their charitable donations are made after ensuring their money will help to create a tangible return for the community.

“It’s important that any organization to which Lauren and I give has a future that has been mapped out,” Thomas said. “Everybody should have a North Star and a plan on how to reach that. If you fail, a part of the community fails with you, and I don’t want to see that happen.”

Rob and Lauren made a matching \$25,000 donation toward the Jacksonville Public Schools Foundation’s 2023-24 Annual Campaign that helped that fundraising effort to achieve its goal. The foundation’s executive director is Leslie DeFrates, who was Rob’s high school classmate.

“Rob and I lost touch after high school, but fast forward 37 years and just a couple of months into my role as the executive director of the foundation I received an

email message from him,” DeFrates said. “In typical Rob form, his message was kind and congratulatory on my new role, and closed with an inquiry asking what they could do to help.”

“Rob’s life has been an incredible journey, and he has forged a path filled with extremely positive impact in all avenues of his life,” DeFrates said. “It is really awe-inspiring to see how a boy from Jacksonville has grown into a man that has international influence. He literally pours himself into whatever interest he has and works to make it better. Not many people can say that.”

Thomas also made a \$100,000 matching donation that helped the Jacksonville Area Museum Foundation to exceed its half-million-dollar goal for the museum’s Phase Two expansion project.

“I have enjoyed knowing Rabbi Rob over the past two years, and he has a really generous heart to help people and local organizations,” said Jacksonville Area Museum Foundation President Bob Chipman. “He has guided the Jacksonville Area Museum

to a successful fundraising campaign. He contributes not only with financial participation, but just as importantly, with his expertise and ideas for projects and improvements.”

“It’s a collection that’s run amok.”

Now, about those tanks. They live on a 130-acre “tank farm” in Florida where “I raise my own free-range armor,” Thomas said. “It’s much happier that way.”

Thomas caught the “green disease” from his time in the U.S. Armed Forces and first dipped his toe into the military



Lauren Thomas, foreground, and Rabbi Rob Thomas at their “tank farm” in Florida.

PHOTO COURTESY OF LAUREN THOMAS

hardware collection waters when he had the opportunity to purchase a fully automatic World War II Thompson submachine gun. That acquisition took 18 months to meet all of the required federal regulations. While waiting for the paperwork to clear, Thomas had the opportunity to acquire another World War II weapon, a 50-caliber machine gun weighing 70 pounds.

“It sat on the garage floor of our home and my wife said, ‘That’s too big to carry,’” Thomas said. “And I replied, ‘It’s funny you should say that. I was thinking we should buy a Jeep to mount it on.’ It all went downhill from there.”

The World War II Jeep purchase led to another, which then led to an M3 half-track, an M20 armored scout car, M4 Sherman tank, two M18 Hellcat tank destroyers, M36 Jackson tank destroyer and other armored

vehicles. Thomas’ WW2 Armor organization now has one of the most diverse assemblages of fully operational World War II armor in the country.

“It’s a collection that’s run amok but it’s a great way to preserve history, and we don’t put that history on a shelf,” Thomas said. “We drive them, we fire blank rounds. People can see them, smell them, hear them and get a sense of what their parents, grandparents and great-uncles went through during the war.”

Thomas brought four of his tanks to the Morgan County Fair in Jacksonville the evening of July 10. The vehicles maneuvered and fired blank rounds, and fair-goers were able to talk to the men who operate them. The idea for that demonstration began when Fair Board President Gary Hadden reached out to Thomas, a high school classmate.

“We are always looking to do something different for the fair, and I thought it might be nice to have a veterans’ tie-in and bring in some of his pieces of equipment,” Hadden said. “We drove around the fairgrounds and looked at some options and he said, ‘Yeah, we can definitely put something together.’”

Those interested in seeing the tanks only needed to pay the \$5 general gate admission to the fairgrounds. The fair board and Thomas covered the event’s expenses.

“When have we in central Illinois been able to see World War II tanks operational?” Hadden said. “You can hear them fire up, see them moving around and even talk to the crew who operate them. It’s an educational experience for both young and old.”

“Be too stupid to quit.”

Most people who meet Rob and Lauren come away with smiles on their faces. The couple exude optimism and a can-do attitude that inspires others to dream.

“We are optimistic people. I’ve been in some pretty hairy situations, and I can’t believe I came through them just to be dour and grumpy,” Thomas said. “It’s also a lot more fun to be happy. It’s better to laugh, to smile, and to be around people who laugh and smile.”

Thomas looks forward to spending more time in Jacksonville and becoming even more plugged in to the community, and he isn’t shy about taking on new challenges in his hometown.

“I always tell people that if you want something done, give it to a busy person,” Thomas said.

Thomas is often asked about how to be successful in business, and he always gives the same advice.

“The No. 1 thing is to be too stupid to quit,” Thomas said. “Never give up. I got told countless times that something was dumb or it wasn’t going to work. But I was just too dumb to quit.” □



“The green monster,” the former Osco store building, is one of four downtown Jacksonville buildings being rehabilitated by Rabbi Rob Thomas. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE



Rabbi Rob Thomas, second from left, and fellow crew members of a tank on his Florida “tank farm.”

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FOOD | Peter Glatz

I'm back on my bus this summer, living on a farm in rural Champaign and working at Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery. Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery is about 5 miles northeast of the campus of the University of Illinois, my alma mater. My bus is parked next to a goat barn surrounded by a beautiful meadow. The sunsets, away from city lights, are unobstructed by any houses or buildings and have been breathtaking. After the sun goes down and the sky darkens, the meadow comes alive with the twinkling of 1,000 fireflies. When dawn arrives, the bleating of goats gently informs me that it is time to wake up and get ready for work.

Located less than an hour and a half from Springfield, Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery is a unique and special place. It's a working dairy farm and creamery with an on-site farm-to-table restaurant. The company milks close to 100 goats and transforms the milk into award-winning cheeses. At this year's prestigious American Cheese Society's annual competition, Prairie Fruits cheeses won three first-place medals and a third-place medal. The farm and creamery's goat herd is certified "animal welfare approved," a designation given to livestock raised outdoors in a pasture for their entire lives on independent farms using sustainable, high-welfare farming practices. AWA certification is considered the "gold standard" for livestock production.

The beautiful pastoral landscape is known as a "silvopasture." Silvopasture is an ancient agricultural practice that integrates trees and pasture into a single system for raising livestock. The herds obtain nourishment from the silvopasture's perennial grasses, legumes, wildflowers and nutritious tree leaves. Pastures with trees sequester five to 10 times as much carbon as treeless pastures, offsetting much of the methane created by the livestock. In times of extreme heat, the farm's cottonwood trees provide shade and create a cooler microclimate under which the goats get natural relief. Allowing the goats to spend time in the silvopasture has tangible benefits beyond goat comfort. The typical drop in milk production that occurs during heat waves is mitigated because the goats experience less heat stress. Stress-related hormones in goat's milk reduce the milk solids (butterfat and protein) and interfere with the process of making cheese, especially acidification and coagulation.

My history with Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery dates back to 2007 when I



Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery is at 4410 N. Lincoln Ave., Champaign. PHOTO BY PETER GLATZ

accompanied my late wife (and former *Illinois Times* food columnist) Julianne Glatz to an interview with the farm's founders, Leslie Cooperband and Wes Jarrell. Cooperband and Jarrell were soil science professors who retired from academics in 2003 and bought a seven-acre farm in Champaign County. They transitioned the former corn and soybean row-crop farm into a silvopasture and began raising goats. Cooperband and Jarrell eventually expanded the goat dairy and farmstead creamery operation to 80 acres with more than 90 goats, producing goat and mixed milk cheeses.

In 2004, Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery became Illinois' first facility to make farmstead

cheese. Farmstead cheese is a designation given to cheeses made on the premises with milk from the farm's animals. Prairie Fruits' cheeses soon attracted the attention of the culinary community and in 2007 Prairie Fruits Farm hosted a luncheon for Carlo Petrini, the founder of the international Slow Food movement. In the U.S. to promote his newest book, *Slow Food Nation: Why Our Food Should Be Good, Clean and Fair*, Petrini sat down with 40 other guests for a convivial afternoon of eating, drinking and lively conversation. At the end of the event, Petrini thanked his hosts, complimented everyone who'd contributed to the feast, and declared, "If there's an afterlife, I want to come back as a goat at Prairie Fruits

Farm!"

In the succeeding summers, Prairie Fruits hosted weekly farm dinners prepared by its resident chef and a rotating roster of celebrity chefs. The meals were served family-style at communal tables, and (weather permitting) outdoors in the pavilion. These dinners were wildly popular and sold out quickly. Fortunately, I snagged reservations to many of these dinners over the years. I even drove my bus to the farm for several of these events and spent the weekend camping out by the goat barn and helping in the kitchen.

This past year, Cooperband and Jarrell sold Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery to local business owners Lauren and Jeffrey Brokish. The Brokishes own Central Illinois Bakehouse, Pekara Bakery and Bistro and Martinelli's Market. Cooperband remains active in the creamery, serving as a consultant to the cheese-making operation. The new owners continue the founders' legacy of making award-winning cheeses and pasture-based goat dairying. They've transformed the farm into an agritourism destination for food lovers and those who want to connect with nature and animals on a working farm.

The Brokishes have made extensive improvements to the farm, including a newly remodeled (and newly air-conditioned) kitchen, dining room and bar. Caprae (Latin for nanny goat), is their farm-to-table restaurant, offering a fast-casual menu of grilled flatbreads, hot and cold sandwiches, salads, cheese and charcuterie boards, and bar snacks. The Sunday brunch is one of the best I've experienced. Be sure to try the potato pavé topped with caramelized onions and caviar – it's the best potato dish you will ever taste! On Wednesdays, Caprae offers a fine dining tasting menu. These ticketed-themed dinners have been wildly popular and consistently sell out. I'll be curating the Aug. 7 Cajun tasting menu.

For those interested in interacting with the goats, Prairie Fruits Farm offers goat hikes on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings, led by a knowledgeable staff member. The hikes cover roughly a mile and a half. Visitors can explore the farm along the pasture and pond with plenty of scenic stops for photos. The Thursday hikes conclude with a cocktail in the bar and Saturday hikes are followed by a cheese tasting. For fitness and wellness enthusiasts, Prairie Fruits Farm offers Go-lates (goat Pilates) classes on Tuesday evenings. □

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25th anniversary giclée print of James Fiorentino's watercolor painting, *Ted Williams Twenty Greatest Hitters*. In 1995, the Ted Williams Museum commissioned 17-year-old James Fiorentino to paint a collage of the "20 Greatest Hitters of All Time." The painting was revealed at the star-studded induction ceremony of 20 iconic players into the museum's Hitters Hall of Fame on Feb. 9, 1995, in Hernando, Florida. The painting was signed by living legends including Micky Mantle, Joe DiMaggio, Willie Mays and Ted Williams. "I feel like it's one of the greatest baseball paintings to ever be signed by players and what it meant historically," says Fiorentino. PHOTO COURTESY OF JAMES FIORENTINO



Cubbie Bears Walking, by Rod Buffington

Baseball art double-header

Exhibit at Springfield Art Association through Aug. 2

ART | Karen Ackerman Witter

Summer means baseball. Whether you are a baseball fan or prefer art over baseball, there is a not-to-be-missed opportunity this summer to experience baseball at the Springfield Art Association (SAA). Springfield artist Rod Buffington has teamed up with nationally renowned sports illustrator James Fiorentino to take you out to the ballpark while also seeing some famous baseball players up close. Buffington is well-known for his involvement with the arts as well as his love of baseball. These interests coincide with his quilting-inspired watercolor paintings depicting major league baseball stadiums. Fiorentino creates realistic watercolor paintings of sports icons. These remarkable watercolor paintings of baseball stadiums juxtaposed with heroes of the game are on exhibit now through Aug. 2 in the M.G. Nelson Family Gallery at the SAA.

Buffington and Fiorentino have forged a friendship that began 11 years ago when Buffington curated a baseball-themed exhibit at the SAA featuring work by numerous artists, along with baseball memorabilia. Fiorentino responded to Buffington's nationwide call

for artists and was part of that exhibition. Buffington and Fiorentino have remained in contact over the years, each donating a piece of their art to the other. Buffington hit a home run when he proposed the joint exhibition of their watercolor paintings at the SAA which are now on display. "It's an honor to be a part of this show with my friend Rod, who I also admire as a talented artist," said Fiorentino. "Our mutual love of the game of baseball and art is being allowed to shine in this exhibition. I am very excited to have the work in Springfield."

Fiorentino resides in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. At age 15, he was the youngest artist ever featured in the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum for his likeness of Reggie Jackson. When he was 17, he was commissioned by the Ted Williams Museum to paint a collage of the 20 best hitters of all time. In 1998 he became the youngest artist to be inducted into the prestigious New York Society of Illustrators, along with artists such as Norman Rockwell and Andrew Wyeth. Fiorentino is a graduate of Drew University,

where he was the starting shortstop during his college career. His body of work includes not only sports icons, but also wildlife, nature and famous people. He has painted and illustrated some of the most recognized faces in the world. View his work at <https://www.jamesfiorentino.com/>.

Buffington has had a long career in the arts, beginning as a high school art teacher and later gallery director at Eastern Illinois University. There he started a show, "Watercolor Illinois." After 23 years of teaching art education, Buffington began creating his own distinctive style of art. Watching his grandmother quilt for many years inspired him to paint quilt patterns with watercolor and collaged fabric on paper. After moving to Springfield in 1983, Buffington started the Mid-Central Illinois Scholastic Art Region for high school and junior high students. From 1985-1995 he was director of the Springfield Art Association, where he initiated the Edwards Place Fine Art Fair.

Being a Rotarian has been an important part of Buffington's life for over 50 years. He

combined his love of baseball and Rotary, initiating the annual Rotary Day at the Ballpark, featuring a game between the Cubs and Cardinals. The event has raised nearly \$600,000 for literacy over the past 20 years.

Betsy Dollar, SAA executive director, is enthusiastic about this baseball exhibit. "James is considered the premier baseball artist in the country," says Dollar. "His watercolors invoke intense realism, appear almost photographic in detail and some are black and white watercolor, which is very hard to do. Rod's work is completely unique; his paintings are assembled like a quilt, applying mixed media, fabric and paper over a watercolor painting."

The contrast between these two artists' styles, both working in watercolor, makes for an engaging exhibition for both sports fans and art aficionados. The exhibit is open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at 700 N. 4th Street. Admission is free. □

Karen Ackerman Witter is a frequent contributor to Illinois Times. She and Rod Buffington are both Rotarians and Cubs fans.

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Three Springfield artists win 2024 City Arts Grants

A play about the underground railroad, a Renaissance fair and poetry nights are in the works

ARTS | Courtney Wick

The Springfield Area Arts Council has announced its three recipients of the 2024 City Arts Grants: Reggie Guyton for performing arts, Devin Larson for visual arts and Jaliyah Ross for literary arts. Each of these artists will receive \$3,000 to develop their craft and enhance the vibrancy of Springfield's art community and culture. The selection criteria included artistic merit, community involvement and project impact.

"SAAC is honored to fund individual artists who enrich our community through the arts," said SAAC executive director Bella Szabo. "Their dedication has significantly added to Springfield's cultural vitality. The City Arts grant is unique in our local community, made possible by the city of Springfield's support."

City of Springfield Mayor Misty Buscher added, "I am thrilled to congratulate the 2024 City Arts Grant recipients personally. Their artistic vision and creativity are essential to making Springfield an inspiring living place. We are proud to support their endeavors."

Performing arts

Guyton graduated from Blackburn College with a bachelor's degree in performing arts and currently works at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum as an actor. He will be using the grant money to write and produce his original play, *Miles by the North Star*.

"The idea came from realizing folks didn't have a true understanding of what the underground railroad was," Guyton said. "I want this play to help illuminate that important part of our history while incorporating narratives from Illinoisans of the time."

Guyton sees this award as a steppingstone



The Fae Folk Collective created an annual art show that is now expanding into additional events. From left to right, the organizers are Bri Skeels Cee Jones, Azia Donovan, Seth Hedgepath, Devin Larson and Emily Smith.

PHOTO COURTESY DEVIN LARSON

to achieving his other artistic dreams. "I'd really love to have my own arts education and advocacy agency and have a performing arts career along with it," he said.

He wrote his first full-length, professionally produced play in 2020, *Small Beginnings*, which will continue its run at the ALPM this fall. Guyton understands the multifaceted components that art has on a community.

"My hope with all my work is for us to come to an understanding about humanity," he said. "We have to come away loving each other a little more while hating the circumstances that prevent us from seeing our neighbors as equally important and worthy."

Visual arts

Larson, who works as a graphic artist for *Illinois Times*, has been collaborating with other area artists for several years, first on an art show, then expanding into additional events. Receiving the City Arts grant will now allow the group to bring a festival themed around Renaissance fairs and fantasy lore to Springfield.

Azia Donovan, Bri Skeels, Seth Hedgepath, Cee Jones and Larson are in their third year of hosting the Fae Propaganda Art Show. With the success of their art shows the group formed the Fae Folk Collective and created a new event, *The Goblin Invasion*, that was attended by more than 800 people last October.

"We were looking for other funding sources, so Jones spearheaded the process for applying, creating an amazing portfolio of our past shows. I didn't win this. Cee Jones won this for our group," Larson said of the grant application.

Even with the previous support from the public, Larson and his team didn't expect to win this grant. "When you deal with fairies, you have an open perspective on how things might shake out. Gremlins and tricksters make up a lot of the Fae world," said Larson.

The city's first Renaissance fair is planned for Saturday, Sept. 7, in Union Square Park, in conjunction with this year's Fae Propaganda Art Show, "Autumn Court."

Literary arts

Ross also didn't expect to win this year, but felt more confident than with past grant applications. "I knew I was bringing something new, elegant and soulful to town," she said. Ross has been hosting a series of poetry nights at various locations in Springfield since last year.

The next event will be a formal, all-pink themed event, *Snaps & Jazz Poetry Night*. Scheduled for Oct. 19 in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, 30% of the profits from this event will be donated to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Ross grew up engaging in all forms of art, from dance to singing to baking, and has a deep sense of musicality. "All art is a form of expression, and all expressions are a form of poetry," she said. "These events shine a light on the unheard voices of our community. I aim to remind people there are others like them. We can finally have a jazzy night together to get lost in music and art in the best way." □



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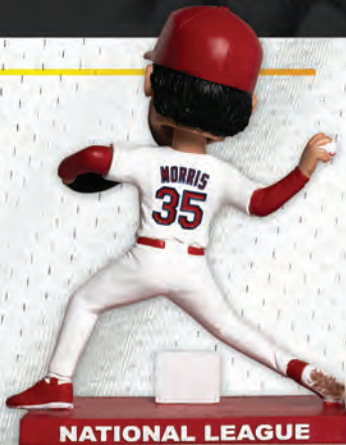
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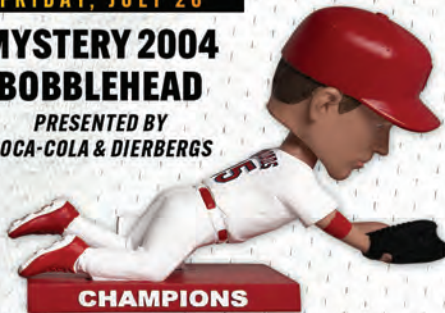
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Hello Dolly! – It's nice to have you back

THEATER | Mary Young

When it debuted in 1964, *Hello, Dolly!* set a record for the most Tony Awards, which it held for the next 37 years. (*The Producers* moved into the top spot when it won 12 awards in 2001). The cast recording of the original Broadway production reached No. 1 on the *Billboard* album chart in 1964 and was replaced by Louis Armstrong's recording of *Hello, Dolly!* The show's cast recording was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2002.

The local production currently onstage at The Legacy Theatre lives up to the reputation of those impressive accolades and more. Awash in nostalgia and brimming with lights, color and likable characters, *Hello Dolly!* is a joyful walk down the lane of hummable songs, old-fashioned romance, plenty of laughs and a healthy dose of heartfelt tenderness.

The musical is based on Thornton Wilder's play, *The Matchmaker*, with music and lyrics by the wonderful Jerry Herman and a book by Michael Stewart. It follows the story of Dolly Gallagher Levi, a strong-willed widow promoting her wide-ranging services with a card for everything, including not only matchmaking/meddling but liver testing, nail painting and alterations... to name a few.

She arrives in Yonkers, New York, to arrange a match for the miserly "well-known, unmarried half-a-millionaire" Horace Vandergelder. Unbeknownst to Horace, Dolly already has plans for the two of them. Along the way, she cleverly manipulates others into love, life-affirming choices and even out of possible jail time.

Not wanting to be a "fool alone," she searches for a sign from her beloved deceased husband, Ephraim, that marrying Horace is the right thing to do. Knowing Dolly's intentions from the start makes for a fun journey and the audience revels in her quick wit and not-so-subtle convincing, which eventually wins over Horace.

With impeccable style, the show moves through a kaleidoscope of colors, thoughtful details and strong production values. Major kudos to the costuming team, led by Mary McDonald and Betty Ring, for their sumptuous creations, including shimmering brocade skirts (with pockets even!), beaded gowns, voluptuous hats, tailored coats and matching uniforms. Alongside Scott Richardson's charming set designs, they raise the bar once again and set the right tone for the piece.

The character of Dolly Levi is often



Cast of *Hello Dolly!* PHOTO BY TOM ZOSCHKE

considered a star vehicle for the actor playing her, but there is a nice balance across the entire cast. Rich Beans as Horace Vandergelder entertains with a convincing, subtle accent and a great voice as he's continually flustered by Dolly's antics. Allison Means is a lovely hat shop owner Irene Malloy, and Brooke Seacrest matches her

Hello Dolly! continues July 17-21 and 24-28. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows are at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 the day of show with reduced rates of \$28 for seniors and children. For tickets, visit atthelegacy.com.

well as her assistant, Minnie Fay. The two are swept up in a New York adventure by two of Vandergelder's clerks, Cornelius Hackl and Barnaby Tucker, exuberantly played by Will Moffett and Tim Connor, respectively. These two are a great complement to one another and excellent song-and-dance performers, evoking vaudevillians of the past. The entire cast is very enjoyable.

And as an example of that aforementioned nostalgia, I have to mention a sweet bit of casting. Missy Cartwright as Ernestina is playing the role her mother played at The Muni decades earlier. Having seen both ladies

perform the same role with comic ease is going to keep a smile in my heart for some time.

Cynda Wrightsman, on her second go-around in the role of Dolly, anchors her character and the show with warmth, pleasing vocals and grounded confidence. She said of playing the role 30 years apart: "I think being more mature has colored my portrayal of her. At this point in my life, I have dealt with loss, which is central to who Dolly is and why she is busy trying to make ends meet. I think she also wants to keep busy to hold grief at bay. I don't believe she is marrying just for money. One line says, 'I certainly will make him happy.' She is ready to live again."

Director Ed MacMurdo has not only cast and staged a well-paced and delightful show, but he was also the choreographer. His distinctive approach is evident in many numbers, but especially notable is the energetic "Waiter's Gallop." – what a feat! Samantha Mool and Melissa Blankenstyn have the vocals and orchestra sounding top-notch and audiences will love hearing the old favorites including, "Put on Your Sunday Clothes," "It Only Takes a Moment," and of course, "Hello Dolly!"

And in case you still need a hint about what to expect, just remember, "Pudding!" □

Mary Young was born and raised in Springfield and has been performing in, producing and directing live theater for decades.

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Fairs and festivals music fun

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Well, folks, 'tis the season in central Illinois when the fairs abound and the festivals abide. We're going to jump over all the other incredible choices going on at all the terrific venues hosting live music this weekend to focus on those said fairs and festivals. Let's take a look at what's cooking out there, shall we?

How about a visit to the Menard County Fair, held just past Petersburg, north off of Illinois 97 at the county fairgrounds, July 16-21 when Friday gives us Travis Tritt (yeah, that one) with Pecos & the Rooftops at the grandstand stage. Here's a peek at the beer pavilion entertainment, when Brice Bailey plays at 5 p.m. on Thursday and 6 p.m. on Friday, then Menard County native Jon-Mark Robb comes home with his acclaimed rockin' group Tallula Junction, straight outta Austin, Texas, on Thursday (9 p.m.) and Morgan County's Longmeyer Band lands on Friday (11 p.m.). Saturday, a trio of area-based groups play at the pavilion including classic country kings White Lightnin' (3 p.m.), Escape Velocity, a band of early 90s PORTA high grads that formed in the late '80s (they reunited once in 2022 for a class reunion) returning with a "special focus on the grunge, rock and punk hits" that defined those high school days (8:30 p.m.) and Chandlerville's own singer-songwriter sensation, Gabe Carlock, locked in with his full band (10:30 p.m.).

Roar on into the annual Rumble on 66, a honky-tonk and rockabilly festival presented by Tom Hart Concerts at The Stadium Smokehouse from 2 to 10 p.m. on Saturday. With a carload of classic hotrods, rat rods and (motor) bikes, plus a truckload of bands including Hank 4, Hillbilly Casino, the Krank Daddies, Dead Till Dark and Union Avenue, blast into the past of tattoos, ducktails and burnouts for a cruisin' for bruising' good time.

Now we ramble on to Rumble Down Take 3, running July 19-21, starting Friday night at the Route 66 Hotel featuring our Birds of a Feather and The Station, along with Dead Man's Dog, a St. Louis-based group with Peoria connections. On Saturday, the fest heads to Southern View Park in the afternoon with vendors and free live music (unrelated to the Rumble Down Fest, Bustin' Loose plays at 6 p.m. in the park), then returns to the hotel in the evening for The Merry Travelers, Devin Williams and the Seven String Band, plus the debut of Zach Eymann & Friends. Take 3 concludes on Sunday at Knight's Action Water Park on the Tradewinds stage with Catfish Seminar, Justin Rose and One Way Traffic, ending with the big finale of Aaron Kamm and the One Drops before heading back to the hotel for an impromptu, late-night HoeDown jamming session. Wow.

Add to that the venerable Chatham Jaycees Sweet Corn Festival, and we've got a weekend to be reckoned with. Along with a (sweet) Corn Hole game contest, the world-famous Cow Chip Throw and an Ancient Athletics competition (among other exciting and enticing events), the CJSCF always has been a superb showcase for local live music, from legendary Cats on Holiday performances to featuring original bands looking for an audience. This year is no exception to the rule with Friday night giving us an earful of the The Lovelorn (6-8) and Revel in Red (8:30-11:30) and Saturday shucks in with Soul Experience (5-8) and The Shenanigans (8:30-11:30).

Please take a look at our lengthy listings (let's give a well-deserved shout out to Daron Walker at *IT* for his extensive additions and careful renditions in the calendar) to see the many other local live music performances going on. □

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7-10pm

Manny Lee
Casa Real Cantina and Grill,
6-8pm

Curt Smith
Columbian Grand Hall Knights of
Columbus 364, 5-8pm

Karaoke
The Crowbar, Decatur, 8pm-
12am

After School Special
Curate, 6-9pm

Star 6 Nine
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

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

Open mic with Bob Besser
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur,
6pm

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**Blind Equation, CPU Buddha,
Bejalvin, Subversion, Bruxism**
Dumb Records, 7pm

Karaoke
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm.

Brian Shartzter
JB's Hideout, Blue Mound, 6pm

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

**Gravehuffer, Al'maculate
Conception, Before the Fire
Dies**
Pizza Records, Jacksonville, 6pm

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

**Kortney and friends
open mic**
The Blue Grouch, 7-11pm

Open mic with Casey Contrall
The Wakery, Third Thursday of
every month, 7pm

Friday Jul 19

Blaine Bailey Band
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton,
7pm

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

**Friday Night Jazz & Blues -
Debbie Ross Band**
Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

Professional Development Trio
Broadgauge, Petersburg, 6pm

**Al'Maculate Conception,
Master Bastard**
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co.,
7-10pm

The Lovelorn, Revel in Red
Chatham Community Park,
Chatham, 6-11:30pm

Karaoke
The Crowbar, Decatur, 8pm-
12am

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

**The Phantom Lordz,
Dysfunctional Family, Sonic
Sunday**
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Chayce Beckham
Danenberger Family Vineyards,
New Berlin, 8pm

BlackHill
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur,
7-9pm

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El Taco Guapo at Lake
Springfield Marina, 6-9pm

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

it Frank Powell
Golden Fox Brewing,
Decatur, 7-10pm

The Rick Mari Band
Goodfellas Pub, 8-11pm

Brandy Kristin Band
Harry's Adult Day Care, 6-10pm

The Tangents
Harvest Market Farmhouse
Brews, 6-9pm

Robert Sampson
Hy-Vee Wahlburgers, 5:30-7pm

Ricarda Rosalina
La Fiesta Grande, 6-9pm

**Blue Note Quintet with Buddy
Rogers**
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

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

Captain Quirk
Long Bridge Golf Course,
6:30pm

BüK
Mowie's Cue, 8-11pm

Jacob Cutler
The Other Bar, Morrisonville,
8-11pm

Emily Perkins
The Railyard, 6-9pm

**The Station, Birds of a Feather,
Dead Man's Dog**
Route 66 Hotel and Conference
Center, 8pm-3am

After School Special
Slaughterhouse Brewing Co.,
Auburn, 7pm

Karaoke with Debbie Cakes
Southern View Community Park,
6:30pm

**Dan Rivero Trio with Charlie
Foxy and John Drake**
Springfield Motor Boat Club,
7-10pm

Killer of Giants
The Stadium Bar & Grill, 6pm

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The Blue Grouch, 6:30pm

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The Wakery, 8-10pm

Jeff Newman
The Vault, Jacksonville,
8-9:30pm

Grounded
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-10pm

Crash Planet, Three Way Stop
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7pm

Saturday Jul 20

Dos Okies
1st and 3rd Boutique and Wine
Bar, Petersburg, 3-6pm

Downstate
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester,
8-11pm

**Jambalaya Jazz with
Frank Parker**
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co.,
6-9pm

**Soul Experience, The
Shenanigans**
Chatham Community Park,
Chatham, 5-11:30pm

Stereo Typical
Christian County Fairgrounds,
Taylorville, 9pm-12am

JackAsh
The Crowbar, Decatur, 7pm

Roxschool
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Thurston Howell Band
Danenberger Family Vineyards,
New Berlin, 8pm

Sam Lacy
Docs Just Off 66, Girard, 6-8pm

The Stone Giants
Goodfellas Pub, 7pm

Hippies of the Heartland
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Sunshine Daydream
Lake Press Club, 6-10pm

**Blue Note Quintet with Buddy
Rogers**
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

Smokestacks
Maddy's Tavern, Divernon, 8pm

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

**The Bayou Prowlers with
Lexxii Leigh**
Pizza Records, Jacksonville,
6:30-8:30pm

99 Proof
Pop's Place, Decatur, 8-11pm

Silas Tockey
The Railyard, 6-9pm

Beige Desperadoes
Slaughterhouse Brewing Co.,
Auburn, 7-10pm

Bustin' Loose
Southern View Community Park,
6pm

**Hank 4, Hillbilly Casino, The
Krank Daddies, Dead Till Dark
and Union Avenue**
The Stadium Bar & Grill, 2-10pm

it Randy Erwin
Stella Coffee & Tea, 10am-
12:30pm

**David Lumsden Blues + Band
featuring Kylan Davis, Tony
Young**
Sunset Inn Pub, 6-9pm

Al's Hwy50
The Blue Grouch, 8pm

Josh Holland
Town Hall Pub, Loami, 7pm

**Jeff Young and the Bad
Grandpas**
VFW Post #755, 7-10pm

Protege
VFW Post 99, Decatur,
7:30pm

Brushville
Warrensburg Village Hall,
Warrensburg, 9pm

Stone Cold Cowboys
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30pm

Sunday Jul 21

**Kendell Marvel with
Mike Davis**
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton,
6pm

John Drake
Bar Bella, 1-4pm

Dos Okies
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

Fantastical Folk Jam
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co.,
4-6pm.

**Michael Burnett and the Suns
of Circumstance**
Curve Inn, 4-7pm

Acid Fog, Martyr, Unthynk
Dumb Records, 7pm

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

Long Way Home
Harvest Market Coffee Bar,
10am-1pm

Micah Walk
It's All About Wine,
3-6pm

Rod Grant
Jamie's Route 66, Southern
View, 2-5pm

Open jam session
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 2-6pm

Mary Jo Curry Band
Mom + Pop's, Petersburg,
3-6pm

Debbie Ferguson
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet,
11am-1pm

The Tangents
The Railyard, 1-4pm

Keith Dunlap
The Range Bourbon & Brew,
Chatham, 1-4pm

**Captain Geech and the
Shrimp Shack Shooters**
Sherman Village Park
Amphitheater, Sherman, 2pm

Roxschool
Southern View Community Park,
2pm

Dallas Whittaker
Springfield Elks Lodge #158,
4-7pm

Not Petty
The Bean, Mechanicsburg,
3-6pm

**Jeff Young and the Bad
Grandpas**
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

Monday Jul 22

Gabe Stillman
The Alamo, 7pm

Open mic with Joel and Silas
Brewhaus Bar, 7-10pm

Al Kitchen
Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta,
6-9pm

Tuesday Jul 23

Open mic with Bob Besser
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur,
6-9pm.

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

Wednesday Jul 24

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

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

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

**Powerman 5000 with Sponge,
Tantric**
Danenberger Family Vineyards,
New Berlin, 7pm

Ricarda Rosalina
Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 5:30-
7:30pm

Me, Myself & Schy
Obed and Isaac's, 6-8pm

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

The Rick Mari Band
TRN Lake Club, Chatham, 6-9pm

THE CALENDAR



Chatham Sweet Corn Festival

Friday, July 19, 4:30-11:30 p.m. and
Saturday, July 20, 7:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.
Chatham Community Park
711 S. Park Ave., Chatham
chathamjaycees.net
Free, \$5 parking donation suggested

FESTIVALS | Chatham Jaycees host 49th annual event

it Chatham's big summer event celebrating that delicious, golden food staple is almost here. It's none other than the long-running, annual Sweet Corn Festival by the Chatham Jaycees. This is the 49th year for the event. Things start at 4:30 p.m. Friday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, Little Miss Sweet Corn pageant, games for children, more than 70 vendors and, of course, loads of sweet corn. The Lovelorn and Revel in Red provide the musical entertainment before the event closes for the evening at 11:30 p.m. A full day of events begins at 7:30 a.m. Saturday with the Sweet Corn Festival 5K. Activities include demonstrations, a volleyball tournament, ancient athletics competition and the famous Cow Chip Throw at 2 p.m. Musical entertainment will be provided by Soul Experience and The Shenanigans before the event ends at 11:30 p.m. There's no telling how many ears of corn will be consumed. One thing is for certain, if you want to help shuck all that corn, then report to the park today. For a complete schedule, visit chathamjaycees.net.

Spoken Word

Poetry/Spoken Word

Fri., July 19, 6-8pm. Poets and writers, this is for you. Have your written words spoken and heard. Sign in on arrival. Names will be drawn at random and participants then have seven minutes max at the mic. pharmacygallery.com. \$10 suggested donation at door. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 217-381-8910.

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

"Portraits"

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.

"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.

"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 movie lineup. lincolnlbrary.info. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Food & Drink

History Cooks: The Horseshoe

Fri., July 19, 12pm. Chef Augie Mrozowski will prepare a classic Springfield horseshoe. Mrozowski father is credited with being one of the originators of the horseshoe at the Leland Hotel. lcc.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 guidelines 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.

Masters' Back Porch Chautauqua Series

Third Sunday of every month, 2-4pm. Through Sep. 15. Listen to experts lecture on topics of local interest in literature, art and history followed by original performances by area songwriters. The Masters' Memorial Museum, at the corner of Eighth and Jackson streets, within walking distance of the venue, will be open for tours the hour preceding the event. Free. n/a.

Fairs & Festivals

Chatham Jaycees Sweet Corn Festival

July 19-20. Live music, food, vendors and children's activities. A big shout out to the local cows' contributions to that perennial favorite, the Illinois Championship Cow Chip Throw. Chatham Community Park, Chatham, 731 S. Main St.

Menard County Fair

Ongoing through Sunday, July 21. Classic family-friendly county fair with carnival, races, animal judging, food, queen pageant and more. Featured music on Friday

Special Music Events

4th annual House in the Field

Sat., July 20, 12-8pm. Listen to the eclectic sounds of some of the area's top disc jockeys spinning house music and more. Presented by Field House Productions. Food vendors will be on site. Celebrating 40 years of house music. Free. Duncan Park, 200 N. MacArthur Blvd., 217-341-8278 or 804-306-8386.

Crazy for Patsy Cline

Sun., July 21. Featuring Katie Deal, an award-winning entertainer who is known as one of the best interpreter's of Cline's music. hcfta.org. \$32. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Eric Burgett

Fri., July 19, 7-9pm. A night of country music. Part of the Downtown Concert Series 2024. Free. Downtown Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Central Park, 217-243-5678.

The People Brothers Band

Thu., July 18, 6-9:30pm. A night of rhythm and soul. Part of the Levitt AMP Springfield Music

Series. Positively 4th Street will open. Free. Y Block, north of the Governor's Mansion, 217-544-1723.

Rod Nicholson and Robert Sampson

Sun., July 21, 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.

it Rumble Down Take Three

July 19-21. Music at no less than five stages, with three music genres and at three locations, beginning at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, ending at Knight's Action Park and with a whole bunch of stuff in between. Admission. Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, 625 E. Saint Joseph St., 217-529-6626. See a complete schedule of bands in Tom Irwin's Now Playing column.

Travis Tritt with Pecos and the Rooftops

Fri., July 19, 8pm. At the Grandstand, Menard County Fair. \$45. Menard County Fairgrounds, Petersburg, 18450 Fairgrounds,

217-632-3848.

Theater & Comedy

12th Night

Sat., July 20, 6-8:30pm. Shakespeare in the Park event featuring the Starling Shakespeare Company. Bring lawn chairs. In case of bad weather, the show will be held at the Hoogland Center for the Arts. Presented by Springfield Area Arts Council and Downtown Springfield Inc. Free, \$25 for VIP seating. Enos Park, 1000 N. Seventh St., 217-753-3519.

Comedy open mic

Fourth 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.

Hello, Dolly

Through July 21 and Through July 28. "Isn't the world full of wonderful things?" Mrs. Dolly Levi is a matchmaker extraordinaire who decides that the next match

she needs to make is for herself. Visit the website or call for tickets prices. atthelegacy.com. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 800-838-3006.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella

Through July 20. Cinderella is mistreated by her stepmother and stepsisters because they fear the power of her fine character and beauty. But with the help of her fairy godmother, she learns her own worth and attracts the attention of the prince. themuni.org. \$12-\$22. Ages 5 and under free. The Muni, 815 E. Lake Dr., 217-793-MUNI.

Belly Laffs' Summer Showcase Vol. 2

Sat., July 20, 8pm. Get ready for a night of fast-paced, stand-up comedy. Featured comics will be Ryne Thorson, Shelley B. Wright, Rha-Bea, Luis Arellano, Lance Cain and Joshua Pierce. Hosted by Tim Laffey. Tickets available online or at the door. bellylaffscomedy.com. \$10-\$11. Laguna Brava Mexican Restaurant, 2466 Wabash Ave., 217-741-9955.

THE CALENDAR

is by Brice Bailey, Travis Tritt with Pecos and the Rooftops and The Longmeyer Band. On Saturday, White Lightnin', Escape Velocity and Gabe Carlock will take the stage. Fireworks at 9pm Saturday. Menard County Fairgrounds, Petersburg, 217-632-3848.

Southern View 85th Anniversary

Friday through Sunday, July 19-21. Celebrate the village's 85th birthday with family activities, food and refreshments, live music and more. Fireworks at dark Friday. Music by Debbie Cakes Karaoke at 6:30pm Friday, Bustin' Loose at 6pm Saturday and Roxschool at 2pm Sunday. Southern View Park, 217-529-3352.

Nature, Science & Environment

Sangamon Valley Iris Society Plant Sale

Sat., July 20, 1-4pm. Beautiful irises available for purchase. Society members will be on hand to answer questions about their care. Washington Park Botanical Garden Exhibit Hall, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

Fundraisers and Galas

Charity car wash

Sat., July 20, 10am-4pm. Dads will wash cars in this event. All proceeds go to Military Families Together, an organization that supports veterans and their families. Goodfellas Pub, 518 N. Bruns Lane, 217-679-2119.

Children's Corner

Hale-Bopp Comet Day

Tue., July 23, 10am-2pm. Celebrate the 19th anniversary of the Hale-Bopp Comet by learning more about this astral anomaly and creating a tin foil model. illinoisstatemuseum.org. Free. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-6044.

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.

Kidzeum's 6th Birthday

Sat., July 20. Free admission all day. Join the The Migrating Murals ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the first installation of the national series to be featured in the Midwest. The new artwork in the courtyard was created by renowned artist Jane Kim and her team at Ink Dwell. kidzeum.org. Free. Kidzeum of Health and Science Children's Museum, 412 E. Adams St., 217-971-4435.

Bulletin Board

Aging Mastery Program

Wed., August 21, 12:30-2:30pm. A fun, innovative 10-week program that empowers seniors to take key steps to improve their well-being, add stability to their life and strengthen ties to their community. Registration is \$65. Receive a \$60 refund if 80% of the courses are completed. Get registration form by July 31. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

AI-Anon District 19 of Greater Springfield

Mondays-Saturdays. Ten

meetings are held in the local area each week. Five are in-person 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, 217-891-2981.

APL Junior Volunteer Car Wash Fundraiser

Sat., July 20, 11am-3pm. Let the Animal Protective League's Junior Volunteers scrub away the grime off your car. For a small fee, you'll drive away with a clean car while supporting a great cause - every penny raised goes directly to helping animals in the shelter. apl-shelter.org. \$5. Ace Hardware, 1600 Wabash Ave., 217-544-7387.

APL KittenFest

July 19-22, 12-5pm. All kitten adoption fees have been reduced by 50% and will be only \$25 per kitten. Plus if you adopt a pair of kittens from the same cage your second kitten is free. Ask about APL's Better Together program to learn more. Anyone over the age of 60 may have the adoption fee waived completely

through the Pets for the Elderly grant program. Animal Protective League, 1001 Taintor Road, 217-544-7387.

Cat adoptions

Third Saturday of every month, 12-4pm and Third Sunday of every month, 12-4pm. Speak with an adoption coordinator about adopting, volunteering, being a foster parent or making a donation. Hosted by the Forever Home Feline Ranch. felineranch.org. PetSmart, 3183 S. Veterans Pkwy., 217-698-3091.

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.

The Love Boat Cruise Party

Thu., July 18, 11:30am. Join us for the Best Dressed Love Boat Character Contest, prizes for random Love Boat trivia, boat cruisin' punch, tropical fruit snacks and more. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

Media Makers Camp

July 22-25, 9am-12pm, 1-4pm. A new, free program for high school students and recent graduates in which students can get an introductory, inside-look at the field of integrated media design. Over the course of four days, participants will explore 2D and 3D animation as well as video game design. Offered by Lincoln Land Community College. Morning and afternoon sessions of the camp will be offered. Register at llcc.edu/

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Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. SCOTT ARCHIONE A/K/A SCOTT M ARCHIONE A/K/A SCOTT ARCHONE A/K/A SCOTT W ARCHIONE A/K/A ACHIONE SCOTT W; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 23 FC 000216 620 WEST VINE STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on June 12, 2024, will on August 27, 2024, in the Sangamon South Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: TAX NO. 14-33.0-380-010 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 620 West Vine Street Springfield, IL 62704 Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a one car garage. The garage is detached. The exterior is brick. The color is brown. The property has a fence. The property is occupied. The Judgment amount was \$144,644.84. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at <http://iforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 23-169821L PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT

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Administrators, 205 Grindstone Road, Chatham, IL 62629. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the Administrators, on or before, Jan. 18, 2025. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Administrators within 10 days after it has been filed.

Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF: RICHARD R METCALF Deceased No. 2024PR268 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of RICHARD R METCALF, Deceased. Letters Testamentary were issued on July 9, 2024, to MARSHALL ROBERT METCALF, as Executor, whose attorney is David O. Edwards, Edwards Group LLC, 3223 S. Meadowbrook Road, Suite A, Springfield, IL 62711. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 200 S 9th St, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before January 21, 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 July 9, 2024.
EDWARDS GROUP LLC
David O. Edwards – 6229192
Brandon L. Akers – 6343130
Katherine E. Perry - 6309676
3223 S. Meadowbrook Road, Suite A
Springfield, Illinois 62711
(217) 726-9200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES D. HOSKINS, SR., DECEASED Case #2024-PR-278 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of JAMES D. HOSKINS, SR. Letters of Office have been issued to MARGO L. CRAWFORD, 1929 E. Lawrence Ave., Springfield, IL 62703, 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 January 22, 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 Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2024.
Patrick J. Sheehan, III
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILMA L. HULEN, DECEASED Case #2024-PR-256 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of WILMA L. HULEN. Letters of Office have been issued to AMBER LEIGH MANN, 1521 SW Trail Ridge Dr., Blue

Spring, MO 64015, as Independent Administrator with the Will Annexed, 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 with the Will Annexed, or both, on or before January 22, 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 Administrator with the Will Annexed and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2024.
William P. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In Re the Estate of: LAURA J. RHOADES, Deceased.

No. 2024-PR-279 CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of LAURA J. RHOADES, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 8, 2024, to WENDI BRINCKEN, as Independent Executor, whose address is 1406 Holmes Ave., Springfield, IL 62704, and whose attorney of record is William D. Reid, Elmore & Reid, 808 South Second Street, Springfield, IL 62704.

The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of issuance of Letters, and any claim not filed within that period is barred.

WENDI BRINCKEN
Independent Executor
ELMORE & REID
Attorneys At Law
808 South 2nd Street
Springfield, IL 62704
217/523-2340

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

JAIIME L. LEDFERD, Deceased NO. 2024-PR-264 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of JAIIME L. LEDFERD, Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on July 03, 2024, to Jacqueline Ledferd, 1630 W. Governor., Springfield, IL 62704, as Special 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 January 04, 2025 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 03rd day of July, 2024.
Alex B. Rabin
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin, & Reinbold, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
217-789-1200

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

Estate of: BARBARAA A. SHEA, Deceased.

NO. 2024-PR-257 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Barbara A. Shea of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 3, 2024, to Mary Shea Cummins, 6397 Old Salem Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62711, 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 January 10, 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 3rd day of July, 2024.

Randall W. Segatto - 06193211
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the matter of the estate of: Karen Marie Phillips, Deceased Case No. 2024-PR-243 Claim Notice

Notice is given of the death of Karen Marie Phillips. Letters of Office were issued on June 18, 2024 to Ronald E. Smith as Executor, 2547 Miami Trail, Springfield IL 62702. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the Executor, on or before, Jan. 11, 2025. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor within 10 days after it has been filed.

Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KEVIN LEE BUTLER, Deceased NO. 2024PR000261 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Kevin Lee Butler, Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on July 2, 2024, to Ashley L. Fishburn, 713 E. 2675 N. Road, Mechanicsburg, IL 62545, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 13th 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 2nd day of July, 2024.
Gregory P. Sgro
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANDREW S. RAMM, DECEASED

Case #2024-PR-273 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of ANDREW S. RAMM. Letters of Office have been issued to MICHAEL T. RAMM, 1117 Harmony Court, Springfield, IL 62703, 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 January 16, 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 Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2024.
Patrick J. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217)544-0701

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOYCE

JOYCE M. BARKER, DECEASED. NO. 2024-PR-250 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of JOYCE M. BARKER, of Springfield, Illinois, who died intestate on March 28, 2024. Letters of Administration were issued on June 18, 2024, to MICHAEL COFFEY of 2612 South Walnut, PO Box 9137, Springfield, IL 62791 whose attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; 2160 South Sixth Street, Suite D-1, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th St., Room 405, Springfield, IL 62701 or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 11th day of July, 2024, being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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Dated this 1st day of July, 2024.
MICHAEL COFFEY, Independent Administrator of the Estate of JOYCE M BARKER, Deceased BY: DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
By: /s/ Anthony J DelGiorno, Attorney
Attorneys for Estate:
Anthony J DelGiorno (RDC 6277358)
DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
2160 South Sixth Street, Suite D-1
Springfield, IL 62703
Tel: (217) 773-5337
Service: service@delgiornolawoffice.com

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

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: BRANDON T. EMERSON, Deceased.

No. 2024-PR-265 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of BRANDON T. EMERSON, Sangamon County, Illinois, on June 8, 2024. Letters of Office were issued on the 27th day of June, A.D., 2024, to JAMES S. BAUMHARDT, 148 North Allen Street, Spaulding,

IL 62561, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Gregory A. Scott, Scott, Scott & Scott, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street-Room 405, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.

DATED this 27th day of June, A.D. 2024.
Estate of Brandon T. Emerson, Deceased,
BY: James S. Baumhardt, Independent Executor,
By: /s/Gregory A. Scott
SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., his Attorneys.
PREPARED BY:
Gregory A. Scott (02531712)
SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.
Attorneys at Law
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of GEORGIA ANN HIBBS, Deceased.

No. 2023-PR-319 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE; NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Notice is given of the death of GEORGIA ANN HIBBS of Rochester, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on September 12, 2023 to BRENDA S. WILSON, 5513 North Merrimac Avenue, Peoria, Illinois 61614, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is JAMES S. DUNN, 2215 Greenbriar Road, Springfield, Illinois 62704.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Room 405, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, being July 4, 2024. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Notice is also given to THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GEORGIA ANN HIBBS that an Order was entered in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois on September 12, 2023, appointing BRENDA S. WILSON as Independent Administrator. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) an interested person asks the court to become involved by filing a petition to terminate independent administration or to resolve a particular question that arises during independent administration.

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Dated July 11, 2024
JAMES S. DUNN - Reg. #3124262
Attorney at Law
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dunnandmclaw@aol.com

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

In the Matter of the Estate of PATRICIA JANE BEYERS, Deceased.

IN PROBATE NO. 2024-PR-263 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of PATRICIA JANE BEYERS, deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on June 27, 2024 to MICHAEL E. BEYERS, 84 Beyers Lake Road, Pana, Illinois 62557, Executor, whose attorney is Robert A. Stuart, Jr., Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th Street, Ste. 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 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before January 15, 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 27th day of June, 2024.
Robert A. Stuart, Jr.
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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 both, 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
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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 PENELOPE A. MEYER, deceased. 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, Springfield, IL 62701. 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.
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**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 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 attorneys 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
Turpin & Ghibaudy, Attorneys at Law
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Carmi, IL 62821
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**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 Meyuntoe 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 attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Sarah Delano Pavlik — 6269250
DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC
Attorneys for Administrator
One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Telephone: 217-544-2703
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**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF
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.

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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: RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C.**
By: Richard Freeman, Attorney
Attorneys for Estate:
Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C.
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**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 the 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, IL 62675; and the attorney of record is Charles K. Smith, whose address is 113 East Douglas, Petersburg, Illinois 62675.

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

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Robert Henry Robinson, Petitioner
And
Angela Kay Robinson, Respondent**

Case No. 2024-DC-000162
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Angela Kay Robinson, 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 18th day August, 2024, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Tiffany Morrison, Petitioner
And
Daryc Morrison, Respondent**

Case No. 2023-DN-000249
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Daryc Morrison, 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 11th day August, 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
Amanda Sarah Creasey
For change of name to
Amanda Sarah Noble**

Case No. 2024-MR-000236
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Sept. 3, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Amanda Sarah Creasey to Amanda Sarah Noble pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: July 11, 2024

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Kole Andrew Novy
For change of name to
Kole Andrew Black**

Case No. 2024-MR-000249
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Sept. 3, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Kole Andrew Novy to Kole Andrew Black pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: July 11, 2024

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Erias D'arrin Smith
Attorney for Estate
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
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
SCOTT ARCHIONE A/K/A SCOTT M ARCHIONE
A/K/A SCOTT ARCHONE A/K/A SCOTT W
ARCHIONE A/K/A ACHIONE SCOTT W; UNKNOWN
OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
DEFENDANTS.**

NO. 23 FC 000216
620 WEST VINE STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE
UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on June 12, 2024, will on August 27, 2024, in the Sangamon South Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:
LOT TEN (10) IN BLOCK FIVE (5) OF WILLIAMS PLACE, IN SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY,

ILLINOIS.
EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY.
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
TAX NO. 14-33.0-380-010
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 620 West Vine Street Springfield, IL 62704

Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a one car garage. The garage is detached. The exterior is brick. The color is brown. The property has a fence. The property is occupied.

The Judgment amount was \$144,644.84.
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For Information: Visit our website at <http://iforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.
Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Rayer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602.
Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 23-16982L
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
I3247199

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking
association,
Plaintiff,
v.
DAMON ADEDEJI HAASTRUP, a/k/a DAMON
HAASTRUP, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD 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 Haastrup.

(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 Springfield.

Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
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 62704

(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

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking
association,
Plaintiff,
v.
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 sufficient 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 lles' Subdivision No. 2, in Section 3, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian.

Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas, and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
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 Hastrup.
(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)
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Park Place Securities, Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-WHQ1;
Plaintiff,
vs.
Donald L. Floyd a/k/a Donald Floyd; Cynthia E. Floyd a/k/a Cynthia Floyd; CEFCU;
Defendants.
Case No. 22 FC 255
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 August 6, 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: THE SOUTH 20 FEET OF LOT 32 AND THE NORTH 25 FEET OF LOT 31 IN BLOCK 34 OF PAYNE'S SOUTH SIDE ADDITION, SIXTH PLAT, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.
EXCEPT THE COAL AND MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS.
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
C/K/A: 2516 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703
PIN: 22-09.0-230-005
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 W22-0474. 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

W22-0474
pleadings.i@wirbickilaw.com
I3247270
NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HEARTLAND CREDIT UNION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
PENNY JACKSON,
Defendant.
CASE NO. 24-FC-2
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
209 E SPRUCE ST.
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on April 17, 2024, the following described real estate, to-wit:
Lot 51 of Central Place, as per Plat recorded in Plat Book 11, Page 39. Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
Permanent Index Number: 22-04.0-232-014
Commonly known as: 209 E Spruce St., Springfield, IL 62704
will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on August 27, 2024, at 9:00 AM, in the the Auditorium on the 2nd Floor, 300 South 9th St, Springfield, Illinois.
The Judgment amount is \$76,360.36.
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.
For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719
The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner M. Coons whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this

property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).
If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney, IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
HEARTLAND CREDIT UNION,
Plaintiff,
Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549), Its Attorney
Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC
Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549)
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC
Attorneys at Law
P.O. Box 740
Decatur, IL 62525
Send Notice/Pleadings to:
Veronika J. Miles (#6313161)
Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com
Telephone: (217) 422-1719
Facsimile: (217) 422-1754
8051-942071

TAKE NOTICE
Filed: 07-11-2024
Certificate#141-414-4
NOTICES TO
Omar Hussein
Hassan Hussein
Don Gray, Sangamon County Clerk
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property — unknown owners and parties interested in said land or lots
A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois as
Case #2024TX000110
Property is located at: 3230 Clear Lake Ave, Springfield, IL 62703
Legal Description or Permanent Index No. 14-36.0-201-034
Lot 6 A (6A) of the Redivision of Lot Six (6) in Speedway Subdivision recorded August 19, 1994 as Document No. 94-33814 except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any, situated in the County of Sangamon, Illinois
Said property was sold on November 12, 2021 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020.
The period of redemption will expire on November 8, 2024.
On November 25, 2024 at 10 a.m. in room TBD the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed.
Charles Bellemey, petitioner
Circuit Clerk: Joe Roesch

TAKE NOTICE
Filed: 07-11-2024
Certificate#141-414-4
NOTICES TO
Fred W. Wanless, LLC
Brittany Kink Toigo, registered agent
Willia Jean Wanless
AT&T Wireless PCS LLC
CT Corporation System
New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

American Tower L.P.
Don Gray, Sangamon County Clerk
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property — unknown owners and parties interested in said land or lots
A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois as
Case #2024TX000109
Property is located at: 2015 Overpass Rd., Riverton, IL 62561
Legal Description or Property Index No. 15-15.0-400-008
That part of the Southeast ¼ of Section 15, Township 16 North, Range 4 West of the Third Principal Meridian excepting that part taken or used for roads or Highways; situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois 0.47AC CELL TOWER
Said property was sold on November 12, 2021 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2020.
The period of redemption will expire on November 8, 2024.
On November 25, 2024 at 10 a.m. in room TBD the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed.
Charles Bellemey, petitioner
Circuit Clerk: Joe Roesch

ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE
Wishing to avail themselves of the provisions under the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, the below storage facilities give notice of the sale under said act; Friday the 26th day of July, 2024 at 11:00 AM, on that day will conduct a sale to the highest bidder, with bidding to take place on lockerfox.com, and payment to seller via credit/debit card, the contents of spaces 10 Federal Self Storage, 2225 J David Jones Pkwy, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 600-2778 Martell Beard 283. John Sphar 68. Jamie Gibson 768. Thomas Shephard 394. Andria Beaufort P5. Ayla Gulley 115. Johnathan Pendall 102. Derek James 826. Judith Hamm 100. april valittle 3. Jeremy Word 445/446. Nick Elliott 34. kristopher vincent 121. Ashley Verry 447/448. Phantayesia King 842. June Word 5. Michael Lesser 558. Richard Edwards 41. Nancy Holshouser 60/75. Nancy Holshouser 426; 10 Federal Self Storage, 3500 South 6th Street, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 387-3951 Jaclyn Dewall B154. Lajarvis Smith A64. Kevin E. Denton P13. Kevin E. Denton P10. Anthonysha Davis A76. Tonee Jarrett B133. Chad Crim B146. KLINE AMANDA B192/B193. Ronald (Rick) Lufkin A31. Ronald (Rick) Lufkin A45; 10 Federal Self Storage, 500 W Browning Rd, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 339-3865 Michael Williams 290e. Melissa Carter 144C. Marlon Williams 257E. Samuel Jackson 98B; 10 Federal Self Storage, 900 E Straight St, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 286-1550 COURTNEY BRODERICK 81. Otearia Streeter 193. Darion Williams 2. Austin Hunt 241. Precious Mory 4. Sue Beach 124. Christopher Casper 229

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-ED-1
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: Ill Dept of Transportation
ARDCNO: 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 follows:
6030128A
Commencing at a mag nail at the northwest corner 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 corner 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, 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, more or less.
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
F.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 & Grading 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 Illinois State Plane Coordinate System NAD83 (1997) - West Zone.
PIN 22-15.0-102-012

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 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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Plaintiff,
-v-
WILLIAM P. BUTCHER, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR JAMES R. LENHART (DECEASED), CAROL L. LENHART, CINDY L. HEISERMAN A/K/A CINDY LENHART, JAMES DAVIS LENHART A/K/A JIMMY LENHART, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JAMES R. LENHART, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

Defendant
2022 FC 000148
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 15, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on August 14, 2024, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 13 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN AUBURN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF KENNEDY AVENUE (FORMERLY THIRD STREET) AND HARRISON STREET; THENCE NORTH 193.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 122.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST 50.75 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 11 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 31 SECOND WEST 124.46 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 34 MINUTES EAST 75.45 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
Commonly known as 506 S KENNEDY AVENUE, AUBURN, IL 62615
Property Index No. 34-10.0-405-006
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$142,062.38.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, contact Alexander Potestivo, POTES- TIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number 315256. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610
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NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
CMG MORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SEAN STILLMANK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendant(s).
CASE NO. 2024FC000009
Property Address: 3721 Sangamo Heights Lane
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 June 12, 2024, Sheriff Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on August 27, 2024, commencing at 9:00AM, at the 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 SOUTH HALF OF LOT 58, ALL OF LOTS 59, 60, 61, 62 AND THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 63 OF SANGAMO HEIGHTS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THAT PART OF THE EAST 410 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING NORTH OF THE CENTER LINE OF THE SPRINGFIELD AND PEORIA ROAD, AS PER PLAT RECORDED JUNE 25, 1924 IN BOOK 12 PAGE 4, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY.
Commonly known as: 3721 Sangamo Heights Lane, Springfield, IL 62702
P.L.N.: 14-11.0-327-036
First Lien Position; Single-Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$114,845.55
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(g)(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:
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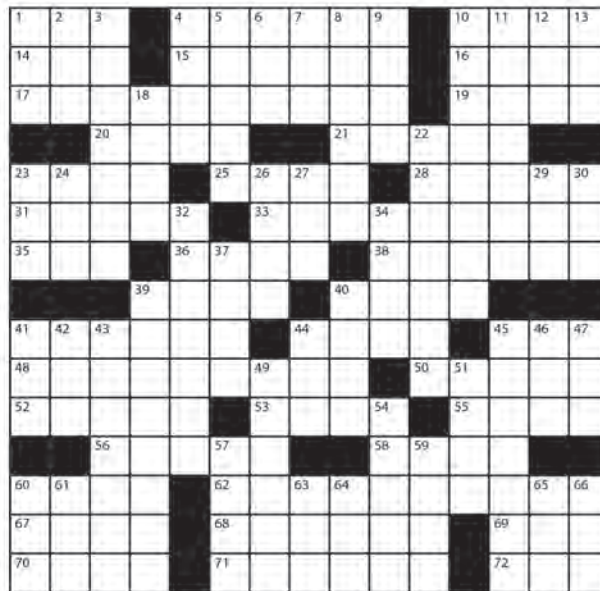
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Scarlet

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Across

1. Oinker
4. Apprehensive
10. Arrangement holder
14. "Much ___ About Nothing"
15. President Franklin
16. "American ___"
17. ** Crustacean catcher
19. Egg cell
20. Coalition
21. Winchester weapon
23. Game on horseback
25. Lack of difficulty
28. Cocoon contents
31. Canary's call
33. ** A bag for traveling
35. "Go on ..."
36. Pink, as a steak
38. Texas oil city
39. Great ___
40. Boxers and others
41. Common antiseptic
44. Dublin's land
45. Last word of "America, the Beautiful"
48. ** Newspaper treat since 1913
50. Reprimand
52. Dangerous bacteria
53. Event for a king and queen
55. Rubs out
56. Sacred song
58. Glow
60. In the thick of
62. ** Jedi prop
67. Like some shots
68. Camporee crew



69. Before, poetically
70. Opera house box
71. Book before Job
72. "Dear old" guy

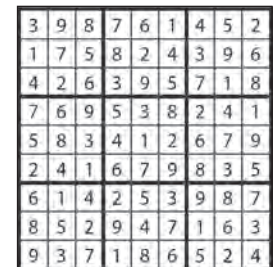
Down

1. Amigo
2. Bachelor's last words
3. Talked turkey?
4. ___ snuff
5. Flower girl, sometimes
6. Always, poetically
7. Dadaism founder
8. Basketmaker?
9. Himalayan legend
10. Breaks
11. Slowly and surely
12. Old French coin
13. Shade tree
18. ___ gin fizz
22. Cares for a young bird
23. Bake sale org.
24. Control
26. Farm unit
27. Freelancer's enc.
29. ___ deferens
30. ___ Khan
32. Buses and trains
34. Inept
37. Again
39. Knock loose
40. Lover of Aeneas
41. Rocks, to a bartender
42. Tolkien beast
43. Sending to one's fate
44. Get it wrong
45. Convertible furniture
46. Santa's helper
47. Infomercials, e.g.
49. Field of vision?
51. Mrs. Dithers in "Blondie"
54. Photo finish
57. "If all ___ fails..."
59. "Back in the ___"
60. "Is that ___?"
61. Farm cry
63. Picked up
64. "Come again?"
65. Victorian, for one
66. Word that can precede the first word of the starred clues

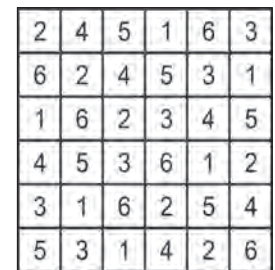
Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #849



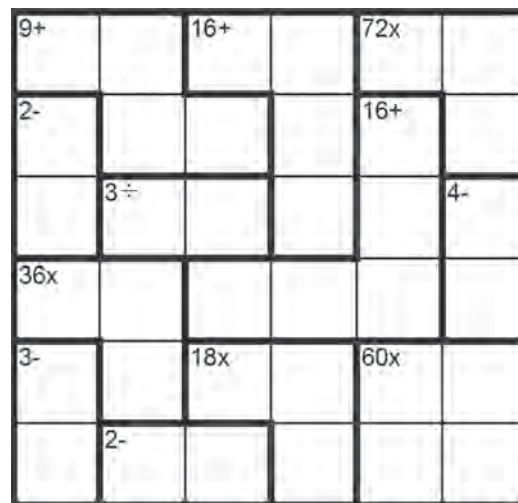
Sudoku answers from #849



JoshJosh answers from #849

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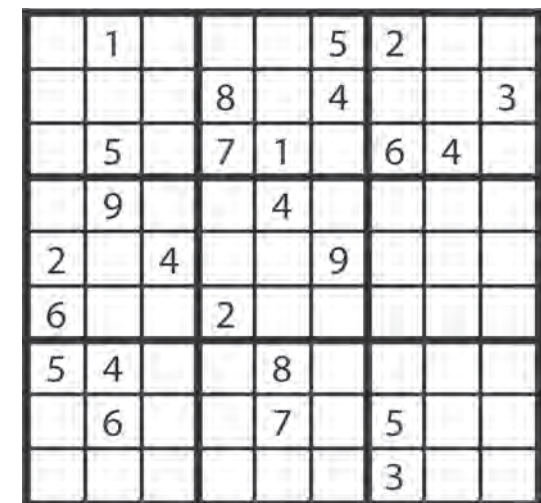
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



Difficulty hard

Sudoku No. 850

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



Difficulty medium



LGBTQ+ OLDER ADULT VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM

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AgeLinc was awarded a grant by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to develop a curriculum for a violence prevention program for older LGBTQ+ adults in Illinois

THIS TRAINING OFFERS



Education on cultural humility in order to increase awareness of violence and victimization in the LGBTQ+ community through data and statistics



Education on how to identify abuse in order to understand and report it



Resources to help support victims as well as a quiz to become certified in this training and a certified resource for older LGBTQ+ adults

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ABOUT US

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