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Overcoming the odds

Teacher returns to the classroom after amputations, near-death experience

EDUCATION | Scott Reeder

Like many Springfield teachers, K.J. Reid returned to school last month after a long break, but in his case, much of his time off was spent fighting for his life and trying to recover from a sudden illness that nearly killed him.

In February 2023, the respected 17-year-veteran science teacher at Springfield High School was nearly felled by a mysterious strep infection that threw his body into toxic shock and ultimately cost him his arms and legs.

After weeks in a coma, at least one full cardiac arrest, 16 surgeries and four amputated limbs, he's returning to the classroom, eager to teach.

"The first thing I asked when I woke up from my coma was, 'How are my kids? How are my students doing?' It's really weird," Reid said. "As a teacher, they're not 'your kids,' obviously. But they're your kids. You form bonds with them and you want them to succeed. I know I'm good at teaching what I teach. I want them to be able to go off to college and actually be successful in science."

But science didn't always seem to be on his side. His first week in the hospital, his mother, Christianna, a registered nurse, didn't expect him to live.

"All I saw was stuff going south," she said. "His cardiac function was at 24%. They were talking amputation. They didn't know if it'd be hands, arms or how much it would be, but they knew there were going to be amputations. His liver had failed. His kidneys had failed. That's why he was on the dialysis. He was on a machine, too, to pump his blood through his body. ... And the doctors at one point came out to me and said, 'You know, all these things have gone wrong and he's going to need a liver transplant.' And I looked at them and laughed, and I said, 'No one is going to give him a liver with all these other problems.'"

Ultimately, an organ transplant was not

necessary.

Andy Lambert, a Springfield Clinic vascular surgeon, was part of the team that cared for Reid.

"He was a multisystem organ failure. ... kidneys were shutting down, lungs were terrible, liver's failing. He's got essentially gangrene of all four extremities. He was really in a situation where he was what I would describe as unsurvivable."

At one point, Reid went into full cardiac arrest, during which he reports having a near-death experience.

"It was a little bit odd. I remember seeing the light and going toward it. The big essence is I had a conversation with my father, who's been gone since 2010. He died of melanoma and I'd always been bothered by his death," Reid said. "(My) heart was stopped, apparently; I didn't have any brain activity. They had me on every monitor possible. I met what you would consider God for a few moments. And (He said), 'You know, you can go back (but) it's going to be tough. ... You're going go back and you're going lose your hands and feet.'"

Reid said after this supernatural encounter, he awoke to someone pulling a tube from his throat.

"The only proof I have that something other than nature was happening was the fact that my right ear and my nose were dead and they were planning on amputations. And that tissue came back to life, which, as a biochemist, I know doesn't happen," he said. "And I wrestled with it for a very long time. How could something happen that isn't possible? Because that tissue coming back to life is impossible."

But it is hardly the first time something remarkable has happened involving Reid.



K.J. Reid, a science teacher at Springfield High School, returned to the classroom this fall after a strep infection in February 2023 nearly killed him and resulted in the amputation of both his arms and legs. PHOTO BY STEVE HINRICH

For example, Eric Mason had lived in multiple foster homes and was experiencing homelessness when he took Reid's chemistry class.

"I didn't think I was smart enough to succeed. But Mr. Reid made it clear that I was," Mason said. "I was sleeping every night in a vacant house that didn't have any electricity or running water. He not only wrote letters of recommendation to help me get into top colleges but he also helped me get scholarships."

Ultimately, Mason earned a degree in chemical engineering from Stanford University and graduated without any debt. He later received a master's degree and now, at age 26, is in a joint medical school and doctorate program at University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University.

"Of all of my teachers, I would rank Mr. Reid first," Mason said. "I was at the top of my class for freshman chemistry (in college). It was crazy because I was, like, 'Who am I?' I'm this homeless kid from central Illinois, and I'm getting one of the highest grades at Stanford. It also hit me how good my high school education was. (The college course

work) was relatively easy for me because I had such a rigorous high school education."

Aaron Graves, president of the Springfield Education Association, said Reid's return to teaching is significant.

"K.J. is a warrior," Graves said. "He doesn't want to be kept in a bubble. He's ready to do it. He's ready to take that risk and have that life adventure and get back in the saddle. It is exceptionally admirable."

But will students be cruel to someone with such devastating disabilities?

"Kids can be cruel," Graves said. "And they can be difficult. I've found that, at the same time, kids can be very accepting, loving and compassionate if guided to be so ... I think he is safe. The school and the school district have set up policies to make certain that he will be."

An aide assists him in class and special accessible computer equipment is being provided. While he uses a wheelchair now, Reid anticipates eventually walking with bionic legs and having prosthetic hands.

More than \$85,000 was raised by community members to enable the Reids to make their home more accessible.

Reid's wife, Kenna, said she has been on an emotional roller coaster as she cared for him and raised their daughter, Marianna, who is now 2.

"There were many different feelings. There was anger about him having another surgery. There were tears (about) not knowing what was going to happen. We didn't know if he was going to come back out of surgery. So, it was very emotional," she said. "We stuck together: his mom and I and sister. We were there for every surgery. We didn't leave his side, and then we stayed with him probably a week after surgeries to make sure that he was taken care of."

Kenna Reid added the key to his recovery can be summed up this way: "It's definitely family support, community support and just the power of prayer. ... And then his willingness to live. I think our daughter played a big role in him healing and getting back to where he's at now."

But Reid said he was also driven by his desire to teach.

As he glanced at the stumps on the end of each arm he smiled and said, "I love teaching and I know chemistry – like it's the back of my hand." □

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Editor's note

Because I have high hopes for the Massey Commission, the group charged with charting a way toward reform after the July 6 police killing of Sonya Massey, I was initially pleased to hear that the commission would have its first session Sept. 16. I hadn't known that the 12 commissioners had been chosen. But wait. They haven't been, I learned. Plans are for this "listening" session to be held by the co-chairs, without commissioners, to hear the public's "hopes and concerns." Haven't we already done that? And shouldn't the members be chosen before the group's mission and goals are finalized? In the life of this commission, there will be times to listen and times to lead. The upcoming session will provide another opportunity for some of us to blow off steam. But others may hold back out of concern that the leaders aren't leading, and the right people aren't listening. — *Fletcher Farrar, editor*

Lobbying for libraries

Teachers union asks city council to expand library services

LITERACY | Scott Reeder

Two numbers that concern Melissa Hostetter are 76% and zero.

The first is the percentage of fourth-graders in Springfield School District 186 who aren't proficient in reading. The second is the number of librarians in the district's elementary schools.

Hostetter, who chairs the Springfield Education Association's literacy task force, believes there is a strong correlation between those two numbers.

"A lot of our students live in a total library desert," she said. "They don't have access to a library at their school. And they don't have access to a library in their community. If we want our children to be literate, part of that is having access to books."

Last month, Hostetter spoke before the Springfield City Council about the need to expand library service into the community's neighborhoods. Whether her organization, which is the union for Springfield teachers, will address the dearth of school librarians in upcoming labor negotiations remains an open question.

But she said there is a connection between student underperformance in reading and an absence of librarians in most of the city's schools.

Both the school district and the city have been whittling away library resources for decades. Between 2005 and 2010, the city of Springfield closed all three of its branch libraries.

And 12 years ago, in a round of budget cuts, District 186 eliminated librarian positions in all of its elementary schools. For some schools, such as Harvard Park Elementary School, this meant the school would no longer have a library.

Other elementary schools, disproportionately in the city's more affluent neighborhoods, have maintained their libraries through fundraisers and having parent volunteers staff them.

Susan Pennington, a librarian at one of the city's middle schools, Lincoln Magnet, said she sees the impact of these budget decisions. Sixth graders entering her building for the first time are amazed.

"When those kids come through and they see an actual library, when they've come from a school that has none, they are very excited — especially if they love books. 'What? You have a library? And you get to come and



Gwen Harrison became director of Lincoln Library in 2023. She said it is unlikely the city will have branch libraries again, but a bookmobile scheduled to launch next year is one way the library is trying to have more neighborhood outreach.

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check out books?"

The role of a school librarian is to guide students to appropriate literature and help instill a love of reading in youngsters, Pennington said. Unfortunately, most of the incoming students at her school have not had such an opportunity to be mentored.

"Parent volunteers who come in and help check out the books haven't read the book reviews about the book. They haven't read the books. So, they just let the kids have a 'free for all' in picking what they want," Pennington said. "Having an elementary librarian teach these kids how to use books and how to find the books that best suit them is very important."

Springfield schools are hardly alone in trimming librarian positions, said Tania Otero Martinez, a policy analyst with American Progress, a liberal Washington-based think tank.

She told *Illinois Times* that since 2000, there has been a 20% drop in school librarian positions, which equates to 10,000 fewer full-time school librarians in U.S. schools.

Martinez noted that Black and Latino students who have access to larger school library collections saw their advanced writing scores more than double compared with their peers in schools with smaller collections.

In Springfield, 97% of fourth-graders in the high-poverty, majority Black schools are not proficient in reading and writing, according to the Illinois State Board of Education.

Educators say children's lack of access to books is a factor in why so many are not learning to read well.

Gwen Harrison, the city of Springfield's library director, took the helm in 2023, long after the city's library branches closed. She noted the desirability of branches reopening but added it is unlikely.

"I did some rough math on what it would take to (open branches). It's expensive, with staffing and a building and equipment and books," Harrison said. "I don't think it's going to happen. It is way bigger than me."

But that doesn't mean the city is giving up on neighborhood library outreaches.

She noted that the city is spending more than \$500,000 to have a bookmobile created. The money for this endeavor is being paid entirely from a \$1 million bequest left to the library.

The bookmobile will begin visiting neighborhoods sometime next year, Harrison said.

"The focus will definitely have to be those folks that are home. So, there will be an emphasis on preschoolers: tots, babies and of course, everybody else afterwards," she said. "The aim of my team to make sure that the bookmobile visits all of the wards. They (will) get out all over the city. They're working with nursing homes, and they're going to the parks and other community organizations."

Harrison concedes it will not have as great an impact as a permanent building.

"We know that it doesn't even compare to having a branch in your neighborhood," she said. "But it is certainly a good start." □

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Attorney seeks class-action status in funeral home lawsuit

As many as 800 remains could have been misidentified by Carlinville funeral home

FUNERAL SERVICES | Beth Hundsdorfer, Capitol News Illinois

As many as 800 families across the country who patronized a Carlinville funeral home may never know if the remains on their mantles belong to their loved ones, according to an affidavit signed by Sangamon County Coroner Jim Allmon.

The affidavit was filed in a lawsuit pending against Carlinville-based Heinz Funeral Home and its director August Heinz for mishandling remains and providing the wrong cremated remains to family members.

The number of families is based on the number of clients Heinz handled between 2017, the time of the first known allegation, and 2023. Cremated remains cannot be identified by using DNA because they are degraded during the incineration process, so families can never be fully sure whether the remains given to them by Heinz are truly those of their loved ones.

The affidavit stated that Allmon confirmed 75 cases of families from across the country receiving incorrect cremains using existing records.

In one of those cases, a woman prayed and talked to what she thought was her mother's ashes every day.

"During the course of this investigation, someone had to go to her and tell her that it wasn't mama," said Don Craven, who represents one of the affected families.

The investigation also found that Heinz stored bodies in unrefrigerated rooms at funeral homes, left them in the local hospital morgues for weeks and mislabeled bodies and human remains with the wrong names.

Don and Joe Craven, of the Springfield law firm of Craven & Craven, are seeking to certify former clients of Heinz as a class in lawsuit, stating those 800 families have similar claims under the law.

The Cravens also serve as legal counsel for Capitol News Illinois.

At the time the Heinz case came to light, it wasn't immediately clear if or how he might have broken the law. The Illinois State Police investigated criminal wrongdoing, but as of Sept. 3, Heinz has not faced any charges in connection with his handling of bodies.

But charges have not entirely been ruled out.

"We are currently exploring any and all options for charges," said Macoupin County State's Attorney Jordan Garrison.

The case also spurred Illinois lawmakers to introduce bills to more closely regulate funeral directors and the handling of human remains.

Last month, Gov. JB Pritzker signed the



The former site of Heinz Funeral Home is pictured in Carlinville. Its proprietor, August "Gus" Heinz, is accused of misidentifying at least 75 human remains – and as many as 800.

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Dignity in Death Care Act into law. The Act mandates funeral directors keep a chain of custody with unique identifiers that stay with the remains to ensure the proper identification of remains through cremation or burial.

Typically, funeral directors consider it best practice to place a titanium medallion containing the funeral home's name and a unique identifying number with the body when it is picked up and transferred for cremation.

The crematorium keeps a record of the person and number. The medallion stays with the remains through the transfer and the cremation and is typically affixed to the bag with the remains when it is returned to the family.

This tracking system would ensure that the remains given to the family are truly those of their loved ones.

Heinz did not have a crematorium at his funeral home but did contract with at least two local businesses to do cremations. Those crematoriums kept records that Heinz did not have access to, allowing investigators to piece together the identities of some cremains.

Under the new law, a funeral director who makes a false statement on a death certificate, prepares false records or alters the chain of custody records could be charged with a felony.

The new law also mandates that the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation has 10 days to inspect funeral homes after receiving a complaint.

In Heinz's case, Morgan County Coroner Marci Patterson filed a complaint against Heinz six months before it was made public by Allmon, the Sangamon County coroner. One

of Patterson's deputies went to the Carlinville funeral home and found a decomposing body in an embalming room. Patterson reported it to IDFPR and then tried for months to get the agency to act.

IDFPR did not take immediate action against Heinz's funeral director license because if the agency suspended the license, it would have only 30 days to complete an investigation and go to trial, a spokesperson said.

During that time, Heinz continued to conduct cremations and funeral services.

Heinz surrendered his license last year after Allmon went public during a news conference about what he found at the Carlinville funeral home, including three decomposing bodies. Allmon went to the funeral home after a Springfield hospital called him about a body abandoned in its morgue. When Allmon called the family, they told him that Heinz had already delivered their loved one's ashes to them.

Allmon then launched an investigation that also resulted in at least nine exhumations, including five at Camp Butler National Cemetery, a resting place of more than 32,000 military veterans. □

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City council delays vote on prohibiting “public camping”

Mayor, police chief say intent of ordinance is to encourage unhoused people to use social services

HOMELESSNESS | Dean Olsen

The Springfield City Council delayed a vote Sept. 3 on a controversial ordinance that would make “public camping” illegal and heard three hours of complaints from people who said the measure would be counterproductive and cruel to people experiencing homelessness.

“This is not a motivation to get off the streets,” Joshua Leingang told the council during public comments on the ordinance after council members voted unanimously to move the proposal to the Sept. 10 committee-of-the-whole meeting for more discussion.

Citizen Jack Paciolla said the ordinance would legalize “Gestapo-like tactics,” and Jenna Broom said, “Shame on anyone who supports this.”

The ordinance, which attracted scorn on public media and resulted in online personal attacks against the cosponsors, Mayor Misty Buscher and Ward 5 Ald. Lakeisha Purchase, was proposed to protect the public safety of “campers,” or unhoused people, Buscher said.

Violators would be given 24 hours’ notice before being asked to move and would be subject to progressive fines of \$75 to \$750 and up to two years in jail.

Josh Sabo, executive director of Heartland HOUSED, told *Illinois Times* the ordinance is similar to local ordinances that are being adopted in municipalities around Illinois and throughout the country in the wake of a June ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court involving an Oregon city.

“I am convinced that criminalizing homelessness doesn’t solve it,” Sabo said. “We need to move forward very carefully so we don’t make the problem worse instead of better.”

Springfield’s proposed ordinance was based on a model ordinance drafted by the Illinois Municipal League since the court ruling. Similar ordinances have been debated in Peoria and adopted in the Tazewell County communities of Pekin and Morton.

Most in the overflow crowd of 150 people clapped and cheered when citizens who spoke to the council said the ordinance would punish people for being in poverty. Speakers said the plan would create fines and criminal records that would hinder the ability of unhoused people to move into stable housing and escalate tensions with local police agencies at a time when mistrust has grown after the July 6 police-involved shooting death of Sonya Massey inside her home in unincorporated Woodside Township.

Protestors said an informal “town hall” meeting is needed to allow a more wide-ranging



Tommy Keller, right, relaxes the morning of Aug. 3 at a homeless encampment on the southeast corner of North Grand Avenue and North Fifth Street in Springfield. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

discussion of issues raised by the ordinance and to allow citizens to question city officials and receive answers.

Complaints also focused on the fact the ordinance initially was scheduled for emergency passage, meaning it would have bypassed the traditional several weeks it takes for a first reading, discussion by the council’s committee-of-the-whole and final approval at a regular council meeting.

The council decided at the beginning of the Sept. 3 meeting, before public comments began, to abandon the possibility of emergency passage when Buscher said the concept has created “angst” in the community.

She said emergency passage was initially considered because of two recent incidents at an encampment at North Fifth Street and North Grand Avenue, the first a fatal drug overdose of a woman staying at the site and then a motorist who allegedly intentionally drove into a group of people Aug. 29.

There was initial interest by the police department in quick passage to prevent more harm, Buscher said. Police then would have a tool they currently lack to help convince people in encampments on publicly owned land to move from places where their health would be in jeopardy, she said.

In the long term, the intent was for the ordinance to give police the authority to use a “therapeutic nudge” with unhoused individuals so they would work with social-service agencies to obtain housing, economic assistance and mental-health or substance-abuse treatment, according to Police Chief Kenneth Scarlette.

The ordinance would be enforced rarely and

at the discretion of police, Buscher said.

Scarlette said: “We’re not in the business of trying to get money from homeless individuals. I’m certainly not in the business of trying to take them to jail. ... It’s about getting them the services they need.”

Police officer Chris Jones, one of the first members of Springfield’s homeless outreach team, said the team is modeled after a similar program in Wichita, Kansas. Wichita police never have had to cite or arrest anyone for violations of that city’s public camping ordinance, but Jones said the existence of the local law helps police convince people experiencing homelessness to accept services.

About 1,200 homeless people receive services in Sangamon County each year, Sabo, of Heartland HOUSED, said. Some are moved into housing, but they are replaced by more people who move through the area or become homeless and need services.

At any point in time, about 390 people are homeless in Springfield and the rest of Sangamon County, Sabo said. That number refers to people in shelters or outdoors in unsheltered settings.

A news release from Heartland HOUSED said the Springfield & Sangamon County 2022-2028 Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness was completed in late 2022 “and is our first comprehensive, communitywide framework to work toward functionally ending homelessness. Much work remains to create a community where the experience of homelessness is rare, brief and non-recurring, but the collaborative efforts we have seen between organizations and government

partners has been a promising sign.”

Purchase is a cosponsor of the ordinance because there are several homeless encampments in her ward, and she has felt pressure from neighborhood associations to do something about the sites, Buscher said.

“I get pressure in the mayor’s office all the time from businesses,” Buscher said. “I have never had a business call the mayor’s office and say, ‘Would you please let people camp in front of us?’ But I’ve had lots of them call me and say, ‘People are camping in front of my business. You need to move them.’ And we have to say we can’t by law, and that frustrates them and upsets them.”

Buscher said people who have “trashed” her on social media “have no idea what I walk through on a daily basis.” She said she has a brother in the area “who is homeless all the time. My brother does have an addiction, and he doesn’t want to live by rules, and he doesn’t want to work. He would love for you to give him a place to live and use, but that’s not reality.”

Several homeless people camped out in the public right-of-way on the east side of North Fifth Street, just south of North Grand Avenue in Springfield, said they don’t want to be forced to leave and oppose the proposed ordinance.

Heather “Megan” Cochrane, 48, said she is working with a social-service agency to get into stable housing, “but it’s not happening fast enough.”

She said she doesn’t want to go to the Helping Hands shelter near South Dirksen Parkway because it’s too far from St. John’s Breadline at 430 N. Fifth St., where she likes to eat. She said she likes to be outside.

“Here you can be free,” Cochrane said.

Maceo Euells, 42, said volunteers sometimes bring food for him and the other unhoused people in the group, and most people don’t bother them.

“It’s a free country,” he said, adding that he is waiting on documentation – including a birth certificate and Social Security card – that can help him get a slot in public housing.

Tommy Keller, 63, said he, too, is working with an agency to get into housing.

Keller, who said he has been homeless almost five years, said he hopes he isn’t forced to move.

“I’m crippled,” he said. “I can walk, but not very far.”

Looking at a handful of other unhoused adults at the campsite, he said: “These are my friends. I love it here.” □

OPINION

LETTERS

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

ALLOW THE VOTE

Sangamon County Board Chairman Andy Van Meter claimed his use of county board rules to block my effort to place on the ballot a binding referendum on whether county voters should have the power to recall our sheriff was only done to uphold the Open Meetings Act (Letters to the editor, Aug. 22).

My resolution proposing an advisory referendum on whether Sheriff Jack Campbell should resign was on our agenda. After the agenda was published, but before our meeting, Campbell announced he would resign by the end of August. Therefore, prior to the meeting I filed an amendment to change the referendum to a binding one on whether county voters should have the power to recall our sheriff. Even though the amendment clearly was on the same subject, Van Meter ruled it “out of order” as being “non-germane,” blocking the board from voting on it, as *Illinois Times* accurately reported (“County Board blocks referendum,” Aug. 15).

My motion to overrule Chairman Van Meter’s ruling was defeated on a party line vote, with all six Democrats at the meeting voting to overrule, and all 21 Republicans voting no.

Assuming for the sake of argument that Chairman Van Meter was correct in his ruling, after our August board meeting, I put out a call for a special board meeting to be held Aug. 19 to take up my binding referendum measure. That was the deadline, under Illinois law, to put a referendum on the Nov. 5 ballot. It takes 10 county board members to call a special meeting.

I emailed all 28 of my colleagues. While some members responded yes, neither Chairman Van Meter nor any of the Republican members agreed to the special meeting, so I didn’t get the required 10 (only eight Democrats are on the board). If Van Meter was so concerned about upholding the open meetings law, as opposed to defeating recall, he would have said yes to



Audience members at the Aug. 13 meeting of the Sangamon County Board clap for one of the speakers calling for changes in hiring practices at the Sangamon County Sheriff’s Department. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

the special meeting and encouraged his GOP members to do so.

Chairman Van Meter’s letter also attacked my efforts, asserting that my coterie (small group) only seek issues and advantage. Like all of us on the County Board, I was elected to serve the people of my district, and that’s what I was doing. I received more constituent emails and phone calls on this than any other issue. At our August County Board meeting, 17 citizens told us they want the board to enact recall. In all my years on the city council and County Board, I have never seen this many people speak out on anything.

I will introduce a new resolution to put a binding referendum on recall on the ballot in the April 2025 Consolidated Election. We shall see if Chairman Van Meter allows a vote on this.

Sam Cahnman
County Board Member, District 18

DON’T BLAME THE SHERIFF

When we experience a senseless tragedy, the natural reaction is to remedy the cause to prevent it from happening again. We want change and accountability. Emotion drives us to action, but for our efforts to be successful, emotion has to propel and logic drive.

I don’t think Jack Campbell should have resigned. He was elected to be sheriff. That

means he was in the position to lead the people that chose him. I also don’t think he should be held accountable for the county’s hiring practices. All sectors are governed by the board. He is the sheriff, not human resources. He might have interviewed Sean Grayson, got a recommendation and given the OK, but one in his position would assume that the candidate had been screened before that point.

It is mandatory for all candidates being considered for employment working with the public or in a position of trust to pass a background check. The pre-employment background check requires you to be fingerprinted and is done by the Illinois State Police. It looks like ISP dropped the ball on this one. The officer should have been the subject of extra scrutiny having undergone the pre-

employment background check, the FOID background check and the background check for a license to conceal and carry. One would assume the state police would also be aware of the officer’s previous employment history and conduct, having worked in other police departments in the state. It’s high time the state police stand accountable. Unlike the county sheriff, these officers are not elected.

Kendra Barlow-Johnson
Springfield, Illinois

COUNTY BOARD CAN DO BETTER

The recent letter from Sangamon County Board Chair Andy Van Meter is amusing. He claims an “irrevocable resolution to do better.” How about doing this better: Vote in favor of the special session that was called for in order to address the open meetings issue, instead of voting (with all the other GOP board members) to suppress the special session and kill the referendum idea?

I’m not an expert, but who says that home rule counties can’t vote to have recall of an elected county official? Some guy at the Board of Elections? It’s clear that home rule municipalities have that power; it’s been exercised in the past.

Van Meter claim the board is somehow powerless to address what he calls “Cahnman’s coterie,” which apparently represents almost every speaker at the County Board meeting who addressed it, including me, and a significant percentage of informed citizens who have always thought recall should exist. Not only could recall have affected the community positively in the instances (yes, plural) of Sheriff Campbell’s issues, it can aid the community in the future if other elected officials exhibit misfeasance or failures (e.g., the Coroner Susan Boone debacle of 2011).

Van Meter’s “irrevocable resolution to do better” has begun with appointing a hiring committee to replace Campbell that excludes anyone from recognized social justice groups or anyone from the public defender’s office – but it has two prosecutors, of course.

Talk is cheap. The board can clearly do better.
Don Hanrahan
Via illinoistimes.com

Violin poem #2

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Democrats need to address abandoned state property

GUESTWORK | Ben Cox

Gov. JB Pritzker and state Democrats have been touting the catchphrase, “Democrats get things done.” In one west central Illinois town, that couldn’t be further from the truth. In an election year where House Speaker Chris Welch is talking about flipping seats in this district and that, there are a handful of districts state Democrats are helping the Republicans further entrench.

Why? You can call it Forgottonia, a numbers game or politics. It’s a section of the state where the Democratic party has been too chickenshit to run a candidate to even challenge Republicans on the craziest portions of their policies – for example, 15th District Rep. Mary Miller, who has brought zero in federal tax money back to the district in her first term in the newly drawn district.

Jacksonville is a glaring black eye on any claim by state Democrats to get a single thing done. It took U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin to finally get some federal dollars to Illinois College for its nursing program to help them have a state-of-the-art facility.

Statewide Democrats do not show support for education here. Two state-supported schools, the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired and the Illinois School for the Deaf, have some of the oldest and outdated facilities in the region. Small maintenance projects here and there have put patches on the cardboard boat. Both facilities have a small but extremely dedicated staff and some truly talented and wonderful students who deserve better.

Then there’s the Jacksonville Development Center grounds – a 60-acre hellhole right smack dab in the middle of Jacksonville’s Community Park, along the intersection of the city’s two state highways. It’s become a beacon for every local vagrant to go and hide in, to cook drugs in or to start a fire by trespassing into the boarded-up buildings under cover of complete darkness. The once self-sustaining facility has no utilities, no



The Jacksonville Developmental Center, located in the center of Community Park, has been closed for 12 years. The 60-acre campus has been the site of at least five suspicious fires within the past five years and police frequently find individuals trespassing on the property, which has no lights, cameras or security system.

PHOTO COURTESY WLDS

lights, no cameras and the only security it has are concrete barriers that simply bar the way for emergency vehicles to get in and douse flames set for unknown reasons.

With an old coal power plant on the southwest edge, mold growing in the buildings and the tunnels underneath them and asbestos in the walls, the buildings on the campus are an ecological nightmare. On top of that, the city had to poke Central Management Services to even get them to mow around the outer edges of the property that face the public. If you head into the campus, it looks like Illinois’ grasslands are trying to recapture

the once-ornate buildings that are on the site of the first mental health treatment facilities in the state.

The campus is a sign of failed leadership at both the state and federal level as far as trying to get a single thing done. Gov. Pat Quinn didn’t have a plan after the closure. Gov. Bruce Rauner didn’t care. Gov. Pritzker simply won’t listen. It’s been 12 years now.

This doesn’t fall on the city of Jacksonville – why would a municipality want that liability? No, this is a manufactured state problem, much like most of the residential mental health issues the state currently faces with the Illinois Department


of Human Services.

Many residents think the reason why the state hasn’t addressed the problem is because of the way the district votes. C.D. Davidsmeyer, assistant minority leader, has not been quiet in his criticisms of the governor. Rep. Randy Frese wasn’t a fan of Pritzker during his short term serving the district. Both pushed bills, along with Sen. Steve McClure, to get something done with the property that has seen little, if any, movement. This problem of vacant state buildings with no plans isn’t just a Jacksonville problem – but the state found money to tear down Stateville and Logan Correctional Center.

Currently, the city is trying to poll residents on what they would like to see happen with the property in the heart of the city. I could save them some time. The citizens of Jacksonville would like to see something – anything – useful done to clean up the eyesore and address the health, life and safety hazards for those that live in its shadows or view it from one of the city’s most beautiful public parks.


If Democrats are a party of action, they’ve sure got a funny way of showing it. If our federal officials are people of action – Democrat and Republican alike – it’s been nonexistent here. Unfortunately, it will take an environmental disaster like the coal plant smoke stack collapsing or a teenager getting lost and dying in one of the JDC’s tunnels before we are likely to see some action. In my line of work, the news business, it’s often said, don’t let a good crisis go to waste. For Jacksonville’s sake, I’d like to see us get ahead of this one. □


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Democrats emphasize concept of freedom

First Pritzker, now national leadership, work freedom into their messaging

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Several stories and columns appeared in the national news media shortly before and during the recent Democratic National Convention about Vice President Kamala Harris' emphasis on the concept of "freedom" in her speeches and messaging. Convention delegates in Chicago hoisted signs with the word "Freedom" on them all week. Oprah Winfrey even talked about freedom in her speech to the DNC. Quite a few pundits seemed to be caught off guard by how popular the concept had suddenly become with Democrats.

The word has been used by Republicans to define their own party for decades and decades. These days, for instance, far-right congressional Republicans belong to a "Freedom Caucus," as do several Illinois state House Republicans.

I don't know if he pioneered it or not, but while reading the national commentary, it occurred to me that Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker has been pressing home the importance of "freedom" for several years here. His staff hasn't always been comfortable with the rhetoric, viewing the word as almost a lost cause. But Pritzker has told his staff that he believed that Republicans were "usurping" freedom and that he and his party were supporting it.

Pritzker has long described abortion rights as "reproductive freedom."

"The GOP should be ashamed of themselves," the governor said two years ago on social media. "For a party that says they're all about individual freedom, they're hellbent on taking away freedoms for women."

His use of the word has not been confined to abortion, however. Two years ago, Pritzker said, "As long as I'm governor, Illinois will remain a beacon of freedom among a rising sea of right-wing extremism." Democrats, he said last year, will keep fighting for "more freedom."

As far back as 2018, Pritzker said of then-President Donald Trump and then-Gov. Bruce Rauner, "While Trump and Rauner attack the freedom of working people to come together and fight for a better future, we must defend the hardworking men and women of the labor movement."

"Trump and the anti-democracy, anti-freedom ideology he represents will systematically destroy our constitutional democracy if left unchecked," the governor warned this past January.

Pritzker described marriage equality in 2022 as "the equity and freedom that characterize America." In 2021, he described a bill to prevent discrimination against students for their hairstyle choices as "freedom of

expression." In 2020, he said a bill he signed to excuse students from school for two hours to vote gave kids the "freedom to fit voting into their school day without fear of repercussion for engaging in the very civic education we should all be proud to encourage." Getting a COVID booster shot in 2021 was, Pritzker said, "freedom from the virus."

Two years ago, after attending a Juneteenth celebration, Pritzker said, "We'll continue ensuring Illinois lives up to its promises of freedom for all."

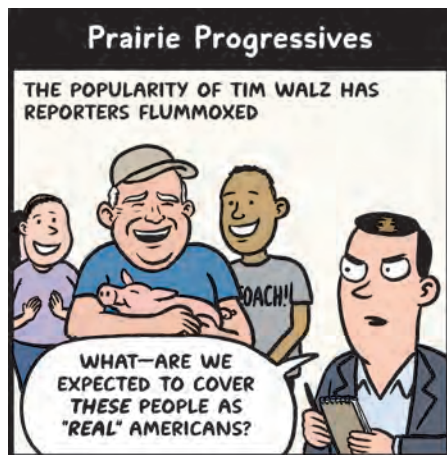
After I had pulled up all those quotes (and more) I asked the governor's people why he has leaned so heavily on the concept.

"The Governor uses freedom to describe Democratic policies to call out the truth about so many Republican policies: they're about control," a spokesperson said. "It is the Democratic Party that stands up for your right to make your own health care decisions, to choose what book you read, to live without fear of gun violence, to build a family on your own terms. It's Democrats fighting for equal access to these rights. Republicans use

buzzwords and branding, but what they don't say is that their freedom only goes so far as the choices they would make for themselves. The Governor truly believes that the Democratic Party is the party of freedom, and is working to ensure that freedom for all Americans."

Pritzker also said a couple of years ago that he believed the state government standing up for these rights and freedoms will eventually help attract businesses to Illinois. "I do think in the long run it benefits the state of Illinois," he said during a Crain's Fast 50 Business Luncheon in 2022. "Does it happen overnight? Like everything, right, creating one tax incentive or creating a benefit for individuals and protecting people's rights. That's something that seeps into the groundwater, in my view, for workers and for companies."

Now, you may understandably disagree with Pritzker over his definition of the word, his attacks on Republicans and how he believes this could eventually help Illinois' economy, but there can be no doubt that the national party has finally caught up with him, even if he didn't get the nod for national office. □



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Holding police accountable

Sean Grayson had a history of credibility issues. It didn't stop him from being hired at police departments in central Illinois.

POLICE REFORM | Sam Stecklow, Farrah Anderson and Dean Olsen

This story is a collaboration among Invisible Institute, IPM Newsroom and Illinois Times. Read the full investigation at illinoistimes.com.

Kyle Adkins was leaving his parents' house in Kincaid, a small village in Christian County, to pick up his young children from their mother's house on the night of May 8, 2021.

Kincaid Police Officer Sean Grayson pulled him over – but he wasn't sure why.

Grayson told Adkins there was a warrant out for his arrest and gave him a notice to appear in court, recommending felony drug charges against him. The case dragged on for two years before it was dropped, and a new investigation reveals the warrant – and other evidence Grayson said he had against Adkins – never existed. Body-camera footage shows Grayson admitting to the chief of police he had no evidence to recommend charges, but even after the footage surfaced in court, no other department or agency was notified.

Meanwhile, Adkins, who works as a mechanic, had to show up to court regularly for years, face questions about his reputation and deal with repercussions for his loved ones pulled into his criminal case. He said he even struggled to get formal visitation with his kids while the case was ongoing and said he's just now building a stronger relationship with his oldest, now 11.

Grayson, now 30, would go on to work at four other police departments across central Illinois, the last being the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, where he would fatally shoot and kill Sonya Massey in her home in July 2024 after she called the police for help.

Grayson shot three times at Massey, 36, an unarmed Black woman whose family had called police with concerns about her mental health, hitting her once in the head. He's since been charged with murdering her.

Police accountability and legal experts who reviewed multiple internal misconduct investigations involving Grayson, including Adkins' dropped criminal case, say Grayson's misconduct should have sounded alarm bells in law enforcement long before he applied to work at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office.

"What happened to Sonya Massey is shining a glaring light on policy changes that need to be made if we are serious about holding the police accountable in Illinois," said Loren Jones, who directs criminal legal system reform efforts for Impact for Equity, a public interest law and policy center in Chicago.



Kyle Adkins and Brittney Myers stand in a park in Mechanicsburg, a small village east of Springfield in Sangamon County. Both Adkins and Myers, who are in a relationship, said they were arrested by Kincaid police on charges with no evidence. PHOTOS BY FARRAH ANDERSON FOR INVISIBLE INSTITUTE

Loopholes allow officers to move to other departments

Experts say that instances of dishonesty or questions about Grayson's credibility should have been reported to state authorities and documented for future background investigators. Such actions could have prevented the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office from hiring him in May 2023. The state's new discretionary decertification system, which makes it easier to strip officers of their ability to work in policing, went into effect in July 2022 but has been hampered by delays, according to a May 2024 report by Impact for Equity.

Gov. JB Pritzker, Attorney General Kwame Raoul and members of the Legislative Black Caucus were responsible for the passage of the SAFE-T Act, which reformed Illinois' police certification system for the first time in decades. Floor discussion was severely limited on the legislative package, which included provisions

that cut off access to some records on police misconduct that were previously accessible.

But despite these reforms aimed at ridding the state of officers with significant misconduct, new reporting shows that little action was taken to stop Grayson from landing new jobs across central Illinois. Authorities in several police agencies that documented Grayson's misconduct internally did not report the problems to the state, as required, or to Grayson's future employers.

After Grayson left Kincaid and took a job with a different sheriff's office, a supervisor stated on a recording that he believed Grayson potentially lied on a report documenting his reasoning for a dangerous high-speed chase – but the department higher-ups never wrote that down in their report. Instead, they cleared him of misconduct and found he made a mistake, absolving the department of the requirement to report Grayson's dishonesty to the state.

Those same officials never interviewed a female detainee who said that Grayson had been inappropriate with her at the county jail and a local hospital, she said.

"Some agencies are more concerned about protecting the reputation of themselves and their officers than the safety of Illinois citizens," said Jones, the lawyer with Impact for Equity.

Officials have been circumspect about the next steps they intend to take, especially since Sangamon County Sheriff Jack Campbell announced his retirement on Aug. 9, effective Aug. 31. Officials with Pritzker's office and Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, as well as members of the Legislative Black Caucus, ignored or declined requests for comment.

"I thought it was gonna ruin my life"

When Grayson stopped Adkins on the night of May 8, he didn't have his bodycam turned on during the stop, seemingly violating the Illinois

Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act. (This would reappear as an issue in the Massey case, where the footage comes from the other responding officer.)

Some time after they arrived at the station, however, Grayson turned his bodycam on. The footage was obtained exclusively by Invisible Institute, IPM News and *Illinois Times* from the Christian County Circuit Clerk's office.

On the footage, Grayson claims he has video of informants making drug buys from Adkins, leading to a warrant being put out for his arrest. Grayson then tries to use those claims to convince Adkins to set up controlled buys with other supposed drug dealers in the area.

"Obviously, I got you on camera on two buys, OK?" he tells Adkins. "I'm not gonna lie. That's why you're here. That's why I was able to arrest you today. I have two informants that I busted for something, they did two buys off you. So today, I'll give you the same opportunity.

"If you want to work with us, we'll work with you," he continues. "We'll help you out as much as we can. We can never make promises, but this is what we do. Every time I bust somebody small, we try to get someone bigger."

In an interview with Invisible Institute, Adkins said he was incredulous.

"I just didn't understand why he was even, like, trying to charge me with this shit," Adkins said. "I can't believe it. He just kept saying, 'We know you're doing this,'" to which Adkins said he responded, "Well, obviously you don't, because I'm not doing that."

In the video, Grayson tells Adkins – who protests throughout that he doesn't know anyone he can buy meth off of – to consider it, then dials a contact labeled "Chief Of Kincaid" and asks the person on the other end how he should charge Adkins.

At the time, DJ Mathon was the chief of the Kincaid Police Department; he still holds that position today.

"Is it intent to deliver, just possession of

meth, what do we put on that?" Grayson asks the person over the phone, while Adkins sits across the desk from him.

"Did he have anything on him?" the person responds.

"No," Grayson says.

The person audibly sighs over the phone. "On a Notice to Appear? I would just do intent to deliver," he says.

"Yeah, there was a baggie, but I wasn't gonna mess with field testing it," Grayson says. "I didn't really care that much."

"What was it?" the person asks.

"It was just, like, a baggie," Grayson responds. "But I didn't really care to field test it, to be honest with you."

During the video, Grayson can be seen Googling the Illinois Controlled Substances Act and the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act while explaining the preliminary charges he's planning to bring against Adkins.

Adkins was released that day with a notice to appear in court. Because his car was impounded, Adkins had to walk home from the police station.

"I thought it was gonna ruin my life," said Adkins, now 29.

Felony charges of intent to deliver methamphetamines were filed in Christian County Circuit Court on May 17, 2021. State police certification records show that the next day, Grayson left the Kincaid Police Department.

On a form submitted to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) on May 19, police chief Mathon wrote that Grayson had been "terminated," but that there was "no police misconduct related to [the] termination." In a later records request response letter, Mathon wrote that Grayson was terminated because he had declined to live within a 10-mile radius of the village.

Despite Grayson's departure from the

Kincaid police department, that wouldn't be the end of the case against Adkins.

Police can often use strong-arm tactics in drug arrests

The day felony charges were filed against Adkins, Police Chief Mathon announced his campaign for Christian County sheriff.

"I plan to go directly after the source of illegal narcotics and go after the thieves that steal directly from Christian County," Mathon later said in a radio interview.

A few weeks later, on July 5, Mathon pulled over Brittney Myers, Adkins' girlfriend. In an interview with Invisible Institute, she said that while picking up a friend from an apartment building next to the police station, she saw Mathon watching her from his car.

"I backed up and he immediately jumped in his car and pulled behind me," she said. He told her it was for not wearing a seatbelt and because someone had made a noise complaint about her car exhaust. In response to a records request, Mathon said that no video of the stop exists.

She agreed to let him search her car. "I wasn't even concerned to let him look," she said, "because I didn't have anything." He found a plastic baggie containing cannabis flower that Myers said also previously contained THC crystals – a concentrated cannabis extract, and a legal substance to possess.

In his report, Mathon writes that he had pulled Myers over after seeing her and her passenger not wearing their seatbelts and that while searching her car with her consent, he "found a small baggie in the middle console with a green leafy substance and a white powder substance."

He writes that he let Myers go with citations for the seatbelts and her muffler, but afterwards "field tested the white substance and it field tested positive for methamphetamine."

Mathon arrested Myers on her mom's doorstep on charges of possession of methamphetamine. She said she spent the night in jail and lost both of her jobs after the department posted about her arrest on Facebook.

Throughout Myers' interaction with Mathon, he "kept asking if [Kyle Adkins] was selling, or if I could get somebody to set up or something," she said. "I kept telling him, 'No, I don't do that. I literally work in a day care.'"

After testing by a state lab showed the substance was cannabis, Christian County prosecutors dropped the charges four months later.

While field drug tests have become a tool of choice for police departments throughout the country, they are notoriously imprecise and often produce false positives that are "one of the largest known contributing factors to wrongful arrests and convictions," according to a recent report from the Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice at University of

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The Kincaid Police Department sits in the center of the central Illinois village of 1,300 outside of Springfield. Sean Grayson, who is facing first-degree murder charges for killing Sonya Massey as a Sangamon County Sheriff's Office Deputy in July 2024, worked at the Kincaid Police Department in 2021.

PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

Pennsylvania.

Field tests for drugs can't be saved because they deteriorate, so it's often left up to the honor code of the officer whether the test came back positive for drugs, said Ralph Weisheit, an Illinois State University professor who studies crime, policing and their links with substance abuse in rural areas.

"In many cases, you can claim that there was a drug arrest when, in fact, drugs weren't there," Weisheit said.

These kinds of "strong-arm tactics" with potential confidential informants were something that Maybell Romero said she saw frequently as a prosecutor in rural Utah, before going on to teach law at Tulane University and study rural crime and prosecution.

"I have heard stories of people who have had nothing to do with purchasing or using or selling drugs, who've had their identity mistaken – or perhaps it's not a mistake. It's hard to know," she said. Some of these people, she continued, "have been enlisted as confidential informants because they're frightened of the police, or they're intimidated, and they don't know what else to do."

The warrant on Adkins never existed

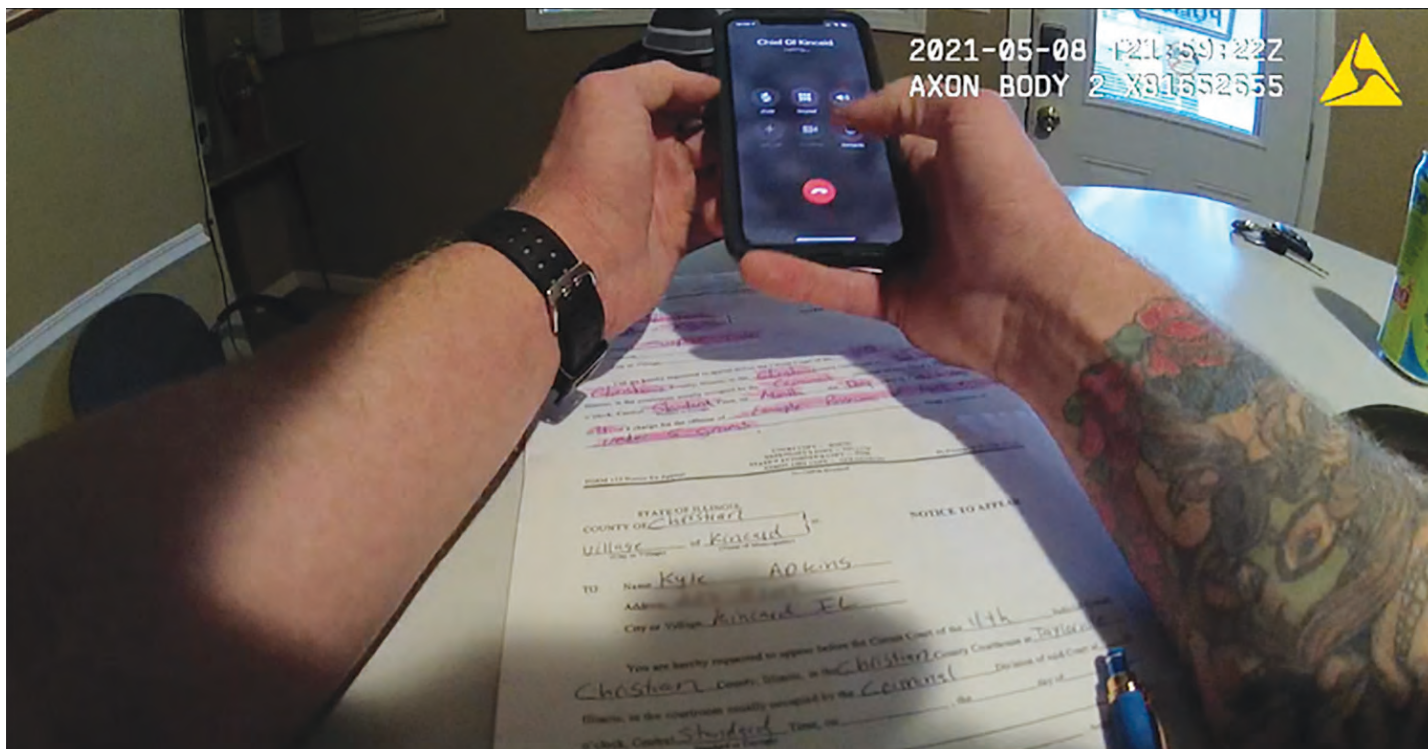
Even after Myers' case was dismissed, Adkins would be called back into court over the next year. Then, on Sept. 1, 2022 – five days before the trial – then-State's Attorney Wes Poggenpohl filed a motion asking for more time.

Poggenpohl wrote, "One of the witnesses for this trial, Kincaid Chief of Police DJ Mathon, was reviewing his case file in preparation for trial. On Aug. 31, 2022, Chief Mathon called State's Attorney Poggenpohl to inform him that he had just located an audio video interview of the above-named defendant regarding this case. Chief Mathon was unaware of this interview until his review of the case file on Aug. 31, 2022."

Poggenpohl had inherited the case from former State's Attorney Michael Havera when Havera resigned to accept a new position with the state. Havera did not respond to an emailed request for comment.

The motion continues, "The officer who conducted this interview, Sean Grayson, departed the Kincaid Police Department sometime after this investigation without sending it to the State's Attorney's office." He wrote that he had not even had a chance to review the file when he wrote the motion. The video that had captured the conversation in which Grayson acknowledged to his supervisor that he had no evidence against Adkins was sent to Adkins's attorney, public defender Tiffany Senger, the next day.

Shortly thereafter, Poggenpohl lost his election bid, and said in an interview that he wasn't sure if he watched the video before turning the case over to the new Christian



While working for the Kincaid Police Department, Sean Grayson detained Kyle Adkins, telling him he had a warrant for his arrest. Body cam footage shows Grayson dialing a contact labeled "Chief Of Kincaid" and asking the person on the other end how he should charge Adkins, although he admits he has no evidence. The charges were later dropped, and the warrant never existed. SCREENSHOT FROM KINCAID POLICE DEPARTMENT BODY CAM FOOTAGE

County State's Attorney, John McWard. He said the video surfaced just before the case was set to go to trial, after he asked Mathon to make sure all of the evidence had been turned in for the case.

In the next court filing after obtaining the video, Senger moved to throw out all of the evidence in the case as "illegally seized" because Grayson arrested Adkins "without a warrant or without other lawful justification."

She also added that the videos of Adkins selling drugs to informants never existed, according to her conversations with the state's attorney's office. Neither did the warrant for Adkins's arrest, she argued.

On Feb. 24, 2023, during a hearing over whether to suppress evidence based on the video, Christian County Judge Bradley Paisley dug into whether anything about Grayson's actions was legal.

The judge and attorneys all acknowledged that police can lie to a suspect during an interrogation. Where they differed was whether an officer can arrest somebody by lying about whether there is a warrant out for their arrest.

"That's quite a stretch," said Paisley, who previously served as Christian County State's Attorney, according to a transcript. "You tell somebody they've got a warrant for their arrest. That's a piece of paper signed by a judge saying arrest this guy for that offense. That's what (Grayson) told him. And it never existed."

State's Attorney McWard argued that Grayson's knowledge of the buys the informants allegedly made from Adkins – which Senger

denied in court ever happened, and which no video existed for – was enough to have detained Adkins even without a warrant.

Judge Paisley said, "The primary question for me is... can you initiate the initial seizure based on the lie?" he said. "If he doesn't have the ability to lie to get that initial seizure, then the motion has to be granted."

During the next hearing, McWard moved to dismiss the charges without the judge ever ruling on Senger's motion.

When contacted in person at the Kincaid Police Department by *Illinois Times*, Mathon, who lost his bid for sheriff, repeatedly declined to comment.

Accountability mechanisms failed

Accountability measures broke down in more than one way in this case, police accountability and legal experts said.

When Grayson called the "Chief of Kincaid" and asked him for advice on what charges he should file against Adkins, Mathon – if he was the individual who answered the phone – should have advised him not to file charges without evidence said Jones, the attorney with Impact for Equity. But, based on the advice of the chief – who is the only supervisor in a department the size of Kincaid – Grayson issued Adkins a felony notice to appear, despite admitting that Adkins had nothing on him.

"His chief that was supervising him, and should have been that second line of defense against these issues happening, just reinforced his decision," said Loren Jones, of Impact for Equity.

Once the Christian County State's Attorney's Office became aware of the video and other evidentiary issues, it also had a responsibility to at least write a report documenting the issues in Adkins's case, said Rachel Moran, a law professor at University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis.

"If the prosecutor decided to dismiss the case because of Grayson's untruthfulness/misconduct, then they have an obligation to document that and disclose it in the future," she wrote in an email, pointing to prosecutors' obligations under decades-old Supreme Court precedent in cases such as *Brady v. Maryland*.

A request for comment to the Christian County State's Attorney's Office about why the case was dropped, and whether a report had been created, went unreturned.

However, the responsibility of the state's attorney in Christian County ends there, Moran, a former Illinois state appellate defender said, because Grayson moved to other jurisdictions. Ultimately, she said, "This is a huge gap in the *Brady* disclosure system and a major obstacle to accountability and fairness."

Law enforcement officials were also obligated to report the untruthfulness – once it was rediscovered in August 2022 – to ILETSB, which maintains an Officer Professional Conduct Database.

"Once law enforcement in Kincaid discovered the video and observed a likely violation of" policing standards, wrote Impact for Equity's Jones in an email, "they would have been required... to notify the ILETSB

within seven days.”

However, according to Attorney General Kwame Raoul, no law enforcement agency had ever submitted a report about Grayson until the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office made a report about Massey's killing.

Former Sangamon County Sheriff Jack Campbell has said that no red flags were raised during his agency's background check of Grayson. When asked by *Illinois Times* whether he knew of any misconduct by Grayson in Christian County, Campbell said he didn't.

Regardless, by the time the video was filed in court, Grayson had already been successively hired by three other departments.

Because submissions to the database are essentially left up to the honor code of police agencies, and largely secret from the public, Jones said the database has many gaps that leave officers like Grayson able to move around.

In the face of calls from Sonya Massey's family and activists for new legislation, leaders have declined to detail their thoughts about further reforms to the SAFE-T Act.

Senate Republican floor leader Steve McClure, a former Sangamon County prosecutor, criticized the Pritzker administration in an interview for the rushed passage of the SAFE-T Act, and called for a bipartisan legislative investigation “into what can be done to increase the transparency between departments.”

In an interview with *Illinois Times*, Raoul said he hadn't read the Impact for Equity report describing reforms to the state's police decertification system as “stalled.” He noted that portion of the SAFE-T Act was supported by police groups, unlike other aspects of the legislation.

It's unknown whether any failures of that system played a role in Massey's death, he said: “I just want to be cautious of pointing the finger at ILETSB.”

After coming up with the police accountability reforms in the SAFE-T Act, Raoul said he and law enforcement groups agreed to “let them operate for a while in order to evaluate whether anything else needs to be done.”

Raoul was reluctant to commit to supporting any specific legislative reforms connected to Massey's death unless the reforms would correct problems that have been documented throughout the state. However, he said, “An incident can expose a need.” He added that state Sen. Doris Turner, D-Springfield, is looking into potential legislation.

Carlton Mayers II, an attorney and police reform consultant who worked with lawmakers on some of the original language of the SAFE-T Act, said ILETSB also still lacks administrative rules.

Those administrative rules would lay out not only the processes for discretionary decertification, but could also speak to things like what's required of a department's

background investigation, which now only requires a check of the Officer Professional Conduct Database.

In a statement, a spokesperson hired by ILETSB pointed to its “multiple mandates to implement” for its delays.

“We are committed to leading this work thoughtfully and deliberately to ensure our law enforcement maintains the highest level of professional standards, and have made significant progress in building this new initiative from the ground up,” the statement continued. “We have engaged a range of partners and studied best practices from across the country to ensure we get this right from day one.”

The spokesperson wrote that the agency “anticipates” that the changes will be ready to roll out in the “fourth quarter of 2024.”

Mayers said, “We're going to see more Sonya Masseys and more law enforcement agencies (claiming) they didn't know” about their reporting requirements until the administrative rules are in place and have teeth.

The missed red flags in Grayson's background – including Adkins' case in Kincaid – should have been caught by not only the state's safeguards, but also the final accountability mechanism: the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office's background investigation, said RaShall Brackney, an expert who reviewed the two-page report on Grayson.

“We have to become a nation of police chiefs or sheriffs or city managers or mayors that understand not everybody who applies to be a police officer should be a police officer, or deserves to be a police officer, because they applied,” said Brackney, a former Pittsburgh police commander and chief of the Charlottesville, Virginia, police.

‘Everyone believes a cop’

Adkins and Myers currently live in Mechanicsburg, a small Sangamon County village. They're both working – she as a store manager and he as a mechanic – and raising seven children together.

They left Kincaid, and rarely return to the village where their arrests led to lost jobs, loss of visitation with kids and broken relationships with family who believed they were guilty of the crimes they were accused of.

“It rubbed our names through the dirt,” Myers said. “But everyone believes a cop,” Adkins added. □

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Consider these recipes for the slow cooker

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

Fall is supposedly just around the corner, but as I write this the temperature outside is a balmy 96 degrees and a blanket of corn sweat is hanging heavily in the afternoon air. Weather like this compels us to slow down and seek out a shady spot, perhaps with a cool drink in hand. Modern life, however, often does not comport with such leisurely ideals. It's almost fall, y'all. There are things to do! Even those of us who are not perpetually chauffeuring children to various school activities seem to have calendars bursting with meetings, classes and weekend plans. For those who want to do it all and still eat well at home, consider the slow cooker.

While it's natural to associate this old-school appliance with cozy winter stews and soups, I've learned to lean on it year-round. During the warmer months I use it primarily to keep heat out of the kitchen and help me process some of our garden harvest with minimal fuss. Veggie scraps are easily transformed into a flavorful, rich broth. After slow cooking for six hours on low heat, cherry tomatoes that have been tossed with a generous dose of olive oil, herbs and whole garlic cloves, melt into a silky compote that's devastatingly delicious on a baguette, tossed with pasta or used to top a filet of seared salmon.

Beyond compote and broth, I've come to rely on the slow cooker to have meals ready when I need them. Many slow cooker recipes can have a dull sense of sameness in every bite. However, these recipes were developed to still taste fresh and lively even after hours in the pot. Layering ingredients is key with punchy, fresh ingredients added toward the end of cooking or used as a topping to accent the warm, slow-simmered flavors waiting within.

Slow cooker Tex-Mex chicken

Ingredients:

1 onion, peeled and sliced
2 bell or poblano peppers, sliced
2 cloves garlic, minced
6 bone-in chicken thighs
Approximately 1/2 teaspoon each salt, garlic powder, cumin, chile powder and oregano (or 1 1/2 tablespoons taco seasoning).
1 16-oz jar of salsa
1 cup frozen corn kernels
1 can black beans, drained and rinsed

Lightly coat the insert of a six- to seven-quart slow cooker with olive oil or cooking spray. Peel and scatter the onion, peppers and garlic into the bottom of the slow cooker.

Remove the skin from the chicken thighs



Slow cooker lasagna. PHOTO BY ASHLEY MEYER

and trim away any excess fat as necessary. Combine the salt and spices and sprinkle liberally over the chicken. Arrange the seasoned chicken over the prepared vegetables in the slow cooker, then pour the salsa over the chicken, spreading it to cover the chicken. Cover and cook on low for five-six hours or until the chicken is cooked through.

Shred the chicken and remove the bones. Add the corn kernels and black beans and increase the heat to high and cook 30 minutes more to bring it back to temperature.

Serve with hot rice or tortillas alongside fresh toppings such as shredded lettuce, cheese, scallions, sour cream, sliced jalapenos and avocado.

Slow cooker lasagna

Ingredients:

1 pound cottage cheese or ricotta
10 ounces frozen spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
2 tablespoons each chopped parsley and basil
1 teaspoon Italian herb seasoning (or oregano)
A pinch of red pepper flakes
3-4 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon each garlic and onion powder
1 cup grated Parmesan
1 egg
32 ounces marinara sauce
1 box regular lasagna noodles
8 ounces shredded mozzarella
2 cups cooked Italian sausage crumbles or mushrooms, or a combination

Lightly coat the insert of a six- to seven-quart slow cooker with olive oil or cooking spray. In a mixing bowl, combine the cottage cheese or ricotta, spinach, pepper flakes, fresh and dried herbs, minced garlic, garlic and onion powders, Parmesan and egg and mix well to combine.

Spread a few spoonfuls of marinara sauce into the bottom of the slow cooker. Place a single layer of lasagna noodles over the top, breaking them into pieces as needed to fit the pot. Don't worry about covering every bit of the sauce – a few gaps are OK. Spoon a thin layer of sauce over the noodles, followed by half of the ricotta mixture. Spread the ricotta into a somewhat even layer before sprinkling with half the sausage/mushrooms and one third of the cheese. Repeat to make another layer of noodles, sauce, sausage and cheese. Top with a layer of noodles and the remaining sauce and cheese.

Cover and cook on low for three or four hours until the center of the lasagna has reached a temperature of 145 degrees. Remove the insert from the cooker and let rest, covered for at least 30 minutes before serving. Serve with additional cheese and fresh herbs as desired.

Slow cooker bread pudding with vanilla bourbon sauce

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons soft butter

8 cups cubed day-old bread
1 cup dried fruit or nuts such as raisins or cranberries or up to 2 cups of fresh fruit such as blueberries or diced apples, optional
3 cups whole milk or half and half
5 eggs
1/3 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

Generously butter the insert of a six- to eight-quart slow cooker with butter. Place the bread in the slow cooker and mix in the fruit if using. In a separate bowl whisk together the milk, eggs, sugar, vanilla and nutmeg along with a pinch of salt. Pour the milk mixture over the bread cubes and toss to coat. Cover and cook on low for three or four hours until a skewer inserted into the center comes out clean. Serve with bourbon vanilla sauce (recipe below) or whipped cream.

Bourbon vanilla hard sauce

Ingredients:

4 ounces butter
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
2 tablespoons bourbon
1 teaspoon vanilla
Small pinch salt

Melt the butter in a microwave- safe bowl. Add the powdered sugar, bourbon, vanilla and salt and stir until smooth. Spoon over bread pudding as desired. □



“Two Breeding Pairs” by Robert Mazrim, left, and “Pillsbury Bowl” by Ruthann Mazrim. PHOTO BY ROBERT MAZRIM

Art from the former Pillsbury site

Pillsburied: Multiple Resurrections to be displayed at Springfield Art Association

ART | Karen Ackerman Witter

Pillsburied: Multiple Resurrections

Springfield Art Association
700 N. Fourth St.
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Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

An opening reception will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, with an exclusive video screening of footage shot in inaccessible and upper stories of the Pillsbury factory. Also available only to the visitors at the opening night reception will be a chance to win one of 10 tickets to a “secret world of Pillsbury” walking tour, led by curator Robert Mazrim.

The exhibit will also be open during the Edwards Place Fine Art Fair Sept. 21 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.) and Sept. 22 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.).

The current exhibition at the Springfield Art Association is nontraditional in many ways. In contrast to a juried exhibition, *Pillsburied: Multiple Resurrections* is the result of an open invitation for any artist to create a work of art using objects from the Pillsbury site or inspired by the ruins of the Pillsbury Mills plant. No artist was turned away.

“It’s a unique opportunity to let anyone generate a work of art,” said SAA director Betsy Dollar.

Robert Mazrim, curator of the exhibition, has been harvesting and exhibiting the aesthetic potential of the Pillsbury brownfield reclamation project for the last year and a half. This is the third Pillsbury-related art exhibition.

When Mazrim got a key to the Pillsbury site, he was inspired to invite people to look around and create their own art. More than a dozen artists responded, producing both traditional and nontraditional artwork, including pen-and-ink drawings, spray paint on metal, photography, sculpture made of materials from the factory and art made from found objects at the site.

“If ever there were a mixed-media show, this is it,” said Mazrim. “The goal isn’t to show the work of individual artists but to put different artists’ work into the soup.”

The exhibit includes depictions and interpretations of the abandoned factory, along with sculptures and collages created from objects and materials found on site. In most cases, the subject matter focuses on the nature of the ruined built environment as it is today, plus the commercial and social legacies of the factory and its products in this community and in American culture in general.

While people are used to seeing fine art in temperature and humidity-controlled environments, this art has a very different history. Mazrim says it’s the first time many pieces have been in air-conditioning. Some of the artworks rescued from the rubble of the June fire on Adams Street are also included in the exhibit.

“Stuff that saw a fire also saw 20 years of decay,” said Mazrim.

This show, planned 18 months ago, was actually the first art exhibit envisioned related to

the Pillsbury Mills factory in Springfield. Instead, it will be the third. In November 2023, graffiti artists transformed a 15,000-square-foot space at the plant with spray paint and found objects to show themes related to the rise and fall of Pillsbury Mills and the Springfield community during the 20th century.

Grffiti artists Shock and Static from Minneapolis were encountered at the abandoned factory last September. Moving Pillsbury Forward invited them back to work under more ideal conditions. In March, Mazrim curated a one-of-a-kind, massive art installation on Adams Street in downtown Springfield, inspired by the rich history and subsequent decay of the Pillsbury Mills site. Collectively, the *PILLSBURIED* installation provided a narrative of contemporary society through a lens of the past. Sadly, much of the material – but not all – was lost in the June fire.

Pillsburied: Multiple Resurrections was scheduled for the SAA gallery to coincide with the popular annual Edwards Place Fine Art Fair.

“Mazrim is a curator who challenges his



"Always Aware" by Shock
PHOTO BY ROBERT MAZRIM

audience," says Dollar. "This is good to do on a regular basis."

Dollar describes what will be on display in the gallery as the antithesis of the traditional work that will be outside on the grounds. She says it will be an "interesting juxtaposition," and she hopes people who may not have otherwise taken the opportunity will view the unique exhibit in the gallery.

"Betsy has worked hard to make the Springfield Art Association more relevant and contemporary and more attractive to a wider range of people," said Mazrim. "The place is humming."

What was initially an enormous project to clean up an old industrial plant and make the site suitable for future uses has become a place with many community connections, engaging people with longtime connections to the Pillsbury plant as well as others who had never set foot on the site before.

"We knew in the beginning the potential for community benefit from the project," said Chris Richmond, president of Moving Pillsbury Forward. "It is satisfying to see it come to fruition in multiple ways. The art element has been wonderful."

Mazrim describes the Pillsbury site as a "dead place," but in contrast, "any art is life-giving." Mazrim also says he and other artists have learned from graffiti artists that immediacy and not pondering too hard can be very liberating and lead to fresh work.

"Pillsbury brings out a lot of voices," said Mazrim.

Also available only to the visitors at the opening night reception will be a chance to win one of 10 tickets to a "secret world of Pillsbury" walking tour, led by curator Robert Mazrim. □

Beyond the Stage

Pillsbury Mills, 1525 E. Phillips Ave.
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Moving Pillsbury Forward has also partnered with the Illinois Symphony Orchestra for the first installment of Beyond the Stage, concert experiences that utilize unique venues for immersive, themed ensemble performances.

ISO executive director Trevor Orthmann said, "We are very excited to launch our Beyond the Stage performances at the Pillsbury factory, working with Moving Pillsbury Forward, to create an experience combining music, art and food in this unique setting."

The ISO's Percussion Ensemble and Piano Trio, featuring piano, violin and viola, will perform in the C-mill of the old Pillsbury Mills. Local artist Robert Mazrim said, "The musicians will be surrounded by the spray-painted murals created by local artists, as well as the rich patina of the 87-year-old factory floor, which will provide for a unique acoustic experience beyond the traditional concert hall."

This ticketed event includes the performance experience and hors d'oeuvres catered by Conn's Catering along with a cash bar. The event is cohosted by Moving Pillsbury Forward with all the event proceeds supporting the Illinois Symphony Orchestra.

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DANCE



Photos from the 2022 RockBallet performance offer a taste of what is in store. At left, the dancers are Rylee Kate Brinkman, Addison Bulpitt, Hailey Haschemeyer and Hope Miller. Right: Guest artist Bailee Brinkman.

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RockBallet celebrates its 30th anniversary

Copper Coin bridges the gap between rock and ballet for Springfield

DANCE | Cesar Toscano

Copper Coin Ballet Company will host the annual “RockBallet” show at the Muni this Saturday, Sept. 7.

Celebrating its 30th anniversary, the theme of Rockballet for this year is influenced by Taylor Swift’s Eras Tour. It’s sequenced in three parts: Classic rock, 80s/90s fusion rock, and modern rock.

Formed from the split of the Springfield Ballet Company in 2022, CCBC provides training and performance opportunities for talented dancers from Springfield and neighboring communities.

Julienne Ratz, a founder of RockBallet, is the artistic director for CCBC. She directs visuals, lights, costumes and choreography. At times, she also works on administrative duties, raising grants and paying bills.

RockBallet originated to connect generations, she said. Ratz: “We had a demographic of grandparents and their grandchildren. We were thinking about how can we reach a younger audience and so we decided to do a performance to rock music. The first year we did U2.”

The show has provided an opportunity for the dancers to connect ballet with music more familiar to them and learn from special guests over the summer, some who are alumni of

SBC. This year, songs in the soundtrack feature recognizable classics such as “Mr. Blue Sky” by Electric Light Orchestra and “Landslide” by Stevie Nicks with some more modern songs such as “50 Ways to Say Goodbye” by Train and “Poison and Wine” by Civil War. All songs will be covered by local band and musician collective Downstate, which has been a part of the production for at least a decade.

“RockBallet is so unique, Julie came up with the idea,” said Associate Artistic and Marketing Director Ronda Brinkman. “Gosh, we were side by side when she had the idea. Making it more attainable for the community because people sometimes get scared off from ballet thinking it’s so stiff, just not what they would enjoy on an everyday basis. But RockBallet pulls in the music they’re comfortable with and things they know already and pulls in the element of ballet and dance.” Brinkman continued: “It shows everyone can enjoy it. They might be going for the music but realize how it’s so cool how the dance wove together. That’s what the arts are, it’s pulling things together. It’s not just one thing, it is multifaceted.”

Brinkman, who has worked with the company since the early 2000s, hopes that the concert will connect with the community

regardless of their interest in ballet. She knows the company has provided an opportunity for the dancers to grow, not only as dancers but as individuals.

“This is a safe place for the dancers because it’s not always like that. Teachers might see them for an hour a day, we see them for hours and hours every single week, so we see them when they are struggling and we have those conversations with the dancers and their parents to bridge the gap. Dance is such an important role in their lives,” said Brinkman. “Giving them the safe space and a way to grow with the arts is so important.”

Gracyn Wylie, a dancer in the show, said why she thought the program would be beneficial to her.

“This is going to help my future. Having the opportunity to be able to perform in front of a lot of people will make me less scared to try new things.”

Lauren Pumphrey, a UIS student and rehearsal assistant, said RockBallet provides an opportunity to collaborate and mentor her dancers. “Dance is a really good way to express yourself. But it is also a good way for audiences to see that expression, relate to that expression. For some dance, that is so fun, it makes me happy to do it. I hope people who are watching

it say, ‘Wow, that made me happy. That song in the dance made me happy.’”

Isabelle McMeen, a dancer from Edwardsville, travels over 30 minutes for rehearsals. She enjoys getting out of her hometown bubble and performing with the other dancers. “Especially with the live band, you really connect with the audience. And, we start when the sun is still out, so being able to see the people in the audience, it is really cool,” said McMeen, “And after, you just feel so full and you just feel like you’ve touched people in the audience because the music is live. It feels so nice to be able to connect to somebody. Because, normally, when we’re in the auditorium, it’s all black and you can’t see people. But I love it at the Muni, because we get to see the people.”

The two-hour show will start on the Muni stage at 8 p.m. Sept. 7. There will be an intermission. In case of rain delay, the show will be pushed to the next day. □

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You heard that right (or read it right, actually) the headline proclaims September is here, and so it is. And with that comes the beginning of the end of the summer season as we wind our way toward the autumnal time, all the while finding more live music to experience.

After that introduction, let's move into the first Oktoberfest of 2024 happening this weekend (so yes, it's still September, to be clear) at the Knights of Columbus Hall near the corner of Meadowbrook Road and Iles Avenue. This annual charity event just keeps growing with Captain Geech & the Shrimp Shack Shooters doing a pre-party show on Friday (6:30-9:30 p.m.) this time around. On Saturday, the fest begins at noon with kid's activities and the tapping of the keg (separate items – again, to be clear) and what we're here for, the live music, kicks off at noon with Die Spitzbuam of St. Louis going on until 3 p.m.. Then Lindenhof Echoes of Peoria stop in to play the Alphorns, those long and large instruments made popular from Ricola commercials, and the Dirndolls from Chicago entertain from 3:30 to 6, with the always Deutsch, always "gut," Heidelberg German Band from Quincy finishing off the night from 7 to 10. Prost!

Our next big September Oktoberfest event happens at Buzz Bomb Brewing Co. on Sept. 21 featuring music by the un-German but nationally renowned band the Supersuckers and several more bands.

Now let's backtrack to Thursday and start our week of live music with a visit to the Curve Inn featuring The Lovelorn and Fireside Relics, two of our coolest original music bands. Both have recorded music (available as CDs and through streaming) and merch available, and both perform tight live shows of all self-penned tunes.

Other Thursday offerings include John Drake hosting the monthly open mic (poetry, spoken word and music welcomed) at Ad Astra, Pepper Sprouts burning it at 66 Mother Road Diner, Tim Duggan diggin' it on the patio at Casey's Pub, Manny Lee cruising into Casa Real and Ricarda Rosalina riding on at Fulgenzi's.

Jumping on over to Saturday, my friend and yours, Ben Bedford, does what most singer-songwriters aren't able to do and plays music for his very own, very first art opening of his original, visual artworks at the Perspective Art Gallery in Petersburg. The reception goes from noon to 5 with Ben giving an artist talk at 2, playing songs



The Heidelberg German Band from Quincy plays the K of C Charity Oktoberfest this Saturday evening.

at 3 and hanging around until 5. The art show, "A Dream of Trees and Starfields," runs through Sept. 28. Congratulations to "my best buddy, Ben" on this wonderful achievement.

Also on Saturday, Michael Burnett celebrates his 60th birthday with what else but a gig at George Rank's. Joined by Joe Dawkins, Jay Larson and the current Suns of Circumstance lineup plus who knows who else. Be sure to stop by and wish Mike a happy 'nother trip around the sun.

How about let's check in on the Friday Night Jazz & Blues music series presented by the Springfield Area Arts Council and hosted by Boone's from 5:30 to 7:30 weekly. September is full of familiar names to our local scene so you can figure on showing up every week for the fine food, lovely libations and terrific live music. This week it's the incomparable David Lumsden Blues Band, with the Kevin Hart Trio on Sept. 12, John Crisp and his All Star Band on Sept. 20 and Frank Trompeter returns with his quartet Sept. 28.

See you next week, and don't forget to peruse our listings for more marvelous music. □



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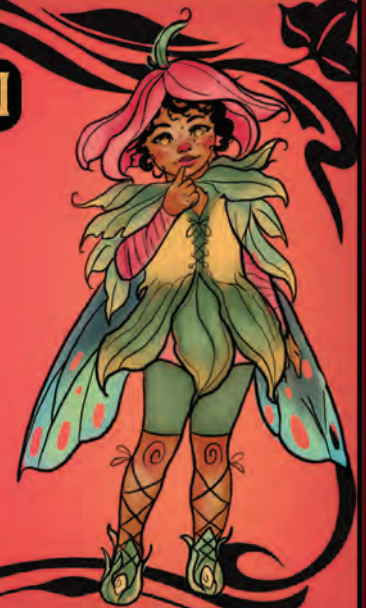


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Attention bands, bars and musicians: submit your shows and photos online at www.illinoistimes.com or by email calendar@illinoistimes.com.

Thursday Sep 5

Pepper Sprouts
66 Mother Road Diner, 5-8pm

Open mic with John Drake
Ad Astra Wine and Tapas Bar, 7-9:30pm.

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

Fireside Relics, The Lovelorn
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

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

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

Not Petty
Downtown Jacksonville, Jacksonville, 4-7:30pm

Ricarda Rosalina
Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6-9pm

Tim Duggan
Knights of Columbus Casey's Pub, 5-8pm

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

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

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

Friday Sep 6

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

Matt Woods
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

Fairweather Friends
The Bird Tavern, 6-8:30pm

Friday Night Jazz & Blues - David Lumsden Blues + Band
Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

Capt Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters
Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 6:30-9:30pm

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

The Collective
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Southern Accents
The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 7pm

Rod Grant
Docs Just Off 66, Girard, 6-8pm

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

Sarah Schneider Band
George Rank's, 9pm-12am

Bustin Loose
Harry's Adult Day Care, 6-10pm

Manny Lee
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Karaoke
JB's Hideout, Blue Mound, 8pm

Hipbone and The Joints and 7 Underground Band
KC Lake Club, Chatham, 5-9pm

Ricarda Rosalina
La Fiesta Grande, 6-9pm

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

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Band
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

UNCHAINED
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30pm

Karaoke with Jaime Lynn
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 7-11pm

Not Petty
The Railyard, 6-9pm

Dave Littrell and Jeff Cunningham
Sangamo Brewing Co., Chatham, 6pm

Corey Wise
Sliderz Bar & Grill, Decatur, 8-11pm

Astrofix with Crash Planet
The Blue Grouch, 6:30pm

Osborne & Campbell
The Next Stop Saloon, Mount Pulaski, 7-10pm

Jason McKenzie
VFW Post #755, 7-10pm

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

Saturday Sep 7

Karaoke
AJ's Corner, Chatham, First Saturday of every month, 8-1am

Big On Blondes
AMVETS Post 100, Jacksonville, 8-11pm

Wolf Crick Boys
Anchor Boat Club, 5-8pm

Molly Seaton
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

Die Spitzbaum
Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 12-3pm

The Dirndolls
Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 3:30-6pm

Heidelberg German Band
Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 7-10pm

Off the Wall
Conrad's Bar, Riverton, 7pm

Big Guy & the MOB
Coonrod's Tavern, 6-10pm

Deja Voodoo
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Sam Bush
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7am-9:30pm

Hippies of the Heartland
Edmo's, Edinburg, 7-11pm

Michael Burnett and the Sons of Circumstance, Joe Dawkins
George Rank's, 7-11pm

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas
Harry's Adult Day Care, 6-10pm

Hippies of the Heartland
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

William Fitzsimmons
Jacksonville Downtown, Jacksonville, 7-9pm

Hipbone Sam Band
Koo Koo's 2, 4-7pm

The 4 County Band
Kuhl Tyme Korner, Jacksonville, 8pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Band
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

Broken Stone
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 6pm

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

Ben Bedford
Perspectives Art Gallery, Petersburg, 2pm

Blind Mind with The League of Erics
Pizza Records, Jacksonville, 8pm

Tom and Geoff
The Railyard, 5-8pm

Rod Grant
The Range Bourbon & Brew, Chatham, 3-6pm

Keith Dunlap
Sangamo Brewing Co., Chatham, 5:30-9pm

Smokestacks
Town Hall Pub, Loami, 8pm

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

Sunday Sep 8

Ricarda Rosalina
66 Mother Road Diner, 5-8pm

The Tangents
Bar Bella, 1-4pm

White Lightnin'
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

R&B Live Ladies Edition
Curve Inn, 6-9pm

Julie Jules & Co.
Harvest Market Coffee Bar, 10am-1pm

Gabe Carlock
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

Square of the Roots
The Railyard, 1-4pm

Exit 52
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-7pm

Taylor Hunnicutt with Tom McElvain
Twisted Tree Music Hall, Jacksonville, 3-6pm

Monday Sep 9

Michael Charles
The Alamo, 7pm

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

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

Tuesday Sep 10

Robert Sampson
66 Mother Road Diner, 5-8pm

Open jam
George Rank's, 8-11pm

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

Wednesday Sep 11

Ricarda Rosalina
66 Mother Road Diner, 5-8pm

After School Special
Coz's Pizza and Pub, 7:30-9:30pm

Hat Trick
Locals, Pawnee, 6-9pm

Dave Littrell
Obed and Isaac's, 6-9pm

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

Cory Brown
The Dublin Pub, 5:30pm

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

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“A Dream of Trees and Starfields” opening reception
Saturday, Sept. 7,
noon-5 p.m.
Perspectives Art Gallery
112 S. Sixth St., Petersburg
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ART | Singer-songwriter Ben Bedford makes art debut

it Local folk singer-songwriter Ben Bedford, known for his storytelling and evocative lyrics, is making his debut in the visual arts world. He'll become this fine art gallery's newest 2D-artist when his ink and pencil drawings and watercolor paintings – which he has enjoyed doing for decades – go on display for the first time. Gallery owner Toni Lowenthal, who has been a fan of Bedford's music for years, said the singer's art is “inspired by the national world, open skies and space, trees and woodland animals.” Bedford, who will talk about his art at 2 p.m., says his art and music are intertwined. “I compose music very organically, in a sort of stream-of-consciousness way, and I draw and paint in an analogous fashion, I think. In both disciplines, I'm sketching a scene or an image or a mood or any combination of those. In both disciplines, I'm telling a story,” Bedford said in a press release. After his talk, Bedford, who has six studio albums, will play a set of his music at 3 p.m.. In 2010, WFMT-Chicago named Bedford one of the “50 most significant folk singer-songwriters of the past 50 years.” The Springfield singer's exhibit will run through Sept. 28. The event is free.

Special Music Events

Bluegrass Concerts and Traditional Music Festival

Sept. 6-7. Step into the Kelso Hollow outdoor theater to listen to bluegrass musicians from throughout the Midwest. Also, on Sept. 7, traditional folk and bluegrass musicians will be playing throughout the village from 10am to 4pm. lincolnsnewsalem.com. Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-632-4000.

First Friday Concert Series

Fri., Sept. 6, 7pm. Directed by Mark Gifford. spicathedral.org. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-522-3342.

LOCASH

Sat., Sept. 7, 8pm. LOCASH, named “country music's iconic feel-good duo” by *People*, is made up of Preston Brust and Chris Lucas. LOCASH has earned eight charting singles, two successful albums, and more than a billion global streams. \$25, \$45, \$80. BOS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 217-788-8800.

Mousekevision

Sat., Sept. 7, 2pm. Presented by the Sound Celebration Chorus and featuring emcee Vanessa Ferguson. hcfta.org. \$20, ages 60+ and under 13 \$18. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Steve Earle

Fri., Sept. 6, 7-9:30pm. Legendary outlaw country artist Steve Earle, currently on his Alone Again solo acoustic tour, will make a stop at the WineRocks stage. 21+ show (ages 16-20 must be accompanied by parent). Gates open at 5pm. Tickets \$5 more day of the show plus applicable taxes and fees. No refunds. \$35. Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 12341 Irish Road, 217-488-6321.

Venice - Stained Glass Tour 2024

Thu., Sept. 12, 7:30pm. The rock of 1970s Aerosmith, the storytelling of James Taylor and harmonies reminiscent of The Eagles. Advance \$45; day of show \$50. atthelegacy.com. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-528-9760.

The Pine Mountain Logs with Rogers and Nienhaus

Fri., Sept. 13, 7pm. In this fundraiser

for The Mary Bryant Home, the Pine Mountain Logs – Los Angeles' No. 1 cover band – will play hits from the 1960s to today. Rogers and Nienhaus will open. \$30. Tickets available at etix.com or Mary Bryant Home, 2960 Stanton St. Route 66 Motorheads Bar and Grill, 600 Toronto Road, 217-529-1611.

Books & Authors

Hooked on Books Book Club

Second Monday of every month, 6-7pm. Join this engaging book discussion group on the second Monday of the month. September's read is *North Woods* by Daniel Mason. Free. Chatham Area Public Library, Chatham, 600 E. Spruce St., 217-483-2713.

Hooked on Books Book Club

Wed., Sept. 11, 6-7pm. Members of this book discussion group delves into captivating reads and share thoughts and insights. This month's read is *Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. chathamlib.org. Free. Chatham Area Public Library, Chatham, 600 E. Spruce St., 217-483-2713.

Stella's Silent Reading Club

Mondays, 10-11am. This club is a gathering of readers reading their own book - parallel but together. A big table will be set aside for participants to assemble and share what they are reading and then silently read for the next hour. A book lover's dream. Free. Stella Coffee & Tea, 1135 W. Governor St., 262-622-3151.

Theater & Comedy

Date Night with Comedy Magic & Mentalism

Fri., Sept. 6, 6:30-7:30pm. See magicians Jesse James and Rha-Bea present the kind of entertaining magic and mind-reading with the subtle comic sarcasm that you might find at a late-night show (think PG-13). uis.edu. \$17-\$21. UIS Studio Theatre, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Peter Antoniou

Sat., Sept. 7, 6:30, 9pm. From London's West End, psychic comedian Peter Antoniou has been astounding audiences around the world with his uncanny abilities. His shows fuse stunning feats of mind-reading with storytelling, razor sharp wit and improvisational comedy. broadgauge.com. \$25. Broadgauge, Petersburg, 101 North 7th St., 217-386-5669.

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.

Rockballet

Sat., Sept. 7, 8pm. An electrifying fusion of classical ballet and iconic rock music, taking audiences on a thrilling journey through the most influential eras of rock 'n' roll. This innovative production showcases the dynamic versatility of Copper Coin Ballet Company. \$15-\$25. The Muni, 815 E. Lake Dr., 217-793-MUNI.

Art & Architecture

“From Here to the Sun”

Thu., Sept. 5, 5:30-8pm. “From Here to the Sun” is a mixed-media exhibition by Champaign-based artist Lee Hunter. Exhibition runs through Sept. 19. A reception will be held at the gallery from 5:30 to 8 pm Sept. 5. UIS Visual Arts Gallery, HSB 201, One University Plaza, 217-

206-6506.

“Person(Re)alities: Paintings & Drawings by Art Silver”

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-5pm. Through Oct. 5. The Underground Gallery, inside of the SAA Collective, presents figurative and other paintings by juried artist Art Silver. springfieldart.org. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

“Vibrancy Realized”

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-5pm. Through Oct. 5. See the pastel paintings and glass sculptures of artists Sheri Ramsey and Michelle Ryan. springfieldart.org. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

Fae Propaganda Art Show III: Autumn Court

Sat., Sept. 7, 11am-7pm. Join the fae and fairy folk during this event's third year. This is a fantasy-themed art show and ren faire featuring more than 30 artists and vendors, theater performances, knights in armor and wonderful costumes. This event is free and family friendly. Costumes are encouraged. See the Facebook page for more info. Free. Union Square Park, 212 N. Sixth St.

Paint the Square

Sat., Sept. 7, 4-8pm. Paint a 6'x6' area in the downtown square. A bucket of non-toxic and washable paint is provided. Then, you'll be eligible for a viewer's choice award. \$25. Downtown Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Central Park, 217-243-5678.

Pillsburied: Multiple Resurrections Opening Reception

Fri., Sept. 6, 5:30-7:30pm. The third in a series of art exhibits created from and about the ruins of the Pillsbury Mill factory in Springfield. Includes depictions and interpretations of the abandoned factory, and sculptures and collages created from objects and materials found on site. The exhibit also includes artworks rescued from the rubble of the Adams Street fire. Free. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Woven Trivets

Sat., Sept. 7, 9am-12pm. Learn basic weaving terminology, how to design your own patterns and select exciting colors by creating woven “trivets” (aka potholders, hot pads, etc.). For those have done this kind of weaving before, it's a chance to refresh hose skills. springfieldart.org. \$30 nonmembers/ \$20 members. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

History

PrairieLand Chautauqua 2024

Sat., Sept. 7, 10am-8pm. The first Chautauqua took place at Nichols Park in 1912. The big tent went up, music played and speeches and lectures took place on a wooden stage. For a week, hundreds of people came to experience the show. The theme this year is “Community ... A Look at Ourselves.” jacksonvilleil.org. Nichols Park, Jacksonville, 110 Holkenbrink Dr., 217-479-4641.

Field Artillery Through Time

Sat., Sept. 7, 10am-4pm. Members of the Illinois State Military Museum Living History Detachment and members of 2-122 and 2-123 Field Artillery units will be on hand to talk about field artillery through time. Visit the museum's Facebook page for demonstration times. Illinois State Military Museum, 1301 N MacArthur Blvd., 217-761-3910.

Holiday Observances

Let Us Serve You For Serving Us

Wed., Sept. 11, 11:30am. Enjoy a lunch to honor the first responders and elected officials from our city, county and surrounding areas for their ongoing dedication and support of keeping our communities safe. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

Ride to Remember

Sun., Sept. 8, 9am. Vehicles begin lining up at 9am at Hall's Harley-Davidson. After a brief ceremony at the dealership, the procession will leave at 10:30am and proceed to the state Capitol grounds to the 9/11 Memorial site and the Police and Firefighters memorials. Free. Hall's Harley-Davidson, 2301 N. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-528-8356.

Fairs & Festivals

25th Anniversary of Main Street

Sat., Sept. 7, 4-9pm. A celebration with fun, food and reflection. Enjoy trolley tours, Big Eli Ferris wheel rides, food trucks and street art. Jacksonville Downtown, Jacksonville, Central Park Plaza, 217-243-5678.

Opa Greek Fest

Sat., Sept. 7, 11am-7pm. Gyros, Greek chicken, lamb, moussaka, Greek fries, saganaki, spinach pies and Greek salad. Desserts include baklava, cookies and loukoumades. All items individually priced. Live Greek band! No admission fee. St. Anthony's Hellenic Orthodox Church, 1600 S. Glenwood Ave., 217-522-7010.

Williamsville Autumn on the Boulevard/Fall Festival

Fri., Sept. 6, 6:30-10pm, Sat., Sept.

7, 7:30am-10pm and Sun., Sep. 8, 9am-3pm. Event begins Friday with a Murder Mystery/Dinner. Saturday is full of family activities including 5K Run/Walk, kids fishing derby, craft vendors, food vendors, kids activities, tractor show, cake walk and demonstrations on the boulevard. Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters will play 7-10 p.m. Sunday features public church services, pancake breakfast and car cruise. Downtown on the boulevard, Williamsville, downtown, 217-971-2636, 217-652-7957.

■ Fundraisers and Galas

“Thanks a Million” H.I.S. Home Benefit Dinner

Sun., Sep. 8, 5-6:30pm. Enjoy a meal and support the Haitian Interdenominational Shelter for Children in Port au Prince, Haiti. douglassavenue.org. \$30 at door. Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church, 501 S. Douglas Ave., 217-546-4631.

Downtown Springfield Family FunFest

Sat., Sep. 7, 11am-3pm. Festival geared toward children and families featuring inflatable obstacle courses and bounce houses, games and activities, toddler area, food trucks and a main stage packed with entertainment. Event aids Prevent Child Abuse Illinois. \$10 per person - parents and 2 & under free. Y Block, north of the Governor's Mansion, 217-522-1129.

Tour de Heartland

Sat., Sep. 7, 8am-4pm. Inaugural bike ride benefiting Historic Marbold Farmstead Association. Two route options: 2 miles or 28 miles. Both rides start and end at Greenview Jr-Sr. High School. runsignup.com. \$30-\$40. Greenview Community School, Greenview, 147 W. Palmer, 217-341-8293.

United Way Kickoff Rally

Thu., Sep. 5, 3:30-6pm. Help spark change and illuminate the path to a brighter tomorrow for the community by attending. Together, participants can ignite the future of central Illinois. uwcil.org/kickoff2024. \$375 table of 8 or \$45 individual. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-726-7000.

Colors of Health Fashion Show

Fri., Sep. 6, 6pm. Celebrate the vibrant intersection of community engagement and health through fashion. The Community Engagement Awards will also be presented. Reception at 5pm, fashion show at 6 pm. Hosted by the Alliance for Women in Medicine and Science. Hoogland Center for

the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

■ Fundraisers for Families

Cachet Card Party

Sun., Sep. 8, 1-4pm. Annual event. Sandwiches available for purchase. Includes desserts, beverages and door prizes. Tickets available from any Cachet Club member or at door. Proceeds to be donated to The James Project and Pioneer Shoe Program. \$5 per person. Little Flower Parish Center, 900 Stevenson Dr., 217-622-6856.

Nature, Science & Environment

Create a Garden from Scratch Workshop

Sat., Sep. 7, 1-3pm. Join University of Illinois Extension volunteers for this program at the Ostermeier Demonstration Garden. Volunteers will share the ins and outs of creating a pollinator-friendly vibrant native plant garden. lincolnmemorialgarden.org. Free. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

■ Lectures & Meetings

Recovery and Rediscovery

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm. An open meeting rooted in the principles of all 12-step programs where all are welcome, no matter where participants are in their journey. Phoenix Center OUT East, 704 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-528-5253.

Springfield Civic Garden Club

Mon., Sep. 9, 9am. Monthly meeting. Greg Pierceall will present “Landscaping Ideas to Enhance Your Outdoor Space.” He will share some simple and easy-to-implement landscaping principles, ideas and tips. Public invited to attend as guests. Free. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 S. Walnut St., 217-899-3283.

Tales from the Vault: What's New in History?

Thu., Sep. 5, 12-1pm. Erika Holst will talk about some new acquisitions. Discover the story behind a wedding quilt made for a Civil War veteran and his wife, a sampler embroidered by an Illinois schoolgirl in 1844 and a stained-glass window that graced the home of a Springfield family in the early 20th century. In person and also streamed online. Program hosted by the Illinois State Museum and Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. illinoisstatemuseum.org. Free. Illinois State Museum Research and Collections Center, 1011 E. Ash St., 217-782-6044.

■ Bulletin Board

Honey Harvest Demonstration

Tue., Sep. 10, 9:30am-12:30pm. Dave Cox, Lincoln Land Community College professor of biology, and members of the Prairie State and Lincoln Land Beekeepers Associations will demonstrate honey extraction from beehives. Participants are encouraged to wear protective gear. At a minimum, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt are required. Free. LLCC's West Lake Nature Grove, 2321 West Lake Shore Dr., 217-786-2200.

Monarch Show Series National Championship

Through Sep. 8. Amateur and Jr. Exhibitor American Saddlebred, Monarch Pleasure, and Amateur Hackney divisions, and Open American Saddlebred and Open Hackney Pony divisions. monarchshowseries.com. Coliseum, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 E. Sangamon Ave.

■ Health & Fitness

Rock and Run for Mental Health

Sun., Sep. 8, 8-11am. Combines a 5K run, live music, vendors and food event to benefit mental health non-profit organizations. See the web site for more info and to sign up. rock4mentalhealth.com. Rochester Community Park, Rochester, 90 Wild Rose Lane.

■ Sports

Anchor Boat Club Redneck Olympix 2024

Sat., Sep. 7, 11am. Calling all hillbilly “athletes” to compete in this fundraising event. Costumes encouraged. \$20 per team up to four. Proceeds go to Land of Lincoln Honor Flight. Includes food and drink options, silent auction and live music by the Wolf Crick Boys (5-8pm). Open to public. \$20 per team of four. Anchor Boat Club, 407 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1174.

it Jiu Jitsu Tournament

Sat., Sep. 7, 9:30am. Presented by FUJI BJJ Championship Series. Competitors range in age from 4 years old to 60+. fujibjj.com. \$20 at the door. Age 12 and under are free. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-725-8047.

Midwest Throwback Sprints

Fri., Sep. 6, 3-11pm. See 410 Sprints, 305 sprints, street stocks, modifieds and micros race. Jacksonville Speedway, Jacksonville, 110 N. Westgate Ave., 217-473-7355.

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23-099174
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC PLAINTIFF,
-vs-
Matthew J. Cox; Jessica A. Miller; State of Illinois; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS
DEFENDANTS
NO. 23 FC 120
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on May 15, 2024; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on October 1, 2024 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building, Sangamon County Board Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.
Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court. Commonly known as 2036 Brentwood Drive, Springfield, IL 62704
Permanent Index No.: 22-06.0-477-006
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tion prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. The judgment amount was \$129,845.26. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Bid Amount contact: Sale Clerk LOGS Legal Group LLP 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 ILNOTICES@logs.com (847) 291-1717 Nationstar Mortgage LLC One of Plaintiff's Attorneys LOGS Legal Group LLP Attorney for Plaintiff 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 (847) 291-1717 Randal S. Berg (6277119) Michael N. Burke (6291435) Christopher A. Cieniawa (6187452) Laura J. Anderson (6224385) Mallory Snyderman (6306039) Thomas Belczak (6193705) Debra Miller (6205477) Amy Aronson (6206512) THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM LIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS Nationstar Mortgage LLC Plaintiff, vs. Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Nita Jane Blue; City of Springfield, Illinois, a Municipal Corporation; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Travon Blue; Vonnelle Blue; Fatima Blue; William L. Blue; Reginald C. Blue; Angelica Blue; Joel Knosher as Special Representative of Nita Blue, deceased Defendants. Case No. 2023FC000202 225 White City Boulevard, Springfield, IL 62703 Judge Adam Giganti NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on July 17, 2024, Jack Campbell will on October 1, 2024, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Second Floor, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 225 White City Boulevard, Springfield, IL 62703 Parcel Number(s): 14-35.0-232-022, 14-35.0-232-023 The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check

for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property 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. The property will NOT be open for inspection. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the 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 call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 23-008512. Jenna M. Rogers MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 Telephone: 312-651-6700 Fax: 614-220-5613 Attorney. No.: 6308109 Email: statee-file@mdklegal.com

NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE, Plaintiff, vs. JOHN D VU, LINCOLNSHIRE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., SORLING NORTHRUP, CHRISTOPIAN SERVICES, INC., A/K/A SPRINGFIELD ROTO-ROOTER AND STATE OF ILLINOIS-DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, Defendants. CASE NO. 24-FC-32 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on May 29, 2024, the following described real estate, to-wit: Permanent Index Number: 22-18.0-431-009 aka 22-18-431-009 Commonly known as: 2116 Renwick Dr, Springfield, IL 62704 will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on October 1, 2024, at 9:00 AM, in the Auditorium on the 2nd Floor, 300 South 9th St, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$192,109.23. 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 during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1). If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE, Plaintiff, Veronika J. Miles (#6313161), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law 601 East William Street Decatur, IL 62523 Send Notice/Pleadings to: Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of August, 2024 a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that: Rikki D. Williams intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit: RiDel's Doll House and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principal place of said business is located at: 108 Mesa Rd, #4, Springfield, IL 62702

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of August, 2024 a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that: Shayna Keeley intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit: Shayna Gibbons Keeley and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principal place of said business is located at: 412 Yeoman Drive, Springfield, IL 62704

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of August, 2024 a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that: Ryan Keenan intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit: Concrete Contractors Springfield IL and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principal place of said business is located at: 3309 Robbins Road, #965, Springfield, IL 62704

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of CHARLES E. KRESSE, Deceased. IN PROBATE NO. 2024PR000345 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of CHARLES E. KRESSE, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on August 28, 2024, to LYNNEL KRESSE, Executor, 713 Seminole Sky Dr., Ruskin, Florida 33570, whose attorney is Robert A. Stuart, Jr., Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th St., Ste. 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Notice is given to Unknown Heirs who are named in a Petition filed in the above proceeding to probate a Will and whose names or addresses are not stated in the Petition, that an Order was entered by the Court on August 28, 2024, admitting the Will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of Admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6 21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21) You also have the right under Section 8 1 of the Probate Act (755

ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate. 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 March 6, 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 28th day of August, 2024. Robert A. Stuart, Jr. (2761122) Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP 205 S. 5th St., Ste. 1000 Springfield, IL 62701 (217) 544-8491 rstuart@bhsllaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In Re the Estate of: HERBERT C. KOBIALKA, Deceased. Case No.: 2024PR000331 CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Herbert C. Kobialka, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 27th, 2024, to Barry O. Hines, as Independent Executor, whose address is, 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 March 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 ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated this 27th day of August, 2024 Barry O. Hines 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 FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In Re the Estate of: WILLIAM J. ECK, Deceased. CLAIM NOTICE Case No.: 2024PR000315 NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of William J. Eck, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 27, 2024, to Janice Stockus and Thomas W. Eck, as Independent Co-Executors, whose address is c/o their 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 March 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 ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated this 27th day of August, 2024 Janice Stockus Independent Co-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 FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of LISA KAY BURG, Deceased No. 2024 -PR-000282 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Lisa Kay Burg of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 9, 2024, to Kaylee Burg, 18 Meadowlark, Springfield, IL 62702, Independent Administrator with No Will Annexed, whose attorney is Jill D. Leka, Clark Baird Smith LLP, 1100 N. River Road Suite 1120, Rosemont, IL 60018. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 North Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before March 12, 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 27th day of August. Jill D. Leka Clark Baird Smith, LLP 6133 N. River Road Suite 1100 Rosemont, IL 60018 (847) 378-7700 jleka@cbslawyers.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: TERENCE MICHAEL TRACY, Deceased. NO. 2024-PR-342 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Terence Michael Tracy of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 26, 2024, to Eileen Wisler, 9800 Tanoan Drive NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87111, 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 March 6, 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 27th day of August, 2024. Randall W. Segatto - 06193211 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
Brendan Michael McClanahan
For change of name to
Brendan Michael Buscher
Case No. 2024-MR-000310
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Oct. 22, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Brendan Michael McClanahan to Brendan Michael Buscher pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Sept. 5, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANTHONY SACCO, DECEASED
Case #2024-PR-340
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of ANTHONY SACCO. Letters of Office have been issued to CARRIE ANN SACCO, 2809 Wordsworth Drive, Springfield, IL 62711, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before March 5, 2025, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 22nd day of August, 2024.
Patrick J. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NANCY LOUISE HALL, DECEASED
Case #2024-PR-341
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of NANCY LOUISE HALL. Letters of Office have been issued to JOHN F. HALL, 3524 Teakwood Drive, Springfield, IL 62712, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before March 5, 2025, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 22nd day of August, 2024.
Patrick J. Sheehan
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GRETCHEN L. BRUINS, DECEASED
Case #2024-PR-338
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of GRETCHEN L. BRUINS. Letters of Office have been issued to ERIN RACHFORD, 2601 Arrowhead Drive, Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before March 5, 2025, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 22nd day of August, 2024.
William P. Sheehan
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
JAMES HOBART WELCH,
Deceased.
NO. 2024-PR-321
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of James Hobart Welch of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 14, 2024, to Ona Mae Welch, 3801 N.W. Territory, 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 February 21, 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 19th day of August, 2024.
Matthew J. Cate - 06272040
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE THE MATTER OF CHANGE OF NAME OF:
No. 2024-MR-290
ELIZABETH MARIE GRUNDLER
PUBLICATION NOTICE
TO ALL TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a hearing on the Petition of Elizabeth Marie Grundler to change her name to Brian Thompson Grundler has been filed in the Circuit Court in the above cause and has been set for hearing before the Honorable Robin Schmidt on the 24th day of September, A.D., 2024, at the hour of 9:30 a.m. in the Courtroom usually occupied by her, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth

Street, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, at which time and place you may be present and may be heard or object to such Petition.
UNLESS YOU file your objection in the office of the Clerk of this Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, or otherwise appear on or before the hearing date, an Order may be entered without your presence for the relief requested.
Dated this 20th day of August, A.D., 2024.
Respectfully submitted,
ELIZABETH MARIE GRUNDLER, Petitioner
BY: SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., her Attorneys
By: /s/ Pamela E. Hart
PREPARED BY: Pamela E. Hart, One of Her Attorneys
Pamela E. Hart (6299974)
SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.
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611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF JOSEPHINE A. WEBSTER,
Deceased.
No. 2024-PR-000337
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Josephine A. Webster. Letters of Administration were issued to Cindra Henry as Independent Administrator, whose address is 696 E. Main Street, Mechanicsburg, Illinois 62545. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 29, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.
Dated: August 21, 2024.
Attorney for Independent Administrator:
Sorling Northrup
Jerry S. Bauer, Attorney
1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200
P.O. Box 5131
Springfield, IL 62705
Telephone: 217-544-1144
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E-Mail: jsbauer@sorlinglaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:
MICHAEL LESLIE AKIN,
Deceased.
No. 2024-PR-335
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Michael Leslie Akin. Letters Testamentary were issued on August 20, 2024, to Karen L. Cox of 4655 Stagecoach Rd., Pleasant Plains, IL 62677 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Dan E. Way, WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before March 3, 2025, which is not less than six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or contact your local Circuit Clerk's office.
Dated this 19th day of August 2024
Dan E. Way, #6204735
WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC
1100 S. Fifth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 525-7003

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of
JUDI ANN WIETIES-MCCAFFREY,
Deceased.

NO. 2024-PR-317
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Judi Ann Wieties-McCaffrey of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 21, 2024, to Jodie Hovey, 116 Florian Lane, Spaulding, Illinois 62561, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Randall W. Segatto, 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 February 28, 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 21st day of August, 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:
Thomas J. Brinker Jr. Deceased
Case No. 2024-PR-000311
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Thomas J. Brinker Jr. Letters of Administration were issued on Aug. 19, 2024 to Charnelle Brinker as Executor, 799 Normandy St., Apt. 5304, Houston TX 77015. 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 Feb. 29, 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 FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:
MICHAEL LESLIE AKIN,
Deceased.
No. 2024-PR-335
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Michael Leslie Akin. Letters Testamentary were issued on August 20, 2024, to Karen L. Cox of 4655 Stagecoach Rd., Pleasant Plains, IL 62677 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Dan E. Way, WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before March 3, 2025, which is not less than six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
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Dated this 19th day of August 2024
Dan E. Way, #6204735
WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC
1100 S. Fifth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 525-7003

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Dated this 20th day of August 2024
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
Shirley M. Lutar, Deceased
Case No. 2024-PR-000267
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Shirley M. Lutar. Letters of Administration were issued on Aug. 19, 2024 to Charles P. Baumgardner as Executor, 1108 W. Maple So. Springfield, IL 62704. 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 Feb. 29, 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 FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:
VERNA M. AKIN,
Deceased.
No. 2024-PR-322
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Verna M. Akin. Letters Testamentary were issued on August 14, 2024, to Karen L. Cox of 4655 Stagecoach Rd., Pleasant Plains, IL 62677 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Dan E. Way, WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before March 3, 2025, which is not less than six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
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Dated this 19th day of August 2024
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA M. HAMPSON, Deceased
NO. 2024PR000323
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Barbara M. Hampson, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on August 14, 2024, to Jeanette M. Hampson, 1098 Woodside Road, Springfield, IL 62711, 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

TINA L. DAILEY. Deceased.
IN PROBATE
No. 2024-PR-324
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of TINA L. DAILEY, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on August 14, 2024, to Elizabeth Schafer, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Brandon R. Clark, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 6th day of March, 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 16th day of August, 2024.
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Registration No. 6329553
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF:
PATRICIA L. BENKSEN,
Deceased.
NO. 2023-PR-230
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Patricia L. Benksen of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 6, 2023, to Michael Rychel, 1501 Pennsylvania Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62702, 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 February 28, 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 14th day of August, 2024.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA M. HAMPSON, Deceased
NO. 2024PR000323
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Barbara M. Hampson, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on August 14, 2024, to Jeanette M. Hampson, 1098 Woodside Road, Springfield, IL 62711, 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 24th day of February, 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 14th day of August, 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 LINDA KAY JOHNSON-KABISCH, DECEASED

Case #2024-PR-327

DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of LINDA KAY JOHNSON-KABISCH. Letters of Office have been issued to NANCY L. BROWN, 1400 S. 14th Place, Rogers, AR 72758, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before February 27, 2025, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 13th day of August, 2024.

William P. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF EDWARD DABNEY STANFIELD, Deceased.

No. 2024 PR 288

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Edward Dabney Stanfield. Letters of Administration were issued to Edward Stanfield Jr., of Rochester, Illinois, as Independent Administrator. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, Illinois or with the representative, or both, on or before February 15, 2025, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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Dated: August 12, 2024

Attorneys for Independent Administrator Sorling Northrup
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of MARY LYNNE CLEVERDON, Deceased.

IN PROBATE

No. 2024-PR-000313

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of MARY LYNNE CLEVERDON, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on August 8, 2024 to JOSEPH WISE CLEVERDON, 206 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704, Executor, whose attorney is Robert A. Stuart, Jr., Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th St., Ste. 1000, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before February 18, 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 12th day of August, 2024.

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

IN THE ESTATE OF: MARGUERITE J. DIXON, Deceased.

Case No.: 2024-PR-287

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF WILL AND CLAIMS

Notice is hereby given of the death of Marguerite J. Dixon. Letters of Office were issued on August 7, 2024. The name and address of the Co-Executors are Thelma Webb, 863 E. Chestnut St., Canton, Illinois, 61520 and Samuel Anderson, 7545 E. Chambers Rd, Smithfield, Illinois, 61477. James Ackerman is counsel for Co-Executor, Thelma Webb. His address is Ackerman Law Office, P.C., 2601 South Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before March 7, 2025. Any claim not filed on or before March 7, 2025, is barred. Copies of the 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 9th day of August, 2024.

Thelma Webb, Co-Executor
Samuel Anderson, Co-Executor
By: /s/ James W. Ackerman
James W. Ackerman,
Attorney for Co-Executor, Thelma Webb
PREPARED BY:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the matter of the Petition of Matthew Bryce Phillips
For change of name to
Monica Penelope Phillips
Case No. 2024-MR-000268
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Oct. 22, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Matthew Bryce Phillips to Monica Penelope Phillips pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Sept. 5, 2024

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

In the matter of the Petition of Nasir James Marmolejo
For change of name to
Lamar Jaurice McCoy Jr.
Case No. 2024-MR-000308
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Oct. 22, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Nasir James Marmolejo to Lamar Jaurice McCoy Jr. pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Aug. 29, 2024

23-099174

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC PLAINTIFF,

-vs-
Matthew J. Cox; Jessica A. Miller; State of Illinois; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS
DEFENDANTS
NO. 23 FC 120
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on May 15, 2024; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on October 1, 2024 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building, Sangamon County Board Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court.

Said property is legally described as follows:
LOT 98 IN BRENTWOOD SECOND ADDITION, EXCEPT THAT PART OF SAID LOT 98 LYING NORTH AND WEST OF A LINE PARALLEL TO THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 98 AND 5 FEET SOUTHEASTERLY THEREFROM, MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES.

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.

Commonly known as 2036 Brentwood Drive, Springfield, IL 62704
Permanent Index No.: 22-06.0-477-006
Improvements: Single Family Residential

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

The judgment amount was \$129,845.26. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For Bid Amount contact:

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Amy Aronson (6206512)

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.
8051-946133

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

vs.
Justin L. List, Illinois Housing Development Authority, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendant(s).

2024FC000107
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: Justin L. List, Illinois Housing Development Authority, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case

has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

The East 150 feet of Lot 15 in Block 4 of C.E. Barr's Addition to the City of Springfield. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Commonly known as: 1001 North Patton Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702 and which said mortgage was made by, Justin L. List, a single man; Mortgagor(s), to Marine Bank; Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2013R36910; and for other relief. UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this County, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701

on or before SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT. RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff
120 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1140, Chicago, IL 60602
Phone: (312) 239-3432
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pleadings@rsmalaw.com
File No:24IL00327-1

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that this firm may be deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose.
8051-945951

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

Freedom Mortgage Corporation PLAINTIFF

Vs.
Troy W. Harbour Jr; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
DEFENDANTS
No. 2024FC000086
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:
Troy W. Harbour Jr
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
309 E Black Ave
Springfield, IL 62702

and which said Mortgage was made by: Troy W. Harbour Jr the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for INB, National Association, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2021R28108; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405 Springfield, IL 62701 on or before September 30, 2024, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100
Burr Ridge, IL 60527
(630) 794-5300
DuPage # 15170
Winnebago # 531
Our File No. 14-24-03496
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS

Nationstar Mortgage LLC Plaintiff,

vs.

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Nita Jane Blue; City of Springfield, Illinois, a Municipal Corporation; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Travon Blue; Vonnelle Blue; Fatima Blue; William L. Blue; Reginald C. Blue; Angelica Blue; Joel Knosher as Special Representative of Nita Blue, deceased
Defendants.

Case No. 2023FC000202
225 White City Boulevard, Springfield, IL 62703
Judge Adam Giganti
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on July 17, 2024, Jack Campbell will on October 1, 2024, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Second Floor, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Lot 55 and the South Half of Lot 54 of Spaulding's East Monroe Heights a Subdivision of the West three-quarters of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 35, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Except the coal and other minerals underlying the surface of said land and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal and minerals.
Commonly known as 225 White City Boulevard, Springfield, IL 62703
Parcel Number(s): 14-35.0-232-022, 14-35.0-232-023

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.
Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property 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. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the 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 call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file numbers: 23-008512. Jenna M. Rogers
MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC

Attorneys for Plaintiff
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Chicago, IL 60601
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Fax: 614-220-5613
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8051-945885

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PLAINTIFF, v. ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS AGENCY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; SPRINGFIELD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ERMA DAVIS, DECEASED; ANDY BROYLES; RAHEEM HAYES; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; DEFENDANTS. CASE NO.: 2024FC000083 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 923 S 14TH ST SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ERMA DAVIS, DECEASED UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

that Plaintiff commenced this case in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County against you and other defendants, for foreclosure of a certain mortgage lien recorded against the real estate described as follows: LOT 6 IN BLOCK 11 OF EASTMAN;S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERAL AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Common Address: 923 S 14TH ST SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 PIN: 14-34.0-435-016 Said mortgage was executed by ERMA DAVIS, as mortgagor(s) and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS MORTGAGEE, AS NOMINEE FOR TOWN AND COUNTRY BANK, as mortgagee, on 4/12/2012 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois as Document Number 2012R14821. You have been sued. Read all documents attached to this Summons. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Summons called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case.

After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail.

You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees.

It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this

case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this.

Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegald.org. All documents referred to in this Summons can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website.

¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411-1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios. Unless you file your Appearance and Answer/Response in this case in the office of the clerk of this court by 9/23/2024 A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR DECREEE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT. David Mazzella 6344319 Robertson Anschutz Schneid Crane & Partners, PLLC 205 N. Michigan Suite 810 Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: (561) 241-6901 E-mail: ilmail@raslg.com File: 23-124003 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. 8051-945851

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank, Plaintiff, v. JONATHAN MIKEL SCHNAPP, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No.: 2024-FC-72 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 SEPTEMBER 23, 2024.

The Plaintiff has certified that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action was filed on May 6, 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:

Jonathan Mikel Schnapp. (iv) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: Lot One Hundred Twenty-Six (126) in Charles S. Wanless' Lakelawn, Fourth Plat. Except the coal and other minerals underlying the surface of said land and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal and minerals. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Tax ID Number: 22-14.0-276-010 (v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:

3308 Moorgate Drive, 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: December 1, 2014.. (C) Name of mortgagor: Jonathan Mikel Schnapp. (D) Name of mortgagee: Illinois National Bank. (E) Date and place of recording: December 11, 2014 in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Sangamon County, Illinois. (F) Identification of recording: Document No. 2014R32909. INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank, 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 8051-945775

NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE, Plaintiff, vs.

JOHN D VU, LINCOLNSHIRE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., SORLING NORTHRUP, CHISTOPIAN SERVICES, INC., A/K/A SPRINGFIELD ROTO-ROOTER AND STATE OF ILLINOIS-DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, Defendants. CASE NO. 24-FC-32 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on May 29, 2024, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lot 128 in Lincolnshire Third Addition, according to the plat thereof recorded as Document Number 92-25595. 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: 22-18.0-431-009 aka 22-18-431-009 Commonly known as: 2116 Renwick Dr, Springfield, IL 62704 will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on October 1, 2024, at 9:00 AM, in the Auditorium on the 2nd Floor, 300 South 9th St, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$192,109.23. 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 during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE, Plaintiff, Veronika J. Miles (#6313161), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law 601 East William Street Decatur, IL 62523 Send Notice/Pleadings to: Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbatlys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 8051-943609

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS SPRINGFIELD MHC, LP, d/b/a Woodland Acres Mobile Home Park, Plaintiff, vs. MIRACLE SOMMERIO and BENTRELL MCKINNEY, and any 'unknown occupants' for purposes of 735 ILCS 5/9-107.5, Defendants.) Case #2024-EV-943 NOTICE OF DISTRESS FOR RENT WARRANT

The Defendants in the above action are notified that an action seeking a distress for rent warrant pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/9-301 et seq. was commenced by the above-named Plaintiff. This action seeks an Order for the award of the Mobile Home as further described in the Complaint to Plaintiff for disposition. Unless the Defendants file an answer to the Complaint or otherwise file an appearance in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, Room 405, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before September 30, 2024, a default may be

Notice by Publication CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF Calix Sablotny, MINOR CHILD No. 2024-GR-157 To: Gary Sablotny at address unknown: Please be notified that Rebecca Cain has filed a Petition for Guardianship of Calix Sablotny, minor child. You are required to answer said Petition By October 21, 2024 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

Date of Sale: September 11, 2024 @ 1:00 P.M. Location: Westside Storage, 3142 South Douglas Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704.

BLD N #122 5x10 John Brownback 74 Churchill Dr. Chatham, IL 62629

BLD E #3 5x10 David Cellars 3625 S. Douglas Ave. Lot 21 Springfield, IL 62704

BLD KK #9 5x12 Kurt Curry 16 Concord Square #2 Boston MA 02118

BLD A #83/84 10x20 Reginald Howell 3409 Old Macarthur Springfield, IL 62704

BLD I #51 5x10 BLD I #54 5x10 Yvette Pearson 1015 South 15th Street Springfield, IL 62703

BLD I #55 10x10 Melissa Pieper 2414 Devonshire Springfield, IL 62703

BLD C #50 5x10 Jerry Thomas 3325 S. Freemont Drive Springfield, IL 62703

BLD I #67 5x10 Mike Williams-Scurlock 537 West Allen St. Springfield, IL 62704

BLD L #109 10x20 Wendy Zurkammer 1912 Dial Court Springfield, IL 62704

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS SPRINGFIELD MHC, LP, d/b/a Woodland Acres Mobile Home Park, Plaintiff, vs. MIRACLE SOMMERIO and BENTRELL MCKINNEY, and any 'unknown occupants' for purposes of 735 ILCS 5/9-107.5, Defendants.) Case #2024-EV-943 NOTICE OF DISTRESS FOR RENT WARRANT

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entered against Defendants at any time after that day and a judgment may be entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint, including an order awarding the Mobile Home described in the Complaint to Plaintiff for disposition. Patrick J. Sheehan, III SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 544-0701 | jr@sheehanlaw.net

To enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent a private auction will be held on Saturday September 14, 2024 at 9:00a.m.

Northend Storage is located at 1907 North Grand East, Springfield, IL. 62702

This is a private auction. In order to attend you must call 217-544-4521 a week prior to the auction date. Please leave your name, telephone number and an email address. Cash is the only form of payment accepted for the auction.

Any individual wanting to retain their unit will need to pay their entire balance on or before September 6, 2024. No personal checks will be accepted for storage units that are in lien.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION

Jessica Close	Unit #1-9
Naila Day	Unit #3-8
Danny Crawford	Unit #10-5
Kristy Paoni	Unit #11-32
Charlotte Burnett	Unit #2-19
Michael Ozanic	Unit #2-33
Tailicia Rich	Unit #2-40
Effie Briggity	Unit #3-25
Mark McNeese	Unit #3-32
Verneeda Miller	Unit #4-29
Ashley Goins	Unit #7-21
Terry Broida	Unit #9-37
Jayson Goldsberry	Unit #C-23
Kristina Blissett	Unit #H-2
Joanna Witherall	Unit #I-18
Angelina Testa	Unit #J-13

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Margaret J. Bradley, Petitioner and Brody L. Schwehr, Respondent Case No. 2024-FA-000177 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you Brody L. Schwehr, 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 29th day of September, 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 SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ASA JONES, Plaintiff, v. FABULOUS ESTATES LLC, a California limited liability company, Defendant.

No. 2024CH000001

Notice of Summons by Publication: PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Illinois Code of Civil Procedure ILCS 5/2-206 & ILCS5/2-207 to Fabulous Estates, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, a Complaint to Quiet Title has been filed against you regarding the property commonly known as 1423 N. 5th Street, Springfield, IL. You have 30 days to respond to the Complaint. Your failure to respond to the Complaint to Quiet Title before September 22, 2024, will result in a default order entered against you. /s/ Bradley B. Wilson Date: 8/13/24

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF Alex Ciaccio-Gabriel, MINOR CHILD No. 2024-GR-143 To: Nicole Ciaccio & John Charles Gabriel at addresses unknown: Please be notified that Linda Gabriel has filed a Petition for Guardianship of Alex Ciaccio-Gabriel, minor child. You are required to answer said Petition By October 7, 2024 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRED S. KINCAID SR, Deceased. Case No. 2024-PR-332 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of FRED S. KINCAID, Deceased.8 Timberline Dr., Springfield, IL 62711, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before March 01, 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 29th day of August, 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 SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF JEFFREY S HARVEY, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JEFFREY S HARVEY, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF JEFFREY S HARVEY, DECEASED, BREEANNA HARVEY AND THEODORE HARVATIN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF JEFFREY S HARVEY, DECEASED, Defendants.

CASE NO. 24-FC-69

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Jeffrey S Harvey, deceased, Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Estate of Jeffrey S Harvey, deceased and Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Jeffrey S Harvey, deceased, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 3076 Louise Ln, Springfield, IL 62702, more particularly described as: 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 names of the title holders of record are: Heirs and Devisees of Jeffrey S Harvey, deceased iv. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: LOT 21 OF CHARLES S. WANLESS' LOUISE LANE SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION OF LOT 65, 66 AND 67, WANLESS' CAPITOL HEIGHTS ADDITION, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.

EXCEPTING AND RESERVING ALL COAL AND MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LOTS WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE THE SAME BY EXTENDING ENTRIES THEREUNDER, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Permanent Index Number: 14-25.0-127-042

v. A common address or description of the location for the real estate is as follows: 3076 Louise Ln, Springfield, IL 62702 vi. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Names of the Mortgages: Jeffrey S Harvey, unmarried Names of the Mortgagee: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

Date of the Mortgage: November 2, 2016 Date of the recording: November 9, 2016 County where recorded: Sangamon County Recording document identification: Document No. 2016R31330 UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Room 405, Springfield, IL 62701-1299 on or before October 7, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE.

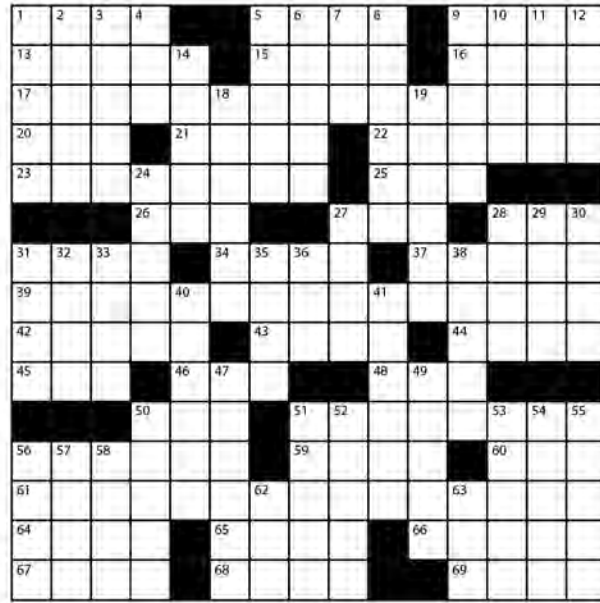
CLERK OF THE COURT THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Julie Beyers (#6217185) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law 601 East William Street Decatur, IL 62523 Send Notice/Pleadings to: Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 8051-946209

Sounds the same

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Across

1. Almond
5. Taj Mahal's city
9. The Kennedys, e.g.
13. Engine sounds
15. What nomads do
16. Experience
17. Home run requirement
20. Decide to leave, with "out"
21. Lacking slack
22. Short-straw drawers
23. Stop on the way
25. An end to sex?
26. Parenthesis, essentially
27. "Gee whiz!"
28. "The Black Cat" writer
31. Disparage
34. Stratified snack
37. Agenda entries
39. Half a quartet
42. Bind
43. Liberals, with "the"
44. Top-rated
45. Banned pesticide
46. Hot spot
48. Balloon filler
50. Afflict
51. British (1964ish)
56. Chinese temple
59. Appear
60. Car accessory
61. Often
64. "Don't bet ___!"
65. ___-friendly
66. Cold shower?



67. Pro ___
68. Beanery sign
69. No Clue

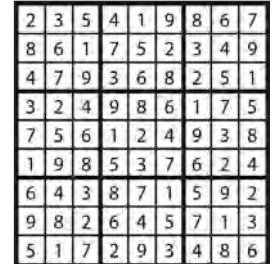
Down

1. Overthrow, e.g.
2. Two-door
3. Carries on
4. Ashes holder
5. Bicker
6. "___ go!"
7. "Go!"
8. ___ Island, Fla.
9. Gorge
10. Beam intensely
11. Allege
12. 1987 Costner role
14. Ravi Shankar's instrument
18. Bust officers
19. 1990's war site
24. Divination deck
27. Fashion
28. 100 centavos
29. Black cat, maybe
30. Sum, ___, fui
31. Fastener
32. Advance
33. Newton, e.g.
35. Big Indian
36. Hydrocarbon ending
38. Autocrats
40. Live
41. More daring
47. One of ten in Exodus
49. Poetic feet
50. Blood carrier
51. ___ of Langerhans
52. Approaches
53. "A Doll's House" playwright
54. Architectural projection
55. Foul
56. "D"
57. "The King and I" role
58. Bearing
62. ___ Today
63. "Aladdin" prince

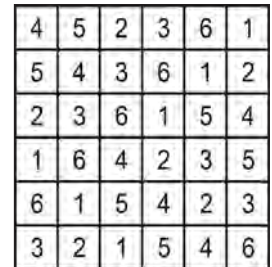
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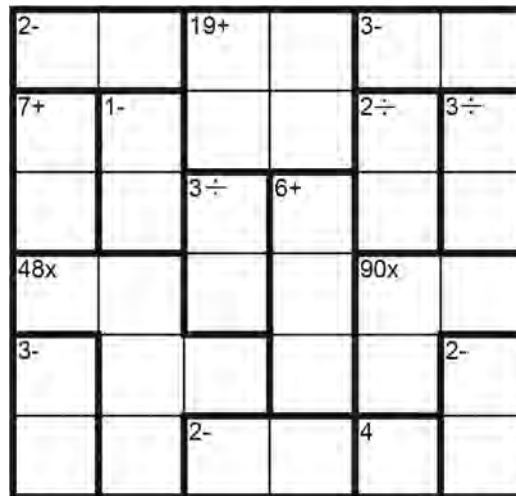
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JoshJosh answers from #853

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 854

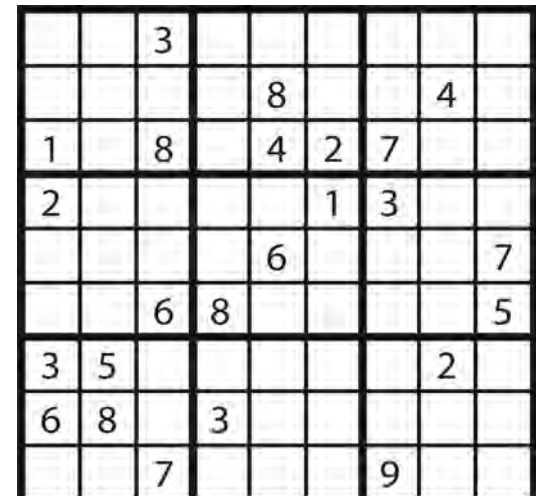
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



Difficulty hard

Sudoku No. 854

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



Difficulty medium

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HOMETOWN

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BANK OF SPRINGFIELD

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