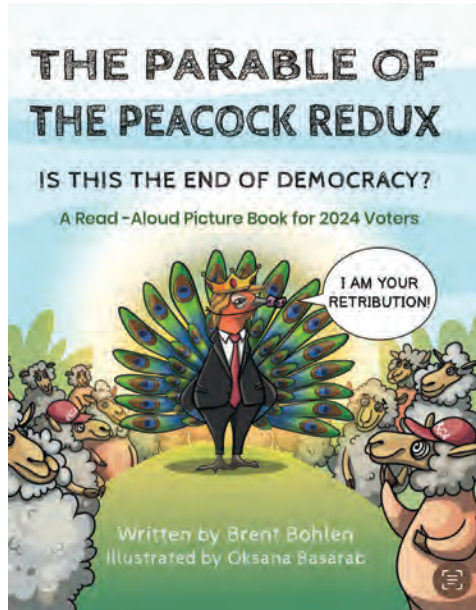




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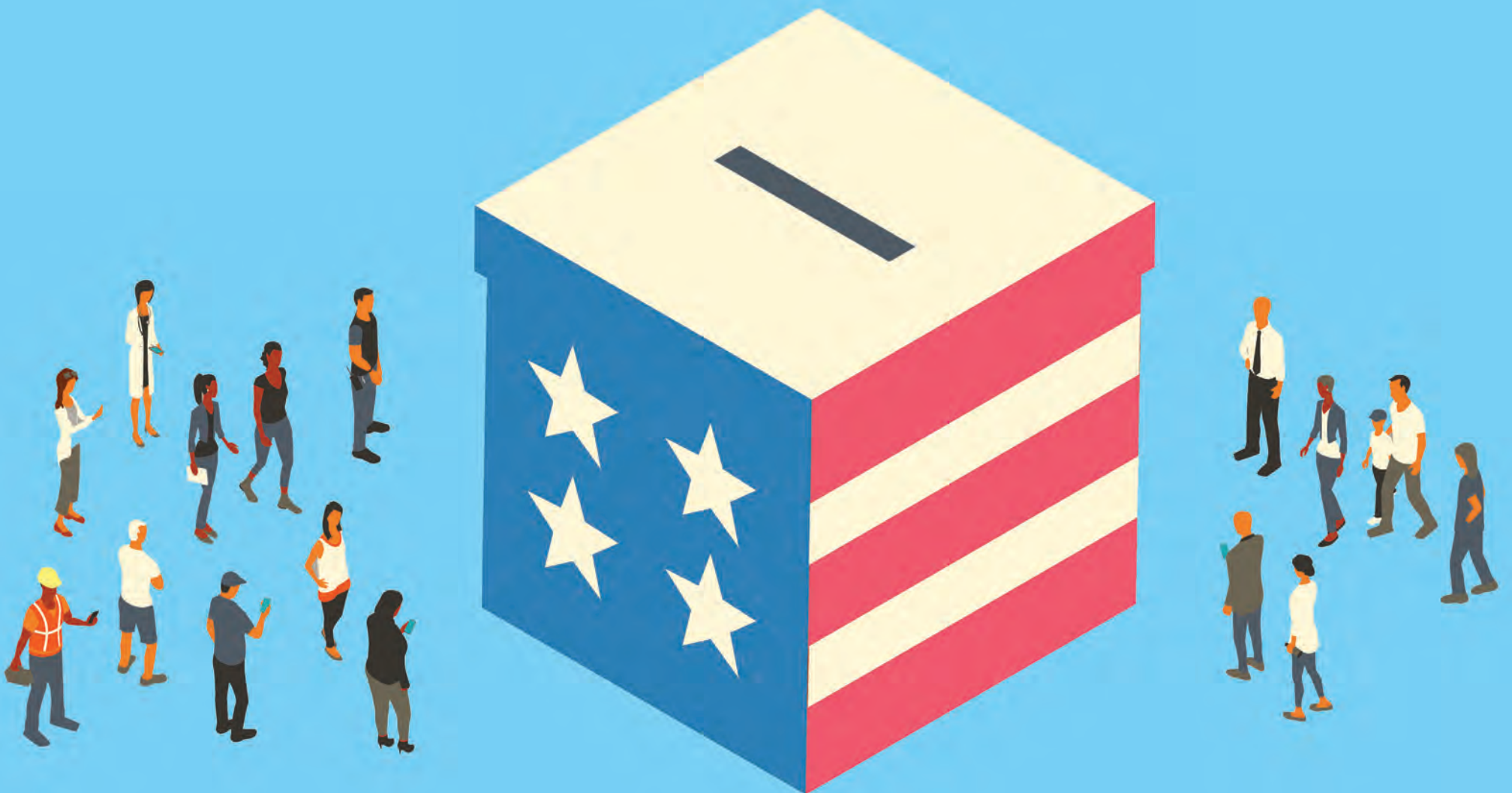
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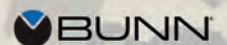


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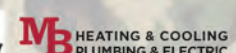
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# Governor's Mansion block slated to become a park

Mayor says she wants it to remain green space

**DOWNTOWN | Scott Reeder**

The vacant block in downtown Springfield across from the Governor's Mansion may be on the brink of becoming a city park, Mayor Misty Buscher told *Illinois Times* recently.

"I'm referring to it as the 'North Mansion Park,'" she said. "We've had conversations with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and with landscape architects to create a park-like setting that would be an Illinois natural habitat: plants and trees."

The Illinois General Assembly has allocated \$4 million in the current state budget for "design, construction, improvements and other capital expenditures" of the block. But first, the city must have an environmental study conducted to determine whether contaminants in soil make the area unsafe for recreational use.

A preliminary study of the soil in the area found gasoline, diesel fuel, oil and other chemical compounds, Buscher said. A phase two study needs to be conducted to see if the contamination can be mitigated.

It will cost \$27,000 to conduct the study and it must be paid for with city funds, she said. An exact timeline for how long the study would take has not been determined.

"It's been sitting as it is for so long," Buscher said. "And I truly believe our community would like to see this happen. I do hear some people in the community say they want to get it on the tax rolls. They want to see taxation coming through, but not everyone in the community says that. The majority likes the green space and doesn't want to lose the opportunity for the concert series."

The empty lot just north of the Governor's Mansion was once the site of the YWCA building, which was razed in 2017. Over the



The current state budget appropriated \$4 million for "design, construction, improvements and other capital expenditures for the development of the Governor's Mansion block." Mayor Misty Buscher says she plans to make it into a park. PHOTO BY KAREN WITTER

years, various ideas ranging from a law school campus to an apartment complex and private businesses have been proposed for the site.

But so far, the primary use for the vacant lot has been as the home of the Levitt AMP Springfield Music Series.

Since the land is next to the Governor's Mansion, Buscher said she has made a point of working with Gov. JB Pritzker's

administration.

"I personally have had conversations with the governor. ... The reason that I wanted to have conversations with the governor and the first lady is that it is right next to the Governor's Mansion, and we want to be good neighbors," the mayor said. "We want it to look aesthetically pleasing when they look out the window. I think a law school downtown would be great. But I don't know if you're at the Governor's Mansion having a reception you'd (want to) look out and see a giant building there."

She added that neighboring businesses and organizations have expressed similar sentiments regarding having the area remain green space.

Buscher added there is plenty of vacant downtown office space that can be redeveloped for business, office developments or a law school.

"We've asked the landscape architects to create something that would be natural habitat, have some seating – with an open amphitheater feel – because Levitt AMP is there. We still want to embrace things that make it very natural," Buscher said.

While Union Square Park, across from the

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, already provides green space, Buscher said this park could include features unique to downtown.

"One of the conversations is to have a playground area. It wouldn't be metal playground equipment. It could be playground equipment that looks like a broken-down tree, but it's actually something you can climb on so everything looks very natural. That would be aesthetically pleasing," she said. "Not a lot of downtowns have green space, and I hate for us to lose that. We have enough vacant buildings downtown that we need to repurpose."

Her view was echoed by Carlos Ortega, executive director of Downtown Springfield, Inc.

"A lot of work and dedication has gone into creating that vibrant concert series throughout the last three summers," he said. "(The park) is going to be an excellent addition to our downtown. It will provide that flow of individuals from the community who engage with our downtown." □

*Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at [sreeder@illinoistimes.com](mailto:sreeder@illinoistimes.com).*

## Publisher's note

City council meetings are lasting a lot longer than they used to, with a five-hour meeting this week that was again dominated by discussions of how to alleviate homelessness. There were disagreements over many things, but not the need for better communication. The city, social service organizations and individual advocates are all making efforts to address this challenge, generally with good intentions, but malice is often assumed when people are taken by surprise, whether it's announcing a plan for new low-income housing in a neighborhood that doesn't want it or sending Public Works crews to clean up an encampment. Heartland HOUSED was launched in 2022 to serve as the umbrella organization for groups working to address homelessness, and the organization issued a statement last month about not being consulted prior to introduction of an ordinance to ban public camping. Perhaps more conversations need to happen – outside of city council meetings – before any more solutions are proposed. – Michelle Ownbey, publisher



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Left to right: Butch Elzea, Pat Phalen, John Eck Sr., Mike Pence and Tom Fitch make up the board of directors for the newly incorporated nonprofit First Citizen Award.

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# First Citizen program revamped

Nominations open through Oct. 15 for 61st annual award

NEWS | Karen Ackerman Witter

After 61 years, the First Citizen award program is getting a reboot. Applications are now open through Oct. 15, and the winner will be announced at a public event on Nov. 13.

The award, which recognizes individuals whose service has significantly contributed to the betterment of the Springfield area, was created in 1963 by Springfield's Copley-owned newspapers. The award has been associated with the *State Journal-Register* until this year.

Seven past recipients of the First Citizen award, led by Butch Elzea, met with representatives from the *State Journal-Register* earlier this year to express concerns that the newspaper was no longer able to give the First Citizen program the priority it deserves, Elzea told *Illinois Times*. The newspaper is now owned by Gannett with its management

positions based outside of Springfield. Elzea said that in recent years, the number of nominations has declined, and there was no public ceremony to honor the recipient.

Elzea and his colleagues believed that an independent, nonprofit organization could restore the vitality of the First Citizen award program and make it a higher priority than was possible through the *State Journal-Register*. In July 2024, First Citizen Award was incorporated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Elzea, a retired business owner who was instrumental in the creation of Southwind Park, serves as president of the new nonprofit. The board of directors currently includes John Eck Sr., a retired partner from Eck, Schafer & Punke LLP; Tom Fitch, vice president of facilities, real estate and construction at Springfield Clinic; Mike

Pence, president of Bank of Springfield and Pat Phalen, president and CEO of Illinois National Bancorp and executive vice president of INB.

A citizens committee will review nominations and select the recipient. In addition to the five board members, the committee includes Desiree Logsdon, senior vice president of BUNN; Jackie Newman, executive director of the Springfield Housing Authority; and Mark Selvaggio, president of Selvaggio Steel.

The award is intended to honor people who have worked, outside of a paid position, to make Springfield a better place. Elzea, who has served on the First Citizen selection committee multiple times, said they are looking to honor people who are doing things for humanity and don't expect anything in return.

More than two dozen businesses and organizations have signed up as sponsors to help with publicizing nominations and covering the costs of the event.

Nominations are being accepted online through Oct. 15 at [firstcitizenaward.org](http://firstcitizenaward.org). Harriet Knudson, the driving force behind creating Lincoln Memorial Garden, was Springfield's inaugural First Citizen in 1963. A complete list of former First Citizen recipients is available online. □

## Winner to be revealed at Nov. 13 public event

The 2024 First Citizen Award will be presented at an evening reception Nov. 13 at Erin's Pavilion at Southwind Park. Tickets are required, but the event is free thanks to significant contributions from many local entities. To date, donations total \$26,000. Sponsors include Springfield-area banks, medical institutions, small and large businesses, the city of Springfield and Sangamon County. More details and ticket information will be posted on the First Citizen Facebook page and [firstcitizenaward.org](http://firstcitizenaward.org).

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# Senior housing turmoil continues

Residents claim management unfairly targets them for eviction

HOUSING | Addison Wright

Low-income residents at Springfield apartment complexes Meadow View Place and Meadow View Landing said they feel targeted after the properties were bought last October by a Denver-based company. Senior residents continue to feel threatened, as previously reported by *Illinois Times*. (See “Turmoil at senior housing complex,” by David Blanchette, May 9.)

“Some people are older, and they’re ill, and they don’t have any family members to advocate for them; it’s a bad situation,” said Jackie Ping, a resident of Meadow View Place, 4305 W. Washington. “This was a senior community and now all of a sudden they said it’s not.” Meadow View Landing is at 2801 Montaluma Drive.

The new management, Highland Vista Group, is still bound to the original affordability requirements through the end of the extended use period, or 30 years after the Low-Income Housing Tax Credits were placed in service, according to the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

But the company’s agreement to provide affordable housing at Meadow View Place is ending this December. The agreement to provide affordable housing at Meadow View Landing ends Dec. 31, 2028. Until then, 128 units of the 160 total units need to be 50 to 60 percent of the local area median income.

Senior residents say they have repeatedly received eviction notices giving them less than 24 hours to pay and utility charges not listed in their lease. The city found these charges to be against city code and gave the company until Sept. 1 to correct them.

“Corporate runs the way they want; that’s why they can’t keep upper management,” said a previous maintenance supervisor, who requested anonymity because of fear of retribution. “They need to listen to the experience of seasoned upper management. Until then it will be 100 percent mishandled.”

Residents also claim management has been moving in younger tenants. Meadow View Place and Landing previously were limited to residents 55 years of age and over.

*Illinois Times* contacted management again several times this month. The local property managers said they were told by regional management not to comment and requested their lawyer, Randy Paswater, to speak on their behalf. Paswater said “no comment.”

## Eviction notices

On Sept. 17, residents received notices



Meadow View Place residents Barbara Williams and Diane Eleopoulos hold one of the notices and third party utility bills that Williams received on her door. Eleopoulos received similar notices. PHOTOS BY ADDISON WRIGHT

giving them less than 24 hours to pay, or management would start an eviction process.

“If I didn’t pay the \$400 that was on that invoice by 3 p.m. the next day they were going to send it to their lawyer to start the eviction process,” said Ping. “And a lot of other residents received this too.”

Springfield lawyer Mike Durr, who has over 30 years of experience with landlord-tenant law, said that while the Illinois Eviction Act says it can be legal to post notices on a resident’s door, landlords are required to give residents at least five days’ notice, counting the day the notice was issued.

## Subsidized housing evictions

Over 18 subsidized residents received eviction

notices over the summer for nonpayment of rent.

Melissa Huffstedtler, deputy director of Springfield Housing Authority, says she is unaware that 18 subsidized residents received eviction notices over the summer.

“We have had some staffing shortages over the last several months, and so we’re just trying to catch up with all the outstanding items that are going on with our voucher holders,” said Huffstedtler.

Kelly Jennings, a Meadow View Place resident living in subsidized housing, received an eviction notice and says she has money orders proving rent payment.

“This is the fourth time I’ve had to show proof that I’ve paid,” said Jennings. “I gave

them one rent payment right away, and then three days later, I gave another payment for the next month. And then that’s when I get this – I’m being evicted because I haven’t paid for rent.”

Huffstedtler says a landlord cannot evict a resident when Springfield Housing Authority does not pay its part of the bill. She recommends management contact the housing authority if they’re not getting the authority’s payments.

A section 8 resident filed a 30-day notice to leave her unit after being priced out, but SHA did not finish her paperwork in time. “They said they’re short of staff so I didn’t get out in 30 days,” said the resident, remaining anonymous for fear of retribution. “I have to sign another vacancy notice to keep people from making me sign the lease next week. I can’t afford the new rent and don’t want to go into debt while I wait.”

## Utility charges questioned

Last May, CWLP found Meadow View management was reselling water services, which is against city code. Deborah Williams, CWLP’s regulatory affairs director, issued a letter to management and gave them until Sept. 1 to fix the charges.

“We can’t stop a landlord from including the cost of utilities in rent, so as long as it’s a flat amount that they get charged the same thing every month, then we don’t see a problem with that,” said Williams.

Residents do not pay CWLP for water, because there are no meters to monitor individual water usage. Management can charge residents for the service, as long as it’s a flat fee in their lease.

Residents pay CWLP for electricity and reported receiving additional electric bills from management.

“I talked to some people this summer who received rent bills showing electric for common areas, but I don’t believe that’s going to be the case going forward,” said CWLP’s Williams. “If they are being rebilled for electricity they are already paying for through their meters, we would have to address that.”

These utility charges were not announced by the management company and are not listed in every lease, according to residents.

Ping says she confirmed with management Sept. 18 the utility charges are not under her lease, but the managers would not give her a copy of her lease.



“She just took the lease out of the folder and put it on the table and started looking through it,” said Ping. “I said I want a copy of my lease and she said, ‘Well, it takes 15 to 20 minutes to print it off there to copy it’ and promised to put it in an envelope on my door that afternoon.”

Ping did not receive the lease that afternoon.

Scott Linde, director of development for a nonprofit serving senior citizens, said he’s heard from several Meadow View residents who have had problems getting a copy of their lease.

“Any additional charges would have to be listed in the lease so having a problem getting a copy of that lease is a big issue right there,” Linde said.

Residents say they have not received additional charges since Sept. 1 but have received eviction notices for not paying the summer charges.



Empty office at Meadow View Place. Website lists “on-site management” and “availability 24 hours” as amenities.

### Springfield housing

More than a third of Meadow View Place residents have left in the past year, according to residents.

“I’ve counted at least 17 or 18 people who have left since the Highland VISTA group took over,” said Diane Eleopoulos, Meadow View Place resident. “In nine months that many have left, and this property has 60 apartments.”

Some residents are unsure where to go if they are evicted.

This month, a company of three Springfield senior living facilities filed for bankruptcy. Nationally, there is a low supply of available Section 8 and low-income housing.

“It’s so expensive,” said Barbara Williams, Meadow View Place resident. “Everybody says ‘just move,’ as if I could just get up and walk around and find a place. It’s horrible trying to find a place. It took me a year and a half to find this.”

And residents don’t know how to consistently contact management. Eight of the nine phone numbers currently listed on the property building and website do not work.

“I had to call the emergency number a couple weeks ago at around 1:30 in the morning, and I called the number that they had given me placed on the side of my fridge, and it didn’t work,” said Bobi Milner, Meadow View Place resident. “I had to come into the community room and look on that bulletin board to get the number.” □

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Meadow View Place resident Barbara Williams in her apartment with photos of seven generations of her family.



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## KNOW WHO TO CALL

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by the police. For mental health emergencies, there is 988. For local mental health crises, there is 217-788-7070. I keep these numbers in my phone.

A few months ago, I saw a young man on a street corner who was having some kind of mental health issue. I called 988 and was told that is a national help line. They gave me the 217-788-7070 number, which I called. Within a few minutes, an ambulance was there.

*Sarah Thomas  
Springfield*



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Alice and the Gryphon joined the lobsters in a dance.  
Mr. Square he met a Sphere but Flatland didn't care,  
While Pooh went by, a-hangin' high, a black cloud in the air.

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## STOP HIRING BAD COPS

Beth Hundsdorfer's article was an unacceptable obfuscation of the real problem ("A deadly delay," Sept. 12). The cop in question would have killed someone eventually even if the Community Emergency Services and Supports Act (CESSA) was in place. He was primed for it, and showed a pattern of volatile behavior before he was even hired as a cop. His callousness displayed on the camera footage after he murdered Sonya Massey shows he never saw her as a person to begin with.

No person experiencing a mental health crisis or otherwise should be shot in the head over a pot of boiling water. No person should be intentionally murdered by a cop for any reason. Execution without due process is called a police state, which is inherently anti-democratic and anti-American. If a person cannot be trusted not to murder someone in crisis, then that person shouldn't

be given a deadly weapon by the government and authorization to use it at will.

The problem, as displayed by advocates pushing for CESSA in the first place, is that citizens don't trust those who are supposedly tasked with protecting us. We, as a people, see modern-day policing as inherently violent with no accountability. We want something different. Something more compassionate. Something better.

There are several things we can do to correct this: End qualified immunity, accurately track volatile people so they cannot simply travel from department to department and make police unions pay off families after their members murder citizens. Maybe then we will see a decrease in volatile people hired as cops. Maybe then our taxpayer dollars won't be used to employ people who murder us, or on massive settlements after the fact. Maybe then we will see

people think twice before they use their badge as a shield for reckless and cowardly violence. We as a society need to stop hiring thug wannabes and get people who care about the "protect" part of serve and protect.

At some point that "bad apple" rots the barrel. Fix policing before blaming those who didn't arm the man who pulled the trigger.

*JK Morrison  
Springfield*

## REQUIRE FOID CARD

Why not make the issuing of a valid FOID card and ongoing requirement of employment and hiring for all sworn officers ("Former SPD officer indicted on drug charges," Sept. 19)? Law enforcement officers could be granted expedited FOID card processing.

*C. Scott Stahlman  
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## BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER

On NPR recently, Steve Inskeep interviewed the leader of the Haitian community in Springfield, Ohio. He has been in Springfield for four years since coming to the U.S. and was asked: "What did you think when you heard candidate Donald Trump during the debate say Haitians in your town were eating people's pets?" His answer was poignant.

He said a leader brings people together and does not use hateful prejudice to divide them. He was so stunned at the slander of his people he could hardly move. He said the Haitians were hard-working, dependable and thankful and loyal to America. The former rust-belt city has been rejuvenated by their energy and good citizenship.

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# Fall veto session seems unlikely

POLITICS | Rich Miller

For months now, Statehouse types have been talking about whether there's a need for a fall veto session this year. The session is scheduled to run the two weeks after the November election.

As one person put it, veto sessions are for things that the governor and legislators "have to do."

But with no gubernatorial vetoes to deal with, is there anything that absolutely has to be done before the end of the year?

Senate President Don Harmon said in early summer that he was "eager to consider" Karina's Bill, which would mandate that police remove firearms from any person who has been served with a domestic violence order of protection within a certain timeframe.

But his attention has been elsewhere since then (Senate campaigns and shuttling volunteers into Wisconsin and Michigan to help the Democratic ticket, to name just two), and it's not known if Harmon's chamber will even be ready to take up the bill.

I'm hearing Harmon has told a handful of people that at least part of the veto session might indeed be canceled.

"Conversations are ongoing regarding possible action items for the November session," said a Harmon spokesperson recently.

House Speaker Chris Welch said during a September event, "I think it's too early to know what we're going to do in veto session, if anything." Emphasis on "if anything."

Speaker Welch said his working group tasked with revamping mass transit was "really just beginning their work," so that issue, as expected, would "definitely not" be ready for November. "Folks are being educated on the issue" of adjusting Tier 2 pension benefits to make sure they align with federal laws, Welch said. And a sports stadium deal appears absolutely nowhere on the horizon.

Indeed, the House Speaker said he couldn't think of anything at all that the House could take up in November. "Anybody here talking about veto session yet?" Welch rhetorically asked during a City Club event. It got a lot of laughs.

Soon after, Gov. JB Pritzker told reporters that he didn't think there was any need for a supplemental budget bill before the spring legislative session begins in January. Supplementals are often passed when the government has to deal with unforeseen problems — although supplemental appropriations during the last couple of years were needed later in the fiscal year because

the state brought in way more money than it expected.

Asked if he had anything on his agenda that was pressing enough to push through during the veto session or in the January lame duck session before the spring session begins, Pritzker said, "Nothing that comes off the top of my head."

Asked if he had any thoughts about canceling veto session, Pritzker said, "I don't have an opinion. I'm ready, willing and able to go to work during the veto session." But then he added, "I don't think that the legislature has an agenda for the veto session."

People like me care about this because we have to attend the two-week veto session. But people like most of y'all who are reading this should also care because this is a strong indication that Illinois is becoming, well, boring.

The state has long lurched from one crisis to another, particularly after Rod Blagojevich was elected governor and he couldn't stop picking fights with just about everyone until he was arrested by the feds, impeached by the House and removed from office by the Senate.

The six years following Blagojevich under Gov. Pat Quinn included almost constant fiscal nightmares, a desperately needed lame-duck session income tax increase and lots more infighting.

Then came Bruce Rauner, the most destructive of them all with his failed attempt to use no state budget and no renewal of Quinn's expired tax hike for two years to force the Democratic Party to bust unions.

And then, of course, we endured the pandemic, which wreaked most every sort of havoc imaginable on the planet.

Does Illinois still have problems? Oh, heck yes. Almost none of those problems rise to the level of an immediate systemic crisis, but our largest city is currently embroiled in a self-made political and fiscal meltdown of epic proportions.

So, along those lines, canceling or curtailing veto session would allow state legislators and the governor to avoid being dragged into that Chicago mess.

Personally, I'm against canceling veto session. Boring might be good for government, but it's bad for the news business. □



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# County elections in the spotlight

Democrats seek to use increased public interest to gain seats on GOP-controlled Sangamon County Board

ELECTIONS | David Blanchette

The July 6 shooting of Sonya Massey by a Sangamon County sheriff's deputy occurred many months after the deadline for candidates to get their names placed on the 2024 Sangamon County election ballot. But that single issue has focused interest on county elected offices like never before.

Gone are the days when Sangamon County Board meetings were brief affairs with little or no public or news media interest. Those meetings were recently moved to the BOS Center because so many people have been attending to voice their concerns about the Massey incident and what's being done about it.

The Sangamon County Board has for many years been overwhelmingly Republican. The GOP currently holds 21 seats versus eight for the Democrats, and that number already reflects some inroads that the Democratic Party has made in recent years. Fifteen of the board's 29 seats are up for election on Nov. 5, with 10 Republicans and five Democrats seeking reelection. Four incumbent Republicans and four incumbent Democrats are running unopposed.

The big question is, will the Sonya Massey killing have an impact on the Sangamon County Board when voters make their choices on Nov. 5?

"Definitely," said Sangamon County Democratic Chair Bill Houlihan. "People are questioning what was being done, what was being told to us, and I think it's motivated people to look into their government and see what they're actually doing."

Houlihan isn't aware of any Democratic write-in candidates who are trying to offer an alternative to the unopposed Republican board candidates, but even before the Massey incident the Democrats actively recruited candidates for county offices.

"We went out and recruited candidates that resembled their districts, environment and community, then we explained to them what they needed to do," Houlihan said. "This is how you go door knocking, this is how you do mailings, you need to get signs up, you must talk to your neighbors and get them to vote."

Sangamon County Republican Chair Dianne Barghouti Hardwick agreed that Massey will be on voters' minds when they cast ballots.

"I think it will be influential in the election, and I think crime in general is on people's minds, including those incidents that don't necessarily have to do with policing problems," Barghouti Hardwick said. "Also the homeless situation; they congregate in places and people are worried about that."



Democrat Marc Ayers, 39, beat Republican Linda Fulgenzi in 2022 by 55.3 to 44.7 percent. The man who defeated a long-term incumbent two years ago is now facing a strong challenge from a woman with a well-known local name.

The Republicans have also recruited new blood for county offices. "We have a couple of younger members coming forward who want to serve on the County Board, so that's a good thing," Barghouti Hardwick said.

Two contested County Board races include one featuring a rising star Democratic incumbent who faces a strong Republican challenger, and another that for the second time pits the long-time County Board chair, a Republican, against his next-door neighbor.

## Rising star against familiar name

The man who defeated a long-term incumbent two years ago is now facing a strong challenge from a woman with a well-known local name. Democrat Marc Ayers is defending his 12<sup>th</sup>

District board seat against Republican Colleen Lucas Cavanagh, who is making her first run for public office.

The 39-year-old Ayers beat Republican Linda Fulgenzi in 2022 by 55.3 to 44.7 percent by "knocking on thousands of doors, I was relentless," he said. Since the Massey murder he's seen "a huge amount of community leaders, Black voices, young voices in our community that have risen to the occasion. They've all come to our meetings, and it's the new wave of leaders that will eventually replace me someday on the board."

Ayers helps the Sangamon County Democratic Party to recruit fresh new candidates to run for public office, and he said those candidates have been energized by the Massey killing and its aftermath.

"We want to have a spot on the ballot in every race for someone to have a choice when they vote. The Democrats have done a tremendous job in increasing the minority and female participation on the ballot," Ayers said. "We want to be able to show voters that we're not going to be dissuaded by the political makeup of a particular district. These new activists are following local politics and they are awake to what has happened. They want to fix it."

Colleen Lucas Cavanagh is the Republican version of the new type of candidate that Ayers mentioned.

"Prior to January, I probably wouldn't have known who my county board representative was, and I think the Sonya Massey case put in the forefront that the County Board represents different districts within the county," Lucas Cavanagh said. "It's gotten people to realize the County Board exists and what the board can actually do. There are a lot of false rumors going around that the County Board can solve all of these problems, and that's not necessarily how it works."

Lucas Cavanagh said her door-to-door campaign "is like speed dating with 7,000 people" and although "running for office is outside of my comfort zone, you have to be part of the solution."

Lucas Cavanagh joined several other hopefuls to seek the unexpired term of Circuit Clerk Paul Palazzolo when he stepped down in October 2023. After Sangamon County Board Chair Andy Van Meter appointed Republican Joe Roesch to fill that seat, Lucas Cavanagh was recruited by the Republican Party to run for the County Board.

"Right now in politics people are complaining about this and that, and I really wanted to be a role model for my 20-year-old daughter and show her that you have to get involved in your community," the 54-year-old Lucas Cavanagh said. "I felt like in order to keep this government by the people in operation, we need to have new people."

Ayers, a lobbyist by trade, said he knew Lucas Cavanagh's family name long before he knew her, "but the voters don't care anymore about names and political dynasties; they put their support behind someone who truly represents them," he said.

Regarding Ayers' rising star in local politics, Lucas Cavanagh feels "he's just another opponent. I'm going to run my campaign the way I want to run it," she said. "I believe in the two-party system, so when I first met Marc I said, you know, the people in District 12 are lucky because they



have two people to choose from and that doesn't happen a lot of times."

Lucas Cavanagh acknowledged that her name recognition is a plus with the voters, but it's not just the familiar Cavanagh family name. She is a teacher by trade, and often encounters former students when she's out campaigning.

"The Lucas name is also well-known because my parents were very involved in Christ the King School. I had five sisters, and I taught thousands of kids how to swim when I was younger as the swim teacher and lifeguard at Colony West Pool," Lucas Cavanagh said. "So when I knock on doors the person who answers will often realize that I taught them to swim years ago, or they were one of my former school students."

Ayers' campaign signs feature a paw print, a reminder that one of his proudest accomplishments on the county board was leading the drive to overhaul Sangamon County Animal Control, something he hopes to continue if reelected.

"I brought my passion for animals to public office to fix something that I knew needed to be fixed," Ayers said. "We have now achieved nearly no-kill status for dogs and cats at Animal Control, and that's especially remarkable when you look at the fact that we've been at capacity for over two years. That issue is not mission accomplished, but we are close to it."

Ayers is also "an enviro at heart" and is the County Board's primary voice in support of renewable energy. His Springfield home is outfitted with solar panels, and "every solar farm that came to my desk, I voted for it," he said. "I'm also trying to work with other board members to get a large-scale wind development company to come into Sangamon County."

Ayers was the first elected official to call for Sangamon County Sheriff Jack Campbell's resignation in the midst of the Sonya Massey protests, and he wants to continue his work in reforming the department as a member of the County Board's jail committee.

Lucas Cavanagh sees herself as someone who can help constituents with any issue they may face with county government.



**Republican Colleen Lucas Cavanagh is making her first run for public office, seeking to unseat Democrat Marc Ayers in District 12. She counts herself among community members who have taken more of an interest in the County Board in light of recent events, and said she wants to show her daughter the importance of being involved in her community.**

"I want to be available and approachable to any constituents who have issues with county government. I've already helped several people who qualified for an additional property tax exemption that they otherwise would not have known about," Lucas Cavanagh said. "People just need to know where to go to get things done. I can help with that situation and be the person that guides people through government."

"There are a lot of people that are very upset about a lot of things and they make a lot of noise," Lucas Cavanagh said. "But if they truly

want to make a change they need to step in and put their name in the hat and understand more about how the process works."

Republican Chair Barghouti Hardwick feels that Lucas Cavanagh has a good shot at returning the 12<sup>th</sup> District to the GOP.

"Colleen has a well-known name and has been over her potential county board district multiple times and talked to people individually. People have responded very well to her," Barghouti Hardwick said. "That County Board district has different income levels, and Colleen has talked

with the people in multiple areas and learned about what it is that they want or need and what their interests are."

Sangamon County Board District 12 encompasses Jerome, Leland Grove and part of Springfield's west side, including Washington Park.

Democratic Chair Houlihan acknowledged the District 12 seat "is the one that Republicans would really like to win back because they had it in their column for a long time," he said. "But that part of the city is really transitioning from moderate Republican to moderate Democrat. So I think Marc, who takes care of business all of the time and is not afraid to work and is knocking on doors, should be successful."

**More engaged and aware than ever before**

The Sangamon County Board District 24 contest is seeing some unusual campaign materials, including leaf bags, fire-starting concoctions and handwritten thank-you notes.

"When somebody actually answers the door and we have a conversation, I've been writing personal notes to the voters because it's huge to have that interaction," said candidate Maureen Duffy Bommarito. "I just want to tell people that I appreciate their time."

Bommarito, a Democrat, is running a second time against her neighbor and 30-year incumbent Andy Van Meter, a Republican who has been the County Board chair since 2000.

First-time candidate Bommarito lost to Van Meter by 56.4 to 43.6 percent in 2022, and she hopes to improve on those numbers this time around. In addition to the handwritten notes, her name appears on brown paper leaf disposal bags and as "Bomb-arito" on special bomb-shaped natural fire starters that people can use to help ignite fireplaces and fire pits.

"It was surprising to a lot of people that I came so close two years ago. I knew that I had done everything that I could to have a successful race," the 51-year-old Bommarito said. "I feel that people are more engaged and aware than ever before. Because of the Sonya Massey tragedy, many more people are aware of how important

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Maureen Duffy Bommarito garnered 43.6% of the vote when she ran against Andy Van Meter in 2022. She's hoping that renewed interest in the county races this time around and calls for change will help her second attempt at unseating the longtime incumbent, along with her practice of writing thank-you notes to people she meets while knocking on doors.

the County Board is.”

Incumbent Van Meter agreed that the Massey murder has put the County Board races on many people’s minds, and it has been the primary issue he’s dealt with this year as board chair.

“Everyone who learned about this and saw that video had the same reaction – how did this happen in our community? And everybody wants to do something about it,” Van Meter said. “The question is figuring out what to do, and figuring that out takes time. At the moment, the whole board is united in the view that we don’t want this to happen in our community, and how do we prevent this from happening again?”

The 66-year-old Van Meter hopes to be reelected so he can continue the community dialogue over the Massey killing and work on ways to address the root causes of the situation. He said it takes calm, steady leadership to make that happen.

“We’ve always come together as a board. Sometimes it takes a little time and you need to study the issues, and there are oftentimes competing good ideas for what’s the right way to move forward,” Van Meter said. “My experience has been that given time to do the research, board members generally develop a consensus around a series of priorities and we are able to move forward.”

Bommarito posits that current board members weren’t questioning the high turnover rates at the sheriff’s department, a situation many feel contributed to the hiring of Sean Grayson, the now ex-deputy charged with Massey’s

murder.

“Andy has been chairman for 24 years, and I think many board members are beholden to him and aren’t confident in speaking against the direction he wants the board to go,” said Bommarito, a forensic chemist with the Illinois State Police. “This is a systemic problem; it’s a culture issue in the sheriff’s department that needs to be addressed.”

Van Meter was elected to the County Board in 1994, and said the board is involved in many more issues now than when he was first sworn in 30 years ago. Among the things that remain his priorities are the Massey Commission, services for the homeless, mental health services for the county jail, and the downtown Springfield railroad relocation project, which Van Meter feels will be complete in 2027 or 2028.

Van Meter was pleased that the County Board made the overhaul of Animal Control a top priority, an effort which he said generated substantial results, and Bommarito also has a passion for animal welfare in the county. Bommarito’s other priorities if elected include more public transparency for the County Board, using new and natural methods to control stormwater flooding and support for renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power.

The county political party chairs have their eyes on the District 24 race. Republican Chair Dianne Barghouti Hardwick said that Van Meter’s past election victories show that the voters respond favorably to his record in office.

“Andy is a businessman and has that perspective on Springfield and Sangamon

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County, where the opportunities are, and he works exceptionally hard on bringing things to our county such as the rail project," Barghouti Hardwick said. "He really does know his stuff, and he listens to people to identify what we need, then he works with the leaders to do what needs to be done to improve situations."

Democratic Chair Houlihan, who recruited Bommarito to run two years ago, is confident she'll do well on Nov. 5.

"Last time she ran a really good race, and she's out working hard again. She really earned her spurs last time with the voters," Houlihan said. "I think voters are taking a look at her and saying, you know, maybe it's time for a change in that district. We've had the same board member for 30 years."

County Board District 24 encompasses a portion of the west side of Springfield, bordered on the north by Monroe Street and Old Jacksonville Road. Only one house on Fair Oaks Drive separates the two candidates who want to represent this long district.

"My opponent is a very nice lady, and the Bommaritos are a very nice family," Van Meter said. "It's a story of America that you can be next door neighbors and agree about lots of things, even if you disagree on politics. We can still have other interests that continue to connect us."

Bommarito said she wasn't really aware of who Van Meter was until she knocked on doors during her 2022 campaign.

"We rarely see each other even though we are neighbors – he's very busy – but when we do, we don't talk politics," Bommarito said. "We both just want to represent our community."

Van Meter, who founded a Springfield-based company that designs household products for large retailers, is a door-to-door campaigner who finds it "gratifying" when people interrupt their busy lives to talk to him.

"This is the only office I've ever held, and the Democrats say that I've already risen to my level of incompetence," Van Meter said with a chuckle. "The County Board is a place where one can really contribute and make a difference, and not in a showy way but a very effective way. I've really enjoyed my service."

Bommarito, who's "not a political person," has still enjoyed meeting District 24 residents and keeps a map updated with red ink of the neighborhoods she has visited. She also has an ever-growing stack of handwritten thank-you notes that she regularly mails to the people she's met.

"It takes a long time and my writing isn't the neatest, but it's worth it," Bommarito said.

### **GOP still has control**

Other contested Sangamon County Board races include: District 9, incumbent Republican Tom Madonia, Jr. of Rochester versus Democrat Dana Stoerger of Springfield; District 16, incumbent Republican Greg Stumpf of



**Andy Van Meter was first elected to the County Board 30 years ago and has served as chair for the last 24 years. He said he hopes to be reelected so he can continue the community dialogue over Sonya Massey's killing and work on ways to address the root causes of the situation.**

Springfield faces Democrat Garret Selinger, also of Springfield; District 25, incumbent Republican Jennifer Ghesquiere is being challenged by Democrat Jennifer Merritt and Libertarian Russ Clark, all of Springfield; District 26, incumbent Republican Justin Davsko of Chatham faces Democrat Rick Thompson of Springfield to fill a two-year unexpired term; and District 27, incumbent Republican Abe Forsyth of Springfield is up against Democrat Kamilah Webb, also of Springfield.

Those running unopposed for reelection to the County Board include: District 8 Tom Rader, District 13 Brad Miller, District 15 Tim Krell and District 17 Annette Fulgenzi, all Republicans; and District 19 Vera Small, District 21 Clyde Bunch, District 21 Gina Lathan and District 28 Kevin McGuire, all Democrats.

The mathematics favor the Republicans retaining control of the Sangamon County Board on Nov. 5.

"Regardless of whether we have wins or not, we still have control of the County Board," said Republican Chair Barghouti Hardwick, who expects the county's political makeup to remain GOP for a while.

"But when you have every statewide office being held by Democrats for some time, and

their staffs are moving into the county and other people are leaving our state because of taxes, it does change things a little bit," Barghouti Hardwick said. "But we have a lot of people who still live here. The farmers can't take their land and go somewhere else, and farmers in general are fairly conservative people."

Democratic Chair Houlihan is optimistic that Sangamon County might start leaning more toward the Democrats after this election.

"There are pockets out there in the county where the Republicans have really had their way in the last 10 years, but I think some of those areas are going to come back around," Houlihan said. "People actually like what (presidential candidate) Kamala Harris is saying and doing, and I think that's going to help our down-ballot candidates."

"This is a presidential election year, and we should see a lot more people vote," Houlihan added. "It usually helps Democrats when more people vote, and that's what we're pushing. We're pushing the early vote, the vote by mail. We will continue to do that, and I think we can be successful. □"

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# Pumpkin good for more than just pies

Welcome in season with pumpkin mac and cheese, muffins

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

If you've ever cracked open a can of pumpkin, there's a good chance it was grown and produced up the road in Morton, just outside of Peoria. According to the University of Illinois Extension, Illinois farmers harvested more than twice as many acres of pumpkins in 2022 as the next five states combined, with production exceeding 634 million pounds. Growing this humble squash is big business in this state and good for more than just making pies. From soups to muffins to homemade dog biscuits, pumpkin puree is an affordable and convenient way to add flavor and nutrition to an array of recipes.

No matter what color a pumpkin's outside is, its bright orange interior is the first indicator that it's a nutritional powerhouse full of beta carotene, an antioxidant that's converted to vitamin A in the body. Low in calories and rich in fiber, pumpkin is also a great source of vitamin K and potassium. Whether you're craving sweet or savory, this pantry-friendly ingredient is a delicious way to welcome in the season.

## Pumpkin mac and cheese

1 large flat-sided pumpkin, about 10-12 inches in diameter (optional)

### Ingredients:

1 pound elbow macaroni or shells  
6 tablespoons butter, divided  
1 cup breadcrumbs  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
¼ cup flour  
2 1/2 cups half-and-half or whole milk, warm  
¼ teaspoon each freshly grated black pepper and nutmeg  
½ teaspoon dry mustard

8 ounces cream cheese  
1 can pumpkin puree  
1 ½ pounds freshly grated cheese, divided (I prefer a mixture of parmesan and gruyere)  
Salt to taste

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. To bake the mac and cheese in a pumpkin, wash the pumpkin before placing it flat side down on a cutting board. Cut the pumpkin in half just above the stem to form a bowl. Scoop out the seeds and flesh, then lightly coat the inside of the pumpkin with olive oil or cooking spray before placing it cut side down on a foil lined baking sheet. Bake for 35-40 minutes until the pumpkin can be pierced with a knife but still holds its shape. Alternatively, you can simply butter a 9-by-13-inch baking dish and proceed with the recipe.

While the pumpkin bowl bakes, make the mac and cheese. Bring a large pot of salted water to boil and cook the pasta according to the package directions. Do not overcook. Drain the pasta and transfer it to a mixing bowl and toss with one tablespoon of butter.

Meanwhile, melt the remaining butter in a saucepan. Add about a tablespoon of the melted butter to the breadcrumbs and mix well. Set aside.

Add the minced garlic to the remaining butter in the saucepan and cook over medium heat until the garlic just begins to sizzle. Add the flour and stir to form a thin paste and cook until lightly golden. Whisk in the warm cream along with the spices, mustard and pumpkin puree. Continue to cook, whisking constantly, until the mixture begins to bubble and thicken. Add the cream cheese in small dollops and whisk until smooth. Reduce heat to low and

simmer for five minutes before removing from the heat. Add one pound of the grated cheese to the sauce and mix well to combine. Season with salt and cayenne pepper to taste, then pour the sauce over the pasta and mix gently to combine.

Carefully turn over the baked pumpkin on the baking sheet before filling it with the pasta mixture (or transfer pasta to a greased baking dish). Add the remaining cheese to the breadcrumb mixture and mix well before sprinkling over the top of the pasta. Reduce the oven temperature to 350 and bake the pasta filled pumpkin for 45 min, until the top is golden and bubbly. Let the mac and cheese rest for 15 minutes before serving.

## Pumpkin surprise muffins

### For the streusel:

½ cup butter, melted and cooled  
¼ cup packed brown sugar  
¼ cup flour  
½ teaspoon salt (omit if using salted butter)  
¾ cup chopped toasted nuts or pepitas

### For the muffins:

½ cup butter  
2 cups flour (I like to use a mixture of all-purpose and whole wheat flour)  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon salt (use ½ teaspoon if using salted butter)  
1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice (or use 2 teaspoons cinnamon and 1 teaspoon ginger)  
1 can pumpkin puree  
3 eggs  
1 cup dark brown sugar

⅔ cup maple syrup or honey  
8 ounces cream cheese

### For the glaze (optional):


1 cup powdered sugar  
½ cup maple syrup  
A tiny pinch of salt

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees and line two muffin tins with paper muffin cups (this recipe makes a bit more than will fit in a standard muffin tin).

First make the streusel. Melt the butter in a saucepan and transfer it to a small mixing bowl. Add the remaining streusel ingredients and mix well. Set aside.


To make the muffin batter, melt the remaining butter in the saucepan over medium heat and allow it to brown lightly, until it is mahogany colored and has a nutty fragrance. Set aside to cool. In a mixing bowl combine the flour, baking powder and soda, salt and spices and mix well. In a smaller bowl combine the pumpkin puree, eggs, brown sugar, syrup or honey and the room temperature brown butter. Add the pumpkin mixture to the dry ingredients and mix gently until just combined. Spoon ¼ cup of the batter into the lined muffin cups. Dollop a tablespoon of cream cheese on top of each muffin, then sprinkle with the streusel. Transfer to the oven and bake until the muffins are golden and a toothpick comes out clean when inserted into the center of the muffin. Let the muffins rest for two to three minutes before turning out onto a wire rack to cool.


While the muffins are baking make the optional glaze by whisking together the powdered sugar, syrup and salt until smooth. □



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# Rocky Horror Show Live returns to Springfield

THEATER | Mary Young and Courtney Wick

“It was strange the way it happened... one of those quirks of fate, really,” says Frank N Furter in *The Rocky Horror Show*.

That’s a little how we think of it when it comes to *Rocky Horror* and how we ended up codirecting. A conversation one day about writing for *Illinois Times*, some convenient timing, a mutual love of the show – and now, here we are, writing the preview article for our own show. This wasn’t planned – we swear.

If you haven’t seen *The Rocky Horror Show* (RHS), you’ve probably heard of it. If you haven’t heard of it and are thinking about going, do your homework. The show’s subject matter might cause one to blush or blanch, but more importantly, it’s an experience rather than a show. The audience is as much a character as the actors onstage. Forget polite applause and hushed whispers – this is a glittering, unhinged spectacle where audience members are encouraged to sing, dance and shout, often inappropriately.

The story in a nutshell: Aliens have come to Earth to experiment on humans in a campy, comic takeoff of 1950s sci-fi films, right down to the annoying narrator breaking the fourth wall.

This group, on and offstage, is a wonderful mix of veterans (we’ve performed in *RHS* a combined seven times) and newbies, so we decided to talk to some of the cast members to get their thoughts on being in the show.

For Kylan Davis as Frank N Furter, he’s not only new to stepping into those iconic heels, he’s also new to live theater, though you’d never know it. He’s the current lead singer of *Off the Wall* where you can hear firsthand the powerhouse vocals which helped cinch the role for him.

“Obviously, anyone who steps into this role would want to do Tim Curry justice and try to make him proud,” Davis said. “Watching the film, live productions and having the opportunity to channel my inner sassy queen really did it for me.” It did it for us, too.

Wes Bridges, who has performed *RHS* previously, says he takes inspiration for his character Riff Raff from the likes of Igor in *Young Frankenstein* and Bill Sykes in *Oliver*.

“I try and take those individuals and, like Frank N Furter, create a monster that audiences both love and hate,” Bridges said. The maniacal relationship between his Riff and his sister, Magenta, played by Macy Mosley, is creepily entertaining.

Ryan Cour, who plays Brad, said, “I



Ryan Cour, center, as Brad Majors, surrounded by phantoms. PHOTO CREDIT: CE NOEL PHOTOGRAPHY

wanted to throw myself into the deep end – do a crazy show that pushed me out of my comfort zone. There is also a history of this show in the community, and I wanted to be a part of that history.”

Cour and costar Ellen Tuttle (Janet) have

*Rocky Horror* contains mature themes and is considered appropriate for those age 17 and older.

Only sanctioned prop bags sold onsite will be allowed for use in the theater. Sales benefit Springfield Theatre Centre’s Active and Creative Teen Theater.

*Rocky Horror* runs Oct. 4-6 and 10-12 at the Hoogland Center for the Arts. For tickets visit: <https://www.hcfta.org/tickets>.

been all-in since day one, and audiences are in for a treat.

Another *RHS* veteran, Betsy Buttell, longed to play the role of Columbia but it always seemed just out of reach – until 2024.

“What’s changed for me is my maturity level – 2014 Betsy wasn’t ready to really serve Columbia – 2024 Betsy is,” Buttell said. She also spoke to how the approach to *RHS* has a different vibe. “This time is different because it’s through the lens and direction of all women. I think we have a more artistic and comedic way of seeing this show, and I’m so thankful for it.”

Jim Leach, who starred in the first Springfield live production in 2009 as the narrator, returns to play the dual role of Eddie and Dr. Scott. He speaks fondly about his experience, “It turned out to be one of the most challenging theater experiences ever, just getting used to the heckling and audience

participation. But I loved it and was eager to try it again,” Leach said. “Audiences have certain expectations for these characters, and you can’t disappoint them.”

We noticed consistent threads in these interviews, ones of hope and optimism. Participants expressed hope that the show provides an opportunity for people to escape reality and to participate in a shared experience that celebrates being different, diverse and adventurous, and optimism that the trend continues. As codirectors, we share that hope and optimism.

The cast also features Albert Capati, David Allen, Kristen Houch, Lauren Pumphrey, Emily Standley, Amanda Gottrich, Nia Tiller, Zoe Chase, Antonio King Jr., Lily Stevens, JD Sonneborn, Alana Hamilton, Lauren Williams, Laura Mitkos, Kat Beeler, Theron Butchek, Leilany Cabell, Nicholas Mulcahy and June Southwell. □



# Parable of the Peacock

From a Springfield author, the satire continues

REVIEW | Cinda Ackerman Klickna

Brent Bohlen of Springfield has done it again. His third political satire has been released and is receiving glowing reviews. The blurb on the back cover reads, “The Parable of the Peacock Redux provides a satirical review of the past four years in the life of a sore loser... so many behavioral outrages that readers may have forgotten... warns that the November 2024 election may be an inflection point in American history.” This book is being grabbed by those with a particular political view, but all should read it to seek the truth of what has been happening. “Satire is fun, but this subject is serious,” the author says.

At first glance, all of Bohlen’s books look like children’s books with their colorful cartoon-like illustrations, and they read like children’s books with clever rhyming couplets. But the subject matter is for adults in a serious, too true, look at political events and their impact on the U.S. citizens.

In 2019 Bohlen wrote his first book, *The Parable of the Peacock: A Read-Aloud Picture Book for 2020 Voters*, which introduced the peacock, aka Trump, the “Mocker-in-Chief,” and the sheep who followed him unquestionably. This was followed in 2020 with *The Parable of the Peacock II – the Saga Continues – a Read-Aloud Picture Book for Thoughtful Citizens*, which again followed the machinations of the peacock and the other barnyard animals, many donning masks in a nod to the pandemic.

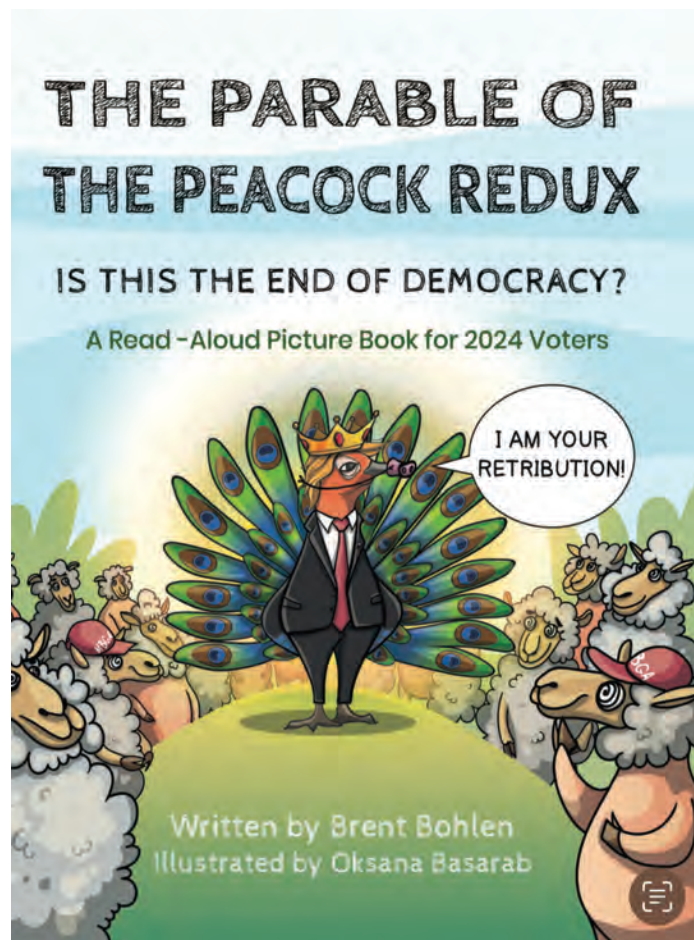
The prologue revives the characters and reintroduces some of the incidents from the previous books, so the latest book can be read without having read the other books. “This book would have been ready to go to press in mid-July,” Bohlen says, “but a debate, a couple of court decisions and a switch of candidates meant adding four new verses and four new illustrations.”

The plot starts with Peacock losing the election to Old Plow Horse, but claiming he really won. Things heat up because, “Peacock has some help in spreading his lies.

It came from Fix News and its lying guys.”

In the barnyard the horses call the election fair while the sheep support Peacock and follow his lead. Even the pigs have “morphed into pig sheep/’ cause they were entranced by the Peacock creep.” They then head to the Capitol.

“Rioters broke glass and forced their way in



*The Parable of the Peacock Redux -- Is This the End of Democracy?*, by Brent Bohlen. Salvage America Publications, 2024.

To search for those who didn’t help them win.”

Meanwhile Weasel from a far-off land invades his neighbor while Peacock faces his days in court for sexual assault and defamation:

“Liable on both counts the jury said

Five Million Dollars, punk. You made your bed.”

Bohlen covers it all: Trump’s defamation suit and sexual assault case, Stormy’s story, hidden documents, Biden’s disastrous debate, the Supreme Court immunity ruling, and of course immigration:

“He claims there’s a breakdown of social order

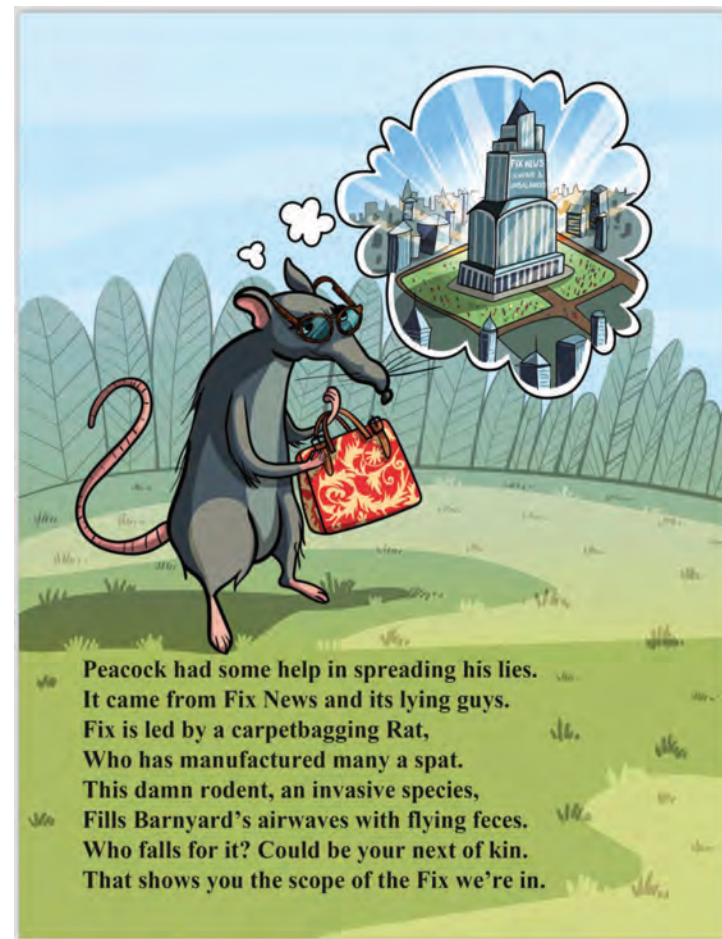
Because of bunnies breaching Barnyard’s border.”

The book is fun and funny and causes many laughs out loud. Reading it out loud,

too, is what Bohlen encourages, even if reading alone. “That is the best way to enjoy the book,” he says.

For his first book, Bohlen had asked several illustrators to provide samples of their work. Oksana Basarab sent him a few drawings. “Her artwork blew me away,” he says. When he came up with his third book, “I was most concerned about my illustrator because she lives in Ukraine,” he says. “Her country has been invaded by a leader who was mocked in the earlier Peacock books and would be tweaked again in this volume. The young artist wanted to go forward.” Basarab has captured the peacock, who wears a pig nose, and added clever details such as Peacock’s Grift Shop booth selling shoes, t-shirts and Bibles.

Bohlen says, “When I started on the Peacock series five years ago, I had high



Peacock had some help in spreading his lies.  
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Fix is led by a carpetbagging Rat,  
Who has manufactured many a spat.  
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aspirations. I hoped that using the metaphor of a barnyard and its inhabitants to represent a country in a volume that’s styled like a children’s read-aloud book might be morally persuasive to undecided voters. I don’t have such lofty expectations now. But I’m happy that people find humor in the satire I use to remind them of the unbelievable things that happened among the denizens of the Barnyard over the past four years.”

*Parable* is clever, hilarious, and an engagingly satirical look at what is happening today. Sad, though, that so much is true.

The book is available on Amazon, and signed copies are available from The Cardologist, 229 S. Sixth, Springfield. □

Cinda Ackerman Klickna, a frequent Illinois Times book reviewer, loved Bohlen’s latest book.



## TREES



Steve Green, master arborist with Green View, organized the Saluting Branches national day of service at Camp Butler National Cemetery. PHOTO BY BOBBY KRESSE



Jake Erdman with OakBros Trees uses their knuckle boom crane to move logs from a large removal to a collection point. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BETTER CONTRACTOR

# Saluting Branches

Arborists honor veterans through a national day of service

TREES | Karen Ackerman Witter

On Sept. 18, landscape and tree care companies donated their services at Camp Butler National Cemetery as part of the annual national day of service sponsored by Saluting Branches – Arborists United for Veteran Remembrance. For 10 years this nonprofit organization based in Minnesota has honored veterans by organizing tree care professionals to volunteer their time and skills at properties dedicated to veterans. This is the largest one-day volunteer event in the tree industry. More than 4,000 volunteers were scheduled to participate on or around Sept. 18 at 110 sites across the country, including veterans hospitals, homes and cemeteries. The other site in Illinois was the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Will County.

Steve Green, master arborist at Green View in Springfield, coordinated the event at Camp Butler. Green has a personal connection. His father was career military, and his mother is buried at Camp Butler. So is Bill Bolt, a Navy veteran and certified arborist who helped train Green. “A site like Camp Butler is truly hallowed ground, and those of us with personal connections to the military feel fortunate to be able to honor our veterans and their families by our efforts,” said Green.

Saluting Branches provided volunteer services in the past at Camp Butler, but not since 2019. This year Kresse Tree Wurxx

located in Buffalo and Oak Bros Tree Care and Removal in Bloomington removed several large, dead trees. Wright Tree Service, which is headquartered in Des Moines, Iowa, also a national corporate sponsor with Saluting Branches, trimmed trees and removed dead wood. Green View donated several new trees, including oak and serviceberry. The work required large-scale, heavy equipment, such as grapple saw and knuckle boom cranes, which is beyond the capacity of what the Camp Butler staff could perform on its own. Chris Roberts, cemetery caretaker supervisor, says it is a great opportunity to get work done that saves them the time and expense of hiring contractors. The value of the day’s combined effort to the cemetery was about \$74,000, according to Green.

Several local businesses provided food and drinks for the volunteers – Cured Catering, Mel-O-Cream, Pepsi and Farm and Home Supply. The Inter-Veterans Burial Detail of Sangamon County provided snacks and door prizes.

The project came about through the leadership of Steve Green and camaraderie with his colleagues. Bobby Kresse says the arborist community is close-knit and shares expertise with each other. Wright Tree Service does a lot of work for Ameren, which led to

Ameren forester Dave Schenck volunteering to help. Josh Guin is the president/CEO of Oak Bros. He, too, is heavily involved in the tree care industry and national trade association and was encouraged by a colleague from Virginia to get involved with Saluting Branches. He has employees who are veterans and active military.

Two years ago, Guin won the rights to a chipper for one year in a raffle provided by Saluting Branches. That prompted him to consider what his company could do to honor veterans. He created the Veteran Tree Care Grant Program. Veterans who live in McLean County can apply for eight hours of volunteer tree care at their residential home. Applications are open Sept. 1-30. Twelve are randomly selected. Each month for 12 months, Oak Bros will provide tree care services for a veteran. Once all the work is complete, all 12 veterans and their families are invited to a banquet dinner with Oak Bros staff. (Info at <https://bloomingtontreeservicecompany.com/services/profile/veteran-tree-care-grant-program>)

Often people are reactive rather than proactive in caring for trees. Guin, Green and their fellow arborists are dedicated to respecting trees and keeping them healthy and strong to preserve them for generations to

come. Guin says people don’t go to parks or golf courses without trees and typically don’t bury family members in cemeteries without trees. Trees are important to people, whether consciously or subconsciously. Green describes trees as a symbolic uniting of heaven and earth.

Camp Butler National Cemetery is located near Riverton and occupies a portion of what was the second-largest military training camp in Illinois during the Civil War. It is one of the 14 original national cemeteries authorized by President Abraham Lincoln in 1862. More than 25,000 people are interred in the cemetery, including 866 Union and 776 Confederate soldiers who died at the camp between 1862 and 1865. Green says that some of the trees are as old as the cemetery.

Roberts says families of people buried at Camp Butler appreciate the improvements because of Saluting Branches, and it is good to see how much the community cares. With all the negative things in the news, “it is nice to see something good. It is a feel-good day.” □

*Karen Ackerman Witter is a frequent contributor to Illinois Times and enjoys writing about positive things happening in the community. She met Steve Green after the June 2023 derecho when she needed a master arborist to assess the trees in her yard.*



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Ricki Marvel celebrates releasing the album *just happy to be here* on Friday at a Dumb Records concert joined by Fujiko, The Blank Stairs and Zuh-Cari.

## Fall into music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

More than a few folks I know appreciate the autumn season as a favorite time of year. We can definitely notice the difference in the air and in the types of live music events happening as the cooler temps bring on a slowing of outdoor activities. But for now, we're still on a roll with tons of music going on all over the place. Let's look for some proof in the pudding.

Thursdays keep up the pace with Rod Grant (man, you're everywhere these days) setting up shop on the patio at Casey's Pub, the Family Harris as Bustin' Loose gather at the Curve Inn, Al Kitchen and Danny Wilson work it out at Mother Road Diner (inside the Route 66 Hotel on South Sixth Street) and In the End, a Linkin Park tribute group with Cadence opening presents at Danenberger Family Vineyards.

Open mics continue with John Drake hosting the first Thursday monthly show at Ad Astra where they encourage extra participation by offering a space to "bring your instrument, voice, poetry (and/or) spoken word art" with a 6:30 p.m. sign-up and 7 showtime, while Kortney Leatherwood chairs the ever-popular, full-band jam time weekly at Blue Grouch.

Our calendar listings show Friday clocks in at over 25 music acts, Saturday has nearly 35 and Sunday delivers some 15, so you'll have some decisions to make concerning your entertainment planning schedule this weekend.

Local favorites and a few new faces on Friday include Micah Walk at Harvest Market's Farmhouse Brews upstairs mezzanine bar, while Dave Littrell and Jeff Cunningham hit at Sangamo Brewing in Chatham. Downtown Springfield offers the Steve Adelman Quartet at Boone's for the Friday Night Jazz & Blues show hosted by our Springfield Area Arts Council while Tom &

Geoff set up at Bloom Wine Bar and Stuart Smith gets it at Ad Astra. Ricki Marvel gives us an album release party at Dumb Records, joined by Fujiko, The Blank Stairs and Zuh-Cari just as Smokestacks blows up the blues in their debut at Buzz Bomb. Simultaneously, Josie Lowder Band rolls into George Rank's, 3's Company makes themselves at home at Long Bridge Golf Course, White Lightnin' plays country cool at VFW #755 and Big Guy & the MOB hits the mark at Jamie's Route 66.

Saturday keeps on keeping on with an early (for me) start at 10 in the morning by Kate Laine at Stella Coffee & Tea, moves on into the afternoon with the Beige Desperados entertaining at Bomke's Pumpkin Patch (12-3) and Avery Kern takes it on in at The Range in Chatham (3-6). Rock bands rock out with Off the Wall in the afternoon leading up to the Matt Miller Band at Weebles, the Brandy Kristin Band doing it right at the Curve Inn and The Remedy taking the cure at Town Hall Pub in Loami.

On Sunday we have a couple out of the ordinary events along with regular Funday activities. Check out the LevelUp Cup Harvest Festival (1-7) featuring music by Sunshine Daydream and Dead Man's Dog on the LevelUp store grounds (1801 S. Sixth St.), while Goodfellas hosts Kortney Leatherwood, Mississippi Leghound, The Cocktails, The Rick Mari Band and Hipbone Sam Band for a Forty Niner Throwback party with proceeds benefiting Military Families Together (2-7). Also, Robert Sampson gets going at Hill Prairie Winery, Naughty & Nice gets down at Brookhills and Jonnie Concaroo gets away at It's All About Wine. Then, our old friends, Kilborn Alley, play Blue Monday at The Alamo to start things all over again.

Please see our listings for the many more music-making events this week. □



# MUSIC

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

Attention bands, bars and musicians: submit your shows and photos online at [www.illinoistimes.com](http://www.illinoistimes.com) or by email [calendar@illinoistimes.com](mailto:calendar@illinoistimes.com).

## Thursday Oct 3

**Open mic with John Drake**  
Ad Astra Wine and Tapas Bar,  
First Thursday of every month,  
7-9:30pm.

**Rod Grant**  
Columbian Grand Hall Knights of  
Columbus 364, 5-8pm

**Bustin' Loose**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

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

**Linkin Park Tribute: In The End**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards,  
New Berlin, 7:30-10:30pm

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

**Karaoke Night**  
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

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

**AI Kitchen and Danny Wilson**  
Mother Road Diner, 6-9pm

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

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

## Friday Oct 4

**Stuart Smith**  
Ad Astra Wine and Tapas Bar,  
7-9pm

**Stackin' Eights**  
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton,  
7pm

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

**Tom and Geoff**  
Bloom Wine Bar & Florals, 7-9pm

**Friday Night Jazz & Blues -  
Steve Adelman Quartet**  
Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

**Midwest Revival**  
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester,  
8-11pm

**Smokestacks**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

**Branded**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**Grateful Dub, Roots of Creation,  
UNCHAINED**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards,  
New Berlin, 8-11pm

**Ricki Marvel, Fujiko, The Blank  
Stairs, Zuh-Cari**  
Dumb Records, 7pm

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

**Josie Lowder Band**  
George Rank's, 7:30pm

**Captain Quirk**  
The Hangout Bar & Grill,  
Jacksonville, 8pm

**Micah Walk**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews,  
6-9pm

**Big Guy & the MOB**  
Jamie's Route 66, Southern View,  
6-10pm

**Ricarda Rosalina**  
La Fiesta Grande, 6-9pm.

**Avery Kern**  
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8-11pm

**3's Company**  
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30pm

**Off the Wall**  
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar &  
Grill, Museum & Entertainment  
Complex, 8pm

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

**Broken Stone**  
The Blue Grouch, 6pm

**Tennessee Jet with  
Wes Shipp**  
Twisted Tree Music Hall,  
Jacksonville, 7-10pm

**White Lightnin'**  
VFW Post #755, 7-10pm

**Stereo Typical**  
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30-  
10:30pm

## Saturday Oct 5

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



Lick Creek play Oak Hills Country Club and Winery Saturday.

**Ricarda Rosalina**  
Blue Ridge Club, 3pm

**Beige Desperadoes**  
Bomke's Patch, 12-3pm

**Scarlet's Darling**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

**Joel Honey**  
Casey's Pub, 7-10pm

**Midwest Revival**  
Coghlan's Hideout LLC, Bulpitt,  
8-11pm

**Brandy Kristin Band**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**AI Kitchen**  
Dawson Park, Dawson, 2-5pm

**Jay Larson Band**  
George Rank's, 8pm

**Ambrosia Moon**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews,  
6-9pm

**Branded**  
JB's Hideout, Blue Mound, 8pm

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

**Lick Creek**  
Oak Hills Country Club and Winery,  
Girard, 8pm

**The Tangents**  
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 3-5pm

**Robot Army, Illithid, Escape  
Rope**  
Pizza Records, Jacksonville, 8pm

**AllNighter**  
Pop's Place, Decatur, 8pm-12am

**Avery Kern**  
The Range Bourbon & Brew,  
Chatham, 3-6pm

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

**Bernet, Rolens, Minder, Cellini**  
Sky Lounge, 8-10pm

**Kate Laine**  
Stella Coffee & Tea, 10am-12:30pm

**Mattison Avenue, Sam Lacy,  
Mike Loranzotti**  
Taylorville Square, Taylorville, 1-6pm

**Pimpin' Henry and Positively  
4th Street**  
The Blue Grouch, 6:30-10:30pm

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

**The Remedy**  
Town Hall Pub, Loami, 6pm

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

**Off The Wall**  
Weebles Bar & Grill, 12-3pm

**The Matt Miller Band**  
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30-10:30pm

## Sunday Oct 6

**Naughty & Nice**  
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

**Fantastical Folk Jam**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., First  
Sunday of every month, 4-6pm.

**Kortney Leatherwood,  
Mississippi Leghound, The  
Cocktails, The Rick Mari Band,  
Hipbone Sam Band**  
Goodfellas Pub, 2-7pm

**John Drake**  
Harvest Market Coffee Bar,  
10am-1pm

**Robert Sampson**  
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford,  
2-5pm

**The Jonnie Concaroo Band**  
It's All About Wine, 3pm

**Sunshine Daydream, Dead  
Man's Dog**  
LevelUp Seed & Garden Supply,  
1-7pm

**Big Guy's Digital Sound  
Experience with guest singers**  
Lucky's on the Square,  
Petersburg, 3-6pm

**Brian Shartzter**  
Mother Road Diner, 6-9pm

**Doublewide**  
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

**Thomas J Beverly**  
Slauterhouse Brewing Co.,  
Auburn, 1-4pm

**Not Petty, Taylorville Jazz Band,  
The Tangents, Avery Kern**

Taylorville Square, Taylorville,  
10am-6pm

**AI Kitchen**  
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

## Monday Oct 7

**Kilborn Alley**  
The Alamo, 7pm

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

**Kujo's Karaoke**  
Pam's Jailhouse, 8pm-12am

## Tuesday Oct 8

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

**Karaoke**  
The Rusty Rail Pub, Lincoln,  
8pm-12am

**Michael Burnett**  
Silver Sevens Gaming Pub &  
Parlor, 5:30-7:30pm

## Wednesday Oct 9

**Wolf Crick Boys**  
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton,  
Second Wednesday of every  
month, 7-9pm

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

**Karaoke**  
Clique, 9pm-1am

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

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

**Short Notice**  
KUSH21, Jacksonville, 5pm

**Ricarda Rosalina**  
Mother Road Diner, 6-9pm

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

**Cory Brown**  
The Dublin Pub, 5:30pm

**Michael Burnett**  
The Keg, 6-9pm

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



## THE CALENDAR



**Campout for Homeless Veterans**  
Sat., Oct. 5., 3 p.m. to Sun., Oct. 6, 11 a.m.  
Medics First Ambulance  
200 North Grand Ave. W.  
217-544-5040

### FUNDRAISERS | Annual event supports programs that help veterans

**it** This seventh annual event will raise awareness of homelessness among the nation's veterans and the ongoing challenges they face each day. It's not too late to help out in this fundraiser for Fifth Street Renaissance/SARA Center programs. According to organizers, boxes will be provided on site or will be available in advance. Camp in a simple box or bring supplies to decorate your box for an event contest. Get a campsite by collecting pledges or donating to Fifth Street Renaissance. Donations can also be made online or by mailing to Fifth Street Renaissance. Important note: Participants do not need to camp out. Participants are asked to raise \$100, but all donations are welcome. A food and kid's corner will be open from 3 to 6 p.m. See the Facebook page for more info.

### Special Music Events

**First Friday Concert Series**  
Fri., Oct. 4, 7pm. Directed by Mark Gifford. [spicathedral.org](http://spicathedral.org). Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-522-3342.

**Forty-Niner Throwback Party**  
Sun., Oct. 6, 2-7pm. Five musical acts will take the stage for this event, where a portion of the proceeds will help veterans through Military Families Together. Kortney Leatherwood will play from 2 to 2:45pm followed by Mississippi Leghound (3-3:45pm), The Cocktails (4-4:45pm), The Rick Mari Band (5-5:45pm) and Hipbone Sam Band (6-6:45pm). \$5. Goodfellas Pub, 518 Bruns Lane, 217-679-2119.

**PLANETS with David Becker**  
Sat., Oct. 5, 7pm. Experience a captivating auditory and visual expedition where projections of the cosmos merge seamlessly with Becker's masterfully composed and improvised melodies. Join a post-concert gathering at the Campus Observatory. [uispac.com](http://uispac.com). \$49. UIS Studio Theatre, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

**The Steel Woods with Jive Mother Mary, The Longmeyer Band**  
Sat., Oct. 5, 7-10:30pm. Last chance to see The Steel Woods before the group disbands.

Opening will be Jive Mother Mary and The Longmeyer Band. \$25. Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 12341 Irish Road, 217-488-6321.

**Ukulele Jam Session**  
Sat., Oct. 5, 1:30-3:30pm. Teens and adults who play ukuleles can join the Springfield Uketopians for a fun jam session at WPLM. Weather permitting, the jam session will be in the WPLM Outdoor Education Space. Bring a chair. Register at [williamsvillelibrary.org](http://williamsvillelibrary.org). Free. Williamsville Public Library and Museum, Williamsville, 217 N. Elm St., 217-566-3520.

**One Hundred Strings: Understanding South Asia Through Music & History**  
Wed., Oct. 9, 6-7:30 p.m. This collaborative project features musicians Nirmala Rajasekar, Sandip Chatterjee, Thanjavur K. Murugaboopathi and Ramdas Palsule, who showcase India's musical and cultural diversity. Each artist represents a different ethnic region of India and plays a unique regional instrument. Free. UIS Brookens Auditorium, One University Plaza, 217-206-6245.

### Books & Authors

**Lit Fest**  
Thu., Oct. 3, 11am-12:30pm.

Lincoln Land Community College's Department of English and Humanities will host Lit Fest, a series of live author readings, panel discussions, interactive workshops through Oct. 3. [llcc.edu](http://llcc.edu). Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

### Theater & Comedy

**Terror on the Square**  
Fridays, Saturdays, 7-11:59pm. Through Oct. 31. Terror on the Square in Petersburg has been entertaining guests for over three decades. A unique professional haunted tour with Disney-style illusions set in an actual 1930s funeral home. [terroronthesquare.com](http://terroronthesquare.com). \$23. Terror on the Square, Petersburg, 119 S. Seventh St., 217-632-2731.

### Art & Architecture

**"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. Silver is inspired by how body language tells complex stories about who we are, what we are doing, and how we relate to our environment and each other. [springfieldart.org](http://springfieldart.org). Free. SAA

Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

### Exhibit: Works from Permanent Collection

Mondays-Fridays, 8am-5pm. Through Nov. 1. Lincoln Land Community College is featuring select works from the college's permanent collection through Nov. 1. The exhibit can be viewed in the Trutter Museum/Murray Gallery, located in Menard Hall. [llcc.edu/trutter-murray](http://llcc.edu/trutter-murray). Free. Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

### Springfield Watch & Clock Show

Sat., Oct. 5, 11am-2pm. Sponsored by the Route 66 Watch & Clock Club. Free. Knights of Columbus Casey's Pub, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 309-643-5241.

### Film & Television

**CatVideoFest 2024**  
Sat., Oct. 5, 7-8pm. Oscilloscope Laboratories presents a compilation of the latest and best cat videos culled from unique submissions and sourced animations, music videos and classic internet powerhouses. A portion of ticket proceeds will benefit local cats through Menard Animal Protection. [broadgauge.com](http://broadgauge.com). \$10/\$15. Broadgauge, Petersburg, 101 North 7th St.,

217-386-5669.

### Food & Drink

#### 20th Annual Multicultural Fest at LLCC

Wed., Oct. 9, 10am-2pm. Learn about various cultures through food, entertainment and exhibits in this 20th annual event. LLCC Outreach Centers in Jacksonville, Litchfield and Taylorville will also host celebrations. [llcc.edu](http://llcc.edu). LLCC Trutter Center, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

### History

#### Candlelight Walk

Oct. 4-5. A wonderful opportunity to experience village life at night. Period-clothed interpreters will be inside many of the log homes and shops to talk about life in 19th century Illinois. [lincolnsnewsalem.com](http://lincolnsnewsalem.com). Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-632-4000.

#### Conference on Illinois History

Thu., Oct. 3, 9am-5pm and Fri., Oct. 4, 9am-5pm. This annual conference highlights the research of any aspect of Illinois's history, culture, politics, geography or archaeology. Hosted by the ALPLM. [presidentlincoln.illinois.gov](http://presidentlincoln.illinois.gov). Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

#### The Edwards Family's Neighbors and Servants

Thu., Oct. 3, 6-7:30pm. Sarah Adams will share her research on the neighborhood of Enos Park directly surrounding the Edwards Place mansion, focusing on the neighborhood of 1860 and the people who worked for the Edwards family primarily in the 1860s-1870s. [edwardsplace.org](http://edwardsplace.org). Free. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

### Politics

#### Get Out the Vote

Tue., Oct. 8, 5:30-7:30pm. Nonpartisan event in the Carnegie Room. Speakers will discuss the importance of voting and how to discern and counter disinformation. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-585-9550.

### Holiday Happenings

#### Boo Crew Haunted House

Fridays, Saturdays. Through Nov. 2. "The 25th Nightmare." [boocrew.com](http://boocrew.com). \$35-\$55. Boo Crew Haunted House, Mechanicsburg, 11083 Buckhart Road, 217-551-6969.

#### Friday Night at the Farm

Fri., Oct. 4, 6-9:30pm. Enjoy a glow maze, play areas and movie on the lawn. *Hocus Pocus* will start at dark. Food trucks available. Bring blankets/lawn chairs and flashlight. 13 and older \$12, children 3-12 \$10. Bomke's Patch, 605 Country Lake Road, 217-670-2470.

#### Halloween Party and Trunk or Treat

Sat., Oct. 5, 4pm. It's time to have some spooky fun! Event includes a dance, snacks and beverages, music, games and costume contest at 7pm. \$5 per person, \$10 per car. Pole Barn Chic, 4491 Old Chatham Road, 217-685-7389.

#### Pumpkin Harvest Festival

Sat., Oct. 5, 10am-5pm and Sun., Oct. 6, 10am-5pm. A fun-filled weekend of music, food, local vendors and more. [bomkespatch.com](http://bomkespatch.com). Bomke's Patch, 605 Country Lake Road, 217-670-2470.

### Fairs & Festivals

#### Main Street Mingle

Sat., Oct. 5, 10am-6pm. Halloween party with such activities as paint a pumpkin match, mini golf, photo booth, scavenger hunt, costume dress up and more. Virden Town Square, 217-370-3596.

#### Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show

Sat., Oct. 5, 10am-6pm and Sun., Oct. 6, 10am-5pm. "Chillin in the Ice Age." Features mineral, fossil and jewelry dealers, exhibits, silent auction, concessions, escape room and kids' activities. Presented by Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society. [loess.org](http://loess.org). Adults \$2, seniors \$1, children 12 and younger and Scouts in uniform free. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-414-0033.

#### Taylorville Chillifest

Sat., Oct. 5, 9am-12pm and Sun., Oct. 6, 10am-5pm. Features chili judging, children's activities and three pageants, a KidZone, and of course, lunch and dinner in the Chillitent. Live music both days. Free. The Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce, Taylorville, 108 West Market Street, 2nd Floor, 217-824-4919.

#### Macon County Fair Harvest Fest

Fri., Oct. 4, 5-10pm, Sat., Oct. 5, 1-10pm, Sun., Oct. 6, 1-6pm. Includes carnival and haunted hayrides, vendors, children's activities and demolition derby at 6pm Saturday. Macon County Fairgrounds, 3700 N. Westlawn Ave., Decatur.



## ■ Fundraisers and Galas

### Celebrate Sound Walk

Sat., Oct. 5, 9am-12pm. Sertoma Club of Springfield hosts its annual "Celebrate Sound" Walk. In keeping with Sertoma's mission to assist the hearing-impaired, the proceeds will help to provide hearing aids for low-income adults in the Springfield area. [spfdilsertoma.com](http://spfdilsertoma.com). \$25. Washington Park Pavilion, 1400 Williams Blvd., 217-685-5189.

### Medics First of Illinois' United Way Chili Cook Off

Sat., Oct. 5, 8:30am-3pm. Call for rules and entry forms. Set up at 8:30am with judging at 2pm and winners announced at 3pm. Includes chili dog bar, raffles, drawing and live music by Off the Wall (noon-3 p.m.) and the Matt Miller Band (6:30-10:30 pm.) [medicsfirst.com](http://medicsfirst.com). Chili entries \$25, free to attend. Weebles Bar & Grill, 4136 N. Peoria Road, 217-993-7892.

### Mane Event Open House

Sat., Oct. 5, 1-5 p.m. This event is a fundraiser for Refuge Ranch, which empowers at-risk youth and families through Christ-centered, equine assisted programs. Includes many children's activities, food vendors, silent auction and live music by Illinois Rail. Free, RSVP on Facebook page. Refuge Ranch, 9350 Cascade Road, Rochester, 217-498-7679.

### Art and Craft Fair

Sat., Oct. 19, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Jewelry, gifts, home and holiday decor, handcrafted items. Includes kids korner and free coffee. Proceeds benefit Ball-Chatham School Titan Fuel Program and St. Joe's Team. 700 E. Spruce St., 217-638-5671.

## ■ Children's Corner

### Alpaca Farm Days

Sat., Oct. 5, 11am-4pm and Sun., Oct. 6, 11am-3pm. Learn about alpacas and shop alpaca products. Kids activities. Free admission. Alpacas of Indian Point Hills, Petersburg, 17229 Vaneman St., 217-414-0266.

### Cops & Bobbers Fishing Clinic

Sun., Oct. 6, 12-3pm. Children ages 6-13 can spend an afternoon of fishing with the officers from the Springfield Police Department. Poles and bait will be provided. Participants will receive a T-shirt, light snacks and refreshments. Register at <https://bit.ly/47XVGBD>. Free. Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Dept of Natural Resources, One

Natural Resources Way, 217-788-8325.

### Halloween Scavenger Hunt at five parks

Fri., Oct. 4, 9am-5pm. Simultaneous scavenger hunts at Washington, Lincoln, Southwind, Stuart and Kiwanis parks. Follow clues to discover treasures and chilling surprises. Work together with your partner or group to solve puzzles and conquer challenges. To start, join the Halloween Park Scavenger Hunt Event page on the Springfield Park District site and follow the instructions. Event includes prizes. Washington Park, 1501 S. Grand Ave. W., 217-544-1751.

## ■ Nature, Science & Environment

### Bird Hike

Saturdays, 8-9am. Through Oct. 12. Local birder Kevin Veara will lead a group in search of migrating birds. Hikes start at the Nature Center and are open to public. All levels of birders welcome. [lincolnmemorialgarden.com](http://lincolnmemorialgarden.com). Free. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

### Fall Migration Bird Hikes

Thursdays, 8-9:30am. Through Oct. 17. Illinois Audubon Society's assistant director, Matt Hayes, leads weekly bird hikes during fall migration. Free. Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 2315 E. Clear Lake Ave., 217-544-2473.

## ■ Lectures & Meetings

### Being Imperfect with Erika Sánchez

Wed., Oct. 9, 7-8pm. Erika L. Sánchez, celebrated novelist, poet, feminist and passionate advocate for young women will present an inspiring live webinar. Discover her journey, insights and powerful voice. Presented by Illinois Libraries Present (ILP). See the registration link on the Chatham Library's events calendar. [chathamlib.org](http://chathamlib.org). Free. 217-483-2713.

### Million Peacemakers training workshop with Jon Moyal

Tue., Oct. 8, 1-5pm. Learn skills in the "nonflict" approach to conflict in this four-hour workshop. This is a peace-making approach to address disputes in interpersonal and inter-group conflicts. This event is sponsored by the Greater Springfield Interfaith Association. [gsia.info](http://gsia.info). Free. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3601 Buckeye Dr., 314-378-4665.

### A Cherry on Top with Steve

### Gilliland

Tue., Oct. 8, 7:30-9am. Join Central Illinois Customer Service Association to kick off National Customer Service Week as Steve Gilliland, a member of the Speaker Hall of Fame, presents a keynote address that focuses on developing and delivering value in everything you do. RSVP at [cilcsa.org](http://cilcsa.org). \$20. Crowne Plaza, 3000 S Dirksen Pkwy.

## ■ Bulletin Board

### 'Shoes, Brews & Biz

Thu., Oct. 3, 5-9pm. This event showcases the Springfield area's restaurants, breweries and wineries. Enjoy samples while talking to businesses in the Biz Expo, bidding on silent auction items, taking a chance at winning \$1,000 and touring the car and motorcycle collection owned by Dick Levi of LRS. Tickets on sale now at [www.gscc.org](http://www.gscc.org). \$20. LRS Hangar, 820 S. Capital Airport Dr., 217-525-1173.

### Artisan and Antique Market

Sat., Oct. 5, 9am-4pm. Shop this market set against the picturesque backdrop of the Brinkerhoff Mansion, the Dream Center, and the Ursuline Music Conservatory. Event features over 150 local vendors, food trucks, refreshing drinks, and live music. Brinkerhoff Mansion, 1500 N. Fifth St., 217-361-5555.

### Blessing of the Animals

Sat., Oct. 5, 4-5pm. Join the Rev. Andy Hook as he blesses the animals. Bring your pets for this personal blessing. Also meet Springfield's K9 unit. [st.paulspringfield.com](http://st.paulspringfield.com). Free. Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 815 S. Second St., 217-953-2286.

### Blanket and Coat Fair

Sat., Oct. 19. Providing warm blankets and coats to families and individuals in need. Must show proof of need. Donations of items are still being taken. Volunteers are needed and must call before the date of the event to schedule an orientation. Volunteer meeting Oct. 12. Freedom in Holiness Mission, 1430 S Loveland Ave., 217-522-2527.

## ■ Health & Fitness

### Pickleball Ribbon Cutting and Open House

Sun., Oct. 6, 12:30pm. Please join Friends of Chatham Pickleball to celebrate the grand opening of 16 brand new pickleball courts. Includes open play, pickleball instruction. Free. Chatham Community Park, Chatham, 731 S. Main St.

**MILLION PEACEMAKERS**



Develop your peacemaking skills

**Tuesday, October 8th, 1 to 5pm**

Greater Springfield Interfaith invites every interested person to a "nonflict" peacemaking training workshop held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 3601 Buckeye Drive, Springfield. Jon Moyal, Executive Director of Million Peacemakers will facilitate the training. There is no cost to participate.

Visit *Litchfield* Illinois



**Litchfield Pickers Market**

Vintage items, antiques, and collectibles

**October 13**

8 AM – 2 PM  
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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7PM**

with special guest **Wes Shipp**



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**OCTOBER 12, 2024  
10AM – 2PM**



Plant Tours will occur every 30 minutes by bus until 1:30pm.  
A video will be presented in the Administration Building.  
Refreshments will be provided.





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**217-971-5247**



## BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES

(IN SPRINGFIELD)  
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## Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS  
Nationstar Mortgage LLC Plaintiff,

vs.  
Amanda M. Bowman, AKA Amanda Marie Cobb, AKA Amanda Marie Bowman; The United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Federal National Mortgage Association Defendants.  
Case No. 2024FC000025  
2165 East Converse Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702  
AKA 2165 E Converse St, Grandview, Illinois 62702

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 November 12, 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 2165 East Converse Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702, AKA 2165 E Converse St, Grandview, Illinois 62702  
Parcel Number(s): 14-23.0-452-018  
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 (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, MDK Legal, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 24-000727.  
Andrew K. Weiss  
MDK LEGAL  
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Chicago, IL 60601  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS  
Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, Llc, D.B.A Mortgage Solutions Financial Plaintiff,  
vs.  
John M. Marx; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants.

Case No. 2024FC000047  
32 Pinto Drive, Springfield, IL 62702  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on August 28, 2024, Jack Campbell will on October 29, 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:  
Sited in Sangamon County, Illinois. Commonly known as 32 Pinto Drive, Springfield, IL 62702  
Parcel Number(s): 14-20.0-156-009  
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 (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, MDK Legal, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 24-014073.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
LBC2 TRUST, assignee of U.S. Bank National Association, Plaintiff,  
v.

CALVIN L. PITTS; UNKNOWN OWNERS; and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
Case No. 2024FC000074  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court on the Complaint for Foreclosure in the above-entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Amanda Losquadro, Chuhak Tecson, 120 S. Riverside, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60606; Phone (312) 444-9300.

(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 1011 N. 5th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702

(C) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: Single family residence.

(D) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: Not applicable.

(E) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2024; Office of the Sangamon County Sheriff, 1 Copley Plaza, Springfield, Illinois.

(F) The terms of the sale are: 10% cash or certified funds at the time of sale; balance within twenty-four (24) hours of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid at the sale. The successful bidder will receive a Certificate of Sale following the sale and a Sheriff's Deed upon expiration of the judgment debtor's right of redemption provided under 735 ICS 5/12-122 and the subsequent confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois.

(G) Title will be conveyed subject to real estate taxes for 2023 and subsequent years and special assessments, if any; to building restrictions and restrictive covenants of record; to easements of record or in place; to rights of way for roads, streets, and highways; to rights of tenants in possession, if any; questions of survey; and rights of redemption pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/12-122. Sale is subject to approval of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois. Any real estate transfer tax which may be due as a result of the sale shall be paid by the purchaser.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF Sangamon - Springfield, ILLINOIS  
CHASE MORTGAGE HOLDINGS, INC. SBM TO JPMC SPECIALTY MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff  
vs.

DONNA K. HOLMES; ET AL.  
Defendant  
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CALENDAR  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on October 23, 2024, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Harvatin Law Office, 1100 South 5th Street, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-22.0-327-005. Commonly known as 705 East Black, Springfield, IL 62702.

The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-24-00506 IJSC INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of:

KAREN SUE HEINTZELMAN, Deceased.  
NO. 2024-PR-383  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Karen Sue Heintzelman of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued September 26, 2024, to Thomas L. Heintzelman, 823 Colorado Ct, 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 April 2, 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 26th day of September, 2024.  
Brittany Kink Toigo - 06306334  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
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(217) 544-4868  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In Re the Estate of:

WILLIAM R. MUENCH, Deceased.  
Case No.: 2024PR000382  
CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of William R. Muench, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 24, 2024, to Judith M. Muench, as Independent Executor, whose address is c/o her attorney of record, Barry O. Hines, 1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A, Springfield, Illinois 62704.

The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration, at any time, by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 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 24th day of September, 2024  
Judith M. Muench  
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](mailto:Barry@HinesLaw.net)

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



# PUBLIC NOTICES

**PATRICK JOSEPH KODRICH, Deceased**  
NO. 2024PR000372  
**DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Patrick Joseph Kodrich, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on September 23, 2024, 2024 to Brian P. Kodrich, 2316 S. Noble Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Executor, 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 2nd day of April, 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 23rd day of September, 2024. Gregory P. Sgro  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-1200

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
Estate of  
**ERJING YANG, Deceased.**  
NO. 2024-PR-380  
**CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the death of Erjing Yang of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 23, 2024, to Joanna Zhang, 11550 Nebraska Ave., Apt. 212, Los Angeles, California 90025, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Brittany Kink Toigo, 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 31, 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 23rd day of September, 2024. Brittany Kink Toigo - 06306334  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
ESTATE OF  
**ALBERT F. ALLEN, Deceased.**  
No. 2024-PR-356  
**CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Mark A. Maskey. Letters of Office were issued to Mark E. Allen, as Independent Executor, whose address is 6915 Dogwood Lane, Hannibal, MO

63401. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before March 26, 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. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To efile, 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 September 20, 2024  
Attorneys for Independent Administrator: Sorling Northrup  
Jerry S. Bauer, Attorney (6308557)  
1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200  
P.O. Box 5131  
Springfield, IL 62705  
Telephone: 217-544-1144; Fax: 217-522-3173  
E-Mail: [jsbauer@sorlinglaw.com](mailto:jsbauer@sorlinglaw.com)

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
PROBATE DIVISION  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROGER L. THEILEN, DECEASED**  
Case #2024-PR-373  
**DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the death of ROGER L. THEILEN. Letters of Office have been issued to JAMES A. BOEHME, 15 Danbury Drive, Springfield, IL 62704 and STEVEN E. WALTER, 15340 Old Jacksonville Road, New Berlin, IL 62670, as Independent Co-Executors, 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 Co-Executors, or both, on or before April 3, 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 Co-Executors and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 19th day of September, 2024. Patrick J. Sheehan  
**SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.**  
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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 STEVEN ALLEN JOHNSON, DECEASED**

Case #2024-PR-374  
**DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the death of STEVEN ALLEN JOHNSON. Letters of Office have been issued to LINDA LEE STECKER, 2820 Selkirk Road, 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 April 3, 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 19th day of September, 2024. William P. Sheehan  
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(217) 544-0701

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
PROBATE DIVISION  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SANDRA BARBARA MINDER, DECEASED**  
Case #2024-PR-370  
**DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the death of SANDRA BARBARA MINDER. Letters of Office have been issued to JEREMY MINDER, 7930 Basse Road, Loami, IL 62661, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Administrator, or both, on or before April 3, 2025, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 19th day of September, 2024. William P. 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 DORIS A. McLEAN, DECEASED**  
Case #2024-PR-369  
**DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the death of DORIS A. McLEAN. Letters of Office have been issued to STEVEN W. McLEAN, 4 Ross 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 April 3, 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 19th day of September, 2024. Patrick J. Sheehan  
**SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.**  
1215 South 4th Street

Springfield, IL 62703  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Manfred Schmidt, Deceased. No. 2024-PR-000319  
**CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the death of Manfred Schmidt. Letters of Office were issued on August 12, 2024, to Rosemarie Schmidt, 1123 N Patton Street, Springfield, IL 62702 as Administrator of the Manfred Schmidt Estate, whose attorney is Brent A Beeman, Wolter, Beeman & Lynch, 1001 South Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701 or with the Executor or both, on or before February 19, 2025, and any claim not filed within that is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk may be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. DATED the 19th day of September 2024. Brent Beeman, Wolter, Beeman & Lynch, 1001 South Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
Estate of:  
**DAVID WESLEY COMBS, Deceased.**  
NO. 2024-PR-376  
**CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the death of David Wesley Combs of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 19, 2024 to Kelley A. Davidson, 2008 Monterey Drive, 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 March 26, 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 September, 2024. Randall W. Segatto - 06193211  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
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Springfield, IL 62705  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
In Re the Estate of:  
**MILDRED EVELYN KILHOFFER, Deceased.**  
No. 2024-PR-378  
**CLAIM NOTICE**  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of MILDRED EVELYN KILHOFFER, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 18, 2024, to NANCY A. BAKA, as Independent Executor, whose address is P. O. Box 237, Mechanicsburg, Illinois, and whose attorney of record is William D. Reid, Elmore & Reid, 808 South Second Street, Springfield, IL 62704. The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of issuance of Letters, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. NANCY A. BAKA  
Independent Executor  
ELMORE & REID  
Attorneys At Law  
808 South 2nd Street  
Springfield, IL 62704  
217/523-2340

**In the Circuit Court**  
For the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois  
Sangamon County, Springfield, Illinois  
**IN THE ESTATE OF**  
John P. Fleischli,  
Deceased.  
Case No. 2024 PR 0000164  
**DEATH & CLAIMS NOTICE**  
**NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS**  
Notice is given of the death of JOHN P. FLEISCHLI, of Rochester, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letter of Office were issues on April 22, 2024 to BETTY JO FLEISCHLI, 6 Katie Lane, Rochester, Illinois 62563, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Nykoel D. Kahn, Attorney at Law, 54 Pine Cove, Springfield, Illinois 62712. 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 April 22, 2024 admitting the Will to probate. You have the right under the Illinois Probate Act (755 ILCS 5) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within six (6) months of the entry of that Order. You may also have the right to file a petition requesting the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or other evidence. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circle Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before March 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 16th Day of September, 2024. Nykoel D. Kahn  
Attorney for the Petitioner  
54 Pine Cove  
Springfield, Illinois 62712  
(312) 841-9119

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
IN THE Matter of the Estate of  
**EVELYN R. KLUCKMAN, Deceased.**  
IN PROBATE  
No. 2024-PR-000365  
**DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Evelyn R. Kluckman, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on September 16, 2024, to Janet Leigh Kluckman, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Harvey M. Stephens, 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 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before March 16, 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 September, 2024. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Harvey M. Stephens  
Registration No. 6198845  
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62705-2459  
(217) 544-8491

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
ESTATE OF  
**MARK A. MASKEY, Deceased.**  
No. 2024-PR-351  
**CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Mark A. Maskey. Letters of Office were issued to Cynthia L. Maskey, as Independent Executor, whose address is 1013 Willowbrook Drive, Springfield, Illinois. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before March 19, 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. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To efile, 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 September 13, 2024  
Attorneys for Independent Executor: Sorling Northrup  
Aaron D. Evans, Attorney (6305883)  
1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200  
P.O. Box 5131  
Springfield, IL 62705  
Telephone: 217-544-1144; Fax: 217-522-3173  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
ESTATE OF  
**MICHAEL P. MANNING, Deceased.**  
No. 2024-PR-358  
**CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Michael P. Manning. Letters of Office were issued to Caitlin L. Darling, as Independent Executor, whose address is 401 South Walnut Street, Springfield, Illinois. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court,



Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before March 19, 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. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To efile, 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: September 13, 2024  
Attorneys for Independent Executor: Sorling Northrup  
Aaron D. Evans, Attorney (6305883)  
1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200  
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Springfield, IL 62705  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of: Rebecca C. Finley, Deceased.  
No. 2024-PR-361  
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE  
Notice is given of the death of Rebecca C. Finley of Sherman, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on September 12, 2024, to Kathryn Stauffer, 7 Gilson Drive, Rochester, Illinois, 62563, Casey Steven Finley, 45 Timberline Lane, Sherman, Illinois, 62684, and Anne Finley, 5725 Dickerson Road, Sherman, Illinois, 62684, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.  
Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Rebecca C. Finley of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Kathryn Stauffer, Casey Steven Finley, and Anne Finley as the only heirs of Rebecca C. Finley. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act, 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Joseph B. Roesch  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Sarah Delano Pavlik - 6269250  
DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC  
Attorneys for Executors  
One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: 217-544-2703  
Fax: 217-544-4664  
[sdpavlik@delanolaw.com](mailto:sdpavlik@delanolaw.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of GERALD E. SERENA, Deceased.  
IN PROBATE  
No. 2024-PR-359  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Gerald E. Serena, deceased.  
Letters of Office were issued on September 10, 2024, to Richard Lee Serena and Stacy Israel, as Co-Executors, 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 representatives, or both, on or before the 2nd day of April, 2025, or three months from the date the representatives 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 12th day of September, 2024.  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Brandon R. Clark  
Registration No. 6329553  
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62705-2459  
(217) 544-8491  
[bclark@bhslaw.com](mailto:bclark@bhslaw.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of JERRY P. RALPH, Deceased.  
IN PROBATE  
No. 2024-PR-354  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Jerry P. Ralph, deceased.  
Letters of Office were issued on September 10, 2024, to Bradley D. Ralph, as Executor, 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 2nd day of April, 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 12th day of September, 2024.  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of DUDLEY J. BROWN, Deceased.  
IN PROBATE  
No. 2024-PR-346  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Dudley J. Brown, deceased.  
Letters of Office were issued on August 29, 2024, to Joy D. Hutchcraft as Independent Executor, 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 26th 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 9th day of September, 2024.  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Brandon R. Clark  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY  
Re: the marriage of Chantay Banks, Petitioner And  
Marcus Ulmer, Respondent  
Case No. 2019-D-000261  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you, Marcus Ulmer, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 26th day of October, 2023, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.  
Joseph B. Roesch  
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY  
Re: the marriage of Andrew C. Thomas, Petitioner And  
Lilly Davis, Respondent  
Case No. 2024-DN-000119  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you, Lilly Davis, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 19th day of October, 2023, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.  
Joseph B. Roesch  
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY  
Re: the marriage of DUDLEY J. BROWN, Deceased.  
And  
Scarlett Rodriguez, Respondent  
Case No. 2024-DN-000184  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you, Scarlett Rodriguez, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this

cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 19th day of October, 2023, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.  
Joseph B. Roesch  
Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of Luke Christopher Smith Coontz  
For change of name to Luke Christopher Coontz  
Case No. 2024-MR-000326  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on Nov. 19, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Luke Christopher Smith Coontz to Luke Christopher Coontz pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Oct. 3, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of Caitlin Elizabeth Mock  
For change of name to Charles James Smith  
Case No. 2024-MR-000119  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on Nov. 19, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Caitlin Elizabeth Mock to Charles James Smith pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Sept. 26, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of Jude Scott Sutherland  
For change of name to Jude Scott Horton  
Case No. 2024-MR-000309  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on Nov. 19, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Jude Scott Sutherland to Jude Scott Horton pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Sept. 19, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS  
Nationstar Mortgage LLC Plaintiff, vs.  
Amanda M. Bowman, AKA Amanda Marie Cobb, AKA Amanda Marie Bowman; The United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Federal National Mortgage Association Defendants.  
Case No. 2024FC000025  
2165 East Converse Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702  
AKA 2165 E Converse St, Grandview, Illinois 62702  
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 November 12, 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:  
The East 40 feet of the West 80 feet of the South 120 feet of Lot 112 in Wanless' Springfield Heights Addition. 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 2165 East Converse Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702, AKA 2165 E Converse St, Grandview, Illinois 62702  
Parcel Number(s): 14-23.0-452-018  
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 (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, MDK Legal, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 24-000727.  
Andrew K. Weiss  
MDK LEGAL  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
One East Wacker, Suite 1250  
Chicago, IL 60601  
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Attorney No.: 6284233  
Email: [statee-file@mdklegal.com](mailto:statee-file@mdklegal.com)  
8051-946828

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS  
Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, Llc, D.B.A Mortgage Solutions Financial Plaintiff, vs.  
John M. Marx; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants.  
Case No. 2024FC000047  
32 Pinto Drive, Springfield, IL 62702  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 29, 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 53 in Val-E-Vue Acres 5th Plat. Except the coal and other minerals underlying the surface of said land and all rights and easements in favor of the estate and minerals.  
Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Commonly known as 32 Pinto Drive, Springfield, IL 62702

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PENNVMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS.  
GERALD NORDGREN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PETER THOMAS GILBERT, DECEASED; SANDRA L GILBERT A/K/A SANDRA GILBERT; COVERED BRIDGE ACRES ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF PETER THOMAS GILBERT, DEFENDANTS.  
No. 23 FC 000084  
20 COVERED BRIDGE ACRES GLENARM, IL 62536  
JUDGE PRESIDING JUDGE  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants  
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Peter Thomas Gilbert defendants, that this cause 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:  
LOT 20 OF PLAT 1 OF COVERED BRIDGE ACRES, OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD.  
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Commonly known as: 20 Covered Bridge Acres  
Glenarm, IL 62536  
and which said Mortgage was made by, Peter Thomas Gilbert a/k/a Peter T Gilbert and Sandra L Gilbert a/k/a Sandra Gilbert Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems,

Parcel Number(s): 14-20.0-156-009  
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 (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, MDK Legal, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 24-014073.  
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MDK LEGAL  
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8051-946826

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PENNVMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS.  
GERALD NORDGREN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PETER THOMAS GILBERT, DECEASED; SANDRA L GILBERT A/K/A SANDRA GILBERT; COVERED BRIDGE ACRES ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF PETER THOMAS GILBERT, DEFENDANTS.  
No. 23 FC 000084  
20 COVERED BRIDGE ACRES GLENARM, IL 62536  
JUDGE PRESIDING JUDGE  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants  
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Peter Thomas Gilbert defendants, that this cause 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:  
LOT 20 OF PLAT 1 OF COVERED BRIDGE ACRES, OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD.  
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Commonly known as: 20 Covered Bridge Acres  
Glenarm, IL 62536  
and which said Mortgage was made by, Peter Thomas Gilbert a/k/a Peter T Gilbert and Sandra L Gilbert a/k/a Sandra Gilbert Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems,



Inc. as nominee for Bank of America, N.A. Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2013R06953; and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before October 28, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You have been sued. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Notice 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](http://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](http://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 [illinoislegalaid.org](http://illinoislegalaid.org). All documents referred to in this Notice can be found at [ilcourts.info/forms](http://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](http://ilcourthelp.gov) para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios. PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200  
Chicago, IL 60602  
Ph. (312) 346-9088  
File No. 23-14844IL-908477  
I3252507

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, successor by merger with TOWN AND COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff, v. ROBIN L. ATWOOD, n/k/a ROBIN L. RICHARDSON; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MARCIA I. ATWOOD, Deceased; "UNKNOWN OWNERS" and "NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS," Defendants. No. 2024FC000130 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2025 S. College Street Springfield, Illinois 62704 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to ROBIN L. ATWOOD, n/k/a ROBIN L. RICH-

ARDSON; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MARCIA I. ATWOOD, Deceased; "UNKNOWN OWNERS" and "NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS," Defendants in the above-entitled suit, that said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, by Plaintiff, HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, successor by merger with TOWN AND COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., against you and other defendants praying for foreclosure of Mortgages covering the premises described as follows to wit: LOT 7 IN BLOCK 3 IN MELTON AND SNAPE'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, AS PLATTED BY THE PLAT RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN BOOK 4 OF PLATS, PAGE 2. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Common Address: 2025 S. College Street Springfield, Illinois 62704 Permanent Index No: 22-04-402-023 which Mortgages were made by Robin L. Atwood, n/k/a Robin L. Richardson, and Marcia I. Atwood, as Mortgageors, in favor of Town and Country Banc Mortgage Services, Inc., predecessor to Heartland Bank and Trust Company, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, on February 3, 2010, as Document No. 2010R03471 (First Mortgage), and on July 16, 2012, as Document No. 2012R26564 (Second Mortgage). NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the above-named Defendants, file your answer to the Complaint in said suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, on or before October 21, 2024, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. Tina M. Jacobs, Esq. - ARDC 6190255 Joy Pinta, Esq. - ARDC 6278250 JACOBS & PINTA 77 West Washington Street, Suite 1005 Chicago, Illinois 60602 (312) 263-1005 officeadmin@jacobsandpinta.com I3252050

(IMPORTANT note: This is a Foreclosure Notice. Please place this in the legal notice section on Sep 19, 26; Oct 3, 2024. After the first run, a copy of the notice needs to be sent to the Circuit Clerk.) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Planet Home Lending, LLC PLAINTIFF Vs.

Jeffrey W. Ryan; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants DEFENDANTS No. 2024FC000113 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: Jeffrey W. Ryan 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: 1111 N Walnut St Springfield, IL 62702 and which said Mortgage was made by: Jeffrey W. Ryan the Mortgageor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Diamond Residential Mortgage Corp, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of San-

gamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2011R44581 modified with 2016R34617; 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 October 21, 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. 14-24-04981 NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. I3251947

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS LBC2 TRUST, assignee of U.S. Bank National Association, Plaintiff, v. CALVIN L. PITTS; UNKNOWN OWNERS; and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 2024FC000074 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court on the Complaint for Foreclosure in the above-entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. (A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Amanda Losquadro, Chuhak Tecson, 120 S. Riverside, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60606; Phone (312) 444-9300. (B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 1011 N. 5th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702 (C) The legal description of the real estate is: THE SOUTH 39 FEET 3 INCHES OF LOT 56 OF ASSESSORS SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 27, AND PART OF THE EAST HALF OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. (D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: Single family residence. (E) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: Not applicable. (F) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2024; Office of the Sangamon County Sheriff, 1 Copley Plaza, Springfield, Illinois. (G) The terms of the sale are: 10% cash or certified funds at the time of sale; balance within twenty-four (24) hours of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid at the sale. The successful bidder will receive a Certificate of Sale following the sale and a Sheriff's Deed upon expiration of the judgment debtor's right of redemption provided under 735 ICS 5/12-122 and the subsequent confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois. (H) Title will be conveyed subject to real estate taxes for 2023 and subsequent years and special assessments, if any; to

building restrictions and restrictive covenants of record; to easements of record or in place; to rights of way for roads, streets, and highways; to rights of tenants in possession, if any; questions of survey; and rights of redemption pursuant to 735 ICS 5/12-122. Sale is subject to approval of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois. Any real estate transfer tax which may be due as a result of the sale shall be paid by the purchaser. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Emmet A. Fairfield Registration No. 6180505 205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-8491 efairfield@bhsllaw.com 8051-946489

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF Sangamon - Springfield, ILLINOIS CHASE MORTGAGE HOLDINGS, INC. SBM TO JPMC SPECIALTY MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff vs. DONNA K. HOLMES; ET AL. Defendant 24 FC 35 CALENDAR NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on October 23, 2024, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Harvatin Law Office, 1100 South 5th Street, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: THE SOUTH 120 FEET OF LOT 9 AND THE SOUTH 120 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF LOT 8 OF C.O. MATHENY'S SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 2 AND 3 OF EASTMAN BLACK AND KEY'S SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 14-22.0-327-005. Commonly known as 705 East Black, Springfield, IL 62702. The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-24-00506 IJSC INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com I3251609

Publication notice IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. CHRIS L. GUDGEL, REGIONS BANK AS SUCCESSOR TO MAGNA BANK, N.A., REGIONS BANK AS SUCCESSOR TO UNION PLANTERS BANK, N.A., UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 24-MR-356 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, CHRIS L. GUDGEL, REGIONS BANK AS SUCCESSOR TO MAGNA BANK, N.A., REGIONS BANK AS SUCCESSOR TO UNION PLANTERS BANK, N.A., Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on September 25, 2024 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 1616 E. Glenn Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as: Lots 132, 133, 134 and 135 in Lincoln Heights Addition, City of Springfield, County of Sangamon, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 22-03.0-477-061); and for other relief. UNLESS CHRIS L. GUDGEL, REGIONS BANK AS SUCCESSOR TO MAGNA BANK, N.A., REGIONS BANK AS SUCCESSOR TO UNION PLANTERS BANK, N.A., Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before November 4, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.

Publication notice IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ALOSHIE LEWIS, OSHIA J. WASHINGTON, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants. No. 24-MR-357 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ALOSHIE LEWIS, OSHIA J. WASHINGTON, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on September 25, 2024 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 2005 E. South Grand Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as: Lot 20 in Block 5 of Edwin A. Wilson's Grand Avenue Subdivision to the City of Springfield. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 14-35.0-381-019); and for other relief. UNLESS UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ALOSHIE LEWIS, OSHIA J. WASHINGTON, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before November 4, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT. /s/ Joe Roesch Clerk of Court Gregory E. Moredock Corporation Counsel Kateah McMasters ARDC #6309668 Assistant Corporation Counsel Attorneys for Plaintiff 800 E. Monroe, Room 327 Springfield, IL 62701-1653 (217) 789-2375 kateah.mcmasters@springfield.il.us

Publication notice IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. CHRIS L. GUDGEL, REGIONS BANK AS SUCCESSOR TO MAGNA BANK, N.A., REGIONS BANK AS SUCCESSOR TO UNION PLANTERS BANK, N.A., UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 24-MR-356 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, CHRIS L. GUDGEL, REGIONS BANK AS SUCCESSOR TO MAGNA BANK, N.A., REGIONS BANK AS SUCCESSOR TO UNION PLANTERS BANK, N.A., Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on September 25, 2024 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 1616 E. Glenn Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as: Lots 132, 133, 134 and 135 in Lincoln Heights Addition, City of Springfield, County of Sangamon, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 22-03.0-477-061); and for other relief. UNLESS CHRIS L. GUDGEL, REGIONS BANK AS SUCCESSOR TO MAGNA BANK, N.A., REGIONS BANK AS SUCCESSOR TO UNION PLANTERS BANK, N.A., Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before November 4, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.

Publication notice IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. CARLA COOK, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 24-MR-354 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, CARLA COOK, Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on September 25, 2024 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 1127 S. 11th Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as: The South 16 feet of Out Lot 5 and the North 21 feet and 7-1/2 inches of Out Lot 8 in Block 2 of Barrett's Addition to the

/s/ Joe Roesch Clerk of Court Gregory E. Moredock Corporation Counsel Kateah McMasters ARDC #6309668 Assistant Corporation Counsel Attorneys for Plaintiff 800 E. Monroe, Room 327 Springfield, IL 62701-1653 (217) 789-2375 kateah.mcmasters@springfield.il.us

Publication notice IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. STEPHEN HAMILTON, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SANGAMON COUNTY AS TRUSTEE FOR TAXING DISTRICTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 24-MR-355 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, STEPHEN HAMILTON, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on September 25, 2024 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 2237 S. 13th Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as: Lot 197 of Lenox Subdivision. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 22-03.0-408-024); and for other relief. UNLESS STEPHEN HAMILTON, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before November 4, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.

UNLESS STEPHEN HAMILTON, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before November 4, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT. /s/ Joe Roesch Clerk of Court Gregory E. Moredock Corporation Counsel Kateah McMasters ARDC #6309668 Assistant Corporation Counsel Attorneys for Plaintiff 800 E. Monroe, Room 327 Springfield, IL 62701-1653 (217) 789-2375 kateah.mcmasters@springfield.il.us

Publication notice IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. CARLA COOK, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 24-MR-354 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, CARLA COOK, Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on September 25, 2024 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 1127 S. 11th Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as: The South 16 feet of Out Lot 5 and the North 21 feet and 7-1/2 inches of Out Lot 8 in Block 2 of Barrett's Addition to the



City of Springfield, Illinois. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
(Permanent Parcel No. 14-34.0-452-011); and for other relief.

UNLESS CARLA COOK, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before November 4, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.

/s/ Joe Roesch  
Clerk of Court  
Gregory E. Moredock  
Corporation Counsel  
Kateah McMasters ARDC #6309668  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
Room 327, Municipal Center East  
800 East Monroe Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
217-789-2313  
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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, October 17th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., in the Sangamon South Auditorium, 300 S. 9th St., Springfield, Illinois, to hear the testimony for the petition of Whiskey Ridge Saloon, LLC, fee owner of property commonly known as 10875 E. State Rt. 29, Breckenridge, IL 62563 and legally described as follows: See Exhibit A

Petitioner requests pursuant to Chapter 17.58 and Section 17.26.020, a Conditional Permitted Use for a tavern with live entertainment and dancing (approximately 2,700 square feet); and, pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.50.060(A) to allow the parking to remain unpaved (rock) instead of the required bituminous seal coat; and, for Parcel 2: pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.26, a rezoning from "A" Agricultural District to "B-3" General Business District. Also in attendance to hear the testimony will be the members of the Zoning & Land Use Committee of the Sangamon County Board.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2024 Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals CHARLES W. CHIMENTO, CHAIRMAN Exhibit A

Parcel 1: Lots 1-5 in Block 1 of the Town of Breckenridge, Except that part taken for Highway purposes, as per Plat Recorded in Book 36, Page 640, situated in Sangamon County, Illinois; and vacated Third Street between the North right of way line of Route 29 and the South right of way line of Main Street, all in Sangamon County, Illinois.

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

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Parcel Number: 31-05.0-235-010

AND

Parcel 2: Part of the Fractional Northeast Quarter of Section 5, Township 14 North, Range 3 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Sangamon County, Illinois further described as: Beginning at a stone at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the of the Northeast Quarter of section 5, Township 14 North, Range 3 West of the Third Principal Meridian and running thence North along the East boundary line of said Quarter Quarter Section 1381.53 feet to a stone at the Northeast corner of said Section; thence West along the North boundary line of said Quarter Quarter Section 579.80 feet to a point in the East

line of Third Street as platted in the original town of Breckenridge; thence South along the East line of Third Street 33.22 feet, the point of beginning; thence South along the East line of said Third Street 161.81 feet; thence South 54 degrees 11 minutes 2 seconds East a distance of 124.41 feet; thence North 56 degrees 34 minutes 3 seconds East a distance of 95.11 feet; thence North 35 degrees 6 minutes 54 seconds East a distance 100 feet; thence North 18 degrees 41 minutes 58 seconds East a distance of 50.61 feet to a point of curvature; thence on a curve to the left with a radius of 165.00 feet through a central angle of 47 degrees 43 minutes 42 seconds having a chord distance of 133.51 feet bearing North 66 degrees 29 minutes 3 seconds West an arc distance of 137.45 feet; thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes 7 seconds West a distance of 133.43 Feet to the point of beginning, Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Parcel Number: 31-05.0-235-011

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

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS Plaintiff,

vs.  
2003 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER  
VIN # JTEHF21A730122651  
Francisco Carmelo-Antonio  
No. 24-MX-501  
24-AF-0062

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Milhiser, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on May 3rd, 2024. UNLESS YOU file a verified answer with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.

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

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS Plaintiff,

vs.  
2013 FORD TAURUS  
VIN # 1FAHP2KT9DG101011  
Lauren Stoller  
No. 24-MX-362  
24-AF-0045

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Milhiser, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on March 29th, 2024. UNLESS YOU file a verified answer with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.

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

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS Plaintiff,

vs.  
FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$465.00) USC  
Jerry Pirtle  
No. 24-MX-132  
24-AF-0013

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Milhiser, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on February 14th, 2024. UNLESS YOU file a verified answer with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.

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

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS Plaintiff,

vs.  
ELEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTEEN DOLLARS (\$11,217.00) USC  
Carlos Day  
No. 24-MX-534  
24-AF-0065

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Milhiser, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on May 10th, 2024. UNLESS YOU file a verified answer with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.

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

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS Plaintiff,

vs.  
FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00) USC

Tavares Bradford  
No. 24-MX-536  
24-AF-0067

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Milhiser, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on May 13th, 2024. UNLESS YOU file a verified answer with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Sale to enforce Self-Storage lien in default of payment of rent will be held at 10:00 AM . Saturday OCTOBER 19, 2024, at, Safe-T-Storage, 3825 N. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL. Tenants must pay in full by this date.

Unit 106 Larry Rogers Springfield IL  
Unit 144 Robert Sauter Springfield IL  
Unit 18 Diane Grimes Riverton IL  
Unit 7 Duncan Duffey Paris IL  
Unit 90 Belinda Gulick Springfield IL

HUD-funded Project

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Illinois hereafter referred to as the "Company" is seeking bids for the property renovations located at 928 S Spring St, Springfield, IL 62704, hereafter referred to as the "project."

The project consists of renovations in accordance with the specifications prepared for the company. All activities in the project shall conform to the relevant provisions of the City of Springfield Code of Ordinances (the "Code") including but not limited to, acquisition of necessary permits and other matters. Specifications for the project and bidder packet containing the scope of work and bid requirements may be obtained from 928 S Spring St, Springfield IL 62704, S.B., 217-753-1216.

The Project will be a renovation project utilizing Community Development Block Grant funds. Bidders shall comply with all relevant terms and ordinary and customary redevelopment agreements pertaining to contract activities including, but not limited to, compliance with Davis-Bacon, proof of participation in a US Dept of Labor certified apprenticeship program, comprehensive general liability, employer liability and workman's compensation insurance and equal employment opportunity. The successful bidder will be the lowest responsible bidder whose bid conforms to the requirements of the project and complies with all the provisions of the specifications. Bidders should respond to this notice by presentation of a proposed contract as provided in the bidders' packet containing a fixed-price bid for the work and such additional terms and conditions as bidder deems necessary or appropriate. Female and Minority Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit bids for this contract. All qualified bidders will receive consideration, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, handicap, unrelated to ability or national origin. This is an Equal Opportunity Contractor.

Sealed bids are to be submitted to 928 S.

Spring St., Springfield IL 62704 by October 25th, 2024. Bids are to be addressed to the attention of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Illinois and identified as HUD FUNDED PROJECT on the exterior of the envelope. All bids will be opened publicly on October 28th, 2024.

Awarding of the contract and commencement of work shall occur as immediately thereafter as is practical and after proper certificates of insurance for contractor and redeveloper have been submitted to City. The company reserves the right to reject any bids that do not meet the requirements stated in this notice. Questions regarding the company, project or the bid should be directed to 928 S Spring St., Springfield, IL 217-753-1216

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

IN THE MATTER OF MICHAEL BROWN, MINOR CHILD

No. 2024-GR-93  
To: Che'Leah Simmons at address unknown: Please be notified that Delon Norwood Sr. and Marion Adams was filed a Petition for Guardianship of Michael Brown, minor child. You are required to answer said Petition By October 28, 2024 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

To enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent a private auction will be held on Saturday October 12, 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 October 4, 2024.

No personal checks will be accepted for storage units that are in lien.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION

Terry Broida	Unit #9-37
Terry Broida	Unit #3-13
John & Stephanie Peak	Unit #2-8
John & Stephanie Peak	Unit #2-16
Larry Hagaman	Unit #3-2
Naila Day	Unit # 3-8
Zaire Hughes	Unit #7-3
Troy Fugnitti	Unit #9-8
William Richard	Unit #10-2
April Shade	Unit #10-7
Verneeda Miller	Unit #4-29
Laquisha Childrous	Unit #4-31
Vernice Bailey	Unit #5-22
Keith Fickas	Unit #7-19
Edward Joseph Thomas	Unit #9-25
Latricia Godwin	Unit #11-35
Shayla Shanklin	Unit #B-7
Bertha Bostic	Unit #G-3
April Shade	Unit #H-7
Tom Pulliam	Unit #H-9
Tamika Kirkwood	Unit #H-17
Warren Anderson	Unit #I-16
Rebecca Barbier	Unit #J-11
Angelina Testa	Unit #J-13
Kristy Paoni	Unit #1-32

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of

Kayden Alan Reynolds-Cunningham  
For change of name to

Kayden Alan Reynolds  
Case No. 2024-MR-000295

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Nov. 19, 2024 I will petition in said Court pray-

ing for the change of name from Kayden Alan Reynolds-Cunningham to Kayden Alan Reynolds pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Sept. 19, 2024

Capitol Storage LLC  
818 S Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-522-0300  
Sale 10/5/24  
Peoria Rd  
#5 Arthur Thomas  
#10 Kimberly Holmes  
Winchester  
#77 Carrie McCurley  
CSS  
#251 Alicia Reeves  
#203 Daniel Treadwell  
Dirksen  
164 Eric McDaniel  
93 Vontreal King  
Tantor  
HH12 Toma Brown  
JJ1 Chris Pyle  
To pay past due rent and fees call 1-217-522-0300. Private Sale will be October 5 2024 at 9AM. The sale will begin at Dirksen Location. Please call to verify start location day before sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY  
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD L. MILNER, Deceased Case No. 24-PR-355

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of HAROLD L. MILNER, who died on April 17, 2024, in Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Independent Executorship were issued on September 5, 2024 to CYNTHIA MILNER of Springfield, Illinois, whose attorney is Jonathan T. Nessler of Nessler & Associates, Ltd., 536 N. Bruns Lane, Suite 1, Springfield, Illinois 62702.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Circuit Court, 200 S. 9th Street, #405, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both on or before April 3, 2025, and any claim not filed by such 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 September, 2024. Jonathan T. Nessler, #6293462 NESSLER & ASSOCIATES, LTD. 536 North Bruns Lane, Suite 1 Springfield, IL 62702 Telephone: (217) 698-0202 Fax: (217) 698-0203 jtnessler@nesslerlaw.com Attorney for Independent Executor Cynthia Milner

Advertisement for Bid  
Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) invites qualified GENERAL CONTRACTORS to submit sealed bids to furnish all labor & material to complete requirements of bidding for LITCHFIELD SCIENCE LAB RENOVATION.

Sealed bids must be delivered to the attention of MR. TIM ERVIN, Director of Construction & EHS, Lincoln Land Community College, Construction & EHS Office – MASON HALL, 5250 SHEPHERD ROAD, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62794-9256 (Southeast corner of the LLCC Main Campus), on or before TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2024 at 2:00 PM Central Standard Time (CST), at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Faxed or e-mailed bids will not be accepted. Vendors are responsible



for ensuring that bids are received by the above office prior to the deadline. Bids received after the deadline will not be considered. Contractors who have submitted a bid are invited, but not required, to attend the bid opening.

All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/) and the Drug Free Workplace Act (30 ILCS 580/). All contractors and subcontractors shall demonstrate experience on projects of similar size and type. While this project is not administered by the Capital Development Board all contractors and subcontractors must be pre-qualified with the CDB for a minimum of 45 days.

All contractor contact and questions regarding any matter concerning this Invitation to Bid must be submitted in writing to LISA EMIG, JOHN SHAFER & ASSOCIATES, INC., 1230 S. 6TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703, BY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2024. Submittals of questions may be emailed to LISA@SHAFER-ARCH.COM, please put "LITCHFIELD SCIENCE LAB RENOVATION" in the subject line.) No questions will be addressed after 2:00 PM (CST), on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2024.

Other questions regarding the bid documents will be addressed at a mandatory pre bid meeting/site visit for contractors, which shall begin promptly at 10:00 AM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024, at the ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, ROOM L-106 on the LLCC LITCHFIELD CAMPUS, 1 LINCOLN LAND DR, LITCHFIELD, IL 62056.

Failure to be present when the meeting begins, may result in the bidder being disqualified. Contractors should have any sub-contractors present at the mandatory pre-bid meeting who may wish to view the site. Further information concerning the specifications of this invitation to bid resulting from questions submitted, either in writing or resulting from the pre bid meeting/site visit, will be communicated in the form of an addendum. E-mail or verbal responses to questions are not a part of the bid documents and only formal addendum will govern.

Bid Documents will be available to qualified contractors from the offices of JOHN SHAFER & ASSOCIATES, INC. on or after MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024. Qualified contractors may obtain documents by depositing \$50 per set, refundable upon return of documents in good condition within one week of Bid Due Date. The Central Illinois Builders' Non-Cash Security Method for request of documents will be accepted on this project, as well.

The bidder shall furnish a bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the amount bid in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond, made payable to Lincoln Land Community College. The Lincoln Land Community College, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, all contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of the owner's race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, income-level, or LEP in consideration for an award.

LLCC reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received, or to permit timely correction of minor deficiencies in bids whenever such rejection or waiver is in the interest of LLCC and to accept the bid or bids being most favorable to LLCC after all bids have been examined and evaluated.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PRAIRIE STATE BANK & TRUST, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,

v. SHIRLEY J. DAVIS, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS OR DEVISEES OF SHIRLEY J. DAVIS, DANA DAVIS-LEHMANN, JOE DAVIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No.: 2024FC66

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Notice is given to defendants, DANA DAVIS-LEHMANN, JOE DAVIS, a/k/a JOSEPH DAVIS, 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 NOVEMBER 4, 2024. The Plaintiff has certified that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action was filed on April 23, 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:

Shirley J. Davis, deceased.

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

Lot 99 in the 7th Pasfield Park Place Subdivision, a subdivision of part of the Southeast Quarter, Section 31, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian.

Except coal and other minerals theretofore conveyed of record.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Tax Identification Number: 14-31-428-002

(v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 822 Kenyon Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62704

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

(A) Nature of instrument: Mortgage.

(B) Date of mortgage: February 4, 2015.

(C) Name of mortgagor: Shirley J. Davis.

(D) Name of mortgagee: Prairie State Bank & Trust.

(E) Date and place of recording: February 11, 2015 in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Sangamon County, Illinois.

(F) Identification of recording: Document Number 2015R03347.

PRAIRIE STATE BANK & TRUST, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff Samuel J. Witsman (ARDC #6193744) Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535) Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 switsman@hswnet.com aprillaman@hswnet.com 8051-946996

## Nightly-night

Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 861

Across

1. On \_\_\_ (doing well)

6. Certain Slay

10. \_\_\_ mode

13. Era

15. Final Four org.

16. Allow

17. Sleepover battle

19. \_\_\_ Tuesday

(Mardi Gras)

20. Guinness Book listings

21. "Baseball Tonight" channel

22. Singer Jackson

26. Physics unit

28. 1975 Wimbledon winner

29. One who steals covers

35. \_\_\_ soul (no one)

37. Archeological site

38. "Aladdin" prince

39. Spanish uncle

40. First pope

43. N.L. West, for one

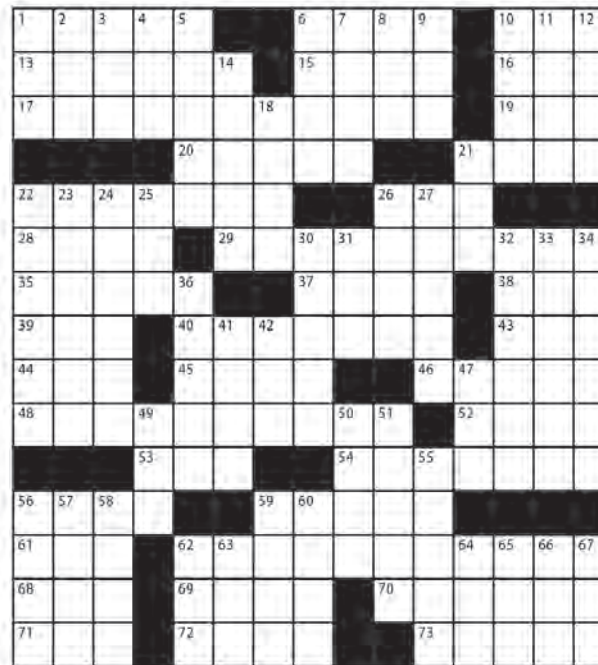
44. Dr. Seuss's Sam \_\_\_

45. "American Idol" Judge DioGuardi

46. "\_\_\_ no idea"

48. Place to find keys

52. Middle-



61. First lady

62. A parental order, or this puzzle's theme

68. Note after fa

69. Not much

70. Maker of the LZR Racer suit

71. Skit-filled NBC show, for short

72. Groaners

73. Carries

Down

1. iPhone download

2. King in Portugal

10. Film composer

Clausen and others

11. Jump

12. Envelope abbr.

14. Dork

18. Plummet

21. 911 responder

22. "Praying" insect

23. Book of prophecies

24. Shiny car trim

25. "Listen up!"

26. "\_\_\_ From Muskogee"

27. Artist Matisse

41. Pack (down)

42. Boston skyscraper, with "the"

47. Book before Zephaniah: Abbr.

49. And so forth

50. \_\_\_-bitty

51. Pandemonium

55. Blow one's top

56. Hodgepodge

57. Bard of \_\_\_

58. Auction off

59. Like, with "to"

60. Answer to "Shall

## Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #860

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

Sudoku answers from #860

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

JoshJosh answers from #860

## JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 861

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.

3÷		40x			5-
4-	15x	17+		10x	
14+	4-	18x		12+	
					1-
		9+			

Difficulty hard

## Sudoku No. 861

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

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

Difficulty medium





# FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE PARK

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**Saturday, October 12**  
**11:00 AM – 3:00 PM**



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lessons

