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Arts, Culture & Entertainment

Abraham Lincoln historic site Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

212 N. Sixth St., (217) 558-8844

Finalists: Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Lincoln Home National Historic Site, Lincoln Tomb, Old State Capitol State Historic Site

Actor - Female Chrissy Mauck - *Beauty and the Beast*

Finalists: Alyssa Shultz - Fiddler on the Roof and School of Rock – Muni, Campbell Coker - Bullets Over Broadway, Shelby Cass – Heathers: The Musical – STC, Rachel Hettrick - Merry Wives of Windsor/Two-Character Play

Actor - Male Gus Gordon - *Fiddler on the Roof*

Finalists: Jordan Hayes Montague - Color Purple, Ryle Frey - School of Rock – Muni, Will Moffett - Bullets Over Broadway, Jake Hankins – Heathers: The Musical

Art studio/gallery Springfield Art Association

700 N. Fourth St., (217) 523-2631

Finalists: The Pharmacy Gallery & Art Space, Wild Rose Artisans, B's Creative Studio, DIM Art House

Charity event Fat Ass 5K

fatass5k.com

Finalists: Springfield PrideFest, Wooden It Be Lovely sales, Boo Crew Haunted House, Helping Hands of Springfield

Director of local theater Gus Gordon

420 S. Sixth St., (217) 523-2787

Finalists: Jeremy and Sara Goeckner, Scott Richardson, Andrew Maynerich and Morgan Kaplan, Reggie Guyton, Preston Dodd

Drive-time radio show name and station

All Things Considered NPR

Finalists: Dave & Dina - 101.9 WOLF, Bondsy - 99.7 The Mix, DJ Blake - 103.7 WDBR, Greg Bishop - WMAY

Festival Old Capitol Art Fair

Finalists: Springfield Pridefest, Route 66 Mother Road Festival, Chatham Sweet Corn Festival, Fat Ass 5K

Every year, we ask our opinionated readers to tell us about their favorite people, places and things in the Springfield area. Over the decades we've been doing this, we've continued to tweak both the process and the results issue to try to keep things fresh and interesting. While one out of every three votes cast this year was in the food category and six of the top 10 categories with the most votes were food-related, none of the top three categories this year had to do with eating. Instead, our readers were cultured, casting 87,225 votes for best museum, with place to see a play or musical (indoors and outdoors) also making the top 10.

Wondering how all this works? Here are answers to the most common questions we hear:

Q. Are the results real? Don't you just pick your advertisers to win?

A. The Best of Springfield results are based on what our readers chose as the best, which is not always the same as what our staff would prefer. Just ask the advertising department, there are many winners who have never spent a dime with us and others who frequently advertise but failed to win their category. While advertising helps remind people to vote for you, it certainly doesn't guarantee the outcome.

Q. Why did national companies or chain stores win some of the categories? If you're a locally owned business, shouldn't you support other locally owned businesses?

A. See previous answer. We encourage our readers to vote (and shop) local, but ultimately, we don't control the votes.

Q. Why wasn't _____ category included?

A. There are already more than 200 categories, so from a logistical perspective we have to consider the attention span of

both the voters and readers. However, we do add and subtract categories based on reader interest and current events. Tree trimming/removal and chicken strips were among the new categories this year, and readers were passionate enough about their favorite chicken strips that it ended up in the top 10 categories with the most votes.

Keep in mind that there needs to be at least four or five contenders in a category to make it competitive, so if you're asking for "Best battery store," "Best place to buy a musical instrument," or "Best auctioneer" (all actual requests we've had), we're taking that into consideration. If you think of a great category we've missed, email our associate publisher, James Bengfort, at jbengfort@illinoistimes.com.

Q. Why wasn't _____ one of the options when I voted?

A. We hold an initial nomination round beginning in mid-August. The top five vote-getters in each category move on to the final voting. So if you want to lobby for a particular person or business to win, the time to start is in the nomination round.

Q. Why don't all of the winners have a write up this year?

A. We used to publish a short blurb on each of the top picks. However, we do have many repeat winners, and it can be hard to find something different to say each year. Starting in 2019, we switched to a format with longer (but fewer) profiles. We now try to highlight new winners and categories to make it more interesting and informative for the reader.

We welcome comments on this, or anything else in our publication, which can be sent to letters@illinoistimes.com.
— Michelle Ownbey, publisher

CATEGORIES WITH THE MOST VOTES:

1. Museum
2. Place to see a play or musical outdoors
3. Massage
4. Best overall restaurant
5. Bakery
6. Burger
7. New restaurant
8. Horseshoe
9. Chicken strips
10. Place to see a play or musical indoors

VOTES BY CATEGORY

- Arts, Culture & Entertainment 13.3%
- Cannabis 2.9%
- Civic and Community 5.5%
- Drink 8.1%
- Food 31%
- Goods & Services 11%
- Health & wellness 5.1%
- Home & garden 8.2%
- Kids' stuff 3.9%
- Music 4.9%
- Retail 6.1%

Free entertainment Levitt AMP Music Series

heritagefoundationspi.org

Finalists: Old Capital Farmers Market, Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Curve Inn, Route 66 Motorheads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex

Local comedian Capital City Improv

Finalists: Jeremy Nunes, Kathy Brennan, Larry Smith, Tye Collier

Local living author Santrell Carson

Finalists: Courtney Wick, Shatriya Smith, Terri Woolbright, Cheyenne Bluett

Local podcast Ray Lytle's Morning Disaster

Finalists: The Download with DP - Channel 1450, Ope, A Ghost, The Best Damn Podcast, Kpop Kimchi Podcast

Local sports team Springfield Lucky Horseshoes

shoesbaseball.com

Finalists: Springfield Jr. Blues, Rochester High School football, Sacred-Heart Griffin High School football, Glenwood High School football, YMCA SPY swim team

Museum Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum

212 N. Sixth St., (217) 558-8844

Finalists: Dana-Thomas House, Illinois State Museum, Kidzeum of Health and Science, Springfield & Central Illinois African American History Museum

Place to buy local art Old Capitol Art Fair

Finalists: Edwards Place Fine Art Fair, Wild Rose Artisans, B's Creative Studio, SAA Collective, DIM Art House

Place to go downtown Old Capitol Farmers Market

Finalists: Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery & Eatery, Hoogland Center for the Arts, Café Moxo, The Wakery, Anvil & Forge Brewing and Distilling

Place to see a play or musical indoor

Hoogland Center for the Arts

420 S. Sixth St., (217) 523-2787

Finalists: Sangamon Auditorium, Legacy Theatre, Dominican Hall Theatre, Sacred Heart-Griffin High School, UIS Studio Theatre

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Place to see a play or musical outdoor

The Muni

815 E. Lake Shore Drive, (217) 793-6864

Finalists: Theatre in the Park - Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Union Square Park

Public art/mural

Mural on Taco Joint

710 S. Grand Ave E.

Finalists: Penny Lane building, Art Alley, SAA's trolls at Lincoln Memorial Garden, SAA's Wild Rose flower mural, CAP 1908 building

Radio personality and station

Jim Leach - WMAV

Finalists: Dina Michaels - 101.9 WOLF, Bondsy - 99.7 The Mix, Bea Bonner NPR Illinois, Jeff Hall Weekends - 103.7 WDBR - John Spalding, 104.5 WFMB, Josh Roberts - 104.5 WFMB

Tourist spot in Springfield not related to Abraham Lincoln

Dana-Thomas House

301 E. Lawrence Ave., (217) 782-6776

Finalists: Illinois State Fair, Cozy Dog Drive In, Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum, Ace Sign Co. Sign Museum

Visual artist

1221 Photography, Zach Adams

Finalists: Alexandra Rossi, Elijah Miller, Mark Mangiaracina, Devin Larson, Severyn Beekman - Severyn Designs

Cannabis/CBD

Biggest cannabis selection

Ascend Horizon Drive

3201 Horizon Drive, (217) 718-6355

Finalists: Ascend Downtown, Maribis - Lindbergh Boulevard, Maribis - Denver Drive

Biggest CBD selection

CBD Botanicals

2538 S. Koke Mill Road, (217) 588-8161

Finalists: Penny Lane, Prairie State Hemp, Simply CBD, Happy Daze

Budtender and location

Samantha Allen - Maribis of Springfield

3025 Lindbergh Blvd., (217) 280-5461

Finalists: Sonny - Ascend Downtown, Ali Minder-CBD Botanicals, Sam Brubaker - Prairie State Hemp, Bridget Shaw - Prairie State Hemp

Cannabis dispensary

Ascend Horizon Drive

3201 Horizon Drive, (217) 718-6355

Finalists: Ascend Downtown, Maribis - Lindbergh Boulevard, Maribis - Denver Drive



Photo by Leon Linder

THEATER PERFORMANCE, FEMALE LEAD

Crissy Mauck, Belle in *Beauty and the Beast*

If you've ever heard Chrissy Mauck talk about the role of Belle, it's easy to understand how much it means to her. Once, as a child, she dressed in the iconic gold gown for a Halloween event at her grade school, only to be told by some unkind classmates she could never be Belle because she "didn't look like a princess." This heartbreaking moment for Mauck may have damaged her spirit a little, but didn't break it. She continued to pursue the part she knew and understood so well in the hopes of telling her story someday. The opportunity to perform Belle in Springfield Muni Opera's *Beauty and the Beast* this past summer was, in her words, "A dream come true." And it was a dream for those who had the pleasure of experiencing her lovely, spirited performance and for fans to vote for her to receive the best female lead accolade.

While relatively new to the Springfield theater scene, Mauck has been making her mark across multiple theater venues through memorable performances. She is also busy sharing her talents and teaching others as a choir and voice instructor in central Illinois and serves as the band director for the Ball-Chatham School District. We look forward to seeing and hearing more from Mauck as she continues inspiring students and little girls in audiences everywhere.

Cannabis strain

Bedford Grow

Finalists: Pineapple OG - Prairie State Hemp, Jealousy - CBD Botanicals, Blueberry Waffle - SimplyCBD, Cherry Wine - Prairie State Hemp

CBD store

Penny Lane

2901 S. MacArthur Blvd., (217) 679-6489

Finalists: CBD Botanicals, Prairie State Hemp, Simply CBD, Upper Limits, Inc.

Edible

THC Gummy Worm - Prairie State Hemp

460 E. Washington St., (217) 670-0222

Finalists: Delta Cubes - CBD Botanicals, Shadow Blend from Ghost - CBD Botanicals, Purlyf - Simply CBD, Smokiez - Simply CBD

Health and beauty cannabis-infused product

2000mg CBD Lotion - Prairie State Hemp

460 E. Washington St., (217) 670-0222

Finalists: 1500mg Topicals Cream - CBD Botanicals, Tranquili-teas - Whimsy Tea Co, CDB bath bomb - Prairie State Hemp

Place to buy accessories for cannabis use

Penny Lane

2901 S. MacArthur Blvd., (217) 679-6489

Finalists: Happy Daze, CBD Botanicals, Prairie State Hemp, Simply CBD

Civic & Community

Business giving back to the community

Café Moxo

411 E. Adams St., (217) 788-8084

Finalists: AZ-T-CA, BRANDT, Bewitching Botanicals, W. Scott Hanken, Attorney at Law, Green Family Stores

City official

Misty Buscher - mayor

Finalists: Lakeisha Purchase - Ward 5 alderwoman, Shawn Gregory - Ward 2 alderman, Erin Conley - Ward 8 alderwoman, Larry Rockford - Ward 4 alderman

Clergyperson

Dawn Victor - Springfield Memorial Hospital

701 N. First St., (217) 788-3000

Finalists: Rev. Jeffery Grant - Blessed Sacrament Parish, Rev. Martin Woulfe - Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist, Eddie Lowen - West Side Christian Church, Rev. Dan Bergbower - St. Agnes Catholic Church



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County official

Josh Langfelder, Recorder

Finalists: Don Gray, county clerk, Paul Palazzolo, circuit clerk, Joe Aiello, treasurer, Tony DelGiorno, Sangamon County board member

Nonprofit

Animal Protective League

1001 Taintor Road, (217) 544-7387
Finalists: Compass for Kids, St. Martin de Porres, Springfield Urban League, Springfield Cobras Boxing Club

Place to volunteer

Animal Protective League

1001 Taintor Road, (217) 544-7387
Finalists: W.I.L.D. Canine Rescue, Wooden It Be Lovely, Compass for Kids, The Muni, Friends of Sangamon County Animal Control

Unsung hero

Emma Shafer

Finalists: Leslie Sgro, Brian Skeeters - Sangamon County Crime Watch, Beth Ballinger - Feeding Springfield One Lasagna at a Time, Shymeka Kerr

Up-and-coming leader

Beth Ballinger - Feeding Springfield One Lasagna at a Time

Finalists: Elizabeth Ross Wake - The Wakery, Aaliyah Kissick - AK Boutique, Jennifer Notariano - Ward 6 alderwoman, Larry Rockford - Ward 4 alderman

Use of TIF Funds

Fix the roads

Finalists: Rehab downtown buildings, Scheels Sports Park at Legacy Pointe, citywide recycling services, economic development, sweet gum tree removal

Drink

Bartender & location

Natalie Bernal - Luminary Kitchen & Provisions

3121 Hedley Road, (217) 679-1819
Finalists: Alyssa - Locals, Katie Hopper - The Wakery, Katie Kauffman - Coz's Pizza and Pub, Shane G. - Papa Frank's

Beer garden

Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery & Eatery

500 S. Sixth St., (217) 670-0627
Finalists: Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum, Locals, Clique, Boone's, Sangamo Brewing, Restaurant & Museum, The Blue Grouch Pub



THEATER PERFORMANCE – MALE LEAD BEST DIRECTOR

Gus Gordon, *Fiddler on the Roof*

In the *IT* review of the Springfield Muni Opera's *Fiddler on the Roof*, it was noted: "Gus Gordon has starred in a long list of musicals and Tevye is a great role for him now. Always considered a go-to song-and-dance man, Gordon uses his humor to guide us through the show. He also has a stature about him and the serious moments are quite powerful."

Likely, it was that humor and stature that earned him the 2023 nod and made him a standout among voters. Gordon joins a long list of actors who have brought the well-known role of Tevye to life in the Springfield area, and audiences were clearly impressed with his interpretation of the character in a memorable and moving production.

Also worth noting is that while Gordon was specifically nominated for *Fiddler*, he also appeared onstage this year in other, vastly different roles, including Benjamin Stone in the stylish "Follies in Concert" for Springfield Theatre Centre and most recently as Nostradamus in the hilarious *Something Rotten!* for Hoogland Center for the Arts. He is also the current executive director at the Hoogland, a downtown arts and culture hub in Springfield, demonstrating how Gordon succeeds in helping to bring the arts to life both on and offstage.

Beer selection (on tap)

Buzz Bomb Brewing Co.

406 E. Adams St.
Finalists: Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery & Eatery, Anvil & Forge Brewing and Distilling, Springfield Beer Co., Terra Ferment

Coffee place

Grab-A-Java, Inc.

1702 S. Sixth St., (217) 523-5282
3115 Hedley Road, (217) 698-9773
300 Chatham Rd., (217) 670-1353
Finalists: Hae's Bakery and Coffee Shoppe, Yellow Bird Coffee House, Custom Cup, The Wakery

Craft brewery

Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery & Eatery

500 S. Sixth St., (217) 670-0627
Finalists: Hand of Fate Brewing Company, Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., Anvil & Forge Brewing and Distilling, Springfield Beer Co

Happy hour

Boone's

301 W. Edwards St., (217) 679-3752
Finalists: JP Kelly's, Luminary Kitchen & Provisions, Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., Locals

Juice or smoothie bar

Smoothie King

605 W. Jefferson Street, (217) 670-1962
Finalists: Shake This Eat That, Little Saigon, Genius Mango Smoothie, Mimosa Vietnamese and Thai Restaurant

Margaritas

Blue Margarita Mexican Bar & Grill

3151 Horizon Drive, (217) 670-1394
Finalists: AZ-T-CA, Xochimilco, Roots Latin Grill, La Fiesta Grande, Tacology 201

New bar (opened after 8/1/22)

The Wakery

5 W. Old State Capitol Plaza
Finalists: The Shed - Pawnee, Ad Astra Wine Market and Bar, Bar Bella, The Range Bourbon & Brew

Overall bar

Curve Inn

3219 S. Sixth St., (217) 529-5806
Finalists: Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery & Eatery, The Wakery, Clique, Locals, Ad Astra Wine Market and Bar

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Thank You President Biden

October 10, 2023 Remarks by President Biden on the Terrorist Attacks in Israel

You know, there are moments in this life — and I mean this literally — when the pure, unadulterated evil is unleashed on this world.

The people of Israel lived through one such moment this weekend. The bloody hands of the terrorist organization Hamas — a group whose stated purpose for being is to kill Jews.

This was an act of sheer evil.

More than 1,000 civilians slaughtered — not just killed, slaughtered — in Israel. Among them, at least 14 American citizens killed.

Parents butchered using their bodies to try to protect their children.

Stomach-turning reports of being — babies being killed.

Entire families slain.

Young people massacred while attending a musical festival to celebrate peace — to celebrate peace.

Women raped, assaulted, paraded as trophies.

Families hid their fear for hours and hours, desperately trying to keep their children quiet to avoid drawing attention.

And thousands of wounded, alive but carrying with them the bullet holes and the shrapnel wounds and the memory of what they endured.

You all know these traumas never go away.

There are still so many families desperately waiting to hear the fate of their loved ones, not knowing if they're alive or dead or hostages.

Infants in their mothers' arms, grandparents in wheelchairs, Holocaust survivors abducted and held hostage — hostages whom Hamas has now threatened to execute in violation of every code of human morality.

It's abhorrent.

The brutality of Hamas — this bloodthirstiness — brings to mind the worst — the worst rampages of ISIS.

This is terrorism.

But sadly, for the Jewish people, it's not new.

This attack has brought to the surface painful memories and the scars left by a millennia of antisemitism and genocide of the Jewish people.

So, in this moment, we must be crystal clear: We stand with Israel. We stand with Israel. And we will make sure Israel has what it needs to take care of its citizens, defend itself, and respond to this attack.

There is no justification for terrorism. There is no excuse.

Hamas does not stand for the Palestinian people's right to dignity and self-determination. Its stated purpose is the annihilation of the State of Israel and the murder of Jewish people.

They use Palestinian civilians as human shields.

Hamas offers nothing but terror and bloodshed with no regard to who pays the price.

The loss of innocent life is heartbreaking.

Like every nation in the world, Israel has the right to respond — indeed has a duty to respond — to these vicious attacks.

I just got off the phone with — the third call with Prime Minister Netanyahu. And I told him if the United States experienced what Israel is experiencing, our response would be swift, decisive, and overwhelming.

We also discussed how democracies like Israel and the United States are stronger and more secure when we act according to the rule of law.

Terrorists purposefully target civilians, kill them. We uphold the laws of war — the law of war. It matters. There's a difference.

Today, Americans across the country are praying for all those families that have been ripped apart. A lot of us know how it feels. It leaves a black hole in your chest when you lose family, feeling like you're being sucked in. The anger, the pain, the sense of hopelessness.

This is what they mean by a "human tragedy" — an atrocity on an appalling scale.

But we're going to — continue to stand united, supporting the people of Israel who are suffering unspeakable losses and opposing the hatred and violence of terrorism.

My team has been in near constant communication with our Israeli partners and partners all across the region and the world from the moment this crisis began.

We're surging additional military assistance, including ammunition and interceptors to replenish Iron Dome.

We're going to make sure that Israel does not run out of these critical assets to defend its cities and its citizens.

My administration has consulted closely with Congress throughout this crisis. And when Congress returns, we're going to ask them to take urgent action to fund the national security requirements of our critical partners.

This is not about party or politics. This is about the security of our world, the security of the United States of America.

We now know that American citizens are among those being held by Hamas.

I've directed my team to share intelligence and deploy additional experts from across the United States government to consult with and advise the Israeli counterparts on hostage recovery — recovery efforts, because as president I have no higher priority than the safety of Americans being held hostage around the world.

The United States has also enhanced our military force posture in the region to strengthen our deterrence.

The Department of Defense has moved the USS Gerald R. Ford Carrier Strike Group to the Eastern Mediterranean and bolstered our fighter aircraft presence. And we stand ready to move in additional assets as needed.

Let me say again — to any country, any organization, anyone thinking of taking advantage of this situation, I have one word: Don't. Don't.

Our hearts may be broken, but our resolve is clear.

Yesterday, I also spoke with the leaders of France, Germany, Italy, and the UK to discuss the latest developments with our European allies and coordinate our united response.

This comes on top of days of steady engagement with partners across the region.

We're also taking steps at home. In cities across the United States of America, police departments have stepped up security around centers for — of Jewish life.

And the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are working closely with state and local law enforcement and Jewish community partners to identify and disrupt any domestic threat that could emerge in connection with these horrific attacks.

This is a moment for the United States to come together, to grieve with those who are mourning. Let's be real clear: There is no place for hate in America — not against Jews, not against Muslims, not against anybody. We reject — we reject — what we reject is terrorism.

We condemn the indiscriminate evil, just as we've always done.

That's what America stands for.

You know, just over 50 years ago — I was thinking about it this morning, talking with the Secretary of State, the Vice President in my office and — over 50 years ago, as a young senator, I visited Israel for the first time, as a newly elected senator.

And I had a long, long trip — or meeting with Golda Meir in her office just before the Yom Kippur War. And I guess she could see the consternation on my face as she described what was being faced — they were facing. We walked outside in that — that sort of hallway outside her office to have some photos. She looked at me and w- — all of a sudden and said, "Would you like to have a photograph?" And so, I got up and followed her out. We were standing there silent, looking at the press. She could tell, I guess, I was concerned. She leaned over and whispered to me — she said, "Don't worry, Senator Biden. We have a secret weapon here in Israel" — my word this is what she said — "We have no place else to go." "We have no place else to go."

For 75 years, Israel has stood as the ultimate guarantor of security of Jewish people around the world so that the atrocities of the past could never happen again.

And let there be no doubt: The United States has Israel's back.

We will make sure the Jewish and democratic State of Israel can defend itself today, tomorrow, as we always have. It's as simple as that. These atrocities have been sickening.

We're — we're with Israel. Let's make no mistake.

Jewish Federation of Springfield, IL and the Jewish Community Relations Council of Springfield, IL

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Specialty cocktail & location name Bloody Mary at JP Kelly's

300 E. Adams St., (217) 753-7933

Finalists: Watermelon Crawl – Broadgauge, Espresso Martini - The Wakery, The Ad Astra - Ad Astra Wine Market and Bar, Dungeon Master - Ad Astra Wine Market and Bar

Tea

Whimsy Tea Company

316 E. Adams St., (217) 331-6920

Finalists: Grab-A-Java, Inc., BUNN Gourmet, The Wakery, Stella Coffee & Tea

Wine bar

Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant

2501 Wabash Ave., (217) 321-9100

Finalists: 1st and 3rd Boutique & Wine Bar, Ad Astra Wine Market and Bar, It's All About Wine, Curate

Winery

Danenberg Family Vineyards

12341 Irish Road, New Berlin, (217) 488-6321

Finalists: Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant, Hill Prairie Winery, West of Wise Winery, Arpeggio Winery

Food

Bakery

Incredibly Delicious

925 S. Seventh St., (217) 528-8548

Finalists: Scoop Du Jour, Mockingbird Bakery, Beelzebunz, Golden Hour Bake House

BBQ

Mission BBQ

2401 Wabash Ave., (217) 275-5610

Finalists: Twyford BBQ, Broadgauge, Hickory River Smokehouse, Smokey Bones, PT's BBQ

Breakfast

Charlie Parker's Diner

700 W. North St., (217) 241-2104

Finalists: Le Peep, Brunchfield Café, Lulu's Diner, Incredibly Delicious

Brunch

Luminary Kitchen & Provisions

3121 Hedley Road, (217) 679-1819

Finalists: Biscuits + Brunch, Brunchfield Café, Boone's, Legacy Pointe Eatery

Burger

Krekel's Custard & Hamburgers

2121 North Grand Ave. East, (217) 525-495

Finalists: Burger Bar and Backdoor Lounge, Bill's Toasty Shop, Luminary Kitchen & Provisions, 3rd Shift Kitchen by Floyd's



BEST COMEDIAN

Capital City Improv

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to share the theater stage with other actors who are testing their ability to think on their feet by doing improv? You don't know the answer until you try, and you can do so right here in Springfield. Capital City Improv is a nonprofit organization established in 2017 that has as its mission to bring improv to the Springfield area by teaching workshops on the basic skills of improvisation.

Hope Cherry, actor, improv teacher and contact person for Capital City Improv says, "It's great if you've never experienced it. It makes my heart warm when people join because it improves lives. Maybe some have social anxiety, or they need help thinking on their feet more quickly. Improv has many practical applications. It is fun and used for entertainment, but you also learn to read people better by picking up on nonverbal cues. It builds trust because you rely on your improv partners to give you information, and you trust the interaction will go a certain way. It's most rewarding when you see people use it as a practical application."

Capital City Improv has members who have some experience and others who have done scripted theater but never tried improv. Stand-up comedians join because it improves their skills. No matter if you have experience or if you're a novice, you can audition for a troupe and see what it feels like to do improv in front of a live audience.

Capital City Improv is a resident of Hoagland Center for the Arts, and that's where most of the shows are offered. "It's great to see people experience improv and enjoy it," Cherry said. "It's attainable. You don't have to be from Second City or someone looking to go to SNL."

Cherry noted that improv is a part of each and every day; even sports are improv. "You have to make decisions based upon the actions of others. There are rules that guide you, and you have to anticipate and have trust within your team. You learn how to prepare for the moment," she said.

"We love to have people see our shows, but it's also important that we give back with free workshops offered throughout the community," Cherry said.

Cajun seafood

Chesapeake Seafood House

3045 E. Clear Lake Ave., (217) 522-5220

Finalists: Brunchfield Café, Yummy Crab, Big Sharks Fish & Chicken, Replay Lounge

Caterer

Nelson's Catering of Central Illinois

3005 Great Northern Ave., (217) 787-9443

Finalists: Cured Catering, Twyford BBQ, Hamilton's Catering, Conn's Catering

Chef

Jordan and Aurora Coffey, Luminary Kitchen & Provisions

3121 Hedley Road, (217) 679-1819

Finalists: Brady Thompson - Legacy Pointe Eatery, Keith Loukinen - Loukinens' on 4th, Michael Higgins - Maldaner's Restaurant & Catering, Nathan Peak - Anvil & Forge Brewing and Distilling

Chicken strips

Raising Cane's

3100 W. White Oaks Drive, (217) 361-0988

Finalists: Chick-fil-A, County Market, Home Plate Bar & Grill, Legacy Pointe Eatery

Chili

The Chili Parlor

820 S. Ninth St., (217) 523-4989

Finalists: Dew Chilli Parlor, Cook's Spice Rack & Chili, Dublin Pub, Lake Springfield Tavern

Chinese

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Finalists: Incredibly Delicious, Apple Barn, Mockingbird Bakery, Beelzebunz

Country Fried Steak

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5975 S. Sixth St., (217) 529-2290

Finalists: Charlie Parker's Diner, Boyd's New Generation Restaurant and Catering, Texas Roadhouse, Mama Lee's Sandbar

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Finalists: *Chick-fil-A, Abelardo's Mexican Fresh, Chadito's, Maid-Rite*

Farm-to-table restaurant Broadgauge

101 N. Seventh St., Petersburg, (217) 386-5669
Finalists: *Luminary Kitchen & Provisions, Engrained, Curate, Maldaner's Restaurant & Catering*

Fine dining Vele

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Finalists: *Café Moxo, Jimmy John's, Nancy's Pizza, Flavor of India*

Food truck The Taco Joint

230½ South Grand Ave. E.
Finalists: *Vose Korndogs, Twyford BBQ, AZ-T-CA, Genius Mango Smoothie, Vessini Concessions*

Fried chicken County Market

2777 S. Sixth St., (217) 744-2290
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1903 W. Monroe St., (217) 546-8671
Finalists: *Track Shack, Pizza Ranch, Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum, Lake Springfield Tavern*

Fried fish Carter's Fish Market

1900 South Grand Ave. East, (217) 525-2571
Finalists: *Chesapeake Seafood House, Dublin Pub, Dolphin Chicken, Fish and Grill, Locals*

Gluten-free menu Legacy Pointe Eatery

1130 Legacy Pointe Drive, (217) 670-1217
Finalists: *Tacology 201, Broadgauge, Golden Hour Bake House, Beelzebunz*

RADIO PERSONALITY

Jim Leach

When he began as a part-time disc jockey at WMAY in 1990, and even when he went to work full time for the station in 1995, Jim Leach never thought he would be able to sustain such a long and satisfying career in radio.

The Springfield native left the Riverton-based AM station in late June to become a public information officer for the Illinois Department of Public Health. But that didn't stop Leach, 58, from winning best radio personality in the 2023 *Illinois Times* Best of Springfield Readers Poll.

It's an honor that Leach has received many times before, but he doesn't take it for granted.

"It is really genuinely a humbling thing to have people in your own community say they like the job you do and do it in such a public way," he said.

Leach said he suspects *Illinois Times* readers selected him again because he had the benefit "of being something unique on local radio. ... There wasn't a whole lot out there like me.

"Approaching things from a more progressive point of view is something fairly rare on the radio airwaves in most communities," he said, adding that he had "the ability to be live and talk to people in the community every day.

"That sort of interaction, I think, is radio at its best."

Leach said he always wanted to be on the radio, listening to "giants" in the Springfield market such as "Crazy" Bob Murray, "Slim Jim" Palmer, Jim Moore, Lisa Crocker and Rich Styles in the 1970s and 1980s.

"When I set out, I was going to be a DJ," he said. "I was going to get paid to play records all day. The journalism thing happened in college."

Graduating from the former Griffin High School in 1982, he earned a bachelor's degree from Illinois State University in mass communications and English in 1986 and a master's in journalism from the public affairs reporting program in 1987 at Sangamon State University, now the University of Illinois Springfield.

Oddly enough, Leach said he also was influenced early in his career by the late Donald Jackson, the Springfield radio personality known as "One-Eyed Jack," who was a talk show host on WMAY and other stations.

"Although he and I agreed on nothing politically, his style and his ability to interact with callers and to carry on a conversation even when he was just the only one talking, I found that very unique and entertaining," Leach said.

Leach said he left WMAY because of the importance of public health, something he especially identified with during the COVID-19 pandemic, and because the job "afforded the opportunity for maybe a little bit of a better work/life balance."

He found the radio audience changing somewhat in recent years.

"I felt like maybe it got a little bit more combative, which I suppose is typical of politics and discourse in general," he said. "Ultimately, people really are concerned about the things that directly impact them, which is why local talk radio can be such a great thing, because it really gets to people and what impacts them the most — the city council, the local school board, the legislature."



Gyro Gyro Stop

2907 S. MacArthur Blvd., (217) 698-6463
Finalists: *Yannis Gyros, Pita-or-Bowl, Mr Gyros, Dolphin Chicken, Fish and Grill*

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661 W. Stanford Ave., (217) 492-8800
Finalists: *Dublin Pub, The Corner Pub and Grill, Charlie Parker's Diner, Locals*

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95 W. Plummer Blvd., Chatham, (217) 697-8327
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Finalists: *Flavor of India*

Italian Razzo's Family Pizzeria

129 S. John St., Rochester, (217) 498-9565
Finalists: *Bella Milano, Saputo's, Papa Frank's, Joe Gallina's Pizza & Restaurant*

Japanese Osaka Japanese Restaurant

1665 Wabash Ave., (217) 726-8037
Finalists: *Mimosa Vietnamese and Thai Restaurant, Happy Sushi, Hibachi Madness, Bowl Plus*

Late-night eats location Star 66 Cafe

3752 Camp Butler Road, (217) 523-0611
Finalists: *Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery & Eatery, Bill's Toasty Shop, Dublin Pub, 3rd Shift Kitchen by Floyd's*

Mexican restaurant Xochimilco

2941 W. Iles Ave., (217) 546-3116
3210 Northfield Drive, (217) 544-9206
Finalists: *AZ-T-CA, The Taco Joint, Tacology 201, Blue Margarita Mexican Bar & Grill*

New restaurant Legacy Pointe Eatery

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Overall restaurant

D'Arcy's Pint

661 W. Stanford Ave., (217) 492-8800

Finalists: Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum, Luminary Kitchen & Provisions, Broadgauge, Legacy Pointe Eatery

Pizza

Bernie and Betty's

1101 S. Spring St., (217) 528-1821

Finalists: DiCarlo's Pizza – Virden, Antonio's Pizza, La Piazza, Anvil & Forge Brewing and Distilling, Coz's Pizza and Pub

Place for date night

Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant

2501 Wabash Ave., (217) 321-9100

Finalists: Vele, Bella Milano, Broadgauge, Curate, Luminary Kitchen & Provisions

Place for Steak

Old Luxemburg Inn

1900 S. 15th St., (217) 528-0503

Finalists: Alexander's Steakhouse, Texas Roadhouse, LongHorn Steakhouse, Vele

Restaurant for dessert

BUNN Gourmet

2941 Plaza Drive, (217) 793-1840

Finalists: Incredibly Delicious, Luminary Kitchen & Provisions, Broadgauge, Beelzebunz

Seafood

Chesapeake Seafood House

3045 E. Clear Lake Ave., (217) 522-5220

Finalists: Carter's Fish Market, Happy Sushi, Vele, Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant

Server

Jake Hankins - Dublin Pub

1975 Wabash Ave., (217) 793-6871

Finalists: Niki - Luminary Kitchen & Provisions, Rick Ramsey – Broadgauge, Ryanne Gleason - Brunchfield Café, Kensey - The Wakery

Soul food

Boyd's New Generation Restaurant and Catering

1831 South Grand Ave. East, (217) 544-9866

Finalists: MJ's Fish and Chicken, Clay's Popeye's BBQ, Ms. D's Kitchen



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BEST PHOTOGRAPHER BEST VISUAL ARTIST

Zach Adams

Zach Adams has been interested in photography since he was introduced to it by his high school art teacher. Adams has been working solely as a photographer since July 2022. Whether it's event coverage, high school seniors, families, or models or creative art, "pretty much anything you need a picture of, I'm willing to try," says Adams.

Adams' pictures often capture that special quality of aliveness, that sparkle of beauty, or really, that certain *je ne sais quoi*, because it is so hard to translate the emotions evoked by his pictures into words.

His amazing photo of Reggie Guyton performing poetry recently graced the cover of *Activator Magazine's* Black Artists Matter 2023 special edition. Adams says he waits for the right moment to capture such passion. "I will just have my lens on somebody until I think it's the right time to snap the picture. I pay attention also to what that person is doing. Whether it was actually listening to Reggie, or feeling his words, if I get attached to what they're doing, I can capture what they're doing, too."

After a sudden near-death health crisis in September, Adams is healing up and looking forward to the future. In November, he will be a guest artist at the Pharmacy, with 15 pieces in a portraits exhibit. The only photographer, Adams' section is named p(ART)s of Us. His success seems to still be sinking in, as he says he has just received one of his first prints back and "it's crazy seeing my work that big!"

In December, Adams will be covering the 97th Urban League Conference, featuring acclaimed filmmaker Ryan Coogler as the guest speaker. "I'm extremely excited to meet him. I'm going to give him all my information!"

Sports bar and grill

Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum

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136 S. Oakland Ave., Decatur, (217) 791-6623

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Sushi

Happy Sushi

846 South Grand Ave. E., (217) 528-9799

Finalists: Mimosa Vietnamese and Thai Restaurant, Osaka Japanese Restaurant, Pao Bistro, Hunan Restaurant

Tacos

The Taco Joint

230½ South Grand Ave. E.

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Take out

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115 N. Lewis St., (217) 525-6975

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Thai

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3200 W. Iles Ave., (217) 787-1651

Finalists: Bank of Springfield, INB, Heartland Bank and Trust (formerly Town and Country Bank), Carrollton Bank

Barber

Logan Baptiste - Hair of the Dog

323 E. Monroe St., (217) 670-0699

Finalists: Cody Ownbey - The Men's Room, Brett Damm - Damm's Barbershop, Chatham, Andrew Sforza - The Barbershop, Donny - The Global Grooming Lounge

Barber shop

Hair of the Dog

323 E. Monroe St., (217) 670-0699

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Animal Protective League

Animal welfare is a group effort at the Animal Protective League, according to executive director Deana Corbin, of her “incredibly dedicated and hard-working staff.” She admits, “It’s not always sunshine because there’s lots of dirty work behind the scenes at APL. We prioritize sick and injured animals, and we take animals that have nowhere else to go. It can be hard on staff, but the flip side is the reward of seeing them recover and go to a forever home. I’m fortunate to have a staff who love all of the animals in the shelter.”

Corbin also sings the praises of the volunteers who work tirelessly with the animals and participate in off-site adoption events so all animals have a chance to be seen. “There are many good dogs in shelters who deserve a good home,” Corbin said, and APL is currently offering discounted rates for people willing to adopt adult dogs. Last year, 2,300 animals were adopted through the APL.

As a long-term approach to reducing the shelter population, the APL offers low-income pet owners reduced-cost spaying and neutering, as well as for feral cats. The APL clinic performed 10,000 surgeries last year.

The APL also provides help with pet food, relying on donations to stock its pet food pantry. Corbin said, “Research shows people will feed their animals before they feed themselves, and we want to make sure everyone has enough food. We welcome donations of pet food to stock the shelves of the pantry so that people who might need help with animal food until their next paycheck have a place to turn.”

APL also offers plenty of volunteer opportunities, whether you want to help with tasks at the shelter or take an animal home with you. You can foster a dog or cat and give it an opportunity to relax outside of the shelter and see how the animal interacts with families. The APL even offers training and education programs to help you develop your skill and learn more about animal care. If you love animals, the APL would love to have your help.

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312 W. North St., (217) 522-8291

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Credit union

Heartland Credit Union

720 South Grand Ave., (217) 726-8877

2213 W. White Oaks Drive

610 E. St. Joseph St.

701 N. First St.

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Dry cleaner

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Event planner

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4491 Old Chatham Road, (217) 685-7389

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Event rental company

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Hair salon

Willow & Birch

521 E. Washington St., (217) 726-7050

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Hair stylist

Lysie Cook - Willow & Birch

521 E. Washington St., (217) 726-7050

Finalists: Natalie Grider - Appearances Salon & Retreat, Whitney Kotowski - Mane Moxie, Becky Riggs - Meraki Salon and Spa, Ashley Keeling - Wildwood Hair Studio

Insurance agency - national

Mark Cortesi - State Farm Insurance

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Insurance agency - independent

Troxell Insurance

214 South Grand Ave. W., (217) 528-7533

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Lawyer

Scott Hanken, Attorney at Law

1100 S. Fifth St., (217) 544-4057

Finalists: Greg Sgro - Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin, Reinbold, L.L.P., Amy Schmidt - Brown, Hay + Stephens, John Langfelder - Heyl Royster Voelker & Allen, P.C., Bill and Sara Vig, Vig Law

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Heartland Credit Union

2213 W. White Oaks Dr., (217) 726-8877

610 E. St. Joseph St., (217) 726-8877

2717 E. Sangamon Ave., (217) 726-8877

Finalists: United Community Bank, Bank of Springfield, CEFCU, Flat Branch Home Loans



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UNsung HERO

Emma Shafer

Emma Shafer, 24, was a much-beloved community activist, friend and family member whose life was taken suddenly and far too soon on July 11, 2023. Her life and her death have greatly impacted our community.

Emma was involved in a multitude of social justice and community activist groups including Resistor Sisterhood, Faith Coalition for the Common Good, Sierra Club (Sangamon Valley), Springfield Immigrant Advocacy Network, Moms Demand Action and many more. Emma often hosted “soup night” at her home to encourage activists of different causes to share ideas, debate topics and develop friendships. Her vibrant smile, bountiful hugs, hilarious sense of humor, thrift-store fashion and a serious passion for equity attracted people from all walks of life.

A native of Springfield, Emma grew up passionate about theater and music, as well as community. She acted in many area theater productions, including roles which matched her activist passions as well as taking part behind the scenes as a stagehand or playing in the orchestra.

Emma was inspired by the childhood book *Miss Rumphius* and, like the title character, she felt charged to make the world a more beautiful place. She shared Miss Rumphius’ love of travel, and would soak up many things about the different places she went, wanting to carry some of the good things forward. Part of her travels included service projects to assist those mired in inequity and poverty.

If travel was in her soul, Emma’s love of her family and deep roots in Springfield were her heart and led her back home. Emma loved Springfield and came home to make it a better place. She championed “Planning to Stay,” an idea that local governments should consider the effects of their policies on future generations.

In Emma’s own words, “I’ve never fully grasped the feeling that I’m meant to be in a certain place until now. I am grounded here on the land that I grew up on with the women who raised me who are raising new women. I get to talk class consciousness and discriminatory planning for work, I read poetry, I sit on my roof, I connect people and ideas. I have never worked so hard and had such fun in my life. In the uncomfortable and exhausting moments – there are a lot of those, too – I sing and remind myself where we’re going. How things could be.”

Her light will continue to shine in Springfield through the love and hands-on work of those who knew her and loved her. Rest in peace, Emma.

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3864 Wabash Ave., (217) 888-8338

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Pet boarding

Kinner Kennels

2315 Parkes Kinner Road, Pleasant Plains, (217) 626-1000

Finalists: Laketown Animal Hospital, KEEN on Pet Care, PawKamp Boarding Facility, Tail Command

Pet grooming brick & mortar

Laketown Animal Hospital

1115 Stevenson Drive, (217) 529-4211

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Pet grooming mobile

Fur-Ever Friends Mobile Grooming

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Photographer

Zach Adams - 1221 Photography

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The Killebrew Team - The Real Estate Group

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3701 Wabash Ave., (217) 787-7000

Finalists: Logan Frazier - Real Estate Group, Megan Nika - The Real Estate Group, Adam Bugos - The Real Estate Group

Storage facility

Capitol Storage

818 S. Dirksen Parkway

909 Taintor Road

111 Peoria Road

3012 Great Northern Ave.

342 W. Cross Street, Winchester

(217) 522-0300

Finalists: Stuff-it Storage, U-Haul Moving & Storage - Chatham Road, Old Route 36 Mini Storage, Phoenix Storage

Tattoo artist

Jason Lee - Newage Tattoo & Body Piercings

1305 Wabash Ave., Suite H, (217) 546-5006

Finalists: Jesse Flock - Newage Tattoo & Body Piercings, Benny Dewitt - Good Heart Tattoos, Daniel Wilson - Cloud N9ne Tattoo Studio, Nick Jones - Newage Tattoo & Body Piercings

Tattoo shop

Newage Tattoos & Body Piercings

1305 Wabash Ave., Suite H, (217) 546-5006

Finalists: Good Heart Tattoos, Cloud N9ne Tattoo Studio, Wicked Ink, Electric Quill Tattoos

Tire shop

Lauterbach Tire & Auto Service

1569 Wabash Ave., (217) 546-2600

Finalists: Discount Tire, Wilkerson's Service Center, CheckPoint Tire & Service Center, Sam's Club

Veterinary clinic

Laketown Animal Hospital

1115 Adlai Stevenson Drive, (217) 529-4211

Finalists: Brewer Animal Hospital, Myers Animal Clinic, Coble Animal Hospital, The Pet Doctor

Wedding venue

Arlington's Catering & Historic Venue

210 Broadway, (217) 679-6235

Finalists: Inn at 835, Erin's Pavilion Southwind Park, Paul's Paradise, The Homestead Reception Center

UP-AND-COMING LEADER

Beth Ballinger, Feeding Springfield One Lasagna at a Time

Some people know her as the Lasagna Lady, but her real name is Beth Ballinger, and she is the founder of Feeding Springfield One Lasagna at a Time. She lives by the motto: Nobody goes to bed hungry.

Ballinger's parents taught her early on how to give to others. Every Thanksgiving her parents would invite a family to join them for their holiday meal. This lesson in giving taught Ballinger to be aware of those in need and how to rise to the occasion to meet that need.

Ballinger has always been in the food business as a server or a bartender. She said, "It's just natural to provide food for people." During the pandemic when restaurants and bars were closed, she felt the need to provide for those who were experiencing food insecurity. She said, "The first meal I delivered was on Thanksgiving, and the first lasagna was delivered on Christmas Eve of 2020."

Why lasagna? Ballinger said, "It is an ode to my grandmother. She made lasagna for our Christmas Eve meal. It's a family tradition." Ballinger uses her grandmother's recipe. "It's an easy meal that's hardy, and you can feed a whole family with one pan."

Feeding Springfield One Lasagna at a Time is not a business, and the lasagnas are given away for free. Major lasagna distributions are organized for Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas, but lasagnas are given out year-round to feed hungry families. When the Lasagna Lady is made aware of a need, she posts that need on Facebook and people respond.

Ballinger relies on donations of ingredients, financial contributions, and even change vouchers from gaming venues to make the lasagnas. She said, "The amount of support that has grown to assist me is just amazing. People volunteer to help others in need. And when someone picks up a pan, I might ask them to drop a pan off to another family if they are heading in that direction." Kumler United Methodist Church provides the use of its commercial kitchen and its parking lot to stage the major drive-up distributions.

Ballinger said, "My village, my family and friends, I thank all of them for always being there to help me get it done."



Health & Wellness

Assisted-living community

Concordia Village

4101 W. Iles Ave., (217) 793-9429

Finalists: The Villas Senior Care Facility - Sherman, Rochester Estates, Illinois Presbyterian Home, Springfield Supportive Living, Carriage Crossing Senior Living

Chiropractor

Dr. Tana Frisina - Frisina Family Wellness

1533 S. MacArthur Blvd., (217) 787-4345

Finalists: Dr. Samantha Waggener - Waggener Chiropractic and Wellness Center, Dr. Kyle Sitko - Sitko Chiropractic, Dr. John Curry - Curry Chiropractic, Dr. Ian Pflug - Pflug Family Chiropractic Inc.

Cosmetic surgeon

Dr. Nicole Sommer, SIU Medicine

2201 W. White Oaks Drive, (217) 545-8000

Finalists: Dr. Nada Berry - SIU Medicine, Dr. Joel Wietfeldt - Springfield Clinic Plastic Surgery, Dr. Robert Russell - Heartland Plastic Surgery Center, Dr. Abigail Cochran - Springfield Clinic Plastic Surgery

Dental office

Prairie Dental Group

2900 Greenbriar Drive, (217) 546-0412

Finalists: Modern Dental, Dental Group of Springfield, Magna Dental, Putman Dental, Dr. James McDermott Family Dentistry, Jacobs and Middleton Family Dentistry

Dietitian (tie)

Amanda Figge - Springfield Clinic

2200 Wabash Ave., (217) 528-7541

Lauren Parish - FitClub

2811 W. Lawrence Ave.

3631 S. Sixth St.

2701 E. Sangamon Ave.

(217) 787-8348

Finalists: Charlyn Ware - SIU, Shae Mowry - Memorial Wellness Center, Donna Chestnut - HSHS St. John's Hospital

Esthetician

Stevie Lievens - Willow & Birch

521 E. Washington St., (217) 726-7050

Finalists: Olivia Oschwald Esthetics, Andrea Bradley - Meraki Salon and Spa, Lauren Knepler - BJ Grand Salon, Tammy Burris Brow & Skin Studio

Golf course

Long Bridge Golf Course

1055 W. Camp Sangamo Road, (217) 744-8311

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Health food grocery store Food Fantasies

1512 Wabash Ave., (217) 793-8009

Finalists: Aldi, Harvest Market, Hy-Vee, Country Market

Hearing-aid clinic SIU Audiology Listening, Learning & Language Center

720 N. Bond St., (217) 545-8000

Finalists: Springfield Clinic, Kerr Hearing Aid Center, Inc., Central Illinois Hearing, Audibel Hearing Center

Holistic-health center Frisina Family Wellness

1533 S. MacArthur Blvd., (217) 787-4345

Finalists: McCaffrey Health Center, Unique Enchantments Salon, Pure Synergy, SIU Integrative Medicine, Inner Health Spa

Home care SYNERGY HomeCare

3259 W. Iles Ave., (217) 303-8555

Finalists: Home Instead, Memorial Home Care, Visiting Angels, HSHS Home Care & Hospice

Independent-living community Concordia Village

4101 W. Iles Ave., (217) 793-9429

Finalists: Seasons Senior Living, Illinois Presbyterian Home, Brenden Gardens, Eastland Independent and Assisted Senior Living

Martial arts studio (adult) John Geyston's Empowered Martial Arts Academy

1929 W. Iles Ave., (217) 546-6762

Finalists: Gracie Barra Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, YMCA, Springfield Karate and Fitness, Progressive Kenpo Karate, Cardio Kickboxing and Krav Maga

Massage therapist Michael Kirchgessner - MK Sports Massage

900 Christopher Lane, Suite 10, (217) 331-6919

Finalists: Alicia Steele, Priscilla Riley-Gillespie - New Moon Massage and Bodywork, Janet Icenogle, Emily Casson - Pure Synergy Massage



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NEW BUSINESS DOWNTOWN NEW BAR OPEN MIC

The Wakery

As Elizabeth Wake explored her entrepreneurial dreams, she thought about what downtown Springfield really needed. Her conclusion was a late-night coffeehouse and fully non-alcoholic bar, and The Wakery was born. Wake received the 2022 Irsinghausen DRIVE Small Business Grant, which was instrumental in her ability to open The Wakery.

On your first visit to The Wakery you'll likely first notice the décor, which is extravagant and delightful, a blend of glamour and serious partying. An ever-changing in-house art gallery provides an aura of attractiveness.

The menu includes a number of gluten-free, vegan and sugar-free options for both drinks and foods. Non-alcoholic drinks are made to taste just like their alcoholic counterparts, but The Wakery also offers a number of craft drinks that appeal to those who just want a good-tasting drink without bar memories. Coffee and tea are also available, with Custom Cup providing the beans and Whimsy Tea providing the leaves. A selection of tasty treats made by area bakeries is offered, with some selections made in-house.

The Wakery hosts a number of open mics, including a comedy open mic (second Sundays) and an acoustic open mic (second Wednesdays). It also has live music and a variety of events. Whether you are up for a tea party or wizarding week, The Wakery has you covered. Come on in for the butter beer (my personal favorite), available for the month of October.

Private parties in this gorgeous environment are also available.



Medical Doctor Dr. Cara E. Vasconcelles - Memorial Physicians Group Koke Mill

3132 Old Jacksonville Road, (217) 862-0800

Finalists: Dr. Dhuha Raab - Memorial Care on Koke Mill, Dr. Scott Morton - Springfield Clinic, Dr. Mark McKay, Springfield Clinic, Dr. Avinash Viswanathan - Memorial Physicians Group Koke Mill

Medical equipment Memorial Home Medical Supply

644 N. Second St., (217) 788-4663

Finalists: Vono Medical Supply, Springfield Clinic, American Medical Supply & Service, Apria Healthcare

Medical facility Springfield Clinic

1025 S. Sixth St., (217) 528-7541

Finalists: Springfield Memorial Hospital, HSHS St. John's Hospital, SIU Center for Family Medicine, Memorial Care - Chatham

Medical spa (Botox, filler, etc.) Aesthetics-Wellness at Ophthalmology Center of Illinois

1200 Centre West Drive, (217) 679-3598

Finalists: Prima Bella Aesthetics, Springfield Clinic Center for Plastic Surgery, SIU Cosmetic Surgery, Rose Aesthetics & Wellness Clinic, Bel Viso Medical Aesthetics

Minor emergency clinic Memorial Care

3220 Atlanta St., (217) 588-2600

2950 S. Sixth St., (217) 588-7450

3132 Old Jacksonville Road, (217) 588-2600

Finalists: Springfield Clinic Urgent Care, HSHS Priority Care

Nurse David Kowalenko, RN, BSN, Springfield Memorial Hospital Trauma/Burn ICU

701 N. First St., (217) 788-3000

Finalists: Katie Stauffer - Beyond the NICU, Hannah Mudd RN - Springfield Clinic Pediatrics, Melanie Reynolds, APRN - Memorial Physician Services, Richard Lavin, ICU RN - HSHS St. John's Hospital

Orthopedic care Orthopedic Center of Illinois

1301 S. Koke Mill, (217) 547-9100

Finalists: Springfield Clinic Orthopedics, SIU Pediatric Orthopedics, HSHS Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, Foot & Ankle Center of Illinois

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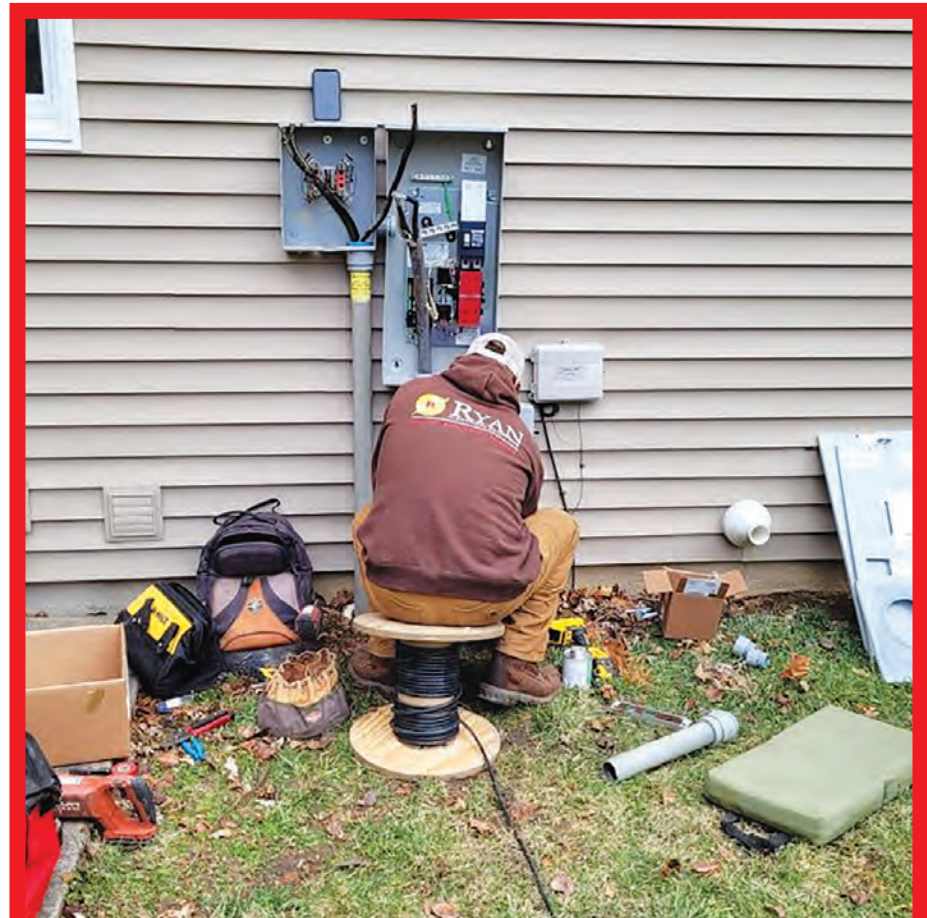


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Ryan Electrical Services

Ryan Electrical Solutions has built a solid reputation, providing residential and commercial electrical service, generators and audio/visual systems. In business for nearly 30 years, the company has grown to 40 employees.

According to Ann Getz, whose father, Dennis Ryan, started the business in 1994, "When we ask new customers, they tell us it is word-of-mouth reviews of good experiences that they hear."

When thousands of Sangamon County residents were without electricity in the aftermath of severe storms earlier this year, Ryan's generators division was plenty busy, with calls from customers desperate to get their homes and businesses up and running. Naturally, the idea of adding gas or propane-powered generators seemed like an attractive solution.

"Some people who called for an estimate did not realize that many factors go into the pricing for back-up generators," Getz said. In addition to the size of a building, the necessary capacity is determined by the type and number of vital appliances the user might want to have powered. "Many people don't realize that a generator is a machine just like your car, which needs ongoing annual or semi-annual maintenance, like oil changes and parts updating and repair on a regular basis," she said.

Beyond electrical service for existing locations, Ryan provides expert service in new construction and solar installations, home and business theater systems, exterior accent lighting, security cameras, structured cabling and data center build-out.

Personal trainer

Jordan Vaniter - FitClub

3631 S. Sixth St., (217) 787-8348

Finalists: Dustin Bateman - Snap 24/7 Auburn, Dayton Burnett - YMCA, Alex Simko - Carpe Diem CrossFit, Jeremy Ferry - Pure Performance Fitness Center

Physical therapy

Springfield Clinic Rehabilitation Services

3020 S. Sixth St., (217) 528-7541

Finalists: Physiotherapy Professionals, Memorial Health Therapy, Orthopedic Center of Illinois, Keldermans Therapy Services, HSHS St. John's Physical Therapy

Pilates

Pilates Studio of Springfield

1305 Wabash Ave., (217) 341-3896

Finalists: Carrie Schreyer - Reform Pilates, FitClub, YMCA, Shelley Roy - Ananda Body

Spa (no injections used)

BJ Grand Salon & Spa

3300 Robbins Road, (217) 787-7770

3055 Professional Drive, (217) 753-8880

Finalists: Willow & Birch, Mane Moxie, Meraki Salon and Spa, Peace, Love & Sweat, KM Hair Works and Spa

Weight-loss clinic

Memorial Wellness Center

320 E. Carpenter St., (217) 788-3948

Finalists: Losin' It with Sonya Jones, Springfield Clinic Bariatric Weight Loss Center, Weight Watchers, Frisina Family Wellness, SIU Center for Family Medicine - Weight Loss Clinic

Women's healthcare center

Springfield Clinic Women's Health Center

900 N. First St., (217) 528-7541

Finalists: Planned Parenthood, HSHS St John's Women's and Children Clinic, SIU Medicine, Key Family Healthcare

Yoga

Ahh Yoga

2101 W. White Oaks Drive, (217) 725-2373

Finalists: WholeSelf Healing Resilience Center, YMCA Springfield, FitClub, Balance Yoga

Home & Garden

AC/Heating company

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3550 Great Northern Ave., (217) 544-8451

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CAJUN SEAFOOD

Chesapeake Seafood House

Chesapeake Seafood House resides in a structure built in the 1850s that, until it was converted to a restaurant in 1983, was part of the fabric of Springfield's social and political history. It's this charm, together with its fresh seafood, hand-cut steaks and more, that propelled Chesapeake into first place this year as the best Cajun seafood.

Cajun seafood has been trendy the last few years, and more than one Springfield dining establishment with that motif has already come and gone. Despite the fact that nothing on Chesapeake's menu is specifically Cajun, our readers are clearly loyal to this well-established seafood restaurant. Driving by most nights and witnessing the packed parking lot, this is not surprising.

Readers commented on the cozy bar as a great spot for a pre-dinner drink or post-dinner aperitif. They also commented on how well the nautical décor accentuates the dining experience. And as to the dining, Chesapeake offers all of the traditional appetizers like oysters (on the half shell or Rockefeller), escargot (with liberal amounts of garlic) and the decadent crabmeat-stuffed shrimp.

Our readers were particularly fond of the whole fried catfish dinner and the Captain's Platter, consisting of a 4-ounce lobster tail, five shrimp, clams, fish filet and onion rings – make sure to wear your expandable-waist pants! Couple good food with good service, a nice wine list and nicely prepared cocktails, and the result is a winner.

Air duct cleaning

Duct Dusters, LLC

(217) 553-0272

Finalists: Peerless Cleaning & Restoration Services, Nyilas Cleaning Service, Klughart Mechanical & Construction Contractors, Tiger Plumbing, Heating, Air Conditioning and Electrical Services

Carpet & flooring

Staff Carpet

304 W. Browning Road, (217) 528-4879

Finalists: Arizona Tile, Calhoun's, Carpet Weavers Flooring & Furniture Gallery, Howl & Bay Inc.

Cleaning service (residential)

Maids R Us, Inc.

(217) 757-8872

Finalists: Nooks & Crannies, Dusty Diamond Cleaning, Cardinal Cleaning, Lady Made Cleaning, LLC

Electrical company

Ryan Electrical Solutions

4151 W. Jefferson St., (217) 698-4877

Finalists: Ruby Electric, Inc., MB Heating & Cooling, Plumbing & Electric, Speaks Electric, R. Watts Electric, Anderson Electric

Foundation repair

Helitech Waterproofing and Foundation Repair

1910 Fifth St., Lincoln, (314) 391-8125

Finalists: Greentree Waterproofing, Inc, Woods Basement Systems, Elite Masonry

Furniture store

Hendricks Home Furnishings

217 N. Springfield St., Virden, (217) 965-3337

Finalists: Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Magnolia Lane Home Décor and More, Wright Furniture - Taylorville, Ashley Furniture

Garden center

Green View Garden Center

3000 W. Jefferson St., (217) 787-4700

Finalists: Farmers Market on Wabash, New City Greenhouse, Pleasant Nursery, Designer Landscapes

Home builder

Buraski Builders

3757 S. Sixth St., (217) 529-5172

Finalists: Moughan Builders, Zinn Construction, Howl & Bay Inc., P.J. Giacomini Builders, Inc.

Home furnishings

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Home remodeling company Buraski Builders

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Kitchen design DreamMaker Bath & Kitchen

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2475 Peerless Mine Road, (217) 697-8433
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Lawn care Scooter's Lawn Care, Inc.

3802 N. Dirksen Parkway, (217) 473-1472
Finalists: Robertson Lawn Care, JP's Lawn Care, T & J Lawn Care and Home Services, Designer Landscapes

Lawn mower sales & service Kunz Mower Service

2705 S. Price Ave., (217) 528-9532
Finalists: Farm and Home Supply, Sloans Implement Co., Up and Running Lawn Care, Henry's Service Center

Nursery Green View Garden Center

3000 W. Jefferson St., (217) 787-4700
Finalists: Seaney Farms, New City Greenhouse, Pleasant Nursery, Tripp Landscaping



CHICKEN STRIPS

Raising Cane's

Raising Cane's has a tight menu, so it's no surprise that Springfield dubbed its chicken strips the best. Even though Cane's only entered the crowded Springfield fried chicken market this past March, it has already made a strong impression among residents.

Raising Cane's serves just chicken strips, crinkle-cut fries, Texas toast and coleslaw – allowing it to quickly serve top-notch food so you don't have to worry about a long wait. Cane's marinates its chicken for 24 hours and then cooks it to order so it can provide customers with fresh, hot and favorable chicken that has a light but crispy batter.

Along with chicken strips, Raising Cane's is also famous for its Cane's Sauce, made in-house on a daily basis as the perfect accompaniment to its chicken fingers. It's a top-secret recipe so we can't say what's in it (even if we knew), but our readers made a point of praising this accompaniment. Raising Cane's also has a less well-known dipping sauce available upon request – house-made honey mustard.

Diners who prefer to have their chicken on a bun have the option of three chicken fingers on a lightly toasted bun topped with lettuce and Cane's signature sauce. While not a menu item, we suggest substituting the bun with the Texas toast (BOB - buttered on both sides) to add some decadence to your visit.

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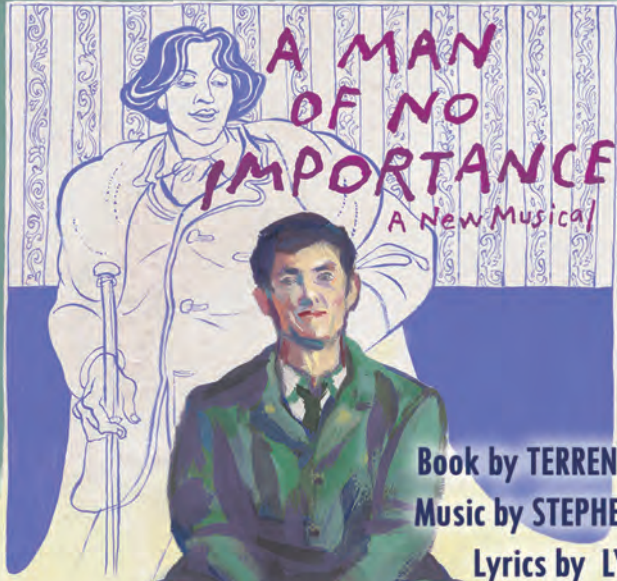
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Painter Dan Dewese Painting

4745 Industrial Ave., (217) 638-3143
Finalists: High Egg Expectations, Mike Owens - Owens Painting, Lockwood Finishes, Howl & Bay Inc.

Paving P.H. Broughton & Sons, Inc.

1700 Camp Lincoln Road, (217) 787-2393
Finalists: Ron Furman's Asphalt Paving, Illinois Paving, ProBid, VC Concrete and General Construction

Pest control company Sonny Adams Pest Control

1550 Knight's Recreation Drive, (217) 544-2122
Finalists: Sentinel Pest Control, Bacon's Termite & Pest Control, Orkin, Reliable Pest Solutions

Place to buy a mattress Just Beds

3120 Montvale Drive, (217) 698-6179
Finalists: Verlo, Hendricks Home Furnishings, Springfield BOXDrop Mattress & Furniture Direct, Ashley Furniture

Plumbing company MB Heating & Cooling, Plumbing & Electric

1555 W. Jefferson St., (217) 544-4328
Finalists: Henson Robinson Co., Easterday Plumbing, Rick Ray Plumbing, Ridings Plumbing, Inc.

Pool & spa supplies M & M Pools/Spas

1201 W. Jefferson St., (217) 787-1468
Finalists: Bollman's Pool & Spa Co., Illini Pools, The Pool Center, Pool Supply Warehouse

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1201 W. Jefferson St., (217) 787-1468
Finalists: Lambert Custom Pools, Knob Hill Landscape Company, Aqualand Pool & Patio, Bollmans Pool & Spa Co.

Roofing company Sutton's

1926 N. Peoria Road, (217) 528-3911
Finalists: Acosta-Angeli Roofing, Sunley Roofing, Central Roofing Springfield, ProBid



FRIED FISH

Carter's Fish Market

Just about a year ago, business partners and siblings Ray and Jay Quttum became the new owners of Carter's Fish Market. The two brothers, who are in their 20s, are natives of Madison, Wisconsin. They migrated to the Springfield area to join extended family after spending time working in restaurants and convenience stores in northern Illinois.

The Quttums consider former owner Clint Carter to be like a "silent partner," as he has passed down the house-specialty breading recipe, which made Carter's a local tradition for more than 40 years.

Offering quality and quantity is what makes Carter's unique. Jay Quttum said, "The food is made from scratch with special breading that's flavorful, not just salty, and we serve generous portions. For \$10 you can pretty much fill yourself up." With the meals cooked to order, customers can request lower salt or lighter batter or breading. "We can guarantee the food is fresh, cooked within minutes of being ordered by phone or through the online Door Dash app," he said.

"What has changed is that we freshened up, added some new equipment and have a larger selection of fish and frozen items for sale in our shop, including buffalo, whole catfish, perch, shrimp, lobster, snow crabs, crawfish, hush puppies and corn fritters," Jay said.

Carter's is well-known, with its loyal customer base stretching to Peoria, Champaign and Decatur. "To keep our reputation, I like to see customer satisfaction. It's not just about the money. We want to see them happy," he said.



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Kids' Stuff

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ITALIAN

Razzo's Family Pizzeria

Razzo's (which means "rocket" in Italian) is located just a short drive away in Rochester, which our readers found was well worth the trip. For those who aren't familiar with Razzo's and its story, it opened in 2008 after the soon-to-be restaurateurs dined at a Rochester pizzeria and decided that they could do it better. The owners bought the place, opened with absolutely zero experience, and haven't looked back in 15 years.

Razzo's has a hearty menu of pizza, pasta, calzones, sandwiches and salads, so there is sure to be something to please everyone's palette. Razzo's makes its pizza dough in-house, with freshly grated cheese, fresh-prepped veggies and a 50-year-old family recipe for its pizza sauce. Razzo's even goes as far as making its own Italian sausage.

If you think a 50-year-old pizza sauce recipe is impressive, Razzo's also uses a 100-year-old family recipe for its pasta sauce. With recipes that have been around that long, no wonder our readers gave Razzo's the nod for first place. They also commented favorably on Razzo's commitment to support the local community that supports it. Razzo's website proclaims "Yes, we are nuts." Our readers, obviously, take that as meant in the best possible way.



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Kid-friendly place

Kidzeum of Health and Science

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Finalists: *Ergadoozy, Southwind Park, The Studio on the Square, B's Creative Studio*

Kid-friendly restaurant

The Creek Pub and Grill

1081 Jason Place, Chatham, (217) 483-8282
Finalists: *Home Plate Bar & Grill, Charlie Parker's Diner, Three Twigs Bakery, Whimsy Tea Company*

Kids' art classes

Springfield Art Association

700 N. Fourth St., (217) 523-2631
Finalists: *B's Creative Studio – Gift Boutique & Art Classes, Dabble Springfield, The Studio on the Square, China Towne*

Kids eat free

Dublin Pub

1975 Wabash Ave., (217) 793-6871
Finalists: *Charlie Parker's Diner, Home Plate Bar & Grill, Brickhouse Grill & Pub, Pizza Ranch*

Kids' events/day camps

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700 N. Fourth St., (217) 523-2631
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Martial arts studio (kids)

John Geyston's Empowered Martial Arts Academy

1929 W. Illes Ave., (217) 546-6762
Finalists: *YMCA, Gracie Barra Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Progressive Kenpo Karate, Cardio Kickboxing and Krav Maga, Gracie Humaita Jiu Jitsu Springfield*

Orthodontics

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Finalists: *Tuthmvr Orthodontics, Modern Dental*

Pediatrics center

Springfield Clinic Pediatrics

3501 Old Jacksonville Rd., (217) 528-7541
Finalists: *Memorial Physician Services Pediatrics, HSHS St. John's Children's Hospital, SIU Pediatrics, Frisina Family Wellness*



TACOS FOOD TRUCK PUBLIC ART/MURAL

The Taco Joint

The Taco Joint has been operating as a food truck on South Grand Avenue since 2017. It currently offers customers picnic tables under a pergola for those who prefer to dine on site. The place is always busy when we go past, so it's no surprise that Springfield agrees that The Taco Joint has the best tacos in town.

The Taco Joint is currently renovating the old Rally's on South Grand just down the road from their current location. The move to a brick-and-mortar location is imminent as of our publication date, at which time the food truck will convert to a burger joint operating at the same location.

The Taco Joint has quite an impressive menu consisting of tacos, burritos, quesadillas, chimichangas and a variety of one-off dishes. Tacos are available either "street-style" (corn tortilla, cilantro and onion) or "gringo-style" (flour tortilla, lettuce, tomato, sour cream and cheese). The Taco Joint currently has al pastor, grilled chicken, carne asada, chori chicken, carnitas and chorizo as taco options.

Besides your classic tacos, The Taco Joint also has handcrafted original tacos that offer a unique spin on your classic taco. For those who want something that is easy to eat on the go, the Walk'N Taco is served in a bag of Doritos or Fritos with your choice of beef, chicken, steak or carnitas and topped with lettuce, tomatoes, melted queso and queso fresco.

The menu changes every six months, so there's always something new. We can't wait to see the changes that come with the new location.



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Public school (9-12)

Glenwood High School

1501 Plummer Blvd., (217) 483-2424

Finalists: Springfield High School, Rochester High School, Springfield Public Schools District 186, Southeast High School

Public school (K-8)

Rochester Elementary School

707 W. Main St., (217) 498-9778

Finalists: Ball Charter School, Franklin Middle School, Iles Elementary School, Lincoln Magnet School

Summer camp

Springfield Art Association/Edwards Place

700 N. Fourth St., (217) 523-2631

Finalists: Lake Springfield Christian Assembly, Camp CILCA, Camp Compass, YMCA, Lutheran High School summer camp

Swim lessons

YMCA

601 N. Fourth St., (217) 544-9846

4550 W. Iles Ave., (217) 679-1625

Finalists: Colony West, PORTA pool, Just Because, Bearshark Swim School

Tutoring or learning center

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Finalists: Sylvan Learning – Springfield, YMCA, Children's Dyslexia Center of Springfield, Kumon Math and Reading Center of Springfield

Music

Bass player

Ty Ellis

Finalists: Kortney Leatherwood, Chris Harris, Bruce Williams, Harrison Ketchum

Choral group

Rochester High School Madrigals

1 Rocket Drive, Rochester, (217) 498-9761

Finalists: Springfield High School 7 & Senators, Glenwood Titan Fever, Lincoln Troubadours, Sound Celebration Chorus

Cover music band

Deja Voodoo

Finalists: UNCHAINED, Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters, Off the Wall, JackAsh, Kapital Sound



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SUSHI

Happy Sushi

Restaurant owner Hiro Kim serves up Happy Sushi and existential wisdom, always greeting customers with a warm smile, asking “Hi, how are you?” As he skillfully wields steel yanagiba knives, the Japanese/Korean chef works quickly to serve a wide menu of authentic appetizers, sushi, sashimi and teriyaki, artfully preparing chicken, shrimp, tuna, salmon and a wide variety of vegetable rolls.

Kim arrives at the restaurant first thing each day in a traditional silk print kimono jacket, tying on his apron, to transform octopus, squid, surf clams and other expertly filleted seafood at the front glass display counter. Kim's daughter, her husband and another employee are the only other staff currently. “I must do all the work around here. I like to keep it simple,” he said.

After immigrating to the U.S. in his early 30s with a degree in hotel management, Kim has lived in 16 states and held jobs ranging from bell boy to hotel clerk to waiter to chef, and he has collected many interesting stories along the way.

The 67-year-old shares his personal reflections that the mind, body and soul don't always agree when it's time to get out of bed in the morning. During the past 13 years serving customers at Happy Sushi, Kim has regularly taken a few months off to travel abroad and rest. Smiling widely, he says, “When I close the shop to travel, the customers, they wait for me patiently at the door. Now I'm back here and will work, work, work every day, as long as I am able.”

Without any advertising or social media presence, the success of Happy Sushi has flourished primarily through word-of-mouth, according to Kim. Seeing lines of customers waiting patiently for one of the restaurant's seven tables, or bustling quickly in and out picking up carry-out, neighboring businesses have approached Kim about expanding to share space. He has also had offers from developers suggesting he move to a newer commercial area on Springfield's west side. But Hiro exudes a vibe of true contentment and confidence that is not lost on those who enjoy his unique, healthy menu offerings.

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Drummer

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Genre

Rock

Finalists: Country, Blues, R & B, Rap/Hip-Hop

Guitarist

Cooper Marx

Finalists: Micah Walk, Jeff Wheaton, Adam Maletich, Jack Stege, Josh Hutchison

Horn player

Dave Littrell

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Keyboardist

Ashley Staley

Finalists: Roger Wainwright, David Coonrod, Stan Rapp, Steve Marvel, Ezra Casey

Live music venue - large

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12341 Irish Road, New Berlin, (217) 488-6321

Finalists: Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, UIS Performing Arts Center, Boondocks, Hoogland Center for the Arts

Live music venue - small

Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum

600 Toronto Road, (217) 679-7323

Finalists: Curve Inn, Blue Grouch Pub, Riverton Party Store/Backroom Lounge, Weebles Bar & Grill

Music festival

Old Capitol Blues & BBQ

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Open mic

Blue Grouch Thursday Open Mic with Sam and Kortney

510 W. Maple Ave., (217) 527-8395

Finalists: The Wakery, Tom Irwin's songwriter night, George Rank's, Boone's



BEST TIRE SHOP

Lauterbach Tire and Auto Service

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This is not the first year Lauterbach is the winner of *Illinois Times*' Best Tire Shop recognition. "What a nice validation of what we try to do: provide quality tires at a fair price," said co-owner Mark Lauterbach. He and his mother Jane and brother Brian now operate the business started by his father, Jay Lauterbach, in 1985. Jay died in 2018 and was active in the Springfield community and his industry, serving as president of the Illinois State Tire Dealers Association.

The Springfield store is a certified dealer of Bridgestone, Firestone, Fuzion and Goodyear tires, and it also offers vehicle inspections, auto repairs and oil changes.

The family takes pride in having an owner on site every day and being involved in every daily decision, Mark says, adding that with a comfortable waiting room with WiFi and coffee, "We believe we take a common-sense approach to vehicle repairs and maintenance. We do not push unnecessary repairs. We stand by our parts and service. We treat everyone fairly."



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NEW BUSINESS (NOT DOWNTOWN)

Yellow Bird Coffee House

It took almost a year for Mike and Kelly Donaldson to renovate the historic Naramore House, building solid relationships along the way. Opening week was packed with customers, and they were surprised by the outpouring of support, allowing them to add staff and additional hours much sooner than they expected. Eight months later, Yellow Bird still has a solid following of patrons.

The Donaldsons are veterans, with 48 years of combined military service between them. The name of the coffee house is inspired by their service. It is their goal "to serve the highest quality coffee, espresso drinks, pastries and quiche while providing an awesome custom coffee house experience to all." If you've frequented the establishment, you know they have succeeded.

Most of the eggs and honey used in their baked goods originate at Yellow Bird Ranch, their hobby farm located southeast of Springfield. Desserts are baked fresh daily in-house.

The lack of a quality coffee house in the Medical District inspired the Donaldsons to dream of opening Yellow Bird. When the Naramore House came up for sale, Mike's love of history sealed the deal. Originally a grocery store with living quarters upstairs, the Donaldsons have completely remodeled the Naramore House, with two apartments upstairs, which they rent to traveling nurses.

Yellow Bird is a delightful neighborhood coffee house, but you don't have to live nearby to experience the delicious coffee and desserts.



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Place for karaoke Curve Inn

3219 S. Sixth St., (217) 529-5806
Finalists: Clique, The Blue Grouch Pub, Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., Burger Bar and Backdoor Lounge, Kookoo's 2

Place to dance Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum

600 Toronto Road, (217) 679-7323
Finalists: Curve Inn, Clique, Weebles Bar & Grill, The Blue Grouch Pub

Songwriter Micah Walk

Finalists: David Allen, Tom Irwin, Ella Gibson, Patrick Longmeyer, Adam Maletich, Keagan Cross

Vocalist female Ashley Staley

Finalists: Brandy Kristin, Melanie Dennison, Avery Kern, Cydney Long, Ella Gibson

Vocalist male David Allen

Finalists: Steve Clark, Jason McKenzie, Lucas McCafferty, Tony Young, Jack Jacobs

Retail

Antique or vintage store Springfield Vintage

215 S. Fifth St., (217) 652-8413
Finalists: Abe's Tradin' Post, Dear Yesteryear, Barrel Antique Mall, Silvernicks New & Used

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MEDICAL SPA

Aesthetics-Wellness at Ophthalmology Center of Illinois

"Aesthetics-Wellness is a place where people can feel comfortable receiving treatments to improve their natural beauty," says founder Courtney Wilbern. "I want people to feel comfortable with me and my staff. I want them to know they can trust us to work with them."

Wilbern has 19 years of nursing experience and is a certified family nurse practitioner and certified aesthetic nurse specialist. Working beside her are aesthetic nurses Gretchen and Michelle, who have a combined total of 35 years of nursing experience. Wilbern feels strongly that the most important step someone who is considering skin treatment, weight loss or body contouring can take is to get to know the professionals they'll be working with.

Wilbern opened Aesthetics-Wellness in 2020 and describes it as a "patient-focused, results-driven practice. We are big on encouraging people to ask questions so they can learn about the variety of treatments offered, and ultimately, decide on the treatments that are right for them. We help guide patients in creating a plan that addresses their long-term goals. We treat a broad scope of skin-related concerns, from teens with acne to prevention of middle-age characteristics to correction of sun damage and aging. The goal is to feel better about yourself and to boost your self-confidence."

Wilbern says, "I take a more natural approach to aesthetic treatments, focusing on enhancing natural beauty and slowing the clock on aging, producing a more balanced and refreshed look."

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2500 S. MacArthur Blvd., (217) 523-0188

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Finalists: Springfield Vintage, Goodwill, Plato's Closet, The Clothing Rack, Sherman, Just kids



BEST LANDSCAPE COMPANY BEST LANDSCAPE DESIGNER

Knob Hill Landscape Company

Take a closer look to the west of the Horace Mann building downtown and you'll see not only plants and fountains and a small waterfall, but an entire ecosystem that is self-sustaining and educational. "We were able to construct a complete, self-sustaining natural ecosystem in the heart of downtown Springfield that looks as if it has always been there and the city was built around it," says Landon Kirby, owner of Knob Hill Landscape Company.

The project earned a national Award of Excellence this year from the National Association of Landscaping Professionals in the category of Downtown Educational Ecosystem. The 160,000-gallon ecosystem features more than 500 tons of mossy-sandstone boulders to create the pond, which includes a wetland the size of two standard size in-ground swimming pools.

It's just one example of Knob Hill's design experience and expertise. Open for business in 2011, it also designs and constructs backyard projects that it likes to describe as outdoor living areas. Features might include patios, pools, stairways, outdoor kitchens, fireplaces, firepits, water features and foundation plantings. The designers take pride in the consultation process, which they hope leads to long-lasting relationships with their customers. "We build a bigger family with every project," Kirby says.

It's worth noting that Knob Hill uses its position in the community to host an occasional Supper and a Song Concert and donates those proceeds to charities such as the American Business Club, WILD Canine Rescue, Illinois Stewardship Alliance, Land of Lincoln Pink Warriors, Big Brothers Big Sisters and Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery.

When told about this year's *Illinois Times*' recognition, Kirby commented: "What a fantastic honor. I couldn't be more proud of our team and projects they are creating. Thank you to everyone that cast their votes for us. It means the world."

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Finalists: *Once Upon A Child, Remarkable Resale, Plato's Closet, Just Kids*

Convenience Store Casey's

721 W. Stanford Ave., 528-8594
1133 W. Jefferson St., 546-2721
3001 E. Clear Lake Ave., 788-5825
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3961 N. Peoria Road, 525-8670
Finalists: *Hy-Vee Fast & Fresh, Qik-N-Ez, Hilltop Convenience, Circle K on West Monroe Street, Handy Pantry*

Gift Store Once in a Blue Moon

1535 Wabash Ave., (217) 679-1280
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3425 Freedom Drive
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Finalists: *Hy-Vee, Humphrey's Market, Schnucks, Meijer, Harvest Market*

Jewelry store Giganti and Giganti Fine Jewelry

3325 Robbins Road, (217) 793-3300
Finalists: *Denney Jewelers, Penny Lane, Luttrell Jewelers, Wild Rose Artisans*

Liquor store Binny's Beverage Depot

2490 Wabash Ave., (217) 787-3401
Finalists: *Friar Tuck Beverage, Riverton Party Store, Hy-Vee, The Corkscrew, Famous Liquors*



BEST TREE TRIMMING/REMOVAL

Sangamon Tree Service

The great windstorm that upended Springfield and Sangamon County early in the afternoon of June 29 that left thousands of people without power also left thousands of branches and trees in unwanted places — and that's a kind way of saying it.

“We had 97 calls within the first four hours after the storm for trees on or in homes throughout our community,” says Chad Fowler, owner of Sangamon Tree Service. “Our entire team worked overtime to meet the demand, and we even upped our office staff.”

Launching this business in May 2020 “with a mission to change tree service as our community knows it,” Fowler’s priority for customer service and quality service was the responsive antidote that area residents and businesses needed this summer. “We will be trimming trees damaged from that storm for many years to come,” Fowler adds.

He says his business is prepared to respond in emergencies or if people or businesses just need their trees maintained.

“We’re beyond thrilled to win this title from *Illinois Times*, and to win it two years in a row is even more humbling,” Fowler said. “We put a high standard on our service, and when we are rewarded for our hard work, it makes it all that much better.”

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Motorcycle dealer

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2301 N. Dirksen Parkway, (217) 528-8356

Finalists: Capital City Motorsports, Cozair Harley-Davidson, Forsyth, World of Power Sports, Pony Keg Leathers

Music Store or shop

Dumb Records

418 E. Monroe St., (217) 691-8991

Finalists: The Music Shoppe, Capitol City Music, Penny Lane, The Elf Shelf Books and Music

Natural food or supplement store

Food Fantasies

1512 Wabash Ave., (217) 793-8009

Finalists: Harvest Market, Hy-Vee, Whimsy Tea Company, Simply CBD

New business downtown (opened after 8/1/22)

The Wakery

5 W. Old State Capitol Plaza

Finalists: Ad Astra Wine Market and Bar, 7th Street Cidery, Wildly Rooted Boutique, 3rd Shift Kitchen by Floyd's

New business not downtown (opened after 8/1/22)

Yellow Bird Coffee House

1001 N. First St., (217) 670-2825

Finalists: Travelers Kitchen, Dabble Springfield, Alive On 66, Magic Moon Crystals

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GYMNASTICS

Springfield Gymnastics Center

Springfield Gymnastics Center is much more than gymnastics. Owner and coach Brad Epperson says the mission is to encourage kids to be active and healthy and appreciate what it feels like to learn to do new things. Most of all, it's about building confidence, and all of this can be learned through gymnastics.

This is the mindset of the 30 coaches who teach nearly 700 students each week at Springfield Gymnastics Center. "We take our roles seriously. So much of what these students learn are lessons that will apply to other sports and many life situations to come," Epperson says.

Epperson uses the phrase, "If first you don't succeed – try, try again." It's important the students have fun while they're learning. "We teach not to make kids gymnasts, but to be well-adjusted and confident adults. Those who become competitive gymnasts learn how to set goals, work hard and never let anyone tell them no," he says. "They become resilient as they accomplish their goals, learning that no matter how hard it might seem, they can take it on and be what they want to be."

Epperson says, "Gymnastics is a tough sport, but we do our best to make it rewarding. Ribbons are awarded at the end of each session, and that reward feels good and spurs them on to accomplish more."

Epperson says, "I believe parents appreciate their kids being active and notice that we really care about their kids and the experience they have at the gym. We strive to be the best when it comes to gymnastics."

Pet retail store

Wild Birds Unlimited

1930 S. MacArthur Blvd., (217) 789-6468

Finalists: Pet Supplies Plus, PetSmart, Farm and Home Supply, Tails to Remember Pet Services

Place to feed the slots

Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum

600 Toronto Road, (217) 679-7323

Finalists: The Curve Inn, Riverton Party Store, Lucky Monkey Gaming Parlor, Main Gate Bar & Grill

Produce selection

Old Capitol Farmers Market

Finalists: Meijer, Hy-Vee, Aldi, Harvest Market

Retail shop

Home Goods

2951 W. Iles Ave., (217) 546-1797

Finalists: Penny Lane, Bewitching Botanicals, Whimsy Tea Company, Magic Moon Crystals, On the Go Boutique

Seafood selection

Robert's Seafood Market

1615 W. Jefferson St., (217) 546-3089

Finalists: Carter's Fish Market, Hy-Vee, Harvest Market, Humphrey's Market

Thrift store

Habitat for Humanity ReStore

2744 S. Sixth St., (217) 523-2710

Finalists: Goodwill, Once Upon A Child, Creative Reuse Marketplace

Vape shop

Tribble Vapors

2404 Denver Drive, (217) 679-6026

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Finalists: Prairie State Hemp, Upper Limits Midwest, Simply CBD, CBD Botanicals

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PEDIATRIC CENTER

Springfield Clinic Pediatrics

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Dr. Purvi Bhandari, chair of Springfield Clinic Pediatrics, said that the providers and the building committee set out to create a facility designed for the ease and safety of families, beginning with car-free pedestrian routes to access the building from the parking lot. Bhandari explained that the building design traced the steps of a parent, and she pointed out to the construction-design professionals the many pain points – things children touch, pull down and climb on – along the way. She is pleased to say, "Now everything is hidden so that kids cannot get to stuff that can hurt them. We also paid great attention to detail in the art and nuance that went into this building." The suites incorporate a space theme with artwork on the ceilings and walls.

Bhandari said, "We built in technology so that we can offer evidence-based care. We have a large group of physicians, nurse practitioners, a dietitian and a pediatric social worker, in addition to lactation consultants and private rooms where mothers can breastfeed their babies." Radiology and phlebotomy are on site. The phlebotomist comes to the exam room, which makes it easier to get labs done without having an added stop. She added that dermatology and urology will be making scheduled rounds to the facility.

"This has been a passion project for everyone involved. We put extra time and love into this project, and budgeted to make this a beautiful space where we hope to see a lot of kids grow up," Bhandari said.

Pediatricians are accepting new patients, and anyone is welcome to visit the facility and stop by the cafe, Sprouts, for some coffee and a nutritious snack – no appointment necessary.

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ORIGINAL MUSIC BAND

UNCHAINED

MALE VOCALIST **GUITARIST** **BASS PLAYER**
David Allen **Cooper Marx** **Ty Ellis**

What can you say about a band that just keeps moving along, progressing toward goals and doing what needs to be done to get there, other than let's wish them the best and vote them the best, too? Since their 2018 high school days in Rochester, these best buds and bandmates have continually moved forward. They hit the local scene hard and heavy – leading to opening concert slots for major artists – then recorded in Nashville with a Grammy-award winning team on their first release, *The Psychedelic Picnic*, and continued with that same production setup for the upcoming *Waterfront* album.

The biggest progress seen in UNCHAINED has definitely been along the original music path, a necessary function for a band that wants to do more than play the area bars and clubs. Most acts begin with cover songs that friends and fans enjoy, but adding the self-penned portion of the equation is what separates groups that reach beyond the starting point and head toward success on another level, and that's exactly what our readers see happening to UNCHAINED as they've chosen them once again (first time was in 2021) to be our community's best original band.

It's definitely not a stretch to believe that the best original band would also have several members in other Best of Springfield categories, as is the case here. Ty Ellis is on a roll, taking the cake again as best bass player, while Cooper Marx (guitar) and David Allen (male vocalist) reached the winner's platform for the first time in their respective areas.

While it's possible the other musicians in the band were also close to getting a "Best of" nod, what really matters is that each member of the group adds the very best they can to each performance, in the studio and on stage. That propels UNCHAINED on to bigger and better things, which will undoubtedly and ultimately lead to being the best here, there and everywhere.

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**OVERALL BAND
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Deja Voodoo

We could try to make a pun on the deja vu reference here, but since this is the first time this band has ever won a Best of Springfield category, that might sound somewhat silly. But for Deja Voodoo to come out on top in our two generally most highly-contested music spots for a first-time win is not silly at all and actually quite un-deja-vu-like, or perhaps, more akin to the Voodoo part of this peculiar moniker.

Bandmates Steve Clark, Jr. (lead vocals), Mark Hayes (guitar, keyboards, vocals), Roger Wainwright (keyboards, vocals), Chris Mizera (drums, vocals), Jeff Wheaton (guitar, vocals) and Kortney Leatherwood (bass, vocals) joined forces in 2017. They hit stages all over the Midwest, delivering decades of experience on their musical instruments, adding up to a whole lot of playing to get to the level of playing these gentlemen bring to every gig. If you notice that behind the listing of the instrument each musician plays it also includes vocals, there's a big clue as to the success of this amazing band.

With so much talent around, it should come as no surprise that the songs you might hear at a Deja Voodoo show are from the top bands of their genre of pop-rock hits from the late 1970s. Songs performed include "Heat of the Moment" by Asia, "One of These Nights" by the Eagles, "Too Much Time on my Hands" by Styx and "Somebody's Baby" by Jackson Browne.

Just to belabor the point and to point out why these guys received the most votes for best overall band in combination with best cover band, these songs they do are on the difficult end of the rock-world scale, and to do them well requires a high-performance level of musicianship that few in our scene can accomplish.

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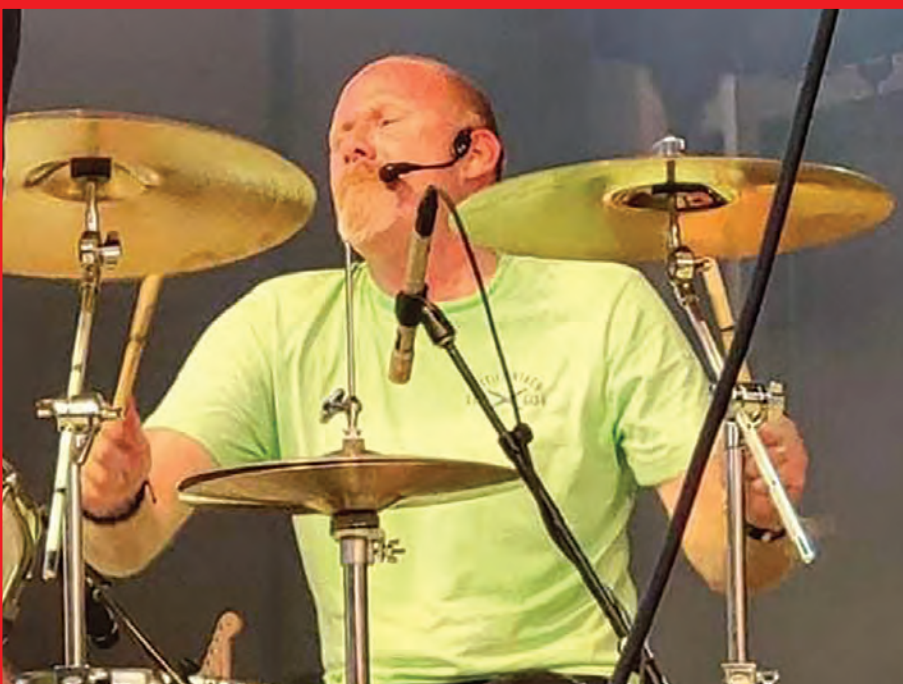
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DRUMMER

Chris Mizera

Here we have another first-time winner in a popular category, and it's likely not a coincidence that our top vote-getter is the drummer (with vocals) in the band Deja Voodoo, which took top honors for overall band as well as cover band for 2023.

Chris serves up more than the beat and rhythm behind his fellow Deja Voodooers, as he adds the heartbeat to the group, keeping time while keeping up with some of the best drummers on the planet in covering the tunes this band covers. A lifelong member of the pounding-on-the-skins club, Chris adds an incredible punch to his terrific drumming by bringing in those glorious vocals capable of giving his bandmates harmony, melody and whatever is needed in between. And if you think drumming and singing is an easy task, yes, you can think again.

Along with all available limbs going in different directions on the drums, try singing a song simultaneously and you'll soon discover why it's a select group of humans on the planet who are able to do such a job. Congrats to Chris Mizera, our readers' pick for best drummer in 2023, and a singing one at that.



**FEMALE VOCALIST
KEYBOARDIST**

Ashley Staley

Our readers must surely like the way Ashley Staley sings, because they keep voting her our best female vocalist, first back in 2021, and now again in 2023. This year she's added keyboards to her Best of Springfield winner's wall, and it's notable that no one has done both in the same year before.

Her singing and keyboard-ing mostly takes place in the duo JackAsh, a partnership with Jack Stege from when they were both in the popular area cover band Off the Wall. Now she spends her in-front-of-folks time mainly with the JackAsh combo, and that seems to suit her and her audience just fine.

Which gets more attention, the singing or the playing, one may ask? Well, our winner keeps them both on an even keel, with vocalizing likely getting the upper hand when it comes right down to it, but one may be hard-pressed to tell. With influences such as Lady Gaga driving Staley to keep making her best continue to get better, it's easy to see how the best female vocalist in town is now also the best keyboardist as well. And with so many posts on her Facebook page saying, "We love you Ashley!" let's all join in to say, "We love you too, Ashley!"

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Springfield Vintage is about a vintage lifestyle, according to Renehan. There's something for everyone who wants to be a bit eclectic, and for those who want to live a sustainable lifestyle, there are vintage items that are still useful today. Vintage is so trendy that Renehan has buyers from all over the U.S. visit her store and even some repeat customers from Japan.

Renehan has been buying and selling vintage items for 35 years. Seven years ago, she relocated downtown to the beautiful building that once housed Bridge's Jewelry and renamed the store Springfield Vintage. She calls her store "a fun little shop that's about not taking yourself too seriously." As the store's tag line states: "So bad, it's fab."

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Though the dealership specializes in luxury brands Porsche, Mercedes, BMW and Volvo, Isringhausen also offers a variety of preowned cars from 2013 to 2023, some starting as low as \$9,900, according to sales associate Brian Mitchell. Whether a customer buys a new or used car from Isringhausen, the sales and repair staff work diligently to offer extras that ensure customer satisfaction at all levels. This includes a lifetime of complimentary car washes and priority service for all new or used vehicles that have an Isringhausen license plate frame.

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Certification and ongoing training for Mitchell has involved numerous trips to Mercedes facilities in Southern California and visiting the plant in Germany to get a better understanding of the future innovation goals of the brand.

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“I think it’s wonderful,” said Wallace, 58, who worked most of her 18 years at McDonald’s at 522 W. Jefferson St. in Springfield and has been stationed the past 1½ years at the restaurant at 3250 S. Sixth St. Both stores are owned by the Davis family of Taylorville.

Wallace, a Springfield mother of five grown children, 32 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, said she was thrilled to receive the honor. “That shows me that my customers appreciate me, and I appreciate them,” she said.

Growing up in a working-class family, first in Mobile, Alabama, and then in Springfield, Wallace recalled her grandmother and mother always treating her kindly, even when she made a mistake.

“So it just rubbed off,” she said, and she incorporated compliments with the respect and upbeat attitude she tries to show customers.

When not at work, Wallace, who is separated, said she cares for her 39-year-old son, who was paralyzed from the waist down when he was the victim of a shooting in 2022 in Springfield.

Wallace mostly works the drive-thru, taking orders and payments. She said she loves her job because McDonald’s is “my place to interact with people.”

Through drive-thru speakers and at the payment window, some customers will tell Wallace they came because they needed some kind words from her.

“It’s good to make people happy,” Wallace said. “There’s so much stuff going on in this world, and it’s not good, you know? So if you can give a little happiness, give it, and God will bless you.”

Assistant Manager James Mitro, 33, said Wallace is “the same genuine person that she is day in and day out. The atmosphere that she brings herself is just an amazing thing to see every day.”

If Wallace is off work for a few days, customers will ask if she is OK, Mitro said. After she was transferred from the Jefferson Street store to help out at the South Sixth Street location, state workers and others who frequented the Jefferson store said they missed her.

“You could see that most of the customers were disappointed by it because they missed the ‘Hey baby,’ the ‘Hey beautiful,’ ‘Hey gorgeous,’ ‘Hey handsome,’” Mitro said. “Whatever it was, they missed it.”



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Slifer said they carry many designer items, and when clothing is brought in to sell there’s no appointment necessary and no limit on the number of items you can bring. She emphasizes the buying aspect of Clothes Mentor because it’s what makes it such a fun job. “Each day something different is brought in to the store, and you never know what kind of fashion is coming through the door until it does — it’s like opening presents all day long,” she said.

Slifer credits her staff, “who have become like family,” as the key to the store’s success. Overall, there are 11 employees. Lynette has been the store manager for just under eight years, and Brooke has been the assistant manager for almost seven years. Slifer said, “My husband and I are very fortunate to have long-term employees. We’re not in the store each day, and we are lucky enough to have staff who take our vision, live it and improve on it.”

During a time of great uncertainty, after the store had closed for 10 weeks during the pandemic, Slifer said she was grateful that her staff were all ready to get back to work. “We were able to keep our team intact and not only rebound, but the Springfield Clothes Mentor is still setting sales records,” she said.

“The post-pandemic success not only speaks to our team, but to our customers who support us as a small, local business. Without customers bringing clothes to us, we wouldn’t have a store,” Slifer said. “I thank the local customers who have kept us going since 2014,” said Slifer.

Slifer emphasized, “My team is the best part of my job. They are irreplaceable. I never forget how very lucky I am.”

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In an era when local butcher shops and corner groceries seem like ancient history, never too far away from the butchers are reminders of Humphrey's popularity, with awards filling the wall and last year's *Illinois Times*' Best of 2022 Winner logo emblazoned on its weekly advertising flyer.

When Thanksgiving approaches, its fresh Illinois Amish turkeys become as popular as the cuts of beef, pork and chicken. What's always available ranges from duck, suet and cubed goat to 18 different varieties of brats, as well as lamb and veal. There is also bison, elk and alligator. If it's not there, the butchers say, just ask. Meat can be ordered and custom cut, and it often is. It's not hard to find ongoing connections between this popular meat market and area restaurants.

Back in the 1920s, Leota Smith Humphrey sold fruits and vegetables on the site occupied by the current store and called it Mrs. Humphrey's Market, while Elzie Humphrey hauled produce. That's how it began, and the store known for its produce, other groceries and deli counter as well as meat has stayed with the family for generations.

Few deserve the accolade that rises to the level of "legendary," but Humphrey's Market is one of them. It's a neighborhood market and a community asset.



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THRIFT STORE

Habitat for Humanity ReStore

Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County is well known for creating and maintaining housing for the community through new construction, providing wheelchair ramps for accessibility and offering critical repairs to address urgent plumbing issues and roof damage. The organization draws hands-on construction professionals and laypeople as volunteers.

With a dozen employees and a team of volunteers, the Habitat ReStore is one of 750 community thrift stores operated by Habitat for Humanity throughout the US, in Canada and in Japan, according to executive director Colleen Stone.

"I'm told on a consistent basis that people love to shop here because volunteers and employees are extremely friendly, and it's always like a treasure hunt. You never know what you might find," said Stone. With everything from used appliances, furniture, tile and flooring to a full drum set, or a professional massage/pedicure chair complete with foot-soaking unit, to books, record albums, a wooden cuckoo clock, ice skates, an angel food cake pan or badminton racket, the ReStore aims to please.

With a mission of sustainability, the Sangamon County ReStore is proud to have diverted 585 tons from the waste stream in the past year by processing, reusing and redirecting items from nearly 10,000 donations, according to Stone.

Habitat provides pick-up and drop-off service for donations in good condition that can be resold through the ReStore and also has contracts with both the city of Springfield and Sangamon County for non-hazardous large items which need to be discarded.

For those who cannot bring items to the donation center behind the store on South Sixth Street, Habitat manages a fleet of trucks and volunteers who can pick up bulky items, like furniture and mattresses, appliances and surplus building materials, by appointment.



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If you talk about making something out of nothing, then you better start talking about Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill & Museum, because there wasn't much out there on Toronto Road west of I-55 until owner and operator Ron Metzger got this place rolling back in 2018.

Going from "Where is that at?" to become the best place to dance as well as see live music for a "small" venue is an incredible achievement, and one which our readers have duly noted as exceptional for 2023. The dancing area in a venue makes or breaks a place and Motorheads has a dance space (known as the Motordome) that makes it work quite well.

And it is very likely that this double win is no coincidence, as the live music booked here compliments the more-than-decent dance floor, making it a winning combo, not to mention the tasty food and delicious drinks available on site as well (Motorheads won Best New Restaurant in 2019).

When you add in the superb stage area with a huge back screen for band logos, the museum part with all the antique signs and other items, along with the largest Route 66 sign in the world, you've got a spot that is most definitely a winner, and this year it's a done deal. So go treat yourself and get out to Motorheads and do some dancing while listening to live music and find out why this is one of the best places in 2023.





BEST TEA

Whimsy Tea

Part of the Adams Family business community, Whimsy Tea is one of many unique and artsy businesses that continue to spring up along the intersection of Fourth and Adams streets. Owners Gordon and Laura Davis, along with their children, have staffed, dreamed and grown Whimsy Tea since its inception in response to the closing of their favorite tea shop.

Whimsy Tea began with a booth at the Old Capitol Farmers Market. That morphed into a short-term lease downtown, and with that success, the business moved into its current location at 316 E. Adams St.

Over the summer, Whimsy Tea kicked off a fundraiser to allow the construction of a full-service kitchen to fulfill the owners' dreams of offering what Gordon calls "a full teahouse experience." The fundraiser was well-received and renovations are ongoing.

Part of the Davis' success is that what they do is unique to Springfield. "We're not competing with other people," says Gordon. The new menu is top-secret for now, but will be revealed at the grand reopening, with a launch of the full kitchen. "What we're about to begin," says Gordon, "is something we thought would happen in 15-20 years, and we're there at 5. It's an adventure."

In addition to teas, Whimsy offers French and Italian sodas and bobas. Espresso-based beverages are also in the future plans. The space is available for private rentals, such as birthday parties, weddings, business meetings, and of course, tea parties.

"I just want to say thank you," says Gordon, of Whimsy Tea's Best of Springfield win. "We want the community to know that we know how much your support means, and we wouldn't be here without you."



WEDDING VENUE

Arlington's Catering & Historic Venue

Arlington's is a great story. It first opened as a popular restaurant about 10 years ago but then converted to an event venue during the COVID-19 shutdown. Owner Ebben Moore used that time to slow down and reflect on what would be the best future for him and his unique space – which ended up being an all-in-one event venue.

As to that space, in bygone years it was used as a meatpacking plant, a fur factory and a live music venue. Arlington's took all of those unique aspects and added some modern design to convert it into a spacious and unique setting that combines whimsy, dark wood and tasteful décor – all while preserving a light and airy feel. Patrons can book the smaller first floor space, the larger second floor space or even opt for the entire building for a truly spacious function. And with Arlington's in-house catering, full bars, sound systems, free parking and Wi-Fi, it's a turnkey operation.

Our readers commented on Moore's insight and flexibility in terms of menu planning and also weighed in favorably on the quality of Arlington's offerings and the assistance of the staff, securing this year's top spot for a wedding venue.

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From humble beginnings as a local dive bar to becoming a standard in how to run a good business, the Curve Inn continues to attract good attractions such as DJ Mikee, who has won the "Best of" DJ spot more than anyone else. Plus, Debbie's Jackpot Karaoke, where you can win money while singing, is a fine idea that certainly helps popularize one karaoke night over the many that populate our bars around town.

Congrats to the Curve again (they've won in several categories throughout the years) and to all who make the dance floor move and the karaoke machine light up.



NAIL SALON

Galaxy Nail Bar

With 5,000 square feet of spa and salon space and 2,000 nail color options, Galaxy Nail Bar offers options that are out of this world. The business opened in April in a newly built strip center adjacent to AMC Classic Springfield 12 Theatre off Wabash Avenue.

Huy Vuong, who also developed the unique Sky Lounge bar concept nearby, has created a spacious, elegant, full-service salon, greeting customers with luxurious surroundings and complimentary gourmet refreshments and beverages.

The most popular services from Galaxy's generous menu of unique offerings include the Milky Way, Diamond Head, Pearl, Golden 24K and Lime Margarita VIP spa pedicures, and the Champaign Rose treatment, a favorite for big celebrations. Other services include waxing, eyelash extensions, massage, shampoo and styling, in addition to pedicures with a foot massage, which is the most-requested service by male customers.

According to Vuong, Galaxy is so successful because of its spacious decor, skilled staff, rigorous hygiene and private VIP room, with separate space to host parties, weddings and showers. Telephone or online reservations are recommended, but there is usually no waiting due to the large Galaxy staff of 19, with 21 manicure stations and 28 pedicure chairs available.

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

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke
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Friday Oct 27

Mike Davis
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

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

The Lovelorn, Ashland, Misery Garden
The Blue Grouch Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

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Sonic Sunday, Population Zero
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

Damned Torpedoes
Curve Inn, 6:30-9:30pm

Roots of Creation
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8-10:30pm

Karaoke by Hi-Tek Redneck Entertainment
Dockers Tavern, Spaulding, 8:30pm-12:30am

Ricki Marvel, Tina Sparkle
Dumb Records, 7pm

The Raouligans
George Rank's, 7-11pm

Owen & Dooley Present Southtown
The Gin Mill, 6-10pm

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The Gin Mill, 8pm

Jet Trio
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Keith Dunlap
Jamie's Route 66, Southern View, 6-9pm

Rick Mari Band
Koo Koo's Nest, 8pm-12am

Gabe McCoy
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 7-11pm

John Stevens and Geoff Ryan
New Moon Cafe, Decatur, 6:30-8:30pm

Karaoke with DJ Dan Suter
Pier 55 Lounge, 8pm

Brandy Kristin Band
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30-10:30pm

Saturday Oct 28

BuK
The Bird Tavern, 7pm

Master Bastard, Wolf Crick

Boys, Slaughterdog
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

Soul Experience
Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 7-11pm

The Roastineers
Connor's Corner Pub, Tallula, 7-10pm

Broken Stone, No Backup Plans
Curve Inn, 7-11pm

Brandy Kristin Band
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7-10pm

Gracia Harrison
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Karaoke by Hi-Tek Redneck Entertainment
Lucky's on the Square, Petersburg, 9pm-1am

Karaoke
Mad Jack's Bar & Grill, Kilbourne, 8pm

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

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas
Mowie's Cue, 7-10pm

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

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

Open mic
Stella Coffee & Tea, Fourth Saturday of every month, 10am-12:30pm

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



David Lumsden Blues + Band plays Amber's Place on Sunday.

it Off the Wall
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7pm

Sunday Oct 29

David Lumsden Blues + Band, The Smokestacks
Amber's Place, 4pm

Deja Voodoo, Bustin' Loose, Rock & Roll Sisters
Curve Inn, 3-7pm

Smooth Times
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 4-6:30pm

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

Timo Arthur
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

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

Wolf Crick Boys
Mama Lee's Sandbar, 4-7pm

After School Special
South Fork Pub, Kincaid, 3pm

Robert Sampson
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 4-7pm

Stumpy Joe and Levi Herman
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 2pm

Monday Oct 30

Last Call
The Alamo, 7pm

Last Call Blues Band
The Alamo, 7-10pm

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

Tuesday Oct 31

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

Open jam with Roger and Mandy
George Rank's, 8-11pm

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

Open mic with Jim Ackerman
Silver Sevens Gaming Pub & Parlor, 6:30-9:30pm.

Open mic with Thomas J Beverly
Wings Etc, 6:30-8:30pm.

Wednesday Nov 1

Open mic
Boone's, 7-10pm

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

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

Karaoke
Crows Mill Pub, 8-11pm

Al Kitchen and friends
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Open mic with Roger and Mandy
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FUNDRAISERS | TV Game Show Night to aid Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County

it Most people are familiar with Habitat for Humanity's mission to create and sustain housing, in partnership with the community, for those in need. In Sangamon County, the local branch has a yearly fundraiser that helps fund that mission. This year's event, the 10th annual Raise the Roof!, allows participants to relive the excitement of their favorite TV game shows while contributing to the good cause. For a \$25 donation, the event includes dinner from Taco Gringo and a chance to participate in versions of the popular shows "Chain Reaction," "Password," "The Price is Right," "Pyramid" and "Family Feud." Former longtime radio personality Jim Leach will host the competitions. Donations will help the organization "create ripples of positive change that extend far beyond" the event. To reserve a spot, call Habitat for Humanity or email executive director Colleen Stone.

Special Music Events

Illinois Symphony Orchestra - Meet the Candidate

Tue., Oct. 31, 11:30am-1pm. This season the Illinois Symphony Orchestra will be led by four distinguished guest conductors vying to be the next music director who you get to help select. Get to know conductor candidate Yaniv Dinur during this lunch hosted by the Illinois Symphony Guild of Springfield. ilsymphony.org. \$30. Illini Country Club, 1601 S. Illini Road, 217-522-2838.

Books & Authors

Book signing by Cammie Corlas Quinn

Sat., Oct. 28, 2pm. Cammie Corlas Quinn will sign copies of her book, *Follow the Wind Home*, which is set in Sangamon County during the 1860s. Free. Books on the Square, 427 Washington St., 217-965-5443.

Theater & Comedy

Ride the Cyclone

Oct. 25-29. In this new musical, six members of a high school choir board a roller coaster, and their lives take tragic,

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Oct. 27-28, 7:30-9pm and Sun., Oct. 29, 2-3:30pm. *The New York Times* says "The familiar, whitewashed story of Pilgrims and Native Americans chowing down together gets a delicious roasting from expert farceurs." uispac.com. \$6-\$14. UIS Studio Theatre, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Film & Television

Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour movie

Through Oct. 29, 7:30pm. On Screen 1. Children younger than 12, seniors over 60, first responders and military qualify for lower price. route66-drivein.com. \$13.13-\$19.99. Route 66 Twin Drive-In, 1700 Recreation Dr., 217-698-0066.

Hocus Pocus 2

Thu., Oct. 26, 7:45pm. On Screen 2. *Hocus Pocus 2* is rated PG. \$8-\$32. Route 66 Twin Drive-In, 1700 Recreation Dr., 217-698-0066.

Faith & Philosophy

Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center

Sat., Oct. 28. Study scripture from the heart of the church with one of today's most respected scholars. Hosted by the Catholic Diocese of Springfield as part of the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress. Visit the website for tickets. stpaulcenter.com. BOS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 217-698-8500.

Holiday Happenings

"Trick-or-Treat Trail"

Sun., Oct. 29, 3-5pm. Take the "Trick-or-Treat Trail" to candy stations, a bounce house, games, crafts, surprises in The Loft and a dinner. Halloween costumes encouraged. chathampresbyterian.com. Free. Chatham Presbyterian Church, Chatham, 1835 E. Walnut St., 217-483-4204.

AlignLife Chiropractic Trunk or Treat

Fri., Oct. 27, 4-6pm. Third annual Trunk or Treat event includes games, crafts, treats and more. AlignLife Chiropractic Center, 2931 Montvale Dr., 787-7500.

Bewitching Botanicals Trunk or Treat

Sat., Oct. 28, 5-7pm. Experience

the enchantment of Bewitching Botanicals' Fourth Annual Trunk or Treat! Join us for a magical evening of safe trick-or-treating, all in one location. Auburn Town Square, Auburn, 415 W. Jefferson.

Boo Crew Haunted House

Open every Friday and Saturday night through October. Boo victims should be at least age 10. Matinee hours are available for youngsters. Box office opens at 6:30pm. boocrew.com. \$25-\$40, matinee hours \$15 and \$7 for children. Boo Crew Haunted House, Mechanicsburg, 11083 Buckhart Road, 217-551-6969.

Cars, Candy and Community

Fri., Oct. 27, 5:30-7pm. Celebrate fall by dressing up and getting candy. There will also be a diaper drive for Birth to Three. Bring a package of diapers and visit the decorated cars. Teddy Bear Christian Child Development Center, Riverton, 1170 Lincoln St.

Fall Festival

Sun., Oct. 29, 6-8pm. Food, games, music, s'mores and plenty of candy! Second Timothy Baptist Church, 1122 E. Pine St., 217-522-2616.

Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat

Sun., Oct. 29, 4-6pm. Treats plus fun and games for the whole family. Laurel United Methodist Church, 631 S. Grand Ave. W., 217-525-1866.

Family Fall Festival

Tue., Oct. 31, 6-8pm. Join us for an open house party at Williamsville Christian Church, with free food, candy, fun and games. Wear your costumes, and don't forget treat bags! Williamsville Christian Church, Williamsville, 201 S. Old Route 66.

Fear 101 haunted house

Fridays, 6:30-11pm and Sat., Oct. 28, 6:30-11pm. Recommended for ages 13 and older. Special lights-on version for younger ages on Oct. 28, 4-6pm. llcc.edu. \$5, \$2 for LLCC students. Sangamon Hall South, Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2219.

FRIGHT'S Action Park

Fridays, Saturdays, 6pm. Through Oct. 28. knightsactionpark.com. \$20. Knight's Action Park, 1700 Knights Recreation Dr., 217-546-8881.

Halloween Safety Event

Mon., Oct. 30, 5-7pm. Join the Springfield Police Department with other city departments for this fun Halloween tradition. Trick or treating, game stations, climb and explore rescue and city vehicles and learn Halloween safety tips. Municipal Building, 300 S. Seventh St.

Lincoln Home Trick or Treat

Sat., Oct. 28, 5:30-7pm. Don your best costume and come out for trick-or-treating, a costume contest, food drive and other activities. Lincoln Home NHS Visitors Center, 426 S. Seventh St., 217-492-4150.

Monster Mash Halloween Dance

Fri., Oct. 27, 7-9pm. Dress up in your Halloween costumes for this Springfield Park District event featuring thrills, refreshments, treat bags, face painting and a costume contest. springfieldparks.org. Free. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-585-2941.

MTI's Haunt the Halls

Mon., Oct. 30, 5:30-7:30pm. Wear your Halloween costumes and join us for a night of family fun through haunted halls! All ages are welcome. Midwest Technical Institute, 2731 Farmers Market Road.

The Parent Place Halloween Parade

Sat., Oct. 28, 7pm. An exciting lighted evening parade featuring

festival floats and lots of holiday characters. Lineup begins at 5pm in Horace Mann lot. Parade starts at 7:30pm. tppos.org. Downtown Springfield, Downtown, 217-753-8730.

Sherman Trunk or Treat Spooktacular

Sat., Oct. 28, 5-8:30pm. Trunk or treating with more than 25 vehicle participants, free balloon animals and treat bags for the first 500 guests. At 6:45 p.m. enjoy a Halloween family movie, *A Really Haunted Loud House*, with free popcorn, soda, hot apple cider and hot chocolate. Sherman Village Park, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Road, 217-496-2621.

Terror on the Square

Fridays and Saturdays throughout October. A terrifying haunted tour with mystifying illusions. terroronthesquare.com. \$23. Terror on the Square, Petersburg, 119 S. Seventh St., 217-632-2731.

Timberlake Trunk or Treat

Mon., Oct. 30, 5-6pm. A spooktacular event with lots of candy. Timberlake Senior Living Facility, 2521 Empowerment Road, 217-585-4000.

Together Church Trunk or Treat

Sun., Oct. 29, 4:30-6:30pm. Together Church, 225 North Grand Ave.

Trick or Treat

Fri., Oct. 27, 4-7pm. Candy and other goodies will be passed out along the plaza by Russ Ramsey State Farm Insurance and business neighbors. Costumes encouraged. Russ Ramsey State Farm Insurance, 3259 W. Iles Ave.

Trick or Treat at the Governor's Mansion

Sat., Oct. 28, 3-5pm. Welcoming all the wee witches and warlocks in pre-K through 5th grade. governorsmansion.illinois.gov. Free. Illinois Governor's Mansion, 410 E. Jackson St., 217-782-6450.

Trinity Lutheran Trunk or Treat

Sun., Oct. 29, 3-4:30pm. Enjoy candy, fun and fellowship at Trinity's annual Trunk or Treat event! Trinity Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 515 S. MacArthur Blvd., 217-546-4055.

Trunk or Treat

Sat., Oct. 28, 1-3pm. Join Trae Covington State Farm and friends for family fun at its second annual Trunk or Treat. Costumes, candy, games, prizes and fun for the whole family. Meet at 3121 Hedley Rd (parking across from Lowe's). traefromsf.com. Trae Covington

State Farm, 3121 Hedley Road, 217-522-7090.

Trunk or Treat

Sat., Oct. 28, 2-3:30pm. Wear your costume and go from trunk to trunk for candy. Includes hot dogs, drinks and games. Canned food items accepted for the food pantry. Free. Cotton Hill United Methodist Church, 5931 N. Cotton Hill Road, 529-2736.

Trunk or Treat

Sat., Oct. 28, 5-7pm. Wear your costume and enjoy trunk-or-treating, s'mores, chili, hot dogs and more. Centennial Pointe Assisted Living & Memory Care, 3440 Hedley Road, 217-411-6053.

Trunk or Treat

Sun., Oct. 29, 1-3pm. Includes decorated trunks, games, candy, and hot dogs. Costume contest at 2pm. Non-perishable goods being collected for those in need. Call for more info. Free. Sugar Creek United Methodist Church, Chatham, 1022 New City Road, 217-483-2270.

Trunk or Treat

Sun., Oct. 29, 4-6pm. The Crossing is pleased to host the 3rd annual, community-wide Trunk or Treat. This year will have inflatables, games, and tons of candy. Wear your best costume and join us in the parking lot. The Crossing Church, Jacksonville, 803 S. Diamond St.

Trunk or Treat

Tue., Oct. 31, 4:30-8pm. The Chatham Police Department, Fire Department and Chatham Railroad Museum are teaming up with other area businesses for a night of trunk or treating. Chatham Railroad Museum, Chatham, 100 N. State St., 217-483-7792.

Trunk or Treat and Fall Festival

Sat., Oct. 28, 5-7pm. A family fun event with candy, face painting and a bonfire. Broken Chains Church, 2075 N. 11th St., 217-572-1504.

Trunk or Treat and Open Gym

Sat., Oct. 28, 1-4pm. The trunk or treat event is free and there will also be an open gym for \$5 in advance or \$10 at the door. Capital City Elite, 2377 N. Dirksen Pkwy.

Trunk or Treat and Touch a Truck

Sun., Oct. 29, 3-5pm. A safe, fun, family-friendly environment where trunk-or-treaters go from trunk to trunk collecting candy and enjoying creatively decorated trunks. Includes candy and Touch-A-Truck (fire

truck, police car, tow truck). rochesterfirstbaptist.org. Free. Rochester First Baptist Church, Rochester, 305 S. State St., 217-498-9690.

Trunk or Treat

Sat., Oct. 28, 3-5pm. Join us for our annual Trunk or Treat on October 28th from 3-5pm! There will be an assortment of candy and goodies to be passed out. Springfield First United Methodist Church, 2941 S. Koke Mill Road, 217-793-9760.

WJVO Safe Halloween for Kids

Thu., Oct. 26, 4-6pm. A spooktacularly fun night of drive-thru style trick or treating. Enter through Gate 6 off of Greenwood. Prairie Land Heritage Museum, Jacksonville, 1005 W. Michigan Ave., 217-243-7262.

Trunk or Treat

Sat., Oct. 28, 2-4pm. Those of all ages invited to wear their costumes, enjoy treats, decorations, a photo booth and more. Bring a non-perishable food item(s) to donate. See the Facebook page for more info. Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church, 501 S. Douglas Ave. 217-546-4631.

■ Fairs & Festivals

Fall Festival

Sat., Oct. 28, 10am-4pm. Interpreters in period-style clothing will demonstrate daily tasks such as candle dipping, soap making, blacksmithing, spinning wool, gardening and natural dyeing. Free. Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-632-4000.

■ Fundraisers and Galas

APL Chili Supper & Paw Paw Patch Bazaar

Sun., Oct. 29, 12-4pm. Good food for a good cause. Chili or veggie chili, dessert, drink and side. Dine in, carry out or curbside service. Shop the bazaar and enter the raffle. All proceeds benefit the shelter animals. Purchase tickets online or call. apl-shelter.org. \$12 per meal. Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-544-7387.

■ Children's Corner

Halloweenpalooza

Oct. 28-29, 9am-4pm. Celebrate the holiday with games, activities, crafts and science experiments. kidzeum.org. Admission. Kidzeum of Health and Science Children's Museum, 412 E. Adams St., 217-

971-4435.

Trunk or Treat

Sat., Oct. 28, 4pm. All children welcome to dress up in their favorite costumes for this annual event. See the Facebook page for more info. Free. Parkway Christian Church, 2700 Lindbergh Blvd., 217-787-3445.

Zoolie Ghoulie

Fri., Oct. 27, 1-8pm and Sat., Oct. 28, 11am-6pm. Grab your little ghouls and goblins and have a wild time wandering through the zoo's spooky Halloween scenes for some safe trick or treating. springfieldparks.org. \$5. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-585-1821.

■ Lectures & Meetings

Citizens Club of Springfield

Fri., Oct. 27, 8-9am. Sen. Doris Turner and Rep. Mike Coffey will provide a Springfield-focused update on state actions and discuss the budget, local projects, the veto session, new laws and legislative priorities. Free. Hoogland Center for the Arts Club Room, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

■ Bulletin Board

Cat adoption

Fourth Saturday of every month, 12-3pm. Forever Home Feline Ranch will have cats available for adoption. Donations welcome. Ace Hardware, 1600 Wabash Ave., 217-787-5100.

Entrepreneurs Business Mixer and Workshop

Sat., Oct. 28, 10am-2pm. Includes panel and brunch, professional presenters, entrepreneurial tool folder, food and drinks, virtual games, music, vendors, prizes and more. Hosted by Soular Ware Sisters. \$15. LLCC Trutter Center, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-685-0785.

Homebuyer Education Workshop

Nov. 4 and Nov. 11, 10:30am-2:30pm. HUD-certified housing counselor will cover topics such as credit, budgeting and buying process. Both sessions must be attended for certificate. RSVP required. sha1.org. Springfield Housing Authority, 200 N. 11th St. 217-753-5757.

Brews and Mews

Sun., Oct. 29, 2-6pm. Features cats available for adoption by the Forever Home Feline Ranch, a raffle, brews and more. Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 406 E. Adams St.

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Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF, VS. ROBIN RILEY; MARINE BANK; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 2023FC000072 2157 EAST CONVERSE AVENUE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on October 11, 2023, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 11/28/2023, in the Sangamon South Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00am, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: TAX NO. 14-23-0-452-016 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2157 East Converse Avenue Springfield, IL 62702 Description of Improvements: The property is a single family home. The Judgment amount was \$76,537.65. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at <http://iforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 23-14395IL PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLEC-

TION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3231106

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. PLAINTIFF Vs. Nathaniel L. Harris; et. al. DEFENDANTS No. 2023FC000074 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 06/14/2023, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on November 28, 2023 at the hour of 9:00 AM at 300 S. 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: PIN 07-34.0-300-014 Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 5440 S. Williamsville Rd Sherman, IL 62684 Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1). If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-02353. I3230956

NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS SECURITY BANK, Plaintiff, vs. THOMAS R. BURGESS, JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, F. S. B., MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC. AND KIMBERLY LEVERING, Defendants. CASE NO. 22-FC-219 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1968 E. CONVERSE ST. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 1812 N. 9TH ST. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 10729 DARNELL RD. DAWSON, IL 62520 1816 & 1820 N. 9TH ST. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on August 30, 2023, the following described real estate, to-wit: SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Permanent Index Number: 14-23.0-379-011 aka 14-23-379-011 Permanent Index Number: 14-22.0-256-018 aka 14-22-256-018 fka 14-22-256-006 & 14-22-256-005 Permanent Index Number: 24-05.0-200-011 Permanent Index Number: 14-22.0-256-004 Permanent Index Number: 14-22.0-256-016 Commonly known as: 1968 E. Converse St., Springfield, IL 62702 Commonly known as: 1812 N. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62702 Commonly known as: 10729 Darnell Rd., Dawson, IL 62520 Commonly known as: 1816 & 1820 N. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62702 will be offered for sale and sold at public venue on December 5, 2023, at 9:00 AM, in the Auditorium on the 2nd Floor, 300 South 9th St, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$331,822.49. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential

real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g)-1). If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. SECURITY BANK, Plaintiff, Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 740 Decatur, IL 62525 Send Notice/Pleadings to: Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754

PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD E. BELL, DECEASED
Case #2023-PR-374
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of RONALD E. BELL. Letters of Office have been issued to CRYSTAL EMERY, 49 Claymont Court, Springfield, IL 62704, 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 30, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 18th day of October, 2023.
William P. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of MONTE A. YARD, Deceased.
NO. 2023-PR-358
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Monte A. Yard of Sherman, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 12, 2023, to Jolyn Marie Yard, 7440 Bahr Road, Sherman, Illinois 62684, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Bernard G. Segatto, III, 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 19, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 13th day of October, 2023.
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705-0079
(217) 544-4868
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GENOVEVA P. CATALANO, Deceased
NO. 2023PRO00357
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Genoveva P. Catalano,

Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on October 12, 2023 to Carlo S. Catalano, 3820 Indian Grass Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62712, 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 22nd day of April, 2024, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 12th day of October, 2023.
Gregory P. Sgro
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LESLIE J. FYANS, JR., DECEASED
Case #2023-PR-363
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of LESLIE J. FYANS, JR. Letters of Office have been issued to PAULA M. FYANS, 413 Natchez Trace, 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 24, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 12th day of October, 2023.
Patrick J. Sheehan, III
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of FAIRY MAYO, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
NO. 2023PRO00258
CORRECTIVE
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of FAIRY MAYO, deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on July 13, 2023, to RUTH MAYO and THOMAS L. BROWN, 74 E. 50 NORTH RD., Harvel, Illinois, 62538, Co-Executors, whose attorney is Robert A. Stuart, Jr., Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th St., Ste. 1000, P.O. Box 2459,

Springfield, IL 62705.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 27, 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.
Dated this 10th day of October, 2023.
Robert A. Stuart, Jr.
ARDC# 2761122
Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP
205 S 5th St., Ste. 1000
P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62705
(217) 544-8491
rstuart@bhsllaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of: Kent Eugene Tuxhorn, Deceased
Case No. 23-PR-349
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Kent Eugene Tuxhorn. Letters of Office were issued on Oct. 3, 2023 to Keith Allen Tuxhorn as Administrator, 1201 S. First St., Springfield IL 62704. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the Executor, on or before, April 19, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor within 10 days after it has been filed.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY A. ALBERS, Deceased
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
NO. 2023-PR-354
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of MARY A. ALBERS, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on October 14, 2023, to JAMES E. ALBERS, 3024 Greenbriar Drive Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, 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 April 15, 2024, or six (6) months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 04th day of October, 2023.
Alex B. Rabin
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
217-789-1200

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

PROBATE DIVISION
ESTATE OF Julianna Ladage, Deceased
Case No. 2023 PR 295
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Julianna Ladage on July 22, 2023. Letters of Office were issued on October 4, 2023 to J JESSICA HARTMAN, whose post office address is 1408 Woodbine Road #2, Bloomington, IL 61704, as INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR, and whose attorney is David Patrick Hall, Attorney at Law, 611 E. Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative of the estate, or both, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated October 12, 2023
David Patrick Hall
Attorney for Administrator
611 E. Monroe Street, Suite 200
Springfield, Illinois 62701
217-210-7200
davehall@motion.net
Registration No. 6225105

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF DAVID LEE HAMRICK, Deceased.
No. 2023PRO00351
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of David Lee Hamrick, a resident of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, who died in Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on June 3, 2023. STIFEL TRUST COMPANY, N.A., whose post office address is 501 North Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri 63102, was appointed executor of his estate on October 3, 2023. The attorneys for the executor are Hart, Southworth & Witsman, One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501, Springfield, Illinois 62701.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the executor, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, of this notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 3rd day of October, 2023.
Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930)
Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535)
Hart, Southworth & Witsman
One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Telephone: (217) 753-0055
trigby@hswnet.com
aprillaman@hswnet.com
8051-936517

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

PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NICHOLAS SANTOS HERNANDEZ RENFRO, Deceased
No. 2023-PR-317
Notice is given of the death of the above.
Decedent departed this life on July 9, 2023
Date letters were issued on September 26, 2023
Independent Personal Representative: Tiffany Renfro
Attorney for the Estate: Thomas H. Wilson
HeplerBroom, LLC
4340 Acer Grove Drive
Springfield, IL 62711
T: (217) 528-3674
F: (217) 528-3964
thw@heplerbroom.com
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Probate Division, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Personal Representative or both, on or before Monday, March 25, 2024 and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the Circuit Court Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney of Record, if any, within 10 days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court proof of any required mailing.
Tiffany Renfro, Independent Personal Representative of the Estate of Nicholas Santos Hernandez Renfro, Deceased

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of: RICHARD W. ALCORN, Deceased.
NO. 2023-PR-352
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Richard W. Alcorn of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 2, 2023, to William Alcorn, 1005 Community Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703, 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 9, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 2nd day of October, 2023.
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705
(217) 544-4868
bsegatto@barberlaw.com

COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF JOSEPH MILLS, DECEASED
No. 2023 PR 341
CLAIMS NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Joseph

Mills. Notice is given to all heirs and creditors that Letters of Administration were issued on October 2, 2023, to Kevin N. McDermott, 109 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 as Administrator of the Estate.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704, or with the Executor, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 2nd day of October, 2023.
Kevin N. McDermott
Attorney for the Estate of Joseph Mills
109 South Seventh Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 753-4070
Ill. Reg. No. 6196497
Kevin@KevinMcDermott.com

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of Shannon Stroupe, Petitioner And Quinn McCann, Respondent
Case No. 2023 DC 000190
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Quinn McCann, 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 November, 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 Nicole Payge Coats, Petitioner And David Michael Coats, Respondent
Case No. 2023 DN 000127
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, David Michael Coats, 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 12th day of November, 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 Gabriella Kailani Allen
For change of name to

Gabriella Kailani Rodriguez
Case No. 2022-MR-000343
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Dec. 12, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Gabriella Kailani Allen to Gabriella Kailani Rodriguez pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Oct. 26, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Jahmari Atari Gude-Whitcomb For change of name to Mari Atari Whitcomb-Miller

Case No. 2023-MR-000342
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Dec. 12, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Jahmari Atari Gude-Whitcomb to Mari Atari Whitcomb-Miller pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Oct. 26, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Jahmari Atari Gude-Whitcomb For change of name to Mari Atari Whitcomb-Miller

Case No. 2022-MR-000492
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Dec. 12, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Jahmari Atari Gude-Whitcomb to Mari Atari Whitcomb-Miller pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Oct. 19, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Breana Rose Hamilton For change of name to Breana Rose Button

Case No. 2022-MR-000493
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Dec. 12, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Breana Rose Hamilton to Breana Rose Button pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Oct. 19, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Addalynn Jo Phillips-Lewis For change of name to Addalynn Jo Ryan

Case No. 2023-MR-000341
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Dec. 12, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Addalynn Jo Phillips-Lewis to Addalynn Jo Ryan pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Oct. 19, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
ROBIN RILEY; MARINE BANK; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 2023FC000072
2157 EAST CONVERSE AVENUE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on October 11, 2023, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 11/28/2023, in the Sangamon South Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00am, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:
THE EAST 40 FEET OF THE SOUTH 120 FEET OF LOT ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN (113) IN WAINWRIGHT SPRINGFIELD HEIGHTS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
TAX NO. 14-23-0-452-016
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2157 East Converse Avenue Springfield, IL 62702
Description of Improvements: The property is a single family home. The Judgment amount was \$76,537.65.
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.
The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any

tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mprllc.com>.
Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 23-14395IL
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,
v.
CARLY A. MASON, a/k/a CARLY ANN-MARIE MASON, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No. 2023FC000180
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is November 24, 2023.
Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on October 11, 2023.
1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; 2023FC000180.
2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois
3. The name of the title holder of record is: Carly A. Mason
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: Lot Fifty (50) Seiz Subdivision Fourth Plat, situated in Village of Pawnee. Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed of record. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 1104 Monroe Street, Pawnee, Illinois 62558
6. The Tax Identification Number(s) for the real estate is/are as follows: 36-07-303-003
7. An identification of the

**VILLAGE OF SOUTHERN VIEW SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
ANNUAL REPORT 6/1/22 – 5/31/23**

REVENUE SUMMARY: STATE INCOME TAX \$245,611.23; RETAILERS OCCUPATION TAX \$366,306.28; STATE USE TAX \$65,060.06; PROPERTY/REPLACEMENT TAX \$62,139.71; ROAD AND BRIDGE TAX \$14,078.93; TELECOM TAX \$4,516.13; POLICE FINES: \$14,556.37;
FRANCHISE FEES: \$108,712.14; FEDERAL COVID GRANT \$106,826.46; ROOM RENTALS \$7,650.00; PARK RENTALS: \$1,740.00; POLICE REPORTS \$155.00; ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS: \$2,000.00; IDOT HIREBACK GRANT \$4,522.50; BUILDING PERMITS \$278.00; COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMITS \$975.38; COMMERCIAL INSPECTIONS \$367.00; LIQUOR LICENSES \$13,265.00; TOW FEES \$12,625.00; TOW FEE REIMBURSEMENTS \$6,835.00; STORAGE COSTS \$1,335.00; MISC. REVENUE \$3,699.20; INTEREST INCOME \$16,194.47; VIDEO GAMING \$268,683.10; GARBAGE HAULING PERMIT \$90.00; EMPLOYEE REIMBURSEMENT \$811.78; WARRANT FEES \$1,470.00; SURPLUS \$4,066.95; CANNABIS TAX \$2,484.43; RESIDENT TRUCK RENTALS \$25.00; DUMP FEE REIMBURSEMENT \$165.51; SEWER TAPS \$18,968.72; SPECIAL EVENT DONATIONS \$1,400.00; ZONING APPEALS \$350.00; TOTAL REVENUES \$1,357,984.35

COMPENSATION SUMMARY: COMPENSATION & PERSONAL SERVICES WERE PAID IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORY OF \$0.00 – \$25,000 – Derek Hull, Dominick Rice, Elizabeth Richbark, Ethan Cole, Greg Bourland, Jack S Miller, Jason R Morrison, Jason S Banister, Jason T Beelow, Jeffrey M Balding, Jillian McCarty, John H Pierce Jr., Johnathan Lackland, Joseph A Williams, Joseph Vespa, Kyle M Herford, Marcos P Barros, Mark E Bridges, Martin C Townsley, Michael R Pokora, Nathan Briggs, Phillip M Peddycoart, Rebecca LaRussa, Robert Eskew Jr., Robert Michael Patsche, Thomas M Tavornor, William S Haines. PAID IN THE CATEGORY OF \$25,001 - \$49,999 – Damian D Smith, David P Cole, Devoni A DeLay, Gino D Serra, Roy L Maki, Timothy Marsh. PAID IN THE CATEGORY OF \$50,000 - \$74,999 – Lisa Cave & Richard Wiese. TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$530,841.83

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: GENERAL: ACCESSORIES UNLIMITED \$3,067.46; AMEREN ILLINOIS \$3,181.05; AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING \$6,490.00; BANK OF SPRINGFIELD \$50,000.00; BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD \$58,989.84; CANNY ACCOUNTING \$5,500.00; CAPITAL CITY HOME IMPROVEMENTS \$10,800.00; CITY WATER LIGHT AND POWER \$37,276.42; CRAVEN & CRAVEN \$13,045.00; DON CRAVEN \$21,414.32; DEERE CREDIT INC. \$8,763.99; DRAKE & SCRUGGS \$3,398.13; EVANS RECYCLING \$6,450.00; FARLEY DIESEL \$4,304.07; FARM & HOME \$11,432.85; JAMES JOHNSON \$2,975.00; IL MUNICIPAL LEAGUE \$3,730.81; IL MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND: \$30,473.33; KUHN & TRELLO \$17,887.02; LANDMARK AUTO \$5,361.46; MAIN STREET TIRE & AUTO \$4,413.79; MARTIN EQUIPMENT \$2,691.88; MATRIX SYSTEMS \$13,406.45; MENARDS \$3,640.50; MEYERS J MIZE \$25,379.00; MORROW BROTHERS \$59,880.00; MOTOROLA \$4,956.00; MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS \$24,735.83; NELSON OIL CO INC \$5,867.35; PAYROLL \$530,841.83; PAYROLL TAXES \$40,330.31; PRINCIPAL LIFE GROUP \$11,088.52; RAY O'HERRON \$4,317.53; SANGAMON CO ETSO \$3,400.00; THIRDWAVE DATA COMM; \$9,843.22; THURBER TOWING: \$7,000.00; TUFFY'S \$6,154.27; VISA: \$18,649.38; WEX BANK \$18,006.94; WOODY'S \$55,329.42; VARIOUS VENDORS PAID LESS THAN \$2,500.00 - \$43,451.13. TOTAL CORPORATE VENDORS: \$1,197,924.10

POLICE VEHICLE FUND REVENUE SUMMARY: POLICE VEHICLE FUND REVENUES \$60.00; INTEREST \$2.37; TOTAL REVENUES \$62.37
POLICE VEHICLE FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: TOTAL POLICE VEHICLE FUND EXPENSES- \$0.00

MOTOR FUEL TAX REVENUE SUMMARY: MFT REVENUE \$65,769.53; REBUILD ILLINOIS \$18,035.71; INTEREST \$925.51; TOTAL REVENUES \$84,730.75
EXPENDITURE SUMMARY MFT: PH BROUGHTON & SONS \$3,600.34; KUHN & TRELLO \$3,810.00; RECHNER TREE SERVICE \$14,950.00; VARIOUS VENDORS PAID LESS THAN \$2,500 - \$608.07. TOTAL MFT VENDORS: \$22,968.41

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUND (TIF) REVENUE SUMMARY: TIF REVENUE \$367,212.06; INTEREST \$1,285.42; TOTAL REVENUES \$368,497.48; **EXPENDITURE SUMMARY OF TIF:** PETERSBURG PLUMBING & EXCAVATING \$27,201.65; VARIOUS TIF VENDORS PAID LESS THAN \$2,500.00 - \$1,894.50; TOTAL TIF EXPENDITURES: \$29,096.15

POLICE DUI FUNDS REVENUE SUMMARY: DUI FUNDS \$2,580.00; INTEREST \$51.51; TOTAL REVENUES \$2,631.51. **EXPENDITURE SUMMARY OF POLICE DUI FUND:** VARIOUS VENDORS PAID LESS THAN \$2,500 – \$3,433.24; TOTAL DUI FUND EXPENDITURES: \$3,433.24

TOURISM ACCOUNT REVENUE SUMMARY: TOURISM TAX \$37,408.02; TOTAL REVENUES \$37,408.02 **EXPENDITURE SUMMARY OF TOURISM ACCOUNT:** TOTAL TOURISM EXPENDITURES: \$100.00

FOREFEITURE FUND REVENUE SUMMARY: FOREFEITURE REVENUE \$126.76; INTEREST \$37.75 TOTAL REVENUES \$164.51. **EXPENDITURE FOREFEITURE FUNDS \$0.00**
FRIENDS OF SOUTHERN VIEW PARK REVENUE SUMMARY: DONATIONS: \$0.00; EXPENDITURES OF FRIENDS OF SOUTHERN VIEW PARK FUNDS: \$0.00
FRIENDS OF SOUTHERN VIEW POLICE REVENUE SUMMARY: DONATIONS \$0.00; EXPENDITURES OF FRIENDS OF SOUTHERN VIEW POLICE FUNDS: \$0.00

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION									
	General Funds	Police Vehicle Funds	Motor Fuel Funds	Tax Increment Funds	Police DUI Funds	Tourism Funds	Forfeiture Funds	Friends of SV Park	Friends of SV Police
Beg Fund Bal.	\$1,288,550.98	\$303.59	\$263,363.16	\$143,372.31	\$15,358.79	\$37,477.79	\$12,285.97	\$ 0.00	\$0.00
Revenues	\$1,357,984.35	\$62.37	\$84,730.75	\$333,147.25	\$2,631.51	\$37,408.02	\$164.51	\$37,408.02	\$164.51
Expenditures	\$(1,197,924.10)	\$(0.00)	\$(22,968.41)	\$(29,096.15)	\$(3,433.24)	\$(0.00)	\$(0.00)	\$(0.00)	\$(0.00)
Ending Fund Balance	\$1,448,611.23	\$365.96	\$325,125.50	\$447,423.41	\$14,557.06	\$74,785.81	\$12,450.48	\$5,840.39	\$1,000.00
Retained Earnings									

I, Lisa Cave, Treasurer of the Village of Southern View, Sangamon County, Illinois do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2023.
Subscribed and sworn to me on this 11th day of October 2023 _____
Lisa K. Cave
Lisa Cave, Village Treasurer

mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

Name of Mortgagor: Carly Ann-Marie Mason
Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank
Date of Mortgage: May 16, 2016
Date of recording: June 21, 2016
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois
Recording document identification: Document No. 2016R16054
/s/ Joseph B. Roesch

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

Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken
Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc.
PLAINTIFF
Vs.

Nathaniel L. Harris; et. al.
DEFENDANTS

No. 2023FC000074
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL
ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 06/14/2023, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on November 28, 2023 at the hour of 9:00 AM at 300 S. 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON IN THE STATE OF IL PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY HIGHWAY ROUTE NUMBER 31 SAID POINT BEING 265.60 FEET SOUTH AND 50.00 FEET EAST OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION, THENCE EAST 158.71 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 142.96 FEET, THENCE WEST 158.71 FEET TO AFORESAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, THENCE NORTH 142.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND OTHER MINERALS. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN 07-34.0-300-014
Improved with Residential
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
5440 S. Williamsville Rd
Sherman, IL 62684

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof

of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-02353. I3230956

NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
SECURITY BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.

THOMAS R. BURGESS, JOHN DEERE
FINANCIAL, F. S. B., MIDLAND CREDIT
MANAGEMENT, INC. AND KIMBERLY
LEVERING,
Defendants.
CASE NO. 22-FC-219
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
1968 E. CONVERSE ST.
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
1812 N. 9TH ST.
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
10729 DARNELL RD.
DAWSON, IL 62520
1816 & 1820 N. 9TH ST.
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above

Court entered in the above entitled cause on August 30, 2023, the following described real estate, to-wit:

1968 E. Converse St.
LOT 149 AND THE WEST 10 FEET OF LOT 148 IN SPAULDING'S SECOND ILLINOIS WATCH FACTORY ADDITION. EXCEPTING ALL COAL AND MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LOT OR LOTS WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME.

1812 N. 9th St.
(TRACT 1)
THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 5 OF CATHERINE WOOD'S SECOND SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPTING THERFROM:

A PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 5 OF CATHERINE WOOD'S SECOND SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 2; A DISTANCE OF 29.94 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST, 151.87 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 2, THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 28 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID LINE 29.96 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID LINE, 151.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.104 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER RIGHTS UNDERLYING SAID PREMISES.

(TRACT 2)
THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 5 OF CATHERINE WOOD'S SECOND SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER RIGHTS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID PREMISES.

ALL SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

10729 Darnell Rd.

PARCEL 1:
PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIN MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 5; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 979.91 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 178.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 18 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST, 82.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 27 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST, 95.07 FEET; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 175.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST, 359.15 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF

SAID SECTION 5; THENCE SOUTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 360.69 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 2.248 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SET FORTH ON THE PLAT OF SURVEY MADE BY PAUL D. NICKEL, LICENSED SURVEYOR, ATTACHED TO DEED RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 94-02308.

PARCEL 2:
PART OF THE FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTH-EAST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 957.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING: THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 248.61 FEET; THENCE NORTH 21 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 174.01 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 804.15 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 323.30 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST HALF OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 551.33 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 66.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL WITH SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 660.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 66.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST HALF OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 19 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 359.15 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 175.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 27 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 95.07 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 82.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 178.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 22.95 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

1816 & 1820 N. 9th St.
THE SOUTH 55 FEET OF LOT 3 IN BLOCK 5 OF CATHERINE WOOD'S SECOND SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERAL RIGHTS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID PREMISES.

SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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Permanent Index Number: 14-23.0-379-011 aka 14-23-379-011
Permanent Index Number: 14-22.0-256-018 aka 14-22-256-018 fka 14-22-256-006 & 14-22-256-005
Permanent Index Number: 24-05.0-200-011
Permanent Index Number: 14-22.0-256-004

Permanent Index Number: 14-22.0-256-016
Commonly known as: 1968 E. Converse St., Springfield, IL 62702
Commonly known as: 1812 N. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62702
Commonly known as: 10729 Darnell Rd., Dawson, IL 62520

Commonly known as: 1816 & 1820 N. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62702
will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on December 5, 2023, at 9:00 AM, in the the Auditorium on the 2nd Floor, 300 South 9th St, Springfield, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$331,822.49.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719
The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments,

the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1). If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
SECURITY BANK,
Plaintiff,
Ryan M. Beavers (#6335549), Its
Attorney
Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC
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To pay past due rent and fees call 1-217-522-0300. You will have until noon October 27,2023 to pay entire balance owed to avoid sale. Private Sale will be November 4,2023 at 9AM. The disposal will take place privately in Springfield, IL. Please call to verify start location day before sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Tremayne Cherry, Petitioner
and
Stephane Jackson, Respondent
Case No. 2023-FA-258
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you Stephane Jackson, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced and you are summoned to a establish parentage/custody order case and for other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois on or before the 19th day of November, 2023, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief

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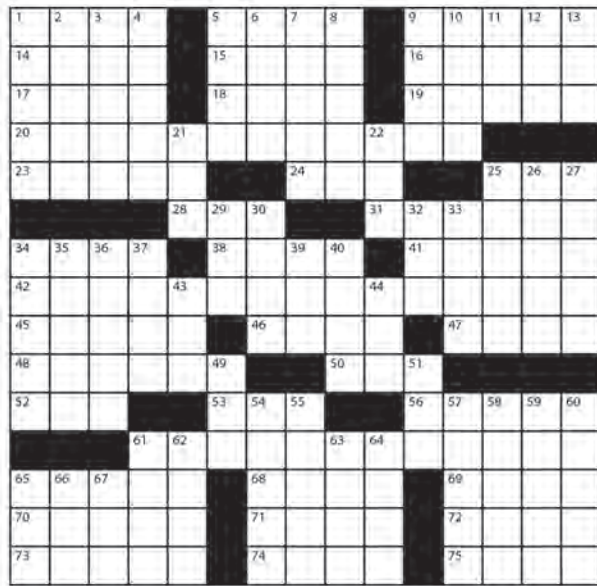
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Rays of sunshine?

Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 813

Across

- 1. Eyes, poetically
- 5. 18-wheeler
- 9. Tops
- 14. Stack
- 15. "Once ___ a time..."
- 16. "Farewell, mon ami"
- 17. "Holy cow!"
- 18. Rock's Jagger
- 19. Come to terms
- 20. Parmesan alternative
- 23. "Gladiator" setting
- 24. Recipe instruction
- 25. Geologic time period
- 28. Greyhound, e.g.
- 31. Part of a Hemingway title
- 34. Leave in, to an editor
- 38. Divan
- 41. Ain't right?
- 42. 1980's Scott Baio sitcom
- 45. Bicker
- 46. Creme-filled cookie
- 47. Tournament passes
- 48. Take out
- 50. Misery
- 52. "Get the picture?"
- 53. Kind of trip
- 56. Colleague of Byron and Shelley
- 61. Number one pick of the 1996 NBA draft
- 65. Luau greeting

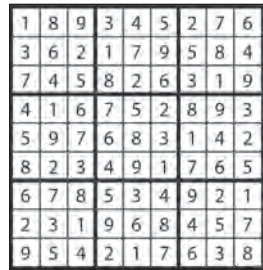


- 68. Trig figure
- 69. "Beetle Bailey" dog
- 70. Idiots
- 71. Rug rats
- 72. Bucks and does
- 73. Doesn't ignore
- 74. Kleenex content
- 75. Limerick language
- Down**
- 1. "La Bohème," e.g.
- 2. Severity
- 3. Hold responsible
- 4. Four-door
- 5. Kind of wrestling
- 6. Big story
- 7. Coffee shop order
- 8. Signed
- 9. Sheep cries
- 10. Slight advantage
- 11. Balloon filler
- 12. Golf bag item
- 13. Seek damages
- 21. Catch red-handed
- 22. Tokyo, formerly
- 25. Manicurist's board
- 26. Where the buffalo roam
- 27. Starts a pot
- 29. "What's the ___?"
- 30. Mediocre
- 32. "Well, ___-di-dah!"
- 33. Dull brown
- 34. Oodles
- 35. Midafternoon
- 36. Top scout
- 37. Loyal
- 39. Douglas
- 40. From scratch
- 43. Rent
- 44. Dove's sound
- 49. Aquatic shocker
- 51. Barely make, with "out"
- 54. Exploits
- 55. Gibson garnish
- 57. Eat away at
- 58. Daisylike bloom
- 59. Hauls around
- 60. Snoozer's sound
- 61. Sailor's hail
- 62. Laddie's love
- 63. Captivated by
- 64. Sleeveless garment
- 65. "Much ___ About Nothing"
- 66. High pitch
- 67. Tribute, of sorts

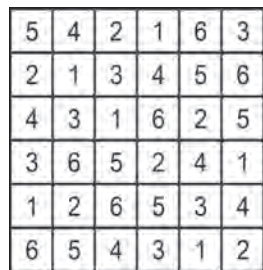
Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #812



Sudoku answers from #812

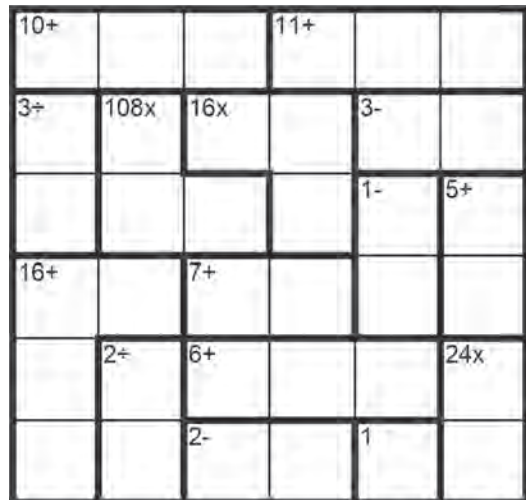


JoshJosh answers from #812

JoshJosh

by J. Reynolds - No. 813

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

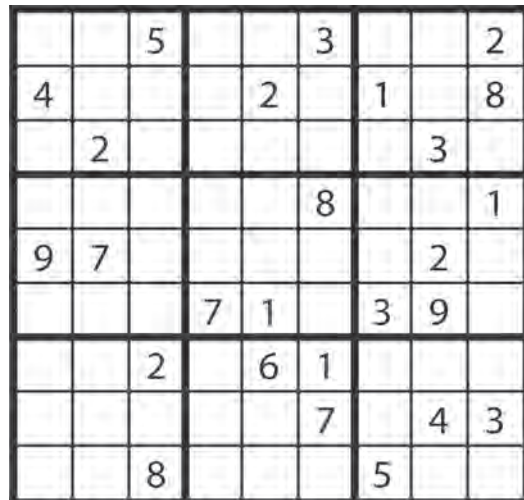


Difficulty medium

Sudoku

No. 812

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



Difficulty hard

asked in the complaint.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF Ariel Fayne
No. 2023-GR-66

To: Jason Barbour and unknown fathers at address unknown: Please be notified that Denise Robinson has filed a Petition for Guardianship of Ariel Fayne, minor child. You are required to answer said Petition By December 4 2023 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF Jaier Sims & Katelyn Fayne
No. 2023-GR-65
To: Charles Buie and unknown fathers

at address unknown: Please be notified that Denise Robinson has filed a Petition for Guardianship of Jaier Sims & Katelyn Fayne, minor children. You are required to answer said Petition By December 4 2023 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Jonathan Michael Hammond For change of name to Jonathan Michael Adenhamm Case No. 2023-MR-000354
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Dec. 12, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Jonathan Michael Hammond to Jonathan Michael Adenhamm pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Oct. 26, 2023



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