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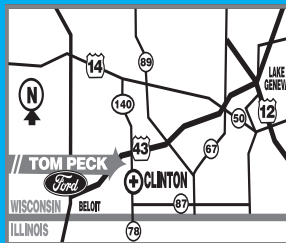
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Feb. 19
 N. 2nd St./Windsor Road – Raquel L. Wells, 25, charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, transportation of alcoholic liquor, and driving under the influence of alcohol (over .08)

N. 2nd St./Windsor Road – Breonna Tinajero, 20, charged with a Rockford Police Department warrant
 4702 N. 2nd St. – Renee L. Klein, 48, charged with theft of labor, service, or use

7745 Forest Hills Road – Otis L. Childress, 50, charged with possession of drug equipment and other ordinance violations

Feb. 20
 N. 2nd St./Spring Creek Road – Jamie E. Grimm, 26, charged with speeding, improper lane usage, driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol (over .08), speeding, and improper lane usage

Feb. 21
 East/Riverside – Jeremy D. Stephens, 28, charged with operating an uninsured motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, and an in-state warrant

5100 Forest Hills Road – Cory M. Nathan, Jr., 22, charged with operating an uninsured motor vehicle, driving under the influence of drugs, speeding, attempting to flee or elude an officer, speeding, driving under the influence of drugs, attempting to flee or elude an officer, and operating an uninsured vehicle

Feb. 22
 125 Grand Blvd. – Anthony Martinez, 27, charged with attempt to locate/foreign warrant

Feb. 23
 E. Riverside Blvd./East Dr. – Teresa Shields, 27, charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, and illegal use of a cell phone

N. 2nd St./Windsor Road – Michael J. Gaines, 30, charged with failure to reduce speed/too fast for conditions, and an in-state warrant

5629 N. 2nd St. – Aaliyah K. Humphries, 20, charged with forgery

Feb. 24
 4747 N. 2nd St. – James R. Jones, 37, charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, and seat belt violations

4702 N. 2nd St. #25 – Robert M. Cox, 43, charged with of a false police report

Machesney Park

Feb. 19
 N. 2nd St./Marquette Road – Darnion R. Beestrum, 19, charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license

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The Harlem-Roscoe Fire Dept. responded to the following calls Feb 24-March 2. They also responded to 50 medical calls.

Feb. 24
5100 block of Elevator Road – lock out
11700 block of Parkway Dr. – lock out
8700 block of Overlook Dr. – smoke alarm
12700 block of Overlook Ct. – smoke alarm
Forest Hills and N. 2nd – truck fire
5800 block of E. Creek Road – mutual aid
9900 block N. Main St. – fire alarm
Feb. 25
I-90 and West Lane – motor vehicle accident
500 block of Pearl Ave. – mutual aid
300 block of Mosaic In. – oven fire

Feb. 26
3000 block of Merseyshire Lane – odor investigation
500 block of South Park Ave. – gas odor
Feb. 27
700 block of South Park Ave. – mutual aid
Rte. 2/Gleasant Road – mutual aid
9700 block of Poppy Dr. – carbon monoxide alarm
12600 block of North Second St. – unattended bonfire
Feb. 28
5900 block of Elevator Road = fire alarm
4700 block of E. Rockton Road – lock out
March 1
Swanson Road/Swanson Ct. – assist police
March 2
North Second St./Forest Hills – moving vehicle accident

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N. 2nd St./Harlem Road – Nicholas R. Real, 30, charged with forcible entry, auto theft, possession or sale of hypodermic syringe/needles, operating an uninsured motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, traffic signal violation, speeding, traffic sign violation, and attempts to flee or elude officer
224 Ralston Road – John E. Ralston, 47, charged with speeding and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license
Feb. 20
650 W. State St. – Michael R. Day, 26, charged with a warrant/summons/subpoena
6448 Edgewood Road – Elizabeth L. Cardenas, 24, charged with theft over \$500
N. 2nd St./Superior Ave. – Joseph M. Casarotto, 36, charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol (over .08)
Feb. 21
Marquette Road/Shore Dr. – Branden R. Autrey, 22, charged with a Rockford Police Department warrant
Feb. 22
4718 Terrang Tr. – Asjley N. Jacobson, 31, charged with domestic battery
North Alpine/Juniper Lane – Michelle M. Dismuke, 35, charged with operating an uninsured motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license
Feb. 23
8413 Waterview Road – Kirk A. Bentley, 51, charged with domestic battery
1013 Colonial Dr. – Gregory Peter Williams, 42, charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license

Bauer Pkwy./Victory Lane – Mario M. Curb, 29, charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license
7510 Scott Lane – Jared W. Kerner, 32, charged with interfering with a public officer, resist/obstruct/disarm officer
Feb. 24
650 West State St. – Christopher M. Knight, 26, charged with operating an uninsured motor vehicle, driving under the influence of alcohol, failure to reduce speed/too fast for conditions, hit and run, and a warrant/summons/ subpoena
Forest Hills Road/West Lane Road – Angela G. Zodda, 36, charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license

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Rockford man pleads guilty to the robberies of Rockford bank and coin and stamp store

A Rockford man pleaded guilty last week in federal court before U.S. District Judge Frederick J. Kapala to bank robbery, robbery affecting interstate commerce and a related firearm charge.

David J. Sanders, 33, pleaded guilty to the robbery of BMO Harris Bank, 1480 South Alpine Road, Rockford, on May 31, 2016, and the robbery of Rockford Coin and Stamps, 4402 Center Terrace, Rockford, on June 11, 2016, and to using and carrying a Remington pistol-grip shotgun in furtherance of that robbery on June 11, 2016.

According to the written plea agreement, on May 31, 2016, Sanders attempted to rob the

BMO Harris Bank branch located at 2510 South Alpine Road in Rockford.

Sanders approached the branch manager and pulled a note out of his pocket that stated that he had a gun and demanded money. However, when a bank employee came out of an employee door into the lobby, Sanders took the note and walked out.

A short time later, Sanders entered BMO Harris Bank at 1480 South Alpine, approached the teller counter and was greeted by the bank manager. Sanders handed the bank manager a note that stated, "I have a gun give me 1,000."

The bank manager said she could not give Sanders money, and when she attempted to keep the note, Sanders took it away from the manager and said, "I want \$1,000." The manager opened the teller drawer and gave Sanders \$2,260. Sanders then left the bank.

Sanders further admitted in the plea agreement that on June 11, 2016, he entered Rockford Coin and Stamps at 4402 Center Terrace, in Rockford. Sanders admitted he walked behind the display counter and obtained a Remington pistol-grip shotgun with five live shells attached to the side of the shotgun that belonged to Rockford Coin and Stamps. Sanders admitted that while holding the shotgun he demanded money.

An employee gave Sanders approximately \$500. Sanders then fled with the money and the shotgun.

Each count of bank robbery and robbery affecting interstate commerce carries a maximum penalty of up to 20 years in prison, up to 3 years of supervised release following imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or gross loss resulting from that offense, whichever is greater, and full restitution.

The charge of using and carrying a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence carries a mandatory mini-

mum sentence of 5 years, maximum penalty of up to life imprisonment, up to 5 years of supervised release following imprisonment, and a fine of up to \$250,000. The sentence imposed for this charge must be consecutive to any other sentence imposed. The court must impose a reasonable sentence under federal sentencing statutes and the advisory United States Sentencing Guidelines.

Sanders, who has been in custody since his arrest on June 14, 2016, is scheduled to be sentenced on June 27, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.

The plea agreement was announced by Zachary T. Fardon, United States Attorney for the

Northern District of Illinois; Michael Anderson, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Office of Federal Bureau of Investigation; and Dan O'Shea, Chief of the Rockford Police Department.

The investigation was conducted under the auspices of the FBI Safe Streets Task Force, which includes representatives from the FBI, ATF, Loves Park Police Department, Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, and Rockford Police Department.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph C. Pedersen.

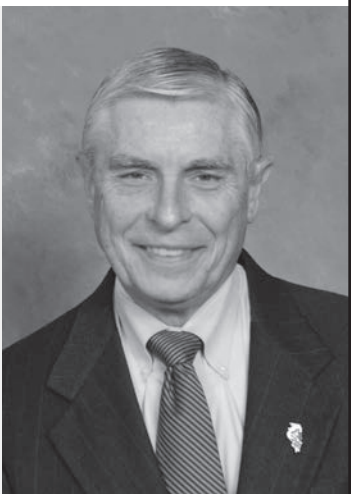
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Slices of life

We just kept having babies

I don't expect everyone to understand. Don't even expect approval or a nod. Most smart, logical and common sense-driven people stop somewhere around 2.5 children. We did not.

I remember being afraid to tell my parents or friends about the last one. When we finally did tell, some people told me we were making too many or that I was too old.

Or, even more daring – and this happened more than once – they asked if our upcoming family member was (at best) a “surprise,” or (at worst) a “mistake.”

I didn't let any of the judgment get the best of me then. There wasn't much I could do. Unfortunately for all the on-looking, opinionated bystanders, it was too late. By that time I was already shopping in the maternity department.

We just kept having babies.

In the big scheme of things, we are only middle-of-the-road baby makers. We made just four – not even a handful. Lots of families go further to have five, six or into the double digits, even.

My dad grew up in a family with 12 siblings. By those standards, four isn't many at all, not much to brag about.

But now that I am a seasoned mom who has graduated from the reality of the cost of diapers to the reality of the cost of college tuition, I realize four is a lot more than two.

Practically twice as many, depending on the exponential factors concerning car insurance rates multiplied by the cost of tennis shoes and divided by (apple) pi.

We just kept having babies.

Now many of our friends are becoming empty nesters. They are free to plan trips and purchase RVs



By
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and dream about retirement. We dream of retirement while attending sporting events dominated by 14-year olds, one of whom calls us mom and dad.

Our friends completed their parenting stint – the hands-on part of it at least – in about 20 years. We're in for the long haul. No wimpy 5K-race stuff for us. We signed up for the marathon because we like to pull the band-aid off slowly.

I've done middle school algebra four times now, and I'm finally getting good at it. You know what they

say, whatever doesn't kill you only makes you stronger. I am Hercules.

We just kept having babies.

And our love multiplied each time. Like the Grinch's heart doubling in size with each one. The intense emotion brought with it both joy and worry – also multiplied. Because love isn't cheap.

It leaves you vulnerable and open to the best and the worst possibilities and experiences in life. Babies bring the potential for all those.

Some people hike the mountains, use power tools to make furniture, travel the globe or embrace their passion for gardening together. Life offers infinite adventures ripe for the picking.

We didn't intend to live the life we've had. My husband wasn't sure about children at all at first. I considered stopping at one. Despite those facts, we just kept having babies.

They are what we did together. The great marriage project. Our kids were our passion. They are our passion. That, and each other.

Because you've got to have that – if you want to keep having babies.

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True confessions of a pretty house junkie, the addiction continues

I have a confession to make. I am an addict. I used to be addicted to Coca-Cola. And then Trident White gum. I have released both of those so perhaps in time I can release this addiction. I am addicted to Zillow.

If you don't know, www.Zillow.com is a website/app that shows houses for sale. There are similar resources that I like too - Trulia and realtor.com - but since Zillow was my first taste, it's the hit that I crave and cannot let go of.

When we were house shopping these past couple years, I pretty much started my day with a Zillow fix. Then we decided to go condo, so I deleted the Zillow app from my phone. But all the properties that I had saved were still linked to my email. So once in a while now, I still get an alert.

That got my fingers walking. Click, click, click. Just take a peek. What is on the market. I'm just curious. This innocent inquiry also reignited my perusing of Hooked on Houses.net, Old Houses.com and Circa Old Houses.com. Sigh. I love houses.

It's not harmful, that's what I told myself. Many people love to oh and ah over lovely homes. These sites wouldn't exist if people (who have no intention of buying, selling, or moving) didn't love to look at pretty houses.

Sweet cottages. Yes. Woodsy retreats. Yes. Ornate Victorians (I'll take Queen Anne and Italianate



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too). Yes. Sleek contemporaries.

Yes. I don't limit to searching to my state of Illinois either. Wisconsin. Sure. Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia. Mountains? Hell yes.

But I don't want to just look. I can window shop for shoes, purses and other pretties. Once in a while I feel the urge to buy but mainly at this age and stage in my life, I don't want more stuff. (So says the woman who just returned from Palm Springs and happened on to a bling store, and flew home with bedazzled cowboy boots, a blingy cardigan, earrings, and two purses because I couldn't choose between the gold and silver so I bought them both). When it comes to homes, I want to buy.

If I count up the homes I have purchased with my first husband, I think it tallies to six, one we never even moved in to. Then divorce and my first condo. Then Prince Charming and I married and bought a house. That was five years there. Now we are in a condo. Yet my addiction rages on.

Another quirky habit is buying

domain names. Some I may never use, but I snag them “just in case.” I just bought myprettyprettyhouse.com.

Perhaps someday I will have a shop with all the pretties that I love don't fit in my own space. Or I'll just post pictures of my pretty pretty house.

Am I worried about my addiction? Not really. It doesn't make me gain weight, break out in cold sweats, and I don't twitch. Not yet anyway.

My Prince Charming keeps me pacified when we travel by always finding a patch of gorgeous homes. Sometimes we go to Open Houses and I have been known to call a realtor and tour a home or two.

Is it an endless hopeless quest? Of course not. A quest involves an adventurous journey. That is also the definition of life.

What is the next home stop for me? Who knows. For now I will be open to possibility. I will create a new vision board. And I will keep looking at Zillow.

Kelly Epperson Simmons says she should be a paid spokesperson for Zillow. (Zillow, if you're listening, she's available.) Send Kelly your idea of what your pretty pretty house is to info@kellyepperson.com or PO Box 2324, Loves Park, IL 61131. Sign up for Kelly's weekly email newsletter at www.kellyepperson.com.

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