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County coroner's office opens in former SJ-R building

New morgue will serve as a regional hub for forensic investigations

COUNTY | Dean Olsen

Coroners speak for the dead. In doing so, they play a key role in bringing accountability to the living.

That's why Sangamon County Coroner Jim Allmon was emotional when he spoke at a ribbon-cutting ceremony for his recently opened regional morgue in the former State Journal-Register building in Springfield.

"We're in a position now to better help people, and that's really what our mission is," said Allmon, 51, a Republican and coroner's office employee since 2003. He has been the elected coroner since 2020. "We've been looking forward to this day for a long time. This facility is built with our loved and our lost in mind. We ensure every case is handled with professionalism, care and compassion."

It was Allmon's dream for Sangamon County to have its own freestanding morgue, replacing the county's longtime use of facilities inside Springfield Memorial Hospital for autopsies and refrigerated storage space for bodies at both Springfield Memorial and HSHS St. John's Hospital.

The new morgue and coroner's office will result in more effective and efficient operations, Allmon said. Included are larger and more convenient spaces for autopsies, as well as private spaces for families of the

deceased and police and other officials investigating suspicious or undetermined deaths.

And the office's expansion over the past year to make its services more attractive to county coroners in central and southern Illinois will reduce Sangamon County taxpayers' burden for supporting the office and make professional death investigations more convenient to access, Allmon said.

The National Academy of Sciences in 2009 recommended many changes to the patchwork of coroner, medical examiner and death-investigation systems across the country to institute more professionalism, consistency and accuracy. But few improvements have resulted.

A 2011 investigation by the PBS program "Frontline" stated, "Blunders by doctors in America's morgues have put innocent people in prison cells, allowed the guilty to go free, and left some cases so muddled that prosecutors could do nothing."

Morgan County Coroner Marcy Patterson said the regional morgue in Springfield is a positive step forward in this part of Illinois.

"It's an incredible opportunity for the region," she told *Illinois Times*. "This gives everyone involved a state-of-the-art facility



Sangamon County Coroner Jim Allmon shows off the spacious autopsy area in the newly renovated coroner's office during public tours of the new facility on June 11. The office, at Sangamon South, 300 S. Ninth St. in Springfield, began receiving remains of deceased people on June 13. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

that will help us provide a consistently accurate cause and manner of death."

The \$6 million in renovations at the three-story building now known as Sangamon South, 300 S. Ninth St., allowed the coroner's office to consolidate vehicles, equipment and personnel from four locations to one.

More than \$4 million of the renovations for the coroner's office, and for evidence-storage areas elsewhere in the building used by the sheriff's department, came from federal COVID-19 relief funds. State funding is covering the rest of the cost of renovations.

The county bought the 135,000-square-foot SJ-R building, originally constructed in the early 1980s, from the newspaper's parent company, Gannett, at auction for \$1.25 million in 2021. The newspaper's staff, vastly downsized since the building's construction, currently is based in office space at 2144 S. MacArthur Blvd. in Springfield.

The largest refrigerated forensic storage space in Illinois south of Interstate 80 will be a relief for the coroner's staff, Allmon said. The staff no longer will have to scramble to avoid decomposition of remains and transfer bodies between locations when space used to fill up at Springfield Memorial and St. John's, he said.

Each hospital had refrigerated space for 12 to 14 bodies and no freezer space for longer-term storage. The new morgue has refrigerated space for 60 bodies, including freezer space for 12 bodies.

The new morgue, in the basement of the building only steps away from where the newspaper's press used to roar every night, includes a sealed area for autopsies on bodies involving advanced decomposition or insect infestation.

Rapid air circulation in that area will reduce the spread of smells and other disruptions for staff members not involved in those cases, Allmon said.

With the newly renovated and more spacious facilities, along with office space for the county's board-certified forensic

pathologist, Dr. Nathaniel Patterson – no relation to Marcy Patterson – the new morgue will offer the region easier access for central and southern Illinois counties needing autopsy and related testing services, Allmon said.

Some of those counties will save money by paying Sangamon County for autopsies rather than flying in forensic pathologists from out of state – sometimes as far away as Kentucky – or having to travel and transport bodies for autopsies in Bloomington-Normal or Peoria, Allmon said.

The new fees that Sangamon County will receive for morgue services, money that otherwise would go to the two Springfield hospitals, will help reduce the need for county tax revenue to support the coroner's office's approximately \$1 million annual budget, Allmon said.

Allmon's office also will incur a savings by no longer needing to pay Springfield Memorial and HSHS St. John's in rental fees and related costs, he said. That's not to say the county isn't grateful to the hospitals.

"They really rolled out the red carpet for us for years, and we can't thank them enough," Allmon said, adding that Springfield Memorial donated \$200,000 worth of equipment from its own morgue for the new facility.

Allmon's office handles more than 600 cases involving the death of people in Sangamon County each year, everything from homicides, suicide and drug overdoses to natural deaths that initially are undetermined as to the cause and manner.

In 2024, the office performed 235 autopsies on people who died in Sangamon County and more than 300 autopsies from people who died outside the county through arrangements with coroners' offices in other counties. □

Editor's note

Suddenly the antiwar president is threatening to take the U.S. into war with Iran. He may have thought threats would be enough to get Iran to give in to his demand for "unconditional surrender," but it only brought a return threat from Iran to inflict "irreparable damage" if the U.S. intervenes. President Trump thought blocking Israel from assassinating Ayatollah Ali Khamenei would bring gratitude from the Iranian leader, but that didn't work either. Threatening assassination is good only for getting assassinated. Wars are easy to start, hard to stop. Peace is the more difficult way. There's a lot more to making peace than being antiwar. – Fletcher Farrar, editor

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Thousands facing eviction get free assistance

HOUSING | Jon Noll

Since 2020, around 4% of Illinois residents – 560,000 – have acquired legal assistance from the Eviction Help Illinois Program. Eviction Help Illinois is a state program funded through a partnership between the Illinois Department of Human Services and the Illinois Equal Justice Foundation (IEJF). The program helps low-income Illinoisans get free legal representation if they are threatened with getting evicted from their homes.

State funding is given to a network of 16 legal providers throughout Illinois and these legal providers offer free legal assistance. One of these legal providers, Land of Lincoln Legal Aid, covers 65 counties in central and southern Illinois and offers legal advice and/or court representation in about 3,000 cases each year, according to Andrew Weaver, deputy director of Land of Lincoln Legal Aid.

“Each legal provider that is awarded funds by the IEJF helps people in the counties that they serve, with some counties being covered by multiple providers,” Weaver said in an interview. This allows people in need all over Illinois to be able to find help near them,

rather than having to drive to a big city far away. For example, Land of Lincoln Legal Aid alone has regional offices in nine locations all over southern and central Illinois, including one in Springfield. Land of Lincoln also has a hotline, the Legal Advice and Referral Center (LARC), that processes applicants via telephone or online application.

“The first step for applicants living in the Land of Lincoln region is to contact LARC through Land of Lincoln’s Eviction Hotline at 855-601-9474,” Weaver said. “The hotline will decide if someone is eligible for legal assistance, and if so, they will be assigned an attorney to be given advice, and/or directed to other resources.”

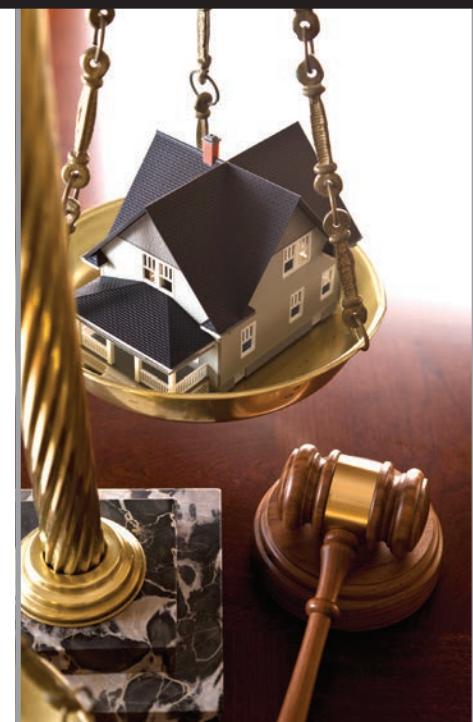
The hotline will also direct the applicant to a regional office near them. The regional office is where the recently accepted person will go to further discuss their case with their attorney.

Land of Lincoln has around 70 lawyers who provide legal assistance. About half do eviction work, among other kinds of law, and any of them may be assigned to an

applicant’s case after they have been accepted into the program. The help given by these attorneys could be as little as giving advice to their clients or, as much as representing them in court. For example, if a person were about to get evicted and got a lawyer through Eviction Help Illinois, the lawyer could make a compromise between the person and the landlord, so that they could remain peaceful and the tenant could stay in the residence.

According to a press release, of the 560,000 people who have been given legal assistance from Eviction Help Illinois, around 1,500 were helped in Sangamon County. The numbers show not only the significance this program has had on Illinois, but also locally. Even though the program has only been in operation for five years, one in 25 people in Illinois have already been helped with their housing situations.

For more information about free legal assistance through Eviction Help Illinois call 1-855-631-0811, go to <https://evictionhelpillinois.org> or text 1-844-9EVICT-0. If you do not qualify for



legal help with one legal provider, you could still qualify with one of the other partner legal providers that are part of the Illinois program. □

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Great Race coming to Springfield

Capital city is a stop this year, will kick off next year's vintage auto event

TOURISM | Adrian Dater

Springfield traffic court is usually a very crowded place, as the city has a well-known reputation for being tough on speeders. On June 23, a lot of old cars will come speeding into town, but perhaps in their cases, the radar guns will be more forgiving for going 50 in a 35 that day around the state Capitol building.

That's because, for the first time, Springfield will be an overnight stop for drivers in the Hemmings Motor News Great Race, an event that began in 1983 and this year starts in St. Paul, Minnesota, on June 21 and finishes in Irmo, South Carolina, on June 29. The pit stop in Springfield will be on Monday, June 23, when drivers will display their 1974-and-older vintage automobiles to anyone who wants to see them. They'll also mingle to discuss what it's like to race more than 2,000 miles in cars that, in some cases, date to when William Howard Taft was president (1909-13).

While Springfield is a stop along the way this year, next year the state capital will serve as the host city for the race. Instead of just one night, being the host city means a week-long series of events that will be paradise for the many gearheads who populate Sangamon County. That will coincide nicely with the city's many planned activities next year for the 100th anniversary of Route 66.

"We're not only the state capital, but we're the car capital of Illinois," said Scott Dahl, director of the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau. "We host a lot of cruises, car shows and the International Route 66 Mother Road Festival. So, I think this fits Springfield really well."

Kankakee's Teri and Jeff Fredette are just the kind of people attracted to the Great Race. While both are at the retirement ages of 66 and 67, respectively, their idea of great fun is to saddle up in their 1933 Ford pickup, complete with a standard 21-stud flathead V8 engine, and hit the open road. It has no AC, no GPS and no room for more than two people in the truck. All contestants have a daily set of clues on a multi-page, hand-drawn map for the next destination, not given out until that morning.

"It's a really cool deal," said Teri, who works in sales for a media site, Blox Digital. "We're big believers in 'there's always something to do, places to go, people to see.' That's what keeps you young – keep moving and keep learning."



Jeff Fredette will be driving a 1933 Ford pickup in this year's Great Race, which stops in Springfield June 16. Son Eric, left, serves as the navigator, while his wife, Teri, follows behind in a car carrying a spare engine, in case it's needed. PHOTO COURTESY TERI FREDETTE

While there is \$160,000 in prize money, including \$50,000 to the winner, participants are in it more for the adventure than the money. The course changes every year, and entrants such as the Fredettes can't wait for the next slice of American road they might not have seen before.

"You're on these roads that nobody's on. It's backstreet America. It's way cool," said Jeff Fredette, who will drive the '33 Ford while his wife will be there "for support." Jeff's 34-year-old son, Eric, will be the navigator. Jeff and Eric won the 2018 Hemmings Great Race, which spanned from Buffalo, New York, to Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Said Teri: "It's a big social thing among the racers, too. There are people I can't wait to see again, who compete every year."

It's not cheap to take part in the Great

Race. Entrance fees go up to \$7,500, and participants are responsible for all their costs along the way, such as hotels, gas, and food – although many are put up for the night by family, friends or sudden acquaintances met along the way. It's a race as much of time as of speed, as competitors are tasked with arriving in each city at predetermined times. They get points added or subtracted for how precisely they arrive at the checkpoints.

A 1933 Ford pickup of the kind the Fredettes own usually runs about \$25,000, if it can be found in running condition. Jeff said when he bought his, it was not in running condition. His late father, a former participant in the Great Race, bought it in Idaho, transported it back to Illinois and rebuilt the entire engine. Now, it "purrs like a kitten," Jeff said.

Jeff inherited not only his father's love for driving vintage cars, but interest in how they work. He can rebuild an engine in a few hours, his wife says, and takes with him a spare engine in a follow car that Teri will probably be in most of the time while Jeff and his son are in the Ford. Jeff is also a champion motorbike racer who holds many records in the Six Days Enduro, considered the Olympics of endurance motorbike racing.

"One of my dad's final wishes about 10 years ago was for us in the family to keep running the race," Jeff said. "It wasn't a hard sell." □

Adrian Dater, a longtime former sportswriter in Denver and author of seven books, moved to Springfield in 2023 to get his first taste of life in the Midwest.

Massey Commission continues pursuit of reform

Group approaches anniversary of Sonya Massey's death

SYSTEMIC CHANGE | Logan Bricker

Anticipating the July 6 one-year anniversary of Sonya Massey's death, the Massey Commission met Monday, June 16, to discuss memorial initiatives and further reform efforts in the form of community policing changes and recovery-focused support.

The commission began by proposing memorial initiatives, which include wearing purple clothing throughout July and planting purple flowers in remembrance and solidarity.

Additionally, the commission announced a planned memorial concert for July 10 at the upcoming Levitt Amp festival, as well as proposing that a permanent symbol of Massey be added to the county building.

Speakers invited to present findings, data and suggestions for community improvement were the Springfield branch of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) network. Each organization had different yet complementary approaches to preventing future events like Sonya Massey's death.

ROSC, a community-focused addiction recovery network founded by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) in 2018, was introduced as a change from a short-term attitude toward substance recovery to a continuous, long-term attitude of recovery. ROSC's recent community survey, which spanned December 2024 to February 2025, revealed significant gaps in community services, particularly for youth and those exiting incarceration.

Whitney Devine, Sangamon County ROSC program manager, said, "Respondents were aware of few resources and services for youth compared to adult services. In general, awareness of mental health-related services was lower than the awareness of substance use-related services."

Austin Dambacher, ROSC coordinator, added that nearly half of respondents weren't aware of resources for people exiting incarceration with substance use needs, and a majority were unaware of mental health resources for this population.

Major barriers included waitlists, cost, stigma, lack of insurance and transportation. However, Naloxone awareness and usage were



Springfield ACLU President Ken Page, right, addresses the Massey Commission meeting Monday, June 16. Also pictured are Massey Commission co-chair JoAnn Johnson, left, and Ed Yohnka, ACLU Illinois communications director.

PHOTO BY LOGAN BRICKER

surprisingly high. The survey highlighted three major gaps: youth services, family support, and services for the incarcerated/formerly incarcerated.

The lack of youth services was particularly concerning to ROSC, citing limited outpatient substance use treatment for adolescents and zero adolescent residential treatment providers in the county. "The awareness and existence of resources related to supporting people currently incarcerated or exiting incarceration is low," Dambacher said.

ROSC proposed increasing youth services, adding preventative measures and peer support groups, improved interagency communication, resource bundles for those leaving incarceration – including basic supplies and job/housing resources – and expanding access to peer recovery specialists.

Devine emphasized the need for more youth support groups. "It's helpful to have

support groups, especially when you're among your peers...to have support groups with people that are also going through the same thing." Commission members expressed interest in collaborating with ROSC to address these gaps and incorporate its recommendations into their final report.

On the matter of reforming the community in another way, ACLU president Ken Page and communications director Ed Yohnka focused more on the reformation of policing practices, while ROSC focused on the community itself.

Presenting traffic stop data from the Illinois Department of Transportation and the seven police departments within the Sangamon area, the ACLU found consistent discrepancies across Illinois police data, which showed a far higher stop and search rate for Black and brown individuals than for most others.

According to the United States Census Bureau, only 19.8% of Springfield residents are Black, but they're being pulled over at higher rates. Data from the Illinois Department of Transportation shows Black motorists were 5.7 times more likely to be pulled over than their counterparts.

Page further commented on these discrepancies, noting that while around 90% of people currently on the road are actively committing some form of traffic violation, the discrepancies in stops and searches between races have remained mostly the same for the past 20 years.

One solution already being implemented by the Springfield Police Department is a "lights-on voucher program," which aims to address repeated stops for minor vehicle violations. The program works by offering vehicle repair vouchers at participating businesses instead of tickets.

Page noted that most traffic stops boil down to mechanical violations, which often disproportionately affect low-income individuals who cannot afford to fix their vehicle's issue easily and eventually lead to subsequent stops down the road and traffic tickets, which make it harder to deal with an already expensive situation.

The ACLU representatives also suggested regular community meetings with police departments as another way to build community trust. Page says that giving an opportunity for direct, two-way communication would help communities express their needs and grievances while allowing local police to receive feedback on practices and explain themselves constructively.

More information about the Massey Commission and upcoming meetings can be found on its website: <https://sangamonil.gov/departments/a-c/county-board/massey-commission/home> □

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GUESTWORK | Dennis A. Rendleman

The hundreds of thousands of Americans who took part in the “No Kings” protests across the country on Saturday, June 14, were asserting a demand that the current president and his minions comply with the rule of law.

Elections do have consequences. It is the American way to oppose policies and programs of a president and administration. However, regardless of one’s political philosophy or partisanship, Americans are governed by the rule of law as it exists in the U.S. Constitution, laws enacted by Congress and signed by a president, and rulings by courts of law. One can also argue that common law and practices are also precedents that are a natural part of the rule of law.

Now we are witnessing, not just changes in policy, but an anarchical disregard for the legal process for changes in policy. The Illinois State Bar Association summarized the breach in its February 2025 statement in support of the rule of law and an impartial and independent judiciary: “Embodying in the U.S. Constitution, for 236 years these foundational principles have contributed significantly to an ordered society, the preservation of individual rights, checks and balances on excessive

government actions, and a firm confidence by the public that access to equal justice is available to all.”

As ABA president Bill Bay stated: “We have seen attempts at wholesale dismantling of departments and entities created by Congress without seeking the required congressional approval to change the law. There are efforts to dismiss employees with little regard for the law and protections they merit, and social media announcements that disparage and appear to be motivated by a desire to inflame without any stated factual basis.”

In Illinois, we see continuing threats to the rule of law by Department of Homeland Security and its anti-immigration posse with increasing seamy attacks on residents from outside the U.S. moving toward actions parallel to the military invasion of Los Angeles. Treatment of those seized, legally or not, is inhumane treatment in violation of the rule of law.

Nationally, as of June 13, there have been 187 court actions successfully delaying or preventing the administration’s illegal, unconstitutional acts. Historically, no presidential administration has acted so



More than 1,000 people gathered on the Illinois State Capitol grounds for a No Kings protest and march on Saturday, June 14. It was one of an estimated 2,000 protests held in various locations to coincide with President Donald Trump's military parade in Washington D.C. PHOTO FROM ORGANIZE FACEBOOK PAGE

egregiously. This administration’s response has been to attack, attack, attack. Anyone acting against “the king’s” directives is the enemy and subject to juvenile-level abuse. He calls judges America-hating and seeks their removal – even of those who were appointed by the first version of this administration.

It returns us to the imperial presidency, complete with the unconstitutional concept of the “unified executive.” Quoting Richard Nixon – “When the president does it, it is not illegal.” In contrast, Thomas Paine wrote in *Common Sense*: “For as in absolute governments the king is law, so in free

countries the law ought to be king; and there ought to be no other.”

Whatever other messages may have been sent by the “No Kings” protest, the key is objection to the disregard of the Constitution, congressional acts and judicial rulings. Rule of law should be our guiding beacon, as it has been for over 200 years. □

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OPINION



A parking lot owned by Sangamon County government that is south of the BOS Center, at far right, is the proposed site for a \$93 million expansion of the convention center and a new \$100 million, multi-level hotel offering 200 to 300 rooms. State Rep. Mike Coffey Jr., R-Springfield, who also chairs the SMEAA board that controls the BOS Center, told Illinois Times the project "will be what saves downtown."

LETTERS

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TRY SOMETHING NEW

How many times are you going to rehash the huge vacancy of downtown offices ("A plan to save downtown," June 5)?

This city government has been talking about repairing the downtown since the 1970s. Remember *Time* – not *Illinois Times*, but the major *Time* magazine – had our Hilton hotel towering over the state Capitol on the front page of its nationally known publication.

The city and state government should work together to bring in businesses, instead of being business poison to major corporations and mom-and-pop businesses. The taxes are so tight and extreme here, nobody can afford to paint their homes or repair and beautify their gardens, let alone buy proper food for their families.

Why don't you bring in IKEA downtown; we could use a blockbuster company like that, even if it's just three-quarters of a normal store. Where are the law offices and accounting offices, instead of bars, bars, bars? Maybe another Sam's or Costco?

Also, why don't we have a Kindermart Christmas downtown during the holidays like they do in Europe? Downtown would be a pretty good place to have one, or maybe in front of the Governor's Mansion.

The story about redoing the downtown is like Hollywood is constantly trying to fix the same thing. When you take the people surrounding the area and disenfranchise them, they don't want to be a part of it.

*Jayne D. Cates
Springfield*

BRING BACK STATE WORKERS

If people truly want to save our downtown, force all the state workers who are currently sitting home in their pajamas to come back into the office. This will put more people back into buildings and more money back into our local economy, making our city thrive again.

*Steve Hartman
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes*

SAVE THE WYNDHAM

There has been another mention by the powers that be about the possibility of tearing down the former Forum 30 tower (now the Wyndham hotel), something that I had referred to in a previous letter to the editor.

Save the architecturally unique building from the wrecking ball in order to make room for another hotel in conjunction with the proposed BOS Center. It's been an iconic Springfield landmark for more than 50 years that can be seen from miles around, and it stands out on the city's skyline – along with the venerable Capitol, of course. Few cities the size of this one can boast of having such a tall, modern-looking structure. Build the new one somewhere else. There are plenty of empty spaces downtown.

*Mike Shepherd
New Berlin*

GET CONTROL OF WYNDHAM

Figure out a settlement agreement with the Wyndham owner so the county has site control or ownership of that space. It is more valuable to the developers and the final designs for the BOS Center expansion.

*Aaron McEvoy
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes*

NO KINGS

As we approach July 4, I reread the Declaration of Independence. It accused King George of "repeated injuries" and establishing "an absolute Tyranny." Specifically, "He has refused his Assent to Laws," proceeded without "Representation in the Legislature," "endeavoured to prevent the population of these States [by] obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners," "obstructed the Administration of Justice," "made Judges dependent on his Will alone," maintained "among us in times of peace, Standing Armies," "render[ed] the Military ...superior to the Civil power," "cut...off our Trade with all parts of the world," "impos[ed] Taxes on us without our Consent," "transport[ed] us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences," "destroyed the lives of our people" and "excited domestic insurrections among us." The American Revolution showed the King that he should not have done this to his subjects. And a people who won the revolution and won the right to govern themselves should not do this to each other.

*Jim Lewis
Albuquerque, New Mexico*

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Chicago on list for ICE raids

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Multiple news outlets have reported that the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency is preparing to deploy its Special Response Teams to five major U.S. cities, including Chicago, in the very near future.

Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson's chief of staff Cristina Pacione-Zayas told reporters last week: "There will be tactical teams, mini-tanks, other tools they use in which they plan to do raids, as we saw in Los Angeles."

Last Thursday, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem explained to reporters in Los Angeles the reasoning behind the massive federal response to sporadic violent protests against ICE in that city: "We are not going away," Noem said. "We are staying here to liberate the city from the socialists and the burdensome leadership that this governor and that this mayor have placed on this country and what they have tried to insert into the city."

In other words, according to Noem, the federal government intends to "liberate" those Americans from their own duly elected state and local governments.

Immediately after Secretary Noem said that, California U.S. Senator Alex Padilla was forcibly dragged out of her media event by federal police and handcuffed when he identified himself and attempted to address Noem.

Thursday night, a three-judge federal appeals panel put on hold an order by a district court judge hours earlier that would've forced the federal government to relinquish control over 4,000 National Guard troops deployed to Los Angeles.

Federal law allows the president to federalize state national guards whenever he is "unable with the regular forces to execute the

laws of the United States."

A hearing was scheduled on the lower court ruling, but it's possible, perhaps even probable that we can expect the same attempt at federalizing our Illinois National Guard troops.

Gov. JB Pritzker said during a congressional committee hearing last Thursday that he would "stand in the way" of Trump border adviser Tom Homan, "going after people who don't deserve to be frightened in their communities, who don't deserve to be threatened, terrorized. I would rather that he came and arrested me than do that to the people of my state."

But there may not be a whole lot the governor can do when push literally comes to shove. And not just this governor.

Because of ICE's heightened presence in California, the National Guard issue and even the deployment of U.S. Marines, Gov. Gavin Newsom is the first line of defense for sanctuary states like Illinois, New York, etc.

Newsom filed the lawsuit to stop the federalizing of National Guard troops in his state. The governor and the Los Angeles mayor have both claimed that sending in the National Guard has inflamed the local situation. But, if President Donald Trump can maneuver himself into anything which he can convince himself is a "win," then this tactic will surely continue.

"They don't get (that governing is) not like the black and white of campaigning" said one person close to Pritzker about the Trump White House. "They are living on election night. And now they are creating a whole lot of chaos and lighting themselves on fire on an issue they had an advantage on."

But, holding out hope that Newsom will

be an effective firewall against this expansion of traditional presidential powers has its perils.

Political writers love writing about the guy, probably because he's good-looking and a bit of a showboating goofball. Newsom makes for great copy and visuals, but his methods aren't always sound.

Earlier this month, Newsom suggested via social media that the state could withhold \$80 billion in federal payments – equal to the difference between what the state receives

from the federal government and what its taxpayers send to D.C. It's a great soundbite, but it simply can't be done. State governments don't give money to the feds, taxpayers do.

This is the same Democratic governor who fawned over President Trump after the devastating southern California fires only to be denied federal help.

He's the same guy who President Trump said ought to be arrested last week.

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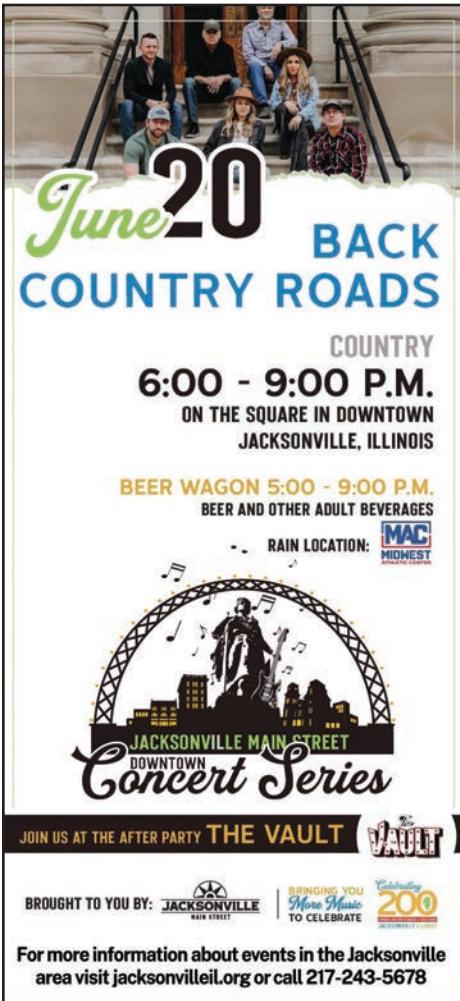


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The college crisis

Regional universities struggle to attract students amid funding challenges, changing demographics

EDUCATION | Scott Reeder

When University of Illinois Springfield recently was designated Illinois' top regional state university, it was a dose of good news on a campus that has seen its enrollment drop by 1,000 students during the last decade.

UIS is reviewing programs and pondering whether they continue to serve student needs, Chancellor Janet Gooch told *Illinois Times*. It's a situation almost all of the state's regional institutions find themselves in.

There is no precise definition for what constitutes a "regional university" or a "flagship" institution, said Cecilia Orphan, an associate professor of higher education at University of Denver who studies regional universities.

"A good but imprecise rule of thumb is regional schools are the state universities with

either a direction or a city in their name," she said.

In Illinois, University of Illinois campuses in Champaign-Urbana and Chicago are generally considered flagships. The remaining 10 state universities are often labeled as regional institutions.

And it is at these regional institutions that a crisis is brewing. In 2010, a combined 112,200 students attended those schools. But today, that number has dropped to 71,600 – a 36% decrease. During the same period, enrollment at University of Illinois' flagship campuses soared from 71,700 to 90,100 – a 26% increase.

These changes have left college towns such as Macomb, Carbondale and Charleston struggling.

A front-page *Wall Street Journal* article last month painted Western Illinois University and Macomb in almost post-apocalyptic terms:

"At Western Illinois University, an empty dorm that once held 800 students is now a police training ground, where active-shooter drills have left behind overturned furniture, rubber-tipped bullets and paintball casings.

"Nearby dorms have been razed to weedy fields. Two more dorms are set to close this summer. Frat houses and homes once filled with student renters are empty lots. City streets used to be so crowded during the semester that cars moved at a crawl. No more."

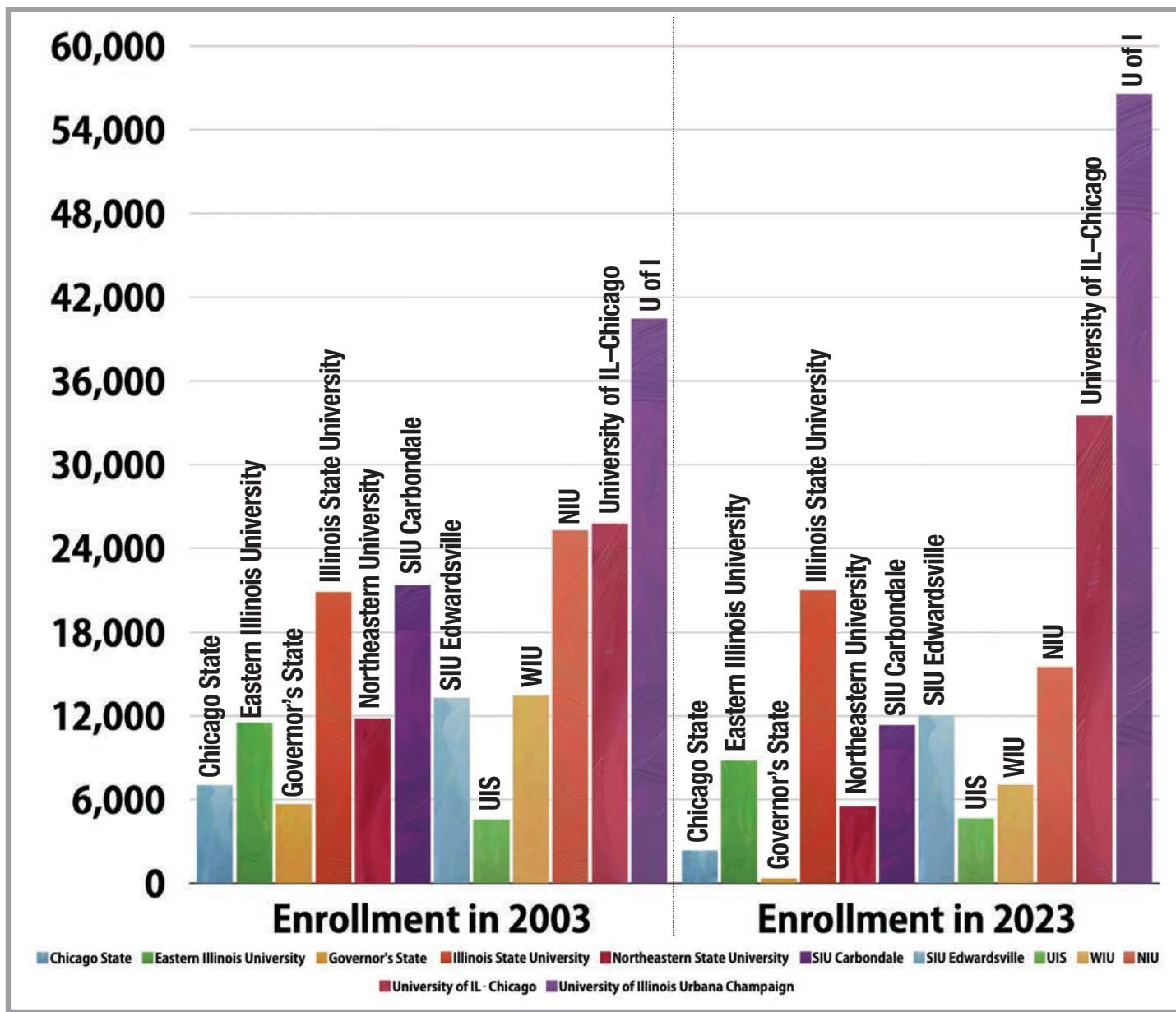
Much the same could be said of Southern Illinois University's Carbondale campus, said Jim Nowlan, a retired professor who writes

extensively about higher education.

"They have gone from a high of 22,000 students to about 11,000, and that includes online students. Carbondale is a long way from anywhere," he said.

But Kirk Dillard, a former state senator from the Chicago suburbs and a member of WIU's board of trustees, noted that Macomb and Carbondale are no more remote today than they were when their enrollments were at their peaks. And other regional schools such as Chicago State and Northeastern, which are in the heart of the state's largest metropolitan area, are struggling as much as or more than their rural counterparts.

Chicago State's enrollment has dropped from 7,040 in 2003 to 2,328. At Northeastern, which is also in Chicago,



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enrollment dropped from 11,825 to 5,504 during that same time period.

Dillard, who was a Republican state senator for 21 years, said other factors are contributing to the decline of almost all of Illinois' regional universities. Among the causes he cited are:

- Decades of state underfunding has forced universities to escalate tuition, pricing out many students.
- Enrollment growth at University of Illinois' Chicago and Champaign-Urbana campuses has been at the expense of other state universities.
- There are fewer high school students today, which makes for a shallower pool from which universities can draw.
- Colleges in neighboring states are aggressively recruiting Illinois high school students.
- More students are choosing to forgo college and enter the workforce directly or join a vocational training program.

Dillard said of all these factors, the most

devastating has been decades of underfunding by the state.

State underfunds higher education

Nowlan noted that when adjusted for inflation, state funding for higher education is less than half the level it was in 2000.

Illinois State University President Aondover Tarhule said, "The cost of running a university depends on how much you get from the state and how much parents and students pay. In Illinois, we have been disinvesting – in terms of the amount of money the state gives to the universities – over the last two, three decades. Other states have not disinvested to the same degree."

Tarhule noted that in the 1970s, Illinois taxpayers paid 70% of the cost of educating a state university student. Today, taxpayers are covering only 20% of the cost, he said.

When the state contributes less, students and their parents are expected to make up the difference with higher tuition bills. This makes Illinois schools less competitive with state

universities in neighboring states, he said.

Nowlan agreed, saying, "There has been a dramatic increase over the past 20 years in the numbers of Illinois high school graduates going out of state. Other states saw an opportunity because of the high tuition (in Illinois) and said, 'Look, come to Iowa. Come to Iowa State. We'll give you a package that costs less than Illinois schools.' These schools have good brand names: Iowa, Iowa State, the University of Wisconsin. They very consciously are poaching Illinois students."

Tarhule noted that Illinois ranks near the top in the nation for the number of students who leave to attend colleges elsewhere.

"We are a net exporter of students. We are No. 2 in the whole country in terms of states that export students to other states," he said. "New Jersey is No. 1. We are No. 2. So, we are losing a lot of our future tax base and our talent base. From a policy point of view, it makes no sense at all that the state is allowing this to continue."

Changing demographics

Southern Illinois University President Dan Mahoney said demographic changes are also making it more difficult to recruit students.

"Illinois is not any different than what you see in a lot of states across the country, with a few exceptions where they've had huge growth in high school seniors – places like Florida and Texas," he said. "But in most states, regional universities have lost enrollment over the last 10 to 15 years."

Don Sevener, who was a senior executive with the Illinois Board of Higher Education and later lobbied for Northern Illinois University, said students today are more focused on job training, at which not all of the state's universities have excelled.

"I think a lot of young people are looking for credentials, rather than a broad-based



UIS Chancellor Janet L. Gooch poses for a photo with student volunteers outside of Lincoln Residence Hall during First Year Student Move-In Day on Aug. 20, 2024. PHOTO BY: JOAN SESTAK/UIS



From left, Southern Illinois University System President Dan Mahony, along with Chicago State University President "Z" Scott, Illinois State University President Aondover Tarhule, and Western Illinois University President Kristi Mindrup testify before a Senate committee in favor of a bill creating a new funding formula for the state's public universities. CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS PHOTO BY PETER HANCOCK

liberal arts education," he said. "And it's taken the public universities a long time to understand that and accept it. And maybe some haven't even accepted it yet. People are finding that they want value for their dollar, and in most cases – in their mind – that translates to job credentials."

Tarhule noted Illinois State University is the only regional university where enrollment has held steady over the decades. He credits the school's focus on workforce development.

"We are being very thoughtful about what we offer students," he said. "We're looking at what we think students are asking for and trying to provide that. So, we created a new college of engineering, a data science program, created a master's in public health. These are all things we've done in just the last few years."

Zack Stamp, a former Springfield resident and lobbyist who once chaired the WIU board of trustees, said the Macomb school may need to focus on the academic areas where it has traditionally excelled.

"If it wants to remain alive, which I think it does, they may want to become a specialized

school where they say, 'Look, these are the six things that we are specializing in,' Stamp said. "I am not saying that these are the right ones, but we're going to educate teachers, we're going to do law enforcement, we're going to do agriculture, we're going to do nursing. We're not going to be everything to everybody. You're not going to come here and get a degree in accounting. You're not going to come here and get a degree in philosophy. You're not going to come here and get a degree in political science."

WIU president Kristi Mindrup said with the declining number of students graduating from Illinois high schools, the university needs to rethink whom it serves.

"Universities in general, not just Western Illinois University, have been focused on that high school population," she said. "And so, this change presents us with an opportunity to cast a wider net and start to think more broadly about the type of students we can attract to our institutions. (We need to) think about adult student populations, working students."

Western isn't alone among regional universities in pondering where to focus. Gooch said UIS is also reviewing its program offerings.

"We are currently undertaking an initiative – an academic program portfolio review," she said. "We're looking at the programs that we offer to determine whether they are in line with market demand, student demand. That is something that we need to be sure of, that we are offering programs that are attractive to students."

Nowlan said another factor contributing to the enrollment decline at regional universities is the growth at the University of Illinois Chicago and Urbana-Champaign campuses.

Ross Hodel, who was director of ISU's Education Policy Center, said the current leadership at University of Illinois appears less concerned than previous university administrations about maintaining healthy state universities throughout Illinois.

Nowlan noted that the U of I has a smaller endowment than many other major research universities. So, it has brought in more money by expanding its student body, he said.

"The U of I has a rather modest endowment of a few billion dollars, whereas Harvard has \$60 billion or \$70 billion, and the Texas universities have similar amounts. So, it has to support the university and its research mission in part with numbers of undergraduate and graduate students. It's clear they have goosed enrollment."

"It has been successful at this because it has a better brand name than regional universities. And it has strong programs in the top areas such as computer science, engineering and the sciences. They're making the U of I very attractive and working hard to recruit the students who might have once gone to ISU. ... Western, Northern or Eastern."

Competition from community colleges

Gov. JB Pritzker unsuccessfully pushed legislation this past session that would have enabled community colleges to offer four-year bachelor's degrees.

While the measure has yet to pass, lawmakers call it a perennial issue that will

certainly be considered again. If it were to pass, some believe it would further devastate enrollment at regional universities.

"It would be a devastating thing for a place like here in Springfield with a community college and the four-year regional (university) right next to each other," said Dathan Powell, chapter president of the union representing tenured faculty at UIS.

"It doesn't make sense for property taxes that pay for the community college to be increased just to offer another program that's already being offered just down the road," he said.

Powell contends Pritzker supports allowing community colleges to offer four-year degrees because the funding would come from local property taxes rather than the state budget that he is trying to balance.

But when Pritzker proposed in March having community colleges offer bachelor's degrees he said, "We have some really terrific four-year institutions that are a vital part of the higher education system in Illinois, but we need to recognize that there are geographic, financial and accessibility constraints that close off too many students from attending those schools. With lower tuition rates and a greater presence across the state – especially in rural areas – community colleges provide the flexibility and affordability for students to pursue a quality education that works for them."

Sevener said such a measure would be detrimental to regional universities.

"If somebody can get a bachelor's degree from the College of Lake County, they're not going to go to Western or even Illinois State. They're going to stay home. And that would be a factor in accelerating the decline in enrollment," Sevener said.

Nowlan said community colleges are pushing for this because they, too, are seeing their enrollments dropping.

"Regional universities have so many challenges," Hodel, formerly of ISU, said. "Unless these are very narrow programs (at community colleges) it can't be helpful. It's another negative for the Easterns, Westerns and Southerns of the world." □

Major higher education policy bills stall in General Assembly

Despite victories, funding overhaul, community college baccalaureates not brought up for votes

EDUCATION | Peter Hancock

Gov. JB Pritzker got some of what he requested from the General Assembly in the area of higher education, but his biggest requests fell short.

Pritzker's wins include a \$10 million increase in need-based student financial aid and passage of a direct admission program to make it easier for eligible Illinois high school and community college students to apply to public

universities.

But lawmakers did not approve the overall funding increase for universities that Pritzker requested at the start of the session, settling on a 1% bump in their operational budgets instead of the 3% the governor proposed. Pritzker's office, however, has said there are contingencies to provide an additional 2% in the event of

significant cuts in federal funding.

They also did not pass other major higher education policy initiatives, including Pritzker's plan to allow community colleges to offer four-year bachelor's degrees in certain high-demand career fields, and a long-sought overhaul in the way Illinois funds its public universities.

"You don't get everything done in one

year," Pritzker said during a post-session news conference when asked about several of his initiatives that failed to pass this year. "Sometimes they (lawmakers) spend two years, four years, six years, trying to get something big done."



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Community college proposal

In his State of the State address in February, Pritzker called for allowing community colleges to offer baccalaureate degrees as a way of expanding access to those programs, especially for older, nontraditional students who may not live close to a four-year university.

"With lower tuition rates and a greater presence across the state – especially in rural areas – community colleges provide the flexibility and affordability students need," Pritzker told the General Assembly. "This is a consumer-driven, student-centered proposal that will help fill the needs of regional employers in high-need sectors and create a pathway to stable, quality jobs for more Illinoisans."

In the legislature, however, the proposal ran into stiff opposition from several sources, including universities that said the plan lacked sufficient safeguards to prevent community colleges from offering duplicative programs that would siphon prospective students away from their campuses.

Amid that opposition, House Bill 3717, which was carried by Rep. Tracy Katz-Muhl, D-Northbrook, failed to advance out of a key committee before a mid-session deadline in March. And even after amendments were negotiated that led to universities dropping their opposition and the bill was reassigned to a different committee, it still failed to gain enough traction to advance to the House floor.

That was mainly due to opposition from the Legislative Black Caucus, whose members said it still posed a threat to the three universities in Illinois that serve primarily Black and Latino students – Chicago State University; Governors State University, and Northeastern Illinois University – which are all located in the Chicago metropolitan area alongside multiple community colleges.

"Chicago State is hemorrhaging," Rep. Curtis Tarver, D-Chicago, said during a May 23 House Executive Committee hearing. "And you all, as an administration, are handing them Band-Aids and they need stitches. And then you come in and you provide a bill that's going to be even worse for them, with 11 community colleges within 25 miles of them. And I'm saying as we sit here that the Black Caucus has an issue with the bill."

Funding overhaul

Another proposal that failed to advance called for establishing a new formula for funding public universities.

The Adequate and Equitable Public University Funding Act called for establishing a funding structure like the Evidence-Based Funding formula used for K-12 education.

That formula would use objective standards to determine an adequate level of funding for each university. The bills then called for adding as much as \$1.7 billion in new funding for universities over the next 10-15 years, with most of the funding going toward schools furthest

away from their adequacy target.

The proposal grew out of a commission formed in 2021 within the Illinois Board of Higher Education. That commission worked for nearly three years to develop a proposal and issued its report and recommendations to the General Assembly in March 2024.

Under the proposed formula, Western Illinois University in Macomb would have earned top priority for new funding because it is currently funded at only 46% of its adequacy target. Northeastern Illinois University and Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, at 47% of adequacy, would have been next in line.

But the state's flagship institution, the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, currently at 89% of adequacy, would rank at the bottom of the priority list. For that reason, the U of I System opposed the plan.

"The University of Illinois System is absolutely dedicated to expanding equitable access, enhancing student success and promoting statewide economic growth," Nick Jones, executive vice president and vice president of academic affairs for the U of I System, told a Senate committee in April. "The proposed legislation penalizes institutions that provide the most support for underrepresented and rural students while failing to ensure long-term access."

Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford, D-Westchester, who sponsored the Senate bill and was a cochair of the study commission, said she was disappointed it did not pass this year, but vowed working for a more equitable funding formula.

"While it is far past time to pass an equitable funding model, I am reminded that many of the comprehensive plans I've passed have taken years of research, input and negotiations," she said in an email statement. "This legislation is no different."

Robin Steans, president of the education advocacy group Advance Illinois, who also served on the commission, said in a separate statement that she expects lawmakers to continue discussing the bill over the summer. Action could come during the fall veto session or early in the 2026 regular session, she said.

"Eventual adoption of the Adequate & Equitable Funding bill represents a significant change, one that requires new investment by our state in what remains the surest path to greater mobility and opportunity for Illinois families," she said. "The questions and comments made during legislative committee meetings indicate that Illinois lawmakers get that, and powerful testimony from the state's university leaders drove home the urgency of this issue." □

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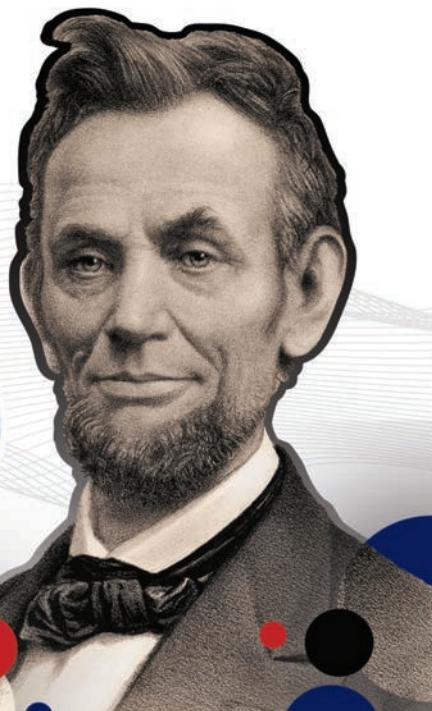
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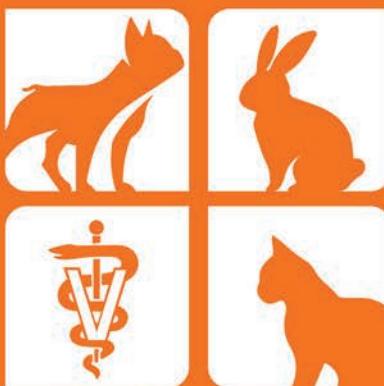


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Slab pies, perfect for summer

FOOD | Ashley Meyer



Picture an enormous Pop-Tart, bursting with juicy summer berries and encased in a flaky scratch-made crust. Perhaps it has a drizzle of lemon laced icing if you're feeling fancy. This is slab pie at its finest – a rustic and ever-changeable creation that feeds a crowd with minimal fuss. Baked in a rimmed 10-inch by 14-inch jelly roll pan, slab pies happily accommodate whatever fruit is ripe and ready. June – strawberry and sour cherry season here in central Illinois – is replaced in the blink of an eye by blueberries, peaches and green summer apples.

Slab pies can even shoulder the entire meal when they're filled with savory ingredients such as creamy chicken and spinach or heirloom tomatoes and sharp cheese. Whether sweet or savory, round or rectangular, a couple key techniques will ensure that the finished pie has a flaky, crispy crust and perfectly set, cuttable filling.

In spite of the old adage "easy as pie," making homemade pie crust can be an intimidating prospect for many home bakers. For those with a food processor, preparing the dough takes just seconds, but it can also be easily produced using a box grater. Be sure the butter is thoroughly chilled and have all of the crust ingredients ready to go, especially if it's a hot day. Crust is made flaky as a result of the little pockets of cold butter suddenly melting

when they hit the hot oven, so it's critical to keep all the ingredients cold until the very last minute. Rolling a perfect rectangle of dough can be enough to stress even an experienced baker, but thankfully the dough can be easily pieced together and patched up into whatever shape it needs to be.

When it comes to the fruit, its juiciness, which is indeed one of fruit's main attributes, often presents a soggy problem. For firm fruits such as apples or even savory players like zucchini, this can be mitigated by briefly roasting at a high temperature (400 degrees) to remove excess moisture. For juicy fruits like cherries, peaches and tomatoes, draining the excess juice in a colander helps to remove excess liquid and keeps the filling thick and dense when cutting into the finished pie. As a bonus, the strained liquid can be mixed with sugar to taste and brought to a quick simmer in a saucepan. Once thoroughly chilled, it can be used in cocktails, Italian sodas or over ice cream.

Berry slab pie

For the crust:

5 cups all-purpose flour (or use 1 cup whole wheat flour and 4 cups all purpose)
2 teaspoons each salt and sugar
1 pound cold butter, cut into pats

2 tablespoons vodka
14 tablespoons cold water

For the filling:

8 cups berries (drained if juicy)
1 to 1 ½ cups sugar, to taste
½ cup cornstarch
1 teaspoon lemon zest
A drop of almond extract, optional
1 teaspoon of vanilla or brandy, optional
A pinch of salt
Cream or milk for glazing, optional

For the glaze (optional):

4 ounces cream cheese, softened
1 tablespoon butter, softened
Zest and juice of one lemon
1 cup sifted powdered sugar

First, make the crust. Combine the flour, salt and sugar in the bowl of a food processor. Add the cold butter. Turn on the machine and immediately add the cold water and vodka. Process for 30-45 seconds until the dough comes together into a ball. Do not overmix. Divide the dough in half, shape into ½-inch thick rectangles and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.

While the dough is chilling, combine the filling ingredients and mix thoroughly.

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. On a

clean, floured surface, roll the dough into a 12-inch by 16-inch rectangle. Don't worry if it's not perfect. Use a tiny amount of water on a pastry brush to patch cracks or glue misshapen pieces together. Do avoid excessively kneading and re-rolling the dough as this will yield a tough, rather than flaky, crust. Roll the crust lightly around the rolling pin to pick it up and lay it over a 10-inch by 14-inch jelly roll pan. Roll out the second piece of dough into a slightly smaller rectangle. Pour the filling into the dough-lined pan, then top with the second rectangle of dough. Fold the overhanging edge from the bottom crust over the top crust, then pinch the edges to seal. Brush the crust with cream if desired and cut a few slits in the top to allow steam to escape.

Bake the pie in a preheated 400-degree oven for 15 minutes, then reduce the heat to 350 degrees and bake 45 minutes more, until the crust is golden and the juices are bubbling up through the slits in the crust. Set aside to cool. While the pie is cooling, make the glaze by whisking together the cream cheese, butter, powdered sugar and lemon zest/juice. Add cream or water as needed to create a thick, pourable glaze. Drizzle over the cooled pie and serve. □

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Thursdays are still coming on strong with our Levitt AMP concert series leading the way. Last week's performance set a record for attendance and this week looks to be even bigger with a tie-in to Juneteenth celebrations. Johnnie Owens and Reggie Guyton take the anthem singing honors, Capital City Dance Team handles the Kids Kickoff, while Peoria's Erech Bruce, a 23-year-old, multi-instrumentalist brings his band to open the show. Headlining this Thursday's concert are seven Grammy-nominated musicians calling themselves The Rumble who are "immersed in a wholly unique facet of New Orleans culture" featuring Big Chief Joseph Boudreaux leading the funky sounds.

With some 23 other acts settled into Thursday night slots in the area, I'm going to just pass on those and jump on over to Friday and Saturday. Take a look and make a decision on where to go and who to see, if you would, please.

One of the most fun parts of summer in central Illinois includes those small-town celebrations and of course they all promote live music along with the carnival rides, bingo games, bags tournaments, pageants and parades that make up the annual village party times. This weekend, Auburn hosts its Redbud Days featuring Joel Honey on Thursday, Brandy Kristin Band on Friday and Avery Kern, Sawyer Henson and the Dang Band all day long and into the night on Saturday.

West of Springfield, Ashland presents its Summer Days with Captain Geech & the Shrimp Shack Shooters on Friday and Jobe & Woody, then Longmeyer Band on Saturday

night, plus something unusual in these shebangs with a pinball wrestling exhibition happening Saturday afternoon.

For more on Saturday in a what's not an official town party, but pretty darn close, the Oak Hills Country Club and Winery near Girard has Micah Walk (11 a.m.), Hank Greenwalt (1 p.m.), Wreckless Whiskey (4:30 p.m.) and Flip the Frog (8 p.m.) for a true all-day music festival along with an accompanying vendor fair.

Friday brings some major league northender rocking times with The Stadium giving us two metal tribute bands with Freak on a Leash (Korn) and Phantom Lordz (Metallica), while Weebles goes to Roxschool. And as the tribute band train continues, Danenberger Family Vineyards is driving the engine with more of these kinds of groups than one might imagine is even out there.

This weekend the award-winning winery and popular music venue presents Heartache Tonight (the Eagles) on Friday and a special kind of a tribute to Montgomery Gentry featuring Eddie Montgomery with special guest South City Revival on Thursday. Next weekend they're back on the tribute track with Thunderstruck (AC/DC) on June 27 and Chris Stapleton/Eric Church replacements on June 28.

Of the 41 music acts playing on Saturday, I see lots of our regulars out there, plus Outlaw Opry at Hill Prairie Winery near Oakford, Midnight River Choir, Reed Brothers, The New Offenders, Bo Brumble and Logan Timberlake at Knob Hill Landscaping Co.'s customer appreciation party (free admission with donation to WILD Canine Rescue) and Kayla Brooke and the Willow Strings drifting down from Peoria to play original songs at Buzz Bomb.

Sunday clocks in with 20-plus musical activities so take a gander at the listings and get going to experience that live music experience. Until next time... □

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Thurs. Jun 19

Joel Honey
Auburn Redbud Days, Auburn, 8pm

Open mic with Mike Metz
The Bird Tavern, 6:30-9pm

Buzzed Karaoke
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-11pm

Dan Rivero Trio with Charlie Foxx and John Drake
Casey's Pub, 5:30-8:30pm

Robert Sampson
Curve Inn, 6-9pm

R&B Live Ladies Edition
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

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

Montgomery Gentry featuring Eddie Montgomery with special guest South City Revival
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7:30pm

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

Keith Dunlap
Docs Just Off 66, Girard, 5-8pm

Jenny Wagner
Finley's Tap House Restaurant & Craft Beer Bar, 6:30-8:30pm

Karaoke
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

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

Harris Brothers Trio
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 6-9pm

Karaoke
Replay Lounge, 8pm

Rod Grant
Sangamo Brewing, Chatham, 5:30pm

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

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

Open mic with Casey Cantrall
The Wakery, 7-10pm

Karaoke
The Tipsy Toad, 8pm-12am

Friday Jun 20
Amy Battles & Tom Irwin, 5:30-8:30pm, Boones.

Corey Evitts

AJ's Corner, Chatham, 7-10pm

Harmony Gritz

Alley - Bi Saloon, Lincoln, 7-10pm

Captain Geech and the Shrimp

Ashland Summer Days, Ashland, 8pm

Brandy Kristin Band

Auburn Redbud Days, Auburn, 8pm

Evan Bartels

The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

Avery Kern

Bar Bella, 5pm

Jambalaya Jazz with Frank Parker

Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 6-9pm

Heartache Tonight - A Tribute to the Eagles

Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Rhythm of Reverie

DH Brown's, 8-11pm

Joel Honey

Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 6-9pm

Spit My Rage, Prevention, Entrenched, Innervision, Extort

Dumb Records, 7pm

Kortney Leatherwood

The Filling Station, Rochester, 8-11pm

The Mikey Horn Band

Foxhole Pub N Grub, Lincoln, 6pm

Karaoke

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

Jim Hollis

Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 7pm

Rick Mari Band

Goodfellas Pub, 7pm

Jonnie Concaroo Band

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6pm

Carl Bopp

Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm and June 21, 7-10pm

Karaoke

The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

Karaoke with DJ McLovin

Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm.

Jason McKenzie

Patriots Pub, Waverly, 8pm

Rod Grant

The Railyard, 6-9pm

Next Thing Smokin'

The Rusty Rail Pub, Lincoln, 7-10pm

Mississippi Leghound

Sky Lounge, 7-10pm

Stereo Typical

Spirited Republic/Limerick Brewing Company, Lincoln, 7-10pm

Freak on a Leash, Phantom Lordz

The Stadium Bar & Grill, 6pm

Not Petty

The Bean, Mechanicsburg, 7-10pm

Karaoke

The Hangout, Palmer, 7pm

Jenna Paulette

Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 7-10pm

Sunbeam & Moonlight

VFW Lafore Lock Post 755, 6:30-9:30pm

Roxschool

Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30pm

Saturday Jun 21

Jobe & Woody

Ashland Summer Days, Ashland, 5:30-7:30pm

Avery Kern

Auburn Redbud Days, Auburn, 12pm

Sawyer Henson

Auburn Redbud Days, Auburn, 4pm

The Dang Band

Auburn Redbud Days, Auburn, 8pm

Midwest Revival

Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

The Tangents

BUNN Gourmet, 3-5pm

it Kayla Brooke & The Willow Strings

Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

West End Boogie Project

Camouflage Bar, VFW Post 99, Decatur, 7:30-10:30pm

The Get Down

Curve Inn, 6-10pm

The Sonic Era

Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7:30pm

Dogs of Society

The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 7pm

UNCHAINED, Devin C. Williams

Firefighters-Postal Lake Club, 4pm

SERA MONSTERA

George Rank's, 8-11pm

99 Proof

Green Street Lounge, Decatur, 3pm

Blue Country Revue

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

The Outlaw Opry

Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

Carl Bopp

Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

Broken Stone

Locals Bar, Pawnee, 6pm

Larry Watson

Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 6-9pm

Renegade Karaoke

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



Satellite plays at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Weebles Bar & Grill.

Monday Jun 23

Chris Camp and his Blues Ambassadors

The Alamo, 7pm

Al Kitchen

Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6-9pm

Open mic

Goodfellas Pub, 8pm.

Tuesday Jun 24

Open jam with Smokestacks

George Rank's, 8-11pm

Open mic with Bob Besser

Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 6-9pm

Songwriter open mic with Tom Irwin

It's All About Wine, 6-9pm

Karaoke

Oogie and JJ's Bar, Glenarm, 7-10pm

Karaoke

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

Wed. Jun 25

Open mic with Joel Honey and Silas Tockey

Boone's, 7-10pm

Karaoke

Clique, 9pm-1am

After School Special

Coz's Pizza and Pub, 7:30-9:30pm.

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke

Crows Mill Pub, 8pm-12am.

DreamCatchers Acoustic Duet

Elks Lodge #158, 6-9pm

Al and Kathy Kitchen

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

Joel Honey

Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery, 6-8pm

Sunday Jun 22

Bustin' Loose

The Stadium Bar & Grill, 2-5pm

The Longmeyer Band

Ashland Summer Days, Ashland, 8-11pm

Fireside Relics

The Winery, Decatur, 8-11pm

Robert Sampson

Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

Open mic with Kortney Leatherwood

Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-10pm

Keith Dunlap

Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 3-6pm



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Billy Currington

Fri., June 20, 7pm. Billy Currington has carved out a distinctive place for himself in the contemporary country firmament with his laid-back style. \$39.50-79.50. The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 620 E. Riverside Dr., 217-422-5911.

Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters

Thu., June 19, 7pm. One of the most popular local bands, Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters returns to Sherman. Food and beverages available. Free. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr., 217-496-2621.

Midnight River Choir, Reed Brothers, The New Offenders, Bo Brumble and Logan Timberlake

Sat., June 21, 4-10pm. Knob Hill Landscape Co.'s 15th anniversary party and customer appreciation day. Includes food and beverages, door raffles, prizes and giveaways. Free admission with donation to Wild Canine Rescue. Knob Hill Landscape Company, 661 W. Camp Sangamo Road, 217-314-9435.

Motor City Motown, Kapital Sound

Sat., June 21, 7pm. Local soul and Motown band Kapital Sound opens at 7pm with headliner

Motor City Motown taking the stage at 9pm. Part of the 2025 Sherman Concert Series. Food and beverages available at venue. \$18. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr., 217-496-2621.

Music festival, vendor fair

Sat., June 21, 11am-11pm. Includes live music by Micah Walk (11am-1pm), Hank Greenwalt (1pm-4pm), Wreckless Whiskey (4:30-7:30pm) and Flip the Frog (8pm-11pm). Oak Hills Country Club and Winery, Girard, 18698 Country Club Rd., Girard, IL 62640, 217-627-4103.

The Peeks and John Eddy

Sun., June 22, 6-8pm. Part of the Concerts in the Park series hosted by the Pilot Club of Jacksonville. Bring lawn chairs and blankets to the Big Bandstand. Free. Jacksonville Community Park, Jacksonville, 1201 S. Main, 217-243-5678.

Springfield Municipal Band

Tuesdays, 7:30pm. Through Aug. 6. Part of a series of 10 shows at Duncan Park by the large version of the band. Free. Duncan Park, 200 N. MacArthur Blvd.

Springfield Municipal Band

Wednesdays, 3pm. Through Aug. 7. Part of a series of eight shows at Edwards Place by a small version of the band. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Springfield Municipal Band

Sat., June 21, 10-11am. The band will play outside the museum. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Tesla

Sun., June 22, 7pm. Born in the mid 80s, Tesla's bluesy, soulful sound is strongly embedded in the roots of organic, authentic 1970s rock 'n' roll. \$49-\$79. The Devon

Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 620 E. Riverside Dr., 217-422-5911.

The Rumble featuring Chief Joseph Boudreaux Jr., Ereh Bruce Band

Thu., June 19, 6-9:30pm. Week 4 of the Levitt Amp Music Series showcases New Orleans funk musicians The Rumble featuring Joseph Boudreaux Jr. Event starts at 6:30pm with a kids kickoff event. Opening act The Ereh Bruce Band takes the stage at 7pm followed by the headliners at 8pm. Free. Y Block, north of the Governor's Mansion, 217-741-1643.

Thematic Concert Series - Mid-Summer Love Songs

Fri., June 20, 6:30pm. Each week, the Carillon comes to life with a unique musical theme. This week features Carillon music featuring mid-summer love songs. Free. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-3853.

■ Books & Authors

Author Jan Jacobi

Sat., June 21, 10am-4pm. Award-winning author Jan Jacobi will

sign his new book, *Lincoln and Douglas*, the sequel to *Lincoln in Springfield* and *Young Lincoln*. Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 413 S. Eighth St., 217-492-4241.

Echoes of Valor: Military Funeral Traditions

Sat., June 21, 3-4:30pm. Meet author Benjamin Saunders and explore his book, "Echoes of Valor: The Timeless Tradition of Military Funerals in America" and learn about the rich and profound tradition of military funerals. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900, ext. 5630.

Reading of Macaw Becomes A Rainbow

Sat., June 21, 10am-12:30pm.

DANCE | Classic fairytale gets contemporary retelling

it There's something enchanting about the story of Peter Pan and his adventures on the island of Neverland. He was created in 1902 by Scottish playwright and novelist J.M. Barrie. Since then, the mischievous boy who can fly and never ages has starred in many plays, movies and books. Peter Pan, the leader of the Lost Boys, leads a life of adventure interacting with fairies, mermaids and Native Americans as well as matching wits with pirates led by Captain Hook. Sometimes he even meets children from outside Neverland. Now, the classic fairytale is getting a contemporary retelling by the Dance Arts Youth Company and Dance Arts Studio. The show is directed by Gina DeCroix Russell in collaboration with DAYCO dancers and DAS staff. Reserved seating is \$15. Children ages 5 and younger are only \$5.

Nature Journaling: Drawing Birds for Beginners

Sat., June 21, 10am, 1pm. Class will cover the basics for those interested in learning how to capture birds in nature journals or other art. Suitable for any skill level for adults and children 10 and older. Basic supplies will be provided, but participants can bring their own journal/pen. Registration required. \$15 for members, \$25 for nonmembers. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

"NOIR V: Resilience"

Through Sep. 7. Featuring photography, mixed media, oil and acrylic paintings, pastel work and other artworks by black artists highlighting the theme of resilience. The exhibit is curated by Austin Wells and Elijah Miller. Artists use their work to "celebrate and preserve Black culture, traditions, and values, fostering a sense of pride and belonging." Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-7386.

Third Thursday Critique

Third Thursday of every month, 7-8pm. Friendly discussion of works in progress. Give and/or receive ideas and advice. All visual artists at any level are invited to bring work to talk about. Free. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 801-810-9278.

■ Film & Television

Bad Shabbos

Thu., June 19, 8-8:45pm. Third feature in the 9th Annual Jewish Federation Film Series. \$10, \$5 for students, \$36 for series pass. AMC Classic Springfield 12, 3141 Mercantile Dr., 217-787-7223 ext. 4.

Minecraft Movie

Fri., June 20, 8pm. Part of the family-friendly Movies @ The Amp series. Free popcorn and soft drinks. Lawn chairs and blankets encouraged. Movie begins near

dusk. Free. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr., 217-496-2621.

■ History

Emancipation Proclamation display

Through June 26. A copy of the Emancipation Proclamation will be on display through June 26. One of two dozen known to survive, this document bears the signatures of Abraham Lincoln and William Seward. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

The Nature of Freedom: A literary commemoration of Juneteenth

Thu., June 19, 6:30-7:30pm. A readers theater piece; a style of theater in which the actors present the script without costumes, scenery or special lighting. Actors use only scripts and vocal expression to help the audience understand and follow the story. Sources include Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Langston Hughes, Harriet Tubman, Dr. Maya Angelou, Robert Smalls, Harriet Beecher Stowe and Henry Bibb. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

■ Faith & Philosophy

Pride & Joy Service

Sun., June 22, 6:30-7:45pm. An interfaith Pride Month celebration. Presented by UNITED, a coalition of Springfield's open and affirming faith communities. Free. First Christian Church Springfield, 700 S. Sixth St., 217-801-2698.

■ Holiday Happenings

Celebrate Juneteenth at Henson Robinson Zoo

Thu., June 19, 10am-5pm. Free admission for all ages and the entire family. A great place to gather as a community and connect to nature as a whole. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-585-1821.

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GRADUATION DAY



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Juneteenth Celebration
Thu., June 19, 10am-2:30pm. The Jacksonville NAACP's fourth annual Juneteenth Celebration will take place downtown and will feature history, scholarships, games and vendors. Downtown Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Central Park, 217-414-5059.

■ Fairs & Festivals

Ashland Summer Days
Fri., June 20, 6-11pm and Sat., June 21, 9am-11pm. Two days of family fun. Includes parade Saturday, contests, sand volleyball tournament, beer garden and pinball wrestling. Ashland Summer Days, Ashland, James Park, 217-370-4328, 217-414-2286.

Auburn Redbud Days
Fri., June 20, 5pm, Sat., June 21, 5pm and Sun., June 22, 10am. This fun-filled event for the whole family features carnival rides and games, food and cold drinks, Ms. Auburn pageant, cornhole tournament, live music and a glow foam party. See the Facebook page for schedule. Auburn Redbud Days, Auburn, Auburn.

■ Fundraisers & Galas

17th Annual Butterfly Release
Sat., June 21, 9am. Honor the living and celebrate the memory of loved ones by sponsoring a butterfly in their names. Registration at 9am. Ceremony at 10am. Ceremony includes reading of names of those being remembered. Funds benefit SIU Simmons Cancer Institute. Simmons Cancer Institute of SIU School of Medicine, 315 West Carpenter St., 217-545-8000.

Chatham Strong on Mulberry
Sun., June 22, 12-7pm. Face painting, bags tournament, music by Rod Grant (2-5pm) and more. Silent auction begins at 6pm. All proceeds benefit Chatham Strong. Sangamo Brewing, Chatham, 109 E. Mulberry St., 217-697-8026.

Summer Solstice Celebration
Sun., June 22, 5-8pm. Enjoy an evening of live music, a silent auction, community and a farm-to-table dinner crafted by Chef Joe Standley. This year's menu features ingredients sourced from farms within 100 miles of the venue. Presented by the Illinois Stewardship Alliance. ilstewards.org. \$90 adults, \$30 children. Indian Creek Farmstead and Pumpkin Patch, Petersburg, 19468 Curtis Black Top Road, 217-528-1563.

■ Children's Corner

Little Lincoln's Fireside Tales: Family

Tue., June 24, 10-11am. The ALPLM's Education Team will share stories and activities as the museum celebrates the special bond of family. Advance registration required. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

■ Shoes 2025 Baseball Camp

June 24-26, 9am-12pm. Learn skills and fundamentals from Coach Casey Fair and Springfield Lucky Horseshoes players this summer. Includes lunch each day and ticket to June 26 'Shoes game. Space limited. \$45 per session or \$115 for all three. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-381-3858.

■ Nature, Science & Environment

Birdwatching Adventures
Fridays, 8-9am. Through Aug. 8. Brian "Fox" Ellis of the Illinois Audubon Society transforms into John James Audubon to lead weekly hikes filled with stories about the lives of the birds encountered while exploring the sanctuary's trails. Free. Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 2315 E. Clear Lake Ave., 217-303-1996.

■ Monthly Prairie Hikes

Last Wednesday of every month, 9-10:30am. Through Oct. 29. Join Illinois Audubon Society's director of land stewardship, Jamie Arntzen, as she shares her expertise on guided hikes through the prairie. springfieldaudubon.org. Free. Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 2315 E. Clear Lake Ave., 217-303-1996.

Walking with Our Amazing Fireflies
Thu., June 19, 8pm. An evening with ice cream, crafts and a firefly walk through Adams Wildlife Sanctuary. Learn more about the life cycle of fireflies and what can be done to protect them. Hosted by the Springfield Audubon Society. Free. Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 2315 E. Clear Lake Ave., 217-303-1996.

■ Lectures & Meetings

CAPture Your Potential Professional Development Series - Governance with Purpose
Tue., June 24, 9-10:30am. Session designed to equip leaders and members of boards of directors, governance bodies and advisory committees with essential knowledge and strategies to lead their organizations with a more equitable approach. Free. 1908 Innovation & Coworking Center, 1100 South Grand Ave E, 217-753-3551.

■ Bulletin Board

Great Race stop
Mon., June 23, 4:45pm. More than 140 classic cars and trucks in The Great Race will roll into town and stop at the Old State Capitol. The race is a nine-day rally from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Irmo, South Carolina. Family-friendly event. Old State Capitol, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-789-2360, ext. 5520.

■ Railsplitter Coin Club 2025

Spring Coin Show
Sat., June 21, 9am-3pm. More than 45 tables featuring coins, antique watches and jewelry, U.S. and world paper money, U.S. and world collector and bullion coins, tokens and much more. Event also has raffles and food available. Free. Railsplitter Coin Club Spring Coin Show, Lincoln, Lincoln Banquet Center, 201 Madigan Dr., 217-853-3115.

■ Health & Fitness

Springfield Heart and Stroke Walk

Sun., June 22, 1-3pm. Help eliminate heart disease and strokes by participating in this annual walk. Opening remarks at 1pm. Walks are 1 or 2 miles. Event includes balloon animals for children, fruit bar, EMTs showing CPR and more. Presented by American Heart Association. Register at <http://spr.ly/6186NkD4e>. Free. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-299-1145.

■ Sports

Springfield Lucky Horseshoes vs. DuBois County Bombers

Sat., June 21, 6:30 p.m. Prospect League Baseball action. Stick around Saturday night after the game for fireworks. Sunday features a 50,000 Lincoln penny pickup and Abraham Lincoln bobblehead giveaway. shoesbaseball.com. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-381-3858.

Springfield Lucky Horseshoes vs. Danville Dams

Tue., June 24, 6:30 p.m. Prospect League Baseball action. It's Chatham Strong night at the ballpark. shoesbaseball.com. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-381-3858.

Springfield Lucky Horseshoes vs. DuBois County Bombers

Wed., June 25, 6:30 p.m. and Thu., June 26, 6:30 p.m. Prospect League baseball action. Wednesday is \$1 ticket night while Thursday is Educators Appreciation Night. shoesbaseball.com. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-381-3858.

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BOOKS ON THE SQUARE

Book Signing & Discussion

Friday, June 27 • 1pm

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Stacy Lynn, author of the new book "Loving Lincoln" will speak about the personal history of the women who shaped Abraham Lincoln's life and legacy. Lynn worked for years at the Lincoln Presidential Library when known as Stacy Pratt

McDermott.

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The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrplic.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 24-18157IL

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 OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN

LOANS, LLC, PLAINTIFF,

vs.

MICHAEL SENG; SECRETARY OF HOUSING

AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN

OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2024FC000157

1705 REED AVENUE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT

OF FORECLOSURE

UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure

and Sale entered by the Court in the above

entitled cause on March 26, 2025, will

on July 22, 2025, in the Sangamon South

Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building)

1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00

AM, sell at public auction and sale to the

highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the

following described real estate mentioned

in said Judgment, situated in the County

of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much

thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said

Judgment:

TAX NO. 22-08-0-106-022

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1705 Reed Avenue

Springfield, IL 62704

Description of Improvements: SINGLE-

FAMILY ONE-STORY FRAME HOUSE WITH

ATTACHED ONE CAR GARAGE (WHITE/

WHITE) - NOT FOR SALE - FAIR CONDITION

- ELECTRICITY ON

The Judgment amount was \$185,260.70.

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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

SECURITY BANK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT KENT GRAY JR. AKA R. KENT

GRAY, JR., STATE OF ILLINOIS SUPREME

COURT-ATTORNEY REGISTRATION AND

DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION AND STATE

OF ILLINOIS-DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 22-FC-223

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant

to a Judgment of the above Court

entered in the above entitled cause on

April 9, 2025, the following described real

estate, to-wit:

Permanent Index Number: 22-05-0-329-

003

Commonly known as: 2116 Illini Rd.,

Springfield, IL 62704

will be offered for sale and sold at public

venue on July 22, 2025, at 9:00 AM, in the

the Auditorium on the 2nd Floor, 300

South 9th St, Springfield, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$416,020.38.

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 mortgagor

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,

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,

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sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the

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PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY

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TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION

OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

SECURITY BANK,

bcclark@bhslaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of NANCY A. MCCANN-STONE, Deceased.

IN PROBATE

No. 2025-PR-249

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of NANCY A. MCCANN-STONE, deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on June 11, 2025, to JOHN REED MCCANN and ARTHUR L. STONE, JR., as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney is Hugh F. Drake, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 22nd day of December, 2025, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 11th day of June, 2025.

BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP

Hugh F. Drake

(Registration No. 6269666)

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

In Re the Estate of:

KAREN OLIVE SACHSE, Deceased.

Case No.: 2025PR000224

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Karen Olive Sachse, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 29, 2025, to Jason J. Banas, as Independent Executor, whose address is c/o his attorney of record, Barry O. Hines, 1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A, Springfield, Illinois 62704. The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration, at any time, by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before December 22, 2025, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2025.

Jason J. Banas

Independent Executor

Barry O. Hines - 01220918

Attorney at Law

1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A

Springfield, IL 62704

Telephone: (217) 698-8444

Email: Barry@HinesLaw.net

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

PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRETT WILLIAM KLEBE, DECEASED

Case #2025-PR-243

In Re the Estate of:

GARY E. HALFORD, Deceased.

Case No.: 2025PR000220

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Gary E. Halford, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 5, 2025, to Gregory A. Halford and Gary L. Halford, as Independent Co-Executors, whose address is c/o their attorney of record, Barry O. Hines, 1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A, Springfield, Illinois 62704.

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

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before December 22, 2025, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2025

Gregory A. Halford and Gary L. Halford

Independent Co-Executors

Barry O. Hines - 01220918

Attorney at Law

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Springfield, IL 62704

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DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of BRETT WILLIAM KLEBE Letters of Office have been issued to ROBERT F. KLEBE, 587 E. 1900 North Road, Edinburg, IL 62531, and MARY J. KLEBE, 3810 Alder Wood Drive, Springfield, IL 62712, as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Co-Administrators, or both, on or before December 19, 2025, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.

Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Co-Administrators and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2025.

William P. Sheehan

SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.

1215 South 4th Street

Springfield, IL 62703

(217)544-0701

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

In the Matter of the Estate of MICHAEL E. YUSKANICH, Deceased.

IN PROBATE

No. 2025-PR-237

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of MICHAEL E. YUSKANICH deceased. Letters of Office were issued on June 2, 2025, to Ramona G. Yuskanic, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Hugh F. Drake, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, and with the offices of Young Law Partners, P.C., Attorneys for Executor, or both, within six (6) months from the date of publication 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 representatives and to their attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2025.

BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP

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

In the Matter of the Estate of AGNES CONRAD, Deceased.

IN PROBATE

No. 2025-PR-232

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Agnes Conrad, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on June 2, 2025, to Linda Conrad, Administrator, whose attorney is Brandon R. Clark, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 26th day of December, 2025, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2025.

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

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ESTATE OF:

LOUISE M. SKUBE, Deceased.

No. 2025-PR-231

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

Notice is given of the death of LOUISE M. SKUBE. Letters of office were issued on May 28, 2025, to DENISE M. SKUBE as Independent Representative whose attorney is FeldmanWasser, 1307 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois, or with the Representative, or both, on or before December 12, 2025, or within 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery to a creditor whose name and post office address is known to or reasonably ascertainable by the representative, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative or the attorney within 10 days after filing.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. You may obtain a copy of a form of a petition to terminate independent administration from the Clerk of court at the above address.

Dated this 2nd day of June 2, 2025.

DENISE M. SKUBE

Executor

By: /s/Stanley N. Wasser

Stanley N. Wasser #2947307

Attorney for Executor

FeldmanWasser

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Deanna D. Funk, Deceased.

No. 2025-PR-60

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to heirs and notice by publication of claim date. Notice is given of the death of Deanna D. Funk, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on February 20, 2025 to Donald D. Funk, 3221 Acacia Bay Avenue, Wesley Chapel, Florida, 33543, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701. Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Deanna D. Funk of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Donald D. Funk and Anne Funk as the only heirs of Deanna D. Funk.

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Joe Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Sarah Delano Pavlik - 6269250
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In The Circuit Court
For The Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois
Sangamon County, Springfield, Illinois
ESTATE OF
Romanotto, Michael
Deceased
Case No. 2025-PR-137
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Michael Romanotto, Letters of office were issued on April, 03 2025, to Brittany Geist, 610 Heathrow Lane, Rochester, IL 62563 as Administrator, whose attorney is William T. Panichi, 843 South Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Sangamon Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 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 this 30th day of May, 2025
William T. Panichi
Attorney for Petitioner
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Springfield, 11 62703
(217)753-1596

Panichilaw@gmail.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of
MYLISHA P. DAVIS,
Deceased.
NO. 2025-PR-228
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Mylisha P. Davis of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 29, 2025, to Otyana Davis, 1209 E. South Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Randall W. Segatto, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before December 8, 2025, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 30th day of May, 2025.
Randall W. Segatto - 06193211
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ELIZABETH ANNE BOWMAN
Deceased.
No. 2025-PR-225

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS
Notice is given of the death of ELIZABETH ANNE BOWMAN. Letters of office were issued on May 29, 2025, to JILL E. TOBIAS, 5 Partridge Rd., Springfield, IL 62711. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before the 18th day of December, 2025, being at least six months from the first publication of this notice. Any claim not filed within that six-month 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 30th day of May, 2025.
JILL E. TOBIAS,
Independent Executor

By: ROBERT V. BONJEAUN III
Bonjean Law Office
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Jacksonville, IL 62650
217/243-4814
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE THE ESTATE OF
BRIAN D. ANGELL
DECEASED
Case No. 2025-PR-229
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of BRIAN D. ANGELL. Letters Testamentary were issued on May 29, 2025, appointing STACEY L. ANGELL, 101 South Dale Drive, Havana, IL 62644, as Executor, whose attorney is Matthew A. Cook of Griffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C., 900 Community Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703, Phone: (217) 525-1571.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 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: May 29, 2025

Clerk of the Circuit Court

200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL

62701

8051-954393

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
DONALD DALE AUDI
Deceased.

Case No. 2025-PR-212

CLAIM NOTICE AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Notice is given to creditors of the death of DONALD DALE AUDI. Letters of Office were issued to MARK DONALD AUDI, whose address is 112 3rd Street, Pawnee, IL 62558, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Roger L. Rutherford, Sorling Northrup, 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200, P.O. Box 2131, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 5th day of December, 2025, (Publisher - see note attached pertaining to date to be inserted) or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS

5/18-3, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/GAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Notice is further given to Unknown Heirs, who are heirs of DONALD DALE AUDI, in the above proceeding.

May 26, 2025

ESTATE OF DOANLD DALE AUDI, Deceased
MARK DONALD AUDI, Independent
Executor
By: /s/Roger L. Rutherford
Roger L. Rutherford, his attorney
Attorneys for Independent Executor
Sorling Northrup
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY,
ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
ANN BOMKE CHARLAND,
Deceased.

Case No 2025-PR-218

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of ANN BOMKE CHARLAND, of the City of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on April 26, 2025. Letters of Testamentary were issued on the 22nd day of May, A.D., 2025, to PAMELA E. HART, 611 E. Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois 62701, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701.

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

DATED this 28th day of May, A.D., 2025.

ESTATE OF ANN BOMKE CHARLAND,

Deceased,

BY: /s/Pamela E. Hart

Pamela E. Hart, one of his Attorneys.

Pamela E. Hart (629974)

SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.

Attorneys at Law

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Springfield, IL 62701

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

CHARLES J. MERTZ,

Deceased.

Case No.: 2025 - PR - 227

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of CHARLES J. MERTZ, of Springfield, Sangamon

County, Illinois, on May 19, 2024. Letters of Office were issued on May 28, 2025, to GEORGIA A. DAVIS, of 1245 Silver Lake Drive, Melbourne, Florida, 32940, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is R. Stephen Scott, Scott & Scott, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

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

DATED this 28th day of May, A.D., 2025.
Estate of CHARLES J. MERTZ, Deceased,
By: GEORGIA A. DAVIS,
Independent Administrator,
By: /s/ R. Stephen Scott
R. Stephen Scott and
Scott & Scott, P.C., her attorneys
PREPARED BY:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the matter of the estate of:

Eric Huckaby Sr. Deceased

Case No. 2025-PR-000201

Claim Notice

Notice is given of the death of Eric Huckaby Sr. Letters Testamentary were issued on May 15, 2025 to Robin Sudduth as Executor, 9 Waters Edge Blvd., Unit 11, Springfield IL 62712. 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 Dec. 5, 2025. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor within 10 days after it has been filed.

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

DATED this 28th day of May, A.D., 2025.

ESTATE OF ANN BOMKE CHARLAND,

Deceased,

BY: /s/Pamela E. Hart

Pamela E. Hart, one of his Attorneys.

Pamela E. Hart (629974)

SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.

Attorneys at Law

611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200

Springfield, IL 62701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF ADAM L. SUCHOMSKI,
Deceased.

Case No. 2025 PR 216

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Adam L. Suchomski. Letters of Office were issued to Julie Suchomski, as Independent Executor, whose address is 857 South Lincoln Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before December 5, 2025, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representa-

tive mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/GAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Notice is further given to Unknown Heirs, who are heirs of DONALD DALE AUDI, in the above proceeding.

Dated: May 23, 2025

Attorneys for Executor:
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Case No. 2024-DC-000244
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Harish Vadde, 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 5th day of July, 2025, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

Name Change
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Bryant Keith Williams
For change of name to
Bryant King Holder
and
Brian King Holder
For change of name to
King Brian Holder
Case No. 2025-MR-000052
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on June 24, 2025 we will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Bryant Keith Williams to Bryant King Holder and from Brian King Holder to King Brian Holder pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: June 5, 2025

Foreclosure
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
PNC MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF
TYRE W REES, DECEASED, UNKNOWN
CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST
THE ESTATE OF TYRE W REES, DECEASED,
UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS
AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND
DEVISEES OF TYRE W REES, DECEASED,
KELSEY REES AND THEODORE HARVATIN,
AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF TYRE W
REES, DECEASED,
Defendants.

CASE NO. 25-FC-78
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Tyre W Rees, deceased, Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Estate of Tyre W Rees, deceased and Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Tyre W Rees, deceased, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 1620 Thornhill Dr, Springfield, IL 62711, more particularly described as:
i. The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.
ii. The court in which said action was brought is identified above.
iii. The names of the title holders of record are: Heirs and Devisees of Tyre W Rees, deceased
iv. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:
Part of Lot Fifteen (15) of Thornhill Subdivision Plat No. 1, described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot Fifteen (15) North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, on the North line of said Lot Fifteen (15), 150.00 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot Fifteen (15); thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, on the East line of said Lot Fifteen (15), 48.04 feet; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 08 seconds West, 150.00 feet to a point on the West line of said Lot Fifteen (15); thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, on said West line 47.67 feet to the point of beginning.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Permanent Index Number: 21-02-0-404-017

v. A common address or description of the location for the real estate is as follows: 1620 Thornhill Dr, Springfield, IL 62711 vi. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Names of the Mortgagors: Tyre W. Rees, an unmarried person Names of the Mortgagee: PNC Mortgage, a division of PNC Bank, National Association

Date of the Mortgage: December 15, 2015 Date of the recording: December 16, 2015 County where recorded: Sangamon County Recording document identification: Document No. 2015R35138 UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Room 405, Springfield, IL 62701-1299 on or before July 14, 2025, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE.

Joseph B. Roesch
CLERK OF THE COURT

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

Morton Community Bank

PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Kimberly D. Wiker; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
DEFENDANTS
No. 2025FC000088
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Kimberly D. Wiker
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

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

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

2305 Montgomery Lane

Springfield, IL 62703

and which said Mortgage was made by:

Kimberly D. Wiker

the Mortgagor(s), to Marine Bank

Springfield, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 1999R43873; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said

Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court,
Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Sangamon County Courthouse
200 South Ninth Street, Room 405
Springfield, IL 62701

on or before July 14, 2025, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100
Burr Ridge, IL 60527
(630) 794-5300
DuPage # 15170
Winnebago # 531
Our File No. 14-25-01966
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.

MICHAEL SENG; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2024FC000157
1705 REED AVENUE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE
UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on March 26, 2025, will on July 22, 2025, in the Sangamon South Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

Lot 2 and the West 30 feet of Lot 1 of Leland Addition to the City of Springfield, as per Plat recorded in Plat Book 11, Page 50. Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

TAX NO. 22-08.0-106-022
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1705 Reed Avenue

Springfield, IL 62704

Description of Improvements: SINGLE-FAMILY ONE-STORY FRAME HOUSE WITH ATTACHED ONE CAR GARAGE (WHITE/WHITE) - NOT FOR SALE - FAIR CONDITION - ELECTRICITY ON

The Judgment amount was \$185,260.70. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as

to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 24-18157IL

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.

I3264450

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREDDIE MAC SLST 2022-2 PARTICIPATION INTEREST TRUST,
Plaintiff,
v.

ELIANE A. BEKOIN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ISAIAH MINOR; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; MILDRED HILL; JEANETTE CRADDIETH; THELMA CRUDUP; THOMAS LARRY MINOR; NORRIS THOMPSON, Defendants, Case No. 2025FC000085

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Isaiah Minor, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Norris Thompson, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 6 and the North 8 feet of Lot 3 of Cheryl Estates, an Addition to the City of Springfield, Illinois being part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian according to the Plat thereof recorded in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Illinois August 25, 1977 in Book 23 of Plats, page 14, as Document No. 390392.

1000 Lori Lane, Springfield, IL 62712
22-34.0-178-038

Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Isaiah Minor, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants

ans, Norris Thompson, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, on or before July 27, 2025, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS
PENNYPAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff(s),
vs.

JEANETTE TRACY LEE A/K/A JEANETTE LEE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD

CLAIMANTS, Defendants(s),
Case No. 22-FC-223

PUBLICATION NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO DEFENDANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, of the following described real estate, that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action is now pending, and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said defendants is JULY 7, 2025.

The Plaintiff has certified that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action was filed on April 30, 2025, and is now pending.

(i) The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.

(ii) The court in which said action was brought is identified above.

(iii) The names of the title holders of record are:

Victoria S. Zegas.

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

A tract of land described as Lot Eight S (8S) on a Plat of Survey of the Staff House Area, South, Sangamon Ordinance Works; Illinoian, Illinois, prepared in the month of January 1949 by William E. Dawson, registered land surveyor of Illinois (No. 578), said tract being specifically described as beginning at the Quarter corner on the East side of Section Thirteen (13), Township Sixteen (16) North, Range Two (2) West of the 3rd P.M., thence North 0° 42' 00" West 987.63 feet to a point in the Section line, the point of beginning; thence 30 feet West to an iron pipe; thence West 465.8 feet to a railroad spike; thence North 0° 25' 00" West 99 feet to a railroad spike; thence East 464.9 feet to an iron pipe; thence East 30 feet to a point in the Section line; and thence South 0° 42' 00" East 99 feet to the point of beginning, excepting therefrom the East 200 feet of said tract measuring West from the West right-of-way line of the County Highway as now located along the East side of said property.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said named Defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, located at 200 SOUTH NINTH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, on or before July 7, 2025, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808
Timothy R. Yueill - ARDC #6192172

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Tax ID Number: 17-13-277-012

(v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:

2690 Sunny View Drive, Illinoian, Illinois 62539

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

(A) Nature of instrument: Mortgage.

(B) Date of mortgage: June 6, 2022.

(C) Name of mortgagors: Victoria S. Zegas.

(D) Name of mortgagee: Carrollton Bank.

(E) Date and place of recording: June 16, 2022 in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Sangamon County, Illinois.

(F) Identification of recording: Document No. 2022R13220.

CARROLLTON BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS

SECURITY BANK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT KENT GRAY JR. AKA R. KENT GRAY, JR., STATE OF ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT-ATTORNEY REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION AND STATE OF ILLINOIS-DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, Defendants.

CASE NO. 22-FC-223

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on April 9, 2025, the following described real estate, to-wit:

LOT 46 in Leland Knolls Addition to the City of Springfield, Situated in the North part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Sangamon County, Illinois, as platted by plat filed in the Office of the Recorder of Sangamon County, Illinois on December 10, 1925, and recorded as Document Number 145383 in Record Volume 14, at Page 74. Except the coal and other minerals underlying the surface of said land and all rights and easements in favor of the estate or said coal and minerals. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Permanent Index Number: 22-05-0329-003

Commonly known as: 2116 Illini Rd., Springfield, IL 62704 will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on July 22, 2025, at 9:00 AM, in the Auditorium on the 2nd Floor, 300 South 9th St, Springfield, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$416,020.38. 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.

tion. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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,
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The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.

A petition for reclassification of property upon annexation from R-1, Single Family Residence District, Section 155.016, to I-1, Light Industrial District, Section 155.040, and for Variances of Sections: 155.001, Definitions, "Lot" and "Use"; 155.040, I-1 Light Industrial District; 155.063(a) & (b), Required Yards for Lots Adjoining Residential Districts; 155.050, Screening; 155.111, Access to Off-Street Parking Facilities; 155.112, Surfacing; 155.113, Screening; 155.131, Required Off-Street Loading Spaces: Wholesale, Manufacturing, and Industrial Plants; 155.214, Application for amendments and variances; 155.480(d), (h), (k), and (i), Landscape Screening and Lighting Regulations, of the Springfield Zoning

Ordinance. Subject property is currently located in Sangamon County and zoned R-1 Single-Family Residence District (Sangamon County). Parcel 1 has an existing single-family residence at the front of the property with a contractor shop in the rear of property per the use variance granted in Sangamon County Resolution 79-A-30 (Aug. 1, 1979). The contractor shop has been in continuous operation since 1979, approximately 46 years. A petition for annexation to the City of Springfield has been filed with the City Clerk's Office. Petitioners have been operating their general contracting and snow removal business at this location since the granting of the use variance and have experienced significant growth over nearly five decades. The business does not involve customers or members of the public visiting the property, and most of the time there is only one to two employees present in the office. Petitioners own 10 trucks that are dispatched from the property for snow removal services, all of which will be stored indoors between the new and existing contractor shops. Petitioners have resided in the single-family residence at Parcel 1. Most recently, petitioners demolished the residential structures at the recently acquired Parcel 2, which served as a rental property and had fallen into disrepair. Petitioners desire to sustain and improve the business in the location it has called home for nearly 50 years, a location that is centrally located among its several large snow removal clients. Petitioners respectfully request reclassification of the property, upon annexation, from the R-1 District to the I-1 District and proposes to modify the property by constructing a metal building measuring 183' by 70' (12,810 sq. ft.) on Parcel 2 to be used in furtherance of the contractor shop and the existing general contracting and snow removal services conducted therefrom. Within that structure, approximately 128' x 70' (8,960 sq. ft.) will be utilized for indoor storage of vehicles, equipment, and materials. The remaining, approximately 55' x 70' area (3,850 sq. ft.) will be utilized for office space. Based upon the described footprint, petitioners anticipate that the proposed building will be situated on the property in such a manner that it would have a south side yard of 10', a west rear yard of 20', and an east front yard of 232'. Orientation and construction of the structure would be subject to adjustments during the permitting process. EXHIBIT D is attached to the petition illustrating a preliminary site plan showing the anticipated location of the proposed structure. Additionally, petitioners respectfully request variances of Sections: 155.063(a) to allow a ten-foot (10') side yard on the south side of Parcel 2 instead of 20' per code, which coincides with a side lot line in an adjacent residential district; a zero-foot (0') side yard on the north side of Parcel 1 instead of 20' per code, which coincides with a side lot line in an adjacent residential district; a twenty-foot (20') rear yard on the west side of Parcels 1 and 2 instead of 30' per code, which coincides with a rear lot line in an adjacent residential district; and 155.063 (b) to allow storage in the required rear yards of Parcels 1 and 2 and the north side yard of Parcel 1; 155.050, Screening, to allow petitioners to utilize screening in the form of solid privacy fencing at a height of six feet (6') rather than eight feet (8') along the southern edge of Parcel 2, the western edge of Parcels 1 and 2, in the east front yard of Parcels 1 and 2 (set back even with the front of the existing contractor's shop on Parcel 1 so as to avoid yard and obstruction issues). Further, petitioners request to vary the provisions of 155.050 to allow no

screening along the northern edge of Parcel 1 where there is currently no screening; 155.111, Access to off-street parking facilities, to allow petitioners to construct an open off-street parking and vehicle storage area of rock without requiring that the existing approach, driveway, and drive lane be constructed with a Portland cement concrete approach and to allow such existing approach, driveway, and drive lane to exceed thirty-five feet (35') in width but not exceed its current width; 155.112, Surfacing, to allow petitioners to construct an open, off-street parking and vehicle storage area of rock without requiring a wearing surface of asphaltic concrete or comparable hard surface; 155.113, Screening, to allow an open off-street parking areas and driveways containing more than four parking spaces without screening along the north property line of Parcel 1; 155.131, Wholesale, manufacturing, and industrial plants, to allow petitioners to construct an open off-street parking and vehicle storage area without the required loading space; 155.480(d), (h), and (k), Landscape and lighting, to allow petitioners to construct of a parking area without requiring a landscape plan, including the installation and maintenance of parking lot landscaping and lighting and the points related thereto; 155.480(i), Transitional buffer yard requirement and landscaping, to reduce the required transitional buffer yard along the north and west boundaries of Parcel 1 and the south and west boundaries of Parcel 2 to zero feet (0'); 155.001, Definitions "Lot" and "Use", to allow more than one principal building and use consisting of the existing single-family residence and the new contractor shop on Parcel 2. The existing contractor shop on Parcel 1 will remain and support the new contractor shop as accessory storage; 155.214 and 155.040, I-1 permitted uses, to allow a single-family residence as a permitted use in the I-1 light industrial district on Parcel 1; 155.214 and 155.040, I-1 Permitted Uses, to allow the two existing gallon above-ground, double-walled diesel storage tanks (550 and 1000 gallons) with barrier protection located along the northern boundary of Parcel 1 as an I-2 accessory use in the I-1 district for fueling the trucks and equipment used for snow removal. Petitioners additionally respectfully request that if the requested amendment to reclassify the property from R-1 to I-1 is not granted, that consideration for grant of a use variance for the described use of the property as a contractor's shop with outdoor storage of materials related and accessory to the snow removal business conducted thereon along with the above-requested variances, including allowing more than one principal use and building in the form of the existing single-family residence and the new and existing contractor shops. Improvements (or structures) located on said property are Parcel 1 has an existing single-family residence at the front of the property with a contractor shop in the rear of property; Parcel 2 is vacant following the demolition of the residential structures. Subject property is currently classified in the Sangamon County R-1 Single-Family Residence District. Legally described as: (Parcel 1): 3245 Old MacArthur Boulevard, Springfield, Illinois. Parcel I: The East 166.32 feet of Lot Eleven (11) of Pierik Place, being a subdivision of part of the Northeast Quarter and part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following described tract: The East 166.32 feet of Lot Eleven (11) of Pierik Place, EXCEPT the South 20 feet thereof. (As shown on Plat of Survey dated September 29, 1993, approved September 30, 1993 by the Sangamon County Plats Officer, and recorded November 19, 1993 as Document No. 93-52859 in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Illinois.) Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed of record. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Street Address: 3245 S. MacArthur Boulevard, Springfield, Illinois PIN(S): 22-08-427-031.

(Parcel 2): 3313 Old MacArthur Boulevard, Springfield, Illinois. Lot 12, Pierik Place Subdivision of the City of Springfield, SE PT, NE PT, S RR, SE 8-15-5. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Street Address: 3313 Old MacArthur Boulevard, Springfield, Illinois PIN(S): 22-08-0-427-032. The subject property is commonly known as 3245 Old MacArthur Boulevard (Parcel 1) and 3313 Old MacArthur Boulevard (Parcel 2), Springfield, Illinois. The petitioners are Barry S. Kelley and Marcia L. Kelley, by their Attorneys Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C., Christopher E. Sherer, of Counsel. Docket No. 2025-031

John Harris
Assistant Zoning Administrator

would permit the subject property to be used as a construction company offices, showrooms and inside storage of building materials, tools and equipment with no manufacturing or fabrication on the site; and to allow exterior storage of vehicles and exterior storage and merchandising of materials. Petitioners also request as to Parcel II Variances of Sections: 155.112 to allow the use of asphalt millings as a parking and drive surface on the lot through use of paver and roller, instead of the solid dust-free surface per code; 155.069 (b) (3) and (4) to allow fencing above 8 feet in height to use barbed wire above the 8 foot fence limit in section 155.069(b)(3) and (4) to allow an additional 2 feet in height for security purposes; additionally if B-2 reclassification is not afforded, appropriate relief of 155.069 (b) (4) allowing for a barbed wire fence in an S-2 district; 155.480 (j) and (i) reducing the transitional buffer yard on the west property line from 10 feet to zero feet and to allow for no landscaping; 155.063 to reduce the side yard set back requirement of 20 feet to allow for a west property 10 foot side yard set back off of the alley property line. As to Parcels I & II, Variances of Section: 155.320 (a), to allow 3 ground signs - 1 sign in the front yard on Jefferson Street; 1 sign in the side yard on MacArthur Blvd.; and 1 sign situated in the corner intersection area of MacArthur Blvd/Jefferson Street, and for such Parcels I and II 155.050 to allow portions of the lot which are within 300 feet of a residence district to be allowed storage of materials and merchandising of materials without screening. Sign Variances of Sections: 155.320(c) allowing a sign with 50 feet of a residential zoning district and 155.322(c), illuminated signs, to allow an illuminated ground sign within 100 feet of a residential zoning lot to allow one large ground sign of 10 feet tall by 30 feet with a height of approximately 25 feet with such sign only illuminating away from the view of the residential district; 155.320(e) to allow the ground sign on Parcel II facing MacArthur to be less than 10 feet from the street right-of-way property line and not elevated 10 feet in height as the sign would be setback approximately 3 feet from the sidewalk; 155.320(d) to allow the large illuminated sign on Jefferson Street on Parcel II to not be landscaped with the required 5 foot diameter ground cover to avoid possible landscape cover interfering with traffic; 155.321(a) as to Parcels I & II there will be approximately 374 square feet of ground signage and Petitioner requests the ground signage requirement of a maximum 140 square feet be exceeded up to 374 square feet; and for Parcels I and II, Petitioner requests to vary Section 155.480(g) and 155.480(h) regarding landscaping requirement to require 0 points in the parking area of such parcels and to allow a 10 foot green space of grass off of the streets in accord with drawing in Exhibit C.

Improvements (or Structures) located on said property are for Parcel I a metal building of approximately 10,000 square feet and Parcel II consists of approximately 20,784 square feet and is improved with a gravel surface lot. The subject real estate is currently classified in the S-2, Community Shopping and Office District, Section 155.031. Parcel I contains a use variance granted by zoning docket #2023-028 to permit a construction company offices, showrooms, and inside storage of building materials, tools, and equipment with no manufacturing or fabrication on the site as stated in Paragraph # 6 of its petition. Legally described as: Parcel I: Lots 4, 5 and 6 in Frank J. Hogan's Addition to the City of Springfield, Illinois and the North 50 feet of the East 146 feet of Lot 3 in Isaac Keys Subdivision of part of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, to the City of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, Tax I.D. # 14-28-0-355-060 Commonly known as: 223 N. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, Illinois.

Parcel II: Lots One (1), Two (2) and Three (3) of Frank J. Hogan's Addition to the City of Springfield. EXCEPTING therefrom:

All that part of Lot One (1), lying North of the following described line, beginning at a point on the West line of Lot One (1), said point being South 6.30 feet from the Northwest corner of said Lot One (1); thence Southeasterly parallel with the North line of Lot One (1) to a point 10.00 feet West when measured at right angles from the East line of Lot One (1); thence Southeasterly to a point on the East line of Lot One (1), said point being South 11.00 feet from the Northeast corner of said Lot One (1). Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Parcel ID Number: 14-28-0-355-055 & 14-28-0-355-061 Common Address: 1000 & 1004 West Jefferson Street, Springfield, Illinois.

The subject property is commonly known as Parcel I - 223 N. MacArthur Boulevard; and Parcel II - 1000 & 1004 W. Jefferson Street, Springfield, Illinois.

The petitioners are Absolute Perfection II, Inc, By Justin Conder, Its President, (owner Parcel I); and JBCON Properties, LLC, By Justin Conder, Its Manager, (owner Parcel II), By Attorneys Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, Bernard G. Segatto, III of Counsel.

Docket No. 2025-030
John Harris
Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition. A petition to vary Section 155.068, Garages or Accessory Buildings or Structures, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner has constructed on the property an accessory structure consisting of an open air gazebo with covered seating. The accessory structure, as constructed, violates Section 155.068 of the zoning ordinance related to north and west property line setbacks. To be in compliance with the zoning ordinance related to the accessory structure, petitioner respectfully requests a variance of a maximum 140 square feet be exceeded up to 374 square feet; and for Parcels I and II, Petitioner requests to vary Section 155.480(g) and 155.480(h) regarding landscaping requirement to require 0 points in the parking area of such parcels and to allow a 10 foot green space of grass off of the streets in accord with drawing in Exhibit C. Improvements (or Structures) located on said property are for Parcel I a metal building of approximately 10,000 square feet and Parcel II consists of approximately 20,784 square feet and is improved with a gravel surface lot. The subject real estate is currently classified in the S-2, Community Shopping and Office District, Section 155.031. Parcel I contains a use variance granted by zoning docket #2023-028 to permit a construction company offices, showrooms, and inside storage of building materials, tools, and equipment with no manufacturing or fabrication on the site as stated in Paragraph # 6 of its petition. Legally described as: Parcel I: Lots 4, 5 and 6 in Frank J. Hogan's Addition to the City of Springfield, Illinois and the

Spaulding's Hawthorne Hill Addition to the City of Springfield. Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Parcel ID Number: 22-04-0-177-068. Common Address: 1921 Lowell Avenue, Springfield, Illinois. The subject property is commonly known as 1921 Lowell Avenue, Springfield, Illinois. The petitioner is Tiffany Elking, By Attorneys Delano Law Offices, LLC, Tom Pavlik, Jr. of Counsel. Docket No. 2025-029 John Harris Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition. A petition to reclassify the property from R-2, Single family and Duplex Residence District, Section 155.017, to R 3-(b), General Residence District, Section 155.018, with a conditional permitted use pursuant to sections 155.018 (C) (6) and 155.211.2, rehabilitation homes, and a Variance of Section 155.112, Surfacing, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner desires to operate a rehabilitation home. Optionss Outreach Ministries, Inc., desires to operate a Rehabilitation Home at the Property just as it did for the property next door known as 926 S. 13th Street, which property underwent a similar reclassification. Optionss Outreach Ministries is dedicated to providing comprehensive services that empower individuals with criminal records to successfully reintegrate into society. Through housing, employment readiness, and outpatient therapy, it helps clients overcome barriers and build successful futures. Its Transitional Housing Program offers safe, supportive housing for individuals reentering society after incarceration. The goal is to provide stability, resources, and guidance to help residents transition back into independent living. The Program is available to ex-offenders who meet certain criteria, including a commitment

to participate in supportive services like counseling and job readiness training. Petition indicates residents will be limited to five (5) people. To be in compliance with the zoning ordinance petitioner respectfully requests reclassification of property from R-2 to R-3 (b), and a Conditional Permitted Use pursuant to 155.018 (c) (6) and 155.211.2 for a rehabilitation home, and a variation of 155.112 related to the open off-street parking area and space to be constructed at the rear of the property to allow dustless millings and rock without requiring a wearing surface of asphaltic concrete or comparable hard surface. Improvements (or structures) located on said property is a single floor, wood framed structure of approximately 890 square feet. The subject property is currently classified in the R-2, Single family and Duplex Residence District, Section 155.017.

Legally described as: Lot 13 Block 11 Eastmans Addition to the City of Springfield, IL 14-34.0-435-005, 924 South 13th Street, Springfield, IL 62703 The property is located at 924 S. 13th Street, Springfield, Illinois. The petitioner is Walton Management & Associates, Inc., By its Attorneys Delano Law Offices, LLC, Thomas C. Pavlik, Jr. of Counsel. Docket No. 2025-028 John Harris Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition. A petition for reclassification from S-2, Community Shopping and Office District, Section 155.031, and B-1, Highway Business Service District, Section 155.033, to B-1, Highway Business Service District, Section 155.033, and a Variance of Section 155.320 (a), Commercial and Industrial District Sign Regulations: Permitted Accessory On-Premise Signs, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner is the contract purchaser of a portion of 4200 Conestoga Drive, and desires to construct a commercial building with the intended use of an automotive tire and light repair services. To be in compliance with the zoning ordinance, petitioner respectfully requests reclassification of a

portion of the property, which is identified as the (reclassification tract), from S-2 and B-1 to B-1, and for a variation of 155.320 (a) to allow a pylon sign to be constructed in the side yard adjoining a street-right-of-way, to which there is no direct access.

Improvements (or Structures) located on said property are for the parent tract a retail and office building and associated parking lot; and on the reclassification tract a parking lot. The subject real estate is currently classified in the S-2, Community Shopping and Office District, Section 155.031, and B-1, Highway Business Service District, Section 155.033.

Legally described as: Parent Tract: Lot 1A of Redivision of Lot 1 of the Resubdivision of Lot 29 of Prairie Crossing Plat One recorded as Document No. 2006R3189 in the Sangamon County, Illinois records. Reclassification Tract: a part of Lot 1A of Redivision of Lot 1 of the Resubdivision of Lot 29 of Prairie Crossing Plat One and further more particularly described as: Commencing at the southeast corner of Lot 1A; thence South 88 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds West, along the south line of said Lot 1A, a distance of 548.56 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the tract described herein; thence exiting said south line of Lot 1A, North 23 degrees 09 minutes 39 seconds East, 23.82 feet; thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 24 seconds West, 71.94 feet; thence North 09 degrees 07 minutes 26 seconds East, 29.76 feet; thence North 17 degrees 09 minutes 30 seconds East, 90.63 feet; thence North 01 degrees 02 minutes 24 seconds West, 48.98 feet; thence South 88 degrees 57 minutes 36 seconds West, 260.39 feet; thence South 74 degrees 07 minutes 54 seconds West, 68.12 feet; thence South 53 degrees 21 minutes 21 seconds West, 22.13 feet to the westerly line of said Lot 1A; thence along said westerly line of Lot 1A, being a curve to the right having a radius of 542.00 feet, a chord bearing South 07 degrees 01 minutes 48 seconds East, a chord distance of 116.15 feet; thence South 00 degrees 52 minutes 44 seconds East, along said westerly line of Lot 1A, a distance of 84.21 feet; thence along a curve to the left having a radius of 30.00 feet, a chord bearing South 46 degrees 11 minutes 32 seconds East, a chord distance of 42.66 feet to the south line of said Lot 1A; thence North 88 degrees 29 minutes 40

seconds East, along said south line of Lot 1A, a distance of 257.69 feet to the Point of Beginning and containing 1.84 acres; commonly known as 4200 Conestoga Drive (part of) and Tax ID #22-19.0-103-004 (part of).

The subject property is commonly known as 4200 Conestoga Drive (part of), Springfield, Illinois.

The petitioner is Rhodes Development Company, LLC, by Samuel Rhodes, its Vice President. Docket No. 2025-027 John Harris Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.

A petition for a Conditional Permitted Use pursuant to Sections: 155.033 (c) (7), Conditional Permitted Uses in the B-1, Highway Business Service District and 155.200, Taverns, and a variation of Section 155.200 (a) (2), Taverns, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner is lessee of tenant space 2025 S. MacArthur Boulevard, Suite B, and desires to operate a tavern with the hours of operation no later than 1 a.m. at the property. Due to the recent redevelopment of Town and Country mall, Lucy's Place was requested to give up its lease, and seeks to relocate to a nearby location. To be in compliance with the zoning code, petitioner respectfully requests a CPU of Sections 155.031 (c) (7) and 155.200, Taverns, and a variance of 155.200 (a) (2) to allow a tavern with liquor sales by the drink on a zoning lot which is located within 100 feet from the nearest lot on which there is a residence. Petitioner's request for CPU and variation is limited to tenant space 2025 S. MacArthur Boulevard, Suite B, (a tenant space of approximately 19' 4" x 58' for approximately 1,123 square feet).

Improvements (or structures) located on said property is a single-story masonry and brick structure. The subject real estate is currently classified in the B-1, Highway Business Service District, Section 155.033, with relief by Docket 2023-044 granting a Conditional Permit Use of Sections 155.033 (c) (6) & 155.211 for a restaurant with the service of alcohol in conjunction with food service limited to tenant space B.

Legally described as: Lots 5 and 6 in SPAULDING PARK HOLME ADDITION, EXCEPTING THEREFROM the East 5 feet of Lots 5 and 6 conveyed to the People of the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation by Deed 2016R34825. EXCEPT any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Also known as: 2025 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL Permanent Index No.: 22-05-0-428-033

The petitioner is Lucy's Place, LLC, By Matthew R. Hortenstine, its Vice President & CEO. The property is commonly known as 2025 S. MacArthur Boulevard, Suite B, Springfield, Illinois. Docket No. 2025-026 John Harris Zoning Administrator

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION AND A 501(C) VS.

Alejandro Martinez Case Number: 25-CH-26 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

(3) ORGANIZATION, ON THE FINANCING OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT BY THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON, ILLINOIS Public notice is hereby given that the County Board of The County of Sangamon, Illinois (the "County") at a meeting to be held on July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the County Board Chambers, Room 222 of the Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, will conduct a public hearing of the proposed plan of issuing Economic Development Revenue Bonds by the County in an aggregate maximum stated principal amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 (the "Bonds"), the proceeds of which will be loaned to YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation and 501(c)(3) organization (the "Borrower"). The Bonds will be qualified 501(c)(3) bonds as defined in Section 145 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended (the "Code"), issued for the purpose of (i) refunding the County's outstanding Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Young Men's Christian Association of Springfield, Illinois Project) Series 2016 and Borrower's loan with Heartland Bank and Trust Company, both originally incurred to finance or refinance Borrower's capital costs of acquiring, constructing, improving, renovating and equipping Borrower's one (1) story approximately 54,168 square feet facility containing a gymnasium, lap pool, cardio fitness center and other Borrower programs located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Iles Avenue and Archer Elevator Road, Springfield, Illinois, commonly known as 4550 West Iles Avenue, Springfield, Illinois (the "Facility"), (ii) financing Borrower's capital costs to be incurred to improve, repair, upgrade and equip the Facility (the "Project"), and (iii) paying costs of issuing the Bonds. The Facility and Project are available to the general public and managed and operated by Borrower in furtherance of Borrower's charitable purpose. The Borrower will be the owner and principal user of the Facility and Project. The Facility and Project are located within the territorial boundaries of the County.

The Bonds, if and when issued, will be limited obligations of the County, payable fully and only out of payments to be made by or on behalf of the Borrower under a revenue agreement between the County and the Borrower. No owner of any of the Bonds will have the right to compel any exercise of the taxing power of the County to pay the Bonds or the interest or premium, if any, thereon, and the Bonds will not evidence a debt of the County or a loan of credit thereof within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provisions.

The above noticed public hearing is required by Section 147(f) of the Code. At the time and place fixed for said public hearing, all who appear will be given an opportunity to express their views for or against the proposal to issue the Bonds. Written comments and objections may be filed in the office of the County Clerk of the County prior to the date of said public hearing. Dated: June 12, 2025

Don Gray
County Clerk
805-954-878
In The Circuit Court
For The Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois
Sangamon County, Springfield, Illinois
Dalona Womack
VS.
Alejandro Martinez
Case Number: 25-CH-26
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Quiet Title, and for other relief.

Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, 62702 on or before July 6, 2025, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT. 6/6/2025

Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Dalona Womack
2715 S. MacArthur Blvd.
Springfield, IL 62704
217-361-4414

Village of Jerome, Illinois
Notice of Public Hearing on the
Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment
Plan and Project for the Jerome TIF
The Village of Jerome is considering
adoption of an amendment to the Tax
Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment
Plan and Project (the "Jerome TIF") for the
Jerome TIF ("TIF District") pursuant to the
Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment
Act (State of Illinois, 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-1
et seq., the "Act").

This notice also includes the following
information:

1. The Village will hold a public hearing concerning the Jerome TIF on July 3rd, 2025, at Jerome Civic Center, 2901 Leonard Street, Jerome, Illinois 62704 at 6:30 PM
2. A copy of the Jerome TIF, which includes a boundary map of the areas proposed to be included in the TIF district, is available for public inspection at the Village Clerk's office located at Jerome Civic Center. The purpose of the Jerome TIF is to induce private and public investment in the areas included in the TIF District that will ultimately enhance the quality tax base of the community.
3. The area to be included as part of the Jerome TIF is described below.
Part of the North Half of Section 8, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Jerome, Sangamon County, Illinois, more particularly described as follows: Lots 1 through 17 and Lots 19 through 22 of William E. Krueger's Subdivision. AND Lots 1 through 16 of Alta Sita Gardens Addition. AND Lots 17 and 18 of Owen's Subdivision. AND Lots 1 and 18 of Henry G. Poo's Subdivision of Lot 8, West Grand Place. AND Lots 10 through 12, Lot 32 and Lot 37 of West Grand Place. AND Lots 59 through 63, Lots 68 through 70, Lot 73 and Lot 74 of Leland Addition, Second Plat. AND Lots 9 through 11, Lots 20 through 22, Lot 32, Lot 33, Lots 42 through 44 and Lots 53 through 55 of Leland Addition. AND Lots 21 through 40 of Block 1, Lots 21 through 40 of Block 2 and Lots 9 through 42 of Block 3 in Leland High Point Addition. AND Lots 21 through 26 of Spaulding's Subdivision of Lots 23 and 33 of West Grand Place. AND The West 28.71 feet of Lot 17 and the East 21.29 feet of Lot 18 of William E. Krueger's Subdivision. AND The East 36.20 feet of Lot 22 and the West 13.80 feet of Lot 23 of William E. Krueger's Subdivision. AND The West 60 feet of the North 160 feet of Lot 42 in Block 1 of West Grand Place. AND The East 60 feet of the West 120 feet of the North 160 feet of Lot 42 in Block 1 of West Grand Place. AND The East 100 feet of the West 220 feet of the North 160 feet of Lot 42 in Block 1 of West Grand Place. AND The East 80 feet of the West 300 feet of the North 160 feet of Lot 42 in Block 1 of West Grand Place. AND The West 40 feet of the East 80 feet of the West 380



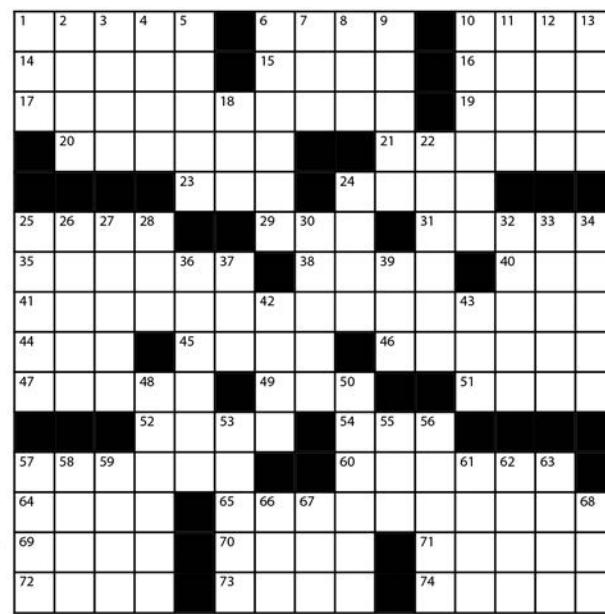
Legal Deadline, Thursdays at 4pm

Call Daron at 217-679-7801
or email legals@illinoistimes.com

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24. Far from ruddy
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29. Churchill's "so few": Abbr.
31. British ____
35. Summer cooler
38. Stratified snack
40. Mont Blanc, e.g.
41. **Follow local convention**
44. Econ. indicator
45. "B.C." cartoonist
46. Available
47. Industrial city of Germany
49. Gangster's gun
51. Yawner
52. Lover of Aeneas
54. Frequently
57. Attract
60. Poker player, at times
64. Cutting remark
65. Unwanted stamp on mail
66. Milky gem
67. Cousin of a bassoon
68. High guy in Dubai
70. Back of the neck
73. Shrek, e.g.



73. Anchovy containers
13. Bad look
18. Born in Bordeaux
22. Buckeye
24. Jimi Hendrix's style
25. Gnatlike insect
26. Desktop pictures
27. Some tides
28. "____ alive!"
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32. Catch, in a way
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36. Italian, e.g.
39. Australian runner
42. "Cogito ____ sum"
43. Center
48. Like some mushrooms
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53. Cache
55. J.F.K. overseer
56. Clemson athlete
57. Black, in poetry
58. Auto parts giant
59. Mouth, in slang
61. 18-wheeler
62. Biblical plot
63. Regrets
66. It's a wrap
67. "My boy"
68. Before, in poetry

feet of Lot 42 in Block 1 of West Grand Place. AND The East 40 feet of the East 80 feet of the West 380 feet of Lot 42 in Block 1 of West Grand Place. AND The West 100 feet of the East 580 feet of the North 160 feet of Lot 42 in Block 1 of West Grand Place. AND The West One-Half of the West 120 feet of the East 480 feet of the North 160 feet of Lot 42 in West Grand Place. AND The North 160 feet of the West 80 feet of the East 360 feet of Lot 42 and the East one-half of the West 120 feet of the East 480 feet of the North 160 feet of Lot 42 in West Grand Place. AND The East 120 feet of the North 160 feet of Lot 42 in Block 1 of West Grand Place. AND The West 90 feet of Lot 6 in Block 1 of West Grand Place. AND The West 78 feet of the North 150 feet of Lot 7 in Block 1 of West Grand Place. AND The East 105 feet of the West 183 feet of the North 150 feet of Lot 7 in Block 1 of West Grand Place. AND The West 60 feet of the East 127 feet of the North 150 feet and the West 93 feet of the East 160 feet of the North 70 feet of the South 425 feet of Lot 7 in West Grand Place. AND The East 67 feet of the North 220 feet of Lot 7 of West Grand Place. AND The West 100 feet of the North 160 feet of Lot 9 in Block 1 of West Grand Place. AND The East 50 feet of the West 150 feet of the North 160 feet of Lot 9 in Block 1 of West Grand Place. AND The West 50 feet of the East 110 feet of the North 160 feet of Lot 9 in Block 1 of West Grand Place. AND The East 60 feet of the East 110 feet of the North 160 feet of Lot 9 in Block 1 of West Grand Place. AND The East 76 feet of Lot 4 in Block 1 of West Grand Place. AND The West 40 feet of the West 80 feet of Lot 3 in Block 1 of West Grand Place. AND The North 90 feet of Lot 19 of Owen's Subdivision. AND Lot 64 except the North 10 feet and except the West 45 feet of Leland Addition, Second Plat. AND Lot 65 except the West 45 feet of Leland Addition, Second Plat. AND Lot 66 except the West 45 feet of Leland Addition, Second Plat. AND Lot 67 except the West 45 feet of Leland Addition, Second Plat. AND Lot 71 except the West 45 feet of Le-land Addition, Second Plat. AND Lot 72 except the West 45 feet of Leland Addition, Second Plat. AND The West 60 feet of Lot 31 of Leland Addition. AND Lot 22, except the North 20 feet thereof and except the South 10 feet thereof, of Elmwood Subdivision. AND The North 75.25 feet of the South 85.25 feet of Lot 21 of Elmwood Subdivision. AND Lot 36 of West Grand Place, being a Subdivision of part of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 8, EXCEPT that part being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 36, thence North 00 degrees 56 minutes 01 second West along West line of Lot 36, a distance of 29.45 feet to the intersection of the West line of Lot 36 and the existing Northerly right-of-way line of Wabash Avenue, also being the point of beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 56 minutes 01 second West along West line of Lot 36, a distance of 23.62 feet; thence South 82 degrees 39 minutes 37 seconds East, 22.20 feet; thence South 55 degrees 23 minutes 25 seconds East, 26.15 feet; thence North 76 degrees 32 minutes 31 seconds East, 178.73 feet; to the existing Northerly right-of-way line of Wabash Avenue; thence South 72 degrees 55 minutes 24 seconds West along the existing Northerly right-of-way line of Wabash Avenue, 206.92 feet; thence North 55 degrees 23 minutes 25 seconds West along the existing Northerly right-of-way line of Wabash Avenue, 23.31 feet to the point of beginning and EXCEPT from a stone at the Northeast corner, Section 7, Township 15 North, Range 5 West, of the Third Principal Meridian South 00 degrees 42 minutes East 2660.3 feet,

thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes East 281.0 feet, thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes East 3302.7 feet, thence North 73 degrees 13 minutes East 34.3 feet to the point of beginning. From the said point of beginning North 00 degrees 42 minutes West 65.8 feet, thence North 73 degrees 13 minutes East 26.6 feet, thence South 53 degrees 45 minutes East 22.85 feet, thence North 73 degrees 13 minutes East 305.1 feet, thence South 16 degrees 47 minutes East 45.0 feet, thence South 73 degrees 13 minutes West 363.7 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. AND Lot 4 in Elmwood, a Subdivision of Lots 34, 35 and part of Lot 36 in West Grand Place, EXCEPT that part being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 5 of said Elmwood Subdivision, thence South 00 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds East, 52.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 87 degrees 47 minutes 01 seconds East, 47.88 feet to the existing Northerly right-of-way line of Wabash Avenue; thence South 76 degrees 41 minutes 02 seconds West along the existing right-of-way line, 49.03 feet to the West line of Lot 4; thence North 00 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds West along the West line of Lot 4, a distance of 9.44 feet to the point of beginning. AND Lots 5 and 6 of Elmwood, a Subdivision of Lots 34, 35, and part of lot 36, West Grand Place, EXCEPT the South 10 feet of said Lot 5 and EXCEPT that part more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the North 35 feet of Lot 5, thence South 84 degrees 42 minutes 00 seconds East, 86.91 feet; thence South 81 degrees 36 minutes 04 seconds East, 47.54 feet; thence South 00 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds East, 9.44 feet; thence South 72 degrees 55 minutes 24 seconds West, 128.04 feet; thence North 13 degrees 14 minutes 12 seconds West, 48.45 feet; thence North 00 degrees 49 minutes 00 seconds West, 14.85 feet to the point of beginning. EXCEPT any part thereof conveyed to the public as right of way.

4. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.

We are interested in any comments you may have regarding the Jerome TIF.

Michael Lopez
Village President

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF AYDEN LUCCHESI, MINOR CHILD

No. 2025 GR 000120
To: Aubrey Mae Lucchesi at address unknown: Please be notified that Thomas J. Lucchesi & Sharon K. Lucchesi have filed a Petition for Guardianship of Ayden Lucchesi, minor child. You are required to answer said Petition By August 4, 2025 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

Tentative Budget
FY'26

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing shall be held on July 21, 2025 at 12:00 noon by the S.M.E.A.A. at the Bank of Springfield Center, #1 Convention Center Plz, Springfield, IL, wherein the Tentative Budget of said Authority for the fiscal year beginning August 1, 2025 and ending July 31, 2026 shall be considered.

The Tentative Budget is available for public inspection at the office of the Authority between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM on regular business days, or the website at www.theboscenter.com.

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 898

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Crossword answers from #897

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Sudoku answers from #897

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JoshJosh answers from #897

Sudoku No. 898

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