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# Health workers help address disparities

HEALTH | Dean Olsen

An apartment fire put Willie Taylor out of his home two years ago on Springfield's east side and threw his life into chaos.

A survivor of two strokes who deals with high blood pressure and other health problems, Taylor, 71, is on more stable footing these days. He attributes the improvement to Derek Rimelspach, a community health worker based in a primary care clinic at Springfield's Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

"If it wasn't for that guy, I don't know what I would have done," Taylor said of Rimelspach, 46, who helped him find temporary housing and get a new Social Security card and birth certificate.

Rimelspach also helped Taylor, a retired former cook, fill out forms and applications that resulted in him moving into his current home, a subsidized apartment in Capitol Plaza, 1210 E. Washington St., also on the east side.

About 5,200 clients in Sangamon County and elsewhere in central and southern Illinois – including Springfield, Taylorville, Lincoln, Jacksonville, Carbondale, Decatur and Quincy – receive a variety of non-medical services from SIU community health workers each year.

The 10-year-old program is supported by a mix of about \$1.5 million in annual grants, contracts and federal funding, according to Molly Williams, a health care administrator in SIU's Office of Community Health Work. Included is a \$500,000, three-year total commitment of funding split equally between Springfield Memorial Hospital and HSHS St. John's Hospital, and \$135,000 over a three-year period from the United Way of Central Illinois. Donors also provide support through the SIU Foundation.

Erin Jones, SIU's director of community



Springfield resident Willie Taylor, right, credits Derek Rimelspach, a community health worker standing next to him outside a Southern Illinois University School of Medicine outpatient clinic building, with helping Taylor stabilize his life after an apartment fire two years ago. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

health, said the program helps to reduce the health disparities people face because of poverty, emotional trauma and other disadvantages by addressing what are known as the "social drivers of health."

Studies document that 80% of a person's health is influenced by factors outside of what happens inside a doctor's office or hospital, Jones said. Those factors can include the quality and stability of their housing, food insecurity, neighborhood and family violence, and income. Income disparities can be stark in Springfield, and the long-term effect of those disparities can

be seen in life expectancy.

Dr. Shreepada Tripathy, a pediatrician and data strategist in SIU's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, made a presentation on the topic this year to members of the Massey Commission, which is examining ways of reducing racial and economic disparities in the community in the wake of the July 2024 killing of Sonya Massey.

Tripathy examined a national database of death records and other data and found that life expectancy in certain census tracts in Springfield's north and east sides can be 10 to 20 years shorter than in census tracts in more affluent areas, including parts of the west and south sides near Lake Springfield.

The variation includes life expectancies as low as 62 to 65 years in certain parts of inner-city Springfield and more than 80 years in other parts of the city, its suburbs and in rural Sangamon County.

The differences corresponded with income levels, Tripathy said.

When looking at data by ZIP code – a different geographic identifier that can include a wider variety of income levels – Tripathy found that the ZIP codes 62702 and 62703 had the shortest life expectancy (72 to 74 years) of any ZIP codes in the county. Life expectancy in the United States currently is 77. People in ZIP codes with higher income levels enjoyed some of the longest life expectancies – more than 80 years in 62711, for example.

*Illinois Times* found that the Springfield area

posts some of the highest economic disparities by race in the United States. In particular, the newspaper found that based on Census data, the Springfield metro area posted the highest Black poverty rate in Illinois in 2023 – 40.3% – and the fourth-highest Black poverty rate among more than 240 other metro areas in the United States with 10,000 or more Black residents.

Black residents in Sangamon County are concentrated in neighborhoods on the city of Springfield's east and north sides, where they make up between one-third and three-fourths of residents in some census tracts. Those neighborhoods have some of Sangamon County's highest poverty rates – between 30% and 50%.

The connection among poverty, income and life expectancy is logical, Tripathy said. If someone is struggling to afford "bare necessities," he or she often will prioritize rent and food over medicine and doctor visits to check and treat high blood pressure and diabetes, Tripathy said.

Community health workers can help improve life expectancy as well as day-to-day living, Jones said. She wasn't surprised by the differences that Tripathy found by Census tract and ZIP code.

Community health workers can help intervene in the trends by assisting clients with access to income support services, housing, mental health counseling and medicine, Jones said. They also can help clients establish a medical home with a primary care provider, bring them to appointments and avoid unnecessary visits to the emergency room, Jones said.

"I do know that they have a harder time accessing care," she said. "They have a harder time with transportation. ... and it interrupts their health care."

SIU's 38 community health workers come from a variety of backgrounds, Jones said. Some are based in medical clinics. Some are stationed at Washington Street Mission and Helping Hands of Springfield. Many have direct ties to the neighborhoods they serve, which can help break down the mistrust in the medical community that many people harbor, she said.

Without a doubt, their assistance has improved and saved lives, she said.

"They know they are making a difference," Jones said. "They have hard days when things are not going their way, but there are those days when they see a patient just thrive, whether they are finally getting a test they needed or maybe the surgery they needed or maybe getting housing."

Rimelspach, the community health worker who helped Willie Taylor, said, "We see a lot of sad situations and people in tough spots. We meet people where they're at." □

## Editor's note

We're pleased that Don Tracy of Springfield is running for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Springfield's Dick Durbin. Though some may dismiss Tracy's candidacy because he has little chance of winning in this blue state, at least this decent moderate will spare us the hateful campaign rhetoric of the far right. At best he may step away from MAGA and lead Republicans back to solid Midwestern small-town conservative values like free trade, spreading democracy and strengthening public schools and universities. Close the borders, yes, but support immigration reform that opens a path to citizenship. Another Springfield Republican ran for the Senate in 1858. Abraham Lincoln ultimately lost that campaign, but in so doing he identified his party with the anti-slavery cause, a winning platform two years later. Now as then, a Republican embracing equity and fairness for everybody could turn heads, win votes and help show that tired old party a path to becoming grand again. — *Fletcher Farrar, editor*





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# City Council adopts property registry

Code aims to crack down on problem property owners, but critics say it doesn't go far enough

CITY COUNCIL | Maggie Dougherty

The Springfield City Council passed an ordinance Tuesday night creating a registry of properties with repeated housing code violations. The registry will include rental properties, personally owned residences and commercial properties – but not all of them.

This is not the comprehensive landlord registry advocates have pushed for since the council voted it down two years ago. Rather, the ordinance doubles as a logistic change to the housing code and a measure to target “bad apple” property owners.

Mayor Misty Buscher, who introduced the change, said it was spurred by the Illinois General Assembly exploring a ban on crime-free housing ordinances during its spring session.

Prior to Tuesday's vote, city code included both criminal and housing code violations under the same statute. As written, a future statewide ban on crime-free ordinances could have jeopardized the city's ability to respond to repeated housing code violations and protect renters from negligent landlords.

“That's part of why we're separating (the code), so that if there is legislation passed ever that you cannot have a chronic nuisance ordinance, we can still crack down on our problem properties,” Buscher said.

The second reason for the change is to give the city more teeth in addressing properties with repeated citations. The proposal makes several updates, including steeper fines and placement on an online public registry after three or more independent housing code violations within 12 months.

Owners of cited properties – including the partners or managers behind limited liability companies – would be required to register their names and contact information.

The cited property designation will now apply to all buildings on a property, rather than the city addressing them one by one. Buscher says this will help confront large problem properties such as the 23-building Olde Towne apartment complex, the subject of a protracted legal battle with the city.

“If you have a rotten apple, you're not



ICON President Jill Steiner stands outside of her office in Springfield. PHOTO BY MAGGIE DOUGHERTY

just attacking the rotten part, you're talking about the whole apple now,” Buscher said. “This ordinance allows us to do that, not just separate out specific buildings of a big campus that might be deteriorating.”

Residents and some alderpeople called a landlord registry long overdue, with many raising concerns that the proposal did not go far enough.

A sticking point in last week's discussion came from the ordinance's property-level approach, rather than an owner-level approach. If a homeowner or landlord owns a handful of properties, only the subset with repeated violations would be added to the registry. Critics said the code would be stronger if all properties of the violating owner were added to the list.

The council found compromise on an amendment introduced by Ward 10 Ald. Ralph Hanauer. The final amendment mandated that owners of three or more properties with the cited property designation will be required to register all of their properties, not only those with violations.

They will also be subject to a fine of no less than \$5,000.

The council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance as amended, except for Ward 5 Ald. Lakeisha Purchase, who was absent for the vote.

Jill Steiner, president of the Springfield Independent Coalition for Our Neighborhoods (ICON), said that limiting the registry to problematic landlords is a reactive approach which will delay relief to residents.

“It can't be, ‘this is a registration for bad landlords,’ because then something has to go terribly wrong and somebody has to live in that terribly wrong place before you get on the list,” Steiner said, citing the long timeline for tenants to wait for the completion of three administrative hearings on three separate incidents.

ICON previously expressed disappointment with the ordinance, issuing an opposition statement to the proposal and asking council members to table it for a later date. In particular, the coalition was concerned the ordinance was discussed

without proactive outreach to community organizations and without addressing what they see as the key issues at hand.

After learning the rationale for the ordinance, Steiner said ICON appreciated the “extra tool in the toolbox to address properties, whether privately owned, multi-unit, an LLC or a corporation.” However, she still hoped to see further discussion of a landlord registry.

“You haven't done what we really want to have done, which is a landlord registration,” Steiner said.

Of Illinois' 10 largest cities, Springfield is one of only three that does not require all landlords to register their properties with the city. □

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# Protecting properties in perpetuity

Sangamon Conservancy Trust celebrates its 25th anniversary

ENVIRONMENT | David Blanchette

The property is accessed by a bucolic, barely two-lane road that winds its way through a canopy of trees, occasionally revealing hardy corn stalks on each side reaching for the rural Menard County sky. An inconspicuous sign near a private residence marks the spot where Abraham Lincoln's first sweetheart, Ann Rutledge, died in a log cabin 190 years ago. It's about as pastoral a setting as you can find in Illinois, and Harry Schirding wants to make sure it stays that way.

"I don't really want to legislate from the grave, but I like the idea of being able to feel like it's going to continue to be farmed," Schirding said as he looked across his land north of Petersburg. "That's really the best use for it."

Schirding has 830 acres under a conservation easement with the Sangamon Conservancy Trust. The easement limits what the land can be used for both now and in the future. Schirding and his three siblings inherited the land from their late aunt, who looked into an easement before her death.

"She had it as a farm and that's the way she wanted it to be kept," Schirding said. "We want to restrict what future generations can use it for."

Schirding's property is part of a growing number of acres under conservation easements through the Sangamon Conservancy Trust



**Harry Schirding stands on his Menard County property that is part of a conservation easement with the Sangamon Conservancy Trust. PHOTO BY DAVE BLANCHETTE**

(SCT), which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. The trust is a nonprofit organization formed in 2000 to help support the goals and objectives of the Sangamon County Soil and Water Conservation District. Since then, the CST has become one of a limited number of land use trusts available in Illinois, and has 4,200 acres currently under conservation easements.

The CST recently held a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at Jubilee Farm, a 164-acre center for ecology and spirituality operated by the Dominican Sisters just west of Springfield along Old Jacksonville Road. The sisters placed their property under a SCT conservation easement several years ago.

"Having wild places is essential for our own humanity, our understanding of who we are in relationship to the rest of creation," said Jubilee Farm cofounder Sister Sharon Zayac. "From the very beginning, we looked for a way that would ensure that this land be preserved from development and that it would be kept for habitat."

Zayac said the Dominican Sisters explored different ways to establish conservation easements, but they initially found that their relatively small tract of land wasn't large enough for many groups that could hold those easements. Then, they discovered the SCT and have been pleased with the arrangement that protects their land in perpetuity.

"We have a variety of soils and woodland, woods and pasture areas with Illinois native wildflowers and grasses which we have been restoring," said Zayac as Jubilee Farm's llamas and alpacas grazed nearby. "The easement is a way to respect the integrity of the whole earth community."

A conservation easement is a voluntary and legally binding agreement between a landowner and a land trust like the SCT, or between a landowner and a government agency. The easement permanently limits uses of the parcel, and the land trust is responsible for making sure that the landowner adheres to the terms of the agreement.

The landowner retains legal title to the property and determines what type of land uses will be allowed what uses will be restricted. Subdivisions, commercial timber cutting, landfills, surface mining, billboards, animal confinement feeding operations, wind turbines and solar fields are examples of prohibited uses on conservation easements.

The Sangamon Conservancy Trust has a primary coverage area consisting of Sangamon, Christian, Macon, Logan, Menard, Cass, Morgan, Macoupin, and Montgomery counties. Farmland and natural areas in other counties can be considered by the SCT on a case-by-case basis.



**Dominican Sister Sharon Zayac shows visitors the Jubilee Farm just west of Springfield. The farm has a conservation easement with the Sangamon Conservancy Trust. PHOTO BY DAVE BLANCHETTE**

Sangamon Conservancy Trust Chair Barb Mendenhall has been involved in the trust since its 2000 inception.

"I was the executive director of the Sangamon County Soil and Water Conservation District and we saw an opportunity and a need for an organization that would do conservation work," Mendenhall said. "We accept easements and also receive grants that wouldn't be available to the soil and water district."

Although conservation easements are donated at no charge to the trust, landowners incur some expense through the procedure. Land appraisals must be performed to determine the fair market value of the property, and the SCT charges a conservation fee to help fund the annual compliance inspections that must be done as part of the easement.

Easements come with a possible federal income tax benefit, and land in a conservation easement can be sold, bought or inherited. But easements do not remove the property from local tax rolls, and the property is still subject to eminent domain.

Mendenhall said it's all about protecting the land as it exists now.

"A lot of land has been sold for development, and we want to make sure that farmers who want to farm can keep their land in farming forever," Mendenhall said. "We can also help keep natural areas intact according to the property owners' wishes."

Tom Skelly of Springfield is one of the original SCT board members.

"We see prime farmland in particular being used for a lot of solar development, and it's just not the best use for prime farmland," Skelly said. "That's always been an issue with the trust and is one of the main reasons we exist."

Bob Komnick owns more than 500 acres in Sangamon County's Curran Township and his easement with the SCT will keep the land as it exists now, a combination of farmland and natural areas.

"My dad told me before he died, 'Don't break it up or sell it,'" Komnick recalled. "I've got one son who farms but none of his children want to, so I'm going to keep it all together as one chunk and it will be taken care of."

According to the American Farmland Trust, between 2001 and 2016 approximately 2,000 acres of farmland and ranchland were lost each day to development in the U.S.. The 2017 Census of Agriculture for Illinois revealed that there were 2,436 fewer farms since 2012.

Most of the easement acreage overseen by the SCT consists of prime farmland, and that's why current board member Ted Megginson plans to place much of his southern Sangamon County land into an easement with the SCT.

"We have kids coming in behind us and hopefully they will have the same feelings about the land as we do," Megginson said. "I enjoy being a part of the Sangamon Conservancy Trust. It's good to see it growing, and it seems like we've got a farm or two on the docket all the time. It's really rewarding." □



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# Securing mental health funding

Public referendum to establish board, tax increase set for spring

**MENTAL HEALTH | Dilpreet Raju**

Social workers and mental health providers informed the county's Mental Health Commission earlier this month about the possible ways they could benefit from dedicated funding and planning from a community mental health board.

The vast majority of counties in Illinois have these boards, which approve funding for local social service organizations through some form of tax revenue. The boards, which are also known as 708 Boards, provide a more consistent avenue for mental health providers to fund their work when compared to applying for fixed state or federal grants.

While grants regularly prop up nonprofit organizations, 708 Boards – which are named after the decades-old Illinois bill-turned-law to grant the creation of such boards through a public vote – can stabilize nonprofit funding for public mental health services and related efforts. Tony Kirkman, executive director of Piatt County's Mental Health Center, told *Illinois Times* the 708 Board formed in Piatt County less than a year ago has already begun to pay dividends for mental health professionals.

"Most of the other counties around us have had these in place for years – understanding that that's how you maintain access to care," Kirkman said. "It allows you to forecast and to budget so much more easily, to establish community partners because you know you're going to be around. There are just a lot of benefits of having a sustainable revenue source because we're already stretched thin, personnel-wise."

Kirkman said Piatt County ended up funding its mental health board through a 0.10% property tax increase, which translates to \$100 in additional property taxes for the owner of a \$300,000 home. Winnebago County set up its mental health board through a half-cent sales tax on all purchases over \$100.

## Sangamon County Mental Health Commission

The recently formed Sangamon County Mental Health Commission – a separate short-term entity formed by the Sangamon County Board earlier this year – is set to share a report with the County Board by December. At the commission's August hearing, a broad range of voices supported the idea of Sangamon County creating a mental health board to help fill gaps in care for a number of county residents.

Springfield police officer Chris Jones, a member of the county mental health commission, said the department's co-response model with Memorial Health is funded through a federal grant. Jones also emphasized that grant funding is responsible for a lot of Sangamon



The next Sangamon County Mental Health Commission meeting will be at 6 p.m. Sept. 3 at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St. The meetings are open to the public. PHOTO BY DILPREET RAJU

County's mental health network.

"Over the past five months, we've heard about all the great programs here in Sangamon County, but they're grant-funded. The 708 Board would sustain, and create stability for these programs here in Sangamon County, to continue and to expand," he said.

Federal grants are expected to decrease over the next few years as the Trump administration has attempted to freeze various avenues of government spending, spurring lawsuits from both beneficiaries and watchdogs.

Barbara Wheatley, lead clinician for Memorial Health's mobile crisis response unit, told the commission the county could benefit from a dedicated co-response team.

One social worker from Auburn Community School District 10 told the commission that they could use more reliable transportation methods to get students to see counselors in Springfield.

"We work real closely with the Lincoln Prairie (Behavioral Health Center) outpatient program for our students, but they do not provide transportation to Auburn, so they won't pick our kids up," said Melissa Warwick, a school district social worker.

Warwick, who has a caseload of almost 250 students, said there was no dedicated transportation for children to get to Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center, a roughly 20-minute drive from Auburn.

"There are agencies that will go to Auburn and pick up, but they're not reliable. We've got families that call the number and set it up for

the date and time, and then the car is a no-show, and then the family has then missed their appointment," she said. "If you miss one of two appointments, you're bumped from the list, and then they lost their counseling spot."

## Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission

Brian McFadden, Sangamon County administrator and a member of the Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission, said at August's MIMD meeting that a property or sales tax increase could provide a mental health board between \$7 million and \$8 million a year. He also told the Commission he'll be presenting more on expected revenue at next month's mental health commission meeting.

Champaign County, which has a similar population size to Sangamon, distributed almost \$6 million to mental health programs and services through its 708 Board last year.

Ryan Croke, president of the Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission, seemed positive about progress in the months since the County Board decided to place a referendum for the March 2026 primary election.

"I think there's really good community leadership consensus that this is the right thing to do," said Croke, who works for the state as the first assistant deputy governor for health and human services.

"Voters of (Sangamon) County will have an opportunity to fund mental health services in a way that many other counties – Christian, Macon and lots of others – have been doing, in some cases, for decades." □



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# Massey Commission strives for long-term change

Sen. Turner says ‘still more work to be done’ as hiring reform signed into law

MASSEY COMMISSION | Dilpreet Raju

While Illinois law enforcement agencies will soon be required to ask for, and provide, entire employment records for any applicants seeking to become a police officer, the Massey Commission is seeking to continue its work in order to actualize its upcoming recommendations.

The law was a response to the killing of Sonya Massey, who called 911 last summer from her home only to be shot and killed by a sheriff's deputy who had a history of misconduct across previous stints as a police officer.

State Sen. Doris Turner, a family friend of Massey and her family, described the legislation she introduced as “the first of its kind in the nation” and supported the idea of the commission continuing work in some form beyond a final report. The police hiring reform bill was signed by Gov. JB Pritzker at an Aug. 12 ceremony that included the Massey family.

“I believe that there’s still more work that needs to be done, whether it continues as the Massey Commission or whether it continues as another iteration of that,” she said. “I do believe that there will be some form of a body that will allow that work to continue,” she told an *Illinois Times* reporter afterwards.

Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton, who announced a run for U.S. Senate earlier this year, said getting the bill passed was part of her elected duty.

“Something tragic happened right here in Springfield last year,” Stratton said at the bill signing. “Although nothing we say or do will bring Sonya back, it is our responsibility as leaders to do everything in our power to deliver change.”

## Ferguson Commission members visit Springfield

Police shootings have long been a national problem, gaining more attention as mobile videos documenting violence by police began to circulate on social media nearly in real time.

Three members of the Ferguson Commission, which was convened in the wake of a Missouri police officer shooting and killing teenager Michael Brown Jr. in 2014, visited the Massey Commission the night before Pritzker signed the hiring reform bill.

In the years since Brown was killed, Missouri police have killed more than 300 people. In the 13 months since Massey was killed, almost 30 people in Illinois have been shot and killed by police.

Nicole Hudson, a member of the Ferguson Commission who visited the Massey Commission's August hearing, said the final report the Springfield team submits is just a stepping stone towards community change.



Sen. Doris Turner, left, with attorney Ben Crump, center, and members of Sonya Massey's family, at an Aug. 12 bill signing for legislation to strengthen background checks for police officers. PHOTO BY DILPREET RAJU

“I would say to people, ‘There’s one call to action: it’s work on racial equity in this region, here’s 189 ways to get started,’” Hudson said, referring to the almost 200 calls to action the Ferguson Commission included in its final report.

Commissioner Sunshine Clemons, founder of Black Lives Matter Springfield, explained a desire to restrain the number of recommendations the Massey Commission includes in its final report.

“One of the things that I’ve struggled with all along is I’m worried about putting things in this report that could be considered the small wins,” Clemons said to the Ferguson members in attendance, explaining her original desires with the final report. “You want to make sure something gets done; my first thought was I don’t want any of that in it, I want only the big swings.”

She explained how she understood that the recommendations are just that, recommendations, and won’t directly change the county without further legwork.

“We’ll make sure we get something that really impacts this community, but I also recognize the (Sangamon County) Board doesn’t have to do anything,” Clemons said.

Members of the Massey Commission have made it known that actually creating change will come in the months and years after their official report is submitted to the County Board.

One public commenter, Tom Davis, suggested the commission invite community stakeholders

to next month’s hearing as a way to drum up community engagement and commitment to the commission’s ultimate goals.

“This commission could draw up a list of a top 100 accountable bodies,” Davis told the commission. “Everything from businesses, universities, hospitals, all these social services – maybe it would exceed 100 – but to get your name invited by the Massey Commission to get involved and invest in the implementation, that might be impressive to some people that otherwise are not engaged.”

## First steps of legislative change

The bill signed into law will also expand the number of counties required to establish a Sheriff’s Merit Board, a team that usually has some members appointed by a county sheriff to review deputy appointments and other administrative issues. While Sangamon County has a merit commission, its online information is scattered. In comparison, Champaign County has a Sheriff’s Merit Commission that regularly posts transparency updates.

Despite support of Turner’s bill from members of the Illinois Sheriffs’ Association, Sangamon County Sheriff Paula Crouch – who replaced Jack Campbell last fall and has been invited to Massey Commission work group meetings – filed her formal opposition to the legislation in early April.

Crouch did not respond to a request for comment.

At an early August work group for the Massey Commission, Springfield NAACP president Austin Randolph Jr. expressed the need for sensible legislation to override any given sheriff’s agenda.

“My concern is what happens two years, three years, four years down the line,” Randolph said. “We’re looking further down the road – (Crouch) might not be here 10 years from now. There could be other issues, but if the pieces are in place that have teeth and accountability and responsibility, then that person can be held culpable. The problem is, nobody’s responsible... The next sheriff can come in and say, ‘Forget this,’ because it’s not policy, it’s not law, it’s not with the county. And that’s been the problem for years. Each sheriff can do what he or she wants to do.”

Sheriffs, who are elected and often run uncontested, have outsized control over their departments when compared to other law enforcement offices. The race for Sangamon County Sheriff was last contested in 2018 and is up for grabs again next year.

At the bill signing, Pritzker condemned how it took the loss of Massey’s life to reveal then-deputy Sean Grayson’s past actions.

“Officers with histories of serious disciplinary issues should not be serving in those capacities in our communities,” Pritzker said. “Those histories should not come to light only after the disaster happens.”

Going into effect in January, the law aims to increase accountability for police departments and steer departments away from hiring cops with histories of misconduct.

Turner said the law could have prevented Grayson from being hired by the Sangamon County Sheriff’s Office in the first place.

The law could have also given the Riverton Police Department reason to not hire James Hillyer, a police officer who bounced around almost a half dozen departments for decades before being arrested in 2023 and charged with possession of child pornography, official misconduct and grooming. A police database maintained by Invisible Institute, compiled through Freedom of Information Act requests, shows Hillyer was fired from at least two other police departments prior to being hired by Riverton Police.

Hillyer ended up serving less than a year as part of a plea deal and is now required to register as a sex offender for life. Most people convicted on child pornography charges serve at least five years of prison, according to the U.S. Sentencing Commission. □





Gov. JB Pritzker welcomes Democratic members from the Texas House of Representatives in Carol Stream Aug. 4. PHOTO BY MASON REID / BLUE VICTORY COMMUNICATIONS

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SAFE HAVEN

The state of Illinois is proving again to be a refuge from oppression and affliction, as noted in Maggie Dougherty’s article (“Texas House Democrats in Illinois undeterred,” Aug. 7). This is not the first time Democrats have had to flee to Illinois, in effect going on strike, against anti-labor and/or anti-voter measures being pushed by Republican majorities in their respective states. Recall that in 2011, Democrats came here from Indiana and Wisconsin. Now, it’s Texas.

But besides legislators, Illinois has become a place of refuge for women seeking abortions from states that all but outlaw them. Additionally, Illinois has taken on the responsibility of providing for asylum seekers that an irresponsible Texas governor has gladly abandoned.

Illinois may not be to everyone’s liking; certainly, it’s not favored by self-absorbed oligarchs. They can (and do) self-deport to tax havens like Florida, since all they care about is their money. But I’m happy to live in a state that is known for prioritizing the needs of ordinary people, and giving us help when we need it, regardless of where we come from.

Jeffrey Hobbs  
Springfield

HYPOCRISY

This is really rich. Trump carried 40% of the Illinois vote. Due to the grossest example of gerrymandering in the country, Republicans have three out of 17 Congressional seats, which is approximately 18%. Where are all the Democrats who have been crying in their beer about the popular vote as they spew hate on the Electoral College?

Ted Harvatin  
Via [illinoistimes.com](http://illinoistimes.com)

NO SCRUPLES

Imagine having less scruples than Michael Madigan (“Plenty of political posturing,” Aug. 9). And there you have Gov. Greg Abbott and Texas Republicans.

Tim Moore  
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DOUBLE STANDARD

To serve an official double standard, we are required to draw districts that ensure racial minority representation, but we are allowed to violate the concept of “contiguous” in order to eliminate political minority representation.

The whole thing is politicians picking voters to make sure voters cannot pick politicians. Either we gerrymander or we don’t. But Democrats don’t get to say where and when Republicans are allowed to do what Democrats do.

John Levalley  
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ONLY PLATTITUDES

I was amazed by Fletcher Farrar’s thinking that the Chinese Consulate was sincere when he said that China “opposes all forms of unilateralism, protectionism and hegemonic bullying” (Editor’s note, July 31). Is Mr. Wang Baodong unaware of the Muslim Uyghurs being detained in re-education camps and also used as slave labor, the Chinese Navy harassing the Philippines and ramming Philippine boats with their 96-foot Coast Guard ships and building islands for military bases in the China Sea? Plus, China’s cyber-army that has repeatedly hacked U.S. government offices and bases, U.S. infrastructure and U.S. telecom companies and continue their cyber espionage wherever possible.

I seriously doubt Mr. Wang Baodong’s platitudes about “the value of peace.”  
Larry Wedding  
Springfield

DO YOUR JOB

Elected officials are basically hired by the people to represent them. Their job is to create, debate and vote (yea or nay) on bills to become laws. Running away to avoid their duty is refusing to do their job. There should be a process for the voters of the district to remove (fire) those officials.

Jeff Davis  
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# Springfield's Hilst Agency Named #1 American Family Agency in Illinois— *Here's How He's Changing the Industry*

## Springfield, IL—

In less than a year, David Hilst has gone from launching a one-man insurance agency to running the #1 American Family Insurance agency in Illinois and ranking #5 nationally out of nearly 3,000 agents. Behind those numbers is a bigger story: one of mission, momentum, and a mindset rooted in service and strength.

Since opening the Hilst Agency in November 2024, David has built a powerhouse team—growing from a solo venture to a 7-person office, including four licensed insurance producers and two client service representatives. His approach? Clear: People first. Always. “We put people before profits—every single time,” says Hilst. “Our goal isn’t to sell insurance. It’s to protect lives, build trust, and make sure every family or business we work with walks away feeling supported, understood, and empowered.”

And it’s working. In May 2025, the agency was named Agent of the Month for growth. Just a month later, it was declared #1 in the state of Illinois and #5 nationwide for American Family, driven by exceptional client service, aggressive growth, and a commitment to doing things differently.

## A Personalized, Smarter Way to Insure

At the heart of Hilst Agency’s success is client education. Every policy is customized line-by-line to ensure customers get what they need—and nothing they don’t. “Too many people are overpaying because their policy includes fluff,” David explains. “We tailor policies for each client—whether it’s adding the right water endorsements, ensuring the deductible aligns with their budget, or helping them qualify for smart discounts.”

From new roof and safe driver discounts to Ring doorbell, low mileage, bundling, and first-time homeowner discounts, the agency is relentless in maximizing value. “We get you more coverage, for less money—because we know how to build a smarter policy.”

## Rapid Expansion With Purpose

In July 2025, Hilst signed a lease to take over the front unit at 3460 Wabash Avenue, doubling his office footprint. Renovations are currently underway and expected to be completed by September, giving the growing team more space and tools to serve clients at scale. But it’s not just about growth for growth’s sake. David sees the expansion as a way to create jobs, develop local talent, and fuel a mission bigger than insurance. “This is about building something meaningful in Springfield. We hire locally. We train hard. We lead with heart. And we’re just getting started.”

## A Deeper Mission: Giving Back Where It Counts

As his agency grows, so does David’s impact in the community. In 2025, the Hilst Agency pledged \$10,000 to the United Way and has partnered for two upcoming charity events to support local families in need.

That’s in addition to his existing work with the Big Brother/Big Sister, Boys & Girls Club, Ball Chatham Educational Foundation, Compass for Kids, and other local youth-focused organizations. “Success means nothing if you’re not lifting others up along the way,” David says. “Giving back isn’t a side project. It’s part of our business model.”

## A Culture of Strength, Accountability, and Positivity

What sets Hilst apart isn’t just numbers or growth. It’s how he leads. Every day starts with energy, gratitude, and a relentless drive to build people up. Inside the agency, accountability, respect, and positive culture are non-negotiables. Sales reps are trained not just to sell—but to serve, to educate, and to protect. “I don’t believe in pressure selling. We serve first. We win trust. And we earn our clients’ business through real relationships and results.”

## Final Word

If you’re tired of insurance companies that feel cold, confusing, or overpriced—it’s time to experience something different. Whether you’re buying your first home, protecting your growing business, or simply want to know what you’re actually paying for—David Hilst and his team are here to help.







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# Unlikely bedfellows

Some Illinois Republicans work with teachers' union

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Some Republicans in Illinois have taken to regularly bashing Republican state legislative leaders for seeking support from the Illinois Education Association, a teachers' union that has for decades worked to help elect Republicans who are sympathetic to their issues.

With longtime wealthy Republican contributors and fundraisers dying, moving to warmer climes and/or retiring, the IEA and more conservative labor unions can help close the funding and precinct worker gap. But those who do are instantly declared to be persona non grata "Republicans in Name Only" by some folks who want no ties whatsoever with public employee unions.

On the surface, at least, it's a legitimate policy dispute. Former Gov. Bruce Rauner wiped out years of hard work by the IEA when he insisted that Republican legislators reject the teachers' union because he hated public employee unions and believed all Republicans should do the same.

But by relying mainly on money from Rauner and some of his pals, the Republicans lost a more permanent revenue source. Politicians may come and go, but the unions are always there. So when Rauner and his ilk pulled up stakes after suffering humiliating statewide defeats, it was only natural that at least some Republicans would renew their relationships with the IEA and others.

When asked about this schism at the Illinois State Fair's Republican Day, Senate Republican Leader John Curran pointed out that he lives in a "purple" district and will work with anyone who works with him. Curran said he looks at the members of the IEA who live in his district, not the union itself.

"I think it's incumbent upon Republicans to represent your districts," Curran said. "This is a very diverse state. A one size fits all is not the path to ultimate victory and success in this state."

"We have got to reflect the communities we represent, first and foremost" Curran said. "That's success. It is not a blanket party one way or another."

House Minority Leader Tony McCombie told my associate Isabel Miller that 46% of the IEA members in her district are Republicans. "I think you find that in a lot of our rural areas," she said.

"I think, like with every organization, especially as a leader, it's important that I have a relationship with every organization," McCombie said, adding that the IEA has "been helpful to the caucus."

McCombie differentiated the IEA with the National Education Association, however, saying the NEA "has gone too far left for us." She said the IEA is different.

Failed 2022 attorney general candidate Tom DeVore has attracted thousands of online followers and regularly attacks both Curran and McCombie for their IEA ties. He's gone so far as to repeatedly claim that the IEA represents Chicago teachers, even though the Chicago Teachers Union is most definitely not part of the IEA.

DeVore has endorsed a primary opponent against McCombie and against at least one other House GOP member, Rep. Charlie Meier, R-Okawville.

McCombie and her allies will likely have to spend significant money to defend the leader and Meier – money which could've been used to defend against a predicted House Democratic onslaught next fall. That prospect only buttresses McCombie's claim from earlier this summer that DeVore is a "Democrat operative." Whatever he says, the end result is Democrats benefit.

Americans for Prosperity Illinois is expected to go all-in for McCombie in the primary. The group will also help her caucus fend off the

Democrats next year.

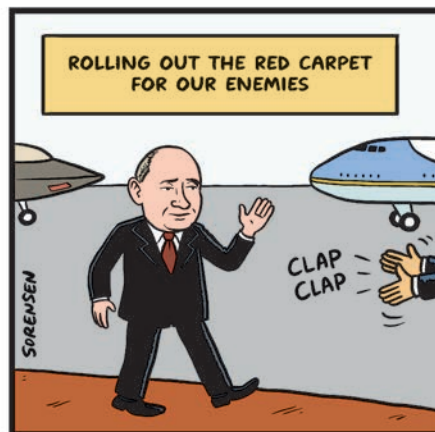
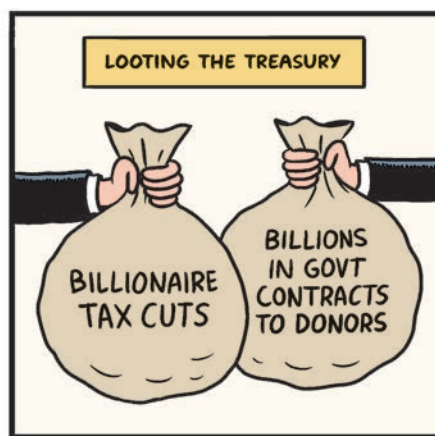
Meanwhile, Downstate Republicans often complain that urban Democrats turn up their noses at rural Illinois. During Republican Day, however, Republican DuPage County Sheriff James Mendrick made a claim about rural Republicans that could haunt his announced gubernatorial bid.

Like Darren Bailey in the 2022 governor's race, Mendrick is running for governor on a tough-on-crime agenda. But he said Bailey just didn't get it.

"He had no ability to really do anything about (crime). No offense to him, but he's a farmer," Mendrick said about Bailey.

That "farmer" crack didn't sit well with Bailey's former campaign manager Jose Durbin.

"Taking a swipe at farmers in a state built on agriculture is a strange way to ask for votes - especially in a GOP Primary largely made up of rural voters," Durbin told Isabel. "Perhaps Jim should try other ways to promote his failing campaign. Darren Bailey's roots in farming mean he knows hard work, responsibility and how to deliver results - exactly what Illinois needs to fight crime and get back on track." □



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# Take a family day trip to Decatur

FALL GUIDE | DiAnne Crown

Less than an hour from Springfield, Decatur offers a wide variety of ever-changing wonders for families with children in search of indoor and outdoor play. From the constructive playthings of the Children’s Museum of Illinois to the animals at the Scovill Zoo and woodland experiences of Rock Springs Conservation Area and Nature Center, discover Decatur and enjoy fun for all on a leisurely schedule. And when you’re ready, there’s pie. Here are a few highlights for your next fall getaway together.

**Children’s Museum of Illinois**

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For families with children ages 2 through 10 years ready to discover and play, this is a fun, colorful and memorable place to visit. For executive director Rikki Parker, “It’s all about the joy, the look in kids’ eyes, such as when they climb the (two-story) climbing structure for the first time.”

The Central Climber, which replaced the former climbing gym in 2024, is one of the newer features of this award-winning 27,000-square-foot interactive play, arts and sciences facility that opened in 1990 and gets bigger and better every year.

“(The climber) is not just indoor playground equipment,” said Parker. “There are various ways to plan and go through it, and it encourages healthy risk tolerance and how to use gross motor skills, so kids have fun while they’re learning.”

In addition to the climbing structure, a new working 20 foot by 5 foot Illinois Waterways table, complete with a lock and dam, demonstrates how agricultural goods are transported using the Illinois waterway system; an outdoor sound garden offers a different kind of sensory experience; and the new 7,000-square-foot Heroes Hall features law enforcement and first responder activities, a dispatch center, sheriff car, ambulance, miniature hospital and more.



The Children’s Museum of Illinois includes a 20 foot by 5 foot Illinois Waterways table, complete with a lock and dam. PHOTO COURTESY CHILDREN’S MUSEUM OF ILLINOIS

More than 60 exhibits and activities, including two toddler areas, simulate real-world scenarios, all available for spontaneous play and discovery in each child’s own ways.

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# Rock the Conservatory

SYPG kicks off 20th anniversary season Sept. 13

FALL GUIDE | Lynn Whalen

The set list is kept secret to heighten the anticipation. But if you like live music and dance with some art thrown in, you won't be disappointed.

Company dancers from the Springfield Youth Performance Group (SYPG), along with professional rock musicians, present the rousing "Rock the Conservatory" on Saturday, Sept. 13 at 8 p.m.

The venue itself is a draw. The Grant Conservatory of Music and Dance is located in the former Elliott Avenue Baptist Church. Rock the Conservatory is staged in the sanctuary of the building, framed by stained glass that provides "a warm hug for the audience," according to Taryn Grant, SYPG founder and executive director.

"During Covid, the church shut down and never reopened," said Grant. "We had been looking for a venue to house SYPG and the Illinois Symphony Orchestra, and this was the perfect location to bring both together and provide multiple, large performance spaces along with classrooms, storage and convenient parking."

Rock the Conservatory kicks off SYPG's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary season, and the community is invited to the immersive experience. "The music and entertainment begin the minute you walk in the door," said Grant. "During intermission, there will be activities in the lobby including an artist painting a piano. This year's Rock the Conservatory is bigger, more intense and fast-paced. The audience is on the same level as the dancers. Our professional musicians on the stage have local ties and now work in Chicago, Nashville and New York. Nothing, to me, is more exciting than live music."

The band is led by Tommy Sagins of Chicago, originally from Sherman. This is the fourth time SYPG has presented Rock the Conservatory, however, "Every show we do is brand new," said Grant. "We never do the same show twice or the same choreography twice. We owe that to the audience. It's our responsibility to surprise them and bring them a new gift, especially during this anniversary season."

She added that the performers rise to a new level to make the shows even better than the year before.

Tickets for Rock the Conservatory are available for \$30 each at [sypgfoundation.org](http://sypgfoundation.org),

with 250 to be sold. She encouraged those buying tickets on the website to also read where their ticket money goes. "When you purchase a ticket, you are investing in the outreach work we do. All of the proceeds go back into the community for our outreach programs," said Grant. Those programs include free, after-school dance classes offered at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Illinois, whose participants are then included in SYPG stage productions.

Partnering with Enos Elementary across the street from the Conservatory, Hope School and the Boys and Girls Clubs, SYPG also offers the Mighty Movers program for children with developmental delays. Other outreach programs, all free of charge, include the Smile Co., where fairy tale characters visit children in need of a smile who are sick or in a special circumstance; Books on Stage where book characters come to life to instill a love of reading in school children; and Bravery Ambassadors, with SYPG company members and alumni involved in community projects and mentorship.

Community service is a large part of the SYPG experience. "By the time our dancers are filling out college applications, they have years of community service under their belts," said Grant. SYPG also hosts a chapter of the National Honor Society for Dance Arts, recognizing outstanding artistic merit, leadership and academic achievement in dance students.

Also coming up this fall, SYPG will present The Nutcracker Ballet Dec. 6 and 7 at the Sacred Heart-Griffin High School auditorium. Auditions for dancers 5-17 will be held Aug. 23, 2:30 p.m. at the Conservatory.

Grant promises some new and exciting features in this year's Nutcracker. "The



The company dancers for Springfield Youth Performance Group will perform *Rock the Conservatory* Sept. 13. PHOTO COURTESY SYPG

performance will be one hour without an intermission. The show moves quickly with a narrator so all ages can enjoy and understand the story."

She says the performance will feature the traditional Nutcracker story but updated to be culturally sensitive, with new scenes and costumes. In addition to the show, there will be activities in the lobby including crafts, a children's library and special characters to meet.

As far as the Nutcracker performers, Grant sees value in starting young. "Giving them the platform to perform at a young age is where their self-esteem begins to develop. They're proud of being a part of the performance and of what they've created. We plant the seeds and then nurture them. We want their experience with performing to be very positive, and we have never turned a child away in 20 years." □

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# Celebrating the life and legacy of Marsha P. Johnson

## Phoenix Center to hold events Saturday and Sunday

**FALL GUIDE | Mary Young**

Johnson was born Malcolm Michaels Jr. on Aug. 24, 1945, in Elizabeth, New Jersey, the fifth of seven children in a working-class, religious family. Assigned male at birth, Johnson began dressing in girls' clothes around the age of 5. Her parents were disapproving of her self-expression and she was often bullied by the boys in her

neighborhood. During a 1992 interview, she described being a young victim of sexual assault at the hands of a 13-year-old boy, after which she stopped cross-dressing and decided the idea of being gay was "some sort of dream" rather than a realistic possibility.

In 1963, Johnson graduated from Thomas A. Edison High School and moved to New York City. The 17-year-old brought one bag of clothes and \$15 with her. Though she often struggled to make ends meet, living in Greenwich Village became the catalyst for embracing her identity and discovering her passions, despite the challenges she often faced being Black and queer.

A prominent figure in New York's gay community, Johnson was a member of the

Gay Liberation Front (GLF) and, with her close friend Sylvia Rivera, cofounded the radical activist group Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries (STAR). She was also a vibrant presence in the city's art scene, modeling for Andy Warhol and performing with the drag troupe Hot Peaches. Known as the “mayor of Christopher Street,” she was a welcoming and beloved figure in Greenwich Village. Later in life, she became a dedicated AIDS activist with ACT UP, beginning in 1987.

Johnson died in 1992 at the age of 46 and an investigation into her death remains open to this day. A 2017 Netflix documentary by director David France, *The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson*, looks at both the mysterious circumstances surrounding her death and her life's work advocating for LGBTQ+ rights, particularly for trans women of color. Johnson continues to inspire movements for equity and justice into the present.

“Marsha P. Johnson was a fearless and fly woman who dedicated her life to helping people,” said Ricki Marvel, a local singer/songwriter and activist who has agreed to host the birthday event. “This weekend of events will give us a chance to honor one of our trancestors and reflect on our power, as well as the challenges BIPOC trans folks face.”

“This weekend is about honoring Marsha’s legacy the way she lived: with joy, resistance and beauty,” said Teresa Silva, executive director of The Phoenix Center. “We invite everyone, LGBTQ+ folks and allies alike, to come together, celebrate and support the work that still needs to be done.” □

# Dance, remember and rise - together - for Marsha

The celebration kicks off at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, with a high-energy Dance Party Fundraiser at The Inn at 835. Guests will enjoy an immersive Marsha-themed party atmosphere, music, dancing, community and joy – all in the spirit of Marsha’s enduring message of love and liberation. Attendees are invited to wear an outfit Marsha would have inspired. She was well-known for wearing colorful thrift outfits, bold costume jewelry and crowns made of fruit and flowers.

The celebration continues Saturday night with an afterparty at Clique, 411 E. Washington St.

On Sunday, Aug. 24, at 1 p.m. the community is invited to a free screening of the acclaimed documentary, ***The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson***, followed by a guided discussion. The film explores the life, activism and mysterious death of Johnson, while highlighting the ongoing fight for trans rights and justice. The screening will take place at Out on Second, 120 E. Scarrit St., and is recommended for ages 16 and older.

Tickets can be purchased on the Phoenix Center website. You can also support the event by selecting “donate a ticket” for someone else to use.

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Fall garden projects

FALL GUIDE | Ashley Meyer

The first golden leaves of autumn are just beginning to turn, but don't put away those gardening tools just yet. There are still plenty of growing days left in the season. Indeed, late summer is the perfect time to plant quick-growing veggies that thrive in cooler weather. Spinach, radishes (especially vibrant pink and green watermelon radishes) carrots, kale, green onions, beets, broccoli raab, cabbage, turnips and rutabagas are all excellent candidates for sowing from seed in a fall veggie garden. Mulching in garden beds and around shrubs with fallen leaves puts pesky yard waste to good use and is especially important around newly planted trees or perennials to protect them from cold Illinois winters.

It's also an ideal time to begin dreaming and planning for next year's garden. Folks looking to install an entirely new garden space can begin now by laying a tarp down over the intended garden area and weighing it down with rocks or bricks to prevent the tarp from blowing away over the winter, smothering weeds and making the soil easier to turn come spring. This chemical-free method is well-suited to practically any kind of garden, from bountiful veggie gardens to eye-catching flower beds.

Create a native garden

For those dreaming of a garden that is as resilient and beneficial as it is beautiful, Lincoln Memorial Garden will host a workshop titled "Create a Native Garden from Scratch" at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13. Indigenous plants provide much-needed food and shelter for pollinators and other wildlife and are often more drought and disease-resistant than their exotic counterparts. Many are perennials or are self-seeding, meaning you can look forward to their return year after year.

Held in conjunction with the University of Illinois Master Gardeners and Naturalists, this workshop will be at the Ostermeier Demonstration Garden in the Prairie Center at LMG. The first in a series of four workshops, the September session will cover



Fresh autumn harvest of raw carrots, beetroots and potatoes.

topics ranging from why to create a native garden, site assessment, ground preparation, how to design and more. Participants in the first session will have the opportunity to sign up for future events on Oct. 25, Nov. 15 and March 7. These in-depth sessions will cover native landscape design, plant selection and more. In the final session, participants will have the opportunity to develop and design their own garden that they will be able to plant in the spring.

The tour of the garden on Sept. 13 is free, and the series is \$10. Pre-register to attend at the University of Illinois Extension website: <https://extension.illinois.edu/events/2025-09-13-native-garden-design-series-first-session>.

If you have questions or need a reasonable accommodation, call 217-782-4617.

**Make kokedema**

If you love plants but digging and weeding isn't your thing, the Washington Park Botanical Garden will be hosting a kokedema workshop from 9-10:30 a.m. on Sept. 27. Described as a laid-back type of bonsai, the tradition of kokedema is centuries old and involves growing houseplants in a tightly compacted ball of soil covered in moss. Led by Charli Swain, the Botanical Garden's facilities program supervisor, participants will make their own kokedema and learn about the benefits of natural air purification, all while

exercising their creative muscles in this hands-on class.

All materials are included and the cost is \$35 for Springfield residents or \$40 for non-residents. Registration can be done online, over the phone or in-person at the Washington Park Botanical Garden, located at 1740 W. Fayette Ave. in Springfield. For more information visit <https://www.springfieldparks.org/Event/3614/Make-your-own-Kokedama/event-details/> or call 217-546-4116. □

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# Take a family camping trip

FALL GUIDE | Pamela Savage

Growing up, my family were car camping people. Both my brother and I were involved with scouting, and my parents kept an up-to-date Kampgrounds of America (KOA) directory in the sideboard in the living room. I vividly remember one trip to the Outer Banks where it rained so much that the tent flooded and I spent the night in a van with a half a dozen mosquitoes.

Despite once being a surly, soaked tween, I went on to do some enjoyable car camping with my boyfriend (now husband) into my 20s and early 30s, but haven’t been since becoming a parent. Presumably, it was too overwhelming to attempt sleeping in a tent when my babies and toddlers were only half decent at sleeping in their cribs and then beds, but now that everyone is much older, I am thinking we ought to try a family camping trip.

The benefits of family camping appeal to me – spending time in nature, getting away from our screens and developing an appreciation for the natural world. Both of my kids mostly enjoy hiking, wading into creeks and lakes and being outdoors. I also think they are both old enough to help set up camp and do some camp chores.

With an autumn trip in mind, I consulted several family blogs and articles about tips for planning our first family camping trip. These particular tips resonated with me:

**Use books to prepare kids**

Camping overnight in a tent can be a little hard to conceptualize for kids, and when things are hard to imagine (the first day of school, for instance), many parents like to turn to books. Some books to get kids excited about and invested in camping are:

*Flashlight* by Lizi Boyd – This picture book has no words and is a good option for your youngest campers.

*Henry and Mudge and the Starry Night* by Cynthia Rylant – We love a Cynthia Rylant book, and this one is about



a sweet family hiking and camping trip that includes a pet.

*Cooking in a Can: Campfire Recipes for Kids* by Kate White and Debra Dixon – Enough said.

*The Camping Adventure Book for Families* by Linda Hamilton – I had the chance to peruse this one at the gift shop at Lincoln’s New Salem State Historic Site and it has loads of great ideas to look through while you are planning your camping trip.

*The Lonely Planet Kids’ Survival Guide* – This is probably overkill for a laid-back car camping trip, but my kids have read and reread

this one over the years and know what to do if they come across a bear, so it gets points for engagement.

**Choose your destination wisely**

This seems obvious, but stay with me a second. Honestly, if you are nervous about camping, many experienced family campers suggest simply pitching a tent in your own backyard as a starting point. This do-ahead strategy allows your kids to get used to all the excitement and new night sounds, while providing a super-easy plan for bailing as needed. If you are ready to step it up, choose a camping destination that has family-friendly activities. Many campgrounds and camp sites have spots for fishing, hiking, playgrounds, game rooms or arcades and even swimming.

**Keep meals fun and easy**

Camping is the perfect opportunity to keep meals simple. Clearly, s’mores should be involved. And since the kids are already roasting marshmallows, let them “cook” their

own food as well. Kids can help shop and prep simple food ahead, plan one-pot meals or assemble simple things like sandwiches and hot dogs.

**Pack the right stuff and plan some fun stuff**

Choose the right gear – this is different for everyone but might include the correct-sized sleeping bags that trap heat for smaller kids, easy to set up tents, bug spray that works for you and your family and children-friendly flashlights and headlamps that won’t blind everyone. Be sure to throw plenty of layers in the car, especially if it is going to be cool or you anticipate kids getting muddy or damp. Lastly, include some fun stuff such as card games, fairy lights, giant bubbles, bikes and scooters, binoculars, bug-catching equipment and bird calls. □

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# Upcoming art shows and festivals

FALL GUIDE | Stacie Lewis

Art is a small word that belies the huge impact it has on a community. Art is a language that can connect diverse groups and individuals through both shared experiences and differences. It helps build community pride with cultural identity while introducing new ideas and perspectives. Art even has a role in economic development as cultural events attract tourism, bringing in visitors who help support local businesses and contribute to the local economy.

One of the gems of Springfield’s art scene is the community-based nonprofit Springfield Art Association (SAA). In its goal to support the visual arts, the SAA not only offers art education classes in just about every medium, it also hosts exhibitions and an annual fine art fair.

The SAA Collective at 105 N. Fifth St. in downtown Springfield has two exhibitions that are open through Thursday, Sept. 25. **“Confluence”** showcases the works of Laura Anderson and Leslie Stalter who are both educators at Lincoln Land Community College and juried artists of the Collective. The exhibition “presents immersive pieces that blur boundaries between organic and manmade forms, inviting viewers into a space that feels both new and strangely familiar.”

Seeking to highlight diverse voices expressed through pastel, acrylic, mixed media, oil and charcoal in works both realistic and abstract, **“PLEIADES”** presents the bold strength of women artists in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Artists Sarah Anderson, Julie Brown, Delinda Chapman, Denise Church, Catherine Flynn, Ruthann Mazrim, and Sheri Ramsey are featured in the exhibit at the SAA Collective.

The **“Statewide: Illinois Artist Showcase”** exhibit, on display through Aug. 30, celebrates the diversity and creative talent throughout the state by highlighting the work of talented professional artists, aged 21 and older, who are living and working in Illinois. The show is at the SAA’s M. G. Nelson Gallery, 700 N. Fourth St.

Artists from across the country will gather on the lawn of Edwards Place for the SAA’s 37<sup>th</sup> **Annual Edwards Place Fine Art Fair**. This art fair is the highlight of the year for the SAA and the weekend-long event includes live music, food and exhibits. It is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20, and Sunday, Sept. 21, at Edwards Place, 700 N. Fourth St.

**“Perceptions of Nature,”** a solo watercolor exhibition by Donald Landry, will be on display at the Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., from Sept. 14-29. Landry, a member of the Sangamon Watercolor Society, has been painting for almost 50 years. He says most of



Donald Landry will host a solo watercolor exhibition, “Perceptions of Nature,” from Sept. 14-29 at the Hoogland Center for the Arts. PHOTO COURTESY DONALD LANDRY

his work is of local landscapes in places such as Washington Park, Lincoln Memorial Garden and Lincoln’s New Salem State Historic Site. The society will host an artist’s reception from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 14.

The Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., is hosting the fifth installation of the annual NOIR art exhibition, **“NOIR V: Resilience,”** through Tuesday, Sept. 2. The exhibit, curated by Austin Wells and Elijah Miller, features photography, mixed media, oil and acrylic paintings, pastel work and other artworks by Black artists highlighting the theme of resilience. Artists use their work to “celebrate and preserve Black culture, traditions and values, fostering a sense of pride and belonging.”

The Fae Folk Art Collective is a nonprofit organization dedicated to presenting visual, performing and literary arts with fantasy-themed events. With the **Fae Folk Art Festival IV: Mythical Creatures** the collective hopes to create a safe, Renaissance faire-inspired

atmosphere for all ages. Look for an art market, literary area, poetry open mic, costume contest, performances by Capital City Improv, Zwei-Dumm Productions, The Pretty Peculiars and Maverick Moon, plus interactive games, activities for kids and food trucks. It will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6, at Union Square Park, 212 N. Sixth St.

The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., was created in 2011 to “to cultivate and celebrate expressions of multidimensional artists.” The gallery also serves as an art studio, performance venue and arts center. The member group exhibition, **“HINTERLANDS,”** which is an exploration of the idea of areas beyond city bounds and the “less developed and hard to reach locations,” runs through November. Also ongoing is **“Bob Waldmire,”** a display of the works of the iconic Route 66 hippie artist. It will be displayed through 2026 in celebration of the route’s 100 anniversary.

**Art Spectacular** is a festival of art, music

and children’s programs. Founded by Rees Carillon Society board member Barb Walker, the art show is a professionally juried fine art and craft show featuring museum-quality works. The participating artists are among the region’s and nation’s most-recognized for their original work in a variety of media. Works of art and crafts range from \$50 to \$7,500. In addition to a silent auction and gift basket raffle, the event features hourly carillon performances and other performances by local musicians, artist demonstrations, a kids’ art sale and food. The show is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 13, and Sunday, Sept. 14, at the Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, 1740 W. Fayette Ave.

Springfield has a living, breathing art community and it never disappoints. We are lucky to have some incredible talent among us and plenty of places in which to experience their work. Give yourself the gift of time to explore the exhibitions and experience how art can connect us. □



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# A fall performing arts preview

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FALL GUIDE | Stacie Lewis

This theater season, you will find a variety of theatrical performances on our local stages keeping you entertained with plenty of drama, horror and comedy. These stage productions and improv shows are a great way to enjoy local talent, whether in a classic play or a modern musical.

### Hoogland Center for the Arts

The Hoogland Center for the Arts has several performance spaces – the LRS Theatre, the Peggy Ryder Theatre and the Club Room – and a production schedule to fill them all this season.

#### *Dreamgirls* Aug. 22-24 and Aug. 29-31

The Dreamettes, a singing group of three young women, struggle for recognition in the cutthroat American music industry in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. An ambitious manager helps them transition from background singers to stars, but it’s an emotional journey as they face personal and professional rivalry, shifting loyalties and the pressures of success. Set to the dynamic sounds of gospel, R&B, pop and disco music, *Dreamgirls* is a timeless exploration of the power of music. This local production is directed by Springfield native Nattalyee Randall, who now resides in New York City.

#### *Pun* Aug. 22-23

The Portuguese Rodeo Clown Company will present *Pun* in the center’s Club Room. For this live improv, five actors will build two hours of comedy sketches from suggestions from the audience. Unpredictable? Off the cuff? Impulsive? Yes, and improv is also fresh, new and unique. No two shows are ever alike.



The Broadway cast of *Beetlejuice Jr.*, which was nominated for eight 2019 Tony Awards, including Best New Musical. Springfield Theatre Centre will bring the show to the Hoogland Center for the Arts this October.

#### *Beetlejuice Jr.* Oct. 3-5 and Oct. 10-12

He was the ghost with the most, and now he stars in a frightfully funny musical. *Beetlejuice Jr.* was nominated for eight 2019 Tony Awards including Best New Musical and has struck a chord with young theater lovers who enjoyed its humor and emotional honesty.

#### *Frankenstein* Oct. 10-12 and Oct. 17-19

“I was benevolent and good; misery made me a fiend. Make me happy, and I shall again be virtuous.” This quote captures a key theme of Mary Shelley’s *Frankenstein* – the idea that a person’s character is shaped by their experiences and environment, rather than being inherently evil. Spencer Theatre Company will present *Frankenstein*, which contains mature themes, in the Peggy Ryder Theatre. Included with the ticket is “The Frankenstein Experience” which will open 90 minutes before showtime and during intermission and includes activities and special guests.

#### *Little Shop of Horrors* Oct. 24-26 and Oct. 31-Nov. 2.

Blending humor, horror and heart into an unforgettable theater experience, *Little Shop of Horrors* has been captivating audiences for more than 30 years.

**Fences**  
**Nov. 14-16 and Nov. 21-23**  
Winner of the 1987 Tony Award for Best Play and the 1987 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, *Fences* is set in a segregated Pittsburgh in the 1950s. A once-promising baseball player in the Negro Leagues, Troy Maxson’s dreams were crushed by racial discrimination. This production is an exploration of the human experience, particularly within the context of African American life in mid-20th-century America.

**The Hello Girls**  
**Nov. 14-16 and Nov. 21-23**  
The Springfield Theatre Centre will present *The Hello Girls*, a timeless tale of strength, resilience and the pursuit of equality. With its vibrant score and inspiring characters, this musical celebrates the untold story of these

trailblazing women who changed the course of history. Inspired by history and with World War I as its backdrop, this musical chronicles the story of America’s first women soldiers who served on the front lines as bilingual telephone operators. After the war, they returned home to fight for recognition and equal rights.

#### **The Legacy Theatre** *Come from Away* Sept. 26-28, Oct. 1-5 and Oct. 8-12

The musical is based on events that took place on Sept. 11, 2001, when 38 airplanes were rerouted from New York City, suddenly stranding nearly 7,000 passengers in a tiny town in Newfoundland.

It tells the true story of strangers who became friends – offering each other hope and humanity during some of history’s darkest days.

**University of Illinois Springfield Performing Arts Center**  
The first play on the Sangamon Auditorium stage was more than 40 ago, and it is hard to imagine the number of tremendous performances that have taken place on it since. But it was decided that the time was right for the theater to get a refresh with “new seats, updated surfaces and improved equipment.”  
The work is expected to be completed by the fall of 2026 when the curtain will again be opened, and patrons can welcome back their favorite performances in the revitalized theater. In the meantime, UIS has launched the 2<sup>nd</sup> Act Campaign so donors can help support the work and receive some fundraising perks in return. Details of the campaign are on the Performing Arts Center’s website at [uispac.com](http://uispac.com). □





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# Fall CALENDAR

## AUGUST

### Raymond Celebration

Aug. 28-30. This family-friendly, annual event features live music, carnival rides, food, children's events, fireworks, parades and prizes. Arm bands \$15-\$20. Raymond Celebration, Raymond, Broad Street, 217-313-3757.

### Dreamgirls

Fri., Aug. 29, 7:30pm, Sat., Aug. 30, 7:30pm and Sun., Aug. 31, 2pm. Dreamgirls is a powerful and captivating musical that takes audiences on an emotional journey through the turbulent world of the American music industry during the 20th century. Directed by professional performer and Springfield native Natalie Randall. hcfta.org. \$22. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

### Boot Scootin Bash

Fri., Aug. 29, 11:30am-12:30pm. Features line dancing, a boot ring toss, Buckaroo Brew, door prizes and more. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-503-4643.

### Edinburg Labor Day Picnic

Aug. 29-Sep. 1. Three days of fun in honor of Labor Day at Veterans Memorial Park. Features live music, food, a chili cookoff, Saturday color run, children's activities and more. Veteran's Memorial Park, Edinburg, W. Masonic St.

### Acrodance and Aerial Silks Clinic

Fri., Aug. 29, 5-7:45pm. Class times: Ages 5-9, 5-6pm; 6-7pm, ages 10 and older; 7-7:45pm, adults. Contact Springfield Dance to reserve classes. \$15-\$20. Springfield Dance, 5531 International Pkwy., 217-483-3623.

### Kincaid Labor Day Picnic

Fri., Aug. 29, 5pm-12am, Sat., Aug. 30, 12pm-12am and Sun., Aug. 31, 12pm-12am.

Stars, Strips and Summer Nights. Three days of family-family fun in honor of Labor Day. Features children's activities, live music, a Saturday parade, games and crafts, food and much more. Kincaid Labor Day Picnic, Kincaid, Kincaid Park, 237-4713.

### Summer Block Party

Sat., Aug. 30, 12-3pm. A fun afternoon party for all ages. Includes food, carnival games, children's play area, free horse rides for children 6-16, petting zoo and prize giveaways. Free. New Beginnings Apostolic Church, 3121 E. Elm St., 217-971-0125.

### Springfield Mile

Sat., Aug. 30, 12pm and Sun., Aug. 31, 12pm. The annual Labor Day weekend doubleheader of the world's premier flat track motorcycle racing series. americanflattrack.com. \$20-\$150. Illinois State Fair Grandstand, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-632-0277.

### Healing Arts Festival

Sat., Aug. 30, 2-10pm. Features tons of live music, food, information and local art. Free. Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 406 E. Adams St., 217-679-9005.

### Auburn Labor Day Picnic

Aug. 30-31. Two days of family-friend fun featuring a parade, pickleball tournament, live music, children's activities, food, carnival games and more. Union Park, Auburn, 115 E. Madison, 217-414-9259.

### Blessed Sacrament School Centennial Celebration

Sat., Aug. 30, 5:30pm. Celebrate Blessed Sacrament School's 100th year of learning to make a difference. A ticket includes appetizers, beverages and live music from from Downstate. \$35 per person. Blessed Sacrament School, 748 W. Laurel, 217-522-7534.

### Free Farmers Market

Saturdays, 10-11am. Through Aug. 30. Join us for our free Farmers Market, held onsite. Free. Enos Park Neighborhood Garden, 1022 N. Fifth St., 217-610-0720.

### Sangamon Valley Woodcarvers annual show

Sat., Aug. 30, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Woodcarvers, woodburners, intarsia carvers and woodturners will exhibit. Includes how-to seminars, door prizes, carvings and tools for sale and more. Free admission. Williamsville Village Hall, 141 W. Main St., Williamsville, 217-691-5943.

### Kissick Family Hog Roast

Sun., Aug. 31. Family-friendly event open to public featuring food, children's activities, bags and washers games, live music and fireworks at dusk. Food served at 2pm. Includes pulled pork, hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, burgoo and chili. Guests can bring dishes to share. Bring lawn chairs. Guests welcome to stay overnight - bring a camper or tent. Free. Kissick Family Farm, Franklin, 2955 Rt. 104, 217 461 0089.

## SEPTEMBER

### September Law Enforcement Hiring, Training, Wellness, and Cultural Competency Work Group Meeting

Tue., Sep. 2, 5:30-7:30pm. This ongoing discussion about police reform, victim advocacy and equitable treatment of all citizens is open to the public. Free. Lincoln Public Library, Lincoln, 725 Pekin St., 217-732-8878.

### Capital Area Woodworkers Guild

Wed., Sep. 3, 5:30-7:30pm. Meeting features woodworking program and brief updates on recent member projects. Guests welcome. MCL Restaurant & Bakery-Springfield, 2151 Wabash Ave., 217-416-7873.

### Make & Mingle

Third and First Wednesday of every month, 5:30-8:30pm. An open studio experience in the Condell Studio. Bring a project and make new friends, discuss ideas, tackle project challenges and mingle with other art-minded individuals. Free. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

### Lincoln's New Salem Bluegrass Concert

Fri., Sep. 5, 6-10pm and Sat., Sep. 6, 6-10pm. Performers from all over the Midwest will be playing bluegrass music in the Kelso Hollow outdoor theater. dnrhistoric.illinois.gov. Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-782-6302.

### Peoples National Bank of Springfield Exhibit Reception

Fri., Sep. 5, 5:30-7:30pm. Learn about the Peoples National Bank of Springfield in this exhibit. The bank, created in 1970 by Dr. Edwin A. Lee Sr. and E. Winfred "Doc" Helm, served African Americans on the east side of Springfield. Exhibit runs for two months. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

### Prairieland Chautauqua - Greetings from Jacksonville, 1825-2025

Fri., Sep. 5, 6-9pm and Sat., Sep. 6, 10am-5pm. Save the date for Prairieland Chautauqua. This year's theme is centered around the city of Jacksonville in celebration of Jacksonville's bicentennial. Nichols Park, Jacksonville, 110 Holkenbrink Dr., 217-479-4641.

### UIS Star Parties

Fridays, 8-10pm. Through Oct. 24. All ages. Event is weather dependent. Registration encouraged. Larger groups encouraged to call to make sure there is room. Free. UIS Observatory, Brookens Library, One University Plaza, 217-206-8342.

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## Historic Marbold Farmstead Heritage Festival

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## Powered by Prairie Walk and Health Fair

Sat., Sep. 6, 6-10:30am. Proceeds raised by this low-impact, fun event will benefit cardiac rehabilitation services at HSHS St. John's Hospital. Registration deadline is Aug. 30. \$20 for cardiac rehab patients, \$25 for individuals, \$60 for families of four. Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-535-3990, 217-814-5727.

## Tour de Heartland

Sat., Sep. 6, 8am-1pm. Pedal for preservation of the Marbold Farmstead at the 2nd annual Tour de Heartland bike ride hosted by the Historic Marbold Farmstead Association. Register at [runsSignup.com](http://runsSignup.com). [historic-marbold-farmstead.org](http://historic-marbold-farmstead.org).

[farmstead.org](http://farmstead.org). \$40 for 14-mile ride, \$45 for 40-mile ride. Historic Marbold Farmstead, Greenview, 21722 State Hwy 29, 720-838-0498.

## Coding Unplugged

Sat., Sep. 6, 9:30am-12pm. STEM workshop for children 5-11. Activities will teach coding concepts through interactive games, puzzles and team challenges. No screens needed for this fun, hands-on session. Part of a six-workshop series presented by the Abraham Lincoln Council of Scouting America and the Illinois State Museum. \$25-30 per program or \$125-150 for all six. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-529-2727.

## Vehicle Show and Swap Meet

Sat., Sep. 6, 10am-3:30pm. The 75th annual event hosted by the Illinois Secretary of State. See some of the finest antique and classic vehicles, sports cars, motorcycles, trucks and tractors. Held rain or shine. Spectators are free. Contestants \$10. Downtown Springfield, Second and Monroe streets, 217-557-7220.

## Downtown Springfield Family Fun Fest

Sat., Sep. 6, 11am-3:30pm. A day packed with joy, laughter and endless entertainment, all while supporting Prevent Child Abuse

Illinois. Includes inflatable obstacle courses, tasty treats from food trucks, special character appearances, interactive games and non-stop action on the main stage, ending with a foam party. [preventchildabuseillinois.org](http://preventchildabuseillinois.org). Free. Y Block, north of the Governor's Mansion, 217-522-1129.

## Fae Folk Art Festival IV: Mythical Creatures

Sat., Sep. 6, 11am-7pm. Organized by the Fae Folk Art Collective to create a safe, Renaissance faire-inspired atmosphere for all ages. Art market, literary area, poetry open mic, costume contest and performances, interactive games, face painting and more. Union Square Park, 212 N. Sixth St.

## The United Recovery Takeover

Sat., Sep. 6, 11am-2pm. Enjoy games, prizes, food, crafts and community as Recovery Month is honored. This free, family-friendly event supports individuals on their recovery journey from substance use and mental health challenges. Various organizations will have resource tables at the event. Presented by Sangamon Co. ROSC Council and Gateway Foundation. Free. Southern View Community Park, 3483 S. Fourth St., 217-441-6529.

## VFW Post 10302 Poke Run 2025

Sat., Sep. 6, 11am. Registration at 11am. Kickstands up at noon. Final stop/after party 5pm at Post 10302. Fee includes food at Post 10302. All proceeds benefit Post 10302. \$10 entry fee. VFW Post 10302, 2349 Stockyard Road, 217-789-4725.

## Canine Playgroup Public Viewing

Sat., Sep. 6, 11:30am-1:30pm. Observe adoptable dogs in a group setting interacting and playing with each other in an open environment. Bring a lawn chair. Event by the APL and Sangamon County. [apl-shelter.org](http://apl-shelter.org). Free. Animal Protective League, 1001 Taintor Road, 217-544-7387.

## Vinegar Hill Neighborhood Block Party

Sat., Sep. 6, 12-3pm. A family-friendly event. Features food, entertainment and children's activities. Free. Vinegar Hill Mall, 107 W. Cook St., 217-522-3123.

## "PLEIADES" Special Reception

Sat., Sep. 6, 2-4pm. A special reception in honor of the current Underground exhibit, "PLEIADES," which highlights diverse voices expressed through pastel, acrylic, mixed media, oil and charcoal in works large and small. An artist talk at 2:30pm will feature

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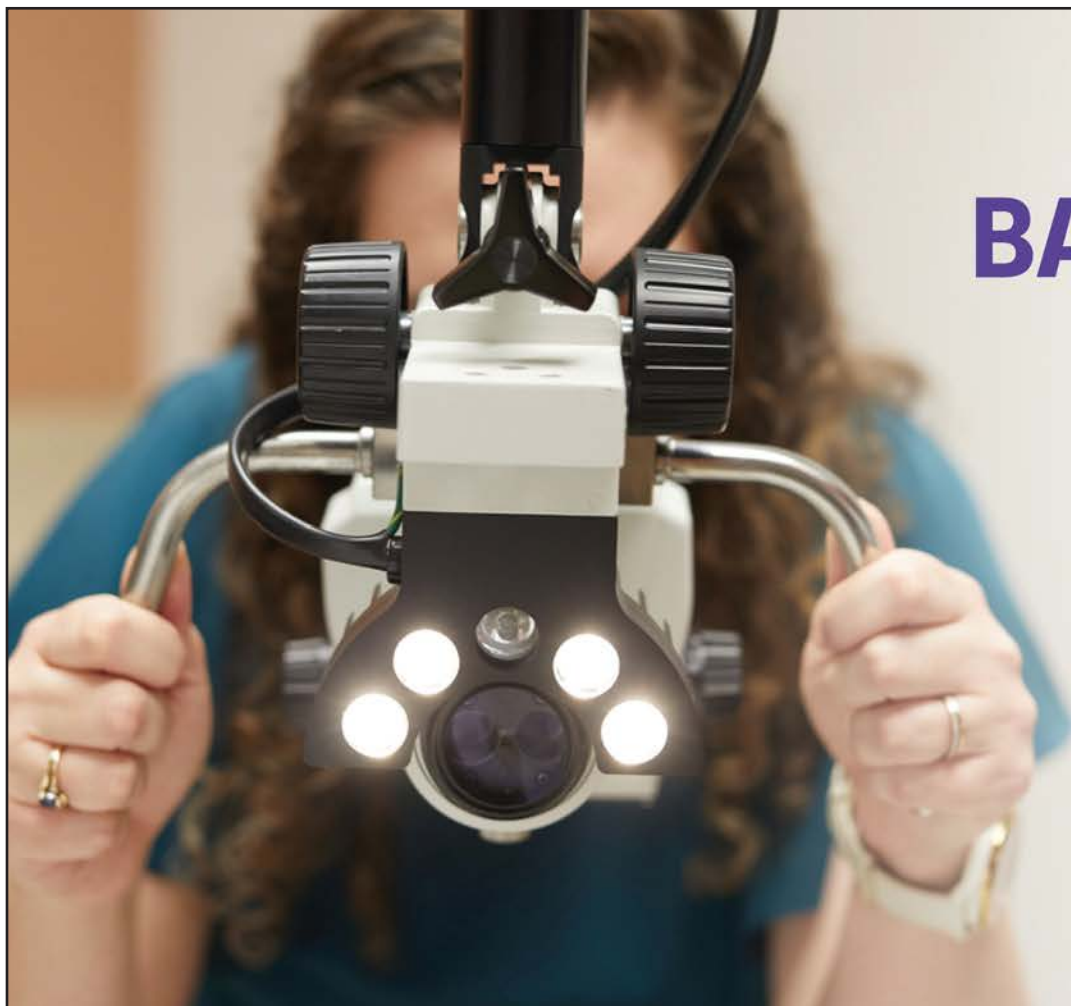
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## Rock and Run for Mental Health

Sun., Sep. 7, 9am-12pm. Event features 5K run, 1K fun run/walk, food trucks, paint party and art show and live music. Partial proceeds to benefit nonprofit mental health organizations. rock4mentalhealth.com. \$30. Rochester Community Park, Rochester, 90 Wild Rose Lane.

## St. Cabrini Fall Festival

Sun., Sep. 7, 11am-4pm. Features music, food and beverages, children's games and much more. The Jonnie Concaroo Band plays at 2pm. Proceeds benefit the parish. Free. St. Frances Cabrini Parish, 1020 N. Milton Ave., 217-522-8555.

## Fight Night at the Stadium

Sun., Sep. 7, 1pm. The Springfield Cobras Youth Boxing club brings boxing back to Springfield. Doors open at 1pm. First bell at 2pm. \$21-\$46. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-679-3511.

## Westside Market

First Sunday of every month, 2-5pm. Through Oct. 5. Features at least 25 vendors selling a variety of items including crafts, food and more. See the Facebook page for more info. Parking lot of Papo's Cafe, 3290 W. Iles Ave.

## Illinois Local Conference and Awards 2025

Mon., Sep. 8, 9am-12pm. Annual awards event. Members and non-members welcome. Register in advance at illinoislocal.org. Free for members, \$35 for non-members. Grant Conservatory of Music and Dance, 501 W. Elliott Ave.

## Springfield Destination Tailgate Party

Tue., Sep. 9, 7:15pm. Tailgate and watch the Bears-Vikings game on either of the big screens. Gates open at 5pm. Game starts at 7:15pm. Attendees can bring their own food, beverages and grills. Concessions will be available. All proceeds will benefit Chatham Strong. No RSVP required. \$20 per car. Route 66 Twin Drive-In, 1700 Recreation Dr., 217-

698-0066.

## Book launch

Thu., Sep. 11, 5-7pm. Robert Moore will sign copies of his new book, *Off My Neck*, meet supporters and share stories. Moore is a former U.S. marshal and police chief. blackmarshalpublishing.com. Illinois State Library, 300 S. Second St., 217-785-5600.

## Illinois Senior Games

Fri., Sep. 12, 9am-6pm and Sat., Sep. 13, 9am-6pm. Registration is open for the 2025 Illinois Senior Olympics. Choose from 21 available sports competitions. The pickleball tournament will be held the second weekend in September. Register at IllinoisSeniorGames.org. \$45 and up. Iles Park, Sixth and Ash streets, 217-415-9174.

## St. Mary's Fall Festival

Fri., Sep. 12, 4:30-10pm, Sat., Sep. 13, 9am-10pm and Sun., Sep. 14, 11am-3pm. A weekend filled with live music, food, kids' games, inflatables, wine tasting, pedal pulls, raffles and more. stmarytaylorville.org. St. Mary Catholic Church, Taylorville, 108 W. Adams St., 217-824-8178.

## Wiffleball tournament

Fri., Sep. 12, 6-11pm. The park district's 21 & Over Wiffleball Tournament for fun and friendly competition. No running involved - hits are determined by where the ball lands. Teams of 3-6 play quick 30-minute games. Event includes music and designated adult beverages spot. \$200-\$225. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-544-1751.

## Capital City Century

Sat., Sep. 13, 7am-5pm. Curated routes and low-traffic roads for the seasoned cyclists and beginners alike. Presented by the Springfield Bicycle Club. Register online. \$25-\$45. Sherman Athletic Club, Sherman, 300 S. First St., 217-899-9175.

## Crafters' Treasurers Sale

Sat., Sep. 13, 8am-2pm. Crafters of all kinds will have their choice of a vast array of reusable materials for arts, crafts, education and beyond. Items donated by Springfield Ceramics and Crafts Club members. Fill a bag for \$20 cash. \$20. Springfield Ceramics and Crafts Club, 2626 S. Pasfield St., 217-891-3206.

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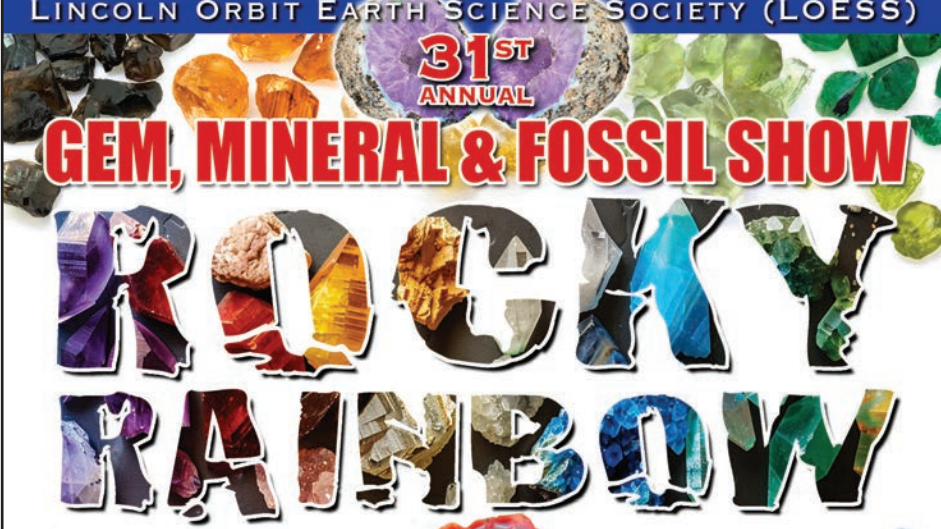
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## Rock the Conservatory

Sat., Sept. 13, 8 p.m. Show features dancers from the Springfield Youth Performance Group performing to rock music by professional musicians. The show begins the SYPG's 20th season. \$30. [sypgfoundation.org](http://sypgfoundation.org). Grant Conservatory of Music and Dance, 501 W. Elliott Ave.

## Blind Awareness Fair

Sat., Sep. 13, 10am-2pm. Celebrate resilience, inclusion and possibility in this annual event by the Educational Center for the Visually Impaired. Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-303-9062.

## State Street Autumn Market

Sat., Sep. 13, 10am-4pm. Event will feature food trucks, vendors and fun for the whole family. Hosted by Elodie Grace Boutique, District 23, Grit & Grace and Ergadoozy. Elodie Grace Boutique, 1340 S. State St., 217-638-4718.

## Davina & the Vagabonds

Sat., Sep. 13, 6:30-10pm. Fundraiser concert for Walk to End Alzheimer's-Greater Springfield. Evening will begin with social dancing as well as a beginner swing dance lesson. Davina & the Vagabonds take the stage at 8pm. Social dancing will follow. See Facebook page for more info. \$25 in advance, \$30 at door. Hoogland Center for the Arts, Theatre III, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

## Compass for Kids Back to School Brunch

Sun., Sep. 14, 10:30am-1pm. This annual brunch celebrates the kids of Compass and raises funds needed to serve them. Includes brunch buffet, drinks, Compass kids' art auction, Blind Date with a Book, Compass updates, an enriching activity and more. See the Facebook page for more info. \$50. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-691-8103.

## Ride to Remember 9/11

Sun., Sep. 14, 10:30am. Lineup for the parade begins 9am. After a brief ceremony at the dealership at 10:30am, the procession will head to the Illinois Capitol grounds. Free. Hall's Harley-Davidson, 2301 N. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-528-8356.

## "Perceptions of Nature" reception

Sun., Sep. 14, 1-3pm. A solo watercolor exhibition by Donald Landry. In the third floor board room gallery. Exhibition runs through Sept. 29. Presented by the Sangamon

Watercolor Society. Free. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-691-1986.

## Cachet Club of Springfield Card Party

Sun., Sep. 14, 1-4pm. Desserts and beverages included. Barbecue pulled pork sandwiches available for \$10. Annual event raises money for St. Patrick's School and Telephone Pioneer Shoe Program. Chances for \$250 raffle prize. \$5. Little Flower Parish Center, 900 Stevenson Dr., 217-529-1606.

## The Good News Experience - A Journey Through Gospel Music

Sun., Sep. 14, 3pm. The Napier Family and friends return after their January concert. [hcfta.org](http://hcfta.org). \$23. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

## Sound Celebration on Safari

Sun., Sep. 14, 3pm. An afternoon of adventure and music with this barbershop chorus which has been singing together in Springfield for more than 70 years. \$20-\$22. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

## Everyday Use and Practical AI

Mon., Sep. 15, 1:30-2:30pm. Dr. Hei Chi Chan and Dr. Neetu Singh will lead a "hands-on" session exploring practical, real-world applications and usage of artificial intelligence in everyday life. Part of the UIS Lunch and Learn Series. \$20. University of Illinois at Springfield, 1 University Plaza, 217-206-6058.

## Golf for Kids

Thu., Sep. 18, 11:30am. Golf outing benefits Strong Kids Campaign to give underserved, at-risk and those with diverse disabilities a YMCA experience. Shotgun start at 11:30am. Registration at 9:30am followed by lunch at 10:45am. Piper Glen Golf Club, 7112 Piper Glen Dr., 217-544 9846.

## Night Glow Festival

Thu., Sep. 18, 6-9pm. As the sun sets, watch the sky come alive with a breathtaking hot air balloon glow at dusk. Besides glowing balloons, event includes food truck and beautiful park views. \$5 admission, cash only. Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-585-2941.

## Style of Hope

Thu., Sep. 18, 6pm. This unique fashion show benefits the individuals that Hope serves while simultaneously bringing the Springfield community together for a fun-filled evening of the latest fashion trends and Hope's impactful mission. [hope.us](http://hope.us). \$45-\$75. BOS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 7th & Adams-outdoor, 833-585-5437.




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## IWIL Women's Symposium

Fri., Sep. 19, 8am. A day of inspiration, motivation, and actionable tips for professional and personal fulfillment for adult professionals of any experience. Keynote speaker Andrea Flack-Wetherald will teach a framework for initiating, engaging in and recovering from conflict, disagreement and other forms of brave communication. A networking reception closes the day. \$125-\$149. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-529-7777.

## UIS Library Commons Groundbreaking

Fri., Sep. 19, 1:30pm. Near the Student Union. See the ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Library Commons building. Free. UIS Student Union, One William Maxwell Lane, 217-206-6600.

## UIS Homecoming Fireworks

Fri., Sep. 19, 9pm. Join fellow alumni, faculty, staff and students for a post-game bonfire with fireworks following the men's soccer game. Kiwanis Stadium, University of Illinois Springfield, One University Plaza, 217-206-6600.

## Prairie Stars 5K

Sat., Sep. 20, 8:30-10am. Enjoy the 10th annual Prairie Stars 5K with a flat, easy run/walk through the UIS campus. Includes T-shirt, chance to win a door prize and more. uis.edu. \$20. University of Illinois at Springfield, 1 University Plaza, 217-206-6073.

## Alan G. Birtch, MD, Center for Transplant Services 5K Run/Walk

Sat., Sep. 20, 9am-12pm. Registration opens in July for this popular event that raises money for a great cause. Advanced registration recommended. \$20-\$30 in advance or \$25-\$35 day of event. Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-788-3000.

## Jacksonville Car Show and Cruise Night

Sat., Sep. 20, 9am-9pm. Celebrating classic cars with some family fun. Car show 9am to 3pm followed by cruise from 5 to 9pm. Includes special vendors and event T-shirts. Jacksonville Community Park, Jacksonville, 1201 S. Main, 217-883-3097.

## Clayville Fall Festival

Sat., Sep. 20, 9am-4pm and Sun., Sep. 21, 9am-4pm. A local favorite! Event includes

blacksmith demonstrations, live music, living history and a Civil War re-enactment, food, crafts, children's activities and historic buildings to tour. Free. Clayville Historic Site, Pleasant Plains, Route 125, 217-481-4430.

## Autumn Author Encounters

Sat., Sep. 20, 10am-12pm. Fall into a good book with Springfield authors at this meet and greet and book signing event. Features James Bockmier, David M Briggs, Hertz Marconi, Aerial McAdams, Joshua Amos Graff, Eric Woods, Vince Churchill, Leanne Keely and Sianyn Leigh. Free. Stella Coffee & Tea, 1135 W. Governor St., 262-622-3151.

## Washington Park Botanical Garden Leaf Identification Hikes

Sat., Sep. 20, 10am-12pm, 1-3pm. Need leaves for a school project? Join this all-ages, two-hour hike to collect and ID up to 50 leaves. Bring collection bag and dress for the outdoors. Chaperones required but only leaf collectors pay. Pre-registration required. Register now at bit.ly/Leaf\_ID-Trails. Residents \$7, non-residents \$10. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

## Edwards Place Fine Art Fair

Sat., Sep. 20, 10am-5pm and Sun., Sep. 21, 10am-4pm. Artwork from artists across the country gather to show their work. Support them, as well as the SAA, by coming out to shop at the best fall art fair in Springfield. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

## Jubilee Farm 25th Anniversary

Sat., Sep. 20, 11am-2pm. Celebrate the farm's anniversary by checking out various demonstrations and activities such as permaculture gardening, an outdoor loom/spinning demonstration and discussion about llamas and alpacas. Visitors welcome to bring picnic lunches. Free, donations accepted. Jubilee Farm, 6760 Old Jacksonville Road, 217-787-6927.

## Enos Park Historic Home Tours

Sat., Sep. 20, 1-5pm. Tour historic homes in various stages of renovation. Tickets available on day of tour. Includes tour guide magazine. \$10 donation. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-553-4629.

## The Glow Up

Sat., Sep. 20, 4-8pm. At this water lantern festival, participants design and decorate their own water lanterns and set them afloat on the Conservation World pond, each illuminated by an LED tealight. Materials are provided and volunteers help with assembly. Family-

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## UIS Alumni Gala

Sat., Sep. 20, 5:30pm. Enjoy good conversation, dinner, music, dancing and more. Evening also will feature alumni awards and program. Register by Sept. 7. \$100 person, \$750 table. UIS Student Union, One William Maxwell Lane, 217-206-6600.

## The Fashion Show

Sat., Sep. 20, 7-9pm. Showcase those creative designs at the Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space's Sept. 20, 2025, fashion show. Deadline to register is Aug. 31. Contact the gallery to register. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 801-810-9278.

## The "Maine" Event

Sat., Sep. 20, 7pm. A casual New England-style lobster bake prepared by Robert's Seafood Market. Dinner and dessert, plus live music by Suns of Beaches. Cocktail hour begins at 6pm. Proceeds benefit Sparc. \$125 individual. Bunn-O-Matic Corporation, 1400 Stevenson Dr., 217-793-2100.

## A Night on Broadway

Sat., Sep. 20, 7:30pm. Help the Hoogland Center for the Arts celebrate 21 years of outstanding entertainment at this annual gala. The event feature a silent auction, dinner and performance by Broadway star Susan Egan. [hcfta.org](http://hcfta.org). \$61. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

## Adams Street Family Reunion Fundraiser

Thu., Sep. 25, 5:30pm. Reserve a place for the first Adams Street Family Reunion Fundraiser, celebrating Kidzeum and raising funds needed to serve the kids who are a part of the Springfield family. There will be a silent auction, trivia games and surprises based on the original Addams Family characters and goodie bags for all. \$75. Kidzeum of Health and Science, 412 E. Adams St., 217-679-2123.

## Friends of the Farmers Market Street Dinner

Thu., Sep. 25, 6-9pm. Celebrate the Old Capitol Farmers Market under the stars with drinks and a farm-to-table dinner. This is the event's 10th year. \$110. Old State Capitol Plaza, between Fifth and Sixth streets at Adams, 217-544-1723.

## 56th Annual Prairie Land Heritage Museum Steam Show & Fall Festival

Fri., Sep. 26, 8am, Sat., Sep. 27, 8am and

Sun., Sep. 28, 8am. See horse-powered equipment, antique tractors, gas and steam engines, demonstrations on bailing, blacksmithing and more. \$10, children 12 and under are free. Prairie Land Heritage Museum, Jacksonville, 1005 W. Michigan Ave., 217-243-7262.

## Halloween Park Scavenger Hunt

Fri., Sep. 26, 9am-7pm. Experience a day filled with goblins, ghouls and a dash of Halloween mystery at one of four different sites: Lincoln, Southwind, Stuart and Kiwanis parks. Free. 217-544-1751.

## Friends of the WSPL Annual Book and Bake Sale

Fri., Sep. 26, 10am-5pm, Sat., Sep. 27, 9am-12pm and Sun., Sep. 28, 12-2pm. Fill a bag with books for a \$5 donation at this annual event. Presented by the Friends of the West Sangamon Public Library. West Sangamon Public Library, New Berlin, 112 E. Illinois St., 217-488-7733.

## History of the Underground Railroad in Illinois

Fri., Sep. 26, 5:30pm. Susan Helm and John C. Ackerman will be the speakers at the dinner lecture program of the Elkhart Historical Society. Call to make reservations by Sept. 15. Cost includes dinner/dessert and lecture. \$45. Elkhart Christian Church Fellowship Community Center, Elkhart, 206 South Gillett St., 217-947-2238.

## Route 66 International Mother Road Festival

Fri., Sep. 26, 6-10pm, Sat., Sep. 27, 9am-10pm and Sun., Sep. 28, 9am-12pm. Hundreds of street machines, muscle cars and hot rods will rumble into the heart of Springfield's historic downtown followed by thousands of spectators for a weekend of family fun, live music and entertainment. Huge cruise Friday night with car show 9am-10 p.m. Saturday and 9am-noon Sunday. [route66fest.com](http://route66fest.com). Free for spectators. Old State Capitol, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-553-5271.

## Annual Artisan Market

Sat., Sep. 27, 9am-4pm. This year's event features more than 30 local and regional artists showcasing unique works. See the Facebook page for more info including an artisan list, directions, latest announcements and more. Free. Illinois State Fairgrounds Commodities Pavilion, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-782-6661.

## Make your own Kokedama

Sat., Sep. 27, 9-10:30am. Discover the art of Kokedama in this hands-on class and learn

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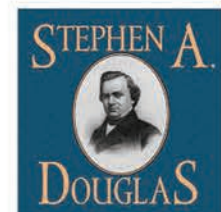
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5th Annual Craft Bazaar

Sat., Sep. 27, 10am-3pm. Featuring local craft people, baked goods, home decor and more than 20 vendors. Food truck. Free. Tri-City Public Library, Buffalo, 600 S. Main St., 217-364-8181.

Chatham Jaycees Oktoberfest

Sat., Sep. 27, 11am-9pm. Traditional(ish) celebration with food, fun and German and American music. See the Facebook page for more info. Veterans Memorial Square, Chatham, 101 N. Main St.

Brice's Crossroads National Battlefield Then and Now

Sat., Sep. 27, 2-4pm. Graham Osborne will present the campaign and battle that occurred June 10, 1864, and share what the foundation is doing to preserve and interpret the battlefield today. Free. Illinois State Military Museum, 1301 N. MacArthur Blvd., 217-761-3910.

Vignette Bazaar

Sat., Sep. 27, 5-8pm. In this inaugural art fair, browse the artist tents and stands full of local art, grab some refreshments and listen to live music by Vava Circus. Soap Co. Coffee House, Jacksonville, 207 S. Sandy st., 978-854-3531.

Family Service Centers Trivia Night

Sat., Sep. 27, 7-10pm. Bring your friends and your brainpower for a night of trivia. \$20. Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 745 Woodside Rd, Springfield, IL 62711, 217-528-8406.

3rd Annual Grand Market

Sun., Sep. 28, 11am-4pm. This family-friendly event features a variety of local businesses offering unique products and services, food and drinks and live music throughout the day. Includes children's activities. bjgrandsalon.com. Free. BJ Grand Salon and Spa, 3300 Robbins Road, 217-753-8880.

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Xtreme Outlaw Midget Showdown

Fri., Oct. 3, 7-10pm and Sat., Oct. 4, 7-10pm. The penultimate weekend of the Xtreme Outlaw Midgets season brings racing action to Jacksonville Speedway. Jacksonville Speedway, Jacksonville, 110 N. Westgate Ave., 217-207-3005.

Beetlejuice Jr.

Oct. 3-6, 10-12. The ghost-with-the-most

comes to the stage in this frightfully funny musical based on the beloved motion picture turned Broadway phenomenon. Presented by Springfield Theatre Center. \$21. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

OCI Therapy 2025 5K

Sat., Oct. 4, 8-10am. OCI Therapy's annual 5K. All proceeds for the 5K will go to Habitat for Humanity to be used to help build ramps and to ensure easier access to their homes. For more details, visit [runsignup.com/ocitherapy5k](https://runsignup.com/ocitherapy5k). \$35. Rochester Community Park, Rochester, 90 Wild Rose Lane, 217-547-9109.

Artisan and Antique Market

Sat., Oct. 4, 9am-4pm. Shop handcrafted goods and antiques, savor delicious eats from local food trucks and enjoy live music. [thebrinkerhoffmansion.com](https://thebrinkerhoffmansion.com). Brinkerhoff Mansion, 1500 N. Fifth St., 217-361-5555.

Chillifest 40th Anniversary

Sat., Oct. 4, 9am-6pm and Sun., Oct. 5, 10am-5pm. A weekend filled with chili cook-offs, live music, pageants, family-friendly activities, [taylorvillechamber.com](https://taylorvillechamber.com). Free. City



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## Hike for Babies

Sat., Oct. 4, 10am-1pm. Enjoy fun and fellowship during this one-mile hike in support of Beerlahai Roi Women's Ministries. Registration at 9:30am. Lincoln Park Pavilion, 1601 N. 5th St., 217-494-0503.

## Jacksonville Bicentennial Finale

Sat., Oct. 4, 10am. This celebration only comes around every 200 years. Event features parades and trolley tours to live music, food trucks, carnival rides and a drone show at 8pm. jacksonvilleil.org. Free. Downtown Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Central Park, 217-243-5678.

## Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show

Sat., Oct. 4, 10am-6pm and Sun., Oct. 5, 10am-5pm. "Rocky Rainbow. A Colorful Array of Minerals." Features gem, mineral, fossil and jewelry dealers, exhibits, silent auction, concessions, demonstrations and kids' activities. Adults \$3, seniors \$2, children 12 and younger and Scouts in uniform free. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-414-0033.

## Wings and Wheels Fly-in & Car Show

Sat., Oct. 4, 11am-3pm. See a tarmac full of aircraft from a HC 135 helicopter to a Lockheed C-130 Hercules plane as well as tons of show cars. Food available for purchase. Airplane rides and photo ops with aircraft will be available. Free, donation requested. Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport, 1200 Capital Airport Dr., 217-725-8993.

## Out of the Darkness Walk

Sat., Oct. 4, 12:30-3pm. Event brings people together to connect, provide resources and learn to treat mental health just as importantly as physical health. Funds raised will provide free suicide prevention training and resources to support those who have experienced a suicide loss and to help reduce the rate of suicide. afsp.org/SpringfieldIL. Free. University of Illinois Springfield Student Union, 2251 Richard Wright Dr., 630-767-9912.

## Senior Services of Central Illinois Annual Fundraiser

Sat., Oct. 4, 6-10pm. Features music by Sushi Roll at 7pm. Advance tickets can be purchased online at [www.centralILseniors.org](http://www.centralILseniors.org). \$15. Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 600 Toronto Road, 217-528-4035.

## Candlelight Walks

Sat., Oct. 4, 7pm. A wonderful opportunity to experience village life at night. Period-clothed interpreters will be inside many of the log homes and shops to talk about life in 19th century Illinois. [lincolnsnewsalem.com](http://lincolnsnewsalem.com). Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-632-4000.

## Echoes of Yesteryear

Sun., Oct. 5, 12-3:30pm. A walk through Oak Ridge Cemetery. Actors in period costumes will tell personal stories of seven people buried at Oak Ridge Cemetery who made significant contributions to our community. Hosted by the Sangamon County Historical Society. Free. Oak Ridge Cemetery, 1441 Monument Ave., 217-525-1961.

## Underground Railroad Fall Bus Tour

Sun., Oct. 5, 1-5pm. Join tour guides dressed in 19th-century attire on a bus to Jacksonville's Underground Railroad sites. Tour starts at Illinois College and ends at Woodlawn Farm. Registration is from 12:30-12:45 pm in the Illinois College McGaw Fine Arts Center lobby. Tour begins at 1pm and visits eight historical sites. Returns to college by 5pm. Reservations required. Adults \$25, children under 10 \$10. Woodlawn Farm, Jacksonville, 1463 Geirke Lane, 309-678-7716.

## Blessing of the Animals

Sun., Oct. 5, 3pm. This longtime APL tradition marks the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. All animals are welcome and must be on a leash or in a size-appropriate carrier. For more info, visit [www.apl-shelter.org](http://www.apl-shelter.org) or call. Animal Protective League, 1001 Taintor Road, 217-544-7387.

## Shoes, Brews & Biz

Thu., Oct. 9, 5-8:30pm. Browse products and services of Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce members, sample horseshoes and craft beer, bid on silent auctions and see Dick Levi's auto collection. Call to register for tickets. [gsccl.org](http://gsccl.org). \$25. LRS Hangar, 820 S. Capital Airport Dr., 217-525-1173.

## Blood Drive

Thu., Oct. 9, 6:30pm. Schedule an

appointment by calling or sign up at the post. Free. VFW Post 10302, 2349 Stockyard Road, 217-789-4725.

## Youth Charity Horse Show

Oct. 10-11, 8am-10pm and Sun., Oct. 12, 8am-6pm. Class sessions throughout the event. The organization donates its annual proceeds to area charities. Free. Coliseum, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 E. Sangamon Ave., 217-413-1026.

## Sangamon Watercolor Society Fall Workshop with Dan Danielson

Oct. 10-13, 9am-4pm. Four-day watercolor workshop led by Dan Danielson. Danielson will teach all levels of students but for this workshop the focus will be on intermediate to advanced level artists. Lunch included for each of the four workshop days. Members \$475. All others \$525. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

## Frankenstein

Oct. 10-12, Oct. 17-19. Spencer Theatre Company presents Nick Dear's *Frankenstein*, based on the novel by Mary Shelley and directed by Mark Buckholz. Additionally, "The Frankenstein Experience" will be open to all ticket holders 90 minutes before showtime and during intermission in the Board Room. \$21 for seniors or \$23 for general admission. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

## Fall Harvest Festival

Sat., Oct. 11, 9am-4pm and Sun., Oct. 12, 10am-4pm. The garden's highly popular Fall Harvest Festival returns to Cawley Meadow. Event features children's activities, live music, artisan demonstrations, exhibits, photo contest and food. [lincolnmemorialgarden.org](http://lincolnmemorialgarden.org). \$8, children age 10 and younger free. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

## Carve for the Carillon

Sat., Oct. 11, 11am-2pm and Sun., Oct. 12, 11am-2pm. Scooped pumpkins will be ready for your creative carving. Bring your carving tools, family and friends. The carved pumpkins will be displayed at the following week's Jack O'Lantern Spectacular. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

## Corporate Pinewood Derby

Sat., Oct. 11, 1:30-4pm. In this event, businesses and their employees can compete against each other in a classic Pinewood Derby while contributing to Scouting at the same time. Register at [scoutingevent.com/144-101400](http://scoutingevent.com/144-101400). \$25. Green Hyundai, 601 W.

Stanford Ave., 217-529-2727.

## Making Strides Against Breast Cancer fundraising walk

Sun., Oct. 12, 11am-1:30pm. This 1.3-mile American Cancer Society walk provides a supportive community for courageous breast cancer survivors and those living with metastatic breast cancer, caregivers and families. Register at [www.makingstrideswalk.org/centralil](http://www.makingstrideswalk.org/centralil). N/A. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 309-272-3708.

## "A Radical Turn"

Oct. 13-Nov. 20. This exhibition is by Aaron Hughes, a painter, activist and anti-war veteran whose work explores themes of conflict, memory and social justice. Hughes will discuss the intersection of art and activism during a lecture at 6pm Oct. 22. A reception will follow at 7pm. [uis.edu](http://uis.edu). UIS Visual Arts Gallery, HSB 201, One University Plaza, 217-206-6240.

## Why Politics Feels So Divisive: Understanding Polarization in America

Thu., Oct. 16, 11am. Join researcher Dr. A.J. Simmons for a timely and thought-provoking discussion on the roots of political polarization. Part of the UIS Lunch and Learn Series. \$50. Illini Country Club, 1601 S. Illini Road, 217-206-6600.

## Harvest Days at The Gables

Oct. 16-18. Three days of events begin with a Ghouls Night Out from 4 to 6pm Thursday at The Gables' merchants followed by specials Friday. Saturday's Harvest Celebration will feature a touch a truck event and trick-or-treating from 1 to 2:30pm followed by a costume contest at 2:30pm. The Gables, 2800 Plaza Dr., 217-585-7764.

## 2025 Great Futures Gala

Thu., Oct. 16, 5-8:30pm. This is the largest annual fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Illinois. Includes food, drinks, silent auction, live auction and raffle chances and more. [bgccil.org](http://bgccil.org). LRS Hangar, 820 S. Capital Airport Dr., 217-544-0548.

## Scout-O-Ween

Thu., Oct. 16, 5pm. Enjoy a safe, exciting Halloween celebration packed with costumes, crafts, games, candy, a climbing wall and more. Hosted by the Abraham Lincoln Council. Open to all children and families. Free. Scheels, 3801 S. MacArthur Blvd., 217-529-2727.

## Stand Up for Sojourn Comedy Event

Fri., Oct. 17, 6pm. Laugh with comedian David Scott while helping out a good cause during this sixth annual event with Donnie



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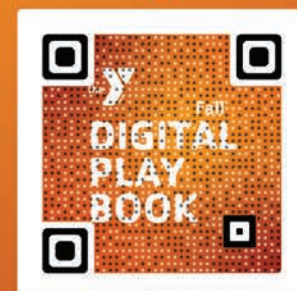
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Fri., Oct. 17, 6:30-9:30pm and Sat., Oct. 18, 6:30-9:30pm. A popular Springfield tradition featuring carillon music, lighting, sound effects and food vendors. Proceeds benefit the Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon. Adults \$7-10, children age 4-11 \$5-\$7 and ages 3 and under are free. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-3853.

**Jacksonville Memorial Hospital 5K/10K**

Sat., Oct. 18, 8-11am. Race takes place on the campus of Jacksonville Memorial Hospital. Online registration open through Oct. 17. In-person registration and packet pickup will be offered from 5:30 to 7pm Oct. 16 at Springfield Running Center, 2943 West White Oaks Drive, Springfield. \$32. Jacksonville Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, 1600 W. Walnut St., 447-784-3211.

**Rochester Fall Festival**

Sat., Oct. 18, 9am-3pm. This annual event will feature craft vendors, food trucks and more followed by a movie in the park from 5 to 8 p.m. Rochester Community Park, Rochester, 90 Wild Rose Lane, 217-498-7192.

**Rochester Car Show**

Sat., Oct. 18, 8 a.m. Gates open at 8am with judging beginning at noon. Awards presentation at 4pm. Event includes food trucks, music and automobile swap meet. Free admission, \$20 for judged cars, \$15 for displayed cars. Rochester Community Park, Rochester, 90 Wild Rose Lane, 217-638-0905

**Springfield Cyclocross PARCX2025**

Sat., Oct. 18, 10am. Participate in or watch this ultimate Cyclocross experience. Event open to seasoned pros or a newbies. Offers a chance to showcase skills, meet fellow cyclists and have fun. Learn more and register at bikereg.com/springfield-cyclocross. \$35. Centennial Park, Bunker Hill Road and Lenhart Road, 217-546-4103 ext. 1012.

**Boo Bark Howl-o-ween**

Sat., Oct. 18, 11am-2pm. Canine costume contest, pumpkin painting and vendors and more. Proceeds benefit the APL. Animal Protective League, 1001 Taintor Road, 217-544-7387.

**Oak Ridge Tree Tour**

Sat., Oct. 18, 1-4pm. The tour will showcase native trees older than the state of Illinois in the Grand Valley section of the cemetery. Free. Oak Ridge Cemetery, 1441 Monument Ave., 217-789-2340.

**Springfield Area Highland Games**

Sat., Oct. 18. Traditional Scottish Highland games with heavy athletic competitions, pipe bands, live music, food, Scottish and Irish dance, clans, vendors and other Celtic cultural exhibitions. centralillinoiscelts.com. \$8-\$60. Sangamon County Fairgrounds, New Berlin, 316 W. Birch St., 217-488-2685.

**Mid-Illinois AI for Communicators Workshop**

Thu., Oct. 23, 8:30am-4:40pm. In this all-day event, participants will learn how AI can make them better at the basics so they can go farther into the tactics they love most about communications and marketing. \$40-\$149. University of Illinois Springfield Student Union, 2251 Richard Wright Dr., 217-206-4782.

**CoComelon: Sing-A-Long LIVE**

Thu., Oct. 23, 6pm. Join Ms. Appleberry, JJ, Cody, Nina and Cece for a lively Melon Patch musical adventure in this touring production. This interactive live show brings CoComelon’s vibrant world to life inviting families to sing, dance and play together. \$28, \$38, \$48. BOS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 7th & Adams, 217-788-8800.

**Zoolie Ghoulie**

Fri., Oct. 24, 1-8pm and Sat., Oct. 25, 11am-6pm. Grab your little ghouls and goblins and have a wild time wandering through the zoo’s spectacularly spooky Halloween scenes for safe trick or treating. Costume contest each night. \$5, 2 and younger are free. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-585-1821.

**Little Shop of Horrors**

Oct. 24-26, Oct. 31-Nov. 2. A theatrical classic that has captivated audiences for over three decades, *Little Shop of Horrors* remains one of the most popular and enduring musicals in theater and film history. hcfta.org. \$22. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

**Harvest-Christmas Market**

Sat., Oct. 25, 9am-2pm. Shop local vendors selling handmade fall and Christmas gifts, crafts and decor at the church’s first Harvest-Christmas Market. Includes silent auction and a freewill offering bake sale. Impact Life will be on site for those seeking to donate blood. Free. Concordia Lutheran Church, 2300 Wilshire Road, 217-529-3307.

**Fall Festival**

Sat., Oct. 25, 10am-4pm. Period clothed interpreters will demonstrate daily tasks such as candle dipping, soap making, blacksmithing, spinning wool, gardening and natural dyeing. Lincoln’s New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-632-4000.

**Something Wicked Festival**

Sat., Oct. 26, 11am-5pm. Features local artists, writers, vendors and entertainment. Costumes encouraged. Free treat bags for first 100 children. Adults \$5, children under 12 free. Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, 624 E. St. Joseph St.

**APL Chili Supper & Paw Paw Patch Bazaar**

Sun., Oct. 26, 11am-3pm. Ticket includes chili, choice of one side, choice of dessert and a drink. Features bake sale, gifts and seasonal craft items. All proceeds benefit animals in APL’s care. apl-shelter.org. \$12. Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-544-7387.

**Comedy on the Mezz**

Mon., Oct. 27, 7-8:30pm. Free, clean comedy performed by some of the best local and regional comedians. Free. Harvest Market - Springfield Il, 3001 S. Veterans Pkwy., 217-793-3601.

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**Trick or Treat Inn**

Sat., Nov. 1, 2-8pm. Event features children’s activities, pumpkin painting, arts and crafts, scavenger hunt and a costume contest for children 10 and younger. Trick or treat through the historic buildings. Free. Clayville Historic Site, Pleasant Plains, Route 125, 217-481-4430.

**Girls on the Run 5K Celebration**

Sat., Nov. 8, 9-11:30am. Support Girls on the Run of Central Illinois participants by joining them at this 5K. Event begins at 9am with family-friendly activities followed by the 5K at 10am. Register to run/walk as a 5K participant or to volunteer. gotrcentralillinois.org. Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-726-9808.

**Art Synergy**

Sat., Nov. 8, 5:30-11pm. This creative, collaborative event will culminate in an exciting evening at Paul Tree Farms filled with food, drinks, bartending battle, silent auction, raffles and a live auction of the finished pieces. \$75. Paul’s Paradise, Pleasant Plains, 12430 State Route 125, 217-544-2787.

**150th Anniversary Dinner**

Sat., Nov. 8, 6-9pm. Jacksonville Memorial Hospital concludes its 150th anniversary celebration with a dinner and entertainment revue to highlight the hospital’s history and commitment to the community. Hamilton’s Catering, Jacksonville, 110 North East St., 217-245-9541.

**Coin Show**

Sun., Nov. 9, 9am-4pm. U.S. and foreign coins, ancient and modern coins, gold and silver bullion, state quarters and paper money. Over 70 dealer tables. Hosted by the Central Illinois Numismatic Association. Free for members and children under 16. \$1. Northfield Inn, Suites and Conference Center, 3280 Northfield Dr., 217-528-7634.

**Fences**

Fri., Nov. 14, 7:30pm and Sat., Nov. 15, 7:30pm. Set in the 1950s in a segregated Pittsburgh, the play revolves around Troy Maxson, a once-promising baseball player in the Negro Leagues whose dreams were crushed by racial discrimination. hcfta.org. \$20-\$22. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

**The Hello Girls**

Fri., Nov. 14, 7:30pm and Sat., Nov. 15, 7:30pm. The Hello Girls chronicles the story of America’s first women soldiers in this new musical inspired by the history of bilingual telephone operators on the front lines of World War I. Presented by the Springfield Theatre Center. \$23. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

**Wintree Wonderland**

Nov. 14-Dec. 31, 10am-8pm. White Oaks Mall is starting a new tradition. Wintree Wonderland will include the beloved elements found each Christmas at the mall and, for the first time, incorporate a festive forest of trees decorated by the public. Designers and sponsors needed to fill the forest. Free. White Oaks Mall, 2501 Wabash Ave., 447-226-8464.

**Breakfast of Hope**

Sat., Nov. 15, 9am. Learn more about Susan G. Komen’s mission in central Illinois with this inaugural breakfast. Includes keynote speaker, medical panel and local vendors. RSVP by emailing DWilliams@komen.org. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-529-7777.



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## 217 Burger Week Part Deux

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While you're enjoying all the chef-inspired burgers, don't forget your 217 Burger Week passport to plan your food journey and for a chance to win gift cards from local restaurants! Download your passport at [217foodweek.com](http://217foodweek.com) or get one from inside the Illinois Times August 18-27. Be sure to send it to the IT office by Monday, Sept. 1. While restaurants are setting their burger prices they still make 217 Burger Week easy on the wallet and support local restaurants. Enjoy special Jack Daniel's drinks at participating locations.

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# It's a Southern thing, y'all

The tomato pie is the refined, elegant cousin of the tomato sandwich

FOOD | Peter Glatz

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, my wife, our dog and I resided in our converted school bus in different areas of the country. We made an effort to shop at local open-air farmers markets whenever possible, enjoying all the regional produce. However, my wife often said, "There's nothing better than a good Illinois tomato!"

Back in central Illinois, we're finally enjoying our local tomatoes. We always mark the summer's first ripe tomato with a BLT, a sandwich beautiful in its simplicity: smoky bacon, juicy tomato slices and a smear of mayonnaise between two slices of toasted sandwich bread (never crusty artisanal bread) with an optional lettuce leaf.

During our time in the South, we discovered the simple pleasure of the Southern tomato sandwich: soft white bread, ripe tomatoes, salt, pepper, and, most importantly, Duke's mayonnaise. Though it never surpassed my beloved BLT, this modest sandwich, often delightfully soggy with tomato juices, holds its own appeal. Nowadays, once my BLT desires are met, I bypass the Southern tomato sandwich and gravitate toward its more refined and elegant cousin: the Southern tomato pie. The tomato pie swaps out the pallid sandwich bread with a flaky pie crust, the tomatoes are joined by sweet onions and grated cheese and everything is held together by the inevitable addition of Duke's.

Anyway, this is a short story for a long recipe. This is a great savory pie. I encourage you to try it. If you are intimidated by making your own pie crust, buy a premade pie crust at the grocery store. But it won't be as good as homemade.

## Southern tomato pie

Serves 6 to 8

### Ingredients:

For the crust:

1 ¼ cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting

¾ teaspoon kosher salt

¾ teaspoon black pepper

1 stick of unsalted butter- frozen

Ice water

For the filling:

1 1/2 pounds ripe tomatoes, sliced crosswise into 1/4-inch thick slices

2 teaspoons sea salt, divided

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 medium red onion, thinly sliced

¾ cup mayonnaise

(preferably Duke's)

¾ cup yellow sharp cheddar cheese, shredded

¾ cup aged white cheddar cheese, shredded

2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

½ teaspoon garlic powder

¼ teaspoon black pepper

1 large egg, lightly beaten

1 cup low-moisture mozzarella cheese, shredded, divided

### Preparation:

Make the pie dough: Well ahead of time, place a medium mixing bowl, box grater and butter in your freezer to thoroughly chill. Prepare some ice water.

Combine the flour, salt and pepper in the chilled mixing bowl. Grate the frozen butter directly into the flour mixture through the large holes of the chilled box grater.

With your hands, gently toss the grated butter in the flour until combined. The cold butter should end up the size of peas. Drizzle ⅓ cup ice water into the mixture, stirring until the flour is evenly moistened. With your hands, gather the dough into a ball, transfer it to a floured work surface and knead gently until it comes together. If the dough starts feeling warmer, put it back in the fridge for 10 minutes to chill. Do not overwork. Form into a disc, wrap in plastic and refrigerate for at least one hour or overnight.

Prepare the tomatoes: Season both sides of the tomato slices with ½-teaspoon of salt and arrange them on a wire rack set over a rimmed baking sheet. Let them sit for 15 minutes, then pat dry with paper towels. Flip the slices and continue to let them sit, patting dry and turning every 15 minutes for one hour or until a significant amount of liquid has been released.

Prepare the pie crust: Lightly flour a clean work surface and rolling pin. Unwrap and roll out the dough, starting in the center and rolling up to, but not over, the top edge of the dough. Return to the center, and roll down to, but not over, the bottom edge. Continue rolling and rotating the dough a quarter turn at a time until it forms a circle at least 11



The Southern tomato pie. PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

inches wide and ⅛-inch thick.

Carefully transfer the dough to a 9-inch pie plate, avoiding stretching or pulling. Gently press it against the bottom and sides. Trim any excess dough with scissors, leaving ½-inch beyond the rim. Fold this extra ½-inch under itself, making it even with the rim, and crimp with a fork.

If you have the time, freeze your unbaked pie crust overnight. This allows the gluten to relax fully, preventing shrinkage or slumping during baking.

Blind-bake the empty pie shell: Adjust oven rack to middle position and preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Lightly prick the chilled pie shell all over the bottom in 1/2-inch intervals. Line pie shell with a double layer of aluminum foil, loosely folding over the edges to prevent burning. Fill with pie weights, dried beans or rice. Transfer to a parchment or foil-lined rimmed baking sheet and bake until the crust begins to brown around the edges, 10 to 15 minutes. Remove from oven and carefully remove liner and pie weights from par-baked crust and bake the now uncovered crust until the bottom is baked through and set, and just beginning to turn golden brown, about 2 to 5 minutes. Set aside and let cool about 30 minutes.

Prepare the filling: While the crust cools, heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and 1/2 teaspoon salt, then cook, stirring occasionally until browned and softened. If the onions begin to stick or get too

dark, add 1 to 2 tablespoons of water. Transfer the cooked onions to a paper towel-lined plate and set aside.

In a medium bowl, combine the mayonnaise, yellow cheddar, white cheddar, mustard, garlic powder, pepper, and egg. Stir until well mixed, then add ¾ cup of the mozzarella. Spread about 1 cup (half of the mixture) evenly over the bottom of the cooled pie crust.

Pat tomatoes dry one last time and arrange half of the tomato slices in a single layer on top of the mayonnaise mixture. Scatter half of the cooked onions over the tomatoes. Spread the remaining mayonnaise mixture over the onions and tomatoes, then layer the remaining tomato slices and onions on top. Finish by sprinkling with the remaining 1/4 cup of mozzarella.

Bake for 35 to 45 minutes or until the cheese is melted and the top is puffed and golden brown. If the crust edges brown too quickly, cover them with aluminum foil or a pie shield. Allow the pie to cool on a wire rack for at least one hour before slicing. Serve at room temperature. □

*After a 40-year career as a dentist, Peter Glatz traded his lab coat for a chef's coat and his scalpel for a chef's knife. He is spending his summer in Champaign cooking at Caprae Restaurant, Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery's farm-to-table restaurant. Several of the recipes from his Illinois Times food column are featured on Caprae's menu.*



Illinois Times was selected as a Report for America newsroom, which allowed us to hire an additional full-time reporter last month. This position is partially funded by a grant of \$25,000 for the first year – we are expected to raise \$35,000 from community support to cover our share of the reporter's salary.



### Meet Dilpreet Raju

Before joining Illinois Times, Dilpreet Raju reported on disparity through public health, wrongful convictions and the state's burgeoning marijuana industry for Capitol News Illinois, a nonprofit news service, as a reporting fellow. His stories and photos were picked up by dozens of outlets, including Illinois Times, which republished seven of his articles in 2024.

Raju, a Schaumburg native, recently graduated from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism with a master's degree in journalism. He pursued the Report for America program because of the nonprofit's dedication toward preparing journalists for a life of reporting news that matters.

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## MUSIC



Antone DeRocchi plays at Brookhills Golf Club this Sunday, 3-6 p.m.

## August music limbo time

### NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

With the state fair rush behind us and Labor Day weekend just ahead, this coming week feels like living in limbo. But never fear, there's plenty in store for you as we peruse the local listings with verve and gusto.

Sticking with Thursdays as our leadoff hitter, Al and Kathy Kitchen land at Mother Road Diner, Casey's Pub brings Curt Smith to its patio and Rod Grant pops into Sangamo Brewing, while the Curve Inn rocks the stage when Tina Thornhill, Josie Lowder, Kyla Kruse, Gwen Harris and Patty Kniss become the Rock & Roll Sisters. Open mics are still a large part of this night's action with Casey Cantrall doing a third Thursday spot at Bloom Wine Bar, Mike Metz hosting at The Bird Tavern and Kortney Leatherwood covering the Blue Grouch.

Look out for the Chandlerville Burgoos and Fish Fry and Homecoming this weekend going into its 70th year at the J.P. Flywheel Memorial Park (you can't miss it once you're there), as one of the few remaining burgoos cooking in central Illinois. The organizers are big on live music (which we sure appreciate) hosting Jeff Lee Isac on Thursday and the legendary Jacksonville band Tapestry on Friday with Saturday delivering Geezer in the afternoon and Route 66 Ramblers that evening. Bars in the village get in on the action, too, with Triple Threat at Daugherty's Pub and X-Krush at Duke and Joannie's Saloon on Friday night. They don't make 'em like this anymore folks, so get out there while and when you can.

Back in the capital city, Friday night gives us a diverse lineup of some 40 acts, including Dumb Records hosting a four-band extravaganza with The Lovelorn, Crash Planet, Rough Lovers and Master Bastard at the downtown store stage area, Micah & Kristi going acoustic at Harvest Market and

Avery Kern back from Nashville with a full band in tow at Locals in Pawnee, right where she started performing not so many years ago.

Saturday is bursting at the seams with over 50 items in our listings including a big one at Lincoln Park when Springfield House Music Creatives hosts the second annual Land of Lincoln House Music Festival. The event features two stages, nearly 20 DJs and plenty of room to dance, grill, set up camp and enjoy the all-day affair with vendors on site, too. More happenings involve Hipbone Sam doing a reunion band show at the KC Lake Club Fish Fry, while Broken Stone celebrates 20 years of being a band with a special party at the Curve Inn (congratulations, guys!). Downtown, the Gin Mill Lounge gets down with a three-band show of Crash Planet, St. Louis duo Bruiser Queen and the Wolf Crick Boys back in the saddle after the loss of Lucky with Alex Irwin (relation) now singing and playing in the band. In Petersburg, Cafe Amulet brings live music to the latest establishment on the square with Kate Laine playing in the evening for the book fair after-party.

Sunday, still the official Funday, clocks in with nearly 25 shows, including afternoon band gigs of Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas at Motorheads for Jeff McKay's celebration of life and Brandy Kristin Band at the Curve Inn as part of Johnny's Big Ride fundraising event. The action continues with the Red Ribbon Revue doing their duo at It's All About Wine, Dallas Whitaker taking on Dockside Grill, Antone DeRocchi bringing it to Brookhills Golf Club and Corey Evitts supporting his latest EP, *5 Tracks for Freedom*, at AJ's Corner in Chatham.

See you next time for an early Labor Day weekend experience. ☐



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11:30am - Bubble Yoga  
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under the pergola  
3:00pm - Hot Dog Eating Contest  
3:30pm-5:00pm - Foam & Flight Bubble Wonderland  
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# Father-daughter team treasures common bond



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From a young age, Bennie Strumpher had a passion for coins.

"I became interested in them when I was about 10 years old," he said. "My dad worked at a coal mine and he came home with a sock full of coins – they paid him in silver dollars. So he laid the coins out on the table. They were pretty and I fell in love with them."

From sorting through silver dollars in a bank vault as a child to traveling along the trade show circuit with his family as an adult, Strumpher's love affair with coins helped guide his life.

In 2007, he found a place for that love

to take root when he bought Decatur Coin and Jewelry, a business that has been located at 104 N. Main St. in downtown Decatur since 1972.

Bennie Strumpher wasn't the only Strumpher with an affinity for coins. His daughter, Samantha, happily followed in his footsteps.

"I went to a lot of coin shows with my dad," she said. "I'd take coins around to dealers and sell them for him. I'd leave with a box full of coins and I'd come back with a hand full of checks or cash."

"She was really little, probably 10 or 12 then," Bennie Strumpher added.

And she's been by her father's side at Decatur Coin and Jewelry since



the very beginning, mostly handling the vintage costume jewelry customers bring in.

"I love being with my dad and experiencing with him daily the passion he has for this place, and that he's helped me



create, as well," she said.

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Bennie and Samantha are staying busy, enjoying their customers and enjoying their work.

"I don't have to work. I do this because I enjoy it," said Bennie Strumpher. "I could have retired a long time ago, but I've been doing this for 40 years, and I hope to keep doing it as long as my eyes and health are good." "I love what I do," Samantha Strumpher agreed. "I love all the jewelry, and the coins, too."

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# Robert Moore reflects on his life

Bending the arc of history toward justice

BOOKS | Ed Wojcicki



Robert Moore in his home office, holding a copy of his recently published autobiography. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

To track Robert Moore's life and career is to study one person's successful journey in the Great Migration of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. To see this Springfield man's connections to other major events such as the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Civil Rights Movement adds a personal dimension that makes history feel more real.

Born in 1943, Moore grew up in the Jim Crow era in a Mississippi farming community. He graduated from an all-Black high school after never experiencing an integrated school. He declined a scholarship to play basketball in junior college and enlisted in the U.S. Army, setting him on a life journey that he boldly designed.

He describes all of this in his autobiography, *Off My Neck*, published Aug. 1. He says the title "doesn't just reflect a moment. It reflects a lifetime. It bridges my journey as a Black man growing up in Mississippi who found his purpose in life in Illinois."

The book is short, as autobiographies go. I read a pre-publication manuscript that was 61 typed pages – about 25,000 words – and in final editing.

The book's best stories describe Moore's encounters with racial strife and how he responded. While on leave from Fort Riley, Kansas, in 1962, he writes: "I quietly staged my own rebellion against segregation by removing the 'Whites Only' sign from a

water cooler in my small town in (Algoma), Mississippi."

Two years later, riding on a Greyhound bus that stopped at a café in Arkansas, Moore was, as a Black man, accustomed to buying his hamburger around the back of the café. "I challenged this practice by entering the (front of the) establishment and asking to be served," he writes, adding he was wearing his Army uniform at the time. "There must have been a pause. .... Well, I was served. These experiences became part of my long career of fighting for human and civil rights across the nation."

After three years in the Army, he moved to Rockford, Illinois, to live with his brother and eventually began a career in law enforcement. He later transferred to Springfield with the Illinois State Police to work on affirmative action; moved back South to serve with the Savannah, Georgia, police department; then relocated to Springfield and was appointed U.S. Marshal for the Central District of Illinois by President Clinton in 1994. His final job was serving as police chief in Jackson, Mississippi.

Moore initially moved to Rockford because his brother had already migrated there, and he did not want to stay in Mississippi. He became one of five to six million Blacks to relocate voluntarily from the South to the Midwest, Northeast and West between 1910 and 1970. In Rockford

he briefly had three jobs – the last one at a Chrysler manufacturing plant that ended in disappointment – before applying at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office. He got the job and soon discovered he was the only Black deputy sheriff working on patrol.

A major catalyst occurred in Moore's career when he and a white deputy were discussing whether the Illinois State Police had any Black representation, and his white colleague "said he knew of none because they could not pass the written test. This statement became a challenge to me," Moore said.

Moore took the ISP test, easily passed it and became a state trooper in 1972. Three years later, he was relocated to Springfield to become ISP's affirmative action officer, and later, its Equal Employment Opportunity director. That positioned him to develop programs and write articles for national publications about recruiting minorities to law enforcement.

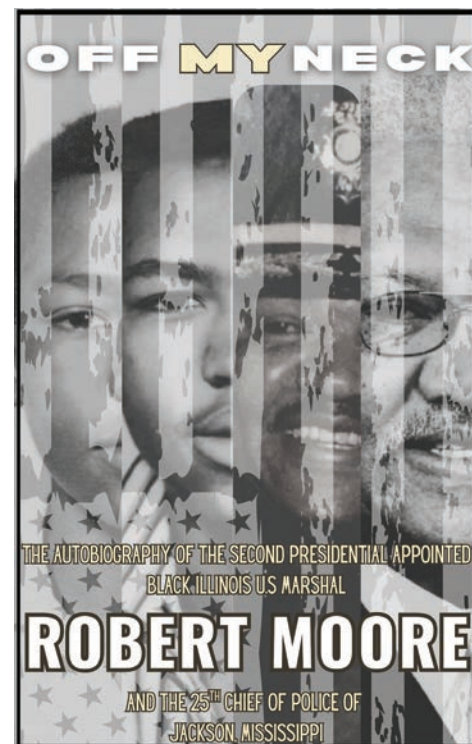
In 1994, when under consideration for the U.S. marshal position with the support of U.S. Senators Carol Moseley-Braun and Paul Simon, Moore faced adversity, dealing with a clerk's fabricated allegations of racism and sexual harassment. He survived that onslaught and became the first Black U.S. marshal in central Illinois, serving from 1994 to 2002.

Moore devotes short chapters to his various positions, along with anecdotes about his family, including his wife, Barbara, who was a teacher, and his siblings who migrated to Illinois and Pennsylvania. He sometimes leaves the reader wishing for more details, such as all he had to consider on 9/11, when he was U.S. marshal, or what he has done in the past 20 years in Springfield as a consultant on civil rights and law enforcement issues.

But I respect a writer's prerogative about what to say and what to leave out. Moore's new book is a worthwhile case study and shows us how one person can bend the arc of history toward justice. His entering the front of a café for whites did not gain the fame that Rosa Parks did, but as Moore writes: "Just as I lifted the weighty foot of segregation off my neck, so can young brothers and sisters." □

*Ed Wojcicki worked in print journalism for 26 years before serving in (and retiring from) higher education administration and association management. He directly collaborated with Robert Moore from 2017-2022 on improving race relations in law enforcement.*

Author Robert Moore will be featured at a book launch event from 5 to 7 p.m. Sept. 11 in the Authors Room of the Illinois State Library, 300 S. Second St., Springfield. His book, *Off My Neck*, was released by Robert Moore & Associates and Black Marshal Publishing on Aug. 1. To buy the book, go to Moore's website, [www.blackmarshalpublishing.com](http://www.blackmarshalpublishing.com). "I look forward to meeting supporters, sharing stories and signing copies," Moore said. The date of the event also happens to be his birthday.





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**Curt Smith**  
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**Jeff Lee Isaac**  
Chandlerville Burgoo, Chandlerville, 7pm

**Rock & Roll Sisters**  
Curve Inn, 6-9pm

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

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

**Karaoke**  
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

**Amy Battles and Tom Irwin**  
Illinois State Fairgrounds, The Shed, 5-7pm

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

**Al and Kathy Kitchen**  
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 6-9pm

**Brady Joe Patton**  
Mt. Auburn Community Park, Mt. Auburn, 7-10pm

**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

**Karaoke**  
The Tipsy Toad, 8pm-12am

**Good Times Karaoke**  
VFW Lafore Lock Post 755,

**Karaoke**  
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 8pm

**Friday Aug 22**  
**Hippies of the Heartland**  
48 Inn Sports Bar & Grill, Decatur, 7-10pm

**Brian Shartzter**  
Beer Vault Saloon, Stonington, 7-10pm

**Hollow Down**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

**Tapestry**  
Chandlerville Burgoo, Chandlerville, 6-9pm

**Karaoke**  
Crazy Dog Saloon, Cantrall, 7pm

**Dreamers and Doers**  
Crows Mill Pub, 6-10pm

**Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas**  
Curve Inn, 6:30pm

**Triple Threat**  
Daugherty's Pub, Chandlerville, 7-11pm

**Blue Note Quintet**  
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 7-9pm

**Tom and Geoff**  
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 6-9pm

**Sam Lacy**  
Docs Just Off 66, Girard, 6-8pm

**Devin Clemons**  
Don's Place, Jacksonville, 8pm

**X-Krush**  
Duke & Joannie's Saloon, Chandlerville, 8pm-12am

**The Lovelorn, Rough Lovers, Crash Planet, Master Bastard**  
Dumb Records, 7pm

**Boots, Hats and Pearl Snaps Band**  
El Campesino Mexican Restaurant, Girard, 5:30-7:30pm

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

**Dallas Whittaker**  
Harry's Adult Day Care, 7-10pm

**Micah & Kristi**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

**Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo**  
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm and Aug. 23, 7-10:30pm

**Strait Country: A Tribute to George Strait**  
Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur, 7pm

**Eric Vaughn Hagen**  
Legendary Small Town Trading Co., Taylorville, 6pm

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

**Karaoke**  
The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

**Karaoke with DJ McLovin**  
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm

**Smokestacks**  
Mowie's Cue, 8-11pm

**Easy Pickens**  
Mt. Auburn Community Park, Mt. Auburn, 6:30-8:30pm

**Bustin' Loose**  
Mt. Auburn Community Park, Mt. Auburn, 9pm-12am

**Doug Brant**  
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 5:30-7:30pm

**Deja Voodoo**  
The Blue Grouch, 6:30-10:30pm

**Hollow Creek**  
The Hangout, Palmer, 7-10pm

**Brandy Kristen Band**  
The Shed, Pawnee, 7-11pm

Saturday Aug 23

**Liz Fitz Band**  
Brewhaus Bar, 8-11pm

**Gracia**  
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

**Stereo Typical**  
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7-10pm

**Jor**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 8-9pm

**Kate Laine**  
Cafe Amulet, Petersburg, 7-9pm

**Greg Bickers Band**  
Camouflage Bar, VFW Post 99, Decatur, 7:30-10:30pm

**Geezer**  
Chandlerville Burgoo, Chandlerville, 12-3pm

**The 66 Ramblers**  
Chandlerville Burgoo, Chandlerville, 6-9pm

**Broken Stone**  
Curve Inn, 6:30pm

**Hollow, Creep**  
The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 7pm

**Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters**  
Downtown Lincoln, Lincoln, 8pm

**Crash Planet, Bruiser Queen, Wolf Crick Boys**  
The Gin Mill, 7-11:55pm

**Say Uncle!**  
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 7-10pm

**Karaoke**  
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm.

**Midwest Revival**  
Harry's Adult Day Care, 7-10pm

**Jonnie Concaroo Band**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6pm

**Hipbone Sam Band**  
KC Lake Club, Chatham, 6-9pm

**The Blondarosa**  
LargeCar Lounge, Lincoln, 6-9pm

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

**Avery Kern**  
Lucky's on the Square, Petersburg, 2-5pm

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

**Good Times karaoke**  
Mt. Auburn Community Park, Mt. Auburn, 12-2pm

**Brian Shartzter**  
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**Mathias Family Singers**  
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Mt. Auburn Community Park, Mt. Auburn, 9pm-12:45am

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

**Rod Grant**  
Patriots Pub, Waverly, 8pm

**Brandon Elliott**  
The Railyard, 1-4pm

**The Ex-Bombers**  
The Railyard, 6-9pm

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

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Sliderz Bar & Grill, Decatur, 8-11pm

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

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

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Sunday Aug 24

**Corey Evitts**  
AJ's Corner, Chatham, 2-5pm

**Antone DeRocchi**  
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

**Al and Kathy Kitchen**  
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

**Black Velvet**  
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 2-5pm

**Joe May**  
Camouflage Bar, VFW Post 99, Decatur, 2-4pm

**Brandy Kristin Band**  
Curve Inn, 1-4pm

**Dallas Whittaker**  
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 1-4pm

**Mid-October**  
Door 4 Brewing Co., Decatur, 12pm

**Shannon Wood**  
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

**The Red Ribbon Revue**  
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

**Rhythm of Reverie**  
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 6-9pm

**Kilborn Alley**  
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

**Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas**  
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 1-4pm

**Robert Sampson**  
Trails End Saloon, Curran, -6pm

**Open mic with Kortney Leatherwood**  
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-10pm

Monday Aug 25

**Brandon Santini**  
The Alamo, 7pm

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

Tuesday Aug 26

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

**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 with DJ McLovin**  
Pam's Jailhouse, 8pm

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

**Open mic with Silas Tockey**  
VFW Lafore Lock Post 755, 6-9pm

Wednesday Aug 27

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

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

**Karaoke**  
Conrad's East End Tavern, Riverton, 10pm-3am

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

**After School Special**  
El Arriero Mexican Restaurant, 7pm

**Karaoke**  
The Filling Station, Rochester, 7-11pm

**Robert Sampson**  
Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6-9pm

**Deke Dickerson with special guest Go! Tsunami**  
The Gin Mill, 7pm

**Open jam with Smokestacks**  
Goodfellas Pub, 7pm

**Al Kitchen and Tricia Giacomini**  
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 6-9pm

**Fairweather Friends**  
Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery, 6-8pm

**Open mic with Hippies of the Heartland**  
Sunset Inn Pub, 6-9pm



## THE CALENDAR



**The Golden Seed** | Sat., Aug. 23, 7-9 p.m. | First Christian Church | 700 S. Sixth St. | [lafspringfield.org](http://lafspringfield.org)

### FAITH & PHILOSOPHY | Event to feature dramatic performance, musical interludes

**it** This Liturgical Arts Festival program will be a dramatic performance with musical interludes. The theatrical component, from playwright and director James Compton Bockmier, features three figures from Springfield's history. An in-character "trialogue" will take place among Susan Lawrence Dana (played by Arlene Cooney), Frank Lloyd Wright (Patrick Foster) and Vachel Lindsay (Keegan Otwell). The trio will discuss the intersection of art and spirituality in their lives and work. The Springfield Choral Society will present musical selections throughout. This event is free and open to the public.

#### ■ Special Music Events **Billy Bob Thornton and The Boxmasters**

Wed., Aug. 27, 6pm. The Boxmasters, an American rock band, formed in 2007 by Academy Award-winning actor, filmmaker, singer, and songwriter Billy Bob Thornton, along with Grammy Award-winning recording engineer, singer and songwriter J.D. Andrew. Fran Moran & the Nervous Wrecks will open. \$30.19-\$115.59. Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur, 141 N. Main St., 217-454-4583.

#### **Community Summer Band**

Sun., Aug. 24, 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.

#### **Danny Funderburk and Anticipation**

Fri., Aug. 22, 7pm. An evening with Gospel Hall of Fame member Danny Funderburk and family gospel group Anticipation. Funderburg is known for his days with The Cathedrals and his multiple appearances on *The Gaither Homecoming* series. Free, donations accepted. Ashland First Baptist Church, Ashland, 221 W. Washington St., 217-883-1651.

#### **Land of Lincoln Chorus**

Sun., Aug. 24, 5pm. Ice Cream

Social Series Concert. Special guests: Sound Celebration Chorus. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr., 217-737-3359.

#### **Land of Lincoln House Music Festival**

Sat., Aug. 23, 10am-9pm. Two stages, tons of music. Vendors will be present and food available on site. Free. Lincoln Park, Fifth Street and Sangamon Avenue, 217-544-1751.

#### ■ Books & Authors **Book discussion**

Fri., Aug. 22, 1pm. Thelma Ball will discuss her book, *Illinois Munitions: A News Journal of the Oak & Sangamon Ordnance Plants 1942-1950 Illiopolis, Illinois*, ". Free to attend. Books on the Square, 427 Washington St., 217-965-5443.

#### **Book signing**

Tue., Aug. 26, 4:30-6:30pm. Rayna Vincent will sign copies of her first book, *Amoeba*. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

#### **Stella's Silent Reading Club**

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

#### ■ Theater & Comedy

##### *Dreamgirls*

Fri., Aug. 22, 7:30pm, Sat., Aug. 23, 7:30pm and Sun., Aug. 24, 2pm. *Dreamgirls* is a powerful and captivating musical that takes audiences on an emotional journey through the turbulent world of the American music industry during the 20th century. [hcfta.org](http://hcfta.org). \$22. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

#### **Comedy on the Mezz**

Mon., Aug. 25, 7-8:30pm. Free, clean comedy performed by some of the best local and regional comedians. Food and drink available. Free. Harvest Market - Springfield II, 3001 S. Veterans Pkwy., 217-793-3601.

#### **Comedy Show**

Sat., Aug. 23, 8-10pm. Experience the comedy of Bob Eskew, Ryne Thorson and Amber Klear. The Shed, Pawnee, 210 Carroll St., 217-646-8136.

#### **Copenhagen Bandit**

Fri., Aug. 22, 7, 9:30pm. The Bandit returns to Riverton. The 7pm show is sold out. \$35. The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 713 N. Seventh St., 217-629-9493.

#### **Live Improv Comedy**

Aug. 22-23, 8-10pm. This show by The Portuguese Rodeo Clown Company is the most unpredictable show on stage. Five actors build two hours of comedy sketches

based on suggestions from the audience. There have never been two shows exactly the same. [hcfta.org](http://hcfta.org). \$17. Hoogland Center for the Arts Club Room, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

#### ■ Art & Architecture **"Confluence"**

Wednesdays-Saturdays.. Through Sep. 25. "Confluence" showcases the collaborative work of Laura Anderson and Leslie Stalter. United by a shared interest in the intersection of the natural and manufactured world, their work explores abstraction, metaphor, chaos and control. [springfieldart.org](http://springfieldart.org). Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

#### **"PLEIADES"**

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 10am-5pm. Through Sep. 25. Pleiades presents the bold strength of women artists in the 21st century. This exhibition highlights diverse voices expressed through pastel, acrylic, mixed media, oil and charcoal in works large and small, realistic and abstract, and everything in between. [springfieldart.org](http://springfieldart.org). Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

#### **2025 Lincoln Art Fair**

Fri., Aug. 22, 5-8pm and Sat., Aug. 23, 10am-5pm. Held in the heart of downtown Lincoln, this event is part of the Balloons over 66 Weekend, one of Lincoln's premier events. Artisans are welcome to apply for the fair. Visit the website for more info. [lincolnnartinstitute.com](http://lincolnnartinstitute.com). Downtown Lincoln, Lincoln, 309-287-3744.

#### **Art History Happy Hour: A Visit with Vachel**

Thu., Aug. 21, 5:30-7:30pm. The life and artwork of iconic Springfield poet and artist Vachel Lindsay will be explored by presenter Marianne Stremsterfer. Lindsay's visionary ideas for Springfield will also be examined. Followers of Vachel's work are asked to bring your memorabilia and share with the audience. Refreshments served. [springfieldart.org](http://springfieldart.org). Free. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

#### **"L'Ephemere"**

Aug. 25-Oct. 2. This exhibit by Illinois artist Rosalyn Schwartz features vibrant, expressive paintings that explore transformation and the boundaries between presence and absence. A reception is set from 5:30 to 8pm Thursday, Sept. 4. Also, an artist conversation panel will take place at 3pm Friday, Sept. 19. UIS Visual Arts Gallery, HSB 201, One University Plaza, 217-206-6240.

#### **"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. 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.

#### **Rare Vachel Lindsay Artwork Viewing**

Fri., Aug. 22, 9:30-11:30am. This special event offers a rare, behind-the-scenes look at the complete collection of Vachel Lindsay's artwork at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-523-2631.

#### **Statewide: Illinois Artist Showcase**

Mondays-Fridays, 9am-5pm and Saturdays, 10am-3pm. Through Aug. 30. This exhibit highlights the work of talented professional artists, aged 21 and above, who are living and working in Illinois. [springfieldart.org](http://springfieldart.org). Free. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 2175232631.

#### ■ Film & Television

##### *The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson*

Sun., Aug. 24, 1pm. Part of the Marsha P. Johnson Birthday Weekend. Documentary explores the life of the Black trans activist and drag performer. Discussion will follow. Free. Phoenix Center: Out On Second, 120 E. Scarritt St., 217-503-4104.

#### ■ Auditions

##### **Springfield Theatre Centre's *The Hello Girls* auditions**

Sat., Aug. 23, 9am-4pm. From New York to Paris, from ragtime to jazz, the play tells the true story of America's first women soldiers, bilingual telephone operators who served on the front lines of World War I. Co-directed by Emily Noel and Meg Hickman. Sign up online. <https://sites.google.com/view/stc-hello-girls-audition-page?>. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

#### ■ History

##### **Vachel Lindsay Home Tour – Art History Happy Hour Part III**

Fri., Aug. 22, 9:30-11:30am. Step inside poet Vachel Lindsay's historic home and experience his world up close. Guests will receive a free copy of *The Little Turtle*, illustrated by George Colin, and be entered to win a Vachel Lindsay poetry/prose book. Reservations preferred but not required. Free. Vachel Lindsay Home State Historic Site, 603 S. Fifth St., 217-782-6776.

#### **Victorian Game Day**

Sat., Aug. 23, 1pm. Event teaches the outdoor games of the past to game lovers of the present. Guests will find that these games hold up as entertainment for a day with friends or family. Includes hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages. This is a family-friendly event, though some games will be more difficult than others. [edwardsplace.org](http://edwardsplace.org). \$25 for SAA members, \$30 for non-members. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

#### ■ Fairs & Festivals

##### **Annual Neighborhood Block Party**

Sun., Aug. 24, 5pm. Connect with neighbors, local businesses and community groups at this event hosted by Douglas Avenue UMC. Includes free food, games and children's activities, prizes, live music and school supply swap and kids book swap tables. Bring a non-perishable food item for the Micro Pantry for a prize ticket. Free. Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church, 501 S. Douglas Ave., 217-546-4631.

#### **Balloons Over 66 Weekend**

Aug. 22-24. More than 35 balloons will be launched from locations throughout Lincoln. The weekend includes the annual Lincoln Art Fair, dock dogs, vendors, live music and more in the downtown area. Untethered balloon rides can be purchased. Downtown Lincoln, Lincoln, Lincoln.

#### **Bridging the Gap**

Sat., Aug. 23, 11am-2pm. Event brings the community and first responders together in a spirit of unity, trust and fun. Includes barbecue. Presented by The Outlet in partnership with the Springfield Police Department. Free. Jaycee Park Pavilion, Monroe Street & White City Blvd., 217-843-7475.

#### **Chandlerville Burgoo**

Aug. 21-23. Seventieth annual event features live music, games, children's activities, contests, bags and volleyball tournaments, Saturday parade and of course, burgoo. J.P. Flywheel Memorial Park, Chandlerville, South Main Street.

#### **Mount Auburn Farmers' Picnic**

Aug. 21-23. Family-friendly event in its 138th year. Event features children's activities, pageants, carnival, food, parade, a soap box derby, live music and more. Mt. Auburn Community Park, Mt. Auburn, Main and Broad streets.

#### ■ Fundraisers & Galas

##### **2025 "SummerWeen" Jeep Run**

Sat., Aug. 23, 10am. This Jeep run benefits the Oakford Children's Halloween Party. Registration starts at 10am. There will be five



local stops in Menard County with free entertainment and food at participating locations. Event includes games, prizes, contests and more. For more info, see the Oakford Children's Halloween Party Facebook page. \$10 registration. Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 23753 Lounsberry Road, 217-670-3070.

**2025 Little Black Dress Gala**  
Fri., Aug. 22, 6-9pm. Tickets are sold out for this annual, women-only fundraising event for Wooden It Be Lovely. To join the waiting list, contact DeDe Murphy (dedemurphy@carrolltonbanking.com). At this event, participants will enjoy a cocktail hour, dinner, wine and dessert, and an inspiring program with testimonies of hope from women in the program. There will be products for sale, a live auction of WIBL furniture, and dancing to close out the night. \$100 or \$105. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-606-5307.

**3rd Annual Trivia Night**  
Sat., Aug. 23, 6-9pm. Proceeds from this event benefit the Springfield Area Arts Council and its many programs including First Night Springfield and arts grants for local schools and organizations. Cash bar will be available. Tables seat 10. springfieldartsco.org. \$20. Pole Barn Chic, 4491 Old Chatham Road, 217-753-3519.

**Marsha P. Johnson's Birthday Dance Party, After Party**  
Sat., Aug. 23, 6-10pm. A weekend of celebration, remembrance and joy in recognition of what would have been gay liberation activist and drag performer Marsha P. Johnson's 80th birthday. Afterparty follows at 10pm at Clique. \$35. The Inn at 835 Boutique Hotel, 835 S. Second St., 217.528.5253.

**"No More 22" Run of Illinois**  
Sat., Aug. 23, 2pm. Help end veteran suicide by joining this run. Sign up at 2pm. Kickstands up at 3pm. Food, entertainment and silent auction to follow. Presented by Band of Brothers MC Sierra Company. Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, Southern View, 625 E. St. Joseph St., 217-529-6626.

**Community Organizing 50501 Springfield IL Town Hall Meeting**  
Mon., Aug. 25, 6:30-7:30pm. Meet in the Carnegie Room to learn more about 50501 help plan future 50501 Springfield IL events. Learn about opportunities to volunteer at events, speak at rallies or join the organizing team. For more information, email 50501spi@proton.me. Free, open to public. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

**Children's Corner Backyard Bash**  
Sat., Aug. 23, 2-4pm. This Barbie-themed "Back to the Studio" event is for our current Springfield Dance students and new or potential students. Tour the studio, meet the staff, get ready for fall classes and shop for dance necessities. Includes treats, face painting, games, crafts photo ops and dance party. Pink attire encouraged. Free. Springfield Dance, 5531 International Pkwy., 217-483-3623.

**Nature, Science & Environment Hummingbird Festival**  
Thu., Aug. 21, 3-6pm. Learn all about hummingbirds. Watch as experts capture, band and release wild birds. Co-sponsored by Decatur Area Audubon Society. No registration required. maconccd.org. Free. Rock Springs Conservation Area, Decatur, 3939 Nearing Lane, 217-423-7708.

**Region 9 Iris Society Plant Sale**  
Sat., Aug. 23, 9am-12pm. Pick up stunning iris varieties and get expert tips and advice straight from the growers themselves. This is the perfect time to get iris questions answered. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

**Lectures & Meetings Chamber on Tap**  
Thu., Aug. 21, 4:30-6:30pm. An evening networking event known as a fun, informal way to relax with other chamber members while enjoying beverages and appetizers. \$5 chamber members, \$15 guests. Knob Hill Landscape Company, 661 W. Camp Sangamo Road, 217-525-1173.

**Bulletin Board 2025 Main Street Mingle**  
Sat., Aug. 23, 9am-3pm, Sun., Aug. 24, 9am-3pm and Mon., Aug. 25, 9am-3pm. This gathering brings together families, businesses, schools and artisans for a fun-filled day of shopping, entertainment and community spirit. Browse a diverse selection of handmade goods, crafts, boutique items and unique finds. Enjoy treats from local food trucks and vendors and experience music, games, and interactive fun for all ages. Virden Square, Virden, Downtown, 217-370-3596.

**Back to School Vendor Fair**  
Fri., Aug. 22, 5:30-7:30pm. Event designed to connect Ball-Chatham families with the resources needed to send children back to school. Presented by Chatham Area Chamber and the school district. Scheduled for commons area. Glenwood High School, Chatham, 1501 Plummer Blvd., 217-483-6450.

**Book Fair On The Square**  
Sat., Aug. 23, 2-6pm. Partial proceeds of this second annual event - both indoor and outdoor this time - will benefit the Petersburg Public Library. Event will feature more than 15 authors, vendors and two publishers. wildflowerandrosebookstore.com. Petersburg Square, Petersburg, N. Seventh St. at W. Douglas Ave.

**Chamber Fall Job Fair**  
Tue., Aug. 26, 4-6pm. This event offers chamber members an opportunity to meet hundreds of jobseekers of all ages, including high school and college students, professionals and newcomers to the area. Free. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-525-1173.

**Illinois Secretary of State Mobile DMV**  
Mon., Aug. 25, 10am-2pm. Need to review a card or sticker? No problem. Event helps seniors get new or renew identification cards, renew driver's licenses, get a Real ID and purchase plate stickers. centrallseniors.org. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-503-4643.

**Kitten Circus**  
Sat., Aug. 23, 12-5pm. Kittens of all ages and sizes perform daring acts of love and cuteness. Fun for the whole family. Adoption fee is just \$25. Adoptions by appointment. apl-shelter.org. Animal Protective League, 1001 Taintor Road, 217-544-7387.

**United Way Community Listening Session**  
Thu., Aug. 21, 5pm. United Way wants to hear directly from residents to better understand the most pressing challenges facing our community and ensure that grant funding is directed where it will make the greatest impact. Refreshments provided. Free. United Way of Central Illinois, 1999 Wabash Ave. Suite 107, 217-726-7000.

**Health & Fitness Women's Self-Defense Class**  
Sun., Aug. 24, 1-2:30pm. Women can learn how to defend themselves with confidence in a safe, supportive and empowering environment. Bring comfortable athletic clothing and a water bottle. No jewelry. For females 12 and older. Free. Gracie Barra Brazilian jiu-jitsu, 1665 Wabash Ave Suite D, 630-440-7816.

**Sports Micro Wrestling**  
Sat., Aug. 23, 7-9pm. This is a WWE type event supported by an entire cast under 5 feet tall. \$24.99-\$45.99. Locals Bar, Pawnee, 609 Douglas St., 217-646-8013.

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**TRACT 1:** 48.70 Acres: South Fork Township. Parcel ID #15-12-04-100-002-00 Taxes \$2,784.82. Zoned: Farmland with Buildings. Has 4 Grain bins.

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Tract 1 and 2 have a combined 192.15+/- acres tillable farmland.

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## Real Estate Foreclosure

24-102243  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
FLAT BRANCH MORTGAGE, INC. PLAINTIFF,  
-vs-

RYAN BUNCH; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS  
DEFENDANTS  
NO. 24 FC 184  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on April 23, 2025; Jack L. Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on September 16, 2025 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building, Sangamon County Board Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages.

The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court.

Commonly known as 1751 Fairmont Drive, Springfield, IL 62702  
Permanent Index No.: 14-23.0-154-009  
Improvements: Single Family Residential

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

The judgment amount was \$139,086.18. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Bid Amount contact:

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LOGS Legal Group LLP  
2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207  
Bannockburn, IL 60015  
ILNOTICES@logs.com  
(847) 291-1717  
Flat Branch Mortgage, Inc.  
One of Plaintiff's Attorneys  
LOGS Legal Group LLP  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207  
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8051-956902

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON - Springfield, ILLINOIS  
Data Mortgage Inc., dba Essex Mortgage Plaintiff  
vs.

James T. Sutton; et. al;  
Defendant  
25 FC 9  
CALENDAR  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on September 17, 2025, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Harvatin Law Office, 1100 South 5th Street, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-23.0-277-051 aka 14-23-277-051.

Commonly known as 1859 Camden St., Springfield, IL 62702.

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

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road. Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-25-00288  
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION  
intercountyjudicialsales.com  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS  
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff(s),  
vs.

LISA M. NATALE A/K/A LISA M. LEINIGNER, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNIFUND CCR, LLC, Defendant(s).

Case No. 25 FC 11  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on September 16, 2025, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient

to satisfy said Judgment, to wit: Common Address: 2061 E. BUCHANAN ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703  
P.I.N. 22-14.0-179-015 A/K/A 22-14-179-015

Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.

The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.

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 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).

LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff

Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808  
Timothy R. Yuell - ARDC #6192172  
Greg Elsnic - ARDC #6242847  
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# 25-00059  
8051-956808

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

SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC., Plaintiff(s),  
vs.

SIDNEY L. NEWELL A/K/A SIDNEY NEWELL, U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, N.D., Defendant(s).

Case No. 24 FC 177

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on September 16, 2025, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit: Common Address: 1125 N. 1ST ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

P.I.N. 14-28.0-227-030 A/K/A 14-28-227-030

Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.

The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.

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 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).

LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff

Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808  
Timothy R. Yuell - ARDC #6192172  
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8051-956786

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF,  
VS.

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WAYNE E VAN HEMERT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; JOLEEN BOOTH; JENNIFER MOYER, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF WAYNE E VAN HEMERT, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2024FC000133  
2204 CATALINA LANE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

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

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on April 23, 2025, will on September 23, 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. 14-11.0-401-030



COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2204 Catalina Lane  
Springfield, IL 62702  
Description of Improvements: Single-family one story frame house with a attached two car, garage, yellow and maroon, not for sale air condition electricity on  
The Judgment amount was \$67,333.44.  
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://lfforeclosuresales.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# 24-19312IL  
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 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY Plaintiff,  
-v.-  
ANDREW R. SNYDER et al  
Defendant  
2025FC000035  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 9, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on September 3, 2025, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
Commonly known as 1820 NORTH 20TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702  
Property Index No. 14-23.0-177-014

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 Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.  
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.  
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.  
If 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 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 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.  
You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.  
For information, examine the court file, CODILUS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876  
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION  
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE  
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at [www.tjsc.com](http://www.tjsc.com) for a 7 day status report of pending sales.  
CODILUS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100  
BURR RIDGE IL, 60527  
630-794-5300  
E-Mail: [pleadings@il.cslegal.com](mailto:pleadings@il.cslegal.com)  
Attorney File No. 14-25-01391  
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002  
Case Number: 2025FC000035  
TJSC#: 45-1948  
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
Case # 2025FC000035  
13270958

# PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT  
Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of August, 2025, a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that:  
Darren Volle intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit:  
Real Property Management Division and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principle place of said business is located at:  
700 South Grand Ave. W, Springfield IL 62704

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT  
Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of August, 2025, a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that:  
Noemi Morales intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit:  
Fammor Enterprises and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principle place of said business is located at:  
108 E Maple St, Loami IL 62661

Death Claim  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CONNIE LYNNE BRITZ, Deceased  
NO. 2025PR000318  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Lori Lynne Britz, Deceased.  
Letters of Office were issued on August 13, 2025, to Lori Lynne Britz, 6811 N. State Route 29, Springfield, IL 62707, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. 6th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. 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 23rd day of February, 2026, 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 13th day of August, 2025.  
Gregory P. Sgro  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP  
1119 S. 6th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY ELIZABETH FERN CLARK,

Deceased  
NO. 2025PR000291  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Mary Elizabeth Fern Clark, Deceased.  
Letters of Office were issued on August 13, 2025, to Sara Lea Clark, 3501 Ridge-ly Road, Lot 14, Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 23rd day of February, 2026, 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 13th day of August, 2025.  
Gregory P. Sgro  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHNNY E. JARRETT, Deceased.  
NO. 2025PR000320  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Johnny E. Jarrett, Deceased.  
Letters of Office were issued on August 13, 2025, to Shane G. Fuoss, 2917 Sandgate Road, Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. 6th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. 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 23rd day of February, 2026, 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 13th day of August, 2025.  
Gregory P. Sgro  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP  
1119 S. 6th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-1200

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DELORES J. BALL, DECEASED.  
NO. 2025-PR-300  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS  
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES  
Notice is given of the death of DELORES J. BALL, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters

of Office were issued on August 8, 2025, to HEYWARD R. BALL of 9180 Illinois 29, Cantrall, IL 62625 whose attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; P.O. Box 52, Springfield, Illinois 62705.  
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701 or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 21st day of August 2025 being the date of 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.  
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp>.  
asp or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.  
You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) and pursuant to Section 6-11 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-11) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate.  
Dated this 12th day of August 2025  
HEYWARD R. BALL, Administrator of the Estate of DELORES J. BALL, Deceased  
BY: DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC  
By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney Attorneys for Estate:  
Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney  
IARDC No. 6277358  
DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC  
P.O. Box 52  
Springfield, IL 62705  
Tel. 217-773-5337  
Fax. 855-461-3250  
Email: [tony@delgiornolawoffice.com](mailto:tony@delgiornolawoffice.com)  
Service: [delgiornolawoffice.com](http://delgiornolawoffice.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of: Peggy Cook, Deceased.  
No. 2025-PR-314  
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE  
Notice is given of the death of Peggy Cook, of Salisbury, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on August 5, 2025 to Ron Cook, 940 N. Milton Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, 62702, 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 Peggy Cook of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Ron Cook, John Cook, Audrey Schwartz, Rosalie Woodard, and Dorothy Noble as the only heirs of Peggy Cook.  
The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act, 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice

is published, and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Joseph B. Roesch  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Sarah Delano Pavlik - 6269250  
DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC  
Attorneys for Executor  
One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: 217-544-2703  
Fax: 217-544-4664  
[sdpavlik@delanolaw.com](http://sdpavlik@delanolaw.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT E. POHL, DECEASED  
Case #2025-PR-322  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of ROBERT E. POHL. Letters of Office have been issued to MARY ANN POHL, 1412 Mossman, Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Administrator, or both, on or before February 25, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 11th day of August, 2025.  
Patrick J. 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  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SANDRA K. ENGLAND, DECEASED  
Case #2025-PR-321  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of SANDRA K. ENGLAND. Letters of Office have been issued to KEVIN ROBERT ENGLAND, 1800 Grist Mill Dr., Springfield, IL 62711, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before February 25, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 11th day of August, 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:  
Timothy H. O'Connell, Deceased  
Claim Notice  
Notice is given of the death of Timothy H. O'Connell. Claims against the Estate may be filed with the Executor Andrew M. O'Connell, 319 South Glenwood Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704, on or before, Feb. 14, 2026. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
CRAIG KENT CRAWFORD, DECEASED  
Case #2025-PR-315  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of CRAIG KENT CRAWFORD. Letters of Office have been issued to AIMEE NICOLE CRAWFORD, 16968 Ayers St., Waverly, IL 62692 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before February 20, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 6th day of August, 2025.  
Patrick J. Sheehan, III  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
1215 South 4th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
LORRAINE R. HAMRICK, DECEASED  
Case #2025-PR-316  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of LORRAINE R. HAMRICK. Letters of Office have been issued to JAMES GREGORY HAMRICK, 3408 Red Hawk, Springfield, IL 62711, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before February 20, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 8th day of August, 2025.  
Patrick J. 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  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
BETTY LOUISE BERNET, DECEASED  
Case #2025-PR-310

DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of BETTY LOUISE BERNET. Letters of Office have been issued to MARK EUGENE BERNET, 1117 Prospect Drive, Flower Mound, TX 75028, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before February 20, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 6th day of August, 2025.  
Patrick J. Sheehan  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
1215 South 4th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:  
GIOVANNI PAPILI, SR.  
Deceased.  
Case No. 2025-PR-306  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of GIOVANNI PAPILI, Sr., of Rochester, Sangamon County, Illinois, on December 23, 2024. Letters of Testamentary were issued on the 22nd of July, A.D., 2025, to LISA PAPILI and MARIO PIETRO PAPILI, 212 E. Menard Street, Riverton, Illinois 62561, as Independent Co-Executors, 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 at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.  
DATED this 31st day of July, A.D., 2025.  
ESTATE OF GIOVANNI PAPILI, SR., Deceased,  
BY: /s/Pamela E. Hart  
Pamela E. Hart, one of his Attorneys.  
PREPARED BY:  
Pamela E. Hart (6299974)  
SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.  
Attorneys at Law  
611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200  
Springfield, IL 62701  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the estate of:  
Sara Elizabeth Martin. Deceased  
Case No. 2025-PR-000305  
Claim Notice  
Notice is given of the death of Sara Elizabeth Martin. Letters Testamentary were issued on Aug. 4, 2025 to Sara Berkbigler as Executor, 2715 Falcon Crest Drive, Edwardsville IL 62025.  
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the

Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the Executor, on or before Feb. 14, 2026. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Joseph B. Roesch  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Morton Community Bank,  
Plaintiff,  
Vs.  
James Elroy Johnson Sr., et. al.  
Defendants.  
Re: Estate of Rochell L. Logan, Deceased.  
No. 2025-FC-118  
NOTICE  
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF  
Rochell L. Logan:  
Notice is given of the death of Rochell L. Logan. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Rochell L. Logan, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 1324 E. Black Ave., Springfield, IL 62702.  
The address of the Special Representative is: Way Law Offices, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing.  
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 e-file.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 www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.  
/s/ Dan E. Way  
Special Representative  
for Rochell L. Logan, deceased.  
Dan E. Way #6204735  
WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC  
1100 S. Fifth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
Tel. 217-525-7003  
dan@danwaylaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Morton Community Bank,  
Plaintiff,  
Vs.  
Misty Klauzer, et. al.  
Defendants.  
Re: Estate of Kimberly D. Wiker, Deceased.  
No. 2025-FC-88  
NOTICE  
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF  
Kimberly D. Wiker:  
Notice is given of the death of Kimberly D. Wiker. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Kimberly D. Wiker, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 2305 Montgomery Ln., Springfield, IL, 62703.  
The address of the Special Representative is: Way Law Offices, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing.  
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/s/ Dan E. Way  
Special Representative  
for Kimberly D. Wiker, deceased.  
Dan E. Way #6204735  
WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC  
1100 S. Fifth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
Tel. 217-525-7003  
dan@danwaylaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of  
ARTHUR E. WILSON,  
Deceased.  
NO. 2025-PR-299  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Arthur E. Wilson of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 29, 2025, to Adair Wilson, 1025 Beesley Ave., Jacksonville, Illinois 62650, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Matthew J. Cate, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before February 5, 2026, 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 31st day of July, 2025.  
Matthew J. Cate - 06272040  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705-0079  
(217) 544-4868  
matthewwcate@barberlaw.com  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of:  
CAROL R. WALTER,  
Deceased.  
NO. 2025-PR-298  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Carol R. Walter of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 17, 2025, to Matthew J. Cate, 831 E. Monroe, Springfield, Illinois 62701, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before January 26, 2026, 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 24th day of July, 2025.  
Matthew J. Cate - 06272040  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-4868  
matthewwcate@barberlaw.com

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
CHARLES R. FLEXTER,  
Deceased.  
Case No. 2025-PR-307  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of CHARLES R. FLEXTER, of Dawson, Sangamon County, Illinois, on June 17, 2025. Letters of Office were issued on the 30th day of July, A.D., 2025, to CHARLISA R. WOODWARD, of 280 South John Wayne Road, Dawson, Illinois, 62520, as Independent Executor, 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, Sangamon County, 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 for the representative at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.  
DATED this 30th day of July, A.D., 2025.  
Estate of CHARLES R. FLEXTER, Deceased,  
By: CHARLISA R. WOODWARD, Independent Executor  
By: /s/ R. Stephen Scott  
R. Stephen Scott  
Scott & Scott, P.C.  
PREPARED BY:  
R. Stephen Scott (02533391)  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
CYNTHIA A. BARNUM, Deceased.  
IN PROBATE  
No. 2025PR000303  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of CYNTHIA A. BARNUM, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on July 22, 2025, to BRIAN BARSTEAD, 21 Taft Dr., Rochester, IL 62563, Executor, whose attorney is Robert A. Stuart, Jr., Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th St., Ste. 1000, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before February 10, 2026, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.  
Dated this 30th day of July, 2025.  
Robert A. Stuart, Jr.  
Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP  
205 S. 5th St., Ste. 1000  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-8491  
rstuart@bhslaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
ESTATE OF  
DOVIE C. SKAGGS,  
Case No. 2025 PR 301  
Deceased  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of DOVIE C. SKAGGS. Letters of office were issued on July 22, 2025 to CARYL JEAN FARRELL, whose post office address is 525 Pleasant Court, Chatham, IL 62629, as INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR of the will of DOVIE C. SKAGGS, deceased, and whose attorney is David Patrick Hall, Attorney at Law, 611 E. Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative of the estate, or both, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 25th day of July, 2025.  
David Patrick Hall  
Attorney for the Estate of Dovie C. Skaggs, deceased  
611 E. Monroe Street, Suite 200  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: (217) 210-7200  
davehall@motion.net  
Registration No. 6225105

Divorce  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Re: the marriage of  
Lanika Patterson, Petitioner  
And  
Darryl K. Taylor, Respondent  
Case No. 2025-DN-000064  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you, Darryl K. Taylor, 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 14th day of September, 2025, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.  
Joseph B. Roesch  
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Re: the marriage of  
Stephanie Richardson, Petitioner  
And  
Christopher L. Richardson, Respondent  
Case No. 2025-DN-000165  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you, Christopher L. Richardson, 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 14th day of September, 2025, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief



may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.  
Joseph B. Roesch  
Circuit Clerk

## Adoption

ADOPTION NOTICE – STATE OF ILLINOIS, County of Sangamon, Seventh Judicial Circuit Court of Sangamon County. In the matter of the Petition for the Adoption of Santino Moreland Lindsay, a male child. Adoption No. 2025-AD-99. To Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern: Take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, for the adoption of a child named Santino Moreland Lindsay. Now, therefore, unless you Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Room 405, in the City of Springfield, Illinois, on or before the 15th day of September 2025, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAO/gethelp.asp> /s/Joseph Roesch, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk  
Dan E. Way, Attorney for Petitioners  
1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703

## Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
STEVE RAY PLUMBING SERVICE, INC., an Illinois corporation, Plaintiff, v.  
DACIA L. MARSAGLIA, PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, a California limited liability company, RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, ISAQA, a branch of the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
No. 2025CH36  
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF MECHANIC'S LIEN  
Notice is given to defendants, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, of the following described real estate, that the above entitled mechanic's lien foreclosure action is now pending, and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said defendants is SEPTEMBER 22, 2025. The Plaintiff has certified that the above entitled mechanic's lien foreclosure action was filed on June 20, 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 name of the title holder of record is: Darcia L. Marsaglia  
(iv) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
The South Half of the following tract: Part of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 13 North, Range 6 West of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Half QuarterSection; thence South along the West line of the Half Quarter Section, 330.50 feet to an iron pin on the North side of Maple Avenue, Auburn, Illinois; thence East 100 feet along the North line of Maple Street; thence 330.50 feet parallel West along the West line of said Half Quarter Section line to the North line of the Half Section; thence West 100 feet to the place of beginning. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Parcel Number: 34-10.0-205-019  
(v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:  
312 W. Maple St., Auburn, IL 62615  
(vi) An identification of the lien sought to be foreclosed is as follows:  
(A) Nature of instrument: Mechanic's Lien.  
(B) Date of lien: February 12, 2025.  
(C) Name of owner: Dacia L. Marsaglia.  
(D) Name of claimant: Steve Ray Plumbing Service, Inc.  
(E) Date and place of recording: February 14, 2025 in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Sangamon County, Illinois.  
(F) Identification of recording: Document Number 2025R02380.  
STEVE RAY PLUMBING SERVICE, INC., an Illinois corporation, Plaintiff  
Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930)  
Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535)  
Hart, Southworth & Witsman  
Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: (217) 753-0055  
trigby@hswnet.com  
aprillaman@hswnet.com  
8051-957092

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE  
WHEREAS, on 11/28/2008, a certain Mortgage was executed by SHIRLEY J PATRICK and DARREL D PATRICK as Mortgagors, in favor of FINANCIAL FREEDOM SENIOR FUNDING CORPORATION as Mortgagee, and was recorded on 12/10/2008, as Document Number 2008R45394, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Sangamon County, Illinois and  
WHEREAS, the Mortgage was insured by the UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (the SECRETARY) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and  
WHEREAS, the Mortgage is now owned by the SECRETARY, pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage dated 09/08/2015, and recorded on 09/28/2015, as Document Number 2015R27680, in the Office of the Sangamon County Recorder of Deeds, Illinois and a default exists; and  
WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage in that the payment due on 01/31/2025 was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and  
WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the SECRETARY has declared the entire amount of this indebtedness secured by the Mortgage to be immediately due and payable;  
NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR Part 27, subpart B, and by the SECRETARY'S designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, dated September 15, 2016, notice is hereby given that on 09/15/2025 at 10:30 AM local time, all

real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises located at ("Property"), will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder.  
P.I.N.: 12-06.0-230-013-0000  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 104 E MAIN ST., PLEASANT PLAINS, IL 62677  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; DESCRIBED MORE PARTICULARLY AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIN MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE FOREMENTIONED SECTION 6, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 271.82 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST 47.04 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE MARKING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST 263.23 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST 148.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 112.73 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST 18.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 149.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST 130.00 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
The sale will be conducted online on Zoom at: Meeting ID: 648 483 3997; Password: 743891. There is a Zoom call-in option at 312-626-6799. THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT will bid \$286,274.07 plus per diem interest, advances, fees and costs. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before sale, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. The Special Commissioner shall accept advance, sealed written bids at Pleadings@Nevellaw.com.  
The successful bidder, except the SECRETARY, must submit a deposit totaling at least 10% of the bid in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the SECRETARY OF HUD at the close of bidding sent to the Special Commissioner at the address below by express mail next-day delivery. The deposit is non-refundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within thirty (30) days of the Sale or at such other time as the SECRETARY may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made payable to the SECRETARY OF HUD. If the SECRETARY is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyancing fees, all real estate taxes and other taxes that are due on or after the date of sale and all other transfer taxes and State, County and Municipal costs associated with the transfer of title.  
There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided

herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.  
IRA T. NEVEL  
Foreclosure Commissioner for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development  
175 North Franklin, Suite 201  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
(312) 357-1125  
8051-957045

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS.  
SEAN TYUS, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF KING E TYUS A/K/A KING EDWARD TYUS; SHEENA TYUS; QUANITA TYUS; MARCUS TYUS; SEAN TYUS, NEXT FRIEND OF N.T., A MINOR; SEAN TYUS, NEXT FRIEND OF B.T., A MINOR; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KING E TYUS A/K/A KING EDWARD TYUS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.  
NO. 2025FC000093  
2109 SOUTH DOUGLAS AVENUE  
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704  
JUDGE  
PRESIDING JUDGE  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of King E Tyus a/k/a King Edward Tyus  
Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants  
defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:  
LOT 2 OF JOLEN'S CHERRY HILLS ADDITION, PART OF THE EAST HALF SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. THE SOUTH TEN (10) FEET OF LOT 1 OF JOLEN'S CHERRY HILLS ADDITION, PART OF THE EAST HALF SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPT ALL COAL, OIL, GAS, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OF RECORD.  
LESS AND EXCEPT THE OUTSALE: THE NORTH HALF (5 FEET) OF THE SOUTH (10 FEET) OF JOLEN'S CHERRY HILLS ADDN LOT ONE (1), SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 6, RANGE 5.  
Commonly known as: 2109 South Douglas Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62704  
and which said Mortgage was made by, King E Tyus Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Oceanside Mortgage Company Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2021R12309; and for other relief. UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before September 15, 2025, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT. You have been sued. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Notice called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response

on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case. After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to [ilcourts.info/efiling](http://ilcourts.info/efiling). If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to [ilcourthelp.gov](http://ilcourthelp.gov) for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at [illinoislegalaid.org](http://illinoislegalaid.org). All documents referred to in this Notice can be found at [ilcourts.info/forms](http://ilcourts.info/forms). Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website. ¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411-1121, o visite [ilcourthelp.gov](http://ilcourthelp.gov) para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios. PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. McCalla Rayermer Leibert Pierce, LLP Attorney for Plaintiff  
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24-102243  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
FLAT BRANCH MORTGAGE, INC. PLAINTIFF, -vs- RYAN BUNCH; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS DEFENDANTS  
NO. 24 FC 184  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on April 23, 2025; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on September 16, 2025 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building, Sangamon County Board Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a

deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court.  
Said property is legally described as follows:  
LOT 147 IN FAIRVIEW THIRD ADDITION. A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 5, WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERE TO FORE 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. Commonly known as 1751 Fairmont Drive, Springfield, IL 62702  
Permanent Index No.: 14-23.0-154-009  
Improvements: Single Family Residential  
The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.  
The judgment amount was \$139,086.18. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Bid Amount contact:  
Sale Clerk  
LOGS Legal Group LLP  
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(847) 291-1717  
Flat Branch Mortgage, Inc. One of Plaintiff's Attorneys  
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ILNOTICES@logs.com Randal S. Berg (6277119)  
Michael N. Burke (6291435)  
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Laura J. Anderson (6224385)  
Thomas Belczak (6193705)  
Debra Miller (6205477)  
Amy Aronson (6206512)  
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.  
8051-956902

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF Sangamon - Springfield, ILLINOIS  
Data Mortgage Inc., dba Essex Mortgage Plaintiff vs.  
James T. Sutton; et. al; Defendant  
25 FC 9  
CALENDAR  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on September 17, 2025, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Harvatin Law Office, 1100 South



ORDINANCE LEVYING THE ANNUAL TAXES FOR  
THE SOUTH OAK KNOLLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025

AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the SOUTH OAK KNOLLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

Section 1: That whereas it was passed by the Board of Trustees of the SOUTH OAK KNOLLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the SOUTH OAK KNOLLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, in accordance with the statute.

THEREFORE, there is hereby levied on all real and personal property within the corporate limits of SOUTH OAK KNOLLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, subject to taxation as the same is assessed or equalized for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, in the sum of \$219,682.70 for the following purposes:

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

1. Administrative Expense	
Trustees' Salaries	3,000.00
Attorney's Fees	4,000.00
Publication Costs	1,200.00
	\$8,200.00

2. Payment to City of Springfield for fire protection for district, per contract	\$199,390.39
3. Provision for contingencies	\$8,000.00
TOTAL OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$215,590.39
ESTIMATED CASH ON HAND AT END OF FISCAL YEAR	\$8,000.00

Section 2: The Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the SOUTH OAK KNOLLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT upon its passage and approval of this Ordinance, shall file a duly certified copy thereof or file a Certificate of Levy for the SOUTH OAK KNOLLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT with the County Clerk of Sangamon County as provided by the statutes of the State of Illinois, in such case made and provided.

Section 3: The Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED: 8/11/2025

ADOPTED: 8/11/2025

/s/ Kent Gray

Kent Gray

President, Board of Trustees

South Oak Knolls Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

/s/ Miles Ralph

Miles Ralph

Secretary, Board of Trustees

South Oak Knolls Fire Protection District

STATE OF ILLINOIS )

COUNTY OF SANGAMON )

I, Miles Ralph, do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of South Oak Knolls Fire Protection District in Sangamon County and do further certify that, as such, I am the keeper of the seal, records, including records of the ordinances of said South Oak Knolls Fire Protection District, and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance of South Oak Knolls Fire Protection entitled, "An Ordinance Levying the Annual Taxes for South Oak Knolls Fire Protection District for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 and Ending June 30, 2026," passed by the Board of Trustees of said South Oak Knolls Fire Protection District at a meeting held on the 11th day of August, 2025, the same appears by and from the records in my office as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of South Oak Knolls Fire Protection District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

DATED this 11th day of August, 2025.

/s/ Miles Ralph

Miles Ralph

Secretary, Board of Trustees South Oak

Knolls Fire Protection District

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE  
FOR SOUTH OAK KNOLLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025  
AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of SOUTH OAK KNOLLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT has prepared a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, and through the President of said Board, has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held as to such Budget and Appropriation Ordinance prior to final action thereon which said Public Hearing was held on the 11th day of August, 2025, Notice of such Public Hearing having been given publication at least thirty (30) days prior to said hearing and Certificate of Publication having been presented and filed, all as required by statute in such case made and provided, and all legal requirements having been complied with:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the SOUTH OAK KNOLLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

Section 1: That the following Budget containing an estimate of revenue and expenditures be, and the same is hereby adopted as, the Budget for said SOUTH OAK KNOLLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

1. Cash balance beginning of year	\$ 6,000.00
2. Taxes for 2024 to be received during this fiscal year and available for appropriation	209,190.39
3. Interest	100.00
4. Taxes to be received from 2025 levy:	
Amount of 2025 levy	\$219,682.70
Less estimated amount not available before end of fiscal year	\$219,682.70
Estimated amount to be available in this fiscal year on 2025 levy	\$0.00
TOTAL OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$215,590.39

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

1. Administrative Expense

Trustees' Salaries	3,000.00
Attorney's Fees	4,000.00
Publication Costs	1,200.00
	\$8,200.00

2. Payment to City of Springfield for fire protection for district, per contract	\$199,390.39
3. Provision for contingencies	8,000.00
TOTAL OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$215,590.39
ESTIMATED CASH ON HAND AT END OF FISCAL YEAR	\$8,000.00

Section 2: That the following sums of money or so much thereof as may be authorized by law are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes herein specified to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the SOUTH OAK KNOLLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

1. Administrative Expense	
Trustees' Salaries	3,000.00
Attorney's Fees	4,000.00
Publication Costs	1,200.00
	\$8,200.00

2. Payment to City of Springfield for fire protection for district, per contract	\$199,390.39
3. Provision for contingencies	8,000.00
TOTAL OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$215,590.39

Section 3: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED: 8/11/2025

APPROVED: 8/11/2025

/s/ Kent Gray

Kent Gray

President, Board of Trustees

SOUTH OAK KNOLLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ATTEST:

/s/ Miles Ralph

Miles Ralph

Secretary, Board of Trustees

SOUTH OAK KNOLLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

SOUTH OAK KNOLLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT,  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING  
JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2024	\$6,000.00
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RECEIPTS

7/10/24	Comptroller	381.92
7/19/24	Sangamon County	3,453.73
7/31/24	Interest	65.50
8/8/24	Comptroller	71.23
8/16/24	Sangamon County	4,758.30
8/31/24	Interest	31.56
9/13/24	Sangamon County	75,885.83
9/30/24	Interest	15.41
10/8/24	Comptroller	5,261.00
10/8/24	Illinois Municipal League	291.25
10/18/24	Sangamon County	4,432.33
10/31/24	Interest	26.52
11/22/24	Sangamon County	1,729.19
11/29/24	Interest	9.01
12/9/24	Comptroller	91.12
12/31/24	Interest	5.47
1/14/25	Comptroller	241.86
1/31/25	Interest	5.35
2/28/25	Interest	4.86
3/11/25	Comptroller	99.65
3/31/25	Interest	5.40
4/8/25	Comptroller	94.56
4/30/25	Interest	5.26
5/9/25	Comptroller	361.70
5/23/25	Sangamon County	39,934.49
5/30/25	Interest	8.40
6/13/25	Sangamon County	74,353.48
6/30/25	Interest	30.26
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$211,654.64

DISBURSEMENTS

8/12/24	Illinois Times - Publication	146.25
8/12/24	Miles Ralph - Trustee's Fee	1,000.00
8/12/24	Stephen W. Klokenga - Trustee's Fee	1,000.00
8/12/24	Kent Gray - Trustee's Fee	1,000.00
8/12/24	Sorling Northrup - Attorney's Fee	4,000.00
9/16/24	Illinois Times - Publication	612.00
11/7/24	City of Springfield - Contract	76,905.23
6/30/25	City of Springfield - Contract	124,991.16
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		209,654.64

/s/ Rex Bangert

Rex Bangert

Treasurer, South Oak Knolls Fire Protection District

STATE OF ILLINOIS )

SS )

I, Rex Bangert, being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that he is the duly elected and acting Treasurer of the South Oak Knolls Fire Protection District; that he has caused the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the South Oak Knolls Fire Protection District to be prepared; and that the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of South Oak Knolls Fire Protection District for its fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is true and correct.

/s/ Rex Bangert

Rex Bangert

Treasurer, South Oak Knolls Fire Protection District

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of August, 2025.

/s/ Tammy M. McKee

Notary Public

My Commission expires June 01, 2026

5th Street, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

LOT 487 OF CHARLES S. WANLESS' NORTHGATE ADDITION, SEVENTH PLAT. 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.

P.I.N. 14-23.0-277-051 aka 14-23-277-051.

Commonly known as 1859 Camden St., Springfield, IL 62702.

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

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road. Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-25-00288 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13271084

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

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,  
Plaintiff(s),

vs.

LISA M. NATALE A/K/A LISA M. LEINIGNER, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNIFUND CCR, LLC,  
Defendant(s).

Case No. 25 FC 11

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORE-

CLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on September 16, 2025, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit:

LOT 217 OF SOUTHLAWN, SECOND PLAT. EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Common Address: 2061 E. BUCHANAN ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703

P.I.N. 22-14.0-179-015 A/K/A 22-14-179-015

Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.

The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes,

special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.

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 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).

LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff

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8051-956808

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

SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC.,  
Plaintiff(s),

vs.

SIDNEY L. NEWELL A/K/A SIDNEY NEWELL, U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, N.D.,  
Defendant(s).

Case No. 24 FC 177

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORE-

CLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on September 16, 2025, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit: LOT 6 IN ROSINA MILLER'S SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 7, 8 AND 9 IN ANDREW ELLIOTT'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Common Address: 1125 N. 1ST ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

P.I.N. 14-28.0-227-030 A/K/A 14-28-227-030

Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.

The terms of the sale are: Ten percent

(10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.

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 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).

LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC

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8051-956786

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
SANGAMON COUNTY - CHANCERY DIVISION

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1

Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL J. DIAZ AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ESTATE OF PHILIP B. CRAVENS, PAMELA CRAVENS, RYAN E. NAIL, KEELIE M. STRAWN, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF PHILIP B. CRAVENS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).

Case Number: 2024FC000131

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Pamela Cravens Ryan E. Nail Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Philip B. Cravens Unknown Owners and Non-Record 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: LOT 53 AND THE SOUTH 20 FEET OF LOT 52 OF CHATHAM KNOLLS SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 14, RANGE 6 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1 BON-NIEBROOK ROAD, CHATHAM, IL 62629 And which said Mortgage was made by: Pamela Cravens, Estate of Philip B. Cravens, the Mortgagor, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS MORTGAGEE, AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Mortgagee, and recorded



in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois as Document No. 2007R02437; 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, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk 200 S. 9th Street #405 Springfield, IL 62701

On or before September 8, 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.

Marinosci Law Group, P.C.  
2215 Enterprise Drive, Suite 1512  
Westchester, IL 60154  
Telephone: (312) 940-8580

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

I3271012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION,  
PLAINTIFF,  
VS.  
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WAYNE E VAN HEMERT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; JOLEEN BOOTH; JENNIFER MOYER, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF WAYNE E VAN HEMERT, DEFENDANTS.  
NO. 2024FC000133  
2204 CATALINA LANE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

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

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on April 23, 2025, will on September 23, 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:

PART OF LOT 1 OF PEORIA PARK AS RECORDED IN BOOK 23 ON PAGE 33 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS; DESCRIBED MORE PARTICULARLY AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A STONE MARKING THE CENTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 663.75 FEET ALONG THE QUARTER SECTION LINE, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 15.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE MARKING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 64.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 135.00 FEET

TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE SOUTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 64.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 135.00 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TAX NO. 14-11.0-401-030  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2204 Catalina Lane  
Springfield, IL 62702

Description of Improvements: Single-family one story frame house with a attached two car, garage, yellow and maroon, not for sale air condition electricity on

The Judgment amount was \$67,333.44.

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.mrpilc.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# 24-19312L

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 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY  
Plaintiff,  
-v.-  
ANDREW R. SNYDER et al  
Defendant  
2025FC000035  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 9, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on

September 3, 2025, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT FORTY-SEVEN (47) FRED W. WAN-LESS' VICTORY ADDITION.  
EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LANDS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME.

SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 1820 NORTH 20TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

Property Index No. 14-23.0-177-014

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 Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If 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 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 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.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION  
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at [www.tjsc.com](http://www.tjsc.com) for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100  
BURR RIDGE IL, 60527  
630-794-5300  
E-Mail: [pleadings@il.cslegal.com](mailto:pleadings@il.cslegal.com)  
Attorney File No. 14-25-01391

Attorney ARDC No. 00468002  
Case Number: 2025FC000035  
TJSC#: 45-1948

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Case # 2025FC000035  
I3270958

**Notice by Publication**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
R. DOUGLAS ENTERPRISES, LLC an Illinois Limited Liability Company; RICKY R. DOUGLAS, JR.; UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
IN CHANCERY  
Case No. 2024-FC-149  
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Suzanna Scherf  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD  
3400 Wabash Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62711  
Telephone: (217) 529-5555

(B) The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate is:  
137 S. Douglas Ave., Springfield, IL 62704

(C) The legal description of the real estate is as follows:  
The North 38.83 feet of the East 150 feet of Lot 6 and the South 21.17 feet of the East 150 feet of lot 7 of Subdivision of Sangamon County Fairgrounds.

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 in all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other materials, if any.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois; Commonly known as 137 S. Douglas Ave., Springfield, IL 62704; Parcel No.: 14-33.0-102-015

Parcel Number(s): 14-33.0-102-015

(D) Description of the improvement on the real estate is as follows:  
4 unit apartment building

(E) The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale.

(F) The time and place of the sale is: 9:00 AM on September 23, 2025 at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, 1 Copley Plaza, Springfield, IL 62703.

(G) The terms of the sale are cash or certified funds at time of sale.

(H) The subject property is sold subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, all general real estate taxes which have not yet become due and payable, with special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record, and existing leases, if any, applicable zoning laws; property is sold "AS IS, WHERE IS, and with no warranties", and without any representation as to quality or quantity of

the title and without recourse to Plaintiff.

The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff  
By: /s/ Brian D. Jones  
One of Its Attorneys  
SORLING NORTHRUP  
Brian D. Jones, of Counsel – ARDC  
#6286510  
1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200  
P.O. Box 5131  
Springfield, IL 62705  
Telephone: 217-544-1144  
Fax: 217-522-3173  
E-Mail: [bdjones@sorlinglaw.com](mailto:bdjones@sorlinglaw.com)

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, September 17, 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 from R-1, Single Family Residence District, Section 155.015, with Court ordered S-2 Uses, to B-2, General Business Service District, Section 155.034, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance.

Petitioner is contract purchaser of the property and desires to immediately use the subject real estate for wholesale and commercial storage uses to serve its health care practitioners throughout the community. In the not too distant future, petitioner plans on also using the property for the retail and wholesale sale of medical equipment and devices. To be in compliance with the zoning ordinances petitioner respectfully requests a reclassification of property from R-1 (with Court Ordered S-2 Uses) to B-2 to permit wholesale and commercial storage uses on the Subject Real Estate. Petitioner additionally requests that if the reclassification to B-2 is not afforded, that it would accept a use variance that permits wholesale and commercial storage uses on the Subject Real Estate, which are authorized in the B-2 (General Business Service District) pursuant to Section 155.034 (b) (3).

Improvements (or structures) located on said property is a building which contained a retail grocery store, and most recently used as a retail furniture store. The subject real estate is currently classified in the R-1, Single Family Residence District, Section 155.015 (with Court Ordered S-2 Uses in court case 71-80).

Legally described as: PARCEL 1: THAT PART IN LOT 2, SANGAMON CENTER, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A STEEL PLATE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, 464.98 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, 383.51 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 49 SECONDS WEST, 201.84 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST, 317.08 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST, 18.87 FEET; THENCE NORTH 283.04 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE CENTER OF JACKSONVILLE BRANCH NORTH 84 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST, 281.99 FEET; THENCE NORTH 57 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST, 135.21

FEET; THENCE SOUTH 37 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST 34.05 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF LA PETITE ACADEMY, INC., 112.08 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST, 149.92 FEET; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF CHATHAM ROAD, 15.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST, 245.00 FEET THENCE SOUTH 506.78 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST, 140.13 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, 39.70 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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 2: THE RECIPROCAL AND NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENTS FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS, PASSAGE AND ACCOMMODATION OF PEDESTRIANS, PASSAGE AND PARKING OF VEHICLES, THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION, USE, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, ENLARGEMENT, REPLACEMENT, RELOCATION AND REMOVAL OF STORM AND SANITARY SEWERS, WATER AND GAS MAINS, ELECTRICAL POWERLINES, TELEPHONE LINES AND OTHER UTILITY LINES, AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, ERECTION, REMOVAL AND MAINTENANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS, CREATED AND GRANTED AS APPURTENANCES TO PARCEL 1, ALL CREATED, DEFINED AND LIMITED BY THAT CERTAIN PROTECTIVE COVENANTS AND RECIPROCAL EASEMENT AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 7, 1978 AND RECORDED JUNE 9, 1978 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 794074 BY AND AMONG K'S MERCHANDISE MART, INC., MUTUAL HOME AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, SANGAMON BANK AND TRUST CO., THE ILLINOIS NATIONAL BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, TRUST NUMBER 13-04060-00, AND ROBINHOOD PARTNERSHIP IN, OVER, UPON AND OVER THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED TO THE AFORESAID AGREEMENT.

EXCLUDING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: PART OF LOT 2 OF SANGAMON CENTER SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 376070 IN BOOK 22, PAGE 31 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIN MARKING THAT CORNER OF SAID LOT 2 WHICH IS ALSO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 8 OF THE ADJACENT MONTVALE, SECOND ADDITION, THENCE NORTH 82 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST, 22.57 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST, 60.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST, 30.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST, 60.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST, 30.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 1800 SQUARE FEET, OR 0.041 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. ALSO INCLUDING ACCESS, INGRESS, AND EGRESS EASEMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO. PIN Nos: 22-07.0-276-017.

Common Address: 1987 Wabash Ave, Springfield, IL 62704.

The petitioner is Springfield Clinic, LLP, as Contract Purchaser, By it's attorneys



BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP, Daniel L. Hamilton of Counsel.  
The property is commonly known as 1987 Wabash Avenue, Springfield, Illinois.  
Docket No. 2025-040  
John Harris  
Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, September 17, 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 R-2, Single Family and Duplex Residence District, Section 155.017, to B-2, General Business Service District Section 155.034, and Variances of Sections: 155.001, Definition of "lot"; 155.034 (b), B-2 General Business Service District: Permitted Uses; 155.104, Required Accessory off-street parking spaces: wholesale, manufacturing, industrial plants; 155.113, Screening; 155.480; Landscape, Screening and Lighting Regulations; and 155.063, Required Yards for Lots adjoining Residential Districts, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner desires to operate Precision Window and Door, and to store tools and paint windows and doors in the detached garage. Small tools consist of portable table saw, portable miter saw, compact drills and hand tools, No large construction equipment. All tools are stored in the garage not on the exterior, park two ½ ton pickup trucks in paved driveway. Painting of windows and door with latex paint. All paint is water based. There are no employees and no retail customers, all material of windows and doors are ordered thru the local lumber yards and delivered directly to jobsites. Any Material that needs to be finished will be picked up and brought to the garage. It is indicated there will be no large delivery trucks. To be in compliance with the zoning ordinance, petitioner respectfully requests reclassification of property from R-2 to B-2; and Variances of: 155.001 definition of "lot" to allow two uses on one lot: Precision Window and Door and the existing single-family house;

155.034 B to allow as a permitted use a single-family residence in a B-2 district; 155.104 related to required accessory off-street parking spaces to allow for zero-off-street parking spaces instead of that required by section 155.104 for the business use; 155.113, to vary any screening requirements; 155.480, related to screening and transitional buffer yard requirements to not have to provide screening or lighting and eliminating any required transitional buffer yards; and 155.063 to vary and wave any setback or screening requirements related to the existing garage and its uses for the Window & Door company. Petitioner additionally requests, if B-2 reclassification is not afforded, consideration of a use variance in the R-2 district allowing for operation of Precision Window and Door and to allow use of the detached garage to store tools and paint window sash and doors, and grant of the other variances in the petition.  
Improvements (or structures) located on said property are a single family home 1,107 square feet and a detached garage 792 square feet. The subject real estate is currently classified in the R-2, Single Family and Duplex Residence District, Section 155.017  
Legally described as: Lot 57 of Spaulding's second Illinois watch factory addition said addition is situated in and is a part of the East half (E ½ ) of the Southwest quarter (SW¼) of section twentythree (23), Township Sixteen (16) North Range five(5), west of the Third principle meridian situated in the county of Sangamon and State of Illinois; Commonly known as 1821 E Keys, Springfield, Illinois identified as Index 14-23.0-332-028.  
The petitioner is Tammy Ference.  
The property is commonly known as 1821 E. Keys Avenue, Springfield, Illinois.  
Docket No. 2025-039  
John Harris  
Zoning Administrator

SANGAMON COUNTY  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)  
Small Animal Incinerator System  
RFP Number: SCAC-2025-01  
RFP Issue Date: 08/14/2025

Proposal Due Date: 09/30/2025  
I. INTRODUCTION  
Sangamon County, through the Sangamon County Department of Public Health, is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified vendors to provide and install a small animal incinerator system suitable for humane and environmentally compliant disposal of deceased small animals. The system will be installed at the Sangamon County Highway Department.  
II. OBJECTIVE  
To procure a reliable, cost-effective, and regulatory-compliant incinerator designed to manage animal remains from routine operations, disease control efforts, and emergency response scenarios.  
III. SCOPE OF WORK  
The selected vendor shall:  
1. Supply a new small animal incinerator unit capable of processing up to 300lbs/ load.  
2. Deliver and install the unit at Sangamon County Highway Department site  
3. Ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental and public health regulations (e.g., EPA, IEPA, OSHA).  
4. Provide training to staff on safe operation, routine maintenance, and emergency shut-off procedures.  
5. Provide documentation including manuals, technical specifications, and compliance certificates.  
6. Offer warranty and service plan options.  
7. Disposal of existing on-site incinerator.  
IV. SPECIFICATIONS  
The incinerator should meet the following minimum requirements:  
• Dual-chamber design  
• Primary chamber temperature minimum: 1200°F  
• Secondary chamber afterburner minimum: 1600°F  
• Digital temperature controls  
• Automatic timer/shutdown features  
• Stainless steel or coated steel exterior  
• Emissions controls in compliance with Illinois EPA regulations  
• Fuel type: Natural gas or propane  
• Load type: Manual or hydraulic-assisted  
• Ash output containment

• Capacity: 300lbs/hour  
V. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS  
All proposals must include:  
1. Vendor background and experience in incinerator installation and service  
2. Detailed product specifications  
3. Project timeline  
4. Total cost estimate, including equipment, delivery, installation, and training  
5. References from at least three recent public or animal shelter clients  
6. Warranty and service details  
7. Certifications showing EPA and Illinois compliance  
VI. EVALUATION CRITERIA  
Proposals will be evaluated based on:  
• Compliance with technical specifications  
• Vendor qualifications and experience  
• Pricing and overall value  
• Warranty and service terms  
• Installation and training plan  
• Environmental compliance  
VII. SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS  
Submit one hard copy of your sealed proposal to:  
Attn: Sangamon County Public Health Director  
Sangamon County Department of Public Health  
2833 South Grand Avenue East  
Springfield, IL 62703  
Email: john.ridley@sangamonil.gov  
Phone: 217-321-2601  
VIII. TIMELINE  
Milestone Date  
RFP Issue Date 8/14/2025  
Vendor Questions Due 9/4/2025  
Responses to Questions Issued 9/8/2025  
Proposals Due 9/30/2025  
Award Notification (estimated) 10/3/2025  
Installation Completion Target 4/1/2025  
IX. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS  
Sangamon County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any irregularities, and accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the County.

NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE City of Springfield, Illinois, will receive proposals for the purchase, under the successful proposal, of the fee simple interest in two properties located at Truman Road and Stanford Avenue.  
The properties are two vacant, triangle lots south and north of Truman Road along Sanford Avenue. The legal descriptions, parcel identification numbers, and present zoning classifications are included in a Proposal Page and Specifications, a copy of which may be obtained from the Central Purchasing Office, Room 200 Municipal Center West, 300 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701.  
The properties will be sold "as is". The party submitting the successful proposal will be required to enter into an agreement for the sale of property, which will include various terms, conditions, and restrictions as further described in the Proposal Page and Specifications. Any such agreement shall be subject to the approval of the City Council of the City of Springfield.  
Proposals for the purchase of the aforesaid interest in each of the above-described parcels of property must be submitted in the form described in the Proposal Page and Specifications and will be received by the City Purchasing Agent, Room 200 Municipal Center West, 300 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 until 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on [date not less than 30 days after first publication]. Said

proposals shall be addressed to: City of Springfield  
Office of the Purchasing Agent  
Room 200 Municipal Center West  
300 South Seventh Street  
Springfield, IL 62701-1681  
A contract may be awarded to the party whose proposal is found to be in the best interest of the City of Springfield. The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the proposals. The City Council further reserves the right to review and study any and all proposals and to make a contract award within 6 months after the proposals have been opened.  
All proposals received will be publicly opened at 3:00 p.m. on September 11, 2025, Room 200 Municipal Center West, 300 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701. No proposal will be accepted after the preceding time and date.

SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY  
2026 PHA PLAN SUBMISSION  
2025 MTW Supplement  
Close out of 2022 Capital Fund Program  
IL06P004501-22  
IL06P004501-23  
Revisions to Admissions & Continued Occupancy Plan, Public Housing Lease Administrative Plan, Family Self-Sufficiency Action Plan  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
As required by HUD, there will be a 45-day public comment period starting July 28, 2025 through September 10, 2025. Copies of the plan for public review can be obtained at the following locations:  
SHA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
200 North Eleventh Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
Public Hearings will be held during the 45-day public comment period to gather public input at the following times and locations:  
Tuesday, August 26, 2025, @ 2:30 PM  
Hildebrandt Hi-Rise  
Wednesday, August 27, 2025, @ 2:30 PM  
Villas at Vinegar Hill  
Thursday, August 28, 2025, @ 3:00 PM  
Bonansinga Hi-Rise  
Thursday, September 4, 2025, @ 5:00 PM - 200 North Eleventh Street  
Comments may be mailed or e-mailed to:  
SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY  
200 North Eleventh Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
angiew@sha1.org  
217/753-5757, Ext. 206  
Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QHWRA) of 1998 created the public housing agency five (5) year and annual plan requirement. The five-year plan describes the mission of the agency and the agency's long-range goals and objectives for achieving its mission over a five-year period, and their approach to managing programs and providing services for the upcoming year. THE PHA Plan also serves as the annual application for grants to support improvements to public housing buildings (Capital Fund Program) and safety in public housing (Public Housing Drug Elimination Program).

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Fifth Third Bank N.A.,  
Plaintiff,  
Vs.  
Shenandoah Rush, et. al.  
Defendants.  
Re: Estate of Francis A. Rush, Deceased.

No. 2025-FC-80  
NOTICE  
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF Francis A. Rush:  
Notice is given of the death of Francis A. Rush. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Francis A. Rush, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 1617 N. Wolfe St., Springfield, IL 62702.  
The address of the Special Representative is: Way Law Offices, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing.  
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 [efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers](https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers).htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit [www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp](https://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp).  
/s/ Dan E. Way  
Special Representative for Francis A. Rush, deceased.  
Dan E. Way, #6204735  
WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC  
1100 S. Fifth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
Tel. 217-525-7003 Fax. 217-525-7012  
dan@danwaylaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE, an Illinois Corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
MICHAEL JOHNSON, VIRGINIA M. JOHNSON, THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, STATE OF ILLINOIS - ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant.  
NO. 2008-MR-381  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Michael Johnson and Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed for foreclosure of the demolition lien on the real estate commonly known as Lot 17 and 18 in Block 3 of Jones' First Addition to the Town of Benton, now Village of Williamsville, Sangamon County, Illinois. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Tax I.d. No. 07-04-404-023; Commonly known as: 101 West Jones, Williamsville, Illinois; and for other relief.  
UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois 62701, on or before October 1, 2025, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE 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 <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers>.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk to your local circuit clerk's office.  
Joe Roesch  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Randall W. Segatto - 06193211  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79

# Legal Deadline, Thursdays at 4pm



Call Daron at 217-679-7801  
or email [legals@illinoistimes.com](mailto:legals@illinoistimes.com)



Springfield, IL 62705-0079  
217/544-4868  
rsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
SANGAMON COUNTY - CHANCERY DIVISION  
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ESTATE OF BARBARA JO BROWN, THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, GREGORY HULLUM, ADRIAN HULLUM, CLYDE BROWN, JR., ROBERT BROWN, CHARLENE ALEXANDER, KAREN EUBANKS, CARLA COOK, MARCUS BATES, KAPRICE BATES, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BARBARA JO BROWN, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).  
Case No. 2025FC000083  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Clyde Brown, Jr. Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Barbara Jo Brown Unknown Owners and Non-Record 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:  
LOT ONE (1) IN BLOCK THREE (3) OF HORNBY'S SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTH FRACTIONAL HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION THREE (3), TOWNSHIP FIFTEEN (15) NORTH, RANGE FIVE (5) WEST TO THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1312 EAST CEDAR STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703  
And which said Mortgage was made by: Estate of Barbara Jo Brown, the Mortgagor, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS MORTGAGEE, AS NOMINEE FOR NEWREZ LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois as Document No. 2021R09262; 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,  
Sangamon County Circuit Clerk  
200 S. 9th Street  
#405  
Springfield, IL 62701  
On or before September 22, 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.  
Marinosci Law Group, P.C.  
2215 Enterprise Drive, Suite 1512  
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Telephone: (312) 940-8580  
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that this law firm is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HELEN Y. ROBBINS, DECEASED  
Case #2025-PR-330  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of HELEN

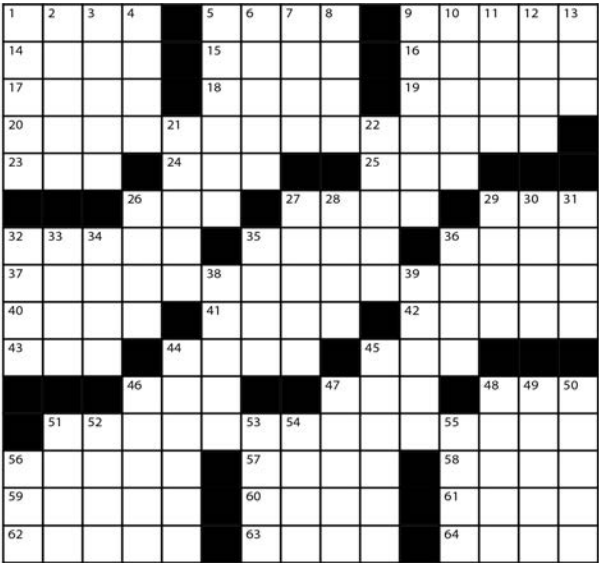
Y. ROBBINS. Letters of Office have been issued to CLINTON G. ROBBINS, 2545 Winfield Drive, Springfield, IL 62704 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before March 2, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 14th day of August, 2025.  
William P. Sheehan  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
1215 South 4th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
Morton Community Bank  
PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Misty Klauzer; Kimberly D. Wiker; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Tawnya Austin; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Kimberly D. Wiker; Dan Way, as Special Representative for Kimberly D. Wiker (deceased)  
DEFENDANTS  
No. 2025FC000088  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:  
Misty Klauzer  
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Kimberly D. Wiker  
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 September 22, 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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## Break up songs

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- Across  
1. Allergic reaction  
5. "Cast Away" setting  
9. Play in the N.H.L.  
14. "Beat it!"  
15. Couples  
16. Cell alternative  
17. "\_\_\_ Like It Hot"  
18. Join hands?  
19. Clear, as a disk  
20. Toni Braxton hit  
23. "I" problem  
24. Arid  
25. Make a scene?  
26. Pitch in  
27. Hamper contents  
29. Farm structure  
32. Sour sort  
35. Digestion aid  
36. Apple leftover  
37. Elvis Presley hit  
40. Flight data, briefly  
41. Afflicts  
42. Artist's stand  
43. Flipper  
44. Decorated, as a cake  
45. Nth degree  
46. A Beagle bride  
47. "i" lid  
48. Back talk  
51. Bill Withers hit  
56. British Commonwealth member  
57. "Guilty," e.g.  
58. First word of "The Raven"  
59. Nasdaq offering  
60. "\_\_\_ Lang Syne"  
61. Warm, so to speak

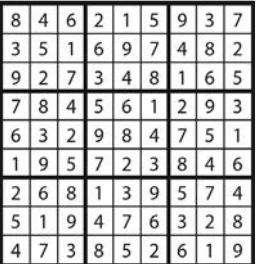


62. Free-for-all  
63. Amount to make do with  
64. Sea eagles  
Down  
1. Matter of debate  
2. Flip-flop  
3. Small band  
4. Field worker  
5. Security checkpoint item  
6. Peevish  
7. Farm soil  
8. Catch a glimpse of  
9. Address  
10. Gold standard  
11. Biology lab supply  
12. Makeup, e.g.  
13. Before, in poetry  
21. Proclamation  
22. NHL goalie Dominik  
26. Affectation  
27. Exercise  
28. "Ah, me!"  
29. Lushes  
30. Branch headquarters?  
31. Cry out loud  
32. One who takes orders  
33. Abominable Snowman  
34. Indian bread  
35. Cheese on crackers  
36. Gently persuade  
38. Breakfast sizzler  
39. Qualifying races  
44. Amount eaten  
45. Single-celled organisms  
46. In the cooler  
47. Some showdowns  
48. Lid or lip application  
49. From early Peru  
50. Equals  
51. White chip, often  
52. False god  
53. Birthstone after sapphire  
54. Turn on a pivot  
55. Better  
56. Philosopher's study

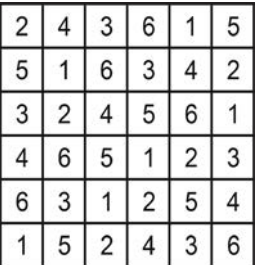
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Crossword answers from #906



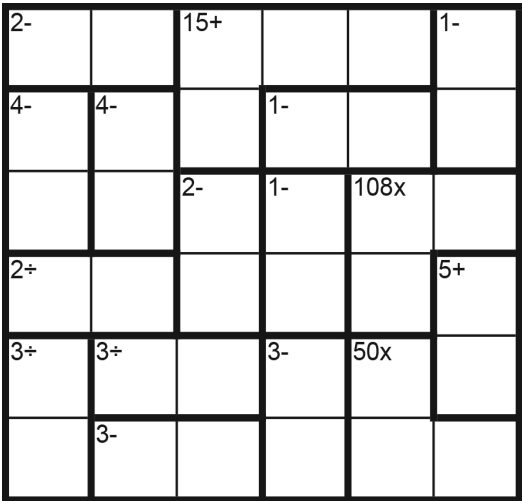
Sudoku answers from #906



JoshJosh answers from #906

## JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 907

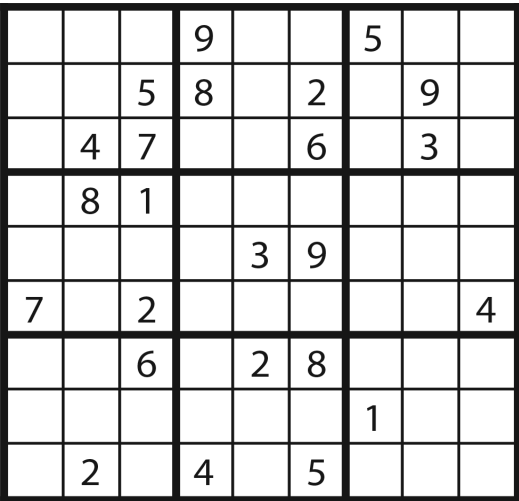
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



Difficulty hard

## Sudoku No. 907

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



Difficulty medium



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