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Food assistance changes threaten benefits

New requirements mandate state pay for a greater share of program

STATE | Ben Szalinski

Hundreds of thousands of Illinoisans could lose benefits from a federal food assistance program while the state will be required to cover more costs under changes passed in the latest domestic policy plan.

President Donald Trump signed the “One Big, Beautiful Bill Act” into law on July 4, making sweeping changes to social services programs, including Medicaid. Among the programs being revamped is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, better known as SNAP. The bill institutes new work requirements for many people to remain eligible for benefits and shifts some costs for the program to the states.

Food stamps were first established in the 1930s during the Great Depression. Renamed to SNAP in 2008, the program provides monthly stipends for low-income Americans to purchase select foods at grocery stores. While states implement the program and

pay a portion of administrative expenses, the federal government has historically covered the cost of the benefits.

Under the law, work requirements to qualify for SNAP benefits have been expanded to include people up to age 64, along with homeless people, veterans and young adults leaving foster care. Previously, only people age 18-54 had to meet work requirements.

Those populations didn’t previously have to prove they were doing a certain amount of work, but when the changes kick in, they will have to do 80 hours of paid, unpaid or volunteer work each month to qualify for benefits, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The law continues to provide exemptions for people who are physically unable to work, such as for pregnancy.

The changes could leave 360,000 people in Illinois at risk of losing eligibility, according to the state.



Fruits and vegetables are pictured at a County Market grocery store in Springfield. The items are eligible for purchase under the federal SNAP program. CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS PHOTO BY ANDREW CAMPBELL

Publisher's note

A new full-time reporter joined *Illinois Times* this week, thanks to our selection as a Report for America newsroom. The program, modeled on the Peace Corps, places journalists in newsrooms across the country to report on under-covered issues and communities.



Dilpreet Raju, a Schaumburg native, has relocated to Springfield but is already familiar with the capital city. He worked as a reporting fellow with Capitol News Illinois, a nonprofit news service, last year and *IT*, along with dozens of other outlets statewide, published a number of his stories.

Raju graduated from American University in Washington, D.C., with a bachelor of science degree in biochemistry. He later pursued a master's degree in journalism with a focus on health, environment and science reporting from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.

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“Trump and Republicans would rather children go hungry so their friends can receive tax cuts,” Gov. JB Pritzker said in a statement. “Here in Illinois, we have been working to combat food insecurity for years, and while no state can backfill these costs, the state of Illinois will continue to fight against these harmful impacts and stand up for working families.”

About 1.9 million people were using SNAP in Illinois as of March 2025, according to the USDA.

New costs for the state

Illinois and most other states will have to cover a greater portion of costs for SNAP under the law, including benefits based on the state's error rate of over- and under-payments on benefits.

Beginning in federal fiscal year 2028, which begins in October 2027, the law requires states with an error rate greater than 10% as of at least FY25 to cover 15% of the cost of benefits. States with lower error rates would cover a smaller portion of the benefits. Illinois recorded an 11% error rate in FY24, according to the USDA.

More than 1.8 million Illinoisans received \$4.7 billion of SNAP benefits in FY25, according to the state. If Illinois must pay 15% of the cost of benefits, it could leave the state on the hook for \$705 million – or about

1.3% of the current-year budget.

Also beginning in federal fiscal year 2027, which begins in October 2026, states will have to cover 75% of administrative costs for SNAP, rather than 50%. This year's state budget appropriates \$60 million for administrative costs for SNAP – up \$20 million from last year.

The changes are part of initiatives by congressional Republicans and the Trump administration to shift more responsibility for assistance programs to states. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates changes to SNAP will reduce federal spending by \$279 billion over 10 years but increase state spending on SNAP by \$121 billion over the same time. The CBO predicts some states could abandon the program or choose to provide a lower level of benefits and not make up for reductions Congress made to the program.

Pritzker and 22 other governors sent a letter to Congress last month saying it's possible states will have to leave or reduce the SNAP program because of the new cost requirements. □

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Minority Business Institute coming soon

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | Maggie Dougherty

The city of Springfield is developing a new program to provide training and resource education to minority business owners and nonprofit leaders. Plans for the new Springfield Minority Business Institute were recently announced by Office of Community Relations Director Ethan Posey.

The institute intends to serve Black and other racial or ethnic minority, female and LGBTQ business owners, or anyone else from a marginalized category, regardless of where they live in the city. The program will seek to help them navigate existing resources.

"The issue that we don't have is a desire for the people here to invest in their community," Posey said. "They just need to know the tools and the resources that are already available."

The program was inspired by concerns raised by minority business leaders regarding hurdles faced in opening or growing businesses.

Posey said the issues stem from the city's assumption that everyone is starting out on the same page speaking the same language, which is often not the case when it comes to the technical processes and language for grants, permits and zoning.

Business owners who apply for grants, for example, do not always understand the terminology around match requirements, causing project delays when they do not have the money up front. In other cases, Posey said, business owners may buy a new property for a specific purpose, not realizing the building does not meet zoning requirements for the intended use.

Repeated instances of this, especially when it happens in resource-poor areas like Springfield's east side, have caused a breakdown in trust, Posey said.

"When these things frequently happen, it looks like the city doesn't want a certain section of people to succeed," Posey said. "And that's not the case."

To better prepare business owners, the institute's proposal outlined a nine-week course with weekly presentations and trainings.

The first three weeks of the course are expected to cover grant applications, zoning, permits, purchasing and subcontractors. The training will be led by city employees from the relevant departments.

Later weeks will feature presentations from the institute's partners, including the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, the Springfield Urban League and the UIS College of Business and Management. Each session will



Springfield Office of Community Relations sign outside of Director Ethan Posey's office on Groth Street. PHOTO BY MAGGIE DOUGHERTY

be hosted at the partner organization location.

"Because we don't want them to just come and tell you about the resources," Posey said. "I want you to know geographically where it is. I want you to see it. And then every time you drive past it, you know the resource is there."

The program will conclude with a minority executives panel and a graduation ceremony and banquet.

Posey envisions the program having a class size of 15 to 20 participants, though the final number will depend on interest levels. Posey said he hopes the program will repeat annually, at least, if not more regularly.

If the program repeats, Posey said he hopes to foster an alumni association for members to network and build resources.

The concept has support from members of city council, including Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory and Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams, Jr., as well as Mayor Misty Buscher, who Posey said told her to run with the idea and pledged to support it however possible.

Williams said he is glad to see this initiative moving forward under Posey's leadership after similar past proposals have not come to fruition, and especially excited about the partnerships the institute is making.

"I think it's very inclusive. Instead of the usual players I see some players that are not as connected that are going to be talked to and offered to participate as a partner as well," Williams said. "I think that's a great thing."

In his own district, Williams thought many

small business owners would benefit from the program, including several barber and beauty shops and the nonprofit Ring of Champions Boxing Club. Ring of Champions coach Andre Spaulding said the grant information would be most valuable.

Gregory was also enthusiastic about the possibility for entrepreneurs in his ward to participate.

"There's so many young budding businesses in our community that are not your traditional businesses that just need a little bit of training so they can submit bids," Gregory said. "So absolutely, as soon as we get this open, we're going to make sure they're filled up with good people."

The program may roll out this fall, but Posey said early next year is more realistic and would give them more time to develop the curriculum.

Posey was realistic yet optimistic about the program's potential for improving the lives of minority business owners and nonprofit leaders in Springfield.

"It's not an overnight fix for anything, but I feel like it's a sustainable way to address these issues and make long-lasting change." □

Maggie Dougherty is a summer intern with Illinois Times as she finishes her master's degree with Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. She previously served as a reporting fellow with Capitol News Illinois in Springfield and has a bachelor's degree in global and international studies.

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High school student writes bill to prevent opioid deaths

LEGISLATION | Jon Noll

A high school student wrote legislation that could save lives in Illinois. The bill, which has passed both the House and Senate and is awaiting Gov. JB Pritzker's signature to become law, would require all public libraries in Illinois to carry naloxone, which saves people during opioid overdoses.

Her bill also calls for library staff members to be trained in how to recognize an opioid overdose and how to use the medicine. At least one trained staff member would have to be working at the library during all hours when the library is open. Naloxone is an opioid antagonist, meaning that if someone is having an opioid overdose, the medicine would be able to save their lives. Naloxone is harmless if administered to someone not having an opioid overdose, so it is a low-risk program if the bill becomes law.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, in 2022 there were well over 3,200 deaths in Illinois caused by opioid overdoses. The bill aims to reduce the number of opioid overdose deaths by keeping this medicine in a library, a public place. If someone is having an opioid overdose in a library, or its vicinity, or at a library-run event, people could rush to get naloxone and the trained employee at the library and help save



Jordan Henry

the person in danger.

House Bill 1910 was the idea of Jordan Henry, a high school senior from Elgin. Henry, a student at Illinois Math and Science Academy, got the idea for the bill after

learning that Chicago's libraries already had naloxone in them because of an agreement they made with the Chicago Department of Public Health. In 2022, her sophomore year in high school, she started doing lots of research on naloxone and other methods of keeping drug users safe, such as fentanyl testing strips. Originally, she just wanted to implement naloxone in her local library. But after getting in contact with State Representative Anna Moeller, a member of the House public health committee, she realized that she could help people all over Illinois by turning her idea into legislation.

"Doing my research beforehand helped with drafting the bill faster because I already knew important details, like where the funding was coming from," Henry said in an interview with *Illinois Times*. She started drafting the bill in December 2024, right before bills were introduced in January. Henry was able to finish the bill in a few weeks with the help of Rep. Moeller's legal team.

The system in the Chicago libraries where Henry drew inspiration is different from what will be implemented should the bill be signed into law. In Chicago, anyone can grab and use the medicine, while the legislation stipulates that the trained library staff member must

be the one to use the medication. This is to make sure that the people who are going to be administering the medicine are not at risk of accidentally hurting the person in danger.

Moeller first got the chance in January to present Henry's idea as a bill to the Illinois House, where it won approval in April. It was unanimously approved by the Senate May 21. Henry attributes much of her success with this bill to people before her advocating more access to opioid antagonists. "The only reason that this bill was so well received in the House and Senate is because of the advocacy of harm reductionists who have been fighting long before me," she wrote to *Illinois Times*. She said that at one point it was illegal to even give out naloxone outside of an emergency room. She is thankful for the change and all the people and organizations that fought for it. Now all the bill needs is to be signed by the governor to become law. All thanks to a high school senior who wanted to help her community. □

Jon Noll, a Springfield native, who attends Lake Forest Academy, a boarding school, has been interning at Illinois Times.

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Deej Dambrauskas

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IT’S SOCIALISM

These guys want a socialist dictator (“The rule of law is king,” June 19). Zohran Mamdani is the prime candidate. If he gets the

nomination, they should move to New York City and get what’s coming to them.

Steven Lucas

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AVOID STEREOTYPES

The irresponsible use of poetic license in today’s media has moved far beyond storytelling – it now distorts public perception and reinforces lazy narratives. Television, film and journalism too often recycle the same caricatures of Black men: criminal, broken, dangerous or pitiful. These portrayals are not reflections – they are projections, carefully curated to fit a script that sells outrage more than it reveals truth.

Yes, we see the crime statistics – but let’s expand the data. According to the U.S. Census Bureau and Department of Justice estimates, there are over 20 million Black men in America. The overwhelming majority of us are law-abiding, hardworking, family-raising citizens. Criminal behavior is not representative of our population – it is an isolated, independent and exclusive sample. Yet the media persists in making it appear normative.

I am writing this because I continue to see so-called leaders attempt to define us or describe us, without ever speaking to us. Too often, their goal is not truth, but

fundraising. They outsource our community responsibilities to government programs and nonprofits while presenting themselves as intermediaries. This tactic keeps problems alive to secure grant dollars, not to solve anything.

If you want the perspective of a real Black man, walk into any professional institution and speak to one. His pants are not sagging. His voice is not raised. He does not smell of marijuana. And he’s not quoting movie scripts as if they were historical texts. He is composed, competent and quietly leading in ways the media and advocacy machines refuse to acknowledge – because he doesn’t fit the profitable image of dysfunction.

We are still here. We are still striving. And yes – we still find most of what we see and hear about ourselves to be ridiculous. As one voice among many silent Black men, I assure you: we don’t need rescuing. We need recognition for what we’ve already built and continue to sustain.

The narrative hustle only works when the audience stops thinking. I urge your readers to re-engage their minds, question the scripts and seek voices not pre-approved by sensational headlines or political agendas.

Kelvin D. Coburn Sr., author,
The Silent Black Man
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Another Letter From My Grandpa

My grandpa wrote this letter to his second son who is at college: “My Dear Boy Trever You have a great day outlined for me and I am sure I would enjoy every bit of it. But I cannot come. We are building the floor tomorrow between the milk house and shop and I have a cement mixer and men coming out from town on that day. I regret greatly that I cannot be with you. Regarding your car, cut it out. You are better off without it. Even if it cost nothing, what you need is to develop quiet strength and poise of mind and character, the car tends to develop just the opposite qualities. Walk, think and grow great. I do not want you to use a car in Madison. Sell it and walk.”

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Pritzker's new running mate

Christian Mitchell, "The Chosen One," has made enemies along the way

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Christian Mitchell has had strong detractors ever since Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle elevated the young Black man out of obscurity and backed him for the Illinois House in 2012.

Preckwinkle chose her trusted aide Mitchell over appointed Rep. Kimberly du Buclet, D-Chicago. Preckwinkle's move upset a lot of people in that part of the world because the du Buclet family's local influence had been strong for decades and Mitchell was not a born South Sider.

As a result, I somewhat derisively referred to Mitchell as "The Chosen One" in a story I wrote for my subscribers back in the day.

Mitchell's first House primary race was a proxy battle between Preckwinkle and the Jesse Jackson family, and man, was that close race ever heated. He was a brassy, highly educated amateur boxer who didn't take any guff whatsoever. Mitchell then went on to win two successive Democratic primary races against a Chicago Teachers Union-backed candidate. The enemies list grew as Mitchell fought all opponents tooth and nail.

The complaints really started to fly in 2019 when he was chosen as one of newly elected JB Pritzker's deputy governors. Statehouse denizens (most of them white men) who were accustomed to deference were shocked at Mitchell's in-your-face negotiating style and fierce loyalty to his boss. I lost count of the number of white men who reached out with stories about the brash Pritzker lieutenant.

But, hey, Mitchell helped pass a lot of bills. He drove some very powerful folks up a wall during the intense negotiations over the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, but the bill got done.

Now that he's been chosen as Pritzker's running mate, I asked Mitchell last week if he believes he has bridges to build.

"I am proud to have been a tough negotiator in some very, very difficult rooms, trying to get the best deal for Illinois and for working families, for taxpayers. I'm not going to apologize for that," Mitchell said.

But Mitchell said he's a "different person" since he left politics in 2023. "Are there times when I spoke when I should have listened? I think the answer is absolutely."

Mitchell pledged to be far more open in the future. "Anybody who wants to have a conversation, wants to reach out, wants to do

well on behalf of the people of Illinois, I'm going to greet them with an open hand. And I'm going to remember to listen more than I speak. And I'm really excited to work with everybody, even people with whom we may have had some past friction."

Mitchell was a fearless boxer back in the day, and he audaciously used "The Chosen One" moniker I gave him when promoting two charity fights.

Asked if he still boxes, Mitchell said, "I do not. I've been off for a few months. I had a wrist injury, but I'm hoping to start back next Friday."

I jokingly wondered aloud whether his wrist injury was from breaking somebody's skull. "I did not," he said. "I don't spar that often anymore," Mitchell said, alluding to the fact that he was getting a bit too old to spar. "But I still love to hit the bag and love shadow boxing. It's how I relax."

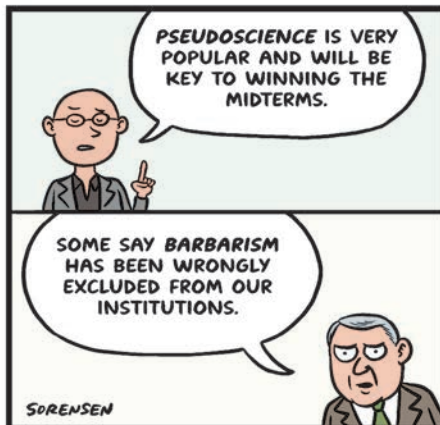
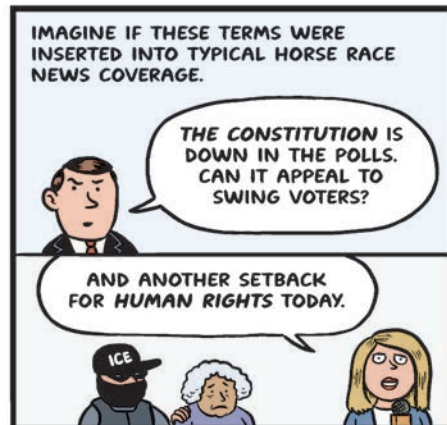
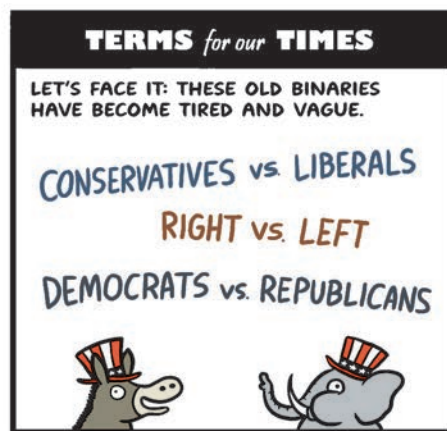
And now he's "The Chosen One" all over again as the billionaire governor's running mate and possible successor should Pritzker win the presidency or be appointed to a cabinet position.

Mitchell has a lot of work to do. But he seems committed to pulling this off.

Asked what his role would be in the upcoming campaign, Mitchell said, "My role is going to be to go everywhere, to talk to everyone, to articulate the issues across the state of Illinois, to meet people in their houses, at their churches, on the stoop in the town square. And ultimately, it's going to be to articulate the message that the governor is putting forward about continuing the progress we've made over the last seven years, protecting that progress, investing in the jobs of the future, and making sure that we have a 21st century education and health care system that people can afford. That's gonna be my role."

If Pritzker does somehow move up, or even if he doesn't and retires, Mitchell will need the support of powerful people and groups in 2030 who thoroughly despised him when he was a deputy governor.

"The Chosen One" will then have to stand on his own. However, he's always been "The Chosen One" for good reason. □



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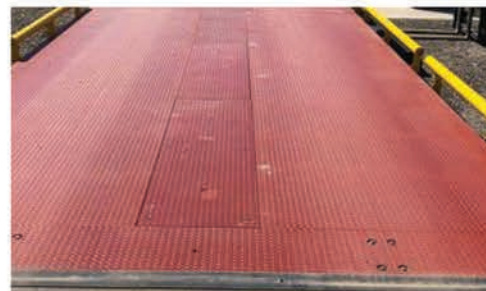
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Stop undervaluing conservation

GUESTWORK | Eliot Clay, Association of Illinois Soil & Water Conservation Districts

For the second year in a row, the state of Illinois has chosen to underfund the backbone of its conservation infrastructure. This year's state budget once again provides only \$4.5 million in operational funding for the state's 97 soil and water conservation districts – comparable to levels from the 1990s. It represents a 48% cut from Fiscal Year 2024 and leaves each district with just enough to scrape together one staff salary and benefits, if that.

This isn't just a budget issue. It's a public health, environmental and economic crisis in the making.

SWCDs are boots-on-the-ground conservation partners in every corner of Illinois. Our mission is to connect farmers and landowners with the tools, science and technical assistance needed to protect soil health and water quality while maintaining productive agriculture. These aren't abstract goals. Our staff help farmers plant cover crops that prevent erosion, implement no-till practices that improve carbon retention and design conservation systems that reduce nutrient runoff into our rivers.

That work is now at risk of disappearing, especially in rural communities where SWCDs are often one of the only technical resources available for land and water management. Some districts might be forced to lay off staff or shut down entirely. Others

will reduce services, turning away farmers who are eager to meet environmental goals but can't do it alone.

In the past month alone, we've seen stark reminders of what happens when conservation is neglected. In late May, communities south of Chicago were warned not to give tap water to infants due to high nitrate levels – likely the result of fertilizer runoff into the Kankakee River. Just weeks earlier, Chicago experienced its worst dust storm in nearly a century, shutting down major highways and endangering lives. These are not isolated events; they are signs of a fragile ecological system under strain.

In response to last year's devastating budget cuts, AISWCD launched a grassroots petition campaign to demonstrate public support for our work. Volunteers gathered thousands of signatures from farmers, families and local leaders who understand the importance of what we do. We also introduced Senate Bill 2387, a bipartisan, tax-neutral proposal that would have created a dedicated revenue stream for SWCDs without costing Illinois taxpayers a dime. By the end of May, more than half the Senate had signed on as co-sponsors, with strong support from both Democrats and Republicans.

Despite that momentum, the legislature adjourned without acting. It's disappointing, not just because of what it means for our

organization, but because of what it signals about the state's long-term vision. Illinois cannot afford to treat conservation as optional, especially at a time when climate volatility, rising input costs and new federal standards are making sustainable farming both harder and more essential.

We often say that Illinois' greatest natural asset is its soil. That's not just rhetoric – it's reality. Our soil feeds families, fuels industry and anchors an entire economy. But soil doesn't protect itself. Without adequate conservation infrastructure, we risk losing the foundation of everything that makes Illinois strong.

AISWCD remains committed to finding a path forward. We will continue to work with the General Assembly, state agencies and the governor's office to create sustainable funding models that ensure every community has access to the tools they need to protect their land and water. But we can't do it alone.

We call on state leaders to listen to their constituents, revisit SWCD funding during the next legislative session and recommit to investing in the long-term health of Illinois. Conservation isn't just about protecting nature – it's about protecting our people, our economy and our future. □

Eliot Clay is executive director of the Springfield-based Association of Illinois Soil & Water Conservation Districts.

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City's Black Caucus addresses disparities

"Springfield does not need more plans – we need execution tied to equity."

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | Dean Olsen



Through the Springfield Aldermanic Black Caucus, alderpersons Roy Williams Jr. of Ward 3 (far left), Lakeisha Purchase of Ward 5 and Shawn Gregory of Ward 2 say they plan to be bold and innovative in pushing for city policies and actions that increase stability and prosperity in the city's impoverished neighborhoods and reduce economic disparities between Black and white residents. PHOTO BY STEVE HINRICHS

When the Springfield City Council voted July 1 to expand the way revenue can be spent from two tax-increment financing districts to improve homes and businesses on the economically challenged east side, a council member from the west side asked the proposal's sponsors: "What are we trying to fix that's broken?"

The main sponsor, Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory, responded that the goal was to "give greater access" to the money.

The measure – in the form of two ordinances with slight tweaks to Gregory's original versions – passed, 9-1, with the west side council member, Ward 7 Ald. Brad Carlson, the only opponent.

A third ordinance passed unanimously that night to promote tourism on the east side with a "History Across the Tracks" initiative that potentially would be funded in the city fiscal year that begins in March 2026.

And less than three months earlier, the council unanimously supported an amendment to the city's \$250,000 annual funding agreement with the Springfield Sangamon County Growth Alliance to create a "minority business and community advancement working council."

According to the agreement, which the nonprofit SSGA hasn't accepted yet, the proposed new panel would "prioritize and promote inclusive economic growth and development in historically underserved areas of Springfield."

All of these initiatives were spearheaded by the three Black alderpersons on the City Council. Gregory, Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams Jr. and Ward 5 Ald. Lakeisha Purchase formalized their alliance by creating the Springfield Aldermanic Black Caucus about a year ago.

Springfield gained its first Black council members after a 1987 federal court case resulted in the City Council changing from full-time commissioners elected citywide to 10 part-time alderpersons elected from specific wards.

The city never had as many as three Black alderpersons until Williams and Purchase, who were appointed by former Mayor Jim Langfelder to fill vacancies in 2021, joined

Gregory, who was first elected in 2019.

The three alderpersons, who don't always agree on every issue, said they don't apologize for their aggressive style that sometimes upsets fellow council members and current Mayor Misty Buscher, who typically only votes to break ties on the council.

The stakes are too high, they said, and the three told *Illinois Times* they don't want to risk their ideas being watered down or rejected before they become public.

"To get somewhere that we have never been, we have to do some things that we have never done," said Gregory, 41, a state employee whose ward includes much of the east side and part of downtown.

Purchase, 36, a rental property owner and lobbyist whose ward includes much of downtown and older neighborhoods on the north side, said, "We continue to be the voice for our community, and it sends a clear message that diversity in leadership matters."

Williams, 66, whose ward includes parts of the east, southeast and northeast sections of Springfield, said the caucus is modeled after the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus in the General Assembly.

Williams, a retired Army veteran and longtime community activist, said the Aldermanic Black Caucus, like its counterpart in the Capitol, will push harder for shared concerns in the city's older neighborhoods and partner with other alderpersons whenever possible.

Caucus members said updated statistics compiled by *Illinois Times* on the economic disparities between Black and white people in the Springfield area add urgency to their ideas.

The newspaper reported in May that the gap between median annual income for Black households (\$33,112) and white households (\$80,191) in the Springfield metro area was the second-largest in the country in 2023 for areas with 5,000 or more Black households.

Also in 2023, Sangamon and Menard counties combined posted the highest Black poverty rate in Illinois – 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.

The statistics showed not much has



Ryan McCrady, president and chief executive officer of the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance, speaks at the April 15 meeting of the Springfield City Council about an ordinance that later was approved calling for the Growth Alliance to form a “minority business and community advancement working council” if the organization wanted to receive this year’s \$250,000 contribution from the city.

changed, and in some cases the situation has gotten worse in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, since the *Governing* magazine series in January 2019, “Segregated in the Heartland,” which examined economic disparities between Blacks and whites in several downstate Illinois communities.

The Black alderpersons said the city needs to do more to promote stable neighborhoods and opportunities for businesses, especially in impoverished sections of the east and north sides.

New grant opportunities in existing TIFs

Beginning in August and ending in December 2027, two new ordinances will make a potential \$1.25 million in grants from the Far East and SHA/Madison Park TIFs available to property owners with no matching funds required for the first time.

And for homeowners requesting grants of up to \$25,000 and businesses requesting up to \$75,000, payments from the TIFs can now be sent directly to vendors doing the work. That means property owners won’t have to come up with money and then wait to be reimbursed by the city.

Carlson, of Ward 7 said he’s in favor of the two TIFs’ goals to generate economic activity through grants funded by property taxes paid by landowners in the TIF districts in excess of the base levels when the TIFs were first formed in the 1990s. But Carlson said he was concerned about “tying up” money in the TIF funds that could be used as incentives for larger projects. Other council members

pointed out that the council could always vote to shuffle money out of the new grant programs if money were needed for a large project.

Carlson also said he liked city requirements for residents and business owners to share at least some of the cost of improvements. “I’d like a little more skin in the game” for property owners requesting TIF funds, he said at the July 1 council meeting.

Ward 6 Ald. Jennifer Notariano said she “detests” the “skin-in-the-game” philosophy.

Businesses and homeowners living in the TIF districts – classified as blighted areas under the state’s TIF law – already are showing their dedication to the neighborhoods by living or earning a living there and shouldn’t face more economic barriers to getting help, she said.

Williams said, “Skin in the game is fine, but some people don’t even have skin. They’re broke.” He later told *IT*, “The people are dirt poor and can’t afford a match.”

Ward 9 Ald. Jim Donelan said he saw the grant program as “more of a refocus and a marketing effort” to promote use of money in the TIFs.

Ward 8 Ald. Erin Conley noted the Far East and Madison Park TIFs, which expire in 2030 and 2034, have several million dollars in unspent funds. She agreed with the grant programs to get more use out of a total of \$1 million in property taxes annually that are flowing into city TIF accounts rather than going to other taxing bodies such as School District 186.

Amy Rasing, director of the city’s Office of Planning and Economic Development, said she believes the new grant programs will be popular among homeowners and businesses.

“We’re just hoping that it does give somebody the feeling that this is reachable,” she said.

Getting more out of the Growth Alliance

The City Council’s decision to change the city’s funding agreement with the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance, a public-private economic development partnership, took the organization by surprise. The SSGA’s board still hasn’t approved the amended plan or received the \$250,000 allocation from the city, according to president and CEO Ryan McCrady.

McCrady said the SSGA wants to make sure the proposed funding agreement “represents the core competencies” of the organization.

SSGA operates with a \$1.4 million annual budget and four staff members. Ed Curtis, recently retired president and chief executive officer of Memorial Health, serves as president of the SSGA’s 28-member board of directors. Other board members include Buscher and Sangamon County Board Chairperson Andy Van Meter, District 186 superintendent Jennifer Gill and Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce president Mike Murphy, along with the CEOs of many of the area’s largest companies. Dominic Watson, president of The Springfield Project and Springfield Black Chamber of Commerce,

and Marcus Johnson, president and CEO of the Springfield Urban League, are the only two people of color on the board. Gregory said at a recent City Council meeting that since the SSGA is receiving city funding, the board should be more representative of the community, a concern that has persisted since the organization was formed in 2018.

In addition to the \$250,000 from the city and \$500,000 from Sangamon County government, the SSGA’s annual budget is supported by contributions from 30 other businesses and nonprofits, McCrady said.

The city’s funding agreement, as amended, would require \$50,000 of the city’s \$250,000 contribution to fund the proposed “working council” to focus more attention to the east side and other struggling parts of Springfield.

“We always thought SSGA did a good job, and we were never against them,” Williams said. “The problem is their mission is so big, we’re always being left out.”

It hasn’t been determined who would serve on the working council, McCrady said. It’s unknown when the SSGA might approve the agreement and receive the city funds, he said, adding that discussions with city officials are ongoing.

Local officials have conducted several studies in the past decade or more about ways to uplift parts of the east side, and little action has resulted, Williams said. The Black Aldermanic Caucus’ successful push to amend the SSGA agreement represents a new level of activism to get results, Williams said.

“This is the first time we’ve been this wide open and public about it,” he said.

A list of demands, and some pushback

In response to the council vote, the SSGA on June 3 privately discussed some recommendations of its own to certain city officials. Many of the suggestions reflected common uses of economic development tools that have been adopted in similar-size communities, including Rockford, Peoria, Decatur and Champaign-Urbana. One suggestion was to have Springfield City Planner Sean Pritchard and Rasing “conduct a thorough review” of the previous studies on east side development, update the plans and seek adoption from the City Council.

The SSGA also suggested to several city officials that the city consider potential major improvements to public infrastructure on commercial corridors such as South Grand Avenue or Cook Street between 11th Street and Dirksen Parkway to attract private investment.

Other SSGA recommendations for the city included “whole-block development” in areas on the east side in which the city already owns most of the parcels and funding for businesses to acquire property as an incentive to locate operations in certain neighborhoods.

“The income disparities between white and Black residents in Springfield are significant

and have grown since the pandemic,” SSGA wrote. “The disparities are larger in underserved areas of the community. There are many actions that need to be taken to address the disparities, and one of those is public investments in the impacted neighborhoods.”

Gregory said the Black Aldermanic Caucus appreciated the recommendations and issued a news release June 6 to publicize some specific initiatives that the caucus sees as next steps.

The caucus’s demands included the coordinated use of state money, a potential total of \$6 million, designated for two “cultural districts” designated by the state in 2024, to reduce economic disparities.

“Springfield does not need more plans – we need execution tied to equity,” Gregory said in the news release. “This is about repairing a century of exclusion with a century of investment led by those most impacted.”

Gregory said that demand was designed to promote more communication and collaboration between the city and the two nonprofits coordinating development in cultural districts. The Urban League is in charge of the Central East Cultural District, and The Springfield Project is in charge of the Southtown Cultural District.

Representatives of the Urban League and Springfield Project didn’t return phone calls for this story.

The Black Aldermanic Caucus also listed the History Across the Tracks Initiative in its demands. The caucus hopes historic sites on the east side can be promoted along with other city tourism sites during 2026, the 100th anniversary of Route 66.

“Now we can advertise to a new market of people who never have visited Springfield,” Gregory said.



Among the Springfield History Across the Tracks sites is Firehouse No. 5, a building at 1310 E. Adams St., that was home to the only firehouse where Black firefighters in Springfield served from 1901 to 1954. It was the first firehouse to answer the alarm to extinguish fires at the homes and businesses of Black citizens that were set by white mobs during the city’s 1908 Race Riot. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN



The John Taylor Home, at 902 S. 12th St. in Springfield, served as the site of the Ambidexter Industrial and Normal Institute from 1901 to 1908. The institute was modeled after Tuskegee Institute in Alabama and provided education and training in the skilled trades to Black children. Sitting on a 5.4-acre site, the home was built in 1857 as the home of Judge and Mrs. John Taylor, contemporaries of Abraham and Mary Lincoln. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

- The sites, some of which are in various stages of disrepair, include:
- *Firehouse No. 5, a building at 1310 E. Adams St. that was home to the only firehouse in Springfield where Black people were permitted to serve from 1901 to 1954.
 - *Lincoln Colored Home, 427 S. 12th St., which served as Sangamon County’s first orphanage for Black children from 1904 to 1933.

- *The John Taylor Home, 902 S. 12th St., which served as the site of the Ambidexter Industrial and Normal Institute from 1901 to 1908. Modeled after Booker T. Washington’s Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, the Ambidexter Institute’s goal was to provide education and training in the skilled trades to Black children.
- *Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 1601 E. Laurel St., the oldest Black church in Springfield. The church was established in 1838 and at one time was a haven for escaped slaves.
- *The Dr. Edwin Lee E. Building, at Jackson and 13th streets, which was built in 1958 and was the first medical building in Springfield owned by Black physicians.

The Black Aldermanic Caucus in its news release also called for “the creation of a certified local workforce” through partnerships with local entities, along with a minority business enterprise program to “remove barriers for Black and brown-owned contractors.”

Ethan Posey, director of community relations in the Buscher administration, told the City Council in June that he is working to create a “minority business institute” (see article on page 4) that educates minority business owners on how to be selected for government contracts.

The Black Aldermanic Caucus also proposed creation of The Grand Food Truck Stop, a “rotating hub for local food entrepreneurs that will generate business

income and sales-tax revenue reinvested into youth employment and facility upkeep.”

Buscher, whose administration ended up supporting History Across the Tracks after some tweaks, told *Illinois Times* that the caucus issued its demands without informing her.

“It wasn’t anything they really wanted to work with me on, or they would have sat down and had a meeting with me or talked to me about it in advance,” the mayor said.

Buscher said she would like to see “more communication” and “better understanding of how we’re going to work together. ... Anything would be better than what we have.”

More discussion would ensure that city staff have the time, and there’s funding available, for the caucus’ initiatives, the mayor said.

Buscher added, “I don’t think that a food truck park is going to bring economic development to that area like we want.” The mayor said she patronizes food trucks. “I love them, but it’s just not a huge money-maker when it comes to property tax revenue for the area,” she said.

The mayor said she hopes the creation of a potential working council provides a better venue for discussing the Black Caucus’ ideas. The caucus’ news release, she said, represented “shooting from the hip vs. having a true plan.”

Members of the caucus said they are willing to talk more with the mayor and anyone else about the caucus’ ideas.

“These are some things that could move us to the next level,” Gregory said. □

Cool beans for warm days

FOOD | Peter Glatz

Growing up in the Midwest, I had to attend many potlucks. These communal gatherings often featured dishes that, to modern tastes, seem pretty bewildering.

My mother, by her own admission a poor cook, regularly contributed a solid block of Philadelphia cream cheese, generously blanketed with Sau-See Shrimp Cocktail – tiny shrimp swimming in a bland, ketchup-based sauce which was sold in small, fluted juice glasses, relics of which remarkably still reside in my basement as silent testaments to potlucks past. Other relatives, considered good cooks, had their own signature dishes. My grandmother Irene's signature dish, which my parents insisted I try at least one bite of, was a molded vegetable salad made with lemon and lime Jell-O, chopped celery, grated carrots and chopped pimento-stuffed olives, topped with a dollop of Miracle Whip. Aunt Gladys was known for her Pineapple Fluff, a peculiar blend of canned pineapple, pineapple Jell-O, Cool Whip, miniature marshmallows and an incongruous scattering of chopped nuts. Aunt June usually brought her three-bean salad, a lackluster affair that cemented my aversion to canned legumes. It featured kidney beans, alongside mushy green and wax beans, stripped of their flavor and texture by the canning process. These poor beans were drowned in an excessive amount of Good Seasons Italian dressing, a pre-packaged vinaigrette made even sweeter by a liberal addition of granulated sugar, creating a cloying sweetness that pervaded the entire dish.

The COVID-19 pandemic caught me at the beginning of a cross-country move to a new job as a cook at a resort. With my destination on shutdown, I had no choice but to live in my converted school bus until the pandemic ended and restaurants reopened. Without an air conditioner, temperatures in the bus frequently exceeded 100 degrees, and cooking on the stove would make it even hotter. I was forced to rethink my relationship with canned beans, and they became one of my most reliable pantry staples. Few other products offer such a head start in creating a quick meal that tastes as if it has been cooked slowly, carefully and thoughtfully from raw ingredients.

There are many kinds of canned beans to choose from, but my favorite is the cannellini. These beans are a staple in the Mediterranean diet despite being native to Argentina. Cannellini beans retain their shape and texture well, making them perfect for use in salads.

When buying beans in cans, look for those marked "BPA-free." Traditionally, cans have been lined with plastic containing bisphenol A, which some research has linked to fertility problems, heart disease, male impotence and other conditions.



Greek bean salad, left, with tuna and cannellini bean salad, right. PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

For the best flavor, warm the beans on the stovetop or in the microwave and add the dressing while they are still warm. Allow to cool before adding the other ingredients.

Tonno e fagioli – tuna and cannellini bean salad

This tuna and cannellini bean salad is an excellent choice for a light meal on a warm day or a satisfying lunch throughout the year. It boasts a rich Mediterranean flavor profile, packed with protein from canned tuna and cannellini beans. The sharp red onion and briny capers pair nicely with the savory vinaigrette.

Serves 4-6

Ingredients for the dressing:

- 1 garlic clove, minced
- ½ teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons water
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons dried Greek oregano
- ¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- ¾ teaspoon kosher salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

Ingredients for the salad:

- 2 (15-ounce) cans of no-salt-added cannellini beans,

drained and rinsed

- 1/2 medium red onion, cut into 1/8-inch thick slices
- 2 cans of tuna packed in oil, drained and oil reserved (see note below)
- 1 tablespoon drained capers
- ¼ cup chopped parsley
- 1 head of radicchio for serving (optional)

Note:

Canned tuna varies widely in quality. Buy the best quality you can find and afford. My favorite is a Spanish brand – Ortiz White Tuna in Olive Oil. It is locally available at Robert's Seafood Market.

Preparation:

Make the dressing: In a small bowl or jar with a lid, combine the garlic, mustard, water, red wine vinegar, dried oregano, and olive oil (including the oil remaining in the tuna can). Whisk or shake the jar until the ingredients are emulsified. Taste for acidity and adjust with more red wine vinegar if needed. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

In a microwave-safe bowl, add the beans and sprinkle with ½ teaspoon of salt. Cover the bowl with a plate and microwave on high for three minutes.

While the beans are still hot, add the dressing and red onion slices and gently toss.

When the beans have cooled, gently fold in the tuna, capers and parsley.

If using the radicchio, separate the outer leaves into "cups" and fill with the salad.

Serve at room temperature. Leftovers will keep for a week in a sealed container in the refrigerator.

Fassolia piaz – Greek bean salad

This salad is traditionally made with gigantes or giant beans. I substituted the smaller, but easier to find, cannellini beans.

Serves 4-6

Ingredients for the dressing:

- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- Juice and zest of one lemon
- 1 large garlic clove, minced
- 2 teaspoons dried Greek oregano
- ½ teaspoon pepper flakes
- ¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- ¾ teaspoon kosher salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- Red wine vinegar, to taste

Ingredients for the salad:

- 2 (15-ounce) cans of cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 medium red onion, cut into a large dice
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into a large dice
- 1 seedless cucumber, cut in half lengthwise and then sliced crosswise into half-moons
- 2 cups of cherry tomatoes, halved
- 2 tablespoons capers, rinsed
- ½ cup crumbled feta, divided
- 6-8 pickled pepperoncini peppers
- ½ cup pitted Kalamata olives
- 4 scallions, thinly sliced
- ¼ cup parsley, chopped

Preparation:

Make the dressing: In a small bowl or jar with a lid, combine the mustard, lemon juice and zest, garlic, dried oregano and olive oil. Whisk or shake until emulsified. Taste for acidity and add red wine vinegar as needed. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

In a microwave-safe bowl, add the beans and sprinkle with ½ teaspoon of salt. Cover bowl with a plate and microwave on high for 3 minutes.

While the beans are still hot, add the dressing and red onion slices and gently toss.

When the beans have cooled, add the bell pepper, cucumber, cherry tomatoes, capers and half the feta.

Transfer to a serving bowl. Arrange the pickled peppers around the circumference of the bowl. Top with the olives, scallions, parsley and remaining feta. □



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First up, since it’s the second Thursday of the month, let’s welcome Thursday Night Live to the Motorhead’s stage, please. Now in its third year of showcasing local talent, TNL is still going strong with this month’s lineup featuring Katie Nicole Johnson, Mark Scassiferro, Roger Wainwright, Tun (Hank Helton, Dewaine Ellis, Marty Nagel, Brad Bachtold, BBR Hendrickson) and Smokestacks (Dylan Kain Woods, Tad Finch and Pat Duran).

Another monthly event, the Art of Jazz (curated by Jose Gobbo) at The Pharmacy Gallery downtown, delivers us the gifted and prolific, multi-instrumentalist, singer, songwriter and producer Josie Lowder as the special guest, showcasing her jazz roots in performance and song selection, including some tunes penned by her dad, Jaigh Lowder.

Our second paragraph on Thursday happenings brings us to the weekly Levitt AMP concert and the distinctive blues of Cedric Burnside with opener Morgan Joyce Hart, a heavy hardcore Dumb Records concert with Wretched Blessing, Selenoplexia, Subversion and Mechanizm, country crooner Dale Watson and his Lone Stars at The Stadium, plus the jazz stylings of Virgil Rhodes & Footprints at Union Square Park’s History Blooms garden party. Oh, yeah, there’s much more with the Cunningham brothers (Troy and Jeff) joining forces with other accomplished area musicians for a Star 6 Nine experience at the Curve Inn, the Harris Brothers Trio with special guest Griffin Fenoglio at the Mother Road Diner, Blair House Music on Casey’s Pub patio and Keith Dunlap at Sangamo Brewing in Chatham.


Now moving on to Fridays, I see plenty on tap, especially a good list of hard rocking, area cover bands like Capt. Quirk at Long Bridge, Roxschool at the Blue Grouch, Sleeping Dogzz with Dr. Boss at Weebles, Stereo Typical at Motorheads, Positively 4th Street at The Bird Tavern, Deja Voodoo at the Stadium and Big Guns at Harry’s Adult Daycare.

For lighter fare on the un-band side of things, we have our OAT trio at Boone’s, Chris Camp and John Drake at Buzz Bomb, Dan Wilson with Larry Watson at Harvest Market and Me, Myself & Schy out at the Dockside Grill on Lake Springfield.

Rushing toward the heart of Saturday night, we should detour for early entertainment engagements including the delightful sounds of the Springfield Municipal Band outside at the ALPLM (10-11 a.m.), the Springfield Uketopians paying Stella Coffee & Tea their monthly visit (12-2 p.m.) and Voices of Love, Joy and Peace, Inc. performing in the atrium of the Illinois State Library for the Jessie May Finley Scholarship Concert (2 p.m.).

Moving on to later, it’s those darling explosive Ex-Bombers at Buzz Bomb, Afternoon Delight in the evening at The Railyard, Lick Creek on the Lake at the Prop Club and Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas hanging out at Locals in Pawnee. In the special mention category, LowPhatt returns to bottom out at George Rank’s as the only “all bass, all the time” group goes low and gets down, while Arrowhead Drive and Backwood Anthem take on the Gin Mill with original fare and Again We Rise, Before the Fire Dies and Billy Batts put on a mighty metal music show at the Main Gate.

And here we are again leaving Sunday in the lurch to fend for itself. It’s a good thing you know how to look through our fabulously extensive listings. So go ahead and we shall meet again next week on the avenue. □



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Grease at The Legacy: It's electrifying!

THEATER | Courtney Wick

The cast of *Grease*, led by Sandy and Danny, played by Meredith Crifasi and Matt Woodson. PHOTO BY TOM ZOSCHKE

The current run of *Grease* at The Legacy Theatre glows with happy memories and non-stop grins. Director and producer Scott Richardson said, "I only saw *Grease* once, at the 1994 London production with Debbie Gibson, and it was a trip."

The show is brightly entertaining with resounding energy, especially in its iconic song-and-dance numbers choreographed by Susan Collier and vocal directed by Melissa Blankestyn. Complemented by phenomenal sets, an onstage band and colorful, mid-mod lighting, *Grease* is ready to capture hearts all July long as we take a "trip" back to Rydell High.

Grease was created as a parody of one of those Elvis Presley college-at-the-beach movies. It follows a group of 1950s teenagers led by "greaser" Danny, played impeccably by Matt Woodson, and "square" Sandy, delightfully portrayed by Meredith Crifasi. Danny and Sandy share a summerlong romance that somehow neglects the crucial detail they'll both be enrolled at the same high school. Upon reuniting in the fall (mere days later), Danny prioritizes his street cred over basic human decency and gaslights Sandy while she attempts to fit in at a new school.

Danny's friends, the T-birds, fix up a hot rod and moon each other while Sandy's crowd,

the Pink Ladies, opt for slumber parties with booze and DIY body piercing. The cliques converge at a dance competition prom hosted by a perverted radio announcer, and a divine intervention arrives in a dream sequence with a sassy teen angel. Jeremiah Brown inhabits the role as a fabulous, sequined-booted gay bestie whose vocals seem piped directly from the heavens as he berates the bewildered high school dropout, Frenchie (played sweetly by Norah Holzmacher). There's also an obligatory after-school special pregnancy scare. Ultimately, Sandy overhauls her personality (and wardrobe) for Danny and forgives his toxic masculinity. Danny throws on a cardigan sweater to show Sandy he's... got a cardigan sweater, and everybody lives questionably ever after.

It's easy to spot the mockery, but when stripped of its silly slang and period hairdos, *Grease* is really about teens acting like actual teens. They form cliques, they all date each other and they're often incapable of being nice because they are so desperate to fit in. It's campy, but it's camp based on true, chaotic, adolescent behavior.

Sonny, played by Will Moffett, finds the characters strikingly similar to his own high school days. "There was the same type of joking, lighthearted banter and guys flooded

with hormones," he said. When pressed if he had been one of those guys, Moffett plead the fifth, but he delivers a performance so authentic it feels like he recently hopped out of a 1950s teenage time-machine.

The plot of *Grease* might be as thin as the sole on a worn-out saddle shoe, but even more than 50 years later the songs are still certified bangers. "We licensed the four additional songs from the film, but when you do that there is no vocal music, arrangements, nothing – you're on your own," said director Richardson. "I pulled out my playbill from the '94 production and started googling. I made contacts and they were all very nice, so now we're using the charts from the '94 London production," he said.

The spectacle they've created with the classic anthem, "Greased Lightnin'," alone justifies the price of admission. It highlights one of two stand-out performers in the show – Colum Goebelbecker as Kenickie, and Ellen Tuttle as Betty Rizzo. Goebelbecker's Kenickie is a triumph of animated, irreverent rebellion. Even within the show's absurdity, he portrays bad boy Kenickie with legitimate depth, creating more than just a caricature trope. His accent and vocals are perfectly tuned, and his chemistry with onstage love interest Rizzo crackles with a genuine spark. Tuttle as Rizzo

is like watching a 1978 Stockard Channing walk onto the Legacy stage and perform again, but this time with even more raw vulnerability. Her characterization is utterly convincing, and her solo, "There are worse things I could do," sounds belted straight out of Broadway. Both portrayals will leave you breathless.

Overall, *Grease* at the Legacy is a rockin' good time. Sure, it's obvious Woodson has never smoked a cigarette in his life and some of the teens are in their 30s, but these delightful quirks blend seamlessly into *Grease*'s inherent, joyful farcicality. This is a world where unadulterated fun reigns, and that exuberance is precisely what the audience will experience from beginning to end. □

Courtney Wick is active in the area theater scene.

***Grease* continues its run at The Legacy Theatre July 9-13, 16-20 and 23-27. Performances start at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are available at atthelegacy.com.**

MUSIC

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

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Thursday Jul 10

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

Blair House Music
Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 5:30-8pm

Star 6 Nine
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

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

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

Wretched Blessing, Selenoplexia, Subversion, Mechanizm
Dumb Records, 7pm

Karaoke
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

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

Harris Brothers Trio with special guest Griffin Fenoglio
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 6-9pm

The Art of Jazz
The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 7-9pm

Karaoke
Replay Lounge, 8pm

Thursday Night Live
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 6-9pm

Keith Dunlap
Sangamo Brewing, Chatham, 5:30-8:30pm

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

Dale Watson and his Lone Stars
The Stadium Bar & Grill, 7pm

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

Karaoke
The Topsy Toad, 8pm-12am

Virgil Rhodes and Footprints
Union Square Park, 5-7pm

Karaoke
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 8-11pm

Friday Jul 11
Positively 4th Street
The Bird Tavern, 6-8:30pm

FOURSquared Multiple Woodwind Quartet
Bloom Wine Bar & Florals, 4:30-6pm

OAT
Boone's, 6-9pm

Chris Camp and John Drake
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

Broken Stone
Coghlan's Hideout LLC, Bulpitt, 8pm

Blue Sky Revival, Birds of a Feather
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

it Me, Myself & Schy
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 6-9pm

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

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

Jay Larson Band
George Rank's, 8pm

Big Guns
Harry's Adult Day Care, 7-10pm

Dan Wilson with Larry Watson
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

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

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

Beige Desperados
Legendary Small Town Trading Co., Taylorville, 6-9pm

Capt. Quirk
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30pm

Karaoke
The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

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

Feudin' Hillbillies
Morgan County Fairgrounds, Jacksonville, 9:30-11pm

Joel Honey
Mowie's Cue, 8-11pm

LiL Higgy & His One Man Swamp Boogie Band
Oak Hills Country Club and Winery, Girard, 7-10pm

Stereo Typical
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 8-11pm

Deja Voodoo
The Stadium Bar & Grill, 7pm

Roxschool
The Blue Grouch, 6:30pm

Sleeping Dogzz with Dr. Boss
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30pm

Hippies of the Heartland
The Winery, Decatur, 8-11pm

Saturday Jul 12
R&B Live Ladies Edition
American Legion Post 809, 9pm

The Ex-Bombers
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

99 Proof
Camouflage Bar, VFW Post 99, Decatur, 7:30pm

No One Special
CrowBarn, Macon, 7-10pm

Mojo Universe
Crows Mill Pub, 6-10pm

Deja Voodoo
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

LowPhatt
George Rank's, 7-10pm

Arrowhead Drive and Backwood Anthem
The Gin Mill, 7pm

The Remedy
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

Bustin' Loose
Harry's Adult Day Care, 7-10pm

Black Velvet
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Band
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

it Robert Sampson
Loami Celebration, Loami, 4pm

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 6:30pm

Josie and Jaigh Lowder
Lucky's on the Square, Petersburg, 2-5pm

Again We Rise, Before the Fire Dies, Billy Batts
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm



Hollow Creek will play at 2pm Sunday at Patriots Pub in Waverly.

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

Astrofix
Mowie's Cue, 8-11pm

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

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

David Berchtold and John & Gabi
Pizza Records, Jacksonville, 7:30pm

Protege
Pop's Place, Decatur, 9pm-12am

Lick Creek
Prop Club, 6pm

Afternoon Delight
The Railyard, 6-9pm

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

Springfield Uketopians
Stella Coffee & Tea, 12-2pm

Rick Mari Band
The Blue Grouch, 7pm

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

Satellite
The Shed, Pawnee, 7-10pm

William Marsala Band, Mike Jones
The Topsy Toad, 7pm

EaZy PeTey
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-10:30pm

Sunday Jul 13
Roger Whitsell
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

Afternoon Delight
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Ricarda Rosalina
Coyote Den, Salisbury, 2-5pm

Jaxon Dion
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 2pm

The Tangents
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 1-4pm

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

Thomas J Beverly
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Sara Siders
Jenn's Beer Den, Decatur, 2-5pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 6-9pm

Hollow Creek
Patriots Pub, Waverly, 2pm

William Marsala Band
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Keith Dunlap
Slaughterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn, 1-4pm

Rock & Roll Sisters
The Stadium Bar & Grill, 2pm

Dreamers and Doers
The Shed, Pawnee, 2-5pm

Just 4 Kicks
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

Stefan Huffman
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 2-5pm

Monday Jul 14
Blues Deacons
The Alamo, 7pm

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

Tuesday Jul 15
Rectoplasm, Torment Trap, Coagulating, Deathbloom
Dumb Records, 7pm

Karaoke with JCB Entertainment
Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6-9pm.

Open jam with Trey Tholen
George Rank's, 7-10pm

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

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

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

Wed. Jul 16
Open mic with Joel Honey and Silas Tockey
Boone's, 7-10pm

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

After School Special featuring Hippies of the Heartland
Coz's Pizza and Pub, 7:30-9:30pm

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

Marble Teeth, Chaepther, Jean-Baptiste, June & The Mayhaps
Dumb Records, 7pm

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

Micah Walk
Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery, 6-8pm

Paralandra, Dysfunctional Family, Artificial Light
The Stadium Bar & Grill, 5pm

Open mic with Thomas J Beverly
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 7-10pm

THE CALENDAR



Special Music Events

Capital Big Band

Fri., July 11, 12-1pm. Part of the Artist on the Park event series. Food trucks on site from 11am to 2pm. Free. Union Square Park, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-753-3519.

Cedric Burnside, Morgan Joyce Hart

Thu., July 10, 6-9:30pm. Cedric Burnside will bring his brand of blues to the Levitt Amp Concert Series. Evening begins at 6:30pm with a kids kickoff event. The opening act, Morgan Joyce Hart, will play at 7pm followed by the headliner at 8pm. Free. Y Block, north of the Governor's Mansion, 217-741-1643.

Dustin Lynch with Noah Hicks

Fri., July 11, 7:30-10pm. Country singer Dustin Lynch, 40, has released six albums. Doors open at 6pm. \$48.81-\$64.29. Morgan County Fairgrounds, Jacksonville, 110 N. Westgate, 217-245-6800.

Gone 2 Paradise, The Damned Torpedoes

Sat., July 12, 7-10:30pm. Gone 2 Paradise is a Jimmy Buffett tribute band. Part of the 2025 Village Concert Series. Food and

drink available at venue. \$18, 18 and younger get in free. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr., 217-496-2621.

Jessie May Finley Scholarship Concert

Sat., July 12, 2pm. In the atrium. Presented by Voices of Love, Joy and Peace, Inc. Free, donations accepted. Illinois State Library, 300 S. Second St., 217-785-5600.

Sonshine Quartet

Sun., July 13, 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.

Thematic Concert Series - Music from Germany

Fri., July 11. Each week, the Carillon comes to life with a unique musical theme. This week features Carillon music featuring songs from Germany. Bring a blanket, pack a picnic and enjoy the sounds of summer under the stars. carillon-rees.org. Free. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon,

1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-3853.

Warren Zeiders and special guest Kolby Cooper

Sat., July 12, 7:30-10pm. Warren Donald Zeiders, 26, is an American country music singer and songwriter. He has released four studio albums: Gates open at 6pm. Morgan County Fairgrounds, Jacksonville, 110 N. Westgate, 217-245-6800.

Books & Authors

Book Signing with Luke McQuillan

Mon., July 14, 4-5:45pm. Central Illinois author and composer Luke McQuillan will sign copies of his musical novel, *Love in the Light*. The book explores the love story of two men living in a lighthouse in 1939 and comes to life with original songs accessed via QR codes in the book. Free. Carnegie-Schuyler Library, Pana, 303 E. Second St., 217-562-2326.

Theater & Comedy

Grease

Thu., July 10, Fri., July 11, Sat., July 12 and Wed., July 16. After a whirlwind summer romance,

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Morgan County Fair | Ongoing through Sunday, July 13

Morgan County Fairgrounds, 110 N. Westgate Ave., Jacksonville, 217-245-6800

leather-clad greaser Danny and girl-next-door Sandy are unexpectedly reunited when she transfers to Rydell High for senior year. But can they survive the trials and tribulations of teenage life and find true love once more? \$30-\$35. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 217-528-9760.

Oklahoma!

Fri., July 11, 8:30pm, Sat., July 12, 8:30pm, Sun., July 13, 8:30pm and Wed., July 16, 8:30pm. Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic is a love story between cowboy Curly and feisty farmer Laurey. But as with almost any romance the road is bumpy and is full of moments of discovery. Directed by Gil and Ann Opferman. \$12-\$15. The Muni, 815 E. Lake Dr., 217-793-6864.

Twelfth Night, an original adaptation

July 10-13, 7:30-9:30pm. This show is a fast-paced romantic comedy with several interwoven plots of romance, mistaken identities and practical jokes. \$15-\$20. Theatre in the Park, Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588

History Lane, 217-725-0239.

Michael Winslow

Sat., July 12, 7pm. Michael Leslie Winslow an actor, comedian and beatboxer known as "The Man of 10,000 Sound Effects," was in all seven *Police Academy* films. Morgan Preston will open. \$50. The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 713 N. Seventh St., 217-629-9493.

Dance

Special Recreation's Independence Dance

Fri., July 11, 7-9pm. Celebrate the nation's birth with a bash. All-ages event. Includes music, refreshments and fun. Free. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-585-2941.

Art & Architecture "Fractured"

Fridays, Saturdays, 12-6pm. Through Aug. 2. View the current exhibit "Fractured" by Pharmacy artists. Free. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 217-622-7903 or 720 447 4548.

Acrylic Art Class

Fri., July 11, 10am-12pm. Featuring artist Lonnie Cain

will lead this four-week class. Registration required. Contact Barb Hipsher at (217) 503-4643 by July 1. Program partially supported by a grant from the Springfield Area Arts Council through state funds provided by the Illinois Arts Council. ssoci.org. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 2175034643.

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Art Association, 700 N. Fourth
St., 217-523-2631.

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paintings by Priscilla Kluge and
handcrafted beaded jewelry by
Shelly North. springfieldart.org.
Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105
N. Fifth St., 2175442787.

The Sandlot
Fri., July 11, 8pm. Part of the family-friendly Movies @ The Amp series. Free popcorn and soft drinks. Lawn chairs and blankets encouraged. Free. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr. 217-496-2621.

Wednesdays, 2-4pm. Through Aug. 6. Meet the 16th president and first lady while enjoying a free cup of ice cream provided by Visit Springfield for this ice cream social on the porch of this historic house museum. The Springfield Municipal Band will keep guests entertained with their repertoire of music.

■ History
Rum Tasting
Wednesdays, 7pm. Through Aug. 6. Curator of Collections and Interpretation Sarah Adams will present the history of this underrated spirit and Dr. Nathan Steele will serve as your tasting guide to offer context and guidance throughout your flight. After your flight of rums, there will be a signature cocktail to end the night. This event is made possible through the generosity of Roger Huebner. Must be 21. edwardsplace.org. \$35 for SAA members, \$0 for non-members. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., \$35 with SAA Membership. -\$40 without.

Sat., July 12, 10am-4pm. Living historians from the Illinois State Military Museum will display equipment used by our troops and tell stories about their experiences. Free. Illinois State Military Museum, 1301 N. MacArthur Blvd., 217-761-3910.

Civil Civics with Lincoln Library: Summer 2025 Series
Tue., July 15, 6-7:30pm. A summer discussion series featuring a different freedom enumerated in the Constitution. lincolnlbrary.info. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217 753-4900, ext. 5630.

Friday Night Live
Fri., July 11, 5pm. Downtown Springfield is the place to go on four Friday nights this summer. Enjoy food, drinks, entertainment, shopping and

Loami Celebration
Sat., July 12, 12-9pm. A full day of family-friendly fun. Features live music, food and children's activities, mud volleyball, bags and fishing tournaments and more. Festivities begin with a parade at noon. Free. Colburn Park, Loami, Witt St., 217-624-3111.

Through July 13. Enjoy some of what Morgan County has to offer from thrilling carnival rides and games to livestock shows and agricultural exhibits. Savor delicious fair food, watch exciting events at the grandstand like the demolition derby and tractor pulls. themorgancountyfair.com. Morgan County Fairgrounds, Jacksonville, 110 N. Westgate, 217-245-6800.

Sat., July 12, 8am. Run or walk a beautiful two-mile course through Washington Park. This race is for women and girls of all ages, whether they are competitive runners or just plan to stroll through the park. See Facebook page for more info. \$30. Washington Park, 1501 S. Grand Ave. W. 217-544-1751.

Thu., July 10, 5-7pm. A *Bridgerton*-inspired evening of elegance and bloom - a garden party celebrating the

Illuminatus 10th Annual Car Truck and Bike Show
Sat., July 12, 9am-3pm. Car show registration from 9am to noon. All proceeds benefit local Feed the Need charity. Trophy presentation at 3pm. Food will be available. Presented by Illuminatus MC. \$25 entry fee for vehicles. Farmersville City Park, Farmersville, Downtown, 217-931-2354

Second Saturday of every month, 10am-2pm. Through Sep. 19. Free airplane rides for children 8-17 years old. Preregistration for flights required. yeDay.org. Free. LLC's Levi, Ray & Shoup Aviation Center, Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport, 815 South Airport Dr., 217-483-3238.

July 16-17, 10-11am. A fun and educational ecology activity to learn more about things. Participants will collect outdoor treasures and sort them based upon certain factors. Class repeats Wednesday Or Thursday. Arrive at 9:30am. Registration is the day of with a cap of 15 children. FREE. Enos Park Neighborhood Garden, 1022 N. Fifth St., 217-610-0720.

Wed., July 16, 10am-1:30pm.
Calling all young animal
lovers! Take part in the Henson
Robinson ZooCamp for three
half-day adventures filled with
games, crafts, zoo hikes and

Kids Fare Garden Club
Mondays, 10-11am. Through Aug. 4. Taught by Alana Reynolds of Butler Elementary School Community Garden, children do tasks in their plots, plus fun nature- and garden-related activities. Registration is day of, with a cap of 15 kids. Free. Enos Park Neighborhood Garden, 1022 N. Fifth St. 217-610-0720.

Mondays-Fridays, 9am-3pm. Through Aug. 18. Program for children 5 to 12 features learning, music, sports and food and snacks. Camp time is 9am to 3p.m.. Call for more info or to enroll. Free. Union Baptist Church, 1405 E. Monroe St., 217-544-8115.

Sat., July 12, 10am-5pm. Take a break from technology and enjoy the great outdoors at the zoo. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-544-1751.

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Fridays, 8-9am. Through Aug.
8. Brian "Fox" Ellis of the Illinois
Audubon Society transforms into
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Wildlife Sanctuary, 2315 E. Clear
Lake Ave., 217-303-1996.

Sat., July 12, 10:30am-1pm. In this financial planning workshop, learn the basics of estate planning including creating wills and about trusts and power of attorneys. The Bank of Springfield Trust Department will present the workshop. Light refreshments will be provided. Register online or by calling the church. Free. Fresh Visions Community Church, 1551 J. David Jones Pkwy., 217-726-5988.

Sat., July 12, 11am. Local artists unite for an Art Gallery Show combined with an ice cream social fundraiser hosted by the Animal Protective League Junior Volunteers. Artists have selected APL animals as their muses and created original art in multiple mediums which will be for sale inside Scoop Du Jour. Proceeds will be donated to APL. Outside, APL JVs will assist with paw paintings and APL will have merch for sale. Pet-themed vendors will be in attendance as well. Free admission. Scoop Du Jour, Chatham, 95 W. Plummer Blvd. 217-361-6212.

Mon., July 14, 9am-1pm, Tue., July 15, 9am-1pm and Wed., July 16, 9am-1pm. A four-day match play competition open to boys and girls ages 8-18. Compete in your age division, showcase skills and experience an exciting tournament atmosphere. Contact the park district for more details and locations. Register now: bit.ly/SPD-Drysdale-Jr-Golf-Tour. \$35. Bergen Golf Course, 2900 E. Clear Lake Ave. 753-6211.

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Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF Sangamon - Springfield, ILLINOIS
Heartland Bank and Trust Company
Plaintiff
vs.
Lisa J. Guinn-Kline; et al;
Defendant
25 FC 2
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 August 13, 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. 22-09.0-204-011.
Commonly known as 2601 S. 1st St., Springfield, IL 62704.
The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-24-07833
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF Sangamon - Springfield, ILLINOIS
Morton Community Bank
Plaintiff
vs.
Denise A. Jaronske; et. al.
Defendant
24 FC 165
CALENDAR 63
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 August 13, 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. 14-25.0-181-005.
Commonly known as 10 Melody Lane, Springfield, IL 62702.
The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-24-02147
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24-101942
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-4 PLAINTIFF,
-vs-
BRENDA ADAMS A/K/A BRENDA SUE ADAMS; RUFUS L. ADAMS, III; REBEKAH L. ADAMS; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CREDIT ONE BANK, N.A.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS
DEFENDANTS
NO. 24 FC 164
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 August 5, 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 1028 North 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62702
Permanent Index No.: 14-27.0-105-004
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 \$33,806.41.

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
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HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Indenture Trustee for the registered Noteholders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-4
One of Plaintiff's Attorneys
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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.
8051-955546

Randal S. Berg

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
GLORIA MUNDY,
Deceased.
NO. 2025-PR-274
NOTICE TO HEIRS
To: Donald S. Barton, whose address is unknown:
Notice is given to the above who is an heir in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose name or address is not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, that an order was entered by the Court on the 2nd day of July, 2025, admitting the will to probate.
Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission any heir or legatee may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in 755 ILCS 5/6-21 of the Probate Act.
You also have the right under 755 ILCS 5/8-1 of the Probate Act to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within six months after admission of the will to probate.
Jessica B. Mitchell
Independent Representative
Filings are to be made with:
Circuit Clerk
Sangamon County Courthouse
200 S 9th Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Randall W. Segatto - 06193211
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
GLORIA MUNDY,
Deceased.
NO. 2025-PR-274
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Gloria Mundy of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 2, 2025, to Jessica B. Mitchell, 247 N. Columbia, Springfield, Illinois 62702, 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 9, 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 2nd day of July, 2025.
Randall W. Segatto - 06193211
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of ASTRID GOODIN, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
No.: 2025-PR-275
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of ASTRID

GOODIN, deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on July 2, 2025, to PHILLIP G. CAPPS, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Hugh F. Drake, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 12th day of January, 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 2nd day of July, 2025.
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of KAY E. MILLER, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
No. 2025-PR-277
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of KAY E. MILLER, deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on July 2, 2025, to BRAD L. MILLER and AMY M. CAPRANICA, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is Hugh F. Drake, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 12th day of January, 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 2nd day of July, 2025.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE THE ESTATE OF MARGARET A. MCALLISTER
DECEASED
Case No. 2025-PR-268
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is hereby given of the death of MARGARET A. MCALLISTER. Letters Testamentary were issued on June 30, 2025, appointing STEPHEN O. MCALLISTER, 300 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Belleville, IL 62220, as Executor, whose attorney is Creighton R. Castle of Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C., 900 Community Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703, Phone:

(217) 525-1571.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated: June 30, 2025
Clerk of the Circuit Court
200 South Ninth Street
Springfield, IL 62701
8051-955627

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
MARGARET MABIE, Deceased.
NO. 2025-PR-264
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Margaret Mabie of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 24, 2025, to Linda Susan Daniels, 33 Weinold Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62711, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before December 31, 2025, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 24th day of June, 2025.
Matthew J. Cate - 06272040
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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 LINDA K. LEIGH, DECEASED
Case #2025-PR-265
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of LINDA K. LEIGH. Letters of Office have been issued to CURTIS A. LEIGH, 385 NE Brookridge Ct., Waukee, IA 50263, 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 January 12, 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 26th day of June, 2025.
Patrick J. Sheehan, Ill
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 PHILLIP B. GALLI, DECEASED
Case #2025-PR-261
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of PHILLIP B. GALLI. Letters of Office have been issued to ELAINE GALLI-BROWN, 3900 Whisper Walk Drive, Springfield, IL 62711, 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 January 8, 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 24th day of June, 2025.
William P. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HELEN M. DULLE, DECEASED
Case #2025-PR-260
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of HELEN M. DULLE. Letters of Office have been issued to FATHER CHARLES EDWARDS, 2914 Bluff Ridge Drive, Quincy, IL 62305, 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 January 8, 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 24th day of June, 2025.
William P. Sheehan
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARILYN L. PETEFISH, DECEASED
Case #2025-PR-263
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of MARILYN L. PETEFISH. Letters of Office have been issued to GLENDA KAY PETEFISH, 2027 S. Wiggins Ave., 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 January 8, 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 24th day of June, 2025.

Patrick J. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
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(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS A. NORTRUP, DECEASED
Case #2025-PR-259
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of THOMAS A. NORTRUP. Letters of office for ancillary administration in Illinois has been issued to TERESA SVETLIK, 2815 W. Owl Vista Place, Oro Valley, AZ 85742, as Independent Ancillary 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 Ancillary Executor, or both, on or before January 8, 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 Ancillary Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 24th day of June, 2025.
Patrick J. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street, Suite A
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 DARLENE ANN SNYDER, Deceased
NO. 2025PRO00262
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Darlene Ann Snyder, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on June 24, 2025 to Suzanne Jean Biddle, 118 Cypress Point Drive, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 5th day of January, 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 24th day of June, 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 KAREN G. COLLIER, Deceased
NO. 2025-PR-256
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of KAREN G. COLLIER, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on June 24, 2025, to Marvin E. Turley, 6 Shakespeare Cir. Black Mountain, NC 28711, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, 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 December 26, 2025 or six (6) months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 24th day of June, 2025.
Alex B. Rabin
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin, & Reinbold, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
in the Matter of the Estate of JAMES H. STOUT, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
NO. 2025-PR-234
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Notice is given of the death of JAMES H. STOUT. Letters of office Under Independent Administration were issued on June 11, 2025 to Matthew R. Stout, whose attorney of record is Brown, Hay & Stephens, 1000 US Bank Building, P. O. Box 2459, Springfield, Illinois.
Notice is given to unknown heirs who are named in a Petition filed in the above proceeding to probate a Will and whose names or addresses are not stated in the Petition, that an Order was entered by the Court on June 11, 2025 admitting the Will to probate, Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of Admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6—21 of the Probate Act (755 1 LCS 5/6—21) You also have the right under Section 8—1 of the Probate Act (755 1 LCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate.
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, Illinois, 62701 or with the representative of the estate, or both on or before December 29, 2025, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.
JOSEPH B. ROESCH, Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF CAROLINE K. NELSON, Deceased.
No. 2025-PR-251
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Caroline K. Nelson. Notice is given to Erwin Paul Bettinghaus, J. Robert Bettinghaus, Jr., David Paul Hanken, Hunter R. Hoy, William Stout and Stephen Hemingway, and any unknown heirs, who are heirs in the above proceeding and whose name or address is not stated in the petition, that an order was entered on June 16, 2025, granting independent administration. Letters of Administration were issued to Christina Alderson and Bruce Alderson, as Independent Co-Executors, whose address is 2939 St. James Road, Springfield, IL

62707. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before January 3, 2026, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To efile, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk' s office.
Dated: June 23, 2025
Attorneys for Independent Co-Executors: Sorling Northrup
Aaron D. Evans, Attorney (6305883)
1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200
P.O. Box 5131
Springfield, IL 62705
Telephone: 217-544-1144; Fax: 217-522-3173
E-Mail: adevans@sorlinglaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of CONNIE JO MORGAN, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
NO. 2025 -PR- 244
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of CONNIE JO MORGAN, deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on JUNE 11, 2025, to WILLIAM R. MORGAN, 2150 E. State Rte. 124, Williamsville IL 62693, whose attorney is Dwight H. O' Keefe, Brown, Hay & Stephens, 1000 US Bank Building, 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 December 29, 2025, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.
Dated this 20 day of June, 2025.
Dwight H. O' Keefe
Brown, Hay & Stephens 1000 US Bank Building
P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62701
(217) 544-8491

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR L. ROESCH, DECEASED
Case #2025-PR-255
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of ARTHUR L. ROESCH. Letters of Office have been issued to JANE M. ROESCH, 3112 Kensington Drive, Springfield, IL 6202 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 December 31, 2025, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 17th day of June, 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 RON R. LUCK, DECEASED
Case #2025-PR-253
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of RON R. LUCK. Letters of Office have been issued to KENNETH LUCK, 26670 2670 North Ave., LaMoille, IL 61330, 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 December 31, 2025, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 17th day of June, 2025.
William P. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of HARRY T. WATERS, I, Deceased.
NO. 2025-PR-246
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Harry T. Waters, I, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 12, 2025, to Harry T. Waters, II, 450 W. Douglas, Greenview, Illinois 62642, 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 December 19, 2025, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 12th day of June, 2025.
Matthew J. Cate - 06272040
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705-0079
(217) 544-4868
matthewcate@barberlaw.com
360944

Divorce
STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Keirston Voyles, Petitioner
And
Stephen Rexroad, Respondent
Case No. 2024-DN-000197
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Stephen Rexroad, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 5th day of July, 2025, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

Name Change

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Karleigh Kay Smith
For change of name to
Karleigh Kay Hillyer
Case No. 2025-MR-000298
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Sept. 2, 2025 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Karleigh Kay Smith to Karleigh Kay Hillyer pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: July 10, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Jonathan Hayden Kirk Johns
For change of name to
Jonathan Hayden Smith
Case No. 2024-MR-000506
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Aug. 5, 2025 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Jonathan Hayden Kirk Johns to Jonathan Hayden Smith pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: June 26, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Aingel Marie Fellwock
For change of name to
Aingel Marie Smith
Case No. 2024-MR-000505
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Aug. 5, 2025 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Aingel Marie Fellwock to Aingel Marie Smith pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: June 26, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Kaylin Marie Wright
For change of name to
Kaylin Marie Kenney
Case No. 2024-MR-000315
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on July 22, 2025 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Kaylin Marie Wright to Kaylin Marie Kenney pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: June 26, 2025

Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
v.
RIPCORD INVESTMENTS, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, R. LEE RUPNIK, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
No.: 2025-FC-108
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
Notice is given to defendants, RIPCORD INVESTMENTS, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, R. LEE RUPNIK, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, of the following described real estate, that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action is now pending, and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said defendants is AUGUST 11, 2025.
The Plaintiff has certified that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action was filed on June 4, 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:

Ripcord Investments, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company.
(iv) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

Parcel 1:
The West 77 feet of Lots 11 and 12 in Block 12 of Gehlman and Turner's Subdivision to the City of Springfield.
Parcel II:

The East 77 feet of Lots 11 and 12 of Gehlman and Turner's Subdivision to the City of Springfield.
Situatied in Sangamon County, Illinois.
Tax Identification Number: 22-04-110-018 and 22-04-110-019
(v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 901 & 915 West Laurel, Springfield, Illinois 62704

(vi) An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
(A) Nature of Instrument: Mortgage.
(B) Date of mortgage: February 15, 2023.
(C) Name of mortgagor: Ripcord Investments, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company.
(D) Name of mortgagee: United Community Bank.
(E) Date and place of recording: February 16, 2023 in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Sangamon County, Illinois.
(F) Identification of recording: Document Number 2023R02470.

UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking 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
8051-955652

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF Sangamon - Springfield, ILLINOIS
Heartland Bank and Trust Company
Plaintiff
vs.
Lisa J. Guinn-Kline; et al;
Defendant
25 FC 2

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 August 13, 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:
LOT 1 OF THE HIGHLANDS. ALL 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 SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 22-09.0-204-011.
Commonly known as 2601 S. 1st St., Springfield, IL 62704.
The real estate is: single family residence.
If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.
Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road. Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-24-07833
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
intercountyjudicialsales.com
13269177

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF Sangamon - Springfield, ILLINOIS
Morton Community Bank
Plaintiff
vs.
Denise A. Jaronske; et. al.
Defendant
24 FC 165
CALENDAR 63
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 August 13, 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:
LOT EIGHTEEN (18) MELODY COURT. EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURF ACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 14-25.0-181-005.
Commonly known as 10 Melody Lane, Springfield, IL 62702.
The real estate is: single family residence.
If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.
Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Codilis & Associates,

P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road. Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-24-02147
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
intercountyjudicialsales.com
13269192

24-101942
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-4 PLAINTIFF,
-vs-
BRENDA ADAMS A/K/A BRENDA SUE ADAMS; RUFUS L. ADAMS, III; REBEKAH L. ADAMS; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CREDIT ONE BANK, N.A.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS
DEFENDANTS
NO. 24 FC 164
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 August 5, 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:
THE NORTH 5 FEET OF LOT 4 AND ALL OF LOT 3 ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED OF THE SECOND PARTITION OF THE ESTATE OF LEWIS KIRSCH, DECEASED, AS RECORDED IN CHANCERY RECORD 14 AT PAGE 373 IN THE CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE OF SANGAMON COUNTY ILLINOIS.
EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD.
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as 1028 North 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62702
Permanent Index No.: 14-27.0-105-004
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 \$33,806.41. 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
2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207

Bannockburn, IL 60015
ILNOTICES@logs.com
(847) 291-1717
HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Indenture Trustee for the registered Noteholders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-4
One of Plaintiff's Attorneys
LOGS Legal Group LLP
Attorney for Plaintiff
2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207
Bannockburn, IL 60015
(847) 291-1717
ILNOTICES@logs.com Randal S. Berg (6277119)
Michael N. Burke (6291435)
Christopher A. Cieniawa (6187452)
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.
8051-955546

UCC ARTICLE 9 PUBLIC SALE NOTICE
DATE OF NOTICE: JUNE 23, 2025
CHESTERFIELD FARING, LTD
Attn: Mr. Lawrence Selevan, CFO
600 Fifth Avenue, Second Floor
New York, NY 10020
Lawrence Selevan
c/o Chesterfield Faring, Ltd.
600 Fifth Avenue, Second Floor
New York, NY 10020
To Whom It May Concern,
Please take notice that pursuant to the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) Article 9, a public sale of the collateral described below will be conducted as follows:
Name of Debtor: Chesterfield Faring, LTD
Name of Secured Party: First Bankers Trust Company, N.A.
The collateral that will be sold is described below:
o Promissory Note #433670 dated June 26, 2013, executed by Illinois Building LLC in favor of Lender in the original amount of \$6,000,000.00.
o Promissory Note #447062 dated December 12, 2014, executed by Downtown Property, LLC in favor of the Lender in the original amount of \$7,500,000.00.
o Promissory Note #447887 dated January 26, 2015, executed by Downtown Property, LLC in favor of Lender in the original amount of \$600,000.00.
o Promissory Note #451595 dated May 26, 2015, executed by Downtown Property LLC in favor of the Lender in the original amount of \$675,000.00
Date of the Sale: MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025
Time of Sale: 9:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time
Location of the Sale: The office of First Bankers Trust Company, N.A.
1201 Broadway Street Quincy, IL 62301
Terms of the Sale
The sale will be conducted by means of a sealed bid auction. Interested bidders shall submit a sealed written bid together with a cashier's check, certified check or equivalent payment instrument in an amount equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the bid amount, payable to First Bankers Trust Company, N.A.
Bids will be delivered to BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS (Attorney for the Mortgagor), Attn: Emmet Fairfield or Maureen Faller, 205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62705 in an envelope designated "First Bankers Trust Company/Chesterfield Faring UCC Sale". Bids must be received no

later than 9:00 a.m. central daylight time on Friday, July 25, 2025.
Bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m. central daylight time on Monday, July 28, 2025, at the location of the sale. Interested bidders present at the opening of bids will be given the opportunity to increase their bids. The secured party reserves the right to bid at the time of sale. The collateral will be sold to the highest bidder. The highest bidder (other than the secured party) will pay the balance of its bid amount to the secured party in immediately available and valid funds no later than 1:00 p.m. central daylight time on August 11, 2025.
Interested bidders wishing to obtain further information regarding the collateral being sold may contact Jamie Whitaker or Steve Gnuse at (217) 228-8000.
All sales are final, and the collateral will be sold "as is," and "with all faults" without any warranties, express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of collectability, condition, completeness, accuracy, effectiveness, enforceability, merchantability or fitness for particular purpose.
Sincerely,
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
Maureen M. Faller, Reg. No. 6308975
Emmet A. Fairfield, Reg. No. 6180505
205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000
P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62705
(217) 544-8491
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8051-955376

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the Igloo Series IV Trust, PLAINTIFF,
Vs.
Estate of John Bertoni AKA John A. Bertoni, deceased; Cynthia K. Beck-Bertoni, as Independent Administrator of the Estate of John A. Bertoni; Cynthia K. Beck-Bertoni, individually; Mark Bertoni; John Bertoni Jr.; Deana Wooldridge; P.K. Four Investments; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants, DEFENDANT(S).
Case No. 2024FC000041
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:
Mark Bertoni, P.K. Four Investments and Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:
LOT 8 IN BLOCK 4 OF DAVID A. DEVARES SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTH FRACTIONAL HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPT ALL COAL, OIL, GAS, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OF RECORD.
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
1530 South 17th Street Springfield, IL 62703
and which said Mortgage was made by: John A. Bertoni
the Mortgagor(s), to WMC Mortgage Corp, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of SANGAMON County, Illinois, as Document No. 98-05266; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that 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,
Joe Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court
200 South Ninth Street
Springfield, IL 62701
on or before, July 28, 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.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To E-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/serviceproviders.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court. SOTTILE & BARILE, LLC
1415 West 22nd Street, Tower Floor
Oak Brook, IL 60523
(312) 883-2810
Pleadings E-mail Address: illinois@sot-tileandbarile.com

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector
I3268601

Notice by Publication

ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE
Wishing to avail themselves of the provisions under the SelfService Storage Facility Act, the below storage facility gives notice of the sale under said act; Monday the 28th day of July, 2025 at 10:00 AM, on that day will conduct a sale to the highest bidder, with bidding to take place on lockerfox.com, and payment to seller via credit/debit card, the contents of spaces 10 Federal Storage, 2225 J David Jones Pkwy, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 600-2778 Christina Booker 724/725. Braden Bristow 221. Thomas Angeli 336/337/338. Eric Stuckey 394. Shawn Sanders 828. Timothy Painter 303. Marilyn Sams 330. Randall Damm 314. Randall Damm 276. Brandon Mathis 350. Madilynn Petty 367. Perrion Bolden 564. Aaron Leavell 358/427. Lydia Burton 39. Aaron LeaVell 112. Melissa Slack 177. Brandy N Flowers 215. Tyrice Hall 624/589. Shayna Walker 205. Kevin Sullivan 179; 10 Federal Storage, 3500 South 6th Street, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 387-3951 Tonya Casper A97. Jaunta McGehee B183. Shannon Hackwith B126. Heather Stender A30. Jilllyn Stepniewski A52. Dominic Stewart P71. Dominic Stewart A23. Britney Dyer B212. Lisa Defraties A71; 10 Federal Storage, 500 W Browning Rd, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 339-3865 Cassie Norris 23A. Kimberly Capps 164C. Nick Chance 159C. Michelle Morris 120C. amber vance 86B. Tyler Hahn 104B. David Brown 190D. Grant Dyer 237E. Krystin Townsend 280e. Samuel Jackson 98B. Robyn Basse 60B. Austin Ludwig 284e; 10 Federal Storage, 900 E Straight St, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 286-1550 Justin Wheeler 6. Francis Fore E322. William LARION 5. jada Brown 151. Angela Dunne E270. Jason Blissett E359/260. Van Converse 159. David Woods 112. Amber Rose Hawkins 87

TAKE NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NO. 142-0456-04
TO:
OCCUPANTS
SHIRLEY R BEGOLKA
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, Illinois as Case # 2025TX000143.

The property is located at:
2114 S SPRING ST
CAPITAL TOWNSHIP
Property Index Number: 22-04.0-404-015
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2022 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2021.
The period of redemption will expire on 10/31/2025.
On 12/18/2025 at 10:30AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said

county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner
8051-955591

TAKE NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NO. 142-0455-06
TO:
OCCUPANTS
ALI NIZAMUDDIN
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, Illinois as Case # 2025TX000142.
The property is located at:
2124 S MACARTHUR BLVD SPRINGFIELD IL 62704
CAPITAL TOWNSHIP
Property Index Number: 22-04.0-301-025
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2022 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2021.
The period of redemption will expire on 10/31/2025.
On 12/18/2025 at 10:30AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner
8051-955590

TAKE NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NO. 142-0436-01
TO:
OCCUPANTS
PARIS FABRICARE SPECIALISTS, INC.
FRANKLIN SHEPLOR FRANKE AS R/A FOR PARIS FABRICARE SPECIALIST, INC.
F SHEP FRANKE AS PRESIDENT FOR PARIS FABRICARE SPECIALIST, INC.
PARIS FABRICARE SPECIALISTS, INC.
BETTY FRANKE AS DIRECTOR FOR PARIS FABRICARE SPECIALIST, INC.
NATIONAL REGISTERED AGENTS, INC. AS R/A FOR PARIS FABRICARE SPECIALIST, INC.
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COLLECTIONS SECTION
ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, Illinois as Case # 2025TX000139.
The property is located at:
1025 E ASH ST
CAPITAL TOWNSHIP
Property Index Number: 22-03.0-181-008
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2022 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2021.
The period of redemption will expire on 10/31/2025.
On 12/18/2025 at 10:30AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner
8051-955589

TAKE NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NO. 142-0430-04
TO:
OCCUPANTS
R & L HOLDINGS 1
LOVIE J FAINE % R & L HOLDINGS 1, INC.
RECO FAINE % R & L HOLDINGS 1, INC
WARREN-BOYNTON STATE BANK
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
DEBBIE KEENE

Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, Illinois as Case # 2025TX000138.
The property is located at:
2224 JOYCE LN SPRINGFIELD IL 62703
CAPITAL TOWNSHIP
Property Index Number: 22-02.0-180-018
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2022 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2021.
The period of redemption will expire on 10/31/2025.
On 12/18/2025 at 10:30AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner
8051-955588

TAKE NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NO. 142-0397-05
TO:
OCCUPANTS
SALVADOR BOTELLO LOPEZ
YESIKA CAROLINA CERRADO RODRIGUEZ
SALVADOR BOTELLO LOPEZ
YESIKA CAROLINA CERRADO RODRIGUEZ
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, Illinois as Case # 2025TX000137.
The property is located at:
215 S MACARTHUR BLVD SPRINGFIELD IL 62704
CAPITAL TOWNSHIP
Property Index Number: 14-33.0-104-024
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2022 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2021.
The period of redemption will expire on 10/31/2025.
On 12/18/2025 at 10:30AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner
8051-955587

TAKE NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NO. 142-0063-06
TO:
OCCUPANTS
BAILEE KJ FORD
HARRISON ANDREW FORD
REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORT-GAGE
REGIONS BANK D/B/A/ REGIONS MORT-GAGE
REGIONS BANK D/B/A/ REGIONS MORT-GAGE
REGIONS BANK
CSC % MICROF LLC
MICROF LLC
ILLINOIS CORPORATION SERVICE COM-PANY %MICROF LLC
REGIONS BANK D/B/A/ REGIONS MORT-GAGE
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, Illinois as Case # 2025TX000136.
The property is located at:
406 W ELM ST BUFFALO IL 62515
MECHANICSBURG TOWNSHIP
Property Index Number: 16-10.0-403-028
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2022 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2021.

The period of redemption will expire on 10/31/2025.
On 12/18/2025 at 10:30AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner
8051-955586

TAKE NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NO. 142-0059-08
TO:
OCCUPANTS
MARILYN J BENJAMIN (OR SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE), AS TRUSTEE OF THE JAMES E. BENJAMIN TRUST ESTABLISHED UNDER THE BENJAMIN LIVING TRUST DATED APRIL 21, 2012
MARILYN J. BENJAMIN (OR SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE), AS TRUSTEE OF THE MARILYN J. BENJAMIN TRUST ESTABLISHED UNDER THE BENJAMIN LIVING TRUST DATED APRIL 21, 2012
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE JAMES E BENJAMIN TRUST ESTABLISHED UNDER THE BENJAMIN LIVING TRUST DATED APRIL 21, 2012
MARILYN J. BENJAMIN, AS TRUSTEE OF THE JAMES E. BENJAMIN TRUST ESTAB-LISHED UNDER THE BENJAMIN LIVING TRUST DATED APRIL 21, 2012
MARILYN J. BENJAMIN, AS TRUSTEE OF THE MARILYN J. BENJAMIN TRUST ES-TABLISHED UNDER THE BENJAMIN LIVING TRUST DATED APRIL 21, 2012
OCCUPANTS
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, Illinois as Case # 2025TX000135.
The property is located at:
SE1/4 S OF I-72 EX S1/2 SW1/4 SE1/4 17-16-1
ILLIOPOLIS TOWNSHIP
Property Index Number: 18-17.0-400-008
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2022 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2021.
The period of redemption will expire on 10/31/2025.
On 12/18/2025 at 10:30AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner
8051-955585

TAKE NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NO. 142-0052-02
TO:
OCCUPANTS
DEE ANN POWLESS
VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC
C T CORPORATION SYSTEM %VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC
DEE ANN POWLESS
VILLAGE OF DIVERNON
CURTIS WAYNE POWLESS JR
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, Illinois as Case # 2025TX000134.
The property is located at:

TAKE NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NO. 142-0052-02
TO:
OCCUPANTS
DEE ANN POWLESS
VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC
C T CORPORATION SYSTEM %VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC
DEE ANN POWLESS
VILLAGE OF DIVERNON
CURTIS WAYNE POWLESS JR
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, Illinois as Case # 2025TX000134.
The property is located at:

121 N 02ND ST
DIVERNON TOWNSHIP
Property Index Number: 35-16.0-378-007
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2022 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2021.
The period of redemption will expire on 10/31/2025.
On 12/18/2025 at 10:30AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner
8051-955584

TAKE NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NO. 142-0036-04
TO:
OCCUPANTS
CURTIS KELLER
KRISTIN KELLER
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, Illinois as Case # 2025TX000132.
The property is located at:
113 SANDSTONE DR CHATHAM IL 62629
BALL TOWNSHIP
Property Index Number: 29-08.0-327-026
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2022 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2021.
The period of redemption will expire on 10/31/2025.
On 12/18/2025 at 10:30AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner
8051-955583

TAKE NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NO. 142-0026-05
TO:
OCCUPANTS
MELISSA A RICHEY
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, Illinois as Case # 2025TX000131.
The property is located at:
2013 W JEFFERSON ST
SPRINGIELD TOWNHIP
Property Index Number: 14-29.0-152-019
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2022 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2021.
The period of redemption will expire on 10/31/2025.
On 12/18/2025 at 10:30AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner
8051-955582

TAKE NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NO. 142-0004-07
TO:
OCCUPANTS
ERIC J STACHOWIAK
EDWIN C WALKER, ATTORNEY FOR ASSET ACCEPTANCE LLC ASSIGNEE OF FIRST AMERICA
ASSET ACCEPTANCE, LLC
MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC
%ASSET ACCEPTANCE, LLC
ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORP %ASSET AC-CEPTANCE, LLC
ASSET ACCEPTANCE LLC ASSIGNEE OF FIRST AMERICA

Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, Illinois as Case # 2025TX000129.
The property is located at:
712 W MAPLE AVE S SPRINGFIELD IL 62704
WOODSIDE TOWNSHIP
Property Index Number: 22-09.0-153-016
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2022 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2021.
The period of redemption will expire on 10/31/2025.
On 12/18/2025 at 10:30AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner
8051-955581

To enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent a private auction will be held on
Saturday July 19, 2025, at 9:00a.m.
Northend Storage is located at 1907 North Grand East, Springfield, IL. 62702
This is a private auction. In order to attend you must call 217-544-4521 a week prior to the auction date.
Please leave your name, telephone num-ber and an email address.
Cash is the only form of payment accepted for the auction.
Any individual wanting to retain their unit will need to pay their entire balance on or before Wednesday July 16, 2025.
No personal checks will be accepted for storage units that are in lien.
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION
Rocky Troxell Unit #9-4
Debra Phelps Unit #5-28
Tyrone Bershell Unit #8-13
Timothy Nyari Unit #11-24
Angelina Testa Unit #J-13
Kay Boswell Unit #2-1
Alphonso Taylor Unit #4-3
Samantha Fickas Unit #4-7
Greg Taylor Unit #5-8
Amy Goble Unit #7-1
Patricia Steele Unit #1-22
Kelly & Bertha Richard Unit #1-35
Antoria McNeal Unit #2-22
Richard Dubose Unit #2-29
Kelcie Julius Unit #2-34
Andrea Shimkus Unit #4-24
Dakota Willis Unit #4-27
Verneeda Miller Unit #4-29
Vernice Bailey Unit #5-22
Rodney Weeks Unit #6-25
Christopher Marconi Unit #6-29
Shalik Rhynes Unit #9-34
Phyllis Willett Unit #9-45
Mark Grier Unit #10-13
Eunice Green Unit #10-16
Shayla Shanklin Unit #B-7
Loree Williams Unit #B-16
Chris Hughes Unit #H-6
Journe Dawson Unit #I-14
Warren Anderson Unit #I-16
Dana Thomas Unit #2-21

TO: Illinois Housing Development Author-ity, Adam Miller, Occupants, Cynthia L. Luttrell, Don Gray, Sangamon County Clerk, UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
TAX DEED NO. 2025TX000147 FILED 5/6/2025
TAKE NOTICE
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
Date Premises Sold 11/4/2022
Certificate No. 142-0046-08
Sold for General Taxes of (year)
2021

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipal-ity)
And Special Assessment Number N/A
Warrant No. N/A Inst No. N/A
THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property located at 46 DOWNING DR, CHATHAM, IL
Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-12.0-451-013
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/30/2025. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at six month intervals from the date of the sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequent accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.
This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/30/2025. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, Courtroom 5th Floor on 11/5/2025 at 9:30am.
You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will have expired at that time.
YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY
Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/30/2025 by applying to the County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Springfield, Illinois.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK
Address: 200 S. 9th St. Room 101, Springfield, IL 62701
Telephone: 217-753-6700
Dated: 5/6/2025
8051-955093

TO: The United States of America, Department of Treasury, Citibank, N.A., State of Illinois, Department of Revenue, Christopher Jones, Occupants, James W. Jones, Don Gray, Sangamon County Clerk, UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
TAX DEED NO. 2025TX000148
FILED 5/6/2025
TAKE NOTICE
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
Date Premises Sold 11/4/2022
Certificate No. 142-0028-08
Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)
And Special Assessment Number N/A
Warrant No. N/A Inst No. N/A
THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property located at 405 S LIVINGSTON ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL
Legal Description or Property Index No. 14-35.0-277-027
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/30/2025. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at six month intervals from the date of the sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequent accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.
This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed

which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/30/2025. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, Courtroom 5th Floor on 11/5/2025 at 9:30.
You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will have expired at that time.
YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY
Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/30/2025 by applying to the County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Springfield, Illinois.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK
Address: 200 S. 9th St. Room 101, Springfield, IL 62701
Telephone: 217-753-6700
Dated: 5/6/2025
8051-955092

TO: Occupants, Joanne T. Pedrick, Don Gray, Sangamon County Clerk, UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
TAX DEED NO. 2025TX000145 FILED 5/6/2025
TAKE NOTICE
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
Date Premises Sold 11/4/2022
Certificate No. 142-0012-03
Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)
And Special Assessment Number N/A
Warrant No. N/A Inst No. N/A
THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property located at 324 E ST JOSEPH ST, SOUTHERN VIEW, IL
Legal Description or Property Index No. 22-16.0-230-031
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/30/2025. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at six month intervals from the date of the sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequent accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.
This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/30/2025. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, Courtroom 5th Floor on 11/5/2025 at 9:30am.
You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will have expired at that time.
YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY
Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/30/2025 by applying to the County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Springfield, Illinois.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK
Address: 200 S. 9th St. Room 101, Springfield, IL 62701
Telephone: 217-753-6700
Dated: 5/6/2025
8051-955091

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation,
IN CHANCERY
Plaintiff,
v.
MELODY L. WILLIAMS; SHAWANNA MARIE UNDERHILL; UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No. 2025-FC-41
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of 735 ILCS 5/15 1218 and 15 1502 and Sec. 2 206 that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendants is July 26, 2025.
The Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on February 28, 2025.
(i) The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are as follows: Bank of Springfield, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 2025-FC-41
(ii) The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois.
(iii) The names of the title holders of record: Melody L. Williams and Shawanna Marie Underhill.
(iv) Legal description and common address of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty are as follows: The East 10 feet of Lot Sixteen (16) and all of Lot Seventeen (17) in Andrew Walker's Subdivision of part of Lot Three (3) in Calvin Lewis' Estate in the City of Springfield. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
Parcel Number: 14-27.0-231-032
Common address or location of mortgaged premises: 1323 E. Division Street, Springfield, IL 62702
Parcel Number: 14-27.0-231-032
(v) Identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Names of mortgagors: Melody L. Williams
Name of mortgagee: Bank of Springfield
Date of mortgage: September 9, 2016
Date of recording: September 14, 2016
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois
Recording document identification: Document No. 2016R25301
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
SORLING NORTHRUP
Stephen A. Tagge, of Counsel - Reg. #2793369
Brian D. Jones, of Counsel – Reg. #6286510
1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200 P. O. Box 5131
Springfield, IL 62705
Telephone: (217) 544 1144
E-Mail: satagge@sorlinglaw.com bdjones@sorlinglaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
v.
CHRISTOPHER J. PASLAY, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
IN CHANCERY
Case No. 2025-FC-32
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of 735 ILCS 5/15 1218 and 15 1502 and Sec. 2 206

that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendants is July 25, 2025.
The Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on February 19, 2025.
(i) The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are as follows: Bank of Springfield, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 2025-FC-32
(ii) The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois.
(iii) The names of the title holders of record: Christopher J. Paslay
(iv) Legal description and common address of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty are as follows: Lot Three (3) in Block Twenty-Three (23) in Payne's South Side Addition, Second Plat, as shown on Plat recorded August 11, 1915 in Plat Book 11, Page 20. 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 Number: 22-04-429-007.
Common address or location of mortgaged premises: 2009 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703-3447
Parcel Number: 22-04-429-007
(v) Identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Names of mortgagors: Christopher J. Paslay
Name of mortgagee: Bank of Springfield
Date of mortgage: October 23, 2015
Date of recording: October 26, 2015
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois
Recording document identification: Document No. 2015R30426
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
SORLING NORTHRUP
Stephen A. Tagge, of Counsel - Reg. #2793369
Brian D. Jones, of Counsel – Reg. #6286510
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
Plaintiff,
vs.
2011 CHEVROLET MALIBU
VIN # 1G1ZE5E15BF300472
Derek Hentz
Sandra Johnson
No. 25-MX-290
25-AF-20
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Milhiser, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on March 24, 2025. UNLESS YOU file a verified Claim with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.
Joe Roesch
Clerk of Court
J.W. Pierceall

Assistant State's Attorney
200 S. 9th Street, Room 402
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 753-6690
Sangamoncounty.SAO.civil@sangamonil.gov

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF:
PHYLLIS KATHERINE FOSTER-SHROP-SHIRE, Deceased.
No. 2025 PR 280
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Phyllis Katherine Foster-Shropshire of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on July 3, 2025, to Thomas E. Squires, Jr., whose address is 4019 Brookfield Drive, Springfield, IL 62703, as Administrator, and whose attorney is JAMES R. ENLOW of GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL, 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL, 62703.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
DATED this 3rd day of July 2025.
James R. Enlow(#6199891)
GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL
Attorneys at Law
1231 South Eighth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62703
Telephone: (217) 522.9010
Facsimile: (217) 522.9020
Email: jim@gwspc.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MORGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In Re the Estate of:
JUNIOR B. "ZEKE" BERANEK, Deceased.
Case No.: 2025PR52
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Junior B. "Zeke" Beranek, of Morgan County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 27, 2025, to Daniel A. Beranek, as Independent Executor, whose address is c/o his attorney of record, Barry O. Hines, 1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A, Springfield, Illinois 62704.
The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (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, Morgan County Courthouse, 300 W State St, Jacksonville, IL 62650, or with the representative, or both, on or before January 12, 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 ten (10) days after it has been filed.
Dated this 3rd day of July, 2025.
Daniel A. Beranek
Independent Executor
Barry O. Hines - 01220918
Attorney at Law
1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A
Springfield, IL 62704
Telephone: (217) 698-8444
Email: Barry@HinesLaw.net

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Melissa Moorman, Petitioner
And
Houston D. Moorman, Respondent
Case No. 2025-DN-000036
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Houston D. Moorman, 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 10th day of August, 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
Samuel L. Bailey, Petitioner
And
Lee B. Bailey, Respondent
Case No. 2025-DN-000035
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Lee B. Bailey, 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 10th day of August, 2025, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Easton Walter Wetherell
For change of name to
Easton Walter Hull
and
Cohen Alan Wetherell
For change of name to
Cohen Alan Hull
Case No. 2025-MR-000286
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Aug. 5, 2025 we will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Easton Walter Wetherell to Easton Walter Hull and from Cohen Alan Wetherell to Cohen Alan Hull pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: July 10, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
NANCY J. WALKER, DECEASED
Case #2025-PR-269
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of NANCY J. WALKER. Letters of Office have been issued to KELLY YATES, 12382 Tebbe Rd., New Berlin, IL 62670, 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 January 19,

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 3rd day of July, 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
BARBARA MOLITORIS, DECEASED
Case #2025-PR-276
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE/
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Notice is given of the death of BARBARA MOLITORIS. Letters of office have been issued to CAROLYN K. HUDEC, 3585 Spaulding Orchard Road, 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 January 19, 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.
Notice is also given to the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BARBARA MOLITORIS, Deceased, including any unknown heir who may be a minor or a disabled person, that an Order was entered in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, on July 3, 2025. You are named as an heir of Decedent in the Petition for Letters Testamentary.
Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of Admission, any heir may file a Petition with the court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or by other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 755, Act 5, Section 6-21), or successor provision.
Heirs also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 755, Act 5, Section 8-1), or successor provision, to contest the validity of the Will by filing a Petition with the Court within 6 months after July 3, 2025. Filings are to be made with the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701. 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> 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.
Dated this 3rd day of July, 2025.
Patrick J. Sheehan, Ill
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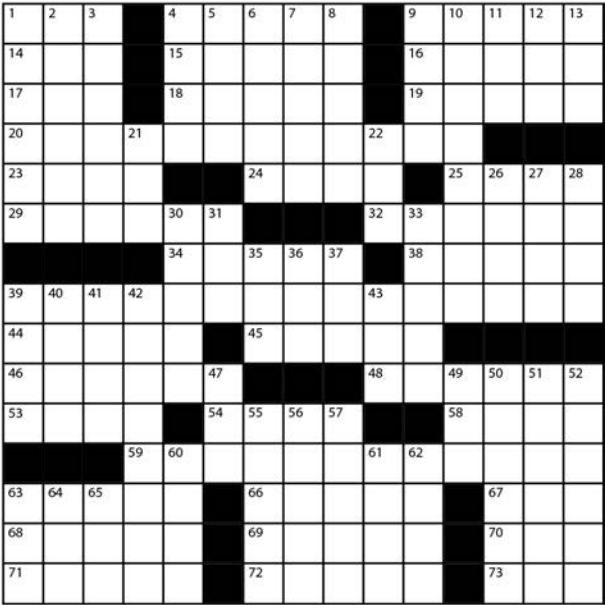
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank,
Plaintiff,

v.
SHERRILL A. MARTIN, THE COUNTRY PLACE, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
No.: 2025-FC-105
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
Notice is given to defendants, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, of the following described real estate, that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action is now pending, and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said defendants is AUGUST 11, 2025.
The Plaintiff has certified that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action was filed on May 28, 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:
Sherrill A. Martin.
(iv) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:
Unit No. 22, Building 6, in Country Place Condominium as delineated on a Survey of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, being part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, in the City of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, according to the Plat of Survey thereof which is attached as Exhibit A to the Declaration of Condominium recorded January 16, 1974 in Book 1184 of Mortgages at page 883 as Document No. 552057, as and if amended from time to time, along with its undivided percentage of ownership of common elements and limited common elements.
Except any interest in coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
Tax ID Number: 22-27-402-022
(v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:
22 Country Place, Springfield, Illinois 62703
(vi) An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
(A) Nature of instrument: Mortgage.
(B) Date of mortgage: May 8, 2017.
(C) Name of mortgagor: Sherrill A. Martin.
(D) Name of mortgagee: Illinois National Bank.
(E) Date and place of recording: May 11, 2017 in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Sangamon County, Illinois.
(F) Identification of recording: Document No. 2017R11758.
INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank, Plaintiff
Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930)
Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535)
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Across

1. Tavern
4. Call on, again
9. Moves, briefly
14. Poetic palindrome
15. Author Zola
16. Beauty pageant wear
17. Missile's path
18. Farm machine
19. James of jazz and others
20. High School infatuation
23. Chaps
24. "The ___ the limit!"
25. Dutch cheese
29. Builds
32. Motionless
34. Debate
38. Red dye
39. Big name in news
44. Backyard border
45. Wait on
46. Flinches, say
48. ___ Pieces (candy in "E.T.")
53. Gymnast Korbut
54. Powerful D.C. lobby
58. "___ Karenina"
59. Side dish
63. Moving about
66. So far
67. Stephen of "V for Vendetta"
68. Red ___
69. Model Campbell
70. Canal locale
71. Baseball's Musial and Hockey's Mikita



72. Bacon bit
73. RR stop

Down

1. Fab Four member
2. Unpaid debt
3. Ebb
4. Country's McEntire
5. Online pub.
6. Scrabble pieces
7. Smart ___
8. Designer Ellis
9. A.A.A. suggestions
10. "Take your pick"
11. Back muscle, for short
12. "... man ___ mouse?"

13. Carrier to Oslo
21. Foreign policy grp.
22. ___ Today
26. Not those, in Brooklyn
27. Garage sale warning
28. High pts.
30. Be silent, in music
31. ___ Lanka
33. Crow's home
35. Exxon product
36. Colorado native
37. Always, in verse
39. 60's hairdo
40. Sew shut, as a falcon's eyes
41. Catch
42. Special time
43. TiVo, for one

47. Friend of Frodo
49. ___ de Cologne
50. Gets game
51. Put on a throne
52. 1943 Bogart film
55. "It's ___ world"
56. Convened anew
57. Comedian Richard
60. Coffee dispensers
61. 18-wheeler
62. Medicine cabinet item
63. Stomach muscles, briefly
64. Took a load off
65. ___ la la

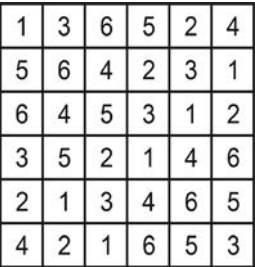
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Crossword answers from #900



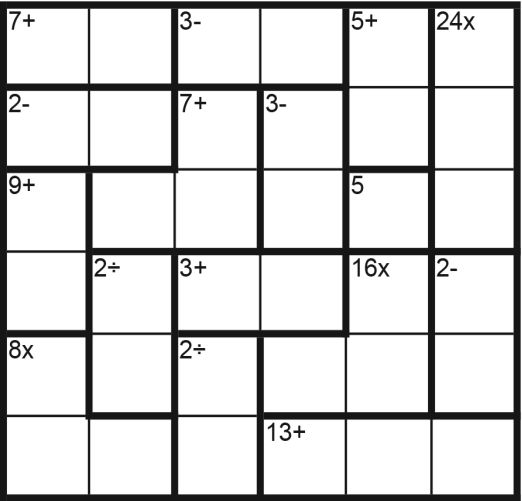
Sudoku answers from #900



JoshJosh answers from #900

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 901

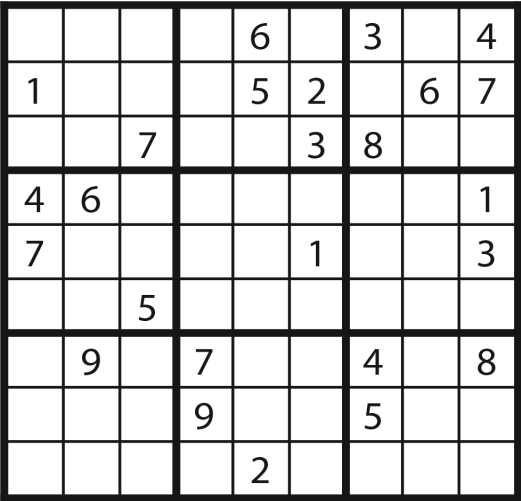
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



Difficulty medium

Sudoku No. 901

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



Difficulty hard

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