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# Insurance company alleges Wyndham owner caused damage

Owner of downtown hotel files lawsuit seeking to force payment of claim

**DOWNTOWN | Dean Olsen**

The owner of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre conspired to cause the extensive water damage that rendered the 369-room hotel inoperable on March 27, an insurance company alleged in documents filed Aug. 25 in federal court.

Tower Capital Group general manager Al Rajabi attempted to fool Affiliated FM Insurance Co. to get the company to pay a liability insurance claim filed by Rajabi through “willful misrepresentations and concealments of material fact,” according to documents from Affiliated that are part of its defense against Rajabi’s civil lawsuit against the company in Springfield’s U.S. District Court.

Rajabi filed a lawsuit June 11 in Springfield’s U.S. District Court to address Affiliated’s refusal to reimburse him under his property policy for the March 27 vandalism.

Citing the alleged conduct by Rajabi, a resident of San Antonio, Texas, who bought the 30-story downtown Springfield hotel in a foreclosure sale in 2019, Affiliated said it denied Rajabi’s claim to remediate damage from what Springfield authorities were investigating as an intentional act of vandalism.

In an Aug. 11 letter to Rajabi that was included in the recent court filing, Rhode Island-based Affiliated said it “determined that the vandalism and resulting loss and damage that occurred in the early morning of 27 March 2025 at the hotel was intentionally caused by Mr. Rajabi, Mr. Rajabi colluded with others to cause the damage, and/or the damage was caused by other individuals with the knowledge of Mr. Rajabi.”

Affiliated also said Rajabi filed a fraudulent claim for damages related to a purported March 14, 2024, lightning strike on the hotel building that resulted in Affiliated paying out \$4.05 million to Rajabi. Affiliated said in court documents that Rajabi lied about the extent of any damage.

“If lightning struck the hotel ... the damage was minimal,” Affiliated said. “The cause of the electrical disturbances was intentional, and the vast majority of the damage claimed by the hotel was not caused by an alleged lightning strike and resulting power surge. The damage was intentionally caused by Mr. Rajabi, Mr. Rajabi colluded with others to cause the damage, and/or the damages were caused by other individuals with the knowledge of Mr. Rajabi.”

Affiliated asked the court to order Rajabi to pay the company \$12.2 million because Illinois law on insurance fraud makes Affiliated eligible to recover three times the value of the fraudulent claim, plus attorney’s fees, interest and costs.

A spokesperson for the law firm of Barnes & Thornburg, which is representing Rajabi, said in an email to *Illinois Times* that the insurance company’s allegations about Rajabi are “baseless.” The spokesperson noted that Affiliated’s allegations came more than two months after Rajabi filed his lawsuit seeking reimbursement for the vandalism claim.

“This allegation of insurance fraud is not only outlandish and embarrassing, it is a vicious attempt to justify Affiliated FM’s business model of maximizing profits at the

expense of consumers,” the spokesperson said. “Mr. Rajabi will vigorously pursue justice in court, not just for himself but for all victims of bad faith insurance practices.”

Attorneys for Affiliated didn’t respond to requests for comment.

The investigation initially was spearheaded by the Springfield Police Department but was taken over a few months ago by the FBI, SPD Police Commander Jarod Maddox said Aug. 26.

No criminal charges have been filed in the investigation into the alleged vandalism, and there have been no arrests, although a Springfield police spokesperson acknowledged in late May that the damage at the hotel “is being investigated as an intentional act.”

FBI special agent Jake Griffin, spokesperson for the FBI’s Springfield office, declined to confirm or otherwise comment on the investigation.

Rajabi and his affiliated businesses – Full Service Hospitality LLC and Tower Capital Group LP – alleged when they filed the suit on June 12 that Affiliated’s failure to decide on a timely basis whether and how much to pay out to repair the damaged hotel amounted to a “breach of contract and bad faith and unreasonable and vexatious delay.” Affiliated denied the allegations.

Affiliated said Rajabi claimed at one point that the damage was caused by “two individuals unknown to him” who were being investigated by local police. Affiliated said Rajabi also told the company that the damage “was likely caused by disgruntled employees without his knowledge.”

Rajabi said in the suit that flooding in the 52-year-old hotel, which included 27 apartment units, made the six passenger elevators inoperable and caused “significant water damage to the hotel’s restaurants, meeting rooms, banquet rooms, hotel rooms, apartment units and common spaces located on the majority of the hotel’s 30 floors which required removal of water and will require, among other things, the replacement of electrical equipment, drywall, plaster, wallpaper, carpet and tile in the future.”

Rajabi never made public any estimate of how much those repairs would cost. He said in his lawsuit that his policy with Affiliated provided almost \$231 million in total liability coverage.

The Springfield Fire Department said in a

March 28 news release that it responded to an “alarm call” at the Wyndham on March 27. The department said it found flooding and elevator system damage at the hotel but no fire.

SFD and State Fire Marshal’s Office officials barred the hotel from being used by the public after the water damage in March because of nonworking elevators and an out-of-service fire alarm and fire sprinkler system.

A fire department battalion chief wrote in a March 27 email to another city official – obtained by *Illinois Times* through a Freedom of Information Act request – and said firefighters at the scene that morning found water running down an elevator shaft.

“The issue was two approximately 200-gallon tanks” on one of the highest floors of the hotel, the email said. “The shutoff valve for these tanks came completely apart, leaking water into the elevator shafts. We were able to shut those off, but they still had to drain.”

Affiliated said it hired Michele Surphin of Legacy 1811 Investigations and Consulting to assist in the company’s internal investigation. That investigation, Affiliated said, included examinations under oath of Wyndham’s former general manager, Gosia Wray, and two other employees, Evan Reimer and Zane Kienzler.

“In addition to their sworn testimony, they provided photos, text messages and/or screen shots,” Affiliated said.

The shuttering of the hotel has caused the city’s convention and visitors bureau to scramble to find convenient rooms for attendees at downtown conventions.

Moreover, the uncertainty surrounding the Wyndham’s future could create problems for Springfield and Sangamon County officials who are considering options for expanding the BOS Center and creating opportunities for a new hotel next to the expansion.

One potential site for the new hotel is the site of the Wyndham, which would require the current hotel at 700 E. Adams St. to be torn down.

Rajabi had been frustrated by the Springfield City Council’s refusal since 2022 to grant zoning approval that would have allowed Rajabi to sell the deteriorating hotel to GoodHomes, a New York-based development company that wanted to spend \$25 million to renovate the building and convert it into mostly market-rate apartments and some hotel rooms. □

## Editor’s note

It was great to hear Gov. JB Pritzker stand up to President Donald Trump and his plans to send National Guard troops into Chicago, supposedly to fight crime. “What President Trump is doing is unprecedented and unwarranted,” Pritzker railed. “It is illegal. It is unconstitutional. It is un-American.” It’s rare and welcome to hear our guy give that bully the what-for. “This is not about crime. This is about Donald Trump searching for any justification to deploy the military in a blue city, in a blue state, to try and intimidate his political rivals.” One thing better the Illinois governor could do is to make a similar speech in Springfield, to describe how all of Illinois, not just Chicago, would be diminished by autocratic overreach. And if push comes to shove, if Chicago is occupied by federal troops, it would be good for Springfield to organize a rally in support of our big sister city to the north. – *Fletcher Farrar, editor*

Cover photo by Zach Adams.

# Former King's Daughters Home to house nurses

\$6.7 million project planned to convert historic building

**HISTORIC SITES** | Cinda Ackerman Klickna

Yolanda Rice, a Springfield investor and entrepreneur, plans to purchase the former King's Daughters Home and create apartments for nursing students and traveling nurses.

"This has been a long journey," Rice said, "but I have been met with great support from the city, the Historic Sites Commission and many others to make this a reality."

At the Aug. 19 Springfield City Council meeting, she was awarded a \$942,000 TIF grant to help purchase and renovate the property at 541 Black Ave. The TIF assistance represents 14% of the total project cost of \$6,728,925 and will be paid out in installments over the next seven years.

Rice was already familiar with the historic building since she had been the property manager for Peoples Capital, the owners of the property, several years ago. The East Coast-based investment firm acquired the property following the closure of Benedictine University, which had used it for a dormitory. But the building is still often referred to as King's Daughters Home, the name it operated under for 110 years before the senior living facility closed in 2006, citing the cost to maintain the historic property and increased competition from newer, modern facilities.

Peoples Capital's idea to once again turn the home that had housed seniors back into the same use was nixed due to the renovation costs to comply with state regulations dictating requirements for senior living space. Rice began to consider other uses, and with the realization that an influx of traveling nurses came to Springfield during the pandemic, she explored the idea of making the house a place where both traveling nurses and student nurses could live. The building is located just a few blocks north of the Mid-Illinois Medical District.

"Nursing students and traveling nurses have to find their own housing," Rice said. "Many come from outside of Springfield; some are married with children. So, we determined with some remodeling we could make both two-bedroom/two-bath and one-bedroom/one-bath units."

Rice said the units will be fully furnished and available for nine or 12-month leases. "We're reducing the total number of units from 26 to 18 to give them more space," she told the City Council during a July 29 presentation and noted that no zoning changes would be required.

Bob Immel, the chair of the landmark



Yolanda Rice in front of the former King's Daughters Home at 541 E. Black Ave., which she plans to convert into furnished apartments for traveling nurses and nursing students.

PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

committee of the city's Historic Sites Commission, heard Rice speak about the idea and helped write the application for naming the house a historic landmark. That designation was approved earlier this month by the Springfield City Council. Rice told the council that one of her future goals is to get the property added to the National Register of Historic Places.

The home across from the former Benedictine University campus was owned by Charles Rollin and Carolyn (Carrie) Post from 1872 to 1888. Their oldest son, Charles W. Post, was the creator of Postum and Grape-Nuts cereal and the founder of the Postum Cereal Co. C.W.'s only child, Marjorie Merriweather Post, was born in the house on March 15, 1887. Marjorie became the owner of the Postum Cereal Co. upon the death of her father in 1914. Along with her second husband, E.F. Hutton, she expanded

the company, which became General Foods Corp. in 1929.

C.W. Post contributed toward rebuilding the King's Daughters Home after a fire in 1902 and donated to the Home's endowment fund in memory of his mother, Carrie Post. Marjorie Merriweather Post also contributed to the Home over the years, including a contribution for an addition to the Home in 1921. In 1953, in recognition of the Post family ties to the Home, the King's Daughters Home for Women legally changed its name to the Carrie Post King's Daughters Home for Women.

Rice said, "I didn't even know the connection to Marjorie Merriweather Post until Bob Immel shared that with me. I am now a member of King's Daughters and in the Marjorie Post Circle."

Now that the City Council has approved her TIF request, Rice can move forward

with purchasing the property and begin renovations. The city of Springfield's building and zoning team's review of the property concluded that a driveway must be added to the back. Plans have been drawn up that will need approval from the city.

"We need to stabilize the building, make sure security is addressed, review the plans by the architects and engineers and finalize floor plans," Rice said. That will take time, but she hopes to have the building ready for occupancy within nine months.

Rice also continues to seek other funding for long-range planning and development. She said, "I had so much support for this idea; it is wonderful to see a historic home saved and that it can be used for a good cause." □

*Cinda Ackerman Klickna has previously written about King's Daughters and Marjorie Merriweather Post.*



# Frank Lesko to take on Doris Turner

Sangamon County Recorder announces plans to run for state Senate seat

**POLITICS | Scott Reeder**

Republican Sangamon County Recorder Frank Lesko announced Tuesday that he will run for the state Senate seat now held by Doris Turner.

Lesko was elected recorder last year when he defeated incumbent Josh Langfelder by 31 votes with more than 100,000 cast. Before being elected recorder he served as the Springfield city clerk.

Turner, a Democrat, was initially appointed to fill the seat vacated by Andy Manar after he took a job working for Gov. JB Pritzker. She was elected to the post in 2022 when she defeated then-state Rep. Sandy Hamilton with 51% of the vote.

The district leans slightly Democratic. Kamala Harris carried it with a margin of 1.2% over President Donald Trump in 2024. Despite this, Republicans expressed optimism about Lesko's chances.

"Frank Lesko has demonstrated his tireless work ethic, a deep commitment to public service and an ability to bring common sense leadership to local government," Senate GOP leader John Curran, R-Downers Grove, said at a campaign kickoff event held Aug. 26 at United Contractors Midwest.

"He has never forgotten that government's job is to serve the people, not the other way around. He knows firsthand the concerns of working families, taxpayers and seniors. His campaign will focus on lowering costs for working families, protecting your hard-earned dollars and bringing accountability needed to state government," Curran said. "Taking back this seat is one of our top priorities, and Frank Lesko is the candidate who can win."

Lesko ran for recorder on the platform of eliminating the office and making its responsibilities part of the county clerk's office.

"My biggest accomplishment, I think, is merging the offices and saving the county taxpayers many, many dollars," he said. "That's been one of the huge accomplishments that I've made. And I believe that the taxpayers are going to see it. They're going to see a government downsized, operating more efficiently. (It's) just a better way to do business."

However, Sangamon County Board member and attorney Tony DelGiorno challenged that assertion, noting that Lesko originally intended to wait to phase out the office until November 2028 after serving his full four-year term. DelGiorno, a Democrat, sponsored a resolution to place a referendum on the April 2025 ballot to eliminate the



Frank Lesko announces his candidacy for the state Senate seat now held by Doris Turner at an Aug. 26 campaign kickoff event. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

recorder's office on April 1, 2026. The measure passed overwhelmingly, with 67.5% of voters supporting it.

"Frank Lesko did nothing to support early elimination of the recorder's office until a bipartisan majority of the County Board held his feet to the fire and voted to put it to the voters ASAP," DelGiorno said in a written response to Lesko's campaign announcement. "We made him keep his campaign pledge. Now he wants to be rewarded for something he didn't initially support?"

Lesko has also come under fire for issues related to his recent transition from the city to the county. He assumed the position of county recorder Dec. 2 but did not vacate his city clerk post until more than a month later, despite several council members calling on him to resign and questioning how he could be allowed to hold two full-time jobs simultaneously.

Lesko told the council at the time, "I challenge anybody to qualify anything that hasn't been done in the city clerk's office. That office has been covered."

One of Lesko's former employees from the city clerk's office, Nicole Cunningham, followed him to the county. Lesko, who campaigned on a platform of saving taxpayers money, tried but failed to give her a 15% raise to become his second-in-command. Both Democrats and Republicans on the GOP-controlled County Board's Building and Grounds Committee pushed back on

the proposed \$80,000 pay level, and the panel reduced the amount to \$72,000 before approving the chief deputy clerk salary.

Lesko was recruited by the Senate Republican caucus to run for the post.

Sangamon County Democratic Chairman Bill Houlihan was not as sanguine about Lesko.

"They have nobody else in their farm team that's willing to take on a tough candidate," he said. "And in my opinion, it's likely Frank was probably their fifth choice, and he was the first one that said 'yes.'"

Lesko has spent his career working for government at the city, county and state levels. He has also served elected terms as the Ward 4 alderman for the Springfield City Council and as a Springfield Park District trustee.

Sen. Steve McClure, R-Springfield, compared Lesko to Abraham Lincoln.

"I'm from Springfield, and you know, public service is a good thing," he said. "People that are in public service for the right reasons are people that we should support and help and also be proud of. And you know, Abraham Lincoln spent a large portion of his life in public service and he was a great man. That's the person who many of us idolize in the Springfield area. And I think it's a good, noble thing to be in public service as long as you're in it for the right reasons." □

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# Don Tracy to run for U.S. Senate

Will Illinois GOP back its former chair, despite infighting?

**POLITICS | Scott Reeder**

Don Tracy, the former chair of the Illinois Republican Party and scion of the family that owns the largest food redistributor in North America, wants to be the next U.S. senator from Illinois.

The 75-year-old Springfield lawyer said his background makes him particularly qualified to replace retiring U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Springfield.

"I want to put my years of experience in the real world to work in Washington, D.C., to work on reducing the cost of living, champion Midwestern values and represent all of Illinois, not just Chicago," Tracy told *Illinois Times*.

The candidacy comes at a time when the Illinois GOP is struggling, having failed to win a statewide race in a decade. The party is also plagued by infighting between the group's right wing and the remainder of the party.

Last year, after more than three years at the helm of the party, Tracy quit. He had been elected in a contentious vote of the 17-person Illinois Republican State Central Committee following the Jan. 6 riot in the nation's capital.

"In better days, Illinois Republicans came together after tough intra-party elections," Tracy wrote at the time of his resignation. "Now, however, we have Republicans who would rather fight other Republicans than engage in the harder work of defeating incumbent Democrats by convincing swing voters to vote Republican."

But now, party members seem to welcome Tracy's candidacy for the nation's upper house.

"I think Republicans will come together. They're not going to vote for a Democrat. So, whether he can get those crossover votes is really the question, and it will be difficult for him," said former state Rep. Jeanne Ives, a conservative within the party. "The grassroots and some conservatives were not in favor of him continuing as the chair of the Republican party. At the same time, I have a lot of respect for Don Tracy, and especially the company that he and his family have built. He's a respectful, decent man, and he'll be right on the policies. And so hopefully people will come together behind him."

Patrick Pfingsten, who publishes the *Illinoize* political newsletter, said a Tracy candidacy is a means for the GOP not to embarrass itself by otherwise nominating a not-ready-for-prime-time candidate.



Illinois Republican Party Chairman Don Tracy rallies the party faithful at the 2023 Illinois State Fair. Less than a year later, Tracy announced his resignation, citing party infighting. CREDIT: CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS FILE PHOTO BY JERRY NOWICKI

"I've heard from a pollster that a Republican candidate in the state essentially starts down 12 points right now," he said. "That's a huge gap to make up. He's not a dumb guy. He is a smart, serious, decent guy, and he knows it's an uphill battle."

So, why does a talented, wealthy lawyer choose to spend his golden years taking on such a Herculean task?

"I think Don is at a place in his life where he feels like he can still do more in public life," Pfingsten said. "Also, as a party guy, a Republican party stalwart (he's one of) a certain number of Republicans out there who are desperately hoping that the party won't embarrass itself, and when the party is dangerously close to embarrassing itself, those grownups — those elder statesmen — have to step up and do something. This is Don's way of stepping up and doing something."

Three Democrats are vying for their party's nomination for the Senate seat: Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton, U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi and U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly.

Conventional wisdom is that midterm congressional elections tend to favor the political party out of the White House. However, Tracy said that is no longer a given.

"In the Trump era, conventional wisdom has been more often wrong than right," Tracy said. "If the economy tanks next summer because the Trump peace and prosperity agenda didn't work, I think conventional wisdom will win out. On the other hand, if

the economy is doing very, very well, like it was doing in the last year of the first Trump term, then I like my odds — particularly if the three Democrats have a vicious, bloody, robust primary that leaves the Illinois Democrat Party divided."

Tracy's platform is typical Republican fare: lower taxes, less government regulation.

"I'll focus on the underlying factors or root causes of cost-of-living increases," he said. "We have too much regulation, which increases the cost of private enterprise, government and households. High taxes increase the cost of living. High interest rates increase the cost of living. Probably the biggest increase in the cost of living that people have noticed recently are in their utility bills. And that's because of bad federal energy policy like pushing for solar and wind."

"I think it's good to have diverse energy sources, but not to the detriment of a reliable energy grid. The national policy has been basically a war on fossil fuels, which provide the most reliable, widespread and cheapest energy source by far. We've been spending billions subsidizing green energies, which we were moving toward anyway. We need to move toward (them), but it can't be at the expense of the grid and our pocketbooks. We can't bankrupt our people rushing into this new era." □

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# Ninety years of Social Security

Mayor, state politicians answer questions about energy costs at AARP forum

NEWS | Dilpreet Raju

Dozens of AARP members piled into the main hall of Erin's Pavilion on Aug. 20 to hear what local politicians had to say about problems facing retired communities in Springfield. The event also served as a 90th anniversary celebration for the Social Security Act signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

AARP Illinois senior director of advocacy and outreach Ryan Gruenfelder warned the crowd that the 100th birthday may have a gloomier mood with an impending Social Security funding gap beginning in 2034, unless action is taken by Congress.

"It will be able to pay 80% of benefits from the year 2034 moving forward, that's what the Social Security Trustees report says," Gruenfelder told the crowd. "People will lose, on average, about \$4,000 per year of their Social Security benefits if they don't close that particular gap."

He informed the audience that the benefit gap is something AARP has genuine concern over and is communicating with federal elected officials about. AARP reports retired workers in Sangamon County receive average payments totaling around \$23,000 each year while disabled workers receive roughly \$17,500 annually.

"There are options to change it and we are just working hard with those federal elected officials to make sure that they are going to prioritize making changes to fix that gap before we get to the year 2034, so the program is here for you," he said. "We have been hearing from people of all ages, not just older adults... talking with college students about it and how they expect the program to be there."

Gruenfelder said AARP Illinois invited multiple federal officials, although none were in attendance.

To answer his and members' questions were Mayor Misty Buscher, state Rep. Mike Coffey, and state Sens. Doris Turner and Steve McClure.

## Energy costs

While the discussion varied from local to national issues, energy costs along with data centers and the resulting community costs in power and water bills ended up front and center. Buscher, who reminded the audience that the mayor of Springfield is also CEO of CWLP, said Springfield can keep energy costs low due to the city's ability to generate its own power.



AARP Illinois members gathered Aug. 20 to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Social Security Act and hear from a panel of local politicians about issues affecting area seniors. PHOTO BY DILPREET RAJU

"If we stop generating power, we will lose the power of you having an affordable bill. Balancing our portfolio is extremely important to me as your mayor to give you your energy. Make it reliable, affordable energy," Buscher said. "We have many solar contracts that we have hammered out in my short two years there. We are increasing our portfolio; it already had wind in it, now it has solar."

She said the city is exploring how to repurpose its coal-fired power plant, which supplied almost 35% of the power Springfield consumed in 2024, as state law requires the coal power plants to close by 2045.

"We're doing a study to convert that to a different form of energy," Buscher said before turning her attention to the prospect of data centers in Springfield. "Data centers do pull a lot of, not just energy, but water as well."

She noted how data center energy usage is something the city is keeping an eye on.

"We want to make sure if we have those in our community, we balance that and do not overload our community with that so you still have ample supply of power and water. And we are watching that from the municipal level, just so you know," she said.

In 2022, Gov. JB Pritzker announced a new data center to be built in Springfield for the state's technology sector, the Department of Innovation and Technology, originally set to be completed by fall 2026. The state

paid roughly \$1.5 million for the almost 10 acres of land in a business park just off South Dirksen Parkway.

More than three and a half years since the announcement, ground has yet to be broken and documents from the Capital Development Board show the project was expected to be over budget until an additional \$65 million was allocated to the project in late 2024.

Coffey, who represents parts of Sangamon County and whose family owns and operates Saputo's and Papa Frank's restaurants, claimed the decision to move away from coal power plants – which the National Institutes of Health and Environmental Protection Agency have deemed hazardous to both human and environmental health – is part of a "global agenda" that will cause Springfield residents to pay more money for power.

"They're going to shut down this power plant here, and they're going to go buy the same power in Missouri from the same kind of power plant, the same kind of power in Indiana, and they're going to transport it in here," he said. "They'll be able to say, 'We got clean energy in Illinois and we are all perfect,' but they're still buying the same power from a coal-powered plant."

Coffey added he supports a diverse energy portfolio but questions the ability to replace the power that Springfield's coal plant provides. □

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Violin Lessons

My sister Pat, a gifted Violinist gave lessons at her home, she also taught her daughters. My niece Jackie Jo says when her lesson time arrived she had to put on her hat and coat gather up her fiddle in its case along with her music, went outside and knocked at the front door, just like all her mother's pupils. She then would have a full lesson and leave again, by the front door. It was psychologically the right things to do. "We never just got crammed in between dinner and dishes," reports Jackie Jo. "We were her pupils then, not just her kids."

2025 Jacqueline Jackson

that dance and sing across the LRS stage at the Hoogland Center for the Arts as they did in 2008.

Most of the faces have changed, but the dream lives on in every Cadillac car (Dave/DeWayne Williams and The Sweethearts/Regina Ivy and Jazmine Hostetter) cruising to roadhouses along the highways of Route 66 from Chicago to L.A. and I-95 from New York and Miami.

It's about dreams. It's about music. It's about family, betrayal and changing. Director Nattalyee Randall and cast member Kevin Ford/Marty know this all too well. We were a part of the 2008 *Dreamgirls* HCFTA show.

If you're not dancing in your seat, you're singing along. If you're not crying, you're laughing, and if you do a little bit of one or the other in the same scene; then, this cast has certainly tapped into your soul and taken you to the next level. Enjoy.

Douglas Yul Holt  
Springfield

ONLY PLATITUDES

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

I seriously doubt Mr. Wang Baodong's platitudes about "the value of peace."  
Larry Wedding  
Springfield



Jasmine French, Liyah Orielle and Calia C. Cole portray The Dreamettes, who are trying to make it in the cutthroat music industry. See Mary Young's review on p. 18. *Dreamgirls* continues Aug. 29-31 at the Hoogland Center for the Arts. PHOTO BY CE NOEL PHOTOGRAPHY

LEGAL BUT NOT GOOD

Not that these are not deserving businesses, or good people that own and run them, but these cannabis grants should be seeking to remedy the very town cannabis is destroying, not the opposite ("City Council approves cannabis grants," Aug. 14). The youth of Springfield are being engulfed in a cloud of marijuana (literally) as children come piling out of their parents' cars smelling of it in the car drop off line (at school). We have kids constantly attempting to get high at school all day, from fifth grade on up, and think it's normal because it's legal.

Legalization and taxation of things we

know are not good for our community will not improve it in the long run. It only pads certain wallets and destroys lives in the process. Let's look harder to positively change the entire community, not based on addiction.

Aaron Graves  
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GOOD REMINDER

I so appreciated the editor's note of Aug. 14 reminding us all of the part we each play in this life of "man's humanity to man."

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Samples of AAN publications from members in attendance at the July conference, which took place in Madison, Wisconsin.. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

# Can alternative papers revive journalism?

Newspapers with strong local voice hope they can

**JOURNALISM** | Maggie Dougherty

Publishers from across the U.S. convened in Madison, Wisconsin, July 9-11 to commiserate, inspire and share survival tips at the annual conference for alternative media organizations. The conference brought media vendors together with over 40 member and associated papers of AAN, formerly known as the Association of Alternative Newsmedia.

Standing in front of journalists, editors and marketing professionals, cartoonist Dan Perkins, known best under his pen name Tom Tomorrow, gave a rousing keynote address.

“I really feel like this is a promising moment for an alt-weekly resurgence,” Perkins said. “There’s a palpable hunger for voices of opposition to the MAGA shit show right now. All the millions of people who marched in the

‘Hands Off’ and the ‘No Kings’ rallies, that’s your audience.”

Not all or even most alternative papers take a left-leaning stance on issues, but Perkins’ remarks reflect a shared desire to carve out a niche among readers. AAN member papers seek to establish a voice that will distinguish them from others in the market, often by covering issues and communities ignored by mainstream media outlets. *Illinois Times* has been a member of AAN since the organization was founded in 1978. *IT* owner Fletcher Farrar attended the first AAN gathering that took place in Seattle, Washington, in January 1978.

“When Darrel Oldham of *Seattle Weekly* called me in the fall of 1977 to invite me to this meeting of ‘alternative’ papers, I had no idea

that we were an ‘alternative’ paper, or that there were others around the country trying to do what we were doing. Going to that first meeting was eye-opening, to say the least,” Farrar said.

Distance from the mainstream brings some room for greater audience trust, especially with the public’s continuing crisis of confidence in the media. A Gallup poll from last year ranked mass media as the least trusted group among 10 U.S. civic and political institutions involved in democratic processes, a ranking below the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

In the poll, 69% of respondents reported that they had little to no confidence in the media’s role in reporting news fully, accurately and fairly. Only 8% reported a “great deal” of confidence.

While the outlook for trust in national news looks bleak, local outlets typically fare better. Almost three quarters of Americans polled by the Pew Research Center last year said they had some or a lot of trust in local outlets, reflecting a trend the Center has reported since 2016.

Yet, for all the trust in local news, local publications struggle to find the resources needed to produce the news readers seek.

The conference highlighted the highs and lows. Perhaps most dramatic was the implosion of AAN paper *Boulder Weekly* in the very week that the paper’s fellow members met in Madison. As reported in a Substack post by journalist Corey Hutchins, the news racks of the alt-weekly that had served the Boulder, Colorado, community since 1993 were empty



for the first time in its 32-year history.

A week after firing editor Shay Castle, the paper's owner, Stewart Sallo, said he did not know when or if the paper would return. If the shutdown is permanent, *Boulder Weekly* will join a growing list of lost papers.

Over the past two decades, more than one in three U.S. newspapers closed, according to last year's Medill State of Local News report. Last year, 130 newspapers ceased operation, averaging 2.5 closures per week. This has left 206 counties without a single local news source, and over 1,500 with only one.

Fewer publications generally means fewer reporters. Since 2005, more than 45,000 editorial and reporting jobs have disappeared, a decline of over 60%, according to the Medill report. Illinois has been particularly hard hit, losing 86% of journalists in the same period – the highest percentage decline in the nation – the *Chicago Sun-Times* reported in late 2024.

The report estimated the impact of news deserts: "Almost 55 million people in the United States have limited to no access to local news."

Many of the papers that continue operating do so in a diminished capacity, either publishing less frequently or moving from print to digital-only formats. Medill found that 80% of all the newspapers which remain in the U.S. now publish only weekly.

## Rebirth as a nonprofit

Madison's *Isthmus*, the conference's host paper, survived the COVID-19 pandemic, but just barely.

Like many other papers, *Isthmus* saw ad revenue dry up as businesses shut down amid the pandemic onset. By April 2020, *Isthmus*



Dan Perkins, center, presents honors at the AAN award ceremony with AAN executive director Todd Stauffer, left. PHOTO BY SHALICIA JOHNSON/ARROWSTAR PHOTOGRAPHY

had announced a pause in publication and laid off staff. The paper's owners did not see a way forward.

But the paper's staff was not ready to see it die and banded together to convert the paper to a nonprofit. Editor Judith Davidoff said what *Isthmus* provided to Madison was worth saving.

"I was just really dedicated to what *Isthmus* has stood for all these years. We put a strong emphasis on quality writing and quality editing," Davidoff said. "It was such an abrupt

end, and I guess I'm a bit of a fighter. I just didn't want to let it go."

The paper provides the most comprehensive community calendar in town, as well as providing a space where readers can pen a personal essay, according to Davidoff. During the pandemic, the staff worked to provide the information people needed, from COVID-19 testing sites to virtual arts and culture events.

They now work with local illustrators and photographers for their cover design to showcase local artists and collaborate with Wisconsin Watch to publish in-depth investigative reports each month. And the paper mentors young people as interns.

Plus, since returning to print in August 2021, the *Isthmus* staff members hand-deliver the paper around town, which allows them a very direct line to their readers. Davidoff recalled a time when she encountered a young fan of the paper while delivering to a local bookstore.

"She kind of squealed and then her friend revealed that she frames most of them in her apartment," Davidoff said.

Davidoff said there was a desire from both advertisers and sources, across age groups, to be in print, adding that her team was always shocked by how many young people would ask, "Is this going to be in print?"

It turned out, readers were willing to pay to support the community benefits provided by the paper. Although *Isthmus* still relies on traditional advertising for about 60% of its revenue, readers now account for around 30% of revenues. Another 10% comes from foundation grants and donor-match fundraisers.

The nonprofit model was widely discussed among AAN members at the conference. Several times, the question was asked, "Are you nonprofit yet?" It is a model with high promises: editorial independence from private ownership and the sense that foundation grant money plus reader contributions will materialize to keep finances afloat. But going nonprofit comes with its own challenges.

"Those grants require time. The applications are sometimes lengthy and they want specific things," Davidoff said.

Pitching stories for grant funding often requires having a large chunk of the work done to ensure stories have a future, especially for niche or investigative stories. *Isthmus* does not always have the resources to support the research needed to apply for grants. In her experience, Davidoff said, there are few grants to directly support operating costs.

Moving to a nonprofit status also involved a learning curve for *Isthmus*, Davidoff said, referring to new skills the editorial staff needed to develop to raise money, manage human resource responsibilities and manage and work with a board of directors.

Davidoff called the current model at *Isthmus* "stable but not sustainable." The paper has money in the bank to make payroll and get the paper out – now monthly instead of weekly – but it struggles to provide benefits or offer time off to the team. To grow and provide more content, Davidoff thinks they would need to hire additional editorial staff.

Each year since its return to print, *Isthmus* celebrates its "Rebootiversary," a vivid reminder to readers and local businesses that, without



*Isthmus* editor Judith Davidoff listens during the AAN awards luncheon.

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community support, this beloved product could disappear again.

Relying on reader support

Reader support is crucial, from small local papers all the way up to alternative national publications like *The Onion* and *Wired* magazine. Although neither is a member of AAN, representatives from both publications made an appearance at the conference.

Danielle Strle, chief product officer at *The Onion*, discussed the satirical publication’s digital rebound and reentry into print last year. Part of the success comes in asking readers to pay, doing it relentlessly, and asking in the same cheeky tone as the rest of the site’s content.

“Have A Written Record of Society’s Collapse,” read one *Onion* ad in Strle’s presentation. “Send Us Money Until the Throbbing Subsidies,” read another.

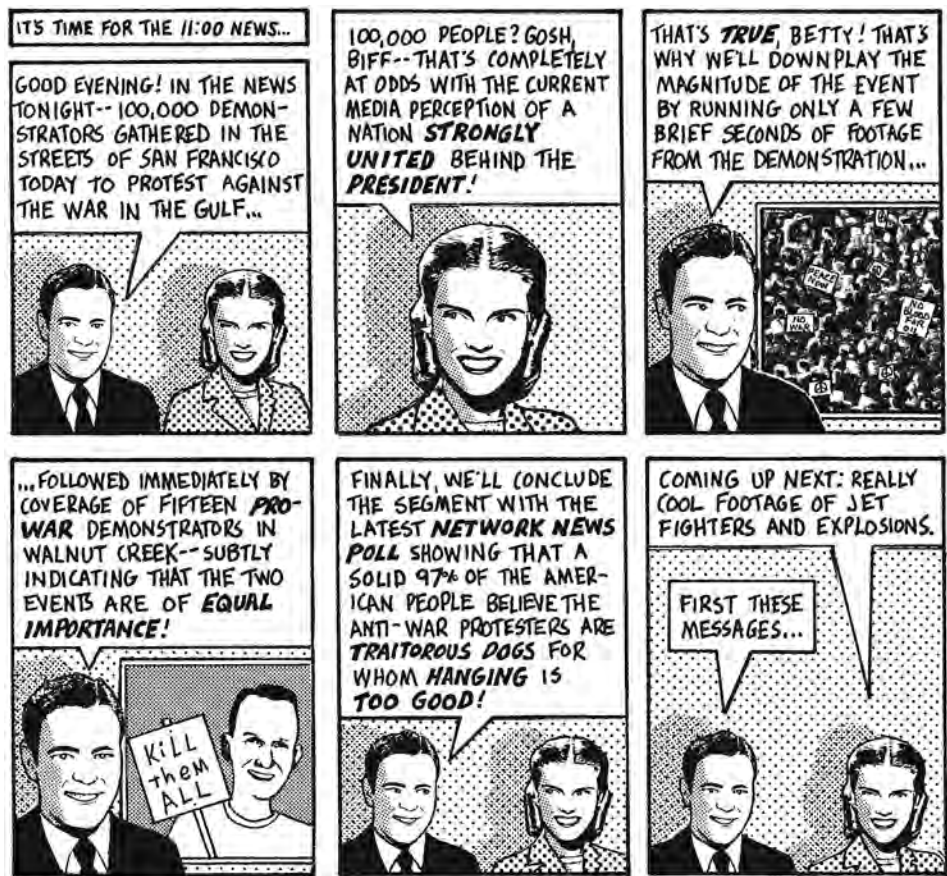
The media company asks readers to contribute in its daily email newsletter, as well as organizing membership campaigns around major stories and holidays. For Father’s Day this year, the paper advertised a 25% discount with phrases like, “THE PATRIARCHY WILL BE PLEASED” and “FINALLY, A CHANCE TO MAKE YOUR FATHER PROUD.”

Strle said *The Onion* is leaning into that brand voice and identity to form a community around the publication in other ways, like selling stickers and allowing readers to ask journalists about their work through Reddit Ask Me Anything forums.

*Wired* Global Editorial Director Katie Drummond, who joined the conference for a “fireside chat,” similarly encouraged attendees to embrace what makes their publications special.

*Wired*, founded in 1993, has always been devoted to coverage of cutting-edge and emerging technologies. Unlike traditional news, it isn’t mandated to cover everything that happens. Rather, the publication can define a precise identity for its coverage. And, that identity has evolved with the times.

“I think *Wired* when it was founded was very much about championing this new era of



This Tom Tomorrow cartoon pokes fun at mainstream news coverage of the 1991 Gulf War protests in San Francisco. COURTESY DAN PERKINS

innovation, this era of technology,” Drummond said in an interview with *Illinois Times*. “Technology in the 90s was counterculture. It was subversive. It was like the rebels and the hackers building the early era of the internet.”

Now with technology companies forming a \$1 trillion industry, Drummond said, that culture has become the establishment. It has meant a shift in how *Wired* covers the tech world, now with a lens of accountability towards the influence of wealthy business leaders like Amazon owner Jeff Bezos, tech billionaire Elon Musk and OpenAI Chief

Executive Officer Sam Altman. “So, the role of journalism in that, of course, is to question the power, question the money, the decisions,” Drummond said. The question of power came into view more distinctly than ever in the past year, when Musk took on the role of “special government employee” to President Donald Trump. *Wired*, which had rarely dabbled in politics before, formed a new politics reporting team under Drummond’s leadership. Drummond saw initial hesitation or pushback from some readers convert into praise

as readers tuned in for the coverage of Musk and the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) initiative. And they showed up with their wallets to support it.

“The most rewarding part of my job recently has been seeing how our journalism translates directly into subscription revenue,” Drummond said. “When we started covering the Trump administration and Elon Musk and DOGE, we saw this massive surge in subscriptions.”

She also credited staff – who she referred to as “very experimental” and “very weird” – for the magazine’s recent success and revenue growth.

“They are very quick to interrogate and ask questions, and so we do really fun, strange things because we have license to as *Wired*,” Drummond said. “At *Wired*, trying the crazy thing is part of the DNA of the place.”

Establishing a strong voice and identity is something Drummond encouraged other publishers to leverage to build a stronger relationship with audiences, especially local papers that are embedded in their communities.

“I have seen firsthand how great journalism turns into money, so I would say not to feel like you need to cheapen your work or back away from provocative journalism or difficult stories,” Drummond advised. “I believe that if you build that direct connection with your community and your audience that there’s a business model that can work.”

Cartoonist Perkins, not always known for his optimism, saw tapping into the alternative as a path forward.

“These are not hopeful times in so many ways and yet I’m urging you to remain hopeful, to remain true to your alternative roots, to keep in mind that what you are doing matters. Adversarial local journalism matters now more than ever, local culture reporting matters, the community you create by doing these things matters.” □

Maggie Dougherty is a summer intern with Illinois Times as she finishes her master’s degree with Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism.

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

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# Plum sauce is perfect

Goes great with fish and chips, burgers, pork tenderloin and more

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

When my college boyfriend and I parted ways, it wasn't the end of our relationship that I cried over – it was his grandmother's plum sauce, similar in flavor and consistency to ketchup. She'd send us back to campus with some after every visit, the thick sauce decanted into upcycled soda bottles. Helen was a delightfully eccentric lady who lived alone with a menagerie of farm animals on the edge of a forest preserve. She had a laugh that was as warm and brash as the wood-burning potbelly stove she still cooked over. I immediately adored her.

Helen harvested the plums herself from a large prune plum tree behind her house. She walked with a cane thanks to a broken hip and, much to the chagrin of her relatives, insisted on climbing a ladder to pick buckets of plump purple plums. But when I asked for the plum sauce recipe she looked at me with a twinkle in her eye and said, "Ha! Not a chance." And that was that.

Two decades later and a half a world away, I still think of her and that addictive plum sauce. Deep aubergine in color, it was spicy-sweet and absolutely perfect with fish and chips or a juicy burger.

With plums just now starting to come into season, I decided it was an ideal time to tinker with replicating her recipe. After a few batches that were good but not quite right I stumbled across a plum sauce recipe from the *Edmond's Cookbook*, essentially New Zealand's version of *The Joy of Cooking*. The recipe was pretty straightforward and as it simmered on the stove a faintly familiar aroma started wafting through my kitchen. After it was puréed,



bottled and cooled, we tested it out on an order of fish and chips. It was tasty, but not quite there, so I stashed it in the garage fridge for a week, as per the instructions in *Edmond's Cookbook*.

This is definitely a recipe that improves after sitting for a while in order to let the intense flavors meld. After some resting time, it was as perfect as I remembered. Turns out it's not only delicious with burgers and chips, but also a sticky sweet glaze for pork tenderloin,

smoked chicken wings or grilled salmon. It's also an immensely riffable recipe. I've since taken to adding a few hot peppers from my garden to the mix for a spicy hot version.

This recipe was originally made with Italian prune plums, sometimes referred to as Fellenberg plums, which are small, oval plums with honey colored flesh and deep indigo skins which turn a brilliant fuschia when cooked. Prune plums can be found in season from late August through September, but this recipe also

works with other varieties of plums and even peaches.

## Plum sauce

Adapted from a recipe in the *Edmond's Cookbook*

### Ingredients:

6 pounds prune plums, halved and pitted  
6 cups malt vinegar  
3 cups brown sugar  
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2 teaspoons ground ginger  
1 teaspoon ground mace or nutmeg

Combine all of the ingredients in a heavy-bottomed nonreactive pot and bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring frequently to dissolve the sugar. Cook for 20-30 minutes until the mixture is soft and pulpy. Remove from the heat and allow it to cool slightly before puréeing in a blender or food processor until smooth. (Use caution when puréeing hot liquids in a blender as pressure can build up inside the blender and force the lid to blow off.)

Return the mixture to the pan and return to a boil. Simmer for five minutes. It can then be poured into clear jars or bottles. Process in a water bath for shelf-stable storage, or decant into bottles to store in the fridge, where it will keep for several weeks. □

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Buckhart Road plays at Sangamo Brewery this Thursday night.

## August ending music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

If you're thinking that Labor Day weekend came quickly, you would be correct. Monday is the first day of September, making this holiday the absolute earliest it can be. Sooner or later, fast or slow, it's all relatively in the time zone that we occupy so let's see what's going on.

Thursday's lineup includes among the usual suspects, a special comeback show by Buckhart Road at Sangamo Brewing Co. in Chatham. Fast friends and fellow singing, songwriting musicians Marty Morris and Tom Beverly do their dynamic duo for the first time in a while, bringing back familiar tunes and introducing a few new ones.

Friday officially kicks off the holiday weekend and the beginning of the end of the summer season. With weather predicted to be more like mid-fall for the next several days, I will go out on the proverbial limb and predict outdoor events will be highly attended and richly enjoyed by a whole bunch of people. Why not start with Craig Russo's Latin Project at the pleasantly designed outdoor stage area at Boone's? The long-running project by the well-versed and well-played, internationally traveled percussionist has been home to various musicians through the years with the present lineup featuring Jason Brewer (trumpet), Adrian Russo (piano), Craig Russo (drums, congas), Jeff Magby (drums, congas) and Toby Curtright (bass) for an astoundingly incredible group of players.

For more outdoor stuff, look for Not Petty popping into Dockside Grill, OAT relaxing in George Rank's beer garden, Hippies of the Heartland peacing out at The Railyard and Chris Camp and John Drake playing the blues at Buzz Bomb. More action held out of doors include Exit 52 ramping up at The Topsy Toad on Dirksen Parkway, The Meerkats cruising cool into Locals in Pawnee, The Collective crossing over at Long Bridge out past the

airport, Stone Cold Cowboys riding the north end range at Weebles and Satellite revolving around the Curve Inn on the south side.

For area Labor Day weekend celebrations presenting a wide assortment of live music, head east to the Edinburg Labor Day Picnic (all day on Saturday and Sunday, plus Monday afternoon), south to the Raymond Celebration (Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings), north to Greenview for the Rusty Bucket's Mini-Music Festival (Friday night, all day and evening Saturday and Sunday) and back south for the Kincaid Labor Day Picnic (Friday evening and all day and evening Saturday and Sunday) and the Auburn Labor Day Picnic (all day and evening on Saturday and Sunday with special mention of a polka dance – including lessons, if needed – Saturday noon to 2 p.m.). Now that's a heap of live music helpings going on with all the individual acts and times available for perusal in our listings.

In downtown Springfield on Saturday, Buzz Bomb hosts the Healing Arts Festival from 2 to 10 p.m. with continuous live music (including Sister Cody and Danni hitting at 3 p.m. and Bruce Williams with Dennis Maberry and Mike Viles playing songs from Bruce's 2023 release *Bing Bong* at 6 p.m., while Black Queen returns to form at 8 and Acid Fog creeps in at 9) along with health information, inspirational talks and displays by local artists.

Saturday rolls forth with nearly 50 shows listed, so let's move on to Sunday since it's like a second Saturday with the Monday holiday ahead. Of the 30 acts listed on our usual Funday, take notice of Rogers & Nienhaus at Trails End in Curran (always a party) and Downstate at Buckhart Tavern (these young guys get it), plus your last chance to see the amazing *Dreamgirls* production happens at the Hoogland at 2 p.m.

Enjoy your holiday, but don't labor over it. □



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

Attention bands, bars and musicians: submit your shows and photos online at [www.illinoistimes.com](http://www.illinoistimes.com) or by email [calendar@illinoistimes.com](mailto:calendar@illinoistimes.com).

Thursday  
Aug 28

**Karaoke**  
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7-10:30pm

**Just 4 Kicks**  
Curve Inn, 6-9pm

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

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

**Karaoke**  
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

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

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

**Daisy Mulch**  
Raymond Celebration, Raymond, 7-9pm

**Karaoke**  
Replay Lounge, 8pm

**Buckhart Road**  
Sangamo Brewing, Chatham, 5:30-8:30pm

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

**Open mic with Sarah Stone**  
The Bird Tavern, 6:30pm

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

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

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

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

Friday  
Aug 29

**Don and Jerry**  
48 Inn Sports Bar & Grill, Decatur, 7:30-10:30pm

**CJ Field**  
AJ's Corner, Chatham, 7-10pm

**Craig Russo Latin Jazz Project**  
Boone's, 5:30-8:30pm

**Mean Streak**  
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

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

**Satellite**  
Curve Inn, 6-9pm

**ESC4P3**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

**Claire Taylor Jazz**  
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 7-9pm

**Not Petty**  
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 6-9pm

**Silas Tockey**  
Docs Just Off 66, Girard, 6-8pm

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

**Karaoke with Vern**  
Future Champions Sports Complex, Jacksonville, 8pm

**OAT**  
George Rank's, 7-10pm

**Astrofix**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

**Midwest Revival**  
Kincaid Labor Day Picnic, Kincaid, 8-11pm

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

**The Meerkats**  
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7-10pm

**The Collective**  
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30pm

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

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

**Friday Night Karaoke**  
Pier 55 Lounge, 8pm

**SSX, Into Eden, Short Notice**  
Pizza Records, Jacksonville, 7pm

**Hippies of the Heartland**  
The Railyard, 6-9pm

**Jamaica & The Wildside**  
Raymond Celebration, Raymond, 7pm

**Big Shake Daddies**  
Raymond Celebration, Raymond, 7-9pm

**Robbie Mitchell and Mike Lewis**  
Rocco's, Decatur, 7pm

**Exit 52**  
The Topsy Toad, 7-10pm

**Neon Rodeo**  
Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 7pm

**Stone Cold Cowboys**  
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30pm

Saturday  
Aug 30

**Downstate**  
Blessed Sacrament School, 5:30pm

**Pizzazz**  
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7pm

**Sister Cody and Danni; Last Heart; Jordan AR; Bruce Williams. Dennis Maberry and Mike Viles; Joe Dawkins; Black Queen; Acid Fog**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 2-10pm

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

**Brandy Kristin Band**  
Curve Inn, 6-9pm

**Made in America - Tribute to Toby Keith**  
The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 7pm

**Robert Sampson**  
Edinburg Labor Day Picnic, Edinburg, 12-3pm

**Bustin' Loose**  
Edinburg Labor Day Picnic, Edinburg, 4:30-7:30pm

**Wreckless Whiskey**  
Edinburg Labor Day Picnic, Edinburg, 9pm-12am

**Karaoke**  
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm.

**Cambry Agbagba**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

**Sara Siders**  
Jenn's Beer Den, Decatur, 6-9pm

**Hippies of the Heartland**  
Kincaid Labor Day Picnic, Kincaid, 3-6pm

**Grand Theft Audio**  
Kincaid Labor Day Picnic, Kincaid, 8-11pm

**Devil's Daughter & The Black Water Band**  
Kissick Family Farm, Franklin, 3-6pm

**Just 4 Kicks**  
Kissick Family Farm, Franklin, 8-11pm

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

**Kortney Leatherwood and Scott Nichols**  
Lucky's on the Square, Petersburg, 2-5pm

**The Woodchips, Crash Planet, Omissions, DangerUS**  
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm

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

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

**Dark Surface, Artificial Light, Hollow Eyes, Pariah**  
Pizza Records, Jacksonville, 7:30pm

**Wowie Zowie**  
Pop's Place, Decatur, 8-11pm

**Karaoke**  
The Railyard, 2-5pm

**Maddie Mizera**  
Raymond Celebration, Raymond, 6:30-8pm

**Bad Decision**  
Raymond Celebration, Raymond, 9pm

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

**Just 4 Kicks**  
Springfield Elks Lodge #158, 6pm

**Rich Van Dorn**  
Stella Coffee & Tea, 10am-12pm

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

**Midwest Revival**  
The Shed, Pawnee, 7-10pm

**3PEACE**  
The Topsy Toad, 6-9pm

**Hat Trick**  
Town Hall Pub, Loami, 7-10pm

**The Guilty Boys**  
Union Park, Auburn, 3-5pm

**The Longmeyer Band**  
Union Park, Auburn, 7-11pm

**The Cocktails**  
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-10pm

**WayZee Way Karaoke Party**  
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 8pm-1am

Sunday  
Aug 31

**Wolf Crick Boys**  
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 3-6pm

**Steph Maguire**  
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7-10pm

**Joel Honey**  
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

**Downstate**  
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

**Star 6 Nine**  
Curve Inn, 6-9pm

**Mike Metz**  
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 1-4pm

**Rhythm of Reverie**  
Edinburg Labor Day Picnic, Edinburg, 12-3pm

**Al and Kathy Kitchen**  
Edinburg Labor Day Picnic, Edinburg, 4:30-7:30pm

**The Remedy**  
Edinburg Labor Day Picnic, Edinburg, 8pm

**Jameson Freeway**  
Firefighters-Postal Lake Club, 6:30-10pm

**Deja Voodoo**  
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

**Matt Combs**  
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

**Satellite**  
Jamie's Route 66, Southern View, 3-6pm

**After School Special**  
Kincaid Labor Day Picnic, Kincaid, 3-6pm

**Stereo Typical**  
Kincaid Labor Day Picnic, Kincaid, 8-11pm

**Amy Battles and Tom Irwin**  
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 6-9pm

**Chris Camp and His Blues Ambassadors**  
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

**Hippies of the Heartland**  
Rocco's, Decatur, 3-6pm

**Robbie Mitchell and friends**  
Shore 22, Decatur, 1-4pm

**Jackash**  
The Shed, Pawnee, 3-6pm

**Rogers & Nienhaus**  
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-7pm

**Jason McKenzie**  
Union Park, Auburn, 3-5pm

**Bustin' Loose**  
Union Park, Auburn, 7-11pm

Monday  
Sep 1

**Kingdom Brothers**  
The Alamo, 7pm

**Hippies of the Heartland**  
Edinburg Labor Day Picnic, Edinburg, 12-3pm

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

**Open mic hosted by Roger Carr and Zach Landess**  
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 2-6pm

Tuesday  
Sep 2

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

**Open jam with Casey Cantrall**  
George Rank's, First Tuesday of every month, 8-11pm

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday  
Sep 3

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

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

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

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

**Me, Myself & Schy**  
Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery, 6pm

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

**Roger & Mandy open mic**  
Trails End Saloon, Curran, First Wednesday of every month, 7pm



# Dreamgirls has lessons of love and show biz

THEATER | Mary Young

If you're a fan of "American Idol," you've probably heard many young hopefuls audition for their chance at stardom with the number, "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going." One can assume these auditionees pick the song because they believe it will showcase their amazing singing ability. This often proves to be the case as we, along with the judges, agree that they are talented singers. But without context, listeners are missing out, no matter how remarkable the vocals.

Within the show *Dreamgirls*, the number is more than an 11th-hour powerhouse that can bring an audience to its feet. It is a climactic moment for a character who is baring her soul to the man she loves, grieving for what is being taken from her and vowing to succeed on her own. In the right hands, this will do more than get a standing ovation – it will give an audience chills and be deeply moving. You have a chance to be one of the lucky ones who gets to experience this right here, live onstage with the Hoogland Center for the Arts' production of *Dreamgirls*.

With music by Henry Krieger and lyrics and book by Tom Eyrn, *Dreamgirls* was the winner of 13 Tony Awards in 1982. A work of fiction, it's loosely based on the history of The Supremes, the famous 1960s girl group, and their relationship with their record label founder, Berry Gordy. The plot centers on The Dreamettes, a group of three young women – Effie White (Calia C. Cole), Deena Jones (Liyah Orielle) and Lorrell Robinson (Jasmine French) – who are trying to make it on their own in a cutthroat industry. Their breakthrough comes when they are discovered by ambitious car-salesman-turned-music mogul Curtis Taylor Jr. (Reggie Guyton), who helps them transition from background singers of the James Brown-esque James "Thunder" Early (Jordan Montague) to stars in their own right. On the path to fame, though, loyalties are challenged, hearts are broken and relationships damaged.

Many plot points, characters and relationship dynamics in the musical mirror real events and people from The Supremes' story, such as the rivalry between the lead singer, Diana Ross, and group member Florence Ballard, along with the relationship between Gordy and Ross. In *Dreamgirls*, we see the gifted Effie replaced as lead singer of The Dreams with the more commercially viable Deena and suggestions to change their sound by the controlling and manipulative Taylor, in an attempt to appeal to a wider audience.

It's a historical reality that for many Black artists in the 60s and 70s, their music was often repackaged for white audiences, stripping them



Left to right: Lexi Tyus, Liyah Orielle, Calia C. Cole and Jasmine French. PHOTO BY CE NOEL PHOTOGRAPHY

of creative autonomy and equitable financial reward. *Dreamgirls* confronts these systemic injustices, particularly the intersectional barriers of race and gender, by depicting Black female artists achieving success in a male-dominated industry while navigating the commodification of their music for mainstream appeal. And it does this with a production that delivers on all fronts.

The show is directed by Nattalyee Randall, a

Springfield native who's currently a professional actor, writer, producer and director in New York City and who herself has played Effie White multiple times. She and the entire creative team have built a truly memorable production that moves at a marathoner's pace and appeals to the heart as well as the senses. Perfectly stylish costumes by Rene Blank and Cindy Wall and their team of hardworking dressers are impressive; scenic designs that pop

by Craig Williams II, illuminated by Kevin Zepp's lighting, effectively evoke the era and the mood throughout the production, as do the realistic and stylish wigs by Heidi Dillon. A trio of co-choreographers (Morgan Kaplan, Andrew Maynerich, Luke Evan Busboom) have the cast always moving with hardly a wasted gesture as they move to the layered score performed by an orchestra that sizzled.

And then there's the cast. The majority of the show is sung and the performers expertly traverse this, as well as some intense emotional ups and downs. As Effie White, Calia C. Cole is excellent. Effie's journey from victim to independent artist stands as a powerful reclaiming of self and forgiveness and Cole succeeds in this while showcasing her remarkable vocals. Her fellow groupmates, the charismatic Jasmine French and the luminous Liyah Orielle, are not just great singers, but also wide-ranging actors who never disappoint. As for Curtis Taylor, Jr., I'm not sure I've seen Reggie Guyton better – and that's saying a lot, because he's always fantastic.

Other standouts include Justin Johnson and Effie's supportive brother and manager, C.C. White, the outrageous James "Thunder" Early played wonderfully by Jordan Montague and Marty, played by Kevin Ford. Lexi Tyus also deserves a mention as Michelle, Effie's eventual replacement in The Dreams.

Catch this one if you can. *Dreamgirls* continues Aug. 29-31 at the HCFTA. Tickets can be purchased by calling 217-523-2787 or visiting hcfta.org. □



Jasmine French, Liyah Orielle and Calia C. Cole portray The Dreamettes, three young women trying to make it in the cutthroat music industry. PHOTO BY CE NOEL PHOTOGRAPHY



# THE CALENDAR



**Healing Arts Festival**  
Sat., Aug. 30, 2-10pm  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co.  
406 E. Adams St.

## MUSIC | Day of music, more planned on Adams Street

**it** They say music soothes the soul. It also can boost the mood and well-being, according to health professionals. Need a dose of well-being this weekend? Then Buzz Bomb Brewing Co. is the place to be Saturday as it hosts the Healing Arts Festival. Several inspirational speakers, health experts and musical acts will present beginning at 2 p.m. when health coach and inspiration speaker Tim Hahn will talk. A raft of speakers and musical acts will follow including Sister Cody and Danni; Alex Clancy; Last Heart; Jordan AR; Tebe Zalango; Bruce Williams, Dennis Maberry and Mike Viles; Joe Dawkins; Black Queen; Sam Oertel; Acid Fog and more. Besides the music, the event will feature healthy food, information, local art and Reiki masters. Joe Wheeler from Healing God's Way will offer health coaching. Admission is free.

## ■ Special Music Events

**Lee Rocker of The Stray Cats with Union Avenue**  
Fri., Aug. 29, 7pm. Lee Rocker made his mark singing, playing, standing on, spinning and rocking his giant upright bass as a member of the Grammy-nominated group The Stray Cats. The Stray Cats sold over 10 million albums and garnered 23 gold and platinum certified records. [devonamphitheater.com](http://devonamphitheater.com). \$13.65-\$35.65. The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 620 E. Riverside Dr., 217-422-5911.

**Rob Brogdon**  
Sun., Aug. 31, 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.

**Tyler Hubbard with Brandon Wisham**  
Thu., Aug. 28, 7pm. Tyler Hubbard has 22 No.1 singles on country radio as well as countless awards and sold-out tours. [devonamphitheater.com](http://devonamphitheater.com). \$39-\$79. The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 620 E. Riverside Dr., 217-422-5911.

## ■ Books & Authors

**Society of Midwestern Authors**  
First Tuesday of every month, 6-7:45pm. Love to write? Check out this skilled, supportive group of local writers for critiques of your work, discussion and networking. [chathamlib.org](http://chathamlib.org). Free. Chatham Area Public Library, Chatham, 600 E. Spruce St., 2174832713.

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

## ■ Theater & Comedy

**Dreamgirls**  
Fri., Aug. 29, 7:30pm, Sat., Aug. 30, 7:30pm and Sun., Aug. 31, 2pm. *Dreamgirls* is a powerful and captivating musical that takes audiences on an emotional journey through the turbulent world of the American music industry during the 20th century. With its roots in the rise of iconic girl groups such as The Supremes, it showcases the complex dynamics of ambition,

friendship, love and betrayal, all set against the backdrop of gospel, R&B, pop and disco music. Directed by professional performer and Springfield native Natalie Randall. [hcfta.org](http://hcfta.org). \$22. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

**Brew Ha Ha - Comedy Open Mic**  
Thu., Aug. 28, 8-10pm. Hosted by Ryne Thorson. No pre-signup. Five-minute sets. Signup starts at 7:30pm. Mic starts at 8pm. Free. Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 406 E. Adams St., 217-679-9005.

## ■ Auditions

**Auditions for The Laramie Project**  
Sept. 2-3, 6pm, 7pm. Crew interviews at 6pm followed by auditions at 7pm. The Laramie Project is by Moises Kaufman and Members of the Tectonic Theater Project. Park in Lot B. Visual and Performing Arts Building (VPA 170), University of Illinois Springfield, One University Plaza, Springfield, [mthom1@uis.edu](mailto:mthom1@uis.edu).

## ■ Dance

**Acrodance and Aerial Silks Clinic**  
Fri., Aug. 29, 5-7:45pm. Class times: Ages 5-9, 5-6pm; 6-7pm,

ages 10 and older; 7-7:45pm, adults. Contact Springfield Dance to reserve classes. \$15-\$20. Springfield Dance, 5531 International Pkwy., 217-483-3623.

## Line Dancing Lessons

Thu., Aug. 28, 7pm. Open class with Boots on the Line. Show that patriotic spirit. Dress in red, white and blue. Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 600 Toronto Road, 217-679-7323.

## Springfield International Folk Dancers

Mondays, 7-9pm. Experience the joy of folk dancing from many cultures. All skill levels welcome and no partners necessary. Free. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-793-8035.

## ■ Art & Architecture

**"Confluence"**  
Wednesdays-Saturdays.. Through Sep. 25. "Confluence" showcases the collaborative work of Laura Anderson and Leslie Stalter, juried artists to the SAA Collective and educators at LLCC. United by a shared interest in the intersection of the natural and manufactured world, their work explores abstraction, metaphor, chaos and control. [springfieldart.org](http://springfieldart.org). Free.

SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

## "PLEIADES"

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

## The Fiber Circle

Wednesdays, 6-8pm. Through Nov. 26. Love fiber arts like knitting, crochet, embroidery or weaving? Bring your current project to the library for a relaxed and welcoming evening of creativity and conversation. A great space to share tips, get inspired and connect with fellow crafters. [chathamlib.org](http://chathamlib.org). Chatham Area Public Library, Chatham, 600 E. Spruce St., 217-483-2713.

## Illinois, Prairie Pastel Society "Pastel Play" member show

Sep. 2-Oct. 7, 10am-5pm. Presented by the Illinois Prairie Pastel Society. An opening reception will be held from 3 to 5pm Sep. 21. Free. Athens Public Library, Athens, 410 E. Hargrove, 217-636-8047.

## "L'Ephemere"

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

## Make & Mingle

First Wednesday of every month, 5:30-8:30pm. An open studio experience in the Condell Studio. Bring a project and make new friends, discuss ideas, tackle project challenges and mingle with other art-minded individuals. No instruction or materials provided. No reservations needed. Free. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

## Mansion Tours

Saturdays, Sundays, 1:45-2:45, 3-4pm. Illinois Department of Natural Resources trained staff and volunteers, called "interpreters," lead this tour of the official residence of Gov. JB and first lady MK Pritzker. Tour focuses on the history of the mansion. No self-guided tours are permitted.

Reserve a spot on [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com). Free. Illinois Governor's Mansion, 410 E. Jackson St., 217-782-6450.

## "NOIR V: Resilience"

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

## Peace Signs

Sat., Aug. 30, 10am-12pm. Celebrate International Peace Day by decorating peace signs. Wooden peace signs with a plethora of bits and bobs for decorating will be provided. Price includes a free cup of coffee or tea. \$10. Stella Coffee & Tea, 1135 W. Governor St., 262-622-3151.

## Statewide: Illinois Artist Showcase

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

## ■ Food & Drink

### Kissick Family Hog Roast

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

### Old Capitol Farmers Market

Wednesdays, Saturdays, 8:30am-12:30pm. Through Oct. 26. Springfield's longest-running and most popular Farmers Market in beautiful #downtown Springfield. Largest producer-only market in Illinois outside of Chicago. Old Capitol Farmers Market, Fourth and Adams streets, [market@downtownspringfield.org](mailto:market@downtownspringfield.org).

## ■ Holiday Happenings

### Auburn Labor Day Picnic

Aug. 30-31. Two days of family-friend fun featuring a parade, pickleball tournament, live music, children's activities, food, carnival



games and more. Union Park, Auburn, 115 E. Madison, 217-414-9259.

### Edinburg Labor Day Picnic

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

### Kincaid Labor Day Picnic

Fri., Aug. 29, 5pm-12am, Sat., Aug. 30, 12pm-12am and Sun., Aug. 31, 12pm-12am. Stars, Strips and Summer Nights. Three days of family-family fun in honor of Labor Day. Features children's activities, live music, a Saturday parade, games and crafts, food and much more. Kincaid Labor Day Picnic, Kincaid, Kincaid Park, 237-4713.

## Fairs & Festivals

### Blessed Sacrament School Centennial Celebration

Sat., Aug. 30, 5:30pm. Celebrate Blessed Sacrament School's 100th year of learning to make a difference. A ticket includes appetizers, beverages and live music from from Downstate. Take a school tour and

visit with retired teachers. \$35 per person. Blessed Sacrament School, 748 W. Laurel, 217-522-7534.

### Moonlight Market

First Wednesday of every month, 6-9pm. Through Sep. 4. Moonlight Market highlights local crafters, artists and makers from around the Central Illinois area. On Jackson Street between Sixth and Seventh streets. Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery, 500 S. Sixth St., 217-670-0627.

### Raymond Celebration

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

### Summer Block Party

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

## Fundraisers and Galas

### Cardboard Boat Regatta

Sun., Aug. 31, 1-5 p.m. The races

and Island Party, which benefit Special Olympics Illinois-Region H., will start at 1pm. Register online to enter a boat. Includes food truck and live music by Dave Littrell after the races. Sheedy Shores WineGarden, 10300 Johns Creek Road, 217-791-7291.

## Lectures & Meetings

### Capital Area Woodworkers Guild

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

### Caring for the Caregiver

Thu., Aug. 28, 9am. Event is designed for individuals who are retired or nearing retirement and want to stay connected in the community. This month's topic, "Caring for the Caregiver," will be presented by guest speaker Taylor Stevens from Synergy HomeCare. Taylor will share practical tips and insights to help caregivers take care of themselves while caring for others. Includes light refreshments and an opportunity to connect with fellow Always United members. RSVP encouraged., Walk-ins welcome. Free. Memorial Center

for Learning and Innovation, 228 W. Miller St., 217-726-7000.

### Lincoln Land Depression Era Glass and Pottery Club

Tue., Sep. 2, 2-4pm. Learn more about Depression era glass. Meeting includes interesting lectures and show and tell time. The September topic is creamers and sugars. Free. Hope Presbyterian Church, 2211 Wabash Ave., 217-529-3055.

### Pride on the Eastside

Fourth Thursday of every month, 5:30-6:30pm. A social group and support meeting for LGBT and people of color. Phoenix Center OUT East, 704 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-528-5253.

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

Tue., Sep. 2, 5:30-7:30pm. This ongoing discussion about police reform, victim advocacy and equitable treatment of all citizens is open to the public. The meeting will be in the Carnegie Room North on the first floor. Free. Lincoln Public Library, Lincoln, 725 Pekin St., 217-732-8878.

### Nerd Nite

Sat., Aug. 30, 6:30-7:30 p.m. A

back-to-back, one-two punch of nerd-dom. Jelani Hannah will discuss "Quantabilities: Where Sci-Fi Meets the Everyday," and J.D. Reynolds will talk about "Miniature Wargaming: What is Warhammer 40,000?" Nerd Nite is a community-led program where anyone is invited to share what they're passionate (that is, nerdy!) about. illinoisstatemuseum.org. Vinegar Hill Mall, 107 W. Cook St., 217-782-0061.

## Bulletin Board

### Boot Scootin Bash

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

### Downtown Springfield Community Cleanup Day

Last Sunday of every month, 1-3pm. Through Sep. 28. Meet at the DSI office. Snacks and supplies will be provided. downtownspringfield.org. Downtown Springfield, Inc., 3 W. Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-544-1723.

### Sangamon Valley Woodcarvers annual show

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

## Health & Fitness

### Free Farmers Market

Saturdays, 10-11am. Through Aug. 30. Join us for our free Farmers Market, held onsite. We share our surplus of fresh organic produce with everyone. Free. Enos Park Neighborhood Garden, 1022 N. Fifth St., 217-610-0720.

## Sports

### Springfield Mile

Sat., Aug. 30, 12pm and Sun., Aug. 31, 12pm. The annual Labor Day weekend doubleheader of the world's premier flat track motorcycle racing series. You just now imagined the sound of all those motorcycles roaring past the Grandstand, didn't you? americanflattrack.com. \$20-\$150. Illinois State Fair Grandstand, 801 E. Sangamon Ave., 217-632-0277.



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## Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. MARCUS BERTRAND AKA MARCUS T. BERTRAND; BETHANY BERTRAND AKA BETHANY K. BERTRAND; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s). CASE NO. 2024FC000037 Property Address: 1825 S College St Springfield, IL 62704 NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on September 11, 2024, I, Sheriff Paula Crouch of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on September 30, 2025, commencing at 9:00AM, Sangamon County Building, Sangamon South Auditorium, 1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit: Commonly known as: 1825 S College St , Springfield, IL 62704 P.I.N.: 22-04.0-252-050; 22-04.0-252-068 First Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$77,015.94 IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c) (1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT. Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County. The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit [www.dallegal.com](http://www.dallegal.com) 24 hours prior to sale. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 453-6960 [midwestpleadings@dallegal.com](mailto:midwestpleadings@dallegal.com) 8051-957224

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Amy Aronson (6206512) THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION. 8051-956902

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF Sangamon - Springfield, ILLINOIS Data Mortgage Inc., dba Essex Mortgage Plaintiff vs. James T. Sutton; et. al; Defendant 25 FC 9 CALENDAR NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on September 17, 2025, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Harvatn Law Office, 1100 South 5th Street, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-23.0-277-051 aka 14-23-277-051. Commonly known as 1859 Camden St., Springfield, IL 62702. The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-25-00288 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION [intercountyjudicialsales.com](http://intercountyjudicialsales.com) I3271084

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff(s), vs. LISA M. NATALE A/K/A LISA M. LEINIGNER, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNIFUND CCR, LLC, Defendant(s). Case No. 25 FC 11 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on September 16, 2025, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit: Common Address: 2061 E. BUCHANAN ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 P.I.N. 22-14.0-179-015 A/K/A 22-14-179-015 P.I.N. 22-14.0-179-015 A/K/A 22-14-179-015 Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information. The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours

of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808 Timothy R. Yuell - ARDC #6192172 Greg Elsnic - ARDC #6242847 Aaron Nevel - ARDC #6322724 Andrew Chu - ARDC #6285924 175 North Franklin St. Suite 201 Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 357-1125 Pleadings@nevellaw.com SL # 24-03027 8051-956786

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC., Plaintiff(s), vs. SIDNEY L. NEWELL A/K/A SIDNEY NEWELL, U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, N.D., Defendant(s). Case No. 24 FC 177 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on September 16, 2025, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit: Common Address: 1125 N. 1ST ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 P.I.N. 14-28.0-227-030 A/K/A 14-28-227-030 Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information. The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at <http://>

The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808 Timothy R. Yuell - ARDC #6192172 Greg Elsnic - ARDC #6242847 Aaron Nevel - ARDC #6322724 Andrew Chu - ARDC #6285924 175 North Franklin St. Suite 201 Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 357-1125 Pleadings@nevellaw.com SL # 24-03027 8051-956786

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF, VS. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WAYNE E VAN HEMERT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; JOLEEN BOOTH; JENNIFER MOYER, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF WAYNE E VAN HEMERT, DEFENDANTS. NO. 2024FC000133 2204 CATALINA LANE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on April 23, 2025, will on September 23, 2025, in the Sangamon South Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: TAX NO. 14-11.0-401-030 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2204 Catalina Lane Springfield, IL 62702 Description of Improvements: Single-family one story frame house with a attached two car, garage, yellow and maroon, not for sale air condition electricity on The Judgment amount was \$67,333.44. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at <http://>

[iforeclosuresales.mrpilc.com](http://iforeclosuresales.mrpilc.com). Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 24-193121L PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3265343

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 COURT SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. The sale shall be subject to Court approval. Buyer will be entitled to possession 30 days after the sale is confirmed by the Court. (A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Timothy J. Rigby Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 (B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 901 & 915 West Laurel, Springfield, Illinois 62704 (C) Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Tax Identification Number: 22-04-110-018 and 22-04-110-019 (D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: 12,975 square foot single level commercial building on .30 acres in the S-2 zoning District (E) No times have been specified in the judgment of foreclosure for inspection of the real estate prior to sale. (F) The time and place of the sale are: Time: 9:00 a.m. September 23, 2025 Place: Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South Ninth Street Springfield, Illinois 62704 (G) The terms of the sale are: Twenty-five percent (25%) of sale price at time of sale and balance within twenty-four (24) hours. (H) Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances prior to the mortgage of United Community Bank, all general real estate taxes, special assessments if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all encroachments, if any. 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](mailto:trigby@hswnet.com) [aprilaman@hswnet.com](mailto:aprilaman@hswnet.com) NOTE: This communication is made for the purpose of collecting a debt. Any information obtained in response to this communication may be used for that purpose. 8051-957413



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS myCUMortgage, LLC Plaintiff, vs. Amber P Hawkins, AKA Amber P. Frazee Defendants. Case No. 2024FC000007 3036 South 13th Street, Springfield, IL 62703 Judge Adam Giganti NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on August 6, 2025, Paula Crouch will on October 7, 2025, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, in person only at 1 Copley Plaza, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 3036 South 13th Street, Springfield, IL 62703 Parcel Number(s): 22-10-0-453-006 The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, MDK Legal, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 25-009897. Edward R. Peterka MDK LEGAL Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 Telephone: 312-651-6700 Fax: 614-220-5613 Attorney. No.: 6220416 Email: stattee-file@mdklegal.com 8051-957451

# PUBLIC NOTICES

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

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of

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

Death Claim IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: WANDA MAE WEATHERFORD, Deceased. Case No.: 2025-PR-202 CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of WANDA MAE WEATHERFORD of Springfield, Illinois, and that Letters of Administration with Will Annexed were issued on August 14, 2025 to DIANA HURT and MICHELLE HURT, of 3313 Haviland Drive, Springfield, IL 62704, whose attorney is Stephen Iden of Young Law Partners, P.C., 1300 South 8th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, and with the offices of Young Law Partners, P.C., Attorneys for Executor, or both, within six (6) months from the date of publication and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to their attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed. DIANA HURT and MICHELLE HURT, Administrators with Will Annexed of the Estate of WANDA MAE WEATHERFORD, Deceased Attorney's Address: Stephen Iden Registration No.: 6243158 YOUNG LAW PARTNERS, P.C. 1300 South Eighth Street Springfield, Illinois 62703 Telephone: (217) 544-8500 Facsimile: (217) 544-6200 8051-957342

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE ESTATE OF GREGORY A. PATTERSON, Deceased. Case No.: 2025-PR-323 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF WILL AND CLAIMS Notice is hereby given of the death of Gregory A. Patterson. Letters of Office were issued. The name and address of the Administrator is Danielle K. Durham, 458 S. John Wayne Rd, Dawson, IL. 62520. James Ackerman is counsel for the Administrator. His address is Ackerman Law Office, P.C., 2601 South Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before March 21, 2026. Any claim not filed on or before March 21, 2026, is barred. Copies of the 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 21st day of August 2025. Danielle K. Durham, Administrator By: /s/ James W. Ackerman James W. Ackerman, Attorney for Administrator PREPARED BY: James W. Ackerman 06192795 ACKERMAN LAW OFFICE 2601 South Fifth Street

Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 789-1977 jim@ackermanlawoffices.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SHELBY COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of SANDRA F. CLEVINGER, Deceased. NO. 2025-PR-31 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Sandra F. Clevenger of Windsor, Shelby County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 11, 2025, to Laurie Snyder, 2127 N. 17th St., Springfield, Illinois 62702, 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 Shelby County Courthouse, 301 East Main Street, Shelbyville, Illinois 62565, or with the representative or both, on or before February 18, 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 18th day of August, 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 362436

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of: George Massie. Deceased Case No. 2025-PR-000331 Claim Notice Notice is given of the death of George Massie. Letters of Administration were issued on Aug. 19, 2025 to Gina Massie as Administrator, 2400 Hurstbourne Lane, Chatham IL 62629. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the Administrator, on or before Feb. 28, 2026. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Administrator within 10 days after it has been filed. Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN RE THE ESTATE OF: BRENDA K. BARTELHEIM, Deceased. 2025-PR-333 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Brenda K. Bartelheim. Letters of Administration were issued on August 19, 2025, to Shelly D. Shillings of 1712 Linden St., So. Jacksonville, IL 62650 as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Dan E. Way, WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before March 2, 2026, which is not less than six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, 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.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAO/gethelp.asp, or contact your local Circuit Clerk's office. Dated this 19th day of August 2025 Dan E. Way #6204735 WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC Attorney for Administrator 1100 S. Fifth Street Springfield, IL 62703 Ph.: (217) 525-7003

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: MARK S. HEISSINGER, Deceased. NO. 2025-PR-332 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Mark S. Heissinger of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 19, 2025, to Linda S. Rudolph-Heissinger, 1905 Young Road, Mechanicsburg, Illinois 62545, 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 February 26, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 19th day of August, 2025. Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 bsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANTHONY JOHNKOSKI, DECEASED. NO. 2025-PR-197 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of ANTHONY JOHNKOSKI of Springfield, Illinois, who died on the 4th day of March, 2025. Letters of office were issued on August 13, 2025, to JOHN JOHNKOSKI, 8036 Hunt Rd., Springfield, IL 62712, whose attorney is TRENT S. WEST of the Law Offices of Glenn & West, LLC, 320 West Central Street, P. O. Box 36, Nokomis, IL 62075. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months after date of first publication of this notice or three (3) months from date of mailing to creditor whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before such 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. TRENT S. WEST, #6307305 Attorney for Personal Representative 320 West Central Street P. O. Box 36 Nokomis, IL 62075 Telephone: 217/563 7777 office@glennwestlaw.com

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

In the Matter of the Estate of G. DAVID MEINERS, Deceased. IN PROBATE NO. 2025PR000324 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of G. DAVID MEINERS, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on August 11, 2025, to LEE ANN MEINERS, Executor, 13705 Oscar Road, Marion, IL. 62959, whose attorney is Robert A. Stuart, Jr., Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th St., Ste. 1000, Springfield, IL 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before February 21, 2026, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Dated this 11th day of August, 2025. Robert A. Stuart, Jr. Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP 205 S. 5th St., Ste. 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-8491 rstuart@bhsllaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HELEN Y. ROBBINS, DECEASED Case #2025-PR-330 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of HELEN Y. ROBBINS. Letters of Office have been issued to CLINTON G. ROBBINS, 2545 Winfield Drive, Springfield, IL 62704 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before March 2, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 14th day of August, 2025. William P. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CONNIE LYNNE BRITZ, Deceased NO. 2025PR000318 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Lori Lynne Britz, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on August 13, 2025, to Lori Lynne Britz, 6811 N. State Route 29, Springfield, IL 62707, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. 6th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 23rd day of February, 2026, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has

been filed. Dated this 13th day of August, 2025. Gregory P. Sgro Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP 1119 S. 6th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY ELIZABETH FERN CLARK, Deceased NO. 2025PR000291 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Mary Elizabeth Fern Clark, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on August 13, 2025, to Sara Lea Clark, 3501 Ridgely Road, Lot 14, Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 23rd day of February, 2026, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 13th day of August, 2025. Gregory P. Sgro Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP 1119 S. Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHNNY E. JARRETT, Deceased. NO. 2025PR000320 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Johnny E. Jarrett, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on August 13, 2025, to Shane G. Fuoss, 2917 Sandgate Road, Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. 6th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 23rd day of February, 2026, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 13th day of August, 2025. Gregory P. Sgro Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP 1119 S. 6th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 789-1200

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DELORES J. BALL, DECEASED. NO. 2025-PR-300 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES Notice is given of the death of DELORES J. BALL, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 8, 2025, to HEYWARD



R. BALL, of 9180 Illinois 29, Cantrall, IL 62625 whose attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; P.O. Box 52, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701 or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 21st day of August 2025 being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) and pursuant to Section 6-11 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-11) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate. Dated this 12th day of August 2025 HEYWARD R. BALL, Administrator of the Estate of DELORES J. BALL, Deceased BY: DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney Attorneys for Estate: Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney IARDC No. 6277358 DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC P.O. Box 52 Springfield, IL 62705 Tel. 217-773-5337 Fax. 855-461-3250 Email: [tony@delgiornolawoffice.com](mailto:tony@delgiornolawoffice.com) Service: [service@delgiornolawoffice.com](mailto:service@delgiornolawoffice.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of: Peggy Cook, Deceased. No. 2025-PR-314 NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE Notice is given of the death of Peggy Cook, of Salisbury, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on August 5, 2025 to Ron Cook, 940 N. Milton Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, 62702, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Peggy Cook of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Ron Cook, John Cook, Audrey Schwartz, Rosalie Woodard, and Dorothy Noble as the only heirs of Peggy Cook. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act, 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court Sarah Delano Pavlik - 6269250 DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC Attorneys for Executor One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: 217-544-2703

Fax: 217-544-4664 [sdpavlik@delanolaw.com](mailto:sdpavlik@delanolaw.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT E. POHL, DECEASED Case #2025-PR-322 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of ROBERT E. POHL. Letters of Office have been issued to MARY ANN POHL, 1412 Mossman, Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Administrator, or both, on or before February 25, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 11th day of August, 2025. Patrick J. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SANDRA K. ENGLAND, DECEASED Case #2025-PR-321 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of SANDRA K. ENGLAND. Letters of Office have been issued to KEVIN ROBERT ENGLAND, 1800 Grist Mill Dr., Springfield, IL 62711, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before February 25, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 11th day of August, 2025. William P. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of: Timothy H. O'Connell, Deceased Claim Notice Notice is given of the death of Timothy H. O'Connell. Claims against the Estate may be filed with the Executor Andrew M. O'Connell, 319 South Glenwood Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704, on or before, Feb. 14, 2026. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CRAIG KENT CRAWFORD, DECEASED Case #2025-PR-315 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LORRAINE R. HAMRICK, DECEASED Case #2025-PR-316 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of LORRAINE R. HAMRICK. Letters of Office have been issued to JAMES GREGORY HAMRICK, 3408 Red Hawk, Springfield, IL 62711, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before February 20, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 8th day of August, 2025. Patrick J. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY LOUISE BERNET, DECEASED Case #2025-PR-310 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of BETTY LOUISE BERNET. Letters of Office have been issued to MARK EUGENE BERNET, 1117 Prospect Drive, Flower Mound, TX 75028, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before February 20, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 6th day of August, 2025. Patrick J. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: GIOVANNI PAPILI, SR. Deceased. Case No. 2025-PR-306 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of GIOVANNI PAPILI, Sr., of Rochester, Sangamon County, Illinois, on December 23, 2024. Letters of Testamentary were issued on the 22nd of July, A.D., 2025, to LISA PAPILI and MARIO PI-ETRO PAPILI, 212 E. Menard Street, Riverton, Illinois 62561, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Sangamon County Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed. DATED this 31st day of July, A.D., 2025. ESTATE OF GIOVANNI PAPILI, SR., Deceased, BY: /s/Pamela E. Hart Pamela E. Hart, one of his Attorneys. PREPARED BY: Pamela E. Hart (6299974) SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C. Attorneys at Law 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200 Springfield, IL 62701 Telephone: (217)753-8200 [peh@scottscottlaw.com](mailto:peh@scottscottlaw.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of: Sara Elizabeth Martin. Deceased Case No. 2025-PR-000305 Claim Notice Notice is given of the death of Sara Elizabeth Martin. Letters Testamentary were issued on Aug. 4, 2025 to Sara Berkbigler as Executor, 2715 Falcon Crest Drive, Edwardsville IL 62025. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the Executor, on or before Feb. 14, 2026. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor within 10 days after it has been filed. Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Morton Community Bank, Plaintiff, Vs. James Elroy Johnson Sr., et. al. Defendants. Re: Estate of Rochell L. Logan, Deceased. No. 2025-FC-118 NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF Rochell L. Logan: Notice is given of the death of Rochell L. Logan. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Rochell L. Logan, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 1324 E. Black Ave., Springfield, IL 62702. The address of the Special Representative is: Way Law Offices, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain

counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit [e-file.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm) to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit [www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp). /s/ Dan E. Way Special Representative for Rochell L. Logan, deceased. Dan E. Way #6204735 WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC 1100 S. Fifth Street Springfield, IL 62703 Tel. 217-525-7003 [dan@danwaylaw.com](mailto:dan@danwaylaw.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Morton Community Bank, Plaintiff, Vs. Misty Klauzer, et. al. Defendants. Re: Estate of Kimberly D. Wiker, Deceased. No. 2025-FC-88 NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF Kimberly D. Wiker: Notice is given of the death of Kimberly D. Wiker. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Kimberly D. Wiker, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 2305 Montgomery Ln., Springfield, IL, 62703. The address of the Special Representative is: Way Law Offices, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit [e-file.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm) to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit [www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp). /s/ Dan E. Way Special Representative for Kimberly D. Wiker, deceased. Dan E. Way #6204735 WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC 1100 S. Fifth Street Springfield, IL 62703 Tel. 217-525-7003 [dan@danwaylaw.com](mailto:dan@danwaylaw.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of ARTHUR E. WILSON, Deceased. NO. 2025-PR-299 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Arthur E. Wilson of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 29, 2025, to Adair Wilson, 1025 Beesley Ave., Jacksonville, Illinois 62650, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Matthew J. Cate, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before February 5, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 31st day of July, 2025.

Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 (217) 544-4868 [matthewcate@barberlaw.com](mailto:matthewcate@barberlaw.com) 361778

Divorce STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of Lanika Patterson, Petitioner And Darryl K. Taylor, Respondent Case No. 2025-DN-000064 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you, Darryl K. Taylor, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 14th day of September, 2025, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition. Joseph B. Roesch Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of Stephanie Richardson, Petitioner And Christopher L. Richardson, Respondent Case No. 2025-DN-000165 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you, Christopher L. Richardson, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 14th day of September, 2025, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition. Joseph B. Roesch Circuit Clerk

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



Foreclosure  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
SANGAMON COUNTY - CHANCERY DIVISION  
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
VICTORIA KNIGHT, RUDY LEE KNIGHT, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,  
Defendant(s).  
Case No. 2025FC000049  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Victoria Knight Rudy Lee Knight Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that this case has been commenced in this Court, against you and other Defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
LOT 3 IN BLOCK 18 OF PAYNES' SOUTHSIDE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.  
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.  
BEING THE SAME PREMISES CONVEYED UNTO VICTORIA KNIGHT, A MARRIED PERSON, BY VIRTUE OF WARRANTY DEED FROM RICHARD L. BORMIDA AND KRISTEN L. BORMIDA, HUSBAND AND WIFE, DATED NOVEMBER 29, 2018, RECORDED NOVEMBER 29, 2018, IN INSTRUMENT: 2018R24871.  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1811 SOUTH 5TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703  
And which said Mortgage was made by: Victoria Knight, Rudy Lee Knight, the Mortgagor, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS MORTGAGEE, AS NOMINEE FOR NEWREZ, LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois as Document No. 2023R05149; and for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.  
NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk  
200 S. 9th Street #405  
Springfield, IL 62701  
On or before September 29, 2025, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.  
Marinosci Law Group, P.C.  
2215 Enterprise Drive, Suite 1512  
Westchester, IL 60154  
Telephone: (312) 940-8580  
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that this law firm is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
MARCUS BERTRAND AKA MARCUS T. BERTRAND; BETHANY BERTRAND AKA BETHANY K. BERTRAND; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;  
Defendant(s).  
CASE No. 2024FC000037  
Property Address: 1825 S College St Springfield, IL 62704

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE  
Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on September 11, 2024, I, Sheriff Paula Crouch of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on September 30, 2025, commencing at 9:00AM, Sangamon County Building, Sangamon South Auditorium, 1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit:  
LOT FORTY-EIGHT (48) AND THE NORTH 30 FEET OF LOT FORTY-SEVEN (47) OF SPAULDING'S WHITTIER PLACE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
Commonly known as: 1825 S College St , Springfield, IL 62704  
P.I.N.: 22-04.0-252-050; 22-04.0-252-068  
First Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$77,015.94  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c) (1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT.  
Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County.  
The person to contact for information regarding this property is:  
Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960.  
For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale.  
This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC  
1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120  
Naperville, IL 60563  
(630) 453-6960  
midwestpleadings@dallegal.com  
8051-957224

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
Morton Community Bank  
PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Misty Klauzer; Kimberly D. Wiker; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Tawnya Austin; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Kimberly D. Wiker; Dan Way, as Special Representative for Kimberly D. Wiker (deceased)  
DEFENDANTS  
No. 2025FC000088  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:  
Misty Klauzer  
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Kimberly D. Wiker  
That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:  
2305 Montgomery Lane  
Springfield, IL 62703  
and which said Mortgage was made by: Kimberly D. Wiker  
the Mortgagor(s), to Marine Bank Springfield, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 1999R43873; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.  
NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this

case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Joseph B. Roesch  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Sangamon County Courthouse  
200 South Ninth Street, Room 405  
Springfield, IL 62701  
on or before September 22, 2025, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.  
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100  
Burr Ridge, IL 60527  
(630) 794-5300  
DuPage # 15170  
Winnebago # 531  
Our File No. 14-25-01966  
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.  
I3271815

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
SANGAMON COUNTY - CHANCERY DIVISION  
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ESTATE OF BARBARA JO BROWN, THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, GREGORY HULLUM, ADRIAN HULLUM, CLYDE BROWN, JR., ROBERT BROWN, CHARLENE ALEXANDER, KAREN EUBANKS, CARLA COOK, MARCUS BATES, KAPRICE BATES, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BARBARA JO BROWN, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,  
Defendant(s).  
Case No. 2025FC000083  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Clyde Brown, Jr. Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Barbara Jo Brown Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that this case has been commenced in this Court, against you and other Defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:  
LOT ONE (1) IN BLOCK THREE (3) OF HORNBYS SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTH FRACTIONAL HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION THREE (3), TOWNSHIP FIFTEEN (15) NORTH, RANGE FIVE (5) WEST TO THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1312 EAST CEDAR STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703  
And which said Mortgage was made by: Estate of Barbara Jo Brown, the Mortgagor, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS MORTGAGEE, AS NOMINEE FOR NEWREZ LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois as Document No. 2021R09262; and for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.  
NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk  
200 S. 9th Street  
#405  
Springfield, IL 62701  
On or before September 22, 2025, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.  
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2215 Enterprise Drive, Suite 1512  
Westchester, IL 60154  
Telephone: (312) 940-8580  
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I3271728

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
STEVE RAY PLUMBING SERVICE, INC., an Illinois corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
DACIA L. MARSAGLIA, PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, a California limited liability company, RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, ISA0A, a branch of the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants.  
No. 2025CH36  
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF MECHANIC'S LIEN  
Notice is given to defendants, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, of the following described real estate, that the above entitled mechanic's lien foreclosure action is now pending, and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said defendants is SEPTEMBER 22, 2025.  
The Plaintiff has certified that the above entitled mechanic's lien foreclosure action was filed on June 20, 2025, and is now pending.  
(i) The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.  
(ii) The court in which said action was brought is identified above.  
(iii) The name of the title holder of record is: Darcia L. Marsaglia  
(iv) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
The South Half of the following tract:  
Part of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 13 North, Range 6 West of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows:  
Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Half QuarterSection; thence South along the West line of the Half Quarter Section, 330.50 feet to an iron pin on the North side of Maple Avenue, Auburn, Illinois; thence East 100 feet along the North line of Maple Street; thence 330.50 feet parallel West along the West line of said Half Quarter Section line to the North line of the Half Section; thence West 100 feet to the place of beginning.  
Sited in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Parcel Number: 34-10.0-205-019  
(v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:  
312 W. Maple St., Auburn, IL 62615  
(vi) An identification of the lien sought to be foreclosed is as follows:  
(A) Nature of instrument: Mechanic's Lien.  
(B) Date of lien: February 12, 2025.  
(C) Name of owner: Dacia L. Marsaglia.  
(D) Name of claimant: Steve Ray Plumbing Service, Inc.  
(E) Date and place of recording: February 14, 2025 in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Sangamon County, Illinois.  
(F) Identification of recording: Document Number 2025R02380.  
STEVE RAY PLUMBING SERVICE, INC., an Illinois corporation, Plaintiff  
Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930)  
Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535)  
Hart, Southworth & Witsman  
Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: (217) 753-0055  
trigby@hswmet.com  
aprillaman@hswmet.com  
8051-957092

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE  
WHEREAS, on 11/28/2008, a certain Mortgage was executed by SHIRLEY J PATRICK and DARREL D PATRICK as Mortgagors, in favor of FINANCIAL FREEDOM SENIOR FUNDING CORPORATION as Mortgagee, and was recorded on 12/10/2008, as Document Number 2008R45394, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Sangamon County, Illinois and WHEREAS, the Mortgage was insured by the UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (the SECRETARY) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the

purpose of providing single family housing; and  
WHEREAS, the Mortgage is now owned by the SECRETARY, pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage dated 09/08/2015, and recorded on 09/28/2015, as Document Number 2015R27680, in the Office of the Sangamon County Recorder of Deeds, Illinois and a default exists; and  
WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage in that the payment due on 01/31/2025 was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and  
WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the SECRETARY has declared the entire amount of this indebtedness secured by the Mortgage to be immediately due and payable;  
NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR Part 27, subpart B, and by the SECRETARY'S designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, dated September 15, 2016, notice is hereby given that on 09/15/2025 at 10:30 AM local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises located at ("Property"), will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder.  
P.I.N.: 12-06.0-230-013-0000  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 104 E MAIN ST., PLEASANT PLAINS, IL 62677  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; DESCRIBED MORE PARTICULARLY AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIN MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 6, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 271.82 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST 47.04 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE MARKING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST 263.23 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST 148.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 121.73 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST 18.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 149.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST 130.00 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
The sale will be conducted online on Zoom at: Meeting ID: 648 483 3997; Password: 743891. There is a Zoom call-in option at 312-626-6799. THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT will bid \$286,274.07 plus per diem interest, advances, fees and costs. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before sale, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. The Special Commissioner shall accept advance, sealed written bids at Pleadings@Nevellaw.com.  
The successful bidder, except the SECRETARY, must submit a deposit totaling at least 10% of the bid in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the SECRETARY OF HUD at the close of bidding sent to the Special Commissioner at the address below by express mail next-day delivery. The deposit is non-refundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within thirty (30) days of the Sale or at such other time as the SECRETARY may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made payable to the

SECRETARY OF HUD. If the SECRETARY is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyancing fees, all real estate taxes and other taxes that are due on or after the date of sale and all other transfer taxes and State, County and Municipal costs associated with the transfer of title.  
There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.  
IRA T. NEVEL  
Foreclosure Commissioner for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development  
175 North Franklin, Suite 201  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
(312) 357-1125  
8051-957045

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



the court within the time stated on this Notice called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case. After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to [ilcourts.info/efiling](http://ilcourts.info/efiling). If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to [ilcourthelp.gov](http://ilcourthelp.gov) for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at [illinoislegallaid.org](http://illinoislegallaid.org). All documents referred to in this Notice can be found at [ilcourts.info/forms](http://ilcourts.info/forms). Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website. ¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411-1121, o visite [ilcourthelp.gov](http://ilcourthelp.gov) para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios. PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP Attorney for Plaintiff 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 Ph. (312) 346-9088 File No. 25-21095IL-1220372 I3271386

24-102243  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
FLAT BRANCH MORTGAGE, INC.  
PLAINTIFF,  
-vs-  
RYAN BUNCH; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS  
DEFENDANTS  
NO. 24 FC 184  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on April 23, 2025;  
Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on September 16, 2025 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building, Sangamon County Board Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.  
Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court.  
Said property is legally described as follows: LOT 147 IN FAIRVIEW THIRD ADDITION. A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST HALF OF

SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 5, WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERE TO FORE OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY.  
Commonly known as 1751 Fairmont Drive, Springfield, IL 62702  
Permanent Index No.: 14-23.0-154-009  
Improvements: Single Family Residential  
The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. The judgment amount was \$139,086.18.  
Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
For Bid Amount contact:  
Sale Clerk  
LOGS Legal Group LLP  
2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207  
Bannockburn, IL 60015  
ILNOTICES@logs.com (847) 291-1717  
Flat Branch Mortgage, Inc.  
One of Plaintiff's Attorneys  
LOGS Legal Group LLP  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207  
Bannockburn, IL 60015  
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ILNOTICES@logs.com Randal S. Berg (6277119)  
Michael N. Burke (6291435)  
Christopher A. Cienlawa (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.  
8051-956902

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF Sangamon - Springfield, ILLINOIS  
Data Mortgage Inc., dba Essex Mortgage Plaintiff  
vs.  
James T. Sutton; et. al;  
Defendant  
25 FC 9  
CALENDAR  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on September 17, 2025, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Harvatin Law Office, 1100 South 5th Street, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: LOT 487 OF CHARLES S. WANLESS' NORTHGATE ADDITION, SEVENTH PLAT. EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
P.I.N. 14-23.0-277-051 aka 14-23-277-051.

Commonly known as 1859 Camden St., Springfield, IL 62702.  
The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.  
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road. Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300.  
14-25-00288  
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION  
[intercountyjudicialsales.com](http://intercountyjudicialsales.com)  
I3271084

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS  
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,  
Plaintiff(s),  
vs.  
LISA M. NATALE A/K/A LISA M. LEINIGNER, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNIFUND CCR, LLC,  
Defendant(s).  
Case No. 25 FC 11  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on September 16, 2025, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit:  
LOT 217 OF SOUTHLAWN, SECOND PLAT. EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
Common Address: 2061 E. BUCHANAN ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703  
P.I.N. 22-14.0-179-015 A/K/A 22-14-179-015  
Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.  
The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.  
The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.  
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC  
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8051-956808

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS  
SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC.,  
Plaintiff(s),  
vs.  
SIDNEY L. NEWELL A/K/A SIDNEY NEWELL, U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, N.D.,  
Defendant(s).  
Case No. 24 FC 177  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on September 16, 2025, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit:  
LOT 6 IN ROSINA MILLER'S SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 7, 8 AND 9 IN ANDREW ELLIOTTS SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
Common Address: 1125 N. 1ST ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702  
P.I.N. 14-28.0-227-030 A/K/A 14-28-227-030  
Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.  
The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.  
The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.  
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).  
LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC  
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8051-956786

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION,  
PLAINTIFF,  
VS.  
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WAYNE E VAN HEMERT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; JOLEEN BOOTH; JENNIFER MOYER, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF WAYNE E VAN HEMERT, DEFENDANTS.  
NO. 2024FC000133  
2204 CATALINA LANE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702  
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE  
UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on April 23, 2025, will on September 23, 2025, in the Sangamon South Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: PART OF LOT 1 OF PEORIA PARK AS RECORDED IN BOOK 23 ON PAGE 33 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS; DESCRIBED MORE PARTICULARLY AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A STONE MARKING THE CENTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 663.75 FEET ALONG THE QUARTER SECTION LINE, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 15.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE MARKING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 64.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 135.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 135.00 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.  
TAX NO. 14-11.0-401-030  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2204 Catalina Lane Springfield, IL 62702  
Description of Improvements: Single-family one story frame house with a attached two car, garage, yellow and maroon, not for sale air condition electricity on  
The Judgment amount was \$67,333.44.  
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.  
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).  
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
For information: Visit our website at <http://iforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.  
Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 24-19312IL  
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.  
I3265343

Notice by Publication  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, September 18th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., in the County Board Chambers, Room 222 of the Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, Illinois, to hear the testimony for the petition of Alex Bruno, contract purchaser of property commonly known as the 7500 Block of Oak Crest Road, Riverton, IL 62561 and legally described as follows:  
See Exhibit A  
Petitioner requests for Proposed Parcels 1 and 2: pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from "A" Agricultural District to "R-1" Single Family Residence District; pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the "R-1" Single-Family Residence District; and, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width. Also in attendance to hear the testimony will be the members of the Zoning & Land Use Committee of the Sangamon County Board.  
Dated this 21st day of August, 2025  
Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals  
CHARLES W. CHIMENTO, CHAIRMAN  
Exhibit A  
Part of Section 23, Township 16 North, Range 4 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Sangamon County, Illinois, described as follows:  
The North 18 2/3 acres of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 23.  
Also, a section of land in the northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 23, described as follows:  
Beginning at a 1 inch iron pipe marking the center of said Section 23; thence North 88°44'04" East along the north line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 23 for a distance of 150.00 feet; thence South 01°05'46" East, parallel with the West line of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 23 for a distance of 150.00 feet; thence South 88°44'04" West, parallel with said north line of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 150.00 feet; thence North 01°05'46" West along said west line of the said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter for a distance of 150.00 feet to the point of



beginning.

Also part of the following strip of land, recorded as Document #789433 on April 24, 1978 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Sangamon County, Illinois, described as follows:

From the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 23, East on the Section line, 662.88 feet; thence North on the East line of the West Half of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter, 2031.45 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 13 feet; thence West on the North line of the south two-thirds acre of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 23 and the South one and one-third acres of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 23, 1986.76 feet thence South on the Quarter Quarter Section line 9 feet; thence East to the point of beginning. EXCEPT therefrom the said south two-thirds acre of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said section 23.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

AND

TRACT A

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A FOUND IRON PIPE MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 23, THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST ON THE QUARTER SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 80.00 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN, THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 84.33 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN ON THE CENTERLINE OF OAK CREST ROAD, THENCE SOUTH 64 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST ON SAID CENTERLINE A DISTANCE OF 89.22 FEET TO A FOUND IRON PIN ON THE QUARTER SECTION LINE, THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST ON SAID LINE A DISTANCE OF 44.86 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 0.119 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, ALL IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

EXCEPT

TRACT B

PART OF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS;

COMMENCING AT A FOUND IRON PIPE MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 23, THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST ON THE QUARTER SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 80.00 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST 15.31 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN, THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST 358.96 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN, THENCE NORTH 21 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 17.50 FEET TO A FOUND IRON PIN ON THE QUARTER SECTION LINE, THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST ON SAID LINE A DISTANCE OF 352.13 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 0.128 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, ALL IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

To Whom It May Concern:

Please publish the following, one time only in the legal section of the Illinois Times on Thursday, August 28th, 2025.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, September 18th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., in the County Board

Chambers, Room 222 of the Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, Illinois, to hear the testimony for the petition of Jerry T. Ackerman & Javonna L. Ackerman, owners of property commonly known as 12400 Ackerman Road, Virden, Illinois 62690 and legally described as follows:

The Southeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 13, North, Range 7 West of the Third Principal Meridian located in Talkington Township, Sangamon County.

PIN#33-21.0-400-001

Petitioners request for Proposed Parcels 1 and 2: pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.38.030 to allow one (1) parcel less than forty (40) acres (approximately 5 acres). Also in attendance to hear the testimony will be the members of the Zoning & Land Use Committee of the Sangamon County Board.

Dated this 21st day of August, 2025

Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals

CHARLES W. CHIMENTO, CHAIRMAN

Advertisement for Bids

Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) invites qualified Contractors to submit sealed bids to furnish all labor & material to complete requirements of bidding for Lincoln Land Community College – Phase A1 Renovations of Millennium Center which includes the following:

Project consists of The Renovations of Millennium Center located on the LLCC Main Campus, located at 5250 Shepherd Road in Springfield, IL as follows:

Master Plan Implementation – Phase A1 Renovations of Millennium Center

LLCC Project Number: 77931

Sealed bids must be delivered to the attention of Mr. Tim Ervin, Director of Construction & EHS, Lincoln Land Community College, Construction & EHS Office – Mason Hall, 5250 Shepherd Road, Springfield, IL 62794-9256 (Southeast corner of the LLCC Main Campus), on or before Thursday, 09/25/25 at 2:00 PM Central Standard Time (CST), at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Faxed or e-mailed bids will not be accepted.

Vendors are responsible for ensuring that bids are received by the above office prior to the deadline. Bids received after the deadline will not be considered. Contractors who have submitted a bid are invited, but not required, to attend the bid opening.

All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/) and the Drug Free Workplace Act (30 ILCS 580/).

All contractors and subcontractors shall demonstrate experience on projects of similar size and type.

All contractors bidding as prime bidders for this project will become subcontractors of O'Shea Builders as Construction Manager at Risk.

Lincoln Land Community College encourages the award of construction-project contracts, subcontracts and purchase orders to minority-owned, female-owned, veteran-owned and disabled persons-owned businesses. For this Project, there is a goal of awarding, in the aggregate, subcontracts and/or purchase orders in the amount representing at least five percent (5%) of the contracts, subcontracts and/or purchase orders to minority-owned, female-owned, veteran-owned and/or disabled person-owned businesses.

All contractor questions regarding any matter concerning this Advertisement for Bid must be submitted in writing to O'Shea Builders by Thursday, 09/18/25. Submittals of questions may be emailed to questions@osheabuilders.com, please put "LLCC – Phase A1 Renovations of Millennium Center" in the subject line. No questions will be addressed after 2:00PM (CST), on Friday, 09/19/25.

Other questions regarding the bid documents will be addressed at a pre bid meeting/ site visit for contractors, which shall begin promptly at 10:00 AM, Thursday, 09/04/25, in Room 1116 in Trutter Center (immediately south of the Millennium Center). The address of Trutter Center is 2400 Millennium Drive,

Springfield, IL 62703. Failure to be present when the meeting begins, may result in the bidder being disqualified. Contractors should have any subcontractors present at the pre-bid meeting who may wish to view the site. Further information concerning the specifications of this advertisement for bid resulting from questions submitted, either in writing or resulting from the pre bid meeting/ site visit, will be communicated in the form of an addendum. E-mail or verbal responses to questions are not a part of the bid documents and only formal addendum will govern. Bidding Documents for the Project may be downloaded or viewed electronically by contacting Madison Cox at O'Shea Builders: mcox@osheabuilders.com, 217-522-2826. The bidder shall furnish a bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the amount bid in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond, made payable to Lincoln Land Community College.

All LLCC Campuses are SMOKE FREE.

The Lincoln Land Community College, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, all contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of the owner's race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, income-level, or LEP in consideration for an award.

LLCC reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received, or to permit timely correction of minor deficiencies in bids whenever such rejection or waiver is in the interest of LLCC and to accept the bid or bids being most favorable to LLCC after all bids have been examined and evaluated.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, September 19, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, third floor, Municipal Center West, 300 S. Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois, a public hearing will be held to consider an annexation for the property located at part of 6220 Canadian Cross Drive at parcel 22-34.0-100-034. The annexation consists of territory legally described as follows: Part of the West Half of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, being references to the centerline of survey and plans of interstate 55 between Springfield and Litchfield described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the West half. West half, Northwest quarter of said section 34. Thence South 01 degrees 34 minutes 08 seconds East 487.08 feet along the East line of said West half, West half, Northwest quarter to the point of beginning; thence along a non-tangent curve having a radius of 411.00 feet, an arc length of 64.81 feet and a chord which bears North 40 degrees 55 minutes 12 seconds West, 64.74 feet along the westerly right-of way of said interstate highway 55; thence South 88 degrees 29 minutes 38 seconds West, 153.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 06 minutes 36 seconds West, 357.58 feet to a point on the Easterly right-of-way line of the frontage road adjacent to interstate highway 55; thence continuing along said Easterly right-of-way line, along a non-tangent curve having a radius of 788.51 feet, an arc length of 118.88 feet and a chord which bears South 58 degrees 55 minutes 04 seconds East 118.56 feet; thence continuing along said Easterly right-of-way South 59 degrees 44 minutes 04 seconds East, 130.58 feet; thence North 01 degrees 34 minutes 08 seconds West, 439.80 feet, to the point of beginning containing 85,487 square feet, 1.9625 acres more or less.

To enforce Self Storage Lien in default of pay-

ment of rent a private auction will be held on Saturday September 20, 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 number 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 September 17, 2025.

No personal checks will be accepted for storage units that are in lien.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION

James Davis Unit# 1-31

Timothy Nyari Unit# 11-24

Larry Hagaman Unit# 3-2

Naila Day Unit# 3-8

Samantha Fickas Unit# 4-7

Pelarr Jackson Unit# 5-9

Zaire Hughes Unit# 7-3

Toni Hunt Unit# 8-2

Linda Byrd Unit# 9-3

Rocky Troxell Unit# 9-4

Bonnie Sutton Unit# 1-28

Ambrosia Renicks Unit# 2-18

Rebekah Young Unit# 2-35

Laura Snyder Unit# 3-23

Verneeda Miller Unit# 4-29

Patricia Crews Unit# 4-31

Jawana Stevenson Unit# 5-30

Rodney Weeks Unit# 6-25

Edward Thomas Unit# 9-25

Terry Broida Unit# 9-37

Mark Grier Unit# 10-13

Delmer Flounroy Unit# 10-20

Brady Tyhurst Unit# 10-44

Cynthia Isaia Unit# B-15

Todd Pulliam Unit# H-9

Rebecca Barbier Unit# J-11

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE, an Illinois Corporation, Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL JOHNSON, VIRGINIA M. JOHNSON, THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, STATE OF ILLINOIS - ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant.

NO. 2008-MR-381

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Michael Johnson and Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed for foreclosure of the demolition lien on the real estate commonly known as Lot 17 and 18 in Block 3 of Jones' First Addition to the Town of Benton, now Village of Williamsville, Sangamon County, Illinois. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Tax I.d. No. 07-04-404-023; Commonly known as: 101 West Jones, Williamsville, Illinois; and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois 62701, on or before October 1, 2025, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp, or talk to your local circuit clerk's office.

Joe Roesch

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Randall W. Segatto - 06193211

Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP

P.O. Box 79

Springfield, IL 62705-0079

217/544-4868

rsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,

v.

R. DOUGLAS ENTERPRISES, LLC an Illinois Limited Liability Company; RICKEY R. DOUGLAS, JR.; UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

IN CHANCERY

Case No. 2024-FC-149

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is:

Suzanna Scherf

BANK OF SPRINGFIELD

3400 Wabash Avenue

Springfield, IL 62711

Telephone: (217) 529-5555

(B) The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate is:

137 S. Douglas Ave., Springfield, IL 62704

(C) The legal description of the real estate is as follows:

The North 38.83 feet of the East 150 feet of Lot 6 and the South 21.17 feet of the East 150 feet of lot 7 of Subdivision of Sangamon County Fairgrounds.

Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and in all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other materials, if any.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois; Commonly known as 137 S. Douglas Ave., Springfield, IL 62704; Parcel No.: 14-33.0-102-015

Parcel Number(s):

14-33.0-102-015

(D) Description of the improvement on the real estate is as follows:

4 unit apartment building

(E) The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale.

(F) The time and place of the sale is: 9:00 AM on September 23, 2025 at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, 1 Copley Plaza, Springfield, IL 62703.

(G) The terms of the sale are cash or certified funds at time of sale.

(H) The subject property is sold subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, all general real estate taxes which have not yet become due and payable, with special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record, and existing leases, if any, applicable zoning laws; property is sold "AS IS, WHERE IS, and with no warranties", and without any representation as to quality or quantity of the title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff

By: /s/ Brian D. Jones

One of Its Attorneys

SORLING NORTHRUP

Brian D. Jones, of Counsel – ARDC #6286510

1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200

P.O. Box 5131

Springfield, IL 62705

Telephone: 217-544-1144

Fax: 217-522-3173

E-Mail: bdjones@sorlinglaw.com

SANGAMON COUNTY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Small Animal Incinerator System

RFP Number: SCAC-2025-01

RFP Issue Date: 08/14/2025

Proposal Due Date: 09/30/2025

I. INTRODUCTION

Sangamon County, through the Sangamon County Department of Public Health, is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified vendors to provide and install a small animal incinerator system suitable for humane and environmentally compliant disposal of deceased small animals. The system will be installed at the Sangamon County Highway Department.

II. OBJECTIVE

To procure a reliable, cost-effective, and regulatory-compliant incinerator designed to manage animal remains from routine operations, disease control efforts, and emergency response scenarios.

III. SCOPE OF WORK

The selected vendor shall:

1. Supply a new small animal incinerator unit capable of processing up to 300lbs/load.
2. Deliver and install the unit at Sangamon County Highway Department site
3. Ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental and public health regulations (e.g., EPA, IEPA, OSHA).
4. Provide training to staff on safe operation, routine maintenance, and emergency shut-off procedures.
5. Provide documentation including manuals, technical specifications, and compliance certificates.
6. Offer warranty and service plan options.
7. Disposal of existing on-site incinerator.

IV. SPECIFICATIONS

The incinerator should meet the following minimum requirements:

- Dual-chamber design
- Primary chamber temperature minimum: 1200°F
- Secondary chamber afterburner minimum: 1600°F
- Digital temperature controls
- Automatic timer/shutdown features
- Stainless steel or coated steel exterior
- Emissions controls in compliance with Illinois EPA regulations
- Fuel type: Natural gas or propane
- Load type: Manual or hydraulic-assisted
- Ash output containment
- Capacity: 300lbs/hour

V. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

All proposals must include:

1. Vendor background and experience in incinerator installation and service
2. Detailed product specifications
3. Project timeline
4. Total cost estimate, including equipment, delivery, installation, and training
5. References from at least three recent public or animal shelter clients
6. Warranty and service details
7. Certifications showing EPA and Illinois compliance

VI. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Compliance with technical specifications
- Vendor qualifications and experience
- Pricing and overall value
- Warranty and service terms
- Installation and training plan
- Environmental compliance

VII. SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Submit one hard copy of your sealed proposal to:

Attn: Sangamon County Public Health Director

Sangamon County Department of Public Health

2833 South Grand Avenue East

Springfield, IL 62703

Email: john.ridley@sangamonil.gov

Phone: 217-321-2601

VIII. TIMELINE

Milestone Date

RFP Issue Date 8/14/2025

Vendor Questions Due 9/4/2025

Responses to Questions Issued 9/8/2025

Proposals Due 9/30/2025

Award Notification (estimated) 10/3/2025

Installation Completion Target 4/1/2025



IX. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS  
Sangamon County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any irregularities, and accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the County.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
RIPCORDER INVESTMENTS, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, R. LEE RUPNIK, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants.  
No.: 2025-FC-108  
NOTICE OF COURT SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. The sale shall be subject to Court approval. Buyer will be entitled to possession 30 days after the sale is confirmed by the Court.  
(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is:  
Timothy J. Rigby  
Hart, Southworth & Witsman  
Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: (217) 753-0055  
(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is:  
901 & 915 West Laurel, Springfield, Illinois 62704  
(C) The legal description of the real estate is:  
Parcel I:  
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.  
Situating in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Tax Identification Number: 22-04-110-018 and 22-04-110-019  
(D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is:  
12,975 square foot single level commercial building on .30 acres in the S-2 zoning District  
(E) No times have been specified in the judgment of foreclosure for inspection of the real estate prior to sale.  
(F) The time and place of the sale are:  
Time: 9:00 a.m. September 23, 2025  
Place: Sangamon County Courthouse  
200 South Ninth Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62704  
(G) The terms of the sale are:  
Twenty-five percent (25%) of sale price at time of sale and balance within twenty-four (24) hours.  
(H) Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances prior to the mortgage of United Community Bank, all general real estate taxes, special assessments if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all encroachments, if any.  
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@hsw.net  
aprillaman@hsw.net  
NOTE: This communication is made for the purpose of collecting a debt. Any information obtained in response to this communication may be used for that purpose.  
8051-957413

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS  
myCUMortgage, LLC  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Amber P Hawkins, AKA Amber P. Frazee  
Defendants.  
Case No. 2024FC000007  
3036 South 13th Street, Springfield, IL 62703  
Judge Adam Giganti  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on August 6, 2025, Paula Crouch will on October 7, 2025, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, in person only at 1 Copley Plaza, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:  
Situating in the County of Sangamon and State of Illinois and described as follows: Lot 21 in Block 7 of the Town of Mildred. Except all coal and other minerals underlying said lands, together with the right to mine and remove same.  
Commonly known as 3036 South 13th Street, Springfield, IL 62703  
Parcel Number(s): 22-10.0-453-006  
The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.  
Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.  
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (g)(4).  
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, MDK Legal, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700.  
Attorney file number: 25-009897.  
Edward R. Peterka  
MDK LEGAL  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
One East Wacker, Suite 1250  
Chicago, IL 60601  
Telephone: 312-651-6700  
Fax: 614-220-5613  
Attorney. No.: 6220416  
Email: statee-file@mdklegal.com  
8051-957451

A Perfect Ten Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 908

Across

1. One of the Simpsons  
5. Skim, as milk  
10. Reactor part  
14. \_\_\_\_ and aahs  
15. Deposed leader, perhaps  
16. Carbon monoxide's lack  
17. Spanish liqueur  
18. One of the Osmonds  
19. Malicious look  
20. Ten  
23. Close call  
24. Pines  
28. Zippy flavors  
32. Full range  
33. Blood-typing letters  
36. Least cooked  
39. Facts and figures  
40. Ten  
43. Vegetarian staple  
44. Take to one's heart  
45. "My country" follower  
46. It may be at your fingertips  
48. Guitar attachment  
50. Flushed appearance  
53. Castle trenches  
57. Ten  
61. Atlas section  
64. Search for arms  
65. Hindu wrap  
66. Pastrami purveyor  
67. Adagio and allegro  
68. Baker's need  
69. Farmer's place, in song  
70. Brewer's need  
71. Former Speaker Gingrich

Down

1. Does nothing  
2. Charged, in a way  
3. Hindu deity  
4. Declare with confidence  
5. Actress Moore  
6. Midterm, for one  
7. Send packing  
8. Most-wanted invitees  
9. Saw things  
10. Boulder locale  
11. Keats creation  
12. 1973 Supreme Court decision name  
13. "To \_\_\_\_ is human ..."  
21. Visibly upset  
22. Top secret?  
25. Eligible for Mensa  
26. \_\_\_\_-frutti  
27. Doesn't fold  
29. Specify  
30. Jack-o'-lantern feature  
31. Ships  
33. Following  
34. Ecological community  
35. Erased  
37. Cooking fat  
38. Autocrat until 1917  
41. Skedaddle  
42. Body build  
47. Churchyard tree in "Romeo and Juliet"  
49. Warning label word  
51. Sentimental sort  
52. Mall binge  
54. Tequila source  
55. Lost on purpose  
56. Tour of duty  
58. Andes capital  
59. Mail org.  
60. Playlet  
61. Do sums  
62. "I told you so!"  
63. In poor health

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week

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Crossword answers from #907

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Sudoku answers from #907

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| 5 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| 6 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
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JoshJosh answers from #907

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 908 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.

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| 6+  |     |  | 3-  |     |    |
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|     | 2-  |  |     | 32x |    |
|     | 10+ |  |     |     |    |

Difficulty hard

Sudoku No. 908 Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusive.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   | 5 | 1 |   |   |   | 3 | 8 |
|   | 1 |   | 9 |   |   |   | 2 |   |
|   |   |   |   | 3 |   |   | 6 | 5 |
|   | 8 | 2 | 7 |   |   |   | 5 |   |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 8 |   |
| 3 |   | 9 |   |   |   | 7 |   | 6 |
| 1 |   | 8 |   |   | 2 |   |   | 4 |
|   |   |   |   | 7 |   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   | 4 |   | 1 |   |   | 2 |

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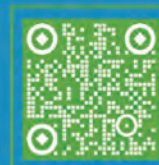
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