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IDOC seeks emergency ruling, citing contraband crackdown

PRISONS | Scott Reeder

An emergency rule being implemented by Illinois prisons may soon deny prisoners access to letters, cards and books sent to them by family members.

Department of Corrections officials are concerned that drugs such as fentanyl are being smuggled into prisons through inmate mail. But critics say the measure is overtly cruel and will do little to stem the flow of narcotics into penal institutions.

“The real question is: how does the contraband get into prisons?” said Jennifer Vollen-Katz, executive director of the John Howard Association, a Chicago-based prison reform group.

She said the Illinois General Assembly recently approved a study to determine how illicit drugs are entering penitentiaries. But Vollen-Katz noted the prison system is now taking drastic and harmful action before any data has been collected.

The emergency rule allows prison officials to electronically scan letters and cards and email their images to tablet computers issued to inmates. Books could no longer be sent directly from families to their loved ones behind bars.

“When you are in prison, you are in a controlled environment and sometimes some of the prison guards take advantage of that and use their power to work against you,” said Lynard Joiner, a Springfield man who served 17 years in federal prison. “A physical letter and physical pictures mean more to you than something



electronic. The pictures mean a thousand words. That’s something you can hold on to – a birthday card, something your kid made you. We live for those letters in prison. You love to hear your name called at mail call. Now that they are doing it electronically, it’s just not the same.”

Typically, new administrative rules must go through a public hearing process before a legislative commission: the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, or JCAR. Opponents

and proponents are allowed to testify about the proposed rules and then the commission votes.

But the Department of Corrections is sidestepping the usual process by declaring an emergency – when one doesn’t exist, Vollen-Katz said. Instead, the emergency rule will be presented to JCAR Sept. 16 in Chicago. But opponents will be prohibited from testifying because it is being presented as an “emergency.”

“We are concerned about them filing this as an emergency rule when there’s no evidence to suggest that there’s an emergency,” she said. “There is no evidence or data to suggest that the numbers (of prison drug cases) have gone up or that the situation has changed. There haven’t been more people exposed or more medical interventions.”

In an emailed statement, IDOC spokeswoman Naomi Puzzello said, “The Illinois Department of Corrections’ top priority is the safety of staff, individuals in custody and all who enter our facilities. In recent years and on a continuing basis, IDOC has seen an increase in incidents involving chemical-laced paper being introduced into facilities. To address this ongoing threat, the Department has filed an emergency rule in an effort to gain the ability to implement mail scanning as part of a broader, multi-pronged strategy to prevent dangerous and illegal substances from entering correctional facilities.”

Joiner, who now leads a program helping ex-offenders reintegrate into society, said it appears

the state agency is ignoring the most obvious source of illegal drugs in prison: staff members.

“Believe me, they have got it wrong. Drugs are not entering prison through the mail. There are several other ways that drugs get into a facility. During my time in incarceration, I never got a piece of mail that they had not opened and read. ... So how are drugs getting into the facility? You have to look at staff. They have more ways of bringing it in than we do because we are locked up.”

Katrina Baugh, the Illinois consultant for the prison-reform group FAMM, said this new rule erodes the ties between those serving time and their families.

“The most important thing for most people who are incarcerated is their relationship with their loved ones on the outside,” she said. “And most of those people have those relationships hindered greatly by distance. Many folks live hundreds of miles away from where they’re held in captivity. So regular meetings are not an option. It’s very rare that people get visits from family or loved ones. So, holding something that they held and wrote for you is the closest thing to a real connection that most people have most days. To take this away feels cruel.”

Her view was echoed by Julie Anderson, outreach director for the Restore Justice Foundation, a reform group dedicated to developing less punitive but more effective consequences for offenders.

She has a son who served 27 years in Illinois prisons for a Chicago homicide committed when he was a juvenile.

During prison visits, she routinely brought books for her son to read after they were vetted by staff to ensure they did not contain contraband. This practice could end under the new emergency rule.

“My son had a love of reading. I always thought that saved him. It really did. But this also affects educational materials. There are several colleges that do courses and depend on the mail,” Anderson said. “The primary source of drugs coming into prison is not through the mail. When we spoke with the DOC, all of them have admitted this won’t get rid of the problem. I don’t see them taking correctional officers, contractors or whoever works there and saying, ‘You can’t bring in a piece of paper.’ The problem (of drugs) needs to be addressed, but this isn’t the solution.”

Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com.

Editor’s note

This upcoming 50th anniversary of *Illinois Times* has us digging deep into the archives, call it *IT* archivology. Here’s an issue from May 16, 1991. Things were so different back then. A cartoon by Bob Waldmire showed a limo with VIPs, one balloon saying, “What’re we doing in this neighborhood?” Another VIP answers, “This place looks historic. Let’s make it a parking lot.” A news headline: “Israel is brutalizing Palestinians, ex-congressman says.” There was a comment on Springfield’s garbage system: “If someone set out to devise the worst program imaginable, this is what they’d come up with.” The young publisher, Fletcher Farrar, wrote an editorial about a forum at Lincoln Library, one of a series to discuss and find “common ground” on controversial issues like racial inequality and economic competition. The recent program was about abortion. One woman had said she was glad her mother, 15 and unwed when she gave birth to her, “didn’t have the opportunity to abort me.” Another participant answered, “All of us are glad that our mothers decided to have us. But are you really glad your mother’s choices were so limited? Are you glad she wasn’t informed about adoption?” The editorialist wrote: “This kind of exchange of views – any *exchange* of views – is rare in American public discourse these days.” He concluded with the hope that “Americans will learn again how to listen to each other, to reason together, and to make social progress despite a lack of consensus.” – Fletcher Farrar, editor

Illinois to keep public health dollars while red states lose out

After Trump slashed billions in CDC funding, states that sued got to keep much of their money

HEALTH CARE | Anna Claire Vollers, Stateline

After the Trump administration slashed billions in state and local public health funding from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention earlier this year, the eventual impact on states split sharply along political lines.

Democratic-led states that sued to block the cuts – including Illinois – kept much of their funding, while Republican-led states lost the bulk of theirs, according to a new analysis from health research organization KFF.

The uneven fallout underscores how politics continues shaping health care in the United States. The nearly 700 CDC grants were worth about \$11 billion and had been allocated by Congress during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Not just COVID-19 spending

Since then, state and local health departments had spent or planned to spend the money not just on COVID-related efforts, but also on prevention of other infectious diseases, support for mental health and substance use, shoring up aging public health infrastructure, and other needs.

The CDC grant terminations initially affected red and blue states about evenly, according to KFF. California, the District of Columbia, Illinois and Massachusetts – all led by Democrats – had among the largest numbers of terminated grants.

The Illinois Department of Public



The Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield on March 24, 2021, when Gov. JB Pritzker received his COVID-19 vaccine.

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Health announced on March 26 that the federal government was pulling back over \$400 million in grant funding that previously had been approved. That included \$125 million that was earmarked to support laboratory operations in 97 local health departments as well as \$324 million for future work to prevent and treat infectious diseases in Illinois.

Blue states sue

Illinois was one of nearly two dozen blue states and the District of Columbia that sued the Trump administration in April, asking the court to block the grant terminations. They argued the federal government lacked the authority to rescind funding it had already allocated.

The suit, filed in federal court in Rhode Island, argued that Congress appropriated those funds in various pandemic-related spending bills, and the administration's decisions to terminate the grants violated the federal Administrative Procedures Act.

"Illinois and states across the nation rely on federal grants to provide state public health services that protect our children and residents from serious diseases or health crises," Raoul said in a statement at the time. "The abrupt termination of this funding that impacts millions of American lives is both callous and unlawful."

A federal judge sided with the blue states and blocked the cancellations – but she limited her injunction to the jurisdictions that filed in the lawsuit. Nearly 80% of the grant cuts have now been restored in blue states,

according to the KFF analysis, compared with less than 5% in red states.

According to the KFF analysis, 21 grants in Illinois were targeted for termination prior to the lawsuit, but just two have been terminated following the judge's injunction.

Cuts hit red states hardest

Now four of the five states with the most canceled grants are led by Republicans: Georgia, Ohio, Oklahoma and Texas. California, which is dominated by Democrats, kept all of its grants that had been initially terminated.

In the West and Midwest, Democratic-led Colorado – which joined the lawsuit – had 10 of its 11 grant terminations reversed. Its Republican-led neighbors that did not sue, including Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Utah and Wyoming, lost all of their grants, according to the KFF analysis. □

Editor's note: This story was originally published in Stateline.org. Quotations from Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul, and further information about Illinois' lawsuit, were added by CNI Editor Jerry Nowicki.

Red States Hit Hardest by CDC Grant Terminations

Before Democratic-led jurisdictions filed lawsuits in April to retain their Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grants, terminations more closely resembled the distribution of CDC funding across the nation. After injunctions were issued in May and June, red states lost a greater share of public health infrastructure funding and support.

■ Blue states ■ Purple states ■ Red states

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Springfield Clinic seeks new west-side location

Former furniture store would become retail site for medical supplies

HEALTH | Dean Olsen

Springfield Clinic wants to use the former site of Ashley Furniture Outlet and Barney's Furniture on Springfield's west side for storage and eventually for retail sales of medical equipment and devices.

The multispecialty physician group's request for zoning to allow for those plans at 1987 Wabash Ave. will be considered Sept. 17 by the Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission for an advisory recommendation to the Springfield City Council. The council, which has the final say on zoning matters, is scheduled to hear and potentially vote on the clinic's request Oct. 21.

The Seidman family closed Barney's Furniture at the site in 2020 to convert the location to an Ashley Furniture Outlet. The Ashley store opened in April 2021, but owner Barry Seidman told *Springfield Business Journal* in 2024 that he was making changes to the business model and listing the building for sale. The building has been vacant since March 1, Seidman said.

The Seidman family owns Ashley HomeStore locations in Springfield, Jacksonville, Quincy and Terre Haute, Indiana. The Springfield store, at 2325 Chuckwagon Drive in Prairie Crossing, has been open since 2006, and Barry Seidman said he is offering items at the main location without having to operate a second store in Springfield.

The Springfield resident said he would sell the 46,000-square-foot building on Wabash Avenue to the clinic if zoning is approved.

The staff of the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning



Springfield Clinic is asking the city of Springfield for zoning approval to convert the former site of an Ashley Furniture Outlet at 1987 Wabash Ave. on Springfield's west side into a storage facility and eventually a site for retail and wholesale sales of medical equipment and supplies. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN.

Commission recently issued a nonbinding recommendation that the clinic be granted a zoning change and a use variance to allow for both storage and retail sales.

Springfield Clinic officials wouldn't comment on the zoning request, which doesn't represent the for-profit clinic's first foray into medical equipment and supply sales.

Springfield Clinic says on its website that Vono Medical Supplies, based at 400 N. First St. in Springfield, has become a nonprofit "affiliate" of the clinic. Vono has sold medical supplies and equipment in central Illinois

since 1982.

A Vono employee who answered the phone said the acquisition took place in fall 2024. The previous owner, Sue Cain, who still works at Vono, wouldn't speak with *Illinois Times* when contacted Sept. 10.

Springfield Clinic spokespersons didn't respond to phone calls and emails. Daniel Hamilton, a lawyer with Brown Hay and Stephens who is representing the clinic in the zoning case, also wouldn't comment.

Sangamon County property records currently list Vono's 8,300-square-foot building in Springfield as being owned by

Vono Real Estate in Riverview, Florida, with \$42,112 in property tax paid in 2025.

The Wabash property includes 30,000 square feet of space formerly used for retail sales and 15,500 square feet for storage. The building, constructed in the 1970s, previously was a Hobby Lobby location and, before that, a Jewel-Osco grocery and drugstore, Seidman said. □

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GREAT PROJECT

Thank you to Yolanda Rice for investing in this community (“Former King’s Daughters Home to house nurses,” Aug. 28). I hope there is an open house when the project is complete.

I remember being inside of it in its heyday, it was very nice inside. I even went trick-or-treating there as a child as my grandparents lived at 515 E. Black Ave. I also passed it on my walks to Lincoln Park with my grandpa, the ladies would be out on the large porch, always waving.

Judy Graves
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

FOND MEMORIES

I grew up in that building; my mom was a hairdresser there. I spent many hours in the

library and talking to different residents. I loved it, and I’m so glad to see someone take over this building and make it a home again.

Suzzie Johnson
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GREAT MAN

I knew Robert Moore when he was U.S. Marshal (“Robert Moore reflects on his life,” Aug. 29). He was an excellent choice for the position. He was tough and congenial at the same time. I was proud to work with him and remember him as one the best, if not the best, U.S. Marshals this area has had.

Carol Forestier
Rochester

NEED LOCAL NEWS

It’s refreshing have a local news source for timely information, as opposed to the two-day-old news we get from Peoria via the *State Journal-Register* (“Can alternative papers revive journalism?” Aug. 28).

Bob Disco
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

SELF-INTEREST

This would be his third office in how many years (“Frank Lesko to take on Doris Turner,” Aug. 28)? Whose interest is Frank Lesko serving?

Jenna Broom
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

ANOTHER RINO

The Illinois Republican Party really isn’t Republican whatsoever. And neither is Don Tracy, who donates to Joe Biden (“Don Tracy to run for U.S. Senate,” Aug. 28).

Rosanna Pulido
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes



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

Goodies Detour

Summers we went to a small lake near Beloit. Mom wanted to keep us kids away from farm machinery. We took my goat; she was a nuisance on the farm. When we walked along the cottage row on our side of the lake we had to put the goat in our rowboat and row her past a certain cottage: the old lady living there didn’t like the goat nipping off her carefully tended flowers. The cottage was called “Bide-A-Wee” or maybe “Heaven’s Annex.” I forget which. I do remember the fiery eyes of the owner as she watched us detour our straining animal!

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OPINION

'Three readings rule' lawsuit thrown out

POLITICS | Rich Miller

I'm coming a bit late to this (national current events having overtaken everything), but a lawsuit filed by House and Senate Republicans was recently tossed out by Sangamon County Circuit Court Judge Jack Davis II. The suit sought to strike down a new law backed by trial lawyers (Senate Bill 328). The Republicans say they will appeal.

The Republican lawsuit claimed that the majority Democrats had violated the Illinois Constitution's "three readings rule."

The titles of bills are required to be read aloud on three separate session days in each chamber. In the state's early days, the entire bills had to be read aloud apparently because so many legislators were illiterate.

Often, though, bills that have already passed one chamber are gutted and replaced with amendments by different legislation, usually after the bills have been moved in the second chamber to Third Reading. The final bills can then be passed by both chambers in a single day without committee hearings because their titles had already been read three times in each body. And as long as both legislative leaders certify that the bills complied with procedural requirements, known as the "Enrolled Bill Doctrine," the legislation is considered constitutionally passed.

"This special interest proposal was passed by the Democratic Majority using a shady process that clearly violates the substance and spirit of the Illinois Constitution," said Illinois Senate Republican Leader John Curran when he and others filed the suit in June.

The Republicans noted in their lawsuit that even though the Illinois Supreme Court had shot down other lawsuits attempting to kill legislation based on alleged violations of the Enrolled Bill Doctrine, justices on the state's top court had sternly warned the legislature in 1992 that their judicial patience was wearing thin: "(T)he General Assembly has shown remarkably poor self-discipline in policing itself," the court said at the time. "Indeed, both parties agree that ignoring the three-readings requirement has become a procedural regularity."

But Davis countered that the Supreme Court has since addressed three readings challenges "on several occasions and has, without exception, followed the enrolled bill rule." All appellate courts have also done the same, he wrote. Davis said he was therefore bound by precedent.

The judge also ruled that the plaintiffs lacked standing to sue because the legislation, allowing out of state businesses to now be

sued for "exposure to a substance defined as toxic," can "never affect plaintiffs."

Earlier last month, Sangamon County Circuit Court Judge Adam Giganti used the exact same enrolled bill doctrine history cited by Davis to throw out a lawsuit filed by several members of the Illinois Freedom Caucus against the new state budget.

Giganti also ruled that because people involved in actually implementing the budget were not included as defendants in the lawsuit – including the governor, the comptroller, the treasurer and the Illinois Department of Revenue director – then that required dismissal as well under Section 2-615 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

Aside from the obvious press pops that the lawsuits have already attracted and will continue to receive, the object here is to eventually get these lawsuits in front of the Illinois Supreme Court to see if they can convince the justices to finally follow through on their 33-year-old warning.

A 2003 Supreme Court ruling referenced its own 1992 "remarkably poor self-discipline in policing itself" comment in a new case involving a similar constitutional

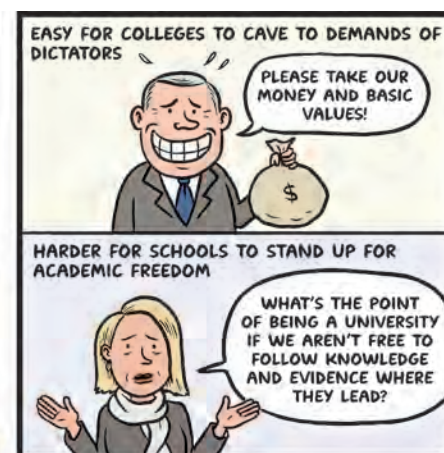
challenge. However, the top court noted that the record of alleged violations had not been "sufficiently developed to support or contradict this claim" of a violation.

"Nevertheless," the opinion continued, "because this court is ever mindful of its duty to enforce the constitution of this state, we take the opportunity to urge the legislature to follow the three-readings rule. While separation of powers concerns militate in favor of the enrolled-bill doctrine, our responsibility to ensure obedience to the constitution remains an equally important concern."

So, as I told my blog readers when the Republican lawsuit was filed, "the Republicans are likely hoping that if they keep bringing these cases to the court's attention, the Supremes will eventually decide that the record has been 'sufficiently developed' to support their claim.

But it's highly doubtful, to say the least, that the 5-2 Democratic majority will accede to the Republicans' wishes even then. □

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Cracks in the earth

KROHE | James Krohe Jr.

“Lutheran high school as hellmouth?” is a headline that I’d hoped to read when I heard that the ground at 3500 W. Washington beneath Springfield’s new Lutheran High School opened up beneath it in 2022. Disappointingly, no bloody hand had thrust up out of its grave to pull innocents down into the bowels of the earth. The cause of the rupture was more prosaic. Pillars of coal propping up a long-abandoned coal mine hundreds of feet below the school had collapsed.

The earth opened up only a crack but through that crack Jori Lewis saw another Springfield that had been hidden from her view. The young writer and sometime journalist who now resides in Chicago and Senegal grew up on the west side not far from the Lutherans’ property. As a girl she knew of the Springfield area only what she could see and what she could see was corn. What she couldn’t see was uncounted miles of tunnels that miners had burrowed through the No. 5 coal seam like termites through a sill plate during the decades when mining was Springfield’s biggest industry. Her church, her middle school, her favorite park – all undercut.

When I was her age a Springfield kid could still see artifacts of that furious excavation. Nature put coal almost everywhere Downstate, but mine owners choose where to put mines and they usually sink the shafts next to rail lines, even if those lines were in the crowded city. As a boy I’d bicycle to and fro to downtown from the east side past the rusting surface works and slag pile of Peabody’s No. 57 mine, The “Capital.” Such relics did not last long. Atop the entrance to the Citizens Coal Company “A” mine the city built a new fire station and Peabody’s Capital mine was converted into a baseball park.

Jori Lewis’s curiosity was piqued, so she set out to uncover more buried history.



At the June 17 dedication of the Henry Stephens historical marker are, from left, retired coal miner Willie McGuire, Charlie Stratton of the Springfield Mass Transit District, Sen. Doris Turner, Dr. Rosemary Feurer of Northern Illinois University, William Furry, executive director, Illinois State Historical Society, Willett Douglass, president of Black Trade Unionists and Nick Yelvington, Springfield and Central Illinois Trades and Labor Council. At the dedication, Willie McGuire read Carl Sandburg’s poem, “The Sayings of Henry Stephens.”

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What she found she recalled in an essay that appeared in the *New York Review of Books* (“Buried Sunshine”) of July 26, 2025. You start a journey in an underground mine and it is easy to get lost. Lewis’s excursion has her wandering here and there from coal to slavery to labor history. The result is not a bildungsroman, more like Mister Rogers explores the neighborhood. Among her stops was Macoupin County’s Mt. Olive and Gillespie, the birthplace of the Progressive Miners of America, a rebel union group whose fraternal violence fueled open warfare in and around Sangamon in the 1930s. Along the way she introduces readers to Virden and

Pana, Mother Jones and John L. Lewis – giant names that used to be on the front pages but are now reduced in every way to tourist brochures.

Happily, museums can un-bury history too. Lewis visited the Illinois Coal Museum at Gillespie (<https://www.gillespiecoalmuseum.org/>); well-funded and drawing on recent scholarship, it is superior to most local history museums. (Too bad Lincoln didn’t dig coal instead of splitting rails; Springfield might have a first-class museum about the coal industry here too.) Such displays tend toward the celebratory, and with reason. Underground mining was hard and men who

did it were proud to do it well. The mines made towns different from their farm town neighbors (if only in the number of taverns they supported) and they are proud of that too. The darker side – the racial and ethnic antagonisms, the violence committed by the owners’ goons against the miners and by miners against each other, the social violence practiced when men with money exploit men without it – are left to the historians.

It is a story that I know fairly well, but Lewis opened a crack in my world too, out of which walked miner Big Henry Stephens, the Black labor union activist and civil rights agitator in Sangamon and Christian counties. I’d never heard of him. Carl Sandburg was an itinerant labor-party organizer as well a poet who knew Stephens (who died in 1939). Sandburg reimagined one of these encounters (slightly, one suspects) in a 1917 poem “The Sayings of Henry Stephens.” A lifelong aversion to Sandburg’s verse left Stephens buried on the shelf of my library all these years. (For more about Stephens, see <https://sangamoncountyhistory.org/wp/harry-stephens-miner-carl-sandburg-muse/>.)

Future Springfieldans need not rely on a poet for their history. Alert readers will recall that in June the Illinois State Historical Society erected a memorial marker to Henry Stephens at 11th and Washington in Springfield near where he used to live. Markers recalling our inconvenient citizens are to be praised, although I can’t help wishing they’d installed this one on the grounds of the country club or at least near a high school. No matter. As Lewis reminds us, you learn your history where you find it.

James Krohe Jr. is the author of Midnight at Noon: A History of Coal Mining in Sangamon County, Sangamon County Historical Society, 1975. It can be read at <https://www.jameskrohejr.com/article-midnight-p-1-schs>.

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Addressing children's mental health

Required student screenings raise concerns about accessing services, privacy issues

MENTAL HEALTH | Dilpreet Raju

Anxiety, depression and other mood disorders in children have become more prevalent due to influence from a rapidly increasing number of technology and social media offerings in the past two decades.

"I feel like we have an anxious generation," social worker Melissa Warwick told *Illinois Times* in her Auburn Community School District office. Students try to find solace in Warwick's office, decorated with welcoming posters and friendly messages threaded into pillow covers. The walls display artwork from students. She has been with the district for 17 years and said there's been more children visiting her office over recent years.

"I would say our enrollment has been decreasing, but our caseloads have been increasing," she said. State data indicates the district's enrollment is currently around 1,100 students and has shrunk by 20%, almost 300 students, over the past seven years.

Data from the largest long-term study of brain development in the U.S. was used in a study published earlier this year in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and showed that symptoms of depression in children increased as social media use grew. More studies over the years have indicated a rise in other symptoms associated with mood disorders as a result of increased time spent on social media. The World Health Organization estimates more than 1 billion people live with diagnosable mental health disorders, a statistic that the organization says is a call for countries to "scale up services to protect and promote people's mental health."

In addition to working with elementary students, Warwick also does one-on-one meetings with some high schoolers and said the anxieties she sees manifest in a variety of ways. She said it's clear how mental health can be impacted by increased access to the internet's endless information.

"It was paper and pencil activities 10 years ago – even that's just different now,

everything is really computer-based," she said. "They didn't have a Chromebook or a laptop that was with them all the time. Now these kids have access 24-7 to absolutely everything."

Modern technology can stoke common anxieties for teenagers, Warwick said.

"Thinking about junior high (or) high school kids that are very impressionable – having access to social media – they know where everyone is, they can locate everyone," she said. "My friends are here and I didn't get an invitation," and that causes some major anxiety."

Those problems multiply for some Auburn students who are in need of counseling or therapy, as the closest providers are in Springfield. Ashley Weber-LeBar, also a social worker at Auburn Community School District 10, said the distance to medical professionals is a real barrier.

"Even just medical needs, anything in Springfield is just really hard to get to for most of our population," Weber-LeBar said.

At a Sangamon County Mental Health Commission meeting in August, the two Auburn social workers informed the commission about children they have worked with who struggled to get transportation to therapists and doctors.

"There are agencies that will go to Auburn and pick up, but they're not reliable. We've got families that call the number and set it up for the date and time, and then the car is a no-show, and then the family has then missed their appointment," Warwick said last month. "If you miss one or two appointments, you're bumped from the list, and then they lost their counseling spot."

Warwick, who is also the district's homeless liaison, told the commission roughly 40 students in the district were experiencing some kind of homelessness and Springfield's resources felt out of reach.

"Even though it's a very small community, it's difficult sometimes to identify these families and doubled-up

situations. They're embarrassed; they don't want to talk about it or share their private situations," she said. "Once I identify them, we try to give them as many resources as possible. Obviously, that's here in Springfield. We don't have those types of resources down in the Auburn area – transportation to Springfield is huge – that's our biggest boundary we have."

For families with more significant needs, finding a children's therapist can be difficult as most providers have waitlists that often span weeks or longer.

Melissa Fisher Paoni, a licensed psychologist and co-owner of Springfield Psychological Center, said waitlists for her practice have consistently been quite long.

"It depends on the provider, it's either



several weeks or several months depending on the time of service,” Paoni said. “I think that’s been the case for years.”

She added that today’s digital world is particularly likely to increase anxieties in young girls – though all children are susceptible to mental health effects from overuse of social media.

“Social media, in particular, affects girls more so in terms of negative comparison,” Paoni said. “And this is true for all kids and adolescents. The constant scrolling with looking at other people’s profiles and things like that leads to negative comparisons and negative self-concept issues.”

Consuming large amounts of digital media without aim, Paoni says, can have harmful effects.

“Kids who are watching these short, intense videos one after the next have an almost obsessive-compulsive quality to their actions because of this homogeneous content that’s (viewed) over and over and over again,” she said. “That’s a different kind of anxiety where you have this dopamine rush and then you want more of it. It’s different than maybe (what we saw) prior to the prevalence of screens.”

State law introduces mental health screenings

Gov. JB Pritzker has made children’s health a major focus of his office through a number of executive actions and laws since becoming governor six years ago. This July, he signed a bill into law requiring mental health screenings for public school students in grades 3 through 12 – which goes into effect during the 2027-28 school year – though parents can waive their child’s participation.

At the signing, Pritzker was asked how the screenings fit into the state’s capacity to care for the children that screenings could catch.

“Those are steps we’ve been taking for some number of years and will need to continue to take, expanding the availability of providers that you can refer somebody to,” he said. “We have so many challenges we’re trying to overcome at once; it starts with overcoming the stigma that people are experiencing.”

While some people may still think of mental health problems as less than substantial issues, school social workers, often with hundreds of students on their caseload, are on the front lines.

Weber-LeBar – who administered and scored mental health screening paper questionnaires when working at Waverly Community School District 6 – said the law will be good for the state’s students. However, she believes additional resources need to be put toward people who manage and care for those children because of the amount of work it puts onto social work staff.

“I loved it,” she said about the standardized



Melissa Warwick, a social worker with the Auburn Community School District, said that although enrollment has decreased in recent years, her caseload has increased as more students are coping with mental health issues. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

questionnaire, “because it caught so many students that otherwise would have completely flown under the radar. Kids that I never would have thought needed services scored really high and those are kids that totally would have fallen through the cracks... we just also need some support because it’s going to blow up once they start doing this. But overall, I think it’ll be good for the future of the state.”

The Waverly school district implemented mental health screenings in the summer of 2020, shortly after the pandemic prompted remote schooling, which only exacerbated social and emotional problems for many students.

Weber-LeBar said the process resulted in more referrals for students to see a social worker or counselor, even though some parents decided not to sign their child up for the questionnaire.

“It really, really increased my workload, but it was worth it to me because we were able to help kids,” she said, “but I mean, it requires a ton of extra work.”

She said a school district larger than Waverly, which had just about 350 students enrolled while Weber-LeBar was there, would likely need to score questionnaires digitally.

Dana Weiner, a child welfare expert and chief of the state’s Children’s Behavioral Health Transformation Initiative, told an

Illinois Times reporter last year that BEACON – the online platform the state will use to administer mental health screenings – acts as a routing tool “so that parents and other concerned adults don’t have to do a lot of searching to find the appropriate (service) for kids.”

She emphasized that it will not solve grander systemic problems Illinois mental health care providers are facing, but it can streamline how families or teachers find resources children might need.

“It is not a diagnostic tool. It does not make appointments,” Weiner said, “or address any of our capacity concerns. What it does is it puts all the information in one place. It gives parents the opportunity to almost immediately connect with a person.”

Privacy concerns

BEACON, which stands for Behavioral Health Care and Ongoing Navigation, will act as an online one-stop location to search for mental health resources and connect children to state programs run by an array of different state agencies. It marks another step by the administration to consolidate and streamline government services for families following the creation of the Department of Early Childhood, which is set to be operational within the next year.

The tool being utilized to administer the mental health screening was originally touted as being “powered by Google Cloud’s secure, scalable, and advanced artificial intelligence and cloud computing technology” in a January 2024 press release announcing the platform.

There has been no mention of Google’s artificial intelligence in any government press materials released about BEACON since the platform’s initial announcement.

The mental health screening law requires state officials to outline “model procedures and guidance” by next September and must include “the option to opt-out, confidentiality and privacy considerations, communication with families and communities about the use of mental health screenings, data sharing, and storage of mental health screening results and plans for follow-up and linkage to resources after screenings.”

Fred Cate, an information privacy professor at Indiana University Bloomington’s Maurer School of Law, said even if the data is being stored by the state, Google’s involvement with BEACON means some level of interaction with the data.

“In other words, the state may be retaining legal control of it but, why do you go to Google if it’s not to provide services to the data or for the data? And so, I have to think

the data are being stored, or analyzed, by Google,” Cate told an *Illinois Times* reporter last year. “The press release said they’re using AI to do this. Well, for AI to work, the data and AI have to touch each other, and I have to think that’s the service Google’s providing.”

A one-stop system to find services and manage mental health records could come at the cost of privacy for the hundreds of thousands of children who may eventually utilize the platform. State agencies have experienced dozens of cybersecurity attacks in the past decade.

Last year, Google was required to delete billions of files containing private browsing data collected through ‘incognito’ mode on its Chrome browser, though it was not required to pay plaintiffs who asked for billions of dollars. More recently, a federal jury ordered the company valued at trillions of dollars to pay \$425 million in damages for illegally tracking data accessed through private browsing settings, though Google said it would be appealing the decision. Lawyers who filed the case argued the tech giant was collecting data from users through apps that connect to Google accounts in order to sell ads.

In response to questions from *Illinois Times* about Cate’s comments, the Department of Human Services said Google does not have access to the state’s data.

“The state of Illinois hosts its data in a private Google Cloud environment that is exclusively managed and controlled by the state of Illinois, not Google,” the statement reads. “The AI model powering BEACON’s features, such as resource matching and navigation, is deployed privately within the state’s environment on Google Cloud.”

“While the data resides on Google Cloud’s infrastructure, it is fully isolated, and only authorized state of Illinois personnel with proper credentials can access it,” according to the IDHS statement. “Google’s role is strictly limited to providing the underlying infrastructure, with no ability to interact with or extract the state’s data.”

Cate, who has served on various federal panels and subcommittees regarding cybersecurity, said people will likely use BEACON but that doesn’t guarantee trust in the platform.

“People will feel like they don’t have much choice,” he said. “I think it’s more likely you’ll say, ‘I don’t have the time or energy to really care.’”

Cate explained that in times of crisis, people are less concerned with their privacy.

“If you’re the parent of a child that needs mental health services, you’re probably feeling pretty desperate to start with,” Cate said. “You might trade your privacy concerns for the convenience of this service.” □

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Bethany Bilyeu, a counselor and executive director of student support services at UIS, said the university is already in line with the new state-mandated ratio of one counselor for every 1,250 students enrolled. PHOTO BY DILPREET RAJU

New law increases mental health access for college students

UIS counselors say they already meet new mandate

As part of efforts to increase mental health care across the state, Gov. JB Pritzker signed a law last month requiring public colleges and universities to have a certain number of mental health professionals available to students.

University of Illinois Springfield, one of the state’s smaller public universities, is in line with the new mandated ratio of one counselor for every 1,250 students enrolled. Bethany Bilyeu, a counselor and executive director of student support services at UIS, said the university is uniquely positioned to offer counseling services without session limits or a waitlist.

“We’ve been very blessed to not have a waitlist, so you can get in same day, same week, whatever’s convenient for you to see somebody. We don’t bill insurance,” Bilyeu said. “We have a student fee that covers health and counseling, so all students pay into that – it’s only \$82.50 per semester, which is still relatively low compared to other schools.”

She said the efforts to increase access to mental health care is appreciated. “Trying to get the right level of supports at the right times in people’s lives can be difficult.”

Despite offering telehealth and having many students who commute to school, Bilyeu said most students using the counseling center’s services tend to visit with their counselor in person.

“A lot of people made that shift (to offer telehealth) during COVID, and we have just sustained it. We definitely have way more students that prefer in-person (visits). We really thought after COVID that it might end up in almost like a 50-50 world, but that does not bear out when we look at our data,” she said.

The personal connection with a mental health provider is a benefit a smaller community like UIS can offer.

“Given our size, we don’t have session limits, so you can see the same person. If you go here for undergrad and graduate

school, you could end up with the same person for seven or eight years,” Bilyeu said.

Tim Moody, who has been working for the counseling center full time since 2019, said he enjoys working with students as they progress through college.

“It’s really a wonderful thing when you can spend time with a student that maybe comes in as a freshman, and you get to spend their whole college career with them. The growth is just magnificent to see,” Moody said.

He said social media is still a problem for college students, however, as communication splintered across so many different apps and platforms can complicate friendships.

“Often, their relationships are run through text messaging and Snapchat and these kinds of things, so having to try to communicate effectively is a real struggle,” he said, “I think that creates conditions for an uptick in anxiety.” —*Dilpreet Raju*

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- ☐ SAA Collective Gallery

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- ☐ Chatham Jaycees Sweetcorn Festival
- ☐ Fat Ass 5K
- ☐ Springfield PrideFest
- ☐ Wooden It Be Lovely sales

Director of local theater

- ☐ Andrew Maynerich and Morgan Kaplan
- ☐ Gus Gordon
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- ☐ Sherman Village Park Amphitheater

Local comedian

- ☐ Cassandra Simpson
- ☐ Jeremy Nunes
- ☐ Kathy Brennan
- ☐ Kinsey Becker
- ☐ Zach Goggins

Local comedic group

- ☐ Capital City Improv
- ☐ Cassandra Simpson & Ryne Thorson – Wakery open mic hosts
- ☐ Portuguese Rodeo Clown Company

Local living author

- ☐ A'Santianna Austin
- ☐ Courtney Wick
- ☐ Ian Winterbauer
- ☐ Jake Friefeld
- ☐ James Bockmier
- ☐ Shatriya Smith

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- ☐ Ray Lytle's Morning Disaster
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- ☐ Illinois State Museum
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- ☐ Hoogland Center for the Arts
- ☐ Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery & Eatery
- ☐ Old Capitol Farmers Market
- ☐ Whimsy Tea Company

Place to see a play or musical indoor

- ☐ Dominican Hall Theatre, Sacred Heart-Griffin High School
- ☐ Edwards Place
- ☐ Hoogland Center for the Arts
- ☐ Legacy Theatre
- ☐ UIS Performing Arts Center

Place to see a play or musical outdoor

- ☐ The Muni
- ☐ Sherman Village Park Amphitheater
- ☐ Theater in the Park - Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site
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- ☐ Union Square Park

Play or musical

- ☐ Grease at the Legacy Theatre
- ☐ Hadestown: Teen Edition ACTT
- ☐ Hunchback of Notre Dame
- ☐ Oklahoma at the Muni
- ☐ Shrek at The Muni

Portrayal of a female lead in a theatrical production

- ☐ Aleah Cross (Fiona) - Shrek at Muni
- ☐ Ellen Tuttle - Grease
- ☐ Jasmine French - Aida
- ☐ Jasmine Stubbs Persephone, Hadestown: Teen Edition
- ☐ Meredith Crifasi as Sandy in Grease at the Legacy
- ☐ Stella Smith - Eurydice, Hoogland Education
- ☐ Stephanie Myre as Mary Poppins and Mrs. Lovett - HCFTA

Portrayal of a male lead in a theatrical production

- ☐ Colum Goebelbecker - Kenickie in *Grease*
- ☐ Jack McLaughlin - Quasimodo in *Hunchback of Notre Dame*
- ☐ Jim Leach, *Death of a Salesman*
- ☐ Matt Woodson as Danny in *Grease*
- ☐ Nathan Moss - *Something Rotten*
- ☐ Reggie Guyton- *Aida*

Public art/mural

- ☐ Kidzeum Pollinator Mural by Jane Kim and Ink Dwell
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- ☐ Sam Madonia WFMB-AM

Singing performance (lead) in a musical

- ☐ Elizabeth Eckert - Waitress, The Legacy Theatre
- ☐ Ellen Tuttle as Rizzo in Grease at the Legacy
- ☐ Jack McLaughlin-Quasimodo-Hunchback at the Muni
- ☐ Jasmine French- Aida
- ☐ Kylan Davis- Frankenfurter

Singing performance (supporting) in a musical

- ☐ Christina Brewer - "Shrek the Musical" – The Muni
- ☐ Cohen Clemmer, Hermes, Hadestown ACTT
- ☐ Jakob Hankins - Farquaad in Shrek the Musical
- ☐ Rachel Larison, Waitress - The Legacy Theatre
- ☐ Reggie Guyton in Rent at STC

Tourist spot in Springfield not related to Abraham Lincoln

- ☐ Cozy Dog Drive In
- ☐ Dana-Thomas House
- ☐ Illinois State Fair
- ☐ Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex
- ☐ Washington Park

Visual artist

- ☐ Bill Crook, Jr.
- ☐ Felicia Olin
- ☐ Jeff C Williams
- ☐ Kristen Houch
- ☐ Osagie Emuze

CANNABIS/CBD

Biggest cannabis selection

- ☐ Ascend Downtown
- ☐ Ascend Horizon Drive
- ☐ Maribis - Denver Drive
- ☐ Maribis - Lindbergh Boulevard
- ☐ Shangri-La
- ☐ Share

Budtender: Cannabis dispensary or CBD store

- ☐ Cara Cianferri-Ascend on Horizon Drive
- ☐ Jackson Abbott High Profile
- ☐ Sam Brubaker Prairie State Hemp
- ☐ Stephen Hess- Ascend Downtown
- ☐ William Wilhite, Maribis

Cannabis strain

- ☐ Brownie Scout
- ☐ Green Crack
- ☐ indica
- ☐ Larry K
- ☐ Pipe Dream- CBD Botanicals

CBD store

- ☐ CBD Botanicals
- ☐ Penny Lane
- ☐ Prairie State Hemp
- ☐ Simply CBD
- ☐ Upper Limits, Inc.

Edible

- ☐ 420 Berry Punch
- ☐ Berry High Tea- Tonic
- ☐ Big Chief Jellies- CBD Botanicals
- ☐ Salted Caramel Balls
- ☐ Tranquility-Teas

Health and beauty cannabis-infused product

- ☐ CBD Botanicals 1500mg Topical Cream
- ☐ High Profile
- ☐ Tranquility-Teas

Cannabis Dispensary

- ☐ Ascend Downtown
- ☐ Ascend Horizon Drive
- ☐ Maribis - Denver Drive

- ☐ Maribis - Lindbergh Boulevard
- ☐ Shangri-La

Place to buy accessories for cannabis use

- ☐ Happy Daze
- ☐ High Profile
- ☐ Penny Lane
- ☐ Shangri la
- ☐ Vapor Maven

CIVIC & COMMUNITY

Business giving back to the community

- ☐ Cafe Moxo
- ☐ Deep End Qlub (DEQ)
- ☐ Lulu's Diner
- ☐ Scoop Du Jour
- ☐ United Community Bank

City official

- ☐ Ethan Posey, Director of Community Relations
- ☐ Jennifer Notariano, Ward 6 Alderwoman
- ☐ Joseph Behl, Springfield Police Department Chief
- ☐ Mayor Misty Buscher
- ☐ Nick Zummo, Springfield Fire Department Chief
- ☐ Shawn Gregory, Ward 2 Alderman

Clergyperson

- ☐ Eddie Lowen- WSCC
- ☐ Fr. Jeff Grant Blessed Sacrament
- ☐ Marsha Funneman - Parkway Christian Church
- ☐ Martin Wouffe, Abraham Lincoln UU Congregation
- ☐ Susan Phillips First Presbyterian Church

County official

- ☐ Don Gray, County Clerk
- ☐ Jim Allmon, Sangamon County Coroner
- ☐ Marc Ayers, Sangamon County Board
- ☐ Reggie Guyton Sangamon County Board
- ☐ Shannon Fehrholz Regional Superintendent of Schools

Local Facebook page

- ☐ 217 Foodies
- ☐ 217 Problems
- ☐ Black Lives Matter SPI
- ☐ Sangamon County Crime Watch
- ☐ Sangamon County Scanner

Nonprofit

- ☐ Animal Protective League
- ☐ Forever Home Feline Ranch
- ☐ Intricate Minds
- ☐ Phoenix Center
- ☐ W.I.L.D. Canine Rescue
- ☐ Springfield Urban League

Place to volunteer

- ☐ Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum
- ☐ Intricate Minds
- ☐ Springfield Immigrant Advocacy Network
- ☐ W.I.L.D. Canine Rescue

Unsung hero

- ☐ Brian Skeeters, Sangamon County Crime Watch
- ☐ Cathy Schwartz and John Shafer, Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln: Emma Shafer Peace and Justice Fund
- ☐ Charlene Powers Walsh, W.I.L.D.
- ☐ Sunshine Clemons, BLM Springfield
- ☐ Tiara Standage, Intricate Minds

Use of TIF funds

- ☐ Downtown Springfield
- ☐ No Match TIF Far East/SHA TIF for Business and Housing redevelopment

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- ☐ Becky Hendricks The Becky Hendricks Team
- ☐ Jim Skeeters Sales Team
- ☐ The Killebrew Team - The Real Estate Group
- ☐ Winchester Sales Team - The Real Estate Group

Realtor & name of agency

- ☐ Adam Bugos - The Real Estate Group
- ☐ Eric Pedigo- The Real Estate Group
- ☐ Jami Winchester - The Real Estate Group
- ☐ Kyle Killebrew - The Real Estate Group
- ☐ Mackenzie Montgomery at The Real Estate Group

Storage facility

- ☐ Capitol Storage
- ☐ Federal 10
- ☐ Mayflower Moving & Storage
- ☐ Stuff-it Storage
- ☐ U Haul Moving & Storage, Chatham Road

Tattoo artist and name of shop

- ☐ Benny Dewitt at Good Heart Tattoos
- ☐ Jason Lee at Newage Tattoos
- ☐ Jesse Flock at Newage Tattoos
- ☐ Kevin Veara at Black Moon Tattoo
- ☐ Charlie Verdell at Red Bird

Tattoo shop

- ☐ Black Moon Tattoo
- ☐ Electric Quill Tattoos
- ☐ Good Heart Tattoos
- ☐ Newage Tattoos & Body Piercings
- ☐ Redbird Electric Tattoo

Tire shop

- ☐ Brahler's
- ☐ CheckPoint Tire & Service Center
- ☐ Discount Tire
- ☐ Knox Knolls Autocare
- ☐ Lauterbach Tire & Auto Service
- ☐ Wilkerson's Service Center

Wedding venue

- ☐ Artisans Building at State Fairgrounds
- ☐ Erin's Pavillion
- ☐ Long Bridge Golf Course
- ☐ Paul's Paradise
- ☐ Pole Barn Chic Events, LLC

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Assisted-living community

- ☐ EverTrue Concordia Village
- ☐ Illinois Presbyterian Home
- ☐ Rochester Estates
- ☐ Springfield Supportive Living
- ☐ The Villas Senior Care Facility, Sherman

Chiropractor (name & name of clinic)

- ☐ Cody Needham- Needham Chiropractic
- ☐ Dr. Ian Pflug, Pflug Family Chiropractic Inc.
- ☐ Dr. Rodney Holzmacher, Holzmacher Chiropractic
- ☐ Dr. Samantha Waggener- Waggener Chiropractic and Wellness Center
- ☐ Frisina Family Wellness - Dr. Tana Frisina

Cosmetic surgeon

- ☐ Dr Tim Daugherty - SIU Medicine
- ☐ Dr. Abigail Cochran Springfield Clinic Plastic Surgery
- ☐ Dr. Matthew Johnson, SIU Medicine
- ☐ Dr. Nada Berry, SIU Medicine
- ☐ Dr. Nicole Sommer, SIU Medicine

Dental office

- ☐ Crawford Family Dental
- ☐ Dental Group of Springfield
- ☐ Milner Dentistry
- ☐ Prairie Dental Group
- ☐ Santarelli and Feller

Dietitian (person's name and company name)

- ☐ Erin Zepp, Memorial Wellness
- ☐ Gayle Jennings - SIU
- ☐ Shannon Grey - Springfield Clinic B ariatics
- ☐ Sybil Cox- SIU

Disc golf course

- ☐ Duncan Park
- ☐ Lincoln Park North
- ☐ UIS

Esthetician

- ☐ Alaina Skaggs - B3 Medspa
- ☐ Andrea Bradley - BJ Grand Salon

- ☐ Casey Newbanks-Urban at The Skin Studio
- ☐ Emma Jacob's- Sweet Caroline Aesthetics
- ☐ Shannon Kozeluh SK Beauty and Skincare
- ☐ Stevie Lievens at Willow & Birch

Golf course

- ☐ Brookhills Golf Course
- ☐ Edgewood Golf Club
- ☐ Long Bridge Golf Course
- ☐ Panther Creek Golf Course
- ☐ The Rail Golf Club

Gym or fitness center

- ☐ Armor Fitness
- ☐ Capital City CrossFit
- ☐ FitClub
- ☐ Planet Fitness
- ☐ YMCA

Health food grocery store

- ☐ Aldi
- ☐ Food Fantasies
- ☐ Harvest Market
- ☐ Humphrey's Market
- ☐ Hy-Vee

Hearing-aid clinic

- ☐ Beltone
- ☐ Central Illinois Hearing
- ☐ Kerr Hearing Aid Center, Inc.
- ☐ SIU Audiology Listening, Learning & Language Center
- ☐ Springfield Clinic

Holistic-health center

- ☐ Frisina Family Wellness
- ☐ Pure Synergy
- ☐ SIU Integrative Medicine
- ☐ Unique Enchantments & Gift Shoppe
- ☐ WholeSelf Healing Resilience Center

Home care

- ☐ Hands of God Hospice
- ☐ Home Instead
- ☐ HSHS Illinois Home Care & Hospice
- ☐ Memorial Home Care
- ☐ SYNERGY HomeCare
- ☐ Visiting Angels

Independent-living community

- ☐ Brenden Gardens
- ☐ Concordia Village
- ☐ Illinois Presbyterian Home
- ☐ Seasons Senior Living
- ☐ Villa's of Hollybrook, Chatham

Martial arts studio (adult)

- ☐ American Jiu-Jitsu
- ☐ Gracie Barra Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
- ☐ John Geyston's Empowered Martial Arts Academy
- ☐ Progressive Kenpo Karate, Cardio Kickboxing and Krav Maga
- ☐ Shudo Kan Karate

Massage therapist & spa name

- ☐ Alicia Depew
- ☐ Bethany- Kneadful Things massage and bodywork and moxie
- ☐ Janet Icenogle
- ☐ MK Sports Massage – Michael Kirchgiesner, LMT
- ☐ Makayla Bertrand

Medical doctor & practice name

- ☐ Dr. Avinash Viswanathan - Memorial Physicians Group Koke Mill
- ☐ Dr. Dhuha Raab, Memorial Physicians Group Koke Mill
- ☐ Dr. Jennifer Schuermann - Springfield Clinic
- ☐ Dr. Kaitlin Henry, Springfield Clinic
- ☐ Dr. Madelyn O'Malley- Memorial Physicians Group Koke Mill

Medical equipment

- ☐ American Medical Supply & Service
- ☐ Memorial Home Medical Supply
- ☐ Rotech Healthcare
- ☐ Springfield Clinic
- ☐ Vono Medical Supply

Medical facility

- ☐ HSHS St. John's Hospital
- ☐ Simmons Cancer Center
- ☐ SIU Center for Family Medicine
- ☐ Springfield Clinic
- ☐ Springfield Memorial Hospital

Medical spa (Botox, filler, etc.)

- ☐ Absolut Aesthetics & Wellness Medspa
- ☐ B3 Medspa - Clinton Holaday MD
- ☐ Rose Aesthetics & Wellness Clinic
- ☐ SIU Cosmetic Surgery
- ☐ Springfield Clinic Center for Plastic Surgery

Mental health therapist

- ☐ Felicia Peters
- ☐ Kathleen Lyons
- ☐ Kelly Neal Ridge
- ☐ Lauren Henton

- ☐ Stephanie Perkins

Minor emergency clinic

- ☐ HSHS Priority Care
- ☐ Springfield Clinic Orthopedics Walk-In
- ☐ Memorial Care
- ☐ SIU Urgent Care
- ☐ Springfield Clinic Urgent Care

Nurse

- ☐ Aisha at HSHS Multispecialty Care
- ☐ Becky Book - Memorial
- ☐ Candi Laurent RN HSHS Medical Group
- ☐ Mary Ely DNP, HSHS
- ☐ Michelle Hazen RN Memorial Medical Center

Orthopedic care

- ☐ Foot & Ankle Center of Illinois
- ☐ Orthopedic Center of Illinois
- ☐ SIU Hand Surgery
- ☐ SIU Medicine--Orthopedics
- ☐ Springfield Clinic Orthopedics

Park

- ☐ Centennial Park
- ☐ Lincoln Memorial Garden
- ☐ Sherman Park
- ☐ Southwind Park
- ☐ Washington Park

Personal trainer, certified

- ☐ Brian Chandler - Capital City CrossFit
- ☐ Dustin Bateman - New Hope Fitness Training
- ☐ Jeremy Ferry Pure Performance Fitness
- ☐ Lizzy Hughes - Lifted by Lizzy
- ☐ Nic Anderson

Physical therapy

- ☐ HSHS St. John's Physical Therapy
- ☐ Memorial Therapy Center- Koke Mill
- ☐ Orthopedic Center of Illinois
- ☐ Physiotherapy Professionals
- ☐ Springfield Clinic Rehabilitation Services

Pilates

- ☐ Happy Hour Pilates
- ☐ The Pilates Collective
- ☐ Pilates Studio of Springfield
- ☐ Power A Pilates Studio
- ☐ YMCA

Spa (no injections used)

- ☐ BJ Grand Salon & Spa
- ☐ The ColorBar Salon and Spa Lounge
- ☐ Peace, Love & Sweat
- ☐ Spavia Day Spa
- ☐ Willow & Birch

Weight-loss clinic

- ☐ Absolut Aesthetics & Wellness Medspa
- ☐ Frisina Family Wellness
- ☐ Memorial Wellness Center
- ☐ SIU Center for Family Medicine- Weight Loss Clinic
- ☐ Springfield Clinic Bariatric Weight Loss Center

Women's health care center

- ☐ Frisina Possibilities
- ☐ HSHS St John's Women's and Children Clinic
- ☐ Pelvic Wellness Center at SIU Medicine
- ☐ Planned Parenthood
- ☐ SIU Medicine
- ☐ Springfield Clinic Women's Health Center

Yoga

- ☐ Ahh Yoga
- ☐ Balance Yoga
- ☐ Jax Yoga
- ☐ WholeSelf Healing Resilience Center
- ☐ YMCA Springfield

Yoga instructor

- ☐ Angie Anderson Ryan - Balance Yoga
- ☐ Ashley Krstulovich - WholeSelf Healing Resilience Center
- ☐ Betsy Link Ahh Yoga
- ☐ Juanyai Moore - Homemade Healing Co
- ☐ Lisa Kording - Treehouse Yoga
- ☐ Maureen Fallier - Ahh Yoga

HOME & GARDEN

AC/Heating company

- ☐ Allied Plumbing and Heating
- ☐ Eades Heating and Cooling
- ☐ Henson Robinson Co.
- ☐ Jesse Wilkin Plumbing

- ☐ MB Heating & Cooling, Plumbing & Electric
- ☐ Rich Gatschenberger Heating & Cooling

Air duct cleaning

- ☐ Duct Dusters LLC
- ☐ Filter Free
- ☐ Klughart Mechanical & Construction Contractors
- ☐ Nylas Cleaning Service
- ☐ Peerless Cleaning & Restoration Services

Carpet & flooring

- ☐ Arizona Tile
- ☐ Calhoun's
- ☐ Carpet Weavers Flooring & Furniture Gallery
- ☐ Cumming's Carpet One Floor & Home
- ☐ Staff Carpet

Carpet cleaning

- ☐ All Pro Floor Care
- ☐ Chem Dry
- ☐ Nylas Cleaning Service
- ☐ Sennings Cleaning Service
- ☐ SteamWorld

Cleaning service (residential)

- ☐ Blue Ribbon Cleaning
- ☐ Cardinal Cleaning
- ☐ Crunchy Cleaning
- ☐ Maids R Us, Inc.
- ☐ Nooks & Crannies

Electrical company

- ☐ B & B Electric
- ☐ R. Watts Electric
- ☐ Rob VonBehren
- ☐ Ruby Electric, Inc.
- ☐ Ryan Electric

Foundation repair

- ☐ Elite Masonry
- ☐ Greentree Waterproofing, Inc
- ☐ Helitech Waterproofing and Foundation Repair
- ☐ Slab-Jackers
- ☐ Woods Basement Systems

Furniture store

- ☐ Ashley Home Furnishings
- ☐ Hendricks Home Furnishings
- ☐ HomeGoods
- ☐ Magnolia Lane Home Décor and More
- ☐ Wright Furniture Taylorville

Garage door company

- ☐ Glenn Brothers Garage Door
- ☐ Illini Garage Door Co
- ☐ Midwest Garage door
- ☐ Pridemore Garage Doors
- ☐ Springfield Overhead Door by Hart

Garden center

- ☐ Apple Barn
- ☐ Farmer's Market Garden Center
- ☐ Green View Garden Center
- ☐ Pleasant Nursery
- ☐ New City Greenhouse

Handyman

- ☐ Daulton Weller
- ☐ Reliable Handyman Services
- ☐ Trisha Farmer
- ☐ Wilkin Construction
- ☐ Zac Chase

Home builder

- ☐ Buraski Builders
- ☐ Giacomini & Churchill Builders
- ☐ H&S Builders
- ☐ Moughan Builders
- ☐ Zinn Construction

Home furnishings

- ☐ Design House by Staff Carpet
- ☐ Hendricks Home Furnishings
- ☐ HomeGoods
- ☐ Magnolia Lane Home Decor and More
- ☐ Jim Wilson Interiors

Home improvement store

- ☐ Ace Hardware
- ☐ Laketown True Value
- ☐ Lowe's Home Improvement
- ☐ Menards

Home remodeling company

- ☐ Buraski Builders
- ☐ Dirty Construction and Remodeling
- ☐ Zinn Construction
- ☐ Reliable Handyman Services
- ☐ Zinn Construction



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- Sablotry Cabinetry & Design
- Thumb's-Up Designs
- Bailey Hardwoods and Woodworking
- DreamMaker Kitchens & Baths
- Paige Henderson Designs

Landscape company

- Green View Garden Center
- Knob Hill Landscape Company
- Paul Tree Farm
- Scoter's Lawn Care, Inc.
- Tripp Landscaping

Landscape designer

- Artisan Stone Products
- Green View Garden Center
- Paul Tree Farm
- Knob Hill Landscape Company
- Tripp Landscaping

Landscape supply

- Artisan Stone Products
- Bedrock Materials
- Chapman Stone
- Green View Garden Center
- Paul Tree Farm

Lawn care

- JP's Lawn Care
- Robertson Lawn Care
- Scoter's Lawn Care, Inc.
- True Green
- Wellman's Lawn Care

Lawn mower sales & service

- Farm and Home Supply
- Illinois Power Equipment
- Kunz Mower Service
- Sloans Implement
- Up and Running Lawn Care

Nursery

- Green View Garden Center
- Hilltop Nursery
- New City Greenhouse
- Paul Tree Farm
- Pleasant Nursery
- Seany Farms

Paint store

- Ace Hardware
- Dellert's Paint Company
- Lowe's Home Improvement
- Menards
- Sherwin-Williams

Painters

- Boehler Girls Painting
- Dan Deweese Painting
- High Egg Spectations
- Lockwood Finishes
- Reliable Handyman Services

Paving

- Brahler Paving And Concrete Services
- Illinois Paving
- P.H. Broughton & Sons, Inc.
- Ron Furman's Asphalt Paving
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Pest control company

- Bacon's Termite & Pest Control
- Fidelis Pest Solutions-Springfield
- Mosquito Joe
- Sentinel Pest Control
- Sonny Adams Pest Control

Plumbing company

- Allied Plumbing & Heating
- Easterday Plumbing
- F. J. Murphy & Son
- Henson Robinson Co.
- Jesse Wilkin Plumbing
- Rick Ray Plumbing
- Steve Ray Plumbing Services, Inc.

Pool & spa supplies

- Bollmans Pool & Spa Co.
- Illini Pools
- M & M Pools/Spas
- The Pool Center
- Southern Ledge Pools & Patios

Pool builder

- Bollmans Pool & Spa Co.
- Knob Hill Landscape Company
- Lambert Custom Pools
- M & M Pools/Spas
- Southern Ledge Pools & Patios

Power washing

- 217 Under Pressure
- Central IL Window Cleaning
- Freedom Softwash
- Full Blast Pressure Washing
- Zellers Pro Wash LLC

Roofing company

- Acosta-Angeli Roofing
- Blackhawk Roofing
- Central Roofing Springfield
- Sunley Roofing
- Sutton's

Security alarm company

- ADT
- Barcomm
- Central Illinois Security Inc.
- George Alarm Company
- Springfield Alarm Company
- Young's Security

Tree farm

- Carter's Trees - Williamsville
- Green View Garden Center
- Hilltop Nursery
- Paul's Tree Farms, LLC
- Pleasant Nursery

Tree trimming/removal

- Brown Storm Service
- Jeremiah's Tree Service
- Sangamon Tree Service
- Throop and Son Tree Service
- To the Top

Windows and Siding

- Acosta-Angeli Roofing
- Feldco Window
- Griffitts Construction Siding & Windows
- H&S Builders
- Suttons

KIDS STUFF

Children's Support Organizations

- Community Child Care Connection
- Children's Miracle Network
- Compass for Kids
- Girls on the Run
- Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery
- The Outlet
- YMCA

Children's clothing store

- Carter's Children's Store
- Just Kids
- Luers
- Once Upon A Child
- Sweet Pea Consignment, Chatham

Dance studio

- Above & Beyond Dance Company
- Dance Arts Studio
- Dance Creations Dance Studio
- Dayna's Dance Revolution
- Springfield Dance

Day care center

- Community Child Care
- Calvary Academy / Daycare
- Kimmy Kares Day Care
- Silverleaf Children's Academy
- Springfield Urban League I Head Start/Early Head Start Program
- YMCA Child Watch

Family fun spot

- Bounce Tag
- Henson Robinson Zoo
- Kidzeum
- Knight's Action Park
- Malibu Jacks

Gymnastics

- Capital Elite Athletics
- Gymnastics Zone
- Springfield Gymnastics Center
- Teeter Tots n Tumblers
- YMCA

Kid-friendly place

- YMCA
- Kidzeum
- Lincoln Memorial Garden
- Skateland South
- Southwind Park

Kid-friendly restaurant

- Charlie Parker's Diner
- The Creek Pub and Grill
- Home Plate Bar & Grill
- Pizza Ranch
- The Railyard

Kids' art classes

- B's Creative Studio – Gift Boutique & Art Classes
- China Towne
- Dabble Springfield
- Springfield Art Association
- The Studio on the Square

Kids eat free

- Brickhouse Grill & Pub
- Charlie Parker's Diner
- Dublin Pub
- Home Plate Bar & Grill
- Pizza Ranch

Kids events/day camps

- B's Creative Studio Art Camp
- Camp Compass
- Hoogland Center for the Arts
- Lincoln Memorial Garden Fall Harvest Festival
- Springfield Art Association
- YMCA Y Ninja

Martial arts studio (kids)

- Gracie Barra Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
- John Geyston's Empowered Martial Arts Academy
- Shudo Kan Karate
- Springfield Karate and Fitness
- YMCA

Orthodontics

- Longos, Middleton & Neely Orthodontics
- Modern Dental
- Tuthmvr Orthodontics
- William Bloink DMD Dental Group of Springfield

Pediatrics center

- Frisina Family Wellness
- HSHS St. John's Children's Hospital
- Memorial Physician Services Pediatrics
- SIU Pediatrics
- Springfield Clinic Pediatrics

Private school

- Blessed Sacrament School
- Little Flower Catholic School
- Springfield Christian School
- St. Agnes
- Trinity Lutheran School and Church

Public school (9-12)

- Glenwood High School
- Pleasant Plains
- Rochester High School
- Southeast High School
- Springfield High School
- Springfield Public Schools District 186

Public school (K-8)

- Farmingdale Elementary
- Glenwood Middle School
- Iles Elementary School
- Rochester Elementary School
- Sherman Elementary

Summer camp

- Camp CILCA
- Camp Compass
- CDF Freedom School – Springfield Urban League
- Springfield Art Association/Edwards Place
- YMCA

Swim lessons

- Downtown YMCA
- Just Because
- PORTA pool
- YMCA

Tutoring or learning center

- Children's Dyslexia Center
- iMagicNation
- Project Ready (Springfield Urban League)
- Sylvan Learning of Springfield
- YMCA

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Bacon fat transforms good dishes into great ones

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

With tomato season in full swing, so is the jar of rendered bacon fat that lives in my fridge. A happy byproduct of countless bacon and tomato sandwiches, this culinary gold has been finding its way into everything from salad dressing and snacks to soups and even cookies. A versatile and old-fashioned ingredient, many have memories of frugal grandmothers keeping a can of bacon grease at the ready, and with good reason. Bacon fat can effortlessly transform a good dish into a great one and, even better, it's practically free.

Memaw may keep her can of bacon fat on the counter, but I prefer to keep it in the fridge, where it will keep in an airtight jar for several weeks. If frozen, it will last almost indefinitely. Bacon fat does have a slightly lower smoke point than canola oil, but it's still resilient enough to provide a good sear on a piece of steak or a heaping pile of peppers and onions. It can form the essential base layer to hearty comfort and soul food classics, including collard greens, red beans and rice and stick-to-your-ribs soups. In the salad corner, bacon fat makes an excellent foundation for a sweet-savory warm vinaigrette, excellent on lettuces as well as roasted carrots or potatoes. For added texture, sauté breadcrumbs in melted bacon fat until brown and crispy. I highly recommend scattering these crispy, bacon-infused breadcrumbs with wild abandon over everything from vibrant green salads to simple bowls of garlicky herbed spaghetti.

Beyond infusing layers of savory, smokey flavor on the stovetop, it also has many uses in baking. It can easily be substituted in any recipe that calls for vegetable shortening and is the secret star of my mother's irrationally delicious snickerdoodle cookies. Some, like my favorite Southern-style cornbread, are made with just bacon fat, while other recipes, like quiche crust, scones and cookies, work best using a 50/50 mixture of butter and bacon fat.

To render bacon fat, cook the bacon slowly over medium-low heat for 10-12 minutes, flipping once. Alternatively, bacon can be baked on a sheet pan in a 375-degree oven for 10-15 minutes, until crispy. Once the bacon is cooked, remove it from the fat and drain on paper towels. Allow the fat to cool for a bit, then pour the still warm but not hot contents of the pan into a heatproof bowl or jar. If desired, the fat can be poured through a fine meshed sieve to catch any crispy bits. It's now ready to use or be refrigerated or frozen for several months.



Stovetop bacon fat popcorn

Ingredients:

¼ cup bacon fat
½ cup popcorn
Salt and pepper to taste

Melt the fat in a heavy-bottomed pot with a tight-fitting lid over medium high heat. Add the popcorn kernels and stir to coat, then place the lid on the pot. Stay close to the stove, and as soon as you can hear the kernels start to pop, use potholders to vigorously shake the kernels and keep the unpopped kernels at the bottom of the pot. When the popping slows to a pop or so every few seconds, remove the pot from the heat and leave the lid on for a moment to let it finish popping. Carefully remove the lid, being cautious of steam, and season the popcorn to taste with salt and pepper.

Warm mustard-bacon vinaigrette

Ingredients:

¼ cup bacon fat

¼ cup cider vinegar
1-2 teaspoons minced shallot
1 tablespoon grainy mustard
1-2 teaspoons sugar or honey, to taste
Salt and pepper to taste

Heat the bacon fat to bubbling in a jar in the microwave or over the stove in a non-reactive saucepan. Carefully add the remaining ingredients along with a tablespoon of water and mix vigorously to combine. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Bacon beer cheese cauliflower soup

Ingredients:

¼ cup bacon fat
1 onion, roughly diced
1 carrot, roughly diced
1 stalk celery, roughly diced
Salt and black pepper, to taste
12 ounces beer, such as a dark lager
2 quarts unsalted chicken stock
1 head cauliflower, broken into large florets
4 ounces white cheddar, grated, plus more for

garnish

Crispy bacon breadcrumbs and minced parsley, optional, for garnish

Melt the bacon fat over medium-high heat in a large heavy-bottomed soup pot. Add the diced onion, carrot and celery to the hot fat and season with a pinch of salt. Cook until the vegetables are fragrant and just beginning to soften, then add the beer. Bring the beer to a simmer and then add the stock and cauliflower. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer until the vegetables are very soft, about 20 minutes. Use an immersion blender to puree the soup until smooth. If using a closed blender, be sure to cool the soup first before pureeing to avoid the blender exploding. Rewarm the soup if necessary, then remove from the heat and add the cheese, stirring to melt. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Garnish individual bowls with herbs, cheese and garlic breadcrumbs.

Bacon fat snickerdoodles

Ingredients:

½ cup bacon fat
½ cup unsalted butter, softened
1 ½ cup granulated sugar
2 large eggs
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
2 ¾ cup bread flour (or use all-purpose)
Cinnamon sugar for rolling

Cream the butter, bacon fat and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs, mixing until smooth and light in color. In a separate bowl, whisk together the baking powder, salt and flour, then add this to the egg mixture. Mix gently but thoroughly to combine, then transfer the dough to the fridge for 30 minutes to chill.

While the dough chills, preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper. Place the cinnamon sugar in a wide shallow bowl.

Scoop tablespoons of the chilled dough into the cinnamon sugar and roll to coat with the sugar before placing them on the baking sheet, leaving about one and a half inches between each dough ball. Bake for about 12 minutes, until just set and golden, then transfer to a rack to cool. □

Ashley Meyer is a chef, freelance writer and mom of two based in Springfield.

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Tuesday, September 30, 2025 • Illini Country Club
Reception: 5:30pm • Dinner 6:15 • FREE Program 7:00 p.m.

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Dinner reservations are required and due by September 22. Chef will prepare a delicious buffet featuring food from NATO countries. Cost of dinner is \$45 members of WACCI, \$55 non-members. Prepayment is required. Make reservations online at mywacci.org. The Presentation is FREE and open to the public



The Band Feel, along with The Thing with Feathers plays Boondocks this Saturday evening.

September-ing some music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

After a spell of wonderful weather, we're back to a few heated days, but don't let that stop you from enjoying our outdoors shows coming up and those inside as well. Let's go see what we can find.

Thursdays continue to deliver the goods including the monthly Thursday Night Live area music showcase at Motorheads this week, featuring musicians Jimmy Cloney, Scott Mundstock, Roger Wainwright, Jefferson Massie, Mark Scassiferro, Hat Trick (Barry Woodworth, Ralph Carbonel and Michael Heap) and the Colin Helton Band (Colin Helton, Hank Helton, Matt Mifflin and Jeff Tucka). Also, Robert Sampson takes on the Mother Road Diner, JackAsh does the duo at the Curve Inn and Keith Dunlap zips into Sangamo Brewing in Chatham.

Friday gives us the annual Virgo celebration at George Rank's, with so many Virgos celebrating that three bands are needed to fulfill the fun, including Liz Fitz Band, Jay Larson Band and Spoonbenders. Joey Tenuto is back in town with three gigs already done and more coming at the Butternut Hut with a full band Friday, Pop's Place in Decatur on Saturday and Buckhart Tavern on Sunday before scooting off back to Florida after his whirlwind, weeklong hometown tour. And Silas Tockey takes off at Harvest Market, while Michael Burnett tees off at Brookhills Golf Club, as Carl Bopp and Ed Smith, collectively known as Sound Decision, decide what sounds to play at Lime Street.

Saturday blows in with a bang as The Band Feel cruises into Boondocks on the second stop of the Into the Sun tour that continues next week through the Midwest before heading back south and ending in Jacksonville, Florida, on Oct. 11. Accompanied by opening act The Thing with Feathers, the fellows in Feel include two Springfield homeboys and founding band

members, Tyler Armstrong (guitar) and T.J. Steinwart (drums), returning to play where it all began. The Band Feel in the last 12 months has clocked in some 100,000 listeners on Spotify (all organic, mind you), 70 million social media views and managed to produce an EP, plus fill plenty of mid-sized clubs, all through hard work and good playing. Support our very own if you can as these guys are getting it done and doing it right.

Moving on to Sunday we have a bunch of things for you including Sam Draper's Celebration of Life at the Curve Inn (1-6 p.m.) called Love is the Answer and featuring music by Smooth Groove, Rock & Roll Sisters, For the Love of Lennon, Harmony Deep (with guests) and Sleeping Dogzz. Sam contributed a great deal by playing music in our community during his too-short lifetime, but it was in his friendly, caring ways and mentoring of younger musicians that really put him in a special place of respect for those who were touched by his presence.

More Sunday music comes a-rolling in when Penny Lane presents its 30th annual customer appreciation event, known as the Joe Utterback & Jerry Garcia Tribute Fest at Duncan Park (1-9 p.m.). Rhythmspirit Percussion, Joel Gragg & The Filaments, Capt. Trip and the Space Cadets, Silverweed, Not Petty and Sunshine Daydream provide the honors in a musical way on the bandshell stage.

As OAT (Owen, Amy and Tom), we land back at the Brewhaus Pub for the second week of live music resuming on Sundays with a special birthday celebration for Amy Battles on the agenda. Other Sunday Funday shows include Buckhart Road's final 2025 gig coming to It's All About Wine, The Tangents at Trails End in Curran, Micah Walk at Oak Hills in Girard and Rod Grant at Brookhills.

Take good care and see you next week. □

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 or by email calendar@illinoistimes.com.

Thursday
Sep 11

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

Karaoke with Party Time DJ
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7-10:30pm

JackAsh
Curve Inn, 6pm

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, 6-9pm

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

Karaoke
Replay Lounge, 8pm

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

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

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

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

Karaoke
The Topsy Toad, 8pm-12am

Good Times Karaoke
VFW Lafore Lock Post 755,

Friday
Sep 12

Matt Woods
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7-10pm

it The Joey Tenuto Band
Bob's Butternut Hut, 7-10pm

Michael Burnett
Brookhills Golf Club, 6-9pm

Downstate
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

Jambalaya Jazz with Frank Parker
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

The Collective
Curve Inn, 6:30pm

Lockharts
Don's Place, Jacksonville, 7pm

Thomas J Beverly
Edmo's, Edinburg, 8-11pm

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

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

Spoonbenders, Jay Larson Band, Liz Fitz Band
George Rank's, 7-11pm

Silas Tockey
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Carl Bopp and Ed Smith - Sound Decision
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

Stereo Typical
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7-10pm

Karaoke
The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

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

Dreamers and Doers
Slauterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn, 7-10pm

Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters
St Mary's Catholic Church, Taylorville, 7-10pm

Saturday
Sep 13

Joel Gragg and the Filaments, Thomas J Beverly
Brewhaus Bar, 7-11pm

Just 4 Kicks
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7-10pm

King Size Bluegrass
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

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

Joel Honey
Casey's Pub, 7-10pm

The Killer Riffs
Curve Inn, 7-10pm

Imposters in Effect
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

7 Underground
DH Brown's, 8pm

Bind, Khopesh, Cable, Totaled, Burning Limbs
Dumb Records, 7pm

No One Special
Goodfellas Pub, 3-6pm

Rod Grant
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Broken Stone
JB's Hideout, Blue Mound, 8pm

Toxic Johnny
Kuhl Tyme Korner, Jacksonville, 8pm

Carl Bopp
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

Big Guy and his All-Star Singers
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 6-9pm

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

Molly Seaton
Patriots Pub, Waverly, 8pm

Joey Tenuto
Pop's Place, Decatur, 8-11pm

Chris Hawkins
The Railyard, 6-9pm

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

Sarah Barton & The 2nd That Band
Sliderz Bar & Grill, Decatur, 8-11pm

Brushville
St Mary's Catholic Church, Taylorville, 7-10pm

Springfield Uketopians
Stella Coffee & Tea, 12-2pm

Hat Trick
Sunset Inn Pub, 6pm

Ace Estranged
Tacos N Beer, Decatur, 5-8pm

Pimp'n Henry
The Bird Tavern, 7-10pm

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

Noize Complaint
The Topsy Toad, 7-10pm

Devil's Daughter & The Black Water Band
Town Hall Pub, Loami, 7-10pm

Deja Voodoo
Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 6pm

Tater Soup Band
VFW Lafore Lock Post 755, 7pm

Sleeping Dogzz and Dr. Boss
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30-10:30pm

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

Sunday
Sep 14

Jazz'n Sunday
Bourbon Street, 6-8pm

OAT
Brewhaus Bar, 4-7pm

Rod Grant
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

Joey Tenuto
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Hollow Creek
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 2-5pm

Smooth Grove, Rock & Roll Sisters, For the Love of Lennon, Harmony Deep and guests, Sleeping Dogzz
Curve Inn, 1-6pm

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

Jerry Garcia & Joe Utterback Tribute Fest
Duncan Park, 1-9pm

it Lil Higgy & His One Man Swamp Boogie Band
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

Buckhart Road
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Dan Wilson
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 5-8pm

Micah Walk
Oak Hills Country Club and Winery, Girard, 1-4pm

The Blues Deacons
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Slidin' By
Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, 11am

The Tangents
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3pm

Ray Wylie Hubbard
Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 6pm

Monday
Sep 15

Andrew Duncanson & Take A Ride
The Alamo, 7pm

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

Tuesday
Sep 16

Devin C. Williams
Bob's Butternut Hut, 6-9pm

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

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

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

Karaoke
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

Wednesday
Sep 17

Justin Jeansonne
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7-10pm

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

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

The Killer Riffs
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 6pm

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

3rd Wednesday Open Mic
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 7-10pm

THE CALENDAR

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COMMEMORATIONS | Annual ride, ceremony mark Sept. 11, 2001 attacks

it We'll never forget the events of Sept. 11, 2001, and the lives that were lost that day when this nation was attacked by terrorists. This Sunday at Hall's Harley-Davidson, you can take part in an annual ride and ceremony to the state Capitol that marks that terrible day. Lineup for the parade begins at 9 a.m. After a brief ceremony at the dealership at 10:30 a.m., the procession will head to the Capitol grounds and 9/11 monument. Participants are encouraged to visit the monument and also the state police and firefighters' memorials.

■ Special Music Events

Sweet Adeline on Safari
Sat., Sep. 13, 2pm. An afternoon of adventure and music with Sound Celebration Chorus, a women's barbershop chorus which has been singing together in Springfield for more than 70 years. \$20-\$22. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

The Band Feel with The Thing with Feathers

Sat., Sep. 13, 7pm. The Band Feel brings it genre-blending sound to the capital city. \$20. Boondocks, 2909 N. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-679-0145.

The Good News Experience - A Journey Through Gospel Music

Sun., Sep. 14, 3pm. The Napier Family and friends return after their January concert. This concert will feature local talents highlighting the progression of Gospel music, as well as cultivate an interactive environment for all. hcfta.org. \$23. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

■ Books & Authors

Book launch event

Thu., Sep. 11, 5-7pm. Robert Moore will sign copies of his new book, *Off My Neck*, meet supporters and share stories. Moore is a former U.S. marshal and police chief. His book was released Aug. 1. blackmarshalpublishing.com. Illinois State Library, 300 S. Second St., 217-785-5600.

■ Dance

Rock the Conservatory

Sat., Sep. 13, 8pm. Show features dancers from the Springfield Youth Performance Group performing to rock music by professional musicians. The show begins the SYPG's 20th season. \$30. Grant Conservatory of Music and Dance, 501 W. Elliott Ave.

■ 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. Free.

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

Illinois, Prairie Pastel Society "Pastel Play" member show

Through 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.

■ Food & Drink

A Legacy and A Vision: 50 Years of Illinois Times

Thu., Sep. 25, 11am-1pm. Join *Illinois Times* for lunch as we reflect on where we've been - and where we're going. Welcome and remarks titled "Publish or Perish: A Serious call for Celebration and Preservation of Press Freedom," at 11am by Fletcher Farrar, *Illinois Times* editor and owner. Lunch at 11:30am. Announcements and closing remarks at 12:15pm by Michelle Ownbey, *Illinois Times* publisher. \$50, table sponsorships available by calling James at 217-679-7814. Pole Barn Chic, 4491 Old Chatham Road.

■ History

Heritage Exposed

Mondays-Fridays, 9am-5pm and Saturdays, 10am-3pm. Through Oct. 4. Heritage Exposed utilizes the artifacts dug from the grounds of Edwards Place to tell the story of the Edwards Family. Their trash offers great insights into their daily lives, habits, and preferences. Join us for this unique glimpse into nineteenth-century high-society living. Free. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 2175232631.

■ Fairs & Festivals

Blind Awareness Fair

Sat., Sep. 13, 10am-2pm. Celebrate resilience, inclusion and possibility in this annual event by the Educational Center for the Visually Impaired. Attendees will experience free kites and flight demos, an obstacle course team challenge, live archery demo, tandem bike rides, food truck and more. Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-303-9062.

St. Mary's Fall Festival

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

■ Fundraisers and Galas

Cachet Club of Springfield Card Party

Sun., Sep. 14, 1pm. Desserts and beverages included in admission price. Barbecue pulled pork sandwiches also available for \$10. Annual event raises money for St. Patrick's School and Telephone Pioneer Shoe Program. Chances for \$250 raffle prize. \$5 admission. Little Flower Parish Center, 900 Stevenson Dr., 217-638-2914.

Compass for Kids Back to School Brunch

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

Crafters' Treasurers Sale

Sat., Sep. 13, 8am-2pm. Crafters of all kinds will have their choice of a vast array of reusable materials for arts, crafts, education and more. Items donated by Springfield Ceramics and Crafts Club

members. Fill a bag for \$20 cash. \$20. Springfield Ceramics and Crafts Club, 2626 S. Pasfield St., 217-891-3206.

Davina & the Vagabonds

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

■ Community Organizing

Free Community Breakfast

Sundays, 7:30-8:30am. Through Dec. 28. Enjoy a breakfast and friendly fellowship. The mission of the F.I.R.M. Family Foundation is to serve underrepresented communities by providing much needed services and resources to aid in the upliftment of the family unit. Free. The F.I.R.M. Family Foundation, 520 S. Livingston St., 217-707-8850.

■ Children's Corner

Monarchs and Me

Sat., Sep. 13, 10am. Children ages 8-12 will learn all about the magnificent monarch in this class. Participants will also have the opportunity to help monarchs by planting milkweed at LMG. Registration required. lincolnmemorygarden.org. Free. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

■ Nature, Science & Environment

Bird Banding Demonstration

Sat., Sep. 13, 8am-12pm. Stop by throughout the morning to get a close-up look at various bird species as they are banded and learn how banding assists our bird populations. Banding demonstration by the Lincoln Land Association of Bird Banders. springfieldaudubon.org. Free. Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 2315 E. Clear Lake Ave., 217-303-1996.

An Evening with Friends of the Sangamon Valley

Tue., Sep. 16, 5:30-7:30pm. Celebrate another year of preserving, protecting and restoring natural areas in the Sangamon River Watershed with the Friends of the Sangamon Valley, a local land trust. Learn about the group's future plans and meet others who share a passion for natural areas and the river. Includes brewery tour. fosv.

org. Free. Hand of Fate Brewing Company, Petersburg, 107 E. Douglas St., 217-494-3115.

White-tailed Deer in Illinois

Thu., Sep. 11, 7-8pm. Dan Skinner will speak on the state mammal, the white-tailed deer, a common sight for residents. His presentation will cover the history of deer in Illinois, basic deer biology and life history and the current management of the deer population including contemporary challenges posed by chronic wasting disease. incolnmemorygarden.org. Free. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

■ Lectures & Meetings

Chancellor's Thinkers Series, A Call to Think: Enduring Legacy of Lincoln

Mon., Sep. 15, 5-7:15pm. Jacob Friefeld and UIS Chancellor Janet Gooch will engage in a conversation about the enduring legacy of President Abraham Lincoln. They will explore the relevance of Lincoln's principles today and will draw meaningful connections and parallels to the current societal landscape. uis.edu. Free. University of Illinois Springfield Brookens Auditorium, One University Plaza, 217-206-6600.

Everyday Use and Practical AI

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

■ Bulletin Board

Fire Safety & Risk Reduction Open House

Sat., Sep. 13, 11am-4pm. Learn lifesaving skills while having fun at this open house. Event includes live demonstrations, fire extinguisher practice, children's fire safety obstacle course, health screenings, lunch and more including a chance to spray a real fire hose. Free. Pleasant Plains Fire Department, Pleasant Plains, 611 Buckeye Road, 217-626-1131.

State Street Autumn Market

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

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Meyers "Taco John" Everitt

November 27, 2024
– September 4, 2025

It is with profound love and the deepest sense of loss that we announce the passing of Baby Meyers "Taco John" Everitt. Meyers, named after his great-grandpa Ronald Meyers, was born on November 27, 2024, in Springfield, Illinois, and left our world far too soon on September 4, 2025, in the same loving community where his story began.

In his brief yet joyful life, Meyers brought immense joy and light to everyone around him. His parents, Jason and Molly Everitt, cherish the precious moments they spent with their son. Meyers' playful nature and loving cuddles will be dearly missed by his sister, Melody Sims-Everitt, and brother, Mason Everitt, who adored him beyond measure.

An endearing charm, Meyers was jokingly and lovingly called "Taco John" after being wrapped in a tortilla blanket given to him by Santa the previous year. His toes were called "taco beans". He loved dancing fruits with Kendrick Lamar and watching ceiling fans. Taco John loved chicken and noodles made by his sister. He would think with his tongue out and always give the best snuggles. He was 100% rolls and chunk.

Meyers' memory will also be cherished by his grandparents, Krista "Mimi" Shiffer, Richard and Christina Everitt, and "Ma-Ma" Sandra Warner. His "Uncle Donk" David and Aunt Marisha "ReRe" Leach, Uncle Justin and Aunt Tina Everitt, "Aunt Say Say" Sarah Leach, Aunt Dee Dee Sims, and Aunt Karisa Everitt will hold fondly in their hearts the moments they were blessed to share with Meyers. His laughter and giggles will remain forever in the minds of his cousins Davey, Tyler, Dean, Mercedes Leach, Damaris, Jimmy Chipolla, Alexis O'Shell, Zoe, Aubree, Luna, and Juniper Everitt.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, David V. and Sharon Leach; and cousin, Xavier O'Shell, who we know have welcomed him with open arms into Heaven.

Meyers' love for dogs, particularly his favorite puppy Lolly, left an indelible mark of purity and innocence. The snuggles and joy he shared with Lolly and his Uncle Donk's dogs were among his most cherished moments.

Though Meyers' time with us was short, the imprint he left on our hearts is eternal. His boisterous spirit, curious mind and chubby cheeks taught us to enjoy life and dance like no one is watching. He would also try and say, "Go Birds!".

We find solace in knowing that Meyers is now enveloped in peace and love, carried ever onward by the souls who went before him.



Honoring LifeSM

Visitation: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm,
Tuesday, September 9, 2025,
at Staab Funeral Home – Springfield.

Funeral Service: 10:00 am,
Wednesday, September 10, 2025,
at Staab Funeral Home – Springfield with Pastor Tyler
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Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF Sangamon - Springfield,
ILLINOIS
Newrez LLC d/b/a/ Shellpoint Mortgage
Servicing
Plaintiff

vs.
Linda A. Lowe; et. al
Defendant
25 FC 19
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 October 15, 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. 22-03.0-327-016.

Commonly known as 2158 S. 10th, Springfield, IL 62703.
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. 14-25-00158
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY,

ILLINOIS
EF MORTGAGE, LLC,
PLAINTIFF, VS.
932 TMG SPRINGFIELD, LLC; KICHAN LEE;
DEFENDANTS.
CASE NO.: 2025FC000068
932 WEST EDWARDS ST SPRINGFIELD, IL
62704

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of foreclosure entered in the above-entitled case on 8/6/2025, the Sheriff of Sangamon County will on September 30, 2025 at 9:00 am at the Sangamon South Building, 1 Copley Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701 sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgage real estate:
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 932 WEST EDWARDS ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704 PIN: 14-33.0-179-004

The improvement on the property consists of a Single-Family Residence.
Sale terms: Ten percent (10%) of the amount of the successful and highest bid to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds at the sale; and the full remaining balance to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds within twenty-four (24) hours after sale. Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments. The property will NOT be open for inspection. No refunds.

The judgment amount was \$80,804.67
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).

This is an attempt to collect a debt pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
8051-957597

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN
LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.
Plaintiff,

-v.-
PRESTON ZILLION et al
Defendant
2025 FC 000007
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 7, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on September 30, 2025, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 2100 S SPRING ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

Property Index No. 22-04.0-404-011
The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to

the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

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Attorney File No. 14-25-00470
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Case Number: 2025 FC 000007
TJSC#: 45-1251

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Case # 2025 FC 000007
I3272480

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

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
aprillaman@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 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 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

25-102444
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR INDYMAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-AR15, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-AR15

PLAINTIFF,

-vs-
JAMES HAMPTON A/K/A JAMES H. HAMPTON A/K/A JAMES H. HAMPTON SR.; ANGELA HAMPTON; ONEWEST BANK, FSB; JAMES H. HAMPTON, SR A/K/A JAMES H HAMPTON SR; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS
DEFENDANTS
NO. 25 FC 26
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on June 4, 2025;
Paula Crouch, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on October 14, 2025 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon South 1 Copley Plaza Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.
Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court.
Commonly known as 856 South Douglas Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704
Permanent Index No.: 14-33.0-303-016
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 \$62,555.19. 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
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY as Trustee for INDYMAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-AR15, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES Series 2007-AR15
One of Plaintiff's Attorneys
LOGS Legal Group LLP
Attorney for Plaintiff
2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207
Bannockburn, IL 60015
(847) 291-1717
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Laura J. Anderson (6224385)
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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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT
Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of August, 2025, a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that:
Stephen Hauer
intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit:
Edinburger's
and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principal place of said business is located at:
704 S Dirksen Parkway, Springfield IL 62703

Death Claim

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of:
Carlene Klickner, Deceased
Case No. 2025-PR-000341
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Carlene Klickner. Letters of Office were issued on Sept. 3, 2025 to Robert Wiedeman as Executor, 20 Glenwood 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 62701, or with the Executor, on or before March 11, 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
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CONNY L. HORN, DECEASED
Case #2025-PR-355
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of CONNY L. HORN. Letters of Office have been issued to NACEDAH HANCOCK, 34 Briarwood Drive, Hillsboro, IL 62049, 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 March 17, 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 3rd day of September, 2025.
William P. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN LAPICCOLA, DECEASED
Case #2025-PR-354
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of JOHN LAPICCOLA. Letters of Office have been issued to LISA C. LAPICCOLA, 2431 South

10th St., Springfield, IL 62703 and TRESSA M. PUTNAM, 152 Archer Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Co-Executors, or both, on or before March 17, 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 Co-Executors and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 3rd day of September, 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 SHARON L. LOKAITIS, DECEASED
Case #2025-PR-356
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of SHARON L. LOKAITIS. Letters of Office have been issued to REBECCA JOHNSTON, 5112 Mountain View Drive, 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 March 17, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 3rd day of September, 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 NANCY M. DOTY, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
NO. 2025PR325
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of NANCY M. DOTY, deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on August 11, 2025, to NANCY SMITH and NORMAN S. DOTY, JR., Executors, whose addresses are (respectively) 240 W. Conrey St., Williamsville, IL 62693 and 212 S. Elkhart St., Williamsville, IL 62693 and whose attorney is Robert A. Stuart, Jr., Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th St., Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before March 11, 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 29th day of August, 2025.
Robert A. Stuart, Jr. (2761122)
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING THE ANNUAL TAXES FOR WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. That Whereas there was passed by the Board of Trustees of WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT on September 4, 2025, approved September 4, 2025, and published in a newspaper of general circulation within said District, the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, which annual budget and appropriation ordinance is in words and figures as follows:

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT has prepared a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and through the Secretary of said Board has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty (3 0) days prior to final action thereon; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on the 4th day of September, 2025, notice of such hearing was given at least thirty (30) days prior to such hearing and all other legal requirements having been complied with;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. That the following budget containing an estimate of revenue and expenditures be, and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of said WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

PART I. ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	
Cash on hand at beginning of year	\$0.00
General taxes for the year to be used for payment of expenses incurred during fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026	\$255,000.00
Total Estimated Receipts	\$255,000.00

PART II. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES
(Constituting the appropriation for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, as provided in Section 2 of this Ordinance)

Attorneys' compensation	\$5,000.00
Salaries of Trustees at \$1,000.00 per year	\$3,000.00
Publication costs	\$450.00
Trustee's bond premiums	\$150.00
Miscellaneous administrative expenses	\$125.00
Auditing fees	\$1,000.00
City of Springfield-fire protection	\$244,975.00
Curran-Gardner Water District	\$300.00
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$255,000.00

SECTION 2. That there is hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, the sum of \$255,000.00, being divided among the several objects and purposes, specified and enumerated

and in the particular amounts stated for each purpose in Part II of Section 1, and said statement in Section 1 hereof entitled "Part II. Estimated Expenditures (constituting the appropriations for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, as provided in Section 2 of this Ordinance)" is hereby incorporated by reference as part of this Section 2 with the same effect as if said statement was repeated in its entirety; and that this Section 2 shall be and is the annual appropriation ordinance of this WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

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

PASSED: September 4, 2025
APPROVED: September 4, 2025

/s/ Samuel D. Collins
President, Board of Trustees of
WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTICT

ATTEST:

/s/ Jack Hampton
Secretary, Board of Trustee of
WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

THEREFORE, THERE IS HEREBY LEVIED on all real and personal property within the corporation limits of WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, subject to taxation, as the same is assessed equalized, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the sum of \$255,000.00 for the following purposes:

Attorneys' compensation	\$5,000.00
Salaries of Trustees at \$1,000.00 per year	\$3,000.00
Publication costs	\$450.00
Trustee's bond premiums	\$150.00
Miscellaneous administrative expenses	\$125.00
Auditing fees	\$1,000.00
City of Springfield-fire protection	\$244,975.00
Curran-Gardner Water District	\$300.00

Total Estimated Expenditures	\$255,000.00
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Making the amount to be raised by taxation and levied on all taxable property in said Western Fire Protection District for the uses and purposes aforesaid, the sum of \$255,000.00

That the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, upon the passage and approval of this Ordinance, shall file a duly certified copy thereof with the County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois, in such case made and provided.

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

PASSED: September 4, 2025
APPROVED: September 4, 2025

/s/ Samuel D. Collins
President, Board of Trustees of
WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTICT

ATTEST:

/s/ Jack Hampton
Secretary, Board of Trustee of
WESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
CAROL ZIMMERMAN,
Deceased.
NO. 2025-PR-342
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Carol Zimmerman of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 27, 2025, to Craig Lansing, 6605 Preston Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62711, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before March 6, 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 27th day of August, 2025.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JAMES LEE ROGERS, Deceased.
NO. 2025PR000334
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of James Lee Rogers, Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on August 26, 2025, to Jay L. Rogers, 8024 Wilson Terrace, Springfield, IL 62712, 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 9th day of March, 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 27th 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 FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
NORMA JEAN MILLER,
Deceased.
NO. 2025-PR-326
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Norma Jean Miller of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 19, 2025, to Gary Keith Masten, 6185 Fox Rd., Virginia, Illinois 62691, 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 20th day of August, 2025.
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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
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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.
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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. Snillings 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.
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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
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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.

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Divorce

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

Re: the marriage of
Cory J. Rizvi-Alden, Petitioner
And

Paul David Alden, Respondent
Case No. 2025-DN-000123
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Paul David Alden, 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 4th day of October, 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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ERNEST J. WRIGHT, and BRENDA K. WRIGHT, Petitioners,
v.
TIENA WRIGHT, natural mother, UNKNOWN FATHER and ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, And KYRA L. WRIGHT, a minor, Respondents.

No. 2025-AD-70
ADOPTION NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, UNKNOWN FATHER and ALL IT MAY CONCERN, that a Petition for Adoption (which includes a Prayer for the TERMINATION OF THE PARENTAL RIGHTS OF TIENA WRIGHT, and ALL UNKNOWN FATHERS) has been filed against you. The Petitioners seek an order terminating your parental rights and leave to adopt the minor child, KYRA L. WRIGHT, and any other relief the Court deems appropriate.

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, Illinois, 62701, on or before the 6th day of October 2025, an order or decree by default may be entered against you for the relief in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.
WITNESS 8/28/2025, 2025 Sherry Doty, Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Joseph B. Roesch
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
Brooke M. Burke
Registration No. 6348751
225 N. Water Street, Suite 402
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Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY OF Sangamon - Springfield, ILLINOIS
Newrez LLC d/b/a/ Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
Plaintiff
vs.

Linda A. Lowe; et. al
Defendant

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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 October 15, 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:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS: LOT TWO HUNDRED NINETEEN (219) OF HARVARD PARK. EXCEPT THE COAL & OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND & ALL RIGHTS & EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS. P.I.N. 22-03.0-327-016. Commonly known as 2158 S. 10th, Springfield, IL 62703.

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. 14-25-00158
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
intercountyjudicialsales.com
13272674

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

EF MORTGAGE, LLC,
PLAINTIFF, VS.
932 TMG SPRINGFIELD, LLC; KICHAN LEE; DEFENDANTS.
CASE NO.: 2025FC000068
932 WEST EDWARDS ST SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of foreclosure entered in the above-entitled case on 8/6/2025, the Sheriff of Sangamon County will on September 30, 2025 at 9:00 am at the Sangamon South Building, 1 Copley Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701 sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgage real estate:

THE EAST 40 FEET OF THE NORTH 140 FEET OF LOT 6 IN BLOCK 1 IN LEDLIE'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.

EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 932 WEST EDWARDS ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704 PIN: 14-33.0-179-004

The improvement on the property consists of a Single-Family Residence. Sale terms: Ten percent (10%) of the amount of the successful and highest bid to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds at the sale; and the full remaining balance to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds within twenty-four (24) hours after sale. Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. No refunds.
The judgment amount was \$80,804.67
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).

This is an attempt to collect a debt pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
8051-957597

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RONALD J. GARRETT; VINCENT FLAMMINI A/K/A VINCE FLAMMINI; THOMAS C. KELLY A/K/A TOM C. KELLY A/K/A TOM KELLY; IRENE KELLY-PASLEY A/K/A IRENE E. KELLY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 2025FC000144
Property Address: 2921 Sutherland Rd Springfield, IL 62702

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RONALD J. GARRETT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;; defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 1059 OF RESURVEY OF LOTS 1009, 1028 THRU 1032, 1049 THRU 1053, AND 1057 THRU 1092 OF CHARLES S. WANLESS' NORTHGATE ADDITION, 15TH PLAT, AS PER PLAT RECORDED DECEMBER 13, 1988 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 88-24977. 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.: 14-24.0-178-035

Said property is commonly known as 2921 Sutherland Rd , Springfield, IL 62702 and which said mortgage(s) was/were made and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 2022R01314, and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County on or before OCTOBER 6, 2025, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.

This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC. Plaintiff,

-v-
PRESTON ZILLION et al
Defendant

2025 FC 000007
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 7, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on September 30, 2025, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 20 IN BLOCK 1 IN MELTON AND SNAPE'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.

SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 2100 S SPRING ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

Property Index No. 22-04.0-404-011
The real estate is improved with a residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100
BURR RIDGE IL, 60527
630-794-5300

E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com
Attorney File No. 14-25-00470
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Case Number: 2025 FC 000007

TJSC#: 45-1251
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 2025 FC 000007
I3272480

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING,
PLAINTIFF,

VS.
JOHN LYDON, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF MARK R STRONG SR., DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; MARK R STRONG, JR.; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF AMANDA DAY-BERGEN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MARK R STRONG, SR., DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2025FC000069
213 MAGNOLIA DRIVE
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

JUDGE

PRESIDING JUDGE

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Amanda Day-Bergen

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Mark R Strong, Sr.

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:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON IN THE STATE OF LLINOIS, TO WIT: LOTS 224, 225, AND 226 OF PINE CREST, EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Commonly known as: 213 Magnolia Drive Springfield, IL 62702 and which said Mortgage was made by, Mark R Strong, Sr.

Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Amerigroup Mortgage Corporation, a Division of Mortgage Investors Corporation

Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2004R42762; and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before October 6, 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. 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 for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegalaid.org. All documents referred to in this Notice can be found at 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 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.

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Chicago, IL 60602
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File No. 25-21112IL-1221533
I3272390

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 (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information 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
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8051-957451

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) 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
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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 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 DED 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.
I3271981

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

Notice by Publication
NOTICE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
Springfield Township Road Commission will be accepting sealed bids until Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 3:00 p.m., for the following surplus property. All sales are final and sold "as is" with no guarantees.
Bid Item Number- Item Name - Description
1 - Ingersol Rand RT706E Pneumatic Tire Forklift - 16.9-24 tires, 2635 hours on meter, 3-stage mast, diesel engine.
2 - Fiat Allis FR10 Wheel Loader, SN: 611404 - 0559 hours on meter, needs some repairs.
3 - Fiat Allis 100-C Road Grader, SN: 27Y08892 - 14.00-24TG, needs some repairs.
4 - Dra-Grader w/leveler Pull type/7 way function - needs some repairs.
5 - 2007 Freightliner M2 Business Class Truck Street Cleaner, VIN: 17HY15194 - Automatic transmission, C7 Cat diesel engine, dual drive equipped with Allison Johnston MT350 Sweeper, JD engine.
Surplus equipment may be inspected by setting an appointment at the Springfield Township Road Commission Office, telephone number 217-523-4393, 3298 Terminal Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, Monday – Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Springfield Township Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Only sealed bids will be accepted. All sealed bids must be mailed or delivered to Springfield Township Road Commission Office – Attn: Bid, 3298 Terminal Avenue, Springfield, IL 62707, on or before October 7, 2025, by 3:00 p.m. All bids will be opened on October 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Springfield Township Board Meeting. When submitting your sealed bid, include your full name, telephone number, the item(s) you are bidding on, and the amount you would like to bid for each item. The winning bidder will be contacted on October 9, 2025.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

JEROME ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS & PLANNING COMMISSION
The Village of Jerome has scheduled a hearing before its Zoning Board of Appeals & Planning Commission for Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the Jerome Civic Center, 2901 Leonard Street, Jerome, IL 62704, to consider the following petition(s):
1. Petition of Kevin Korte (property owner) to consider the requested map amendment and reclassification of zoning from R-1 to R-2 to allow a duplex residence at the property located at 1636 Jerome Avenue, Jerome, IL 62677 (PIN #: 22-08.0-156-007; 22-08.0-156-008; 22-08.0-156-009) and variations of Section V(A)5.b.1 to allow side yards of zero feet and Section V(A)4 to allow a lot width of less than 60 feet for the two parcels resulting subdivision of the current three parcels upon which the proposed duplex will be constructed.
2. Petition of the Village of Jerome to consider a text amendment to the Village of Jerome Zoning Code to add Section XVI to authorize the use of a hearing officer for all public hearings required or permitted pursuant to the Zoning Code.
The Zoning Board of Appeals & Planning Commission will make recommendations regarding the petition(s) and any proposed map or amendment(s) to the Village Corporate Authorities for further action.
The above petitions are open to inspection at the aforementioned Jerome Village Office. All interested parties are invited to attend this meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed petition(s) and amendment(s). Those who desire may send written comments to the Village of Jerome, Attn.: Zoning & Planning, 2901 Leonard Street, Jerome, IL 62704.

Date of Sale: September 24, 2025 @ 1:00 P.M. 3142 S. Douglas Avenue, Suite A, Springfield, IL 62704
BLD KK #9 5x12
Curry, Kurt
16 Concord Square #2
Boston, MA 02118
BLD W #10 5x10
Griham, Kelen
2901 Normandy Road
Springfield, IL 62703
BLD A #96 10x10
Hughes, Lance
1422 N. Church Street
Decatur, IL 62526
BLD W #23 10x10
Richter, Laura
553 E. Andrew Road
Springfield, IL 62707-4534
BLD A #83/84 10x20
Sexton, Janie Marie
123 N. Glenwood Avenue
Springfield, IL 62702
BLD A #166 10x10
Sphar, Martin
1310 Outer Park Drive Apt 11
Springfield, IL 62704
BLD H #41 10x15
Walton, Todd
124 Deer Creek
Rochester, IL 62563
BLD G #6 6x10
Washington, Jeremiah
4123 W. Gillespie Avenue
Springfield, IL 62704

ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE
Wishing to avail themselves of the provisions under the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, the below storage facility gives notice of the sale under said act; Monday the 22nd day of September, 2025 at 10:00 AM, on that day will conduct a sale to the highest bidder, with bidding to take place on lockerfox.com, and payment to seller via credit/debit card, the contents of spaces 10 Federal Storage, 2225 J David Jones Pkwy, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 600-2778 Stephanie Jennings P14. Stephanie Jennings 87. Ramon Burrow 278. Chris Leonard 100. Christy Renfro 232. Randy Kuehnel 290. Alexander Canter 795. Andrew Staber 635. JACKLYN Foster 766. Sharmin Saxton P7. Aaron Leavell P12. William Johnson 304. Alexandria Ushman

122. Brandie Nohren 393. Cheyenne Meredith 523. James prichard 353. Joseph Bann 799. sam shaw 69. Jasmine Campbell 709. kenneth Page 573. Aaron Fuller T 68. Aaron Fuller T 148. Aaron Leavell 358/427. Lydia Burton 39. Aaron Leavell 112. Bradley Schroeder 637. Melissa Slack 177. Gregory Gordon P43. Brandy N Flowers 215. Patricia PiatCHEK 665. Jeremy Word 445/446. Nick Elliott 34. angel sparrow 705. June Word 5. Crystal White 752. Phillip Campbell 63. Michael Dunbar 269. Bonnie Sutton 690. Bonnie Sutton 718. Bonnie Sutton 688. Michael Dunbar 610/603; 10 Federal Storage, 3500 South 6th Street, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 387-3951 Darrell Pocklington A4. Stephanie Suggs B142. Aaron Blakey A62. Anthony Hinton B231. Sandra Johnson B133. Aaron Lewis A29. Ashlee Brunt A74. Marsha Herring B132. Jeff DiAngelo P5. Britney Dyer B212; 10 Federal Storage, 500 W Browning Rd, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 339-3865 Heidi Stults 191D. Roger Davis 274e. Allie Holmes 216D/217D. Valarie Gore 177D. Brian White 28A. Christopher Heaton 51A. Tyler Hahn 104B. Krystin Townsend 280e; 10 Federal Storage, 900 E Straight St, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 286-1550 Matthew Anderson 146. Sarah Sullivan 3. Million Thomas 203/253. Sarah Watson E321. Annetta Robinson 2. Tyler Lester 36. Izick Feagans E273. Linda Byrd E310. Angela Dunne E270. Ronald W Williams E282. Ronald W Williams E281. Sue Beach 124. Precious Cannon 106. Van Converse 160

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
Plaintiff,
Vs.
TWENTY THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND THWELVE DOLLARS (\$20,412.00) USC
Rebecca Brady
No. 25-MX-438
25-AF-34
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Milhiser, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on August 27, 2025. UNLESS YOU file a verified Claim with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.
Joe Roesch
Clerk of Court
J.W. Pierceall
Assistant State's Attorney
200 S. 9th Street, Room 402
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 753-6690
Sangamoncounty.SAO.civil@sangamonil.gov

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF Nevaeah Mitchell
No. 2025-GR-169
To: William Waters at address unknown:
Please be notified that Mark Weber has filed a Petition for Guardianship of Nevaeah Mitchell, minor child. You are required to answer said Petition By September 29, 2025 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
v.
HEIRS and LEGATEES of CHRISTOPHER CAUPERT,
UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.
IN CHANCERY
Case No. 2024-FC-109
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: 1319 Crestview Dr., Springfield, IL 62702-2232
(C) The legal description of the real estate is as follows:
Lot 57 of Westwood Valley Second Addition. 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 1319 Crestview Dr., Springfield, IL 62702-2232; Parcel No.: 14-20.0-352-017
(D) Description of the improvement on the real estate is as follows:
Residential real property (vacant)
(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 October 7, 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
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR INDYMAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-AR15, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-AR15
PLAINTIFF,
-vs-
JAMES HAMPTON A/K/A JAMES H. HAMPTON A/K/A JAMES H. HAMPTON SR.; ANGELA HAMPTON; ONEWEST BANK, FSB; JAMES H. HAMPTON, SR A/K/A JAMES H HAMPTON SR; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS
DEFENDANTS
NO. 25 FC 26

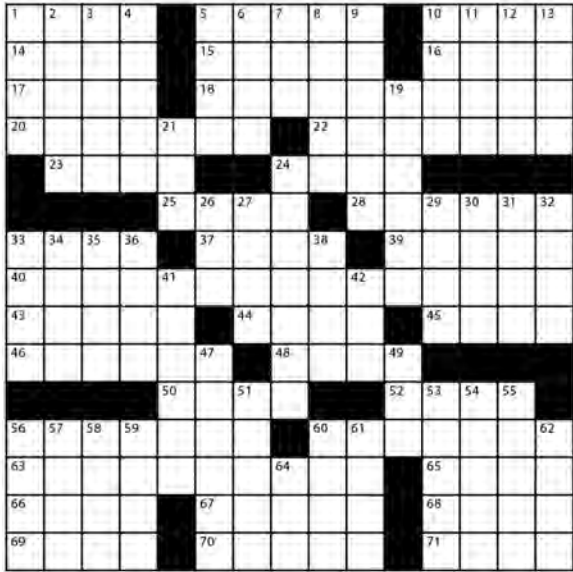
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on June 4, 2025;
Paula Crouch, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on October 14, 2025 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon South 1 Copley Plaza Springfield, IL 62701, sell 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 17 IN BLOCK 2 OF CONNELLY, SWETT AND HEMMICK'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.
EXCEPT COAL AND OTHER MINING AND MINERAL RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OF RECORD.
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 856 South Douglas Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704
Permanent Index No.: 14-33.0-303-016
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 \$62,555.19. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For Bid Amount contact:
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DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY as Trustee for INDYMAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-AR15, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES Series 2007-AR15
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THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.
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Future women

Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 910

Across

1. Metallica drummer Ulrich
5. North Dakota's largest city
10. "___ does it!"
14. Iridescent gem
15. ___ the hole
16. Bum kin
17. Quick, in trade names
18. Shy person
20. Maze feature
22. Frank, e.g.
23. LBJ or RMN, e.g.
24. Math class, for short
25. Novelist Caleb
28. Makes aquatints
33. Andes capital
37. Creator of Oz
39. "As ___ and breathe"
40. Some cars and patio furniture have one
43. Football's ___ Bowl
44. "Baseball Tonight" channel
45. Kind of pool
46. Late bloomers
48. She, in Italy
50. "Ah, me!"
52. Bueno's opposite
56. Spun
60. Following
63. Mama Rose declaration in "Gypsy"
65. "The ___ Love"
66. Copter's forerunner
67. Bloated
68. Lab gel



69. Absorbs, with "up"
70. Endor inhabitants
71. "Mama" speaker

Down

1. Lady's man
2. Even one word
3. Kind of screen
4. Trombone part
5. Babe in the woods
6. Mil. school
7. Bill of Rights subj.
8. Radner of "SNL"
9. In a card catalog
10. God with a hammer
11. "___ Met Your Mother"
12. Copper heads?

13. Civil wrong
19. Milk-related
21. Computer key
24. Expensive trips
26. "20/20" network
27. Miles per hour, e.g.
29. Flow stopper
30. Queen's residence
31. 20-20, e.g.
32. Bone-dry
33. Kraft Nabisco Championship org.
34. Nest eggs, briefly
35. Street in New York's Chinatown
36. Stub ___

38. Game honorees, briefly
41. Slips
42. "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.
47. Heavy hammer
49. "___ dreaming?"
51. Play to ___
53. Take ___ off
54. Vernacular
55. Actress Tatum
56. Fixes
57. Buckeye State
58. Canvas cover
59. Hubbubs
60. Something to do
61. Lowell and Tan
62. Word that could follow the end of the themed clues
64. "___ Beso" (Paul Anka hit)

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #909

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

Sudoku answers from #909

5	6	1	4	3	2
6	1	3	2	5	4
4	3	2	5	6	1
2	4	5	6	1	3
3	5	4	1	2	6
1	2	6	3	4	5

JoshJosh answers from #909

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 910

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.

6	1-		3÷		10x
2÷		2-		1-	
3-		2			
8+	14+	1-		2-	
		7+		4-	2-
		5+			

Difficulty hard

Sudoku No. 910

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

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

Difficulty hard



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