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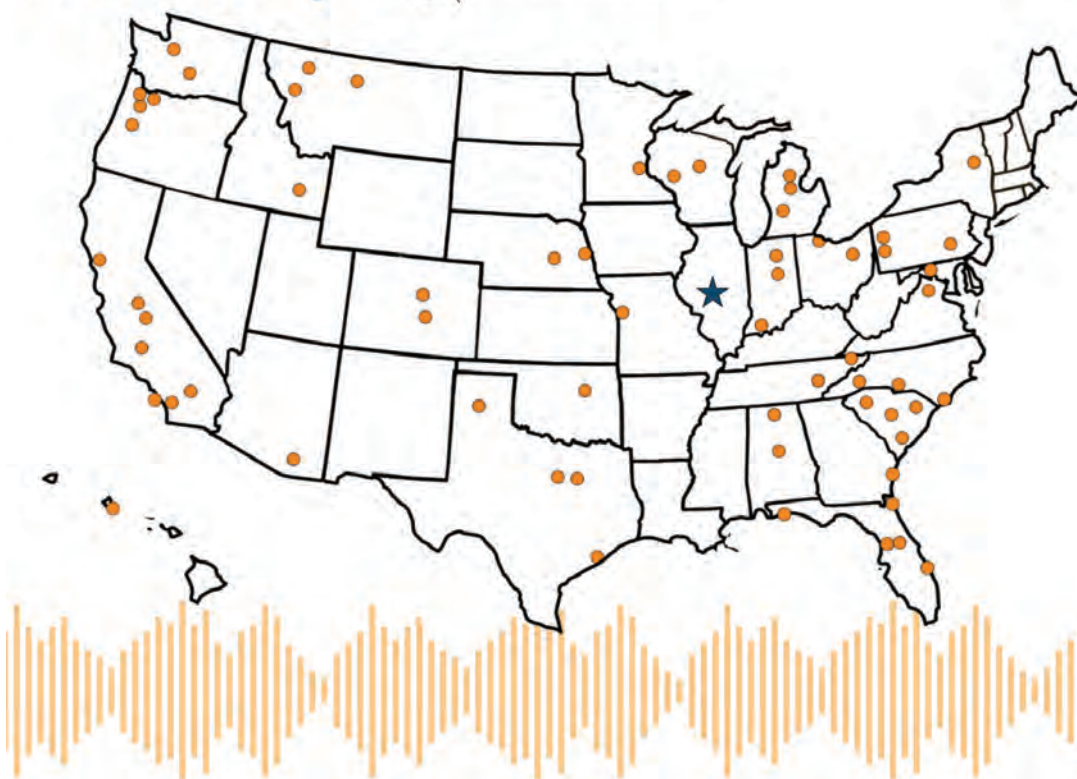
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Sangamon County Board settles opioid lawsuit

Illinois to receive \$1.4 billion, questions remain about how funds are being spent

OPIOIDS | Dilpreet Raju

The Sangamon County Board approved a resolution last month to settle its 2020 lawsuit against more than three dozen pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors and retailers for racketeering and corruption in incentivizing the overprescribing of opioids and resulting fatal overdoses. Sangamon County will receive about \$620,000 over 15 years from the latest settlement before attorney fees are paid. County officials said those funds are in addition to the roughly \$1.3 million the county has already received from other settlements negotiated by the state.

Much like the rest of the country, the annual number of fatal overdoses in Sangamon County far exceeds the annual deaths from homicides and suicides. Sangamon County Coroner Jim Allmon told *Illinois Times* that 50 people have died of an accidental overdose so far this year in Sangamon County, not accounting for a lag in some toxicology reports.

Drug use is far from exclusive to America or low-income communities but the country's astronomical overdose rates are uniquely American. The U.S. has both a higher count and rate of deadly overdoses than any other country in the world.

Allmon, who has been county coroner since 2020, explained that overdoses locally have not slowed down despite the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently reporting the largest decline of annual overdose deaths the country has ever seen.

"Maybe, like everything else, it takes a little while to get to central Illinois," Allmon said of reported national declines in overdose deaths. "I know ours are going up, and I tell people that."

Public health researchers have largely attributed the reduction in deaths to the widespread availability of naloxone, a drug that



One of the day rooms at the Sangamon County Jail, pictured in 2024. The Sangamon County Board intends to devote 100% of its opioid settlement funds to addressing mental health issues at the jail, although overdose deaths there are rare. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

can be used to reverse overdoses with a simple nasal spray.

With opioid prescriptions on a steep decline, a larger share of overdose deaths have been attributed to unregulated street drugs that, recently, have been laced with fentanyl – typically used in medical sedation – which has become a sticking point in President Donald Trump's tariff war with countries including Canada and China.

But public health researchers have noted how stopping the sources of illicit fentanyl could just lead to another hazardous additive or chemical agent in a drug supply. Three years ago, Chicago public health workers identified xylazine – a tranquilizer used for animals – in street drugs. Xylazine, which continues to be found in drug supplies across the country, caused harsh, infected wounds where people

injected drugs.

At the county board's Sept. 9 finance committee hearing, officials said they were committed to spending the county's settlement money on mental health treatment in the Sangamon County Jail. According to the state settlement portal, Sangamon County has spent about 20% of settlement dollars it has received so far. It is unclear whether the city of Springfield has spent any of the almost \$712,000 received and whether the city intends to earmark those funds for a specific use, as the county has done.

Tracking settlement spending

How states spend the massive influx of dollars is of concern as overdose deaths still outpace other causes of accidental death. States received billions of dollars from tobacco companies decades ago through similar lawsuits, although not much of it was spent on public health, according to the Bipartisan Policy Center and the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids.

Consolidated lawsuits from governments across the country have settled for a total of about \$50 billion, according to Opioid Settlement Tracker.

Illinois is set to receive almost \$1.42 billion of that grand total by the time settlements are fully paid out in 2038, though the state has received more than a third of its total funds already.

Every state had the opportunity to structure its settlement share as it saw fit. Illinois allocated 55% toward a remediation fund

that aims to slow the number of overdoses and resulting deaths in the state, 33% to local governments and 12% to the state.

Jonathan Stoltman, director of the national research think tank Opioid Policy Institute, said a good portion of how the state and local governments spend their settlement dollars is, at best, vague. In comparison, the state's remediation fund is subject to an advisory board consisting of three working groups that each meet quarterly.

"Just back of napkin math, some \$600 million doesn't have that level of oversight. That's an insane amount of money," he said.

Almost half of the \$1.42 billion the state is going to receive, or about \$630 million, will not be subject to the rigorous oversight process of the remediation fund.

Opioid Policy Institute tracks instances of what it calls waste, fraud, abuse and mismanagement of settlement money.

Stoltman said the database tracking those examples and how much governments spent is incomplete but accurate. It lists some Adams County expenses funded by opioid settlement dollars as wasteful – public records show the Adams County Sheriff's Office paid \$50,000 in April for a school police officer to get a new squad car.

While the other portion of Illinois' settlement money that flows through the remediation fund is supposed to have greater oversight, the information available in the state's public portal about how the money is being spent has raised some concerns. Stoltman questioned the state spending, to date, more than \$7 million on administration of the remediation fund.

"I don't even know how you get to \$7 million that's basically administrative costs," he said.

According to the state's portal, that's more than the remediation fund expended on any one service program through June of this year.

Illinois Times reviewed almost two dozen vendor payments from the Illinois Department of Human Services to Advocates for Human Potential and found the state paid the consultancy group more than \$3.3 million from 2021 through the start of 2025 for administration and professional services related to the state's overdose action plans.

The Massachusetts-based agency was awarded the Regional Care Coordination Agency grant in 2023 to establish and administer subgrants to social service organizations and nonprofits. □

Editor's note

When I heard the topic for the guest presenter – alcohol and drugs – I thought these elementary school children would be bored by it. At first, while the speaker droned through preliminary remarks, there was little interest, but as soon as he mentioned drugs, hands shot up. "My dad was on drugs," one of the children blurted, to which the experienced presenter responded that their personal stories should be shared in private with a trusted adult. Later the lesson turned to peer pressure, and how to resist it. The worksheet asked the kids, ages 6 to 10, "If a friend offered you a beer, how might you respond?" I could tell the older children had had this lesson before. "Say, 'No thank you,'" said one. "Walk away," came from another. "Tell a parent," said a third, whose answer was judged to be the best. Sometimes I underestimate the value of teaching, and drilling, children about life skills and street smarts. – *Fletcher Farrar, editor*



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Sangamon County Sheriff's union endorses David Timm

Backs challenger to incumbent Sheriff Paula Crouch in GOP primary

SHERIFF | Dean Olsen and Dilpreet Raju

The union representing Sangamon County Sheriff's Department deputies, correctional officers and court security staff says its membership overwhelmingly endorsed recently retired deputy David Timm to be the next sheriff over incumbent Sheriff Paula Crouch.

Timm, 50, a Republican from rural Pleasant Plains, is collecting signatures on petitions to challenge Crouch, a Republican from rural Williamsville, in the GOP primary for sheriff on March 17, 2026. Retired Illinois State Police master sergeant Marc Bell of Springfield has announced his intention to run in the Democratic primary for sheriff.

Petitions for sheriff candidates planning to run in the primary can be filed from Oct. 27 to Nov. 3 at the County Clerk's Office.

The sheriff oversees a department with more than 200 employees, including those in the Sangamon County Jail, and an annual budget of \$22.7 million. The sheriff's annual salary is \$175,460.

Timm told *Illinois Times* that the endorsement from the union he was a member of throughout his 25-year career with the department "shows that the people within want change."

However, when contacted by *IT*, Crouch, who has been in office since September 2024, said she is the one who represents change, while Timm represents the status quo. Crouch said she wasn't approached by Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 55 before its August endorsement of Timm's candidacy.

"Perhaps they don't like some of the changes that I am bringing," she said.

Crouch, 52, a retired Springfield Police Department lieutenant, was nominated by County Board Chair Andy Van Meter and approved by the Republican-controlled board in

September 2024 to serve the final two years of former sheriff Jack Campbell's four-year term.

Campbell, a Republican, decided to retire at age 60 after calls for his resignation for his role in the 2023 hiring of Sean Grayson, 31, the former sheriff's deputy charged with the July 2024 fatal shooting of Sonya Massey, 36, in her unincorporated Woodside Township home.

Crouch has the endorsement of the Sangamon County Republican Central Committee, which interviewed her and Timm.

FOP Lodge 55's members include three divisions of the sheriff's department as well as police serving Rochester, Virden, Girard, Pleasant Plains, Leland Grove, Southern View and Springfield's federal courthouse. Members also include retirees. About half of the members are active-duty sheriff's department employees, according to Lodge President Travis Koester, a sheriff's deputy.

Union officials reached out to all 173 members in August and were able to get responses from 117, Koester said. When asked their preference between Timm and Crouch, 92% of the responding members favored Timm, according to Koester.

Members weren't asked about Bell's candidacy because Bell hadn't announced his intentions at that point, Koester said.

A majority of the members responding were from the sheriff's department, and they represent the strong support that Timm has in the department, according to John McDowell, a sheriff's deputy and chairperson of the union's legislative committee.

"We all worked with him," said McDowell, 46. "He trained almost every one of us."

Koester, 41, said the show of support from the membership didn't represent dissatisfaction with Crouch as much as a lack of familiarity



David Timm, retired Sangamon County sheriff's deputy, is a GOP candidate for sheriff. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

with her.

"I don't have any bad things to say about her," Koester said. "I just don't know her. We all know Dave. We know how passionately Dave speaks about things."

McDowell and Koester said the union didn't conduct interviews before making the endorsement. When asked whether the union was being fair to Crouch, McDowell said Crouch hasn't tried to get to know union leaders informally.

"We thought that spoke volumes about the relationship there at that point," McDowell said.

The union is in contract negotiations with the county for deputies and correctional officers.

McDowell and Koester said the union resurrected its legislative committee this year after more than a decade of dormancy so the panel could help make endorsements and become more involved in local elections. The union, they said, wants to gain more public influence to improve pay, working conditions and staffing levels in the sheriff's department.

The FOP legislative committee's endorsement letter said Timm has "consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership, unwavering commitment to public safety and a deep connection to our community."

Crouch said the union's endorsement of Timm was "a little disheartening but not surprising. ... I'm sorry that they don't feel like I have tried to get to know them. My door is always open. It's a two-way street."

She said she doubted that the union's endorsement poll was fair or truly representative of its members. She said it was "a little reckless" for the union to make an endorsement without reaching out to her or Bell.

Bell, 61, who went public with his candidacy in September, said he wished Lodge 55 had waited until candidate filing took place and contacted him. During his 29 years with Illinois State Police, he was a member of FOP Lodge 41 and then the Teamsters, he said.

"I do have a long history of being pro-union," Bell said.

Improving the sheriff's department

Crouch said she is trying to improve the department in the wake of Massey's death. Grayson, who was fired by the department

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after the fatal shooting, has pleaded not guilty to charges of murder, official misconduct and aggravated battery with a firearm. He is scheduled to go on trial later this month.

She noted that the union, represented by the Illinois FOP Labor Council, initially filed a grievance seeking reinstatement of Grayson and 12 days later said it would drop the grievance. The union faced public criticism for filing the grievance.

The council's general counsel wouldn't say why the grievance was dropped.

Timm, whose campaign slogan is "Trust Restored/Voices Heard," said he agrees with the union that improving pay to attract a bigger pool of applicants and improving training are needed to improve the sheriff's department's performance.

Timm said he also would work to upgrade surveillance cameras in the jail to hold correctional officers more accountable.

"I will go to the County Board with a list of things that the employees need to fix the disconnect with our community and our department at the same time," he said.

Timm said he would work with Republicans and Democrats on the board, and, if necessary, rally the public to put pressure on the board to allocate more money for the department's budget.

"The safety and security of the county is not what it used to be, and one of the reasons is lack of manning," he said.

Timm said the sheriff's department had about 75 deputies when he was hired in 1999 and an average of eight patrol officers on the street at any given time. The number of officers on patrol now averages four, and there are 52 deputies, he said.

It's hard to recruit candidates because of the department's relatively low pay compared to the Springfield Police Department and some other local law-enforcement agencies, he said.

Crouch said the department has 59 deputies, and she is working to increase that number to the authorized total of about 70. She wouldn't comment on the average number of officers on street patrols.



Josh McDowell, a sheriff's deputy, is legislative committee chairperson for Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 55. Right, Travis Koester, a Sangamon County sheriff's deputy, is president of FOP Lodge 55. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN



Disciplinary actions against Timm

Timm said he wants to change a culture of internal squabbles and personal disputes within the department that led to some disciplinary actions against him over the years.

"Who you are affects how your file looks in the department," he said. "In all my career ... there wasn't excessive force. This is little, petty nonsense that's going on. I'm not perfect. I'm not a politician. I won't be controlled by a party. This is what has to stop."

Former sheriff Neil Williamson, a Republican who hired Timm, issued a letter of reprimand against Timm in June 2005 for a disciplinary issue that isn't specified in the records obtained by *Illinois Times* through the Freedom of Information Act.

Timm told the newspaper that he thinks the reprimand either involved \$60 worth of personal calls he made through the department phone system or his use of coarse language in a computer message he sent to another deputy. He said he repaid the county for the call.

In October 2006, records indicated, Williamson suspended Timm for three days without pay for "conduct while participating

in an investigation of a stabbing near Loami." Williamson wrote in Timm's disciplinary letter that he recommended Timm receive anger-management counseling through the county's employee assistance plan. Timm's union negotiated the suspension down to 1½ days.

Timm told *IT* the alleged conduct involved a conversation between him and a supervisor. He said he got upset with the supervisor because she was repeatedly calling him on his personal cellphone while he was trying to locate the stabbing suspect.

In June 2008, Williamson fired Timm after an internal investigation found Timm violated seven sheriff's department rules and regulations when he tried to get a Leland Grove police officer to release a man being arrested for driving under the influence.

The man being arrested, according to *The State Journal-Register* at the time, was a friend of Timm's who would send customers to Timm's side business building custom vehicles. Timm told *IT* that the man wasn't a friend, and the man didn't send customers to Timm's business.

Timm was reinstated in December 2009 after an appeal by the FOP Labor Council.

Williamson declined to speak to *Illinois Times* on the record for this story, saying he didn't want to get involved in political campaigns.

Illinois Times reported in 2015 that the arbitrator in the case called requests for leniency between police officers handling individual arrests "repugnant" but were "widespread and commonplace and seem particularly prevalent in the law enforcement community in Sangamon County," so Timm couldn't be fired for such behavior.

Timm told *IT* that "professional courtesy" among police officers is common. "In law enforcement, it's not just black and white," he said. "There's a lot of gray area. You don't have to go after everybody."

In April 2023, Timm received a letter of reprimand for violating "performance of duty." The letter isn't specific about the violation.

Timm said the violation involved his failure to be at a non-emergency patrol location in Illiopolis at one point during one shift. Timm said the reprimand was unfair because he properly notified a municipal official of his location and his delayed presence.

In 2020, Timm sued the county in federal court for discriminatory treatment and retaliation after sheriff's department officials, beginning in 2017, refused to allow him to wear special boots and be assigned a certain type of vehicle.

Timm's request came with a doctor's recommendation for accommodations to reduce further risk of injury after a work-related injury and three hip surgeries. The lack of accommodations led to a fourth hip surgery, court records said.

Timm won the case in 2023 after a jury trial and received compensatory damages of \$278,721, as well as \$119,268 for attorney fees and reinstatement of 38 sick days. □

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Conversations about homelessness

Inner City Mission part of nationwide 24-hour livestream

HOMELESSNESS | Dilpreet Raju

Beginning on Oct. 9, a 24-hour livestream outside Inner City Mission, 714 N. Seventh St., will discuss the challenges of homelessness. The livestream, which starts at 2 p.m. and is part of a nationwide effort called Conversations on a Bench, will feature current and former residents of the faith-based nonprofit's long-term transitional living program.

Scott Payne, executive director of Inner City Mission in Springfield, said the livestream will explore the relational effects of faith and the church's impact on people who were previously homeless.

"We're going to have about an hour and a half of very intense videos of testimonies of people who've come through the mission," Payne told *Illinois Times*.

He said that for all the diverse social service providers in the area, there's a gap in caring for the spirit of people experiencing homelessness despite the growing trend of "wraparound services."

"The nice thing about material things is it's easier to give and we can feel like that we've really accomplished something – which we have – and I don't want anybody to stop doing what they're doing with the street homeless now," he said. "But I want us to start thinking we have to go deeper than continuing to give just the physical things, that mentality is catching up in where you have now what they call wraparound services."

Payne said there is a place for faith-based conversations that could benefit people living without shelter, "When you start talking about having wraparound services for someone who is (unsheltered) – there's just not enough money to pay somebody to be with someone all the time or to do more than just basically be able to check in and say, 'Hey, how you doing?'"

Inner City Mission is one of two Illinois locations participating in the program. View the livestream at youtube.com/@innercitymission. □



Scott Payne, executive director of Inner City Mission, on a bench outside the nonprofit transitional living facility. He plans to sit on the bench from 2 p.m. Oct. 9 until 2 p.m. Oct. 10 to have conversations with the community about homelessness. CREDIT: PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

Massey Commission invites public input

October sessions to focus on recommendations, community feedback

MASSEY COMMISSION | Dilpreet Raju

The Massey Commission is hosting three community feedback sessions in October to discuss recommendations from the commission's four work groups as a result of last month's community-centered approach to discussing the commission's ongoing work.

"These are not routine meetings," Adam White, the commission's public engagement coordinator, wrote in an email. "They are the community's chance to intervene, insist, and influence the future of justice, equity and safety in Sangamon County."

The commission was created in 2024 to address "systemic issues in law enforcement practices, mental health responses and community relations" one month after Sonya Massey called 911 only to be shot and killed in her home by a sheriff's deputy.

The first meeting on Oct. 8 focused on law enforcement hiring, training, wellness and cultural competency. Two additional

meetings will take place the following Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at CAP 1908, 1100 South Grand Ave. E.

- **Oct. 15:** Economic disparities and service accessibility
- **Oct. 22:** Integrated mental health and emergency response; Community education on public health and safety (combined session)

"Attendees will be invited to question, push back and shape the recommendations with their own lived experience," the press release reads. "Every perspective matters. Every story helps build a more just, responsive and equitable Sangamon County."

In its early days, the commission also issued a resolution calling for Sangamon County to establish a dedicated mental health board, also known in Illinois as a 708 Board.

Last week, the Sangamon County Mental

Health Commission – a separate short-term entity formed by the Sangamon County Board to assess the costs and benefits of establishing a county mental health board through a public referendum set for March 2026 – recommended the County Board structure the referendum through a sales tax increase. The commission unanimously approved placing the question of a 0.5% sales tax increase on next year's March ballot, though its final report to the County Board is not due until December.

If instituted, the 0.5% sales tax increase would result in taxpayers paying 5 cents more on a \$10 purchase, or 50 cents more on a \$100 purchase, but generate close to \$14.75 million for a mental health board to fund services around the county.

The Massey Commission is also set to share a final report with the County Board in December. □



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City Council expresses surprise at TIF agreement

Claims previous mayor didn't seek approval for payments to District 186

CITY | Dean Olsen

Springfield City Council members who said in September they were unaware of a previous mayor's promise to send \$100,000 a year to School District 186 from funds collected for two of the city's tax-increment financing districts have no reason to plead ignorance, former mayor Jim Langfelder told *Illinois Times*.

Langfelder, who lost his bid for a third term as mayor in 2023 to current Mayor Misty Buscher, said council members "can say whatever they want." But he shared with *IT* an email exchange between him and 10 alderpersons in 2021 — seven of whom continue to serve on the council — that Langfelder said proves he informed the council about the funding agreement he made at that time with District 186 Superintendent Jennifer Gill.

Ward 10 Ald. Ralph Hanauer called Langfelder's explanation "a bunch of garbage."

Hanauer, who was on the council at the time, said he didn't remember the Oct. 23, 2021, email from Langfelder. Hanauer didn't deny receiving it, saying, "We got a lot of emails."

Hanauer said his criticism of the former mayor was valid because Langfelder never followed up to codify his promise to District 186 by seeking City Council approval.

"It happened a lot," Hanauer said, referring to what he considered a lack of clear communication between the council and Langfelder. "He tries to cover his tracks."

Ward 9 Ald. Jim Donelan, who also was on the council at the time, said he didn't remember the council voting on or discussing compensation to the school district.

Langfelder told *IT* that he didn't propose an ordinance codifying the promise to pay the school district because it wasn't timely. Revenues generated by the two TIF districts to pay District 186 weren't collected until late 2023, he said.

By that time, Langfelder said, he was out of office. He said council members and employees in the city's budget office who remained after Buscher took office were well aware of the promise to pay the school district.

Subtle digs at Langfelder's communication style came from a few council members during a Sept. 9 committee-of-the-whole meeting and the Sept. 16 regular meeting of the council.

The council ended up voting 6-0 at Sept. 16 meeting to begin forwarding a portion of property taxes collected by the Enos Park and



Mayor Langfelder holds a press conference Jan. 12, 2021, in Enos Park along with then-Ward 5 Ald. Andrew Proctor and Capitol Township Trustee Lakeisha Purchase to encourage the Township trustees to support the TIF renewal when the board voted later that week. The Enos Park TIF District expired in December 2020 and lapsed before later being renewed by Gov. JB Pritzker in December 2021 following the fall veto session. PHOTO COURTESY EPNIA

Springfield Housing Authority/Madison Park Place TIFs to the District 186.

To avoid a conflict of interest, Ward 5 Ald. Lakeisha Purchase, who owns property in the Enos Park neighborhood, didn't vote on the measure. Alderpersons Erin Conley of Ward 8, Shawn Gregory of Ward 2 and Larry Rockford of Ward 4 were absent.

The annual total to be forwarded to District 186 will be \$100,000, or \$50,000 from each of the TIFs, through 2034 with the total amount not to exceed \$1.2 million, as called for in a May 21, 2020, email exchange between Gill and Langfelder. The same day, Gill provided a letter of support to renew the TIF, addressed to the mayor and City Council members, although it's unclear if that document was shared with the council at that time.

An email that same day from Gill to Langfelder indicated that the amounts promised by Langfelder each year equaled 15% of what District 186 normally would

receive in property tax revenue from the area covered by the Enos Park TIF area and 29% of what the school district normally would get from the Madison Park TIF area.

Unless there is an agreement to forward some money back to taxing districts, the city receives all of the property tax revenue generated by a TIF district beyond the base level collected when the TIF is first established. The incremental increase is allocated by the council to help pay for infrastructure work and other state-approved uses in areas deemed by the council to be blighted.

After an initial 23-year lifespan, TIFs can be extended in 12-year increments with votes by the Illinois General Assembly on bills that receive the governor's signature.

Springfield has had TIF districts since the early 1980s. Agreements by municipalities to pay back at least some of the proceeds from TIF districts to cash-strapped taxing

bodies have become commonplace in Illinois. Those taxing bodies have leverage, if they choose to exert it, to make agreements with municipalities to be reimbursed for part of the future property tax revenue they stand to lose.

That's because state lawmakers have made it a practice to require that all affected taxing bodies submit letters of support for extending the life of a TIF before the Illinois House or Senate takes a vote.

The village of Jerome is currently negotiating with District 186, the largest recipient of revenue from local property taxes, on whether to share some of the proceeds from the village's proposed new TIF district, even though the district's support isn't required for the initial lifespan of a TIF district.

When the life of Springfield's Central Area/Downtown TIF district, formed in 1981, was extended another 12 years in the mid-2000s, the City Council agreed to pay District 186 \$700,000 each year. When the Downtown TIF's life was extended a second time in 2017, the council agreed to boost the annual payment to District 186 to \$1.4 million a year through 2029.

The council voted in 2021 to make one-time payments to Springfield Park District of \$251,025 from the Madison Park TIF and \$404,014 from the Enos Park TIF for improvements to park facilities in exchange for the park district's support to extend the life of those TIFs.

Gregory Moredock, the city's chief legal counsel, who began work after Buscher was elected, told the council in September that he first learned of Langfelder's promise to the district when contacted by the district in search of the money.

Buscher, who was city treasurer before being elected mayor, said the \$100,000 funding promise "was an expense we weren't expecting."

Amy Rasing, director of the city's Office of Planning and Economic Development, said the amount that will be forwarded back to the school district won't hinder or interfere with any projects or programs scheduled to receive TIF funding.

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UNDERSTANDABLE

Dean Olsen's cover story about the local impact of cuts to Medicaid was excellent – thorough, well-researched, with multiple perspectives (“Losing health care coverage,” Oct. 2). You made a complicated issue easier to understand and provided important information about how this will impact our area. Thanks for your in-depth reporting.

*Karen Witter
Springfield*

Overheard

As a kid on the farm, I kept my ears open, especially around the hired men's sitting room. I heard about Glenn and Bill, both courting the same girl. “Who took her to the dance?” asked one hired man. “Glenn took her,” replied the other. “But Bill hid in the rumble seat of Glenn's coupe. After the dance Glenn drove away with his date and parked in a remote lane. Bill about died of cold and could hear activities going on in the front seat, but there was nothing he could do.” “So, who finally got the girl?” “Neither one, she ended up marrying a different guy.” That's all I heard of the story, but maybe there was nothing left to tell.

2025 Jacqueline Jackson

PREVENTABLE

There's a preventable crisis brewing in Washington, D.C. that could easily be treated if Congress truly wants to support the health and well-being of Americans. The physicians of the Illinois State Medical Society implore Congress to extend the enhanced premium tax credits for the Affordable Care Act marketplace plans.

These subsidies have helped expand health insurance coverage for millions of Americans, including 550,000 of our fellow residents in the state of Illinois. Approximately 90% received the tax credits to help lower the cost of monthly payments. If Congress fails to pass the extension, health care insurance will likely be unaffordable for many of the plans offered through the federal exchange.

ISMS members care about this issue because it immediately impacts our patients, as well as physicians and health care facilities. Without proper health insurance, patients may delay or skip medical care. That means when individuals show up in the emergency department (because that's where people without health insurance go), they will be sicker. This also puts a burden on physician practices and health care facilities when people do not have health insurance through no fault of their own – we all pay for it.

Congress can fix this potential crisis by extending the tax credits for federal exchange plans before the end of the year. Contact Sen. Tammy Duckworth, Sen. Dick Durbin and your U.S. representative to let them know you support taking care of your neighbor in need of affordable health insurance.

*Richard C. Anderson, M.D.
President, Illinois State Medical Society*

WE CAN DO MORE

In this moment, too many of our political leaders have a poverty mindset that limits American progress.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy delivered a speech to mark the dawn of the Apollo missions. One line in particular has been ringing in my ears: “We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other



Dr. Janet Albers, a family physician at Springfield's Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, says she worries that gains in health and coverage brought by the Affordable Care Act will be rolled back as President Donald Trump's “One Big, Beautiful Bill” is implemented. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard...”

With sustained investment, ingenuity, collaboration and hard work (and computers only as powerful as a pocket calculator), we landed men on the moon less than a decade later. Contrast that drive for progress and national achievement with President Donald Trump's sweeping disinvestment in government services, humanitarian aid, scientific research and emerging technology. Republicans in Congress and the president, by passing the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, have sent a message that even maintaining the status quo on things like Medicaid for millions of Americans is too much to expect. A totally unnecessary and counterproductive

poverty mindset is being wielded to convince Americans that progress is out of reach. We're told universal health care, paid family leave, affordable college tuition, high speed rail and clean energy are simply too costly and too hard. Our leaders cry poor even as the wealthiest Americans and corporations receive deficit-busting tax cuts.

But America remains the wealthiest country in the world, with the ability to make advances that currently seem impossible. This country can achieve amazing things (for everyone, not just the rich). In this moment, we could use a president who inspires and reminds us of what this country is capable of achieving.

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AFL-CIO move a surprise

POLITICS | Rich Miller

The announcement last week that the Illinois AFL-CIO was withdrawing from the “agreed bill process” at least 40 years after its inception took almost everyone by surprise, but nobody was really shocked.

For years, whenever the group engaged in carefully constructed negotiations with business interests on workers’ compensation and unemployment insurance, labor leaders would grumble privately that most other states don’t have a similar process. Unlike elsewhere, their hands were tied by a long-ago edict that the two sides would have to work out their differences and that the state’s executive branch would help referee the talks by providing research into the issues under discussion and members from all four caucuses would participate. After that, the two parties in both legislative chambers would examine the final bills and agree to put votes on them.

The process hasn’t always worked well. But it has had some notable successes. For years and years, the state’s inordinately high workers’ comp costs were the talk of the nation (almost like the pension issue eventually became). But everyone hunkered down and now Illinois’ WC costs are about in the middle of the state rankings.

The Illinois AFL-CIO leadership claimed in its letter to the governor, Democratic leaders and negotiators that the agreed bill process has been honored except during the 89th General Assembly, when Republicans controlled the governor’s office and both legislative chambers. That GOP bill cut unemployment insurance taxes by \$120 million. Not mentioned, however, was that labor had its payback after Rod Blagojevich was elected governor and both chambers were controlled by the Democratic Party and set aside the agreed bill process.

The AFL-CIO focused mainly on its frustration with Republican-controlled states and the Trump administration taking rights and benefits away from workers. As one top labor official told me, “At the national level, we’re seeing the National Republicans just roll over labor rights. I mean, (expletive deleted) Trump canceled 800,000 peoples’ collective bargaining rights and nobody says a word. And I’m supposed to sit here and work with the same (expletive deleted) people who put Trump in? I can’t do that.”

The union official pointed to the House Republicans’ inability to put the agreed number of votes on a bill last year to slightly raise workers’ comp rates to make sure the Workers’ Compensation Commission could continue to operate. The bill passed overwhelmingly, but that’s not the point. An

agreed bill is supposed to have a structured roll call to make sure vulnerable members can opt out.”

Other Democrats and union officials I talked to said the labor organization’s withdrawal from the age-old process probably won’t change what happens at the Statehouse.

“It’s kinda just semantics,” said one prominent Democratic legislator who has also worked in the agreed bill process. “We can still put a table together and negotiate (stuff) with labor and business no matter what name we give the process.”

Another union official said much the same. “I think it’s going to be an agreed bill process without being called the agreed bill process,” the union official said.

And Senate President Don Harmon’s official statement via his spokesperson seemed to agree with that sentiment: “The Senate Democrats will continue our ongoing commitment to look out for working families and their rights while also engaging the business community in an effort to bring prosperity to all.”

But the “business community” is most definitely spooked. During a background

conversation yesterday, business leaders pointed to what they said was the reason why the agreed bill process was created. A 1982 bill cut benefits and increased employer costs, which resulted in some legislative defeats. Legislators, particularly Democrats, were looking for some political cover, so the process was created.

“On workers’ comp, we went from third highest in the country to 23rd highest in the country,” a business group leader pointed out.

But now they’re very worried that the unions will use their overwhelming pro-labor Democratic super-majorities to muscle through changes that could force Illinois back into the bad old days of high costs for workers’ comp and unemployment insurance.

And they’re frustrated that organized labor is using the national political climate to justify withdrawing from a process that has actually worked here.

The AFL-CIO has a proposal to maintain funding for workers’ comp administration, and some say that an unemployment insurance package is on the horizon. So, I guess we’ll see pretty soon how this all plays out. □



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A family watches a youth soccer game in Beardstown, a rural meatpacking town in west central Illinois. PHOTO BY BEN FELDER, INVESTIGATE MIDWEST

Immigrants helped save this Illinois meatpacking town

Beardstown is an example of how immigration crackdowns are impacting Midwestern communities and the nation's food supply.

IMMIGRATION | Juan Vassallo, Investigate Midwest

In Beardstown, the Cuban couple had spent the past year building a life they were proud of.

Their arrival in the U.S. had followed a long and uncertain path: a northbound journey through Nicaragua, Honduras and Guatemala, followed by seven months in Monterrey, Mexico, as they waited for their appointment with Customs and Border Protection.

Aware of the growing hostility toward immigrants in the U.S., they were determined to enter legally.

In Cuba, they barely made ends meet — he worked in maintenance, she worked in a clothing store. But in the rural west central Illinois town, life started to feel promising.

They found work last year as forklift operators at DOT Foods, the largest food redistributor in the country. The pay was decent and the benefits generous, and the couple had begun to set aside savings.

Then, in June, they were abruptly let go.

"We were on the right track," the husband said in Spanish, seated in the living room of

their one-bedroom rental. The couple asked Investigate Midwest not to use their names for fear of deportation. "We were comfortable in our jobs, earning a decent salary. And suddenly everything collapsed — the castle crumbled."

They are among hundreds of immigrants in Beardstown who arrived through humanitarian parole programs that have since been rescinded by the Trump administration, leaving them undocumented and out of work. Many of them were employed at DOT Foods and JBS, the world's largest meat processor. These workers were part of a workforce that has long sustained both the town's economy and its key role in the country's food supply chain.

For decades, Beardstown has been a case study in how immigrants have revitalized once-decaying rural towns, particularly in the Midwest. But the Trump administration's crackdown on both documented and undocumented immigration threatens the stability of communities that have long relied on foreign-born workers.

The previous administration's humanitarian parole initiatives — which allowed individuals to enter the U.S. temporarily to seek safety or escape political persecution — significantly increased the pool of authorized workers. That influx helped major food companies fill staffing gaps and keep operations running during pandemic-era labor shortages.

Roughly 2.1 million immigrants power the nation's food supply chain — planting, harvesting, processing and selling the food that ends up on American tables. So far, there is no evidence that Trump's immigration agenda has created an "America First" labor market with higher wages to attract U.S.-born workers to slaughterhouses or farm fields. Instead, labor experts say the more likely outcome is an expansion of guestworker programs like H-2A and H-2B — often criticized for enabling exploitation — or a shrinking workforce that leaves remaining workers stretched even thinner.

"We're not seeing any evidence yet of improved conditions for (domestic) workers," said Daniel Costa, director of immigration law

and policy research at the Economic Policy Institute. "Some employers, especially in certain industries, have been ready to make a push for more H-2A and H-2B visas... They see that the only way they are going to replace that workforce is with these programs."

In Beardstown, it's unclear how employers like JBS and DOT Foods will address the labor shortage. Neither company responded to requests for comment.

Investigate Midwest spoke with dozens of workers, local residents, city officials and immigration advocates to examine how tougher immigration policies, including the rollback of parole programs, are impacting not just the local economy, but also the nation's food system. Many Beardstown residents requested anonymity, fearing that speaking out could put them at risk of deportation.

A constantly changing immigration system

Just a few steps from the slow-moving waters of the Illinois River, the Western Illinois Dreamers Immigrant Welcome Center sits beside the weathered storefront of a local radio

station in downtown Beardstown. Inside, “Know Your Rights” flyers in Spanish line the walls.

A staff of three helps connect newly arrived migrants with legal services, food pantries, clothing banks and other local resources.

Kate Cruz, who co-directs the center, said her office has heard from many of the recently terminated workers at DOT Foods and JBS. Most are scrambling to find legal pathways to stay in the country and return to work. Some are reaching out in fear.

“We have more people coming in or calling who are fearful,” Cruz said. “Or they’re sending family members because they’re afraid that if they leave their homes, they’re going to be deported.”

Many of these workers are from Haiti, another country that, like Cuba, was included in the Biden administration’s humanitarian parole program in response to ongoing political and humanitarian crises.

Starting in 2021, the Biden administration expanded its use of parole authority, a long-standing legal tool that allows individuals to enter the U.S. temporarily for urgent humanitarian reasons or public benefit.

Both Republican and Democratic administrations have used parole for decades. Under Biden, new programs were set up to grant parole to people fleeing crises in Afghanistan, Ukraine, Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela.

The administration also extended parole to some migrants who scheduled appointments at the border using the CBP One app and met certain requirements after an interview, allowing them to enter legally through official ports – a strategy aimed at tracking arrivals and reducing illegal crossings.

“Many people fled their home country because it just simply wasn’t safe for them to stay there anymore,” said Sara Dady, an immigration attorney based in Rockford.

Haiti, like parts of Central America and Mexico, has also been plagued by gang

violence and instability in recent years. Cruz said that at the beginning of the year, JBS hired hundreds of Haitian immigrants, most of whom have now been terminated. They want to stay in Beardstown, Cruz says, because it still feels safer than home despite their fear of deportation.

But for the terminated workers, finding a way to remain in the U.S. without risking deportation will look different for everyone – and it means navigating a constantly changing immigration system that can be complex, costly and slow.

For example, the Cuban couple hopes to remain in the U.S. under the Cuban Adjustment Act, a 1960s law that allows Cuban nationals to apply for permanent residency after one year of physical presence in the country.

They applied with the help of an immigration lawyer they found online. But with both of them out of work, their savings are quickly being depleted by the legal fees, on top of rent and daily expenses.

For Elizabeth Amezcua, 39, an immigrant from Mexico, hiring a lawyer is not an option right now. Without the money for legal help, she is left to navigate the system on her own.

Amezcua was recently let go from the JBS slaughterhouse, where she worked as a cook in the facility’s cafeteria. The income supported her in Beardstown and helped provide for her son back in Mexico.

She entered the U.S. nearly 18 months ago through the CBP One process, like the Cuban couple. She says she was granted parole that allowed her to stay legally for at least one more year.

But after the Trump administration began dismantling parole programs – including converting the CBP One app that had allowed Amezcua to enter the country into a “self-deportation app” – she lost her job in June.

“I don’t have any family here. I don’t have anyone to help me,” Amezcua said in Spanish. “But God is almighty. And I know He’s going



The JBS plant in Beardstown slaughters over 20,000 hogs each day.
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A town shaped by immigration

For nearly two centuries, Beardstown’s economy has been rooted in agriculture, shaped from the start by immigration.

In the early 19th century, Dutch immigrants drained the region’s marshlands, transforming it into farmland. By 1834, Beardstown had become a key river port shipping grain, hogs and provisions to downstate markets. With tens of thousands of hogs slaughtered each spring – more than in Chicago – it earned the nickname “Porkopolis,” home to the most extensive pork trade west of Cincinnati.

Beardstown’s industrial rise continued into the mid-20th century. In 1967, Oscar Mayer opened a large meatpacking plant, employing over 800 workers, most of them white men from the area. Jobs at the plant were stable, unionized and paid well.

The mayor of Beardstown, Tim Harris, remembers graduating from high school and dreaming of working at the Oscar Mayer plant.

“It was fairly difficult to get a job there,” said Harris, sitting in his City Hall office across the street from the town square, where speakers play music and ads in Spanish for jobs at JBS. “Unless you really had an in with somebody, a reference, you usually didn’t get a job there.”

But in the 1980s, industry consolidation, weakened labor unions and automation led to declining wages. By 1990, meatpacking jobs paid 24% less than the average manufacturing



Kate Cruz co-directs the Western Illinois Dreamers Immigrant Welcome Center in Beardstown.

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wage.

When Oscar Mayer closed its plant in 1987, Beardstown had already lost hundreds of jobs from other factory shutdowns. As families moved away, the town’s future looked bleak.

Cargill eventually bought the facility that same year and reopened it under a new model – cutting wages and benefits. But with the new jobs failing to attract the local population, which had dropped from 6,338 in 1980 to 5,270 in 1990, Cargill had to look elsewhere to build its workforce.

The company turned to immigrant labor, first from Mexico and later from other countries. The shift transformed the plant’s workforce from a nearly all-white to one with dozens of nationalities and languages; Beardstown went from a declining town, with shuttered storefronts and an aging population, into a multicultural hub.

But this transformation was not without tension. In 1995, just 45 miles north of Beardstown, the Ku Klux Klan held a rally to protest the hiring of immigrants at the Cargill plant.

Thirty years later, Beardstown’s nearly 6,000 residents make up a far more integrated community, and Mayor Harris welcomes newcomers. “We need workers. The whole country does,” Harris said.

A powerful industry

Beardstown’s story mirrors a broader transformation that has swept through the rural Midwest over the past four decades.



Beardstown City Hall is next to the town square, which hosts community festivals and other gatherings.

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Immigration, global corporate consolidation, and the relentless drive for efficiency have reshaped the meat industry and the communities built around it.

The Beardstown slaughterhouse changed hands again in 2015, when it was purchased by JBS, a Brazilian conglomerate that is now the world's largest meat company. The plant, which processed 7,000 hogs a day during the Oscar Mayer era, now slaughters over 20,000.

According to USDA data, pork production in the U.S. increased by over 75% between 1980 and 2020, now topping 28 billion pounds annually. Over the same period, the number of plants fell and line speeds accelerated. Modern meat processing plants can slaughter over 1,100 hogs per hour.

Industry profits have soared alongside this productivity boom, especially in recent years.

The top meatpacking companies – including JBS and Tyson Foods – more than doubled their profit margins during the pandemic.

However, the industry's rapid growth and increasing profits have not always translated into improved working conditions for its frontline workers.

Real wages have decreased since the 1980s and injuries remain common today. And now, under a Trump administration that benefited from industry donations, thousands of these workers are at risk of deportation.

JBS subsidiary Pilgrim's Pride, the second-largest poultry processor in the U.S., made a \$5 million donation to Trump's Inaugural Committee – the largest single contribution, far exceeding the \$1 million given by corporations like Meta and Amazon.

Some critics argue that JBS's political donations and aggressive lobbying helped clear

the way for its recent listing on the New York Stock Exchange, despite a controversial track record that includes corruption and bribery scandals in Brazil.

In the U.S., the company's record has also drawn scrutiny.

During the early months of the pandemic, JBS kept its plants open without proper safety measures, and they quickly became COVID-19 hotspots.

At its Greeley, Colorado, plant, nearly 300 workers were infected and six died. By July 2020, the plant accounted for 65% of all COVID-19 cases in Colorado. Most of the affected workers were older immigrants.

JBS did not respond to requests for an interview or comments on its political contributions, COVID-19 safety protocols, and the recent termination of immigrant workers on humanitarian parole.

Neither JBS nor other major meat companies and industry groups have publicly opposed Trump's immigration policies. However, the North American Meat Institute, a powerful trade group, has formally urged the administration to expand the H-2A visa program – originally intended for seasonal farmworkers — to include meat and poultry processors.

"You've seen some action in Congress and the Appropriations Committee," said Costa, with the Economic Policy Institute. "There are amendments being considered that would change the rules in the work visa program so that they'd apply for additional industries. So I do think that is going to be the main strategy."

New policies, new fears

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Martin Pineda working at an annual soccer tournament in Beardstown on July 12, 2025.

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tween 2021 and 2024, according to FWD.us, a bipartisan immigration advocacy group.

Of those, 30,000 worked in agriculture and 90,000 in manufacturing, including meatpacking and food processing.

The organization projects that eliminating their work authorization, alongside other immigration policy changes, could increase prices for food, beverages and tobacco by 14.5% between 2024 and 2028.

But the economic impact is only part of the story. In places like Beardstown, the new immigration policies have stoked anxiety and discouraged civic life.

The annual celebration for Mexican Independence Day on Sept. 16, which draws hundreds to Beardstown's town square with music, food and costume contests, was cancelled. Even residents with visas or green cards say they're hesitant to leave their homes.

While fears of deportation have increased under the Trump administration, for many immigrants, that fear is nothing new. Many advocates argue the system has been broken for decades: the Obama administration deported more immigrants than any U.S. president, and the largest workplace immigration raid in the country's history happened under President George W. Bush at a meatpacking plant in Iowa.

Martin Pineda has lived through these shifting policies.

A native of Mexico, Pineda spent years working in strawberry fields in California and later at a Missouri slaughterhouse. When that plant closed, he moved to Beardstown to work at the slaughterhouse there – then owned by Cargill – and stayed for more than a decade.

He left in 2007, after an immigration raid during the Bush administration led to the arrest of 62 undocumented night-shift workers and the company began enforcing stricter documentation checks.

Pineda, who has a wife and three children, is outspoken in support of immigrant rights. In 2023, he traveled to Washington, D.C. to

advocate on behalf of undocumented workers.

"We are contributing heavily to the economy and we don't get any recognition," Pineda said. "That's what makes me sad about this country. In my case, I've worked more than 30 years, and I don't have Social Security to retire."

In recent months, ICE agents have detained dozens of migrants in Chicago – at court appearances, during mandatory check-ins and in a high-profile South Loop operation that swept up at least 10 people.

While there have been no confirmed reports of ICE activity in Beardstown or at the JBS plant, fear still lingers. Some residents are reluctant to go outside, scared by false rumors

spreading quickly on Facebook and WhatsApp.

But Pineda refuses to live in the shadows.

Each summer, he organizes a youth soccer tournament that brings together over 280 children from different ethnic backgrounds. It's become a much-anticipated event, held at the town's soccer fields – owned by JBS – against a backdrop of cornfields.

Pineda sees the tournament as more than just a game. It's a show of resilience in a time of fear, and a reminder that immigrants contribute to a community in ways that go far beyond labor.

"It's a lot of work – but I enjoy it. I like doing something productive," said Pineda about the tournament. "This is something I

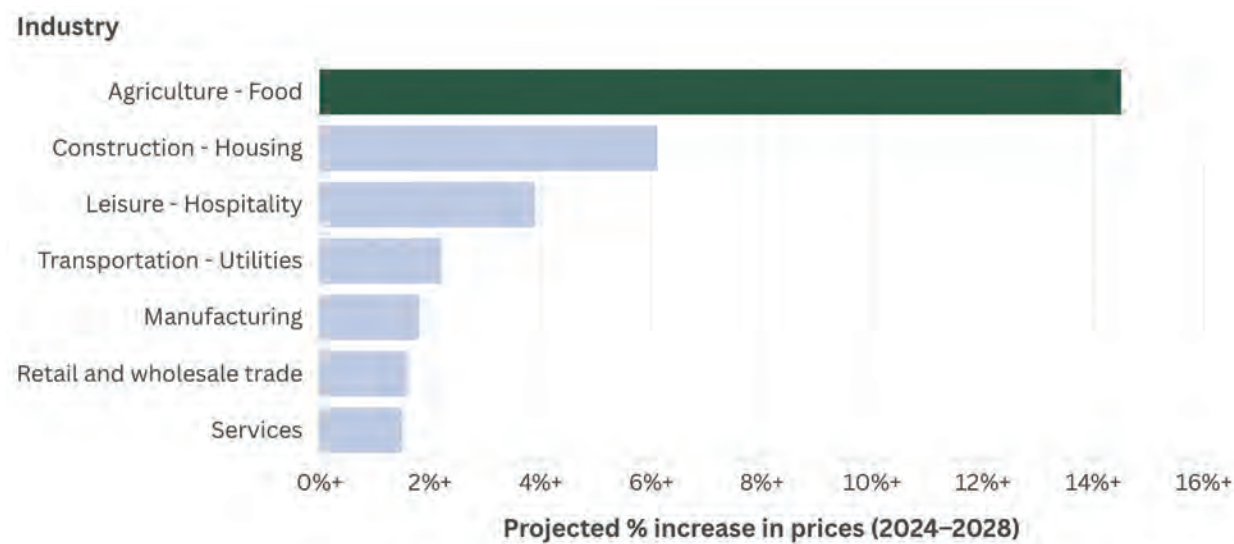
wish I could have done in my own country, but I couldn't. So I'm doing it here, with the children in my community, in this town. Most of them are Latino, but we also have kids from other backgrounds – African, white. And like I said, I enjoy it. I'm a volunteer." □

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The second installment in the series on immigration for Investigate Midwest, "Threat of ICE raids shadows every shift in Chicago's food warehouses," was posted Oct. 6 at investigatemitwest.org.

Shortage of immigrant workers in certain industries could increase prices

Projected 2024-2028 price increases by industry, driven by policy changes that reduce immigrant labor through the end of parole programs, sharp reductions in legal immigration and other policies.



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Butternut squash lasagna

Dish born out of culinary tradition of creating meals out of leftovers

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

There's a longstanding culinary tradition of crafting delicious meals out of repurposed leftovers. From Italian arancini, crispy fried rice balls rolled out of cold risotto, to shepherd's pie made with yesterday's roast, some of our most beloved dishes exist thanks to generations of creative and resourceful cooks.

This recipe for butternut squash lasagna was born out of that same spirit and utilizes leftover bisque as the sauce in this hearty, straight-forward dish. Over the years it's become one of my most frequently requested autumn dishes, perfect for potlucks or stashing in the freezer for a rainy day. The first iteration of the recipe contained crumbled sage breakfast sausage, but in the years since I've often swapped out the sausage for sautéed baby greens and/or roasted mushrooms for a satisfying vegetarian entree.

Feel free to swap out the butternut for other types of squash such as kabocha, honeynut (a petite, ultra-flavorful descendant of butternut squash) or jarradale. In truth, any smooth, creamy vegetable bisque will work – cauliflower is an especially tasty option and can easily be substituted for the squash in the recipes below. Just be sure to use at least one cup of soup for every five noodles that are layered into the dish. Cream cheese, while not usually a standard ingredient in butternut squash bisque, adds a rich, creamy tang to the lasagna. If making the bisque to serve simply as a soup, you may wish to omit the cream cheese.

Butternut squash bisque

Ingredients:

1 large butternut squash, about 3-4 pounds
 ¼ cup unsalted butter
 1 large yellow onion, diced
 2 medium-sized tart baking apples, such as granny smith, peeled and diced
 2-3 cloves garlic
 Salt and black pepper, to taste
 ⅓ teaspoon grated nutmeg, plus more for the top
 2 tablespoons minced fresh sage
 4 cups chicken stock
 4 ounces cream cheese
 1 cup heavy cream

Peel the butternut squash with a vegetable peeler. I find it's easier to cut off the round bottom section of the squash and peel the



round and long sections separately. Slice the round part in half and scoop out the seeds, then cut the entire squash into uniform half-inch pieces and set aside.

Have the onions and apples diced and ready to go. Cook the butter in a saucepan over medium-low heat until it's brown and nutty but not burnt. Add the diced onions and apples along with the garlic cloves (no need to mince the garlic) and nutmeg. Season

generously with salt and pepper. Sauté the mixture briefly until it just begins to soften and become fragrant, then add three-fourths of the cubed butternut squash (reserve the remaining squash cubes for the lasagna) and the chicken stock. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer until the squash cubes are very tender, about 15-20 minutes. Turn off the heat and add the heavy cream and cream cheese, then use an immersion blender to

purée the soup until it is completely smooth. Season to taste with salt as needed. Serve or chill and freeze for up to six months.

Butternut squash lasagna

Ingredients:

4 cups butternut squash bisque, above
 Reserved butternut cubes from preparing bisque
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 Salt and black pepper, to taste
 1 pound lasagna noodles
 1 pound sage breakfast sausage, cooked and crumbled
 6-8 ounces each grated Parmesan and gruyere
 Additional sage leaves for garnish, if desired
 Canola oil to fry sage leaves, if desired

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees and line a baking sheet with parchment.

Toss the reserved squash cubes with the olive oil and a sprinkle of salt and pepper then roast in the oven until tender and lightly browned, about 15 minutes. Remove the squash from the oven and reduce the temperature to 350 degrees. Set aside to cool slightly.

Liberally butter a 9-inch by 13-inch baking dish, then add about ½ cup of the squash bisque to the bottom of the dish and spread it to coat the bottom of the pan. Top with four lasagna noodles and a cup of the sauce, followed by half each of the cooked sausage and the remaining diced squash. Sprinkle on one third of the cheese, then repeat with another layer of noodles, bisque, meat, roasted squash and cheese. Add a final layer of four noodles and the remaining bisque and cheese. Sprinkle lightly with nutmeg and some freshly ground black pepper, then cover with foil and bake in the preheated oven for 45 minutes. Remove the foil and bake 10 minutes more, then remove from the oven and let rest 30 minutes before serving.

To make the fried sage leaf garnish, heat approximately ½ inch of canola oil in a medium skillet over medium high until it's hot enough that a bread cube sizzles when added to the hot oil. Fry the sage leaves until they are crispy, about 30 to 40 seconds, taking care not to overcrowd the pan. Sprinkle with salt before serving. □

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

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From *Star Wars* to the prairie state

ISO revs up for a season-long journey

MUSIC | Scott Faingold

This Friday, Oct. 10, the Illinois Symphony Orchestra begins its 2025-2026 season with a program of “Star Wars Greatest Hits.” The pops concert featuring John Williams’ soaring scores to the popular space opera continues in the vein of recent well-received programs featuring music from classic cartoons and the *Harry Potter* films, but it also acts as a jumping-off point for one of ISO’s most ambitious and thematically rich seasons yet. The journey will climax with the premier of an original piece specially commissioned for the 100th anniversary of the legendary Route 66, which of course snaked right through Springfield and is still traversed by scores of tourists and U.S. history buffs each year.

“Of course, the orchestra is on its a journey of its own this year,” said ISO music director Taichi Fukumura. The orchestra has long performed its Springfield concerts at the University of Illinois Springfield Performing Arts Center, which is undergoing renovations and will be closed for the duration of this season (the auditorium is projected to be ready to reopen in September of 2026). This season, all concerts featuring the full and chamber orchestras will be held at First United Methodist Church, 2941 S. Koke Mill Road, with two performances (afternoon and evening) of the popular “Holiday Pops in the Heartland” concert scheduled at the Illinois State Library on Second Street.

“The acoustics of the venue, how well musicians can hear each other, are all very important,” Fukumura explained. Luckily, First United Methodist Church turned out to be almost ideal. “It is great for the audience, great for the orchestra. It gave us both an artistic

challenge and also an opportunity because those two venues were physically very different. (The sound in the church) has warmth, but at the same time it has some clarity. So, it gives our sound a nice support,” he said.

The church has a capacity of around 1,100 seats, which may allow for a more cohesive audience experience as concertgoers have sometimes found themselves spread out among the auditoriums’ 2,000 seats.

Coming off of a well-received and artistically varied 2024-2025 season, Maestro Fukumura has ambitious plans for this season’s concerts to follow this week’s *Star Wars* performance, which will be helmed by guest conductor Vince Lee.

The second concert of the season will be “Hero’s Journey” on Nov. 7, and will consist of music by Beethoven, Bartók and Miklós Rózsa.

“Beethoven’s third symphony is a pivotal moment in the trajectory of symphonic history,” Fukumura said. “Beethoven changed the idea of what a symphony can be – he made it much more of a philosophical statement. And he was a very well-educated and very politically aware person who resonated with the idea of freedom and justice and all of these ideals coming out of the French Revolution.”

Rózsa immigrated from Hungary to the U.S. and wrote music for the stage in addition to composing scores for many famous Hollywood films, including *Ben-Hur*. Rózsa’s violin concerto will performed by acclaimed soloist Blake Pouliot.

After the “Holiday Pops” show, the first concert of the new year will be a chamber orchestra performance conducted by ISO’s

resident conductor Jacobsen Woollen, which will feature the Springfield Choral Society and works by Stravinsky and Mozart.

Next will be “Love Notes” on Valentine’s weekend, which will include Tchaikovsky’s symphony No. 5. “It is one of the most heartfelt and most popular symphonies,” said Fukumura, made all the more special by the two solo saxophonists who will perform that evening: Valentin Kovalev on soprano saxophone and Aiwen Zhang are a married couple, driving home the romantic theme.

As 2026 progresses, other concerts will include “Visions and Vitality” (March 6) featuring soprano vocalist Madison Leonard and music by Flagello and Theofanidis along with Mahler’s Symphony No. 4; April 10 will bring “Simple Gifts” featuring Walker’s “Lyric for Strings” Bloch’s “Concerto Grosso No. 1 and Copland’s “Appalachian Spring.”

The season finale on May 1 will be especially exciting, as it will feature the world premiere of a piece specially commissioned by the ISO from Illinois-based composer Michelle Isaac. “I always like when we’re able to commission a work,” said ISO executive director Trevor Orthmann. “We get to actually premiere a new piece of music and just continue to cultivate the future of classical music.”

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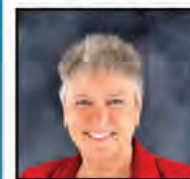
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Linda Kay Davis

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Linda Kay Davis was born July 26, 1951, in East St. Louis, Illinois, to Rev. William Morgan Davis and Martha Griffin Davis. Complications from Parkinson's Disease led to her death on Sept. 6, 2025, in Springfield.

Linda was a much older sister to three boys, and while the grownup Linda had a wide acquaintance from four continents she found no adult more interesting than a child. At 18 she turned her back on college back East and took a job helping emotionally disturbed children under the late Dr. Ugo Formigoni, who pointed her toward Montessori practice. While working she earned degrees in child psychology and development from the future University of Illinois Springfield.

She was defiant in the face of the Parkinson's that killed her. When she was diagnosed in 1999 someone asked, "What will you do now?" She replied, "Live my life." Which she did, exuberantly. If no teaching opportunity was at hand she made her own. At the age of 26 she founded Springfield's Montessori Children's House, which still thrives. In the 1990s Alcuin Montessori School in Oak Park/River Forest lacked a program for early adolescents so she created one; that led to her playing a crucial early role in the development of Montessori's ideas for adolescent learning, her later program at Prairie Crossing in Lake County being recognized nationally.

Across five decades Linda founded schools, taught in schools, advised schools and ran schools in Springfield and the Chicago suburbs, in Portland, Oregon, and the Bay Area of California. She was as comfortable as a club comic in front of a packed room at conference talks and seminars. She authored journal articles (and newspaper articles; her "A Visit to a Montessori Classroom" appeared in the very first issue of *Illinois Times*, in 1975) and was a busy consultant, most recently at a Chicago Public Schools Montessori magnet school on that city's west side.

Linda is survived by her brothers Bill, Ron and Don; and 11 nieces, nephews, great-nieces and -nephews. She also leaves behind friends old and new, grateful students and colleagues and faithful companion James Krohe Jr. They, like all who knew her, will miss her.

Those who wish to remember Linda might donate to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.



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Final year for popular annual tree tour

Oak Ridge Cemetery Tree Tour to take place Oct. 18

HISTORY | Karen Ackerman Witter

The public will have one last chance to take part in the popular annual tree tour at Oak Ridge Cemetery on Saturday, Oct. 18. This year's tour, from 1-4 p.m., will feature the Grand Valley, a rolling expanse at the south side of the cemetery. There are no graves due to the terrain, providing a unique opportunity to focus on nature and the distinctive trees in that area. Visitors will see and learn about pre-Civil War era native oaks and other noteworthy species. There will be kids' activities and educational displays and demonstrations. This year's tour is not to be missed, as it will be the last.

Guy Sternberg is the driving force behind the tree tour. He is an internationally known oak expert and co-owner of Starhill Forest Arboretum in Petersburg. Since 1994, he has propagated and donated more than 700 trees to Oak Ridge Cemetery. He and Pam VanAlstine organized the first tree tour in May 2014. This has grown over the years, with 45 dedicated volunteers making the event possible. Sternberg says this year's Grand Valley Tree Tour and Eco Fair will be a grand finale. He is grateful for the dedicated team of individuals who have volunteered their services and the hundreds of faithful guests who come rain or shine to take part.

Thousands of trees grace the grounds of Oak Ridge Cemetery. Some can be traced back to Lincoln's time and before. Hundreds of others were propagated by Sternberg from historic and rare trees from around the temperate world. Each year the tour focuses on a different area of the cemetery that has many notable trees plus a good set-up area and parking.

Similar to past years, visitors can walk at their own pace through a level area where volunteers will be stationed at 15 designated trees, providing a wealth of information. Along the path there will also be kids' activities, displays by conservation organizations and information about volunteer efforts to restore Civil War gravestones. Visitors who are a bit more adventurous can opt to participate in a longer guided hike through the gently rolling hills of the Grand Valley where other trees will be highlighted.

An added attraction is a demonstration of aerial maneuvering by two certified arborists. Audrey Earle and Matt Anderson from Wachtel Tree Science in Wisconsin will explain how arboricultural equipment works



Guy Sternberg of Starhill Forest Arboretum in Petersburg and the tree that is named for him: Sternberg oak, *Quercus xsternbergii*. PHOTO BY KAREN WITTER

and demonstrate aerial tree ascending into a 90-foot oak. Certified arborists who come on the tour can earn continuing education credits.

Native oaks, hybrid oaks, hickory and linden trees are examples of trees on the tour. Bur oaks are majestic trees native to Illinois, and one on the tour pre-dates the founding of the cemetery in 1856. A unique tree to be featured is a hybrid oak, *Quercus xsternbergii*, named for Sternberg, founder of the International Oak Society.

The hybrid oak named for Sternberg occurs naturally in a narrow zone in Texas where Shumard oaks and Texan oaks overlap. Sternberg was the first to cultivate this hybrid from a seed, which he grew at his arboretum in Petersburg. The hybrid had no official name, and in 2001 Professor

Reinhold Luebbert of Duesseldorf, Germany, proposed naming it for Sternberg. In 2006, the professor published it in his *World Compendium of Oaks*. It took until 2022 for the name to be made official.

VanAlstine has been involved with the tree tours since the beginning. While working at Lincoln's Tomb in 2014, she learned about other major cemeteries hosting events unrelated to burials. A group of people interested in Oak Ridge Cemetery met to brainstorm ideas, which led to the idea for a tree tour. Sternberg was part of that group. They applied unsuccessfully for a grant, but were undeterred. The Victorian idea of Sunday afternoons in the cemetery, tending to graves and having a picnic, entered into the planning.

After many months of organizing, the first

tree tour was held in the vicinity of Lincoln's Tomb. VanAlstine and Sternberg credit the incredible volunteers who have devoted their time and energy over so many years.

"Showing off the cemetery has been my dream come true," said VanAlstine. She says each tour has been so different, and the tours help to educate people about both trees and history.

Polly Poskin is one of the many longtime volunteers. Her desire to get involved came after hearing Sternberg talk years ago at Lincoln Memorial Garden about the importance of trees.

"Trees, Oak Ridge Cemetery and Guy are all local treasures," said Poskin. "Guy is truly remarkable for what he has done for the historical and horticultural value of Oak Ridge through propagation and documentation of its trees. There are amazing, dedicated tree lovers who volunteer each year to expand his vision."

The many complicated details required to organize the tour and coordinate volunteers have become too exhausting for Sternberg to continue, he said. Nevertheless, there are still lots of ways to enjoy the trees at Oak Ridge. Many trees are labeled with inventory numbers and detailed information about the trees is accessible online. Maps and specific trees from all of the past tree tours are also online, which can be used to take your own self-guided tour. For a donation of \$75, a wide range of trees are available for adoption, which helps to fund tree maintenance, replacement and education. For more information, go to <https://oakridgecemeterytrees.com/>.

The tour will take place rain or shine. Enter the cemetery via J. David Jones Parkway or Monument Avenue and follow the signage.

"The tree tour has been a highlight of the Oak Ridge Cemetery Foundation, educating all ages and interests about the importance of trees and nature," said Sue Massie, longtime tree tour volunteer and past president of the Oak Ridge Cemetery Foundation.

"This will be by far the greatest, most diverse tree tour we have done, so it's probably a good finale," said Sternberg. □

Karen Ackerman Witter first met Guy Sternberg in 1978 when they worked together at the Department of Conservation. For nearly 40 years she has consulted Guy about caring for the Civil War-era oak tree in her yard, which Guy has also propagated.



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Beetlejuice Jr. and *Frankenstein* onstage in October

THEATER | Courtney Wick

Beetlejuice Jr. is a family-friendly, hour-long, gothic funhouse adaptation of the Tim Burton cult-classic film of the same name. Cleverly directed by Nicole and John Sivak, it's an irreverent, zany show full of humor, heart and enormous sand worm puppets. The plot – as Beetlejuice declares in his meta opening number, “Being Dead” – is a “bold departure from the original source material.” While the movie centers on Barbara and Adam (hilariously played by self-proclaimed BFFs Grace Ingersoll and Henry Reeves) as the young, married ghosts haunting their own home, the musical shifts its focus to Lydia Deetz, the death-obsessed teenager grappling with the recent passing of her mother.

Lydia, played by the talented and poised Olivia Garren, is the first character we meet in the production's mournful opener, “Prologue: Invisible.” Garren delivers an emotive rendition, showcasing a nuanced vocal talent well beyond her years. At 15, she is already a seasoned professional at the Hoogland, having performed in PAVE, ACTT, Hoogland Education and Springfield Theatre Center shows.

“I love Lydia's character, but she's a big stretch because I'm a happy person and she's sad all the time. But it's fun to play someone so different from myself,” said Garren.

The mood changes abruptly when Beetlejuice bursts onstage looking like a deranged ringmaster and sings, “Hope you're ready for a show about death!” High school junior Jackson Thornton blends Beetlejuice's morbid darkness with a cartoon physicality most adult performers only wish they could attain. It is difficult not to worry about his voice as he sings flawlessly through a characterized, vocal-fry that sounds like he's chewing gravel. Thornton doesn't falter, though, and he delivers a demonically joyful performance throughout.

“To be able to ad-lib, have fun, make jokes and scare kids, all while doing a funny voice,” has been the highlight of his experience in this iconic role, Thornton said.

The fun clearly extends off-stage as well. Jack Rollins, the 12-year-old who delightfully plays Lydia's dad, demonstrated his wit when asked about his favorite part of the show process. Vocal director Christie Lazarides and choreographer Becky Gowin clamored humorously behind him – attempting to



Left, Henry Reeves, Olivia Garren and Grace Ingersoll. Right, Beetlejuice as played by Jackson Thornton. PHOTOS BY MATT FRANKLIN



sway his answer their way – until Rollins knowingly responded that he most enjoys “getting to know more people, specifically the cast.” All of the cast describes the supportive and fun staff, along with fellow actors, as the best part of their experience.

Beetlejuice Jr. continues its run at the Hoogland Center for the Arts in LRS Theatre Oct. 10-12.

Frankenstein opens in Peggy Ryder Theatre Oct. 10-12 and continues its run Oct. 17-19. Friday and Saturday performances start at 7 p.m. and Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m.

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Other scene-stealers are Kayleigh Paris as Delia, Theo Harmon as Maxie Dean, Polly Phemister as Juno, Genevieve Kent as Miss Argentina and Livy Craven as Sky. A special shout-out is reserved for featured dancer Atlas Phemister – whom the world will be watching as a professional ballet dancer sooner rather than later.

“The talent in this show is exceptional, it's what makes it special,” said Lazarides.

The competition for spots was fierce. “We had over 100 kids audition – that was a hard day,” Gowin recalled.

This selective process resulted in a final cast of just 30, stacking *Beetlejuice Jr.* with the most impressive community talent, aged 8 to 18, and representing nearly every local school. Combine that with the exceptional costumes, set and stage design and a heavy dose of goofy macabre, *Beetlejuice Jr.* packs an enjoyable, theatrical punch. Do yourself a favor: say his name and buy a ticket (maybe three)!

For those who like their monsters a

bit more on the serious side, *Frankenstein* opens this weekend on the Peggy Ryder stage. Based on the novel by Mary Shelley and directed by Mark Buckholz for Spencer Theatre Company, *Frankenstein* tells the tragic story of a grotesque monster cast out into our cruel world. The show utilizes dark humor, pieces of traditional and original music and takes place on a generally fluid set. It is accompanied by “*The Frankenstein Event*” – a gothic sideshow held in the HCFTA boardroom across from the theater that begins 90 minutes before curtain and lets audience members experience the fun of *Frankenstein*. A variety of activities and special guests will be featured and all ticketholders are welcome.

“The most rewarding part of the process is when various pieces of the show come together and everybody contributes to the vision. Something that didn't exist before comes into being – and with a soul – not unlike Victor's creature,” said Buckholz. □

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Scratching the Surface plays the Main Gate this Friday night.

Mid-October music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

As we fall into the autumn season (couldn't help myself), the weather continues with not particularly fall-like conditions, but most excellent temps for our remaining outdoor activities. Come on along as we experience the wide and wonderful world of our live music community.

First, it's the second Thursday of the month so that means Thursday Night Live happens at Motorheads and this time the long-running showcase of local musicians features the talents of Johnny Gee, Lacey Minnis, Roger Wainwright, Allison Jones, Jeff Boston, Robert Davis, Craig Beavers, James Kimbrough, Rico Williams, Stephen Dudley and Carrie Donovan in whatever configurations this assortment of music-makers designs.

Next on the cool kids' calendar, the inimitable and impeccable Johnnie Owens, backed by his band, pays tribute to the amazing Stevie Wonder downtown at the monthly Pharmacy music performance.

Other shows include Keith Dunlap singing and playing an incredible assortment of popular songs at Sangamo Brewing in Chatham, Rogers & Nienhaus, direct from their 4&20 (CSN&Y) tribute show last Sunday, back at the Curve Inn and Robert Sampson going deep blues as the Lefty Preacher at Mother Road Diner, while Me, Myself & Schy (Jeff Berendt and Schy Willmore) do up the Americana anthems at Boone's outdoor area.

It appears to me that Friday is band night out with a variety of various local groups hitting the bars and clubs. It's always a particularly prodigious party when Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas pop into VFW Post 755, and look out for crazy good times when Los Injectors circle wagons with Go! Tsunami at George Rank's to rock the round bar. Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Band sends its sweet sounds into Boone's and The Meerkats play it cool and classic at The Tipsy

Toad, while The Cocktails set 'em up at Mowie's Cue and Positively 4th Street does Dylan, Petty and more at The Bird Tavern. Over at Main Gate, Scratching the Surface arises as the only punk-ish band coming to "save humanity" that just might do it, as Dance Monkey gets its monkeys dancing at the Curve Inn and Mississippi Leghound gets down and dirty at Sky Lounge.

Yeah, I'm always worn out by the time Saturday rolls around, but we've got plenty more of the same thing only different when Broken Stone crashes into Weebles, Soul Experience serves it up at the Curve Inn, Al'maculate Conception, Artificial Light and Dark Surface make metal music at Whiskey Jack's and Decade of Decadence does the deed at Motorheads. All the while Not Petty does Petty and more at The Range Bourbon & Brew in Chatham and Sunshine Daydream goes gratefully on the Dead in the Crows Mill Pub outdoor space, while Ethan Taylor Stephenson (1-4 p.m.) and OAT (6-9 p.m.) steam into The Railyard, Grounded lifts off at Goodfellas and 2Flights Down covers the covers from the '60s through the '90s at DH Brown's.

It's time for the Fall Harvest Festival at Lincoln Memorial Garden with a live music lineup featuring several of the top original folk and Americana artists in the area playing all day long on Saturday and Sunday. So head out to the beautiful, bucolic stage area and grab a straw bale seat for the utmost in entertainment at this classic event.

Sunday gives us lots of regulars in the usual places with the spectacular addition of the Jazz Society of Greater Springfield hosting composer and jazz guitarist Sam Crain (the one and only) joined by Jaro House, Ben Taylor and Frank Parker for an evening of jazz (5-7 p.m.) with an hour-long jam to follow, downtown at the Pharmacy Art and Gallery Space.

That's all folks. See you next week. □

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Wednesday, October 22 • Illinois Country Club
Reception: 5:30pm • Dinner 6:15pm • **FREE** Program 7:00pm

What can we learn from the lessons of the Holocaust and genocide that took place in the past? What do genocide scholars say about allegations of genocide today? What is the difference between genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity? Ambassador O'Donnell will share his experiences working on these issues and will discuss Russia's management of the war in Ukraine and IDF military strategy in Gaza.

Dinner reservations are required and due by October 14. 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

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 Oct 9

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

Me, Myself & Schy
Boone's, 5:30-8:30pm

Rogers & Nienhaus
Curve Inn, 6-9pm

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

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

Karaoke
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

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

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

it Johnnie Owens tribute to Stevie Wonder
The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 7-9pm

Karaoke
Replay Lounge, 8pm

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

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

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

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

Karaoke
The Tippy Toad, 8pm-12am

Good Times Karaoke
VFW Lafore Lock Post 755,

Friday Oct 10

Robbie Mitchell and Mike Lewis
48 Inn Sports Bar & Grill, Decatur, 8-11pm

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

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Band
Boone's, 6-9pm

Dance Monkey
Curve Inn, 6:30-9:30pm

Hippies of the Heartland
Edmo's, Edinburg, 7pm

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

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

Los Injectors, Go! Tsunami
George Rank's, 7pm

Hugh Sullivan
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 7-10pm

Silas Tockey
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Rod Grant
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8-11pm

Chase Sieting
Lucky's on the Square, Petersburg, 8-11pm

Karaoke
The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

Scratching the Surface
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm

The Cocktails
Mowie's Cue, 8-11pm

Hat Trick
Oogie and JJ's Bar, Glenarm, 7pm

Hard Drive
The Railyard, 6-9pm

Kurt Allen Band
Shepp's Bar and Grill, New Berlin, 9pm

Mississippi Leghound
Sky Lounge, 7pm

The Meerkats
The Tippy Toad, 7pm

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas
VFW Lafore Lock Post 755, 6-9pm

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

Saturday Oct 11

Double H Karaoke
American Legion Post 32, 7-11pm

it Kurt Allen Band
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

Jonny Vodka
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 2pm

Around the Bend & Mike Metz
Butternut Hut, 8-11pm

Brian Shartzter
The Buzzard's Roost, Mount Auburn, 8-11pm

No One Special
Camouflage Bar, VFW Post 99, Decatur, 7:30pm

Sunshine Dayream
Crows Mill Pub, 6-10pm

Soul Experience
Curve Inn, 7-10pm

2FlightsDown
DH Brown's, 7-10pm

Positively 4th Street
George Rank's, 7-10pm

Grounded
Goodfellas Pub, 8-11pm

Doug Brant
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Tom Irwin
Illinois State Fairgrounds, The Shed, 12-2pm

Stereo Typical
Kuhl Tyme Korner, Jacksonville, 8pm-12am

Ethan Taylor Stephenson, Riley Ramsey, Cody Moomey
Lincoln Memorial Garden, 11am-4pm

Taylor June
Lucky's on the Square, Petersburg, 4-7pm

Brayden Stewart with Tyson Schulte & The Truth Be Told
Midway Bar & Grill, Harvel, 6:30pm

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

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

99 Proof
Pop's Place, Decatur, 7-11pm

Ethan Taylor Stephenson, OAT
The Railyard, 1-9pm

Not Petty
The Range Bourbon & Brew, Chatham, 6-9pm

Decade of Decadence
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 8pm

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

Voodoo Exiles
Sliderz Bar & Grill, Decatur, 8-11pm

Springfield Uketopians
Stella Coffee & Tea, 12-2pm

The Jay Larson Band
The Bird Tavern, 7-10pm

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

No Regards, Chasing Rachel
The Tippy Toad, 3-10pm

Sleeping Dogzz
Town Hall Pub, Loami, 7-10pm

Ray Scott
Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 7pm

The Antics
VFW Lafore Lock Post 755, 1-4pm

The Whiskey Killers
VFW Lafore Lock Post 755, 6-9pm

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

Dark Surface, Artificial Light, AI'maculate Conception
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 7:30-10:30pm

Sunday Oct 12

Casey Chesnutt Band
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7-10pm

OAT
Brewhaus Bar, 5-8pm

Rod Teaney
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

Josh Holland
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

James Herr
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 2pm

Psycho Swamp Stomp Band
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7pm

Johnnie Owens
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 3-6pm

Brandy Kristin Band
Dockers Tavern, Spaulding, 6pm

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

Jason McKenzie
Edmo's, Edinburg, 2pm

it Blackout Betty
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

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

Tater Tot Rocks, OAT, The Deep Hollow
Lincoln Memorial Garden, 11am-4pm

Open mic hosted by Mean Eyed Cat
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 1-6pm

Damned Torpedoes
Long Bridge Golf Course, 12-3pm

Rockin' Robin Karaoke
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 5-8pm

Jeff Newman
Patriots Pub, Waverly, 3pm

Debbie Hutson
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 12-2pm

Sam Crain and Friends
The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 5-7pm

Jack Whittle Trio
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Larry Watson
The Shed, Pawnee, 4-7pm

Al and Kathy Kitchen
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3pm

Monday Oct 13

Bruce Katz
The Alamo, 7pm

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

Tuesday Oct 14

Reverend Horton Heat with The McCharmlys
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7:30pm

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

Open jam with Living Bratz
George Rank's, 8pm

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

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

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

Wednesday Oct 15

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

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

Karaoke with Debbie Cakes
The Filling Station, Rochester, 7-11pm

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

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

Tim Zini
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 6-9pm

Devin C. Williams
Williamsville Park, Williamsville, 5:30pm

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it In this annual event, motorcyclists as well as drivers of cars and trucks are invited to ride to honor the nation's veterans past and present. Meet first at Staab Funeral Home to register. Ride begins at 1 p.m. Stops will include Camp Butler National Cemetery, Spaulding Area Veterans Memorial, Veterans Memorial Park in Riverton, Oak Ridge Cemetery and New Berlin Area Veterans Memorial. At each stop, a wreath will be laid to show appreciation, love and respect for veterans and their sacrifices. This year's ride will end at VFW Post 755, 2211 Old Jacksonville Road. Proceeds will go to support veterans organizations. Cost is \$15 per bike, \$5 co-ride.

■ Special Music Events

Ryan Montgomery
Sat., Oct. 11, 8pm. Country music artist Ryan Montgomery hails from south Florida. \$25-\$30. Boondocks, 2909 N. Dirksen Pkwy.

Star Wars Greatest Hits
Fri., Oct. 10, 7:30pm. Hear the Illinois Symphony Orchestra embark on an epic adventure to a galaxy far, far away with the greatest hits from Star Wars. Vince Lee will be guest conductor. \$30-\$70, students 24 and younger \$10. Springfield First United Methodist Church, 2941 S. Koke Mill Road, 217-206-6160.

■ Theater & Comedy

Beetlejuice Jr.
Fri., Oct. 10, 7pm, Sat., Oct. 11, 7pm and Sun., Oct. 12, 2pm. The ghost-with-the-most comes to the stage in this frightfully funny musical based on the beloved motion picture turned Broadway phenomenon. Presented by Springfield Theatre Center. \$21. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Frankenstein
Fri., Oct. 10, 7:30pm, Sat., Oct. 11, 7:30pm and Sun., Oct. 12, 3pm. Spencer Theatre Company presents Nick Dear's *Frankenstein*, based on the novel by Mary Shelley and directed by Mark Buckholz. Additionally, "The Frankenstein Experience"

will be open to all ticket holders 90 minutes before showtime and during intermission in the Board Room, across from the Peggy Ryder Theatre. A variety of activities and special guests will be featured. \$21 for seniors or \$23 for general admission. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Come From Away
Thu., Oct. 9, 7pm, Fri., Oct. 10, 7pm, Sat., Oct. 11, 7pm and Sun., Oct. 12, 2pm. Twelve actors portray dozens of parts in this play which tells the story of a small Canadian town that took in thousands of airline passengers stranded by the events of Sept. 11, 2001. \$28-\$35. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 217-528-9760.

Open Podcast
Wednesdays, 6-7pm. This is an open mic, "late-night TV"-style podcast Pizza Records records and posts on YouTube and other platforms each week. will feature comedy, original music and interviews. Pizza Records will turn the camera off on request. See the Facebook page for more info. Free. Pizza Records, Jacksonville, 59 E. Central Park Plaza, 217-200-0896.

■ Dance

Boots on the Line - Line Dancing
Thu., Oct. 9, 7-9pm. Boots on the Line returns for a night of line dancing. No cover. Locals Bar,

Pawnee, 609 Douglas St., 217-646-8013.

■ Art & Architecture

"Echo" Art Exhibit and Artist Discussion
Mondays-Fridays, 8am-4pm. Through Oct. 31. See the exhibit "Echo" featuring sculptural work by Amir Hamamy Toosi at The Trutter Museum & Murray Gallery. Through Oct. 31. An artist discussion is set with LLC's fall 3D class in the museum/gallery at 12:30pm Thursday, Oct. 9. Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

"Hinterlands"
Fridays, Saturdays, 12-6pm. Through Oct. 31. Hinterlands, defined as less developed and hard to reach locations outside of a city, is the theme of this exhibit. Artists may realistically represent this theme or may interpret it differently, abstractly, more obscurely. Exhibit also features work by gallery "graduate" emerging artists Ian Winterbauer and Laurie Rollet. pharmacygallery.com. Free. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 217-622-7903.

"A Radical Turn"
Oct. 13-Nov. 20. This exhibition is by Aaron Hughes, a painter, activist and anti-war veteran whose work explores themes of conflict, memory and social justice. Hughes will discuss the intersection of art and activism during a lecture at 6pm Oct. 22. A

reception will follow at 7pm. uis.edu. UIS Visual Arts Gallery, HSB 201, One University Plaza, 217-206-6240.

Sangamon Watercolor Society Fall Workshop with Dan Danielson

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

Sangamon Watercolor Society Annual Exhibit Awards Reception

Fri., Oct. 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m. See award-winning works by members of the society. Juried by Dan Danielson. Exhibit open to public through Nov. 8. Refreshments will be provided. sangamonwatercolor.org/. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St.

■ Film & Television

Trick and Treats
Sat., Oct. 11, 7pm and Sun., Oct. 12, 2pm. *Trick and Treats*, a Frightful 5000 Film, is local indie horror film directed by Mount Zion native Eric Hector and stars Malcolm McDowell (*A Clockwork Orange*) with Gary Busey (*Lethal Weapon*). The movie was filmed on the soundstage at Mount Zion's Heroic Age Art Center as well as on locations across Macon County. \$12.33. Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur, 141 N. Main St., 217-454-4583.

■ Food & Drink

Fall Illinois Product Farmers Market

Sat., Oct. 11, 9am-2pm. This fall edition of this popular market is brimming with apples, pumpkins and gourds galore. Includes live music, food trucks and beverages. agr.illinois.gov. Illinois State Fairgrounds, The Shed, 801 Sangamon Ave.

■ History

Candlelight Walks

Fri., Oct. 10, 5pm and Sat., Oct. 11, 5pm. A wonderful opportunity to experience village life at night. Period-clothed interpreters will be inside many of the log homes and shops to talk about life in 19th century Illinois. lincolnsnewsalem.com. Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-632-4000.

Fall Programs at Lincoln Home National Historic Site

Fridays, 11am-12pm, 2-3pm. Through Oct. 31. Seasonal programming focusing on Halloween literature and harvest traditions. All activities are family-friendly and open to the public. See the park's website calendar for more info. Free. Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 413 S. Eighth St., 217-391-3254.

Peoples National Bank of Springfield Exhibit

Mondays-Fridays, 9am-5pm and Saturdays, 10am-3pm. Through Nov. 1. Learn more about Peoples National Bank of Springfield, the first integrated bank in downstate Illinois, which was created by and for African Americans. Exhibit includes 1970s photos, architectural plans, oral histories newspaper articles, artifacts and correspondence. Exhibit open through Nov. 1. Free. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-698-6090.

■ Holiday Happenings

Boo Crew Haunted House

Fridays, Saturdays, 7-11pm. Through Oct. 25. One of the best and scariest haunted house attractions in Illinois. Closed on Halloween, Oct. 31. Schedule includes actor-free haunted house and trail matinee experience 3-5 pm Oct. 18 and children's matinee - lights on, low scare event 3-5 pm Oct. 25. \$35-\$55. Boo Crew Haunted House, Mechanicsburg, 11083 Buckhart Road, 217-551-6969.

Carter Brothers Haunted Hayrides

Fridays, Saturdays, 7-11pm. Through Nov. 1. A fun-filled haunted hayride experience that will keep families laughing and screaming all night long. Two kids days scheduled for 1-4pm Oct. 25 and Nov. 1 where children will get in for \$5 and parents \$10. \$15 cash only. Carter Bros Lumber Co, 2 Carter Ln., 217-544-7449.

Carve for the Carillon

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

Terror on the Square

Fridays, Saturdays, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30pm. Through Nov. 1. Award-winning haunted house

with realistic illusions and special effects set in a 1930s funeral home. See the website for more details. terroronthesquare.com. \$23. Petersburg Square, Petersburg, N. Seventh St. at W. Douglas Ave.

■ Fairs & Festivals

Fall Harvest Festival

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

■ Fundraisers and Galas

CORAL's Annual Barn Dance

Sat., Oct. 11, 8-11pm. Features DJ, cash bar, firepits, hot dogs and s'mores, and a silent auction with a surprise. \$30. Pole Barn Chic, 4491 Old Chatham Road, 217-685-7389.

Corporate Pinewood Derby

Sat., Oct. 11, 1:30-4pm. In this event, businesses and their employees can compete against each other in a classic Pinewood Derby while contributing to Scouting at the same time. Register at scoutingevent.com/144-101400. \$25. Green Hyundai, 601 W. Stanford Ave., 217-529-2727.

Illinois Stewardship Alliance Harvest Celebration 2025

Sun., Oct. 12, 3-6pm. Enjoy this dinner, prepared by Chef Joe Standley, featuring food from within 100 miles of Petersburg. Proceeds will support the alliance's work to bring farmers and eaters together to build a more just, local and regenerative food and farm system. Includes silent auction. Ticketed event. ilstewards.org/harvest/. Adults \$85, children \$35. Indian Creek Farmstead and Pumpkin Patch, Petersburg, 19468 Curtis Black Top Road, 217-528-1563.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer fundraising walk

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

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Community Organizing

Protest 101 Training

Tue., Oct. 14, 6:30-7:30pm. Learn about protest safety and protester rights in this training session. It will feature presentations on personal and digital security and safety while exercising First Amendment rights. Hosted by 50501 Springfield. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-720-9384.

Children's Corner

Little Chefs

Thu., Oct. 9, 5:30-6:30pm. Little Chefs is a hands-on cooking adventure designed for kids ages 3-5. Each week, children will stir, mix and measure while learning about healthy foods, kitchen safety and basic cooking skills. Every class features a new recipe. Register at bit.ly/Funshop_Little-Chefs or call. Residents \$75, non-residents \$85. Lincoln Park Funshop, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-753-6234.

Mini Explorer's Club – Pumpkin Party

Tuesdays, 9:30-10:15am. Through Oct. 28. Join the museum for its for October Mini Explorer's series featuring three unique lessons about the pumpkin. In this interactive, grown-up/child class, the littlest explorers will learn all about the wonders of Illinois. Recommended ages 18 months to 5 years but all ages welcome. Free. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-6623.

Tiny Tumblers

Tue., Oct. 14, 5:30-6:30pm. Tiny Tumblers is a new program where children ages 2-5 can roll, jump and tumble their way to fun. This movement-based class helps little ones build coordination, strength and confidence while having a blast on mats, tunnels and balance beams. Register at bit.ly/Funshop_Tiny-Tumblers or call.

217-753-6234. Residents \$60, non-residents \$70. Lincoln Park Funshop, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-753-6234.

Westchester Residents Association and Parkway Christian Church Fall Fest

Sat., Oct. 11, 11am-3pm. A fun-filled day with vendors, face painting, a story teller, a K-9 Unit demonstration, firetruck, fall games, activities and much more. Free hot dogs, chips and drinks. Free. Parkway Christian Church, 2700 Lindbergh Blvd., 217-787-3445.

Nature, Science & Environment

Bird Hike

Sat., Oct. 11, 8am. Join local birder Kevin Veara as he leads the group in search of migrating birds. Hikes start at the Nature Center. All levels of birders welcome. lincolnmemorygarden.org. Free. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

National Fossil Day Geology Tour

Wed., Oct. 15, 1-2pm. Join Dr. Melissa Pardi for a behind-the-scenes tour of the Illinois State Museum's geology collection, one of the most extensive mastodon collections in the U.S. Tour will occur after the Taste of ISM lecture. Free. Illinois State Museum Research and Collections Center, 1011 E. Ash St., 217-782-5955.

Lectures & Meetings

Community Resources Fair

Sat., Oct. 11, 10am-1pm. Explore services and resources available here in our community and connect with representatives from a wide variety of local organizations dedicated to support, enrichment and positive change. Chatham Area Public Library, Chatham, 600 E. Spruce St., 217-483-2713.

Bulletin Board

Impact Life Blood Drive

Sat., Oct. 11, 8am-12pm. Annual blood drive. Includes prizes and gift cards from Impact Life and special recognition to O neg donors from Stella's Coffee & Tea. Free. Stella Coffee & Tea, 1135 W. Governor St., 262-622-3151.

Savvy Caregiver

Mon., Oct. 13, 1-3pm. Six-week evidence-based dementia family caregiver training program designed to provide the most relevant dementia knowledge, skills, and mastery to support family members as they provide care for their relative or friend living with dementia. Register by Oct. 3. Free. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-503-4643.

Youth Charity Horse Show

Oct. 10-11, 8am-10pm and Sun., Oct. 12, 8am-6pm. 42nd annual event. Class sessions throughout the event. The organization donates its annual proceeds to area charities. This year's charity is the Central Illinois Riding Therapy program located in Peoria. Free. Coliseum, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 E. Sangamon Ave., 217-413-1026.

2025 Career & Resource Fair

Fri., Oct. 17, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Job seekers, students and employers invited to connect at this event by CIC SHRM, CMS and Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum. ow.ly/IQOZ50W4nBi. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St.

Blanket and Coat Fair

Sat., Oct. 18, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Providing warm blankets and coats to families and individuals in need. Must show proof of need. Donations of items are still being taken. Volunteers are needed and must call before the date of the event to schedule an orientation. Volunteer meeting Oct. 11. Freedom in Holiness Mission, 1430 Loveland Ave., 217-522-2527.

Vigil for Charlie Kirk

Wed., Oct. 15, 5:30 p.m. Vigil for Freedom. Includes speakers and music by Devin C. Williams. Free. Williamsville Park, Williamsville.

Health & Fitness


Blood Drive

Thu., Oct. 9, 6:30pm. Schedule an appointment by calling or sign up at the post. Free. VFW Post 10302, 2349 Stockyard Road, 217-789-4725.

Medicare plan presentations

Wed., Oct. 15, 10-11am, 2-3pm. Learn about Medicare plan options from a local licensed agent. Sponsored by United Healthcare. Free. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-206-5998.

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Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Heartland Bank and Trust Company Plaintiff,

-v.-
Rachel L. Jones; et. al.
Defendants.

2025FC000045
29 ANDOVER DRIVE, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 9/17/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on November 10, 2025 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on 11/12/2025 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

Commonly known as 29 ANDOVER DRIVE, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

Property Index No. 22-07.0-478-020

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. The judgment amount was \$78,251.61 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 29 ANDOVER DRIVE into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. 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

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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)(l) 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 (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC (630) 794-5300 please refer to file number 14-25-01489. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 14-25-01489 Case Number: 2025FC000045 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. I3274378

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF Sangamon - Springfield, ILLINOIS Morton Community Bank Plaintiff vs.

Jeremy A. Tisdale; 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 November 12, 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: TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 34-10.0-136-007.

Commonly known as 1020 W. Adams Street, Auburn, IL 62615.

The real estate is: single family residence.

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

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road. Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-24-06102

INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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25-102566

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. PLAINTIFF,

-vs-

CRISTINA R. VAN BIBBER A/K/A CRISTINA VAN BIBBER A/K/A CRISTINA RAE VAN-BIBBER; MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS DEFENDANTS NO. 25 FC 39 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; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on November 4, 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. Except the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Commonly known as 2636 West Lawrence

Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704

Permanent Index No.: 14-31.0-177.002

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 \$143,528.64. 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

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(847) 291-1717

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THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION. 8051-958276

Randal S. Berg

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS TUDOR POINT APARTMENTS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, an Illinois not-for-profit Condominium Association, Plaintiff,

v.

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LAWRENCE R. O'BRIEN, Deceased, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD,

an Illinois municipal corporation, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, and THEODORE J. HARVATIN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR LAWRENCE R. O'BRIEN, Deceased, Defendants.

Case No. 2025FC000079

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court on the Amended Complaint to Foreclose Lien 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: Tudor Point Apartments Owners Association, 2650 Cooper Avenue, Apartment 204, Springfield, Illinois 62704, Attn: Cathy Derrig, Phone (815) 766-0794.

(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the

real estate is: 2650 Cooper Avenue, Unit 111, Springfield, IL 62704

(C) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: Single family residence.

(D) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: Not applicable.

(E) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2025; Office of the Sangamon County Sheriff, 300 N. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois

(F) The terms of the sale are: 10% cash or certified funds at the time of sale; balance within twenty-four (24) hours of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid at the sale. The successful bidder will receive a Certificate of Sale following the sale and a Sheriff's Deed upon expiration of the judgment debtor's right of redemption provided under 735 ILCS 5/12-122 and the subsequent confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois.

(G) Title will be conveyed subject to real estate taxes for 2024 and subsequent years and special assessments, if any; to building restrictions and restrictive covenants of record; to easements of record or in place; to rights of way for roads, streets, and highways; to rights of tenants in possession, if any; questions of survey; to rules, regulations, and bylaws of Tudor Point Apartment Owners Association; to the restrictions contained in the Declaration of Condominium Ownership recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Sangamon County as Document No. 55883211 and rights of redemption pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/12-122. Sale is subject to approval of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois. Any real estate transfer tax which may be due as a result of the sale shall be paid by the purchaser.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Death Claim

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

SCOTT ERIC CASE, DECEASED

Case #2025-PR-388

DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of SCOTT ERIC CASE. Letters of Office have been issued to JEFFREY M. CASE, P. O. Box 265, Greenview, IL 62642, 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 April 15, 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 1st day of October, 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: Myril Gentry, Deceased. No. 2025-PR-380 NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE Notice is given of the death of Myril Gentry, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on September 25, 2025, to Gary Casper, 118 Longleaf Lane Madison, Alabama, 35758, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Myril Gentry of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Jessica E. Gentry and Eric L. Gentry as the only heirs of Myril Gentry.

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

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

Joseph B. Roesch

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Sarah Delano Pavlik - 6269250

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN RE THE ESTATE OF CHARLES PATRICK JEFFERSON

DECEASED
Case No. 2025-PR-357
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is hereby given of the death of CHARLES PATRICK JEFFERSON. Letters of Administration were issued on September 10, 2025, appointing LINDA L. HOWARD, 151 South Mechanic Street, Winchester, IL 62694, as Administrator, whose attorney is Matthew A. Cook of Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C., 900 Community Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703, Phone: (217) 525-1571.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated: September 10, 2025
Clerk of the Circuit Court
200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701
8051-958456

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:
NANCY JO SIMPSON,
Deceased.
2025-PR-382
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Nancy Jo Simpson. Letters of Administration were issued on September 25, 2025, to Angela Severado of 853 Chesapeake Junction Ln., O'Fallon, IL 62269 as Independent Ad-ministrator, 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 April 2, 2026, which is not less than six months from the date of the first publica-tion 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/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or contact your local Circuit Clerk's office.
Dated this 25th day of September 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:
CAROLE R. DOWNEY,
Deceased.
NO. 2025-PR-379
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Carole R. Downey of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on Sep-tember 24, 2025, to Sharon Squires, 300 Keystone Drive, Chatham, Illinois 62629, 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 31, 2026, and any

claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 24th day of September, 2025.
Randall W. Segatto - 06193211
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of CATHY S. WAGONER, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
No. 2025-PR-370
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of CATHY S. WAGONER, Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on Septem-ber 23, 2025, to Shy Wagoner and Stefano Baldoni, as Independent Co-Administra-tors, whose attorney is Brandon R. Clark, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or be-fore the 16th day of April, 2026, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 24th day of September, 2024.
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
NELLIE CATHERINE REQUARTH,
Deceased.
NO. 2025-PR-361
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Nellie Catherine Requarth of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 16, 2025, to Kim Gregurich, 33425 150th Ave., Pleasant Hill, Illinois 62366, 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 23, 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 September, 2025.
Matthew J. Cate - 06272040
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705
(217) 544-4868
matthewcate@barberlaw.com
363480

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
LAVERNE HARVEY, DECEASED
Case #2025-PR-378
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of LAVERNE HARVEY. Letters of Office have been is-sued to LISA J. HARVEY, 40 Danbury Drive, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent

Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Spring-field, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before April 7, 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 23rd day of September, 2025.
Patrick J. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
CLARISSA O. HALE, Deceased
NO. 2025PR000374
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Clarissa O. Hale, Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on Sep-tember 23, 2025, to Phillip Hale, 8220 Stone Ridge Drive, Plano, TX 75025, as Independent Administrator, whose at-torney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 2nd day of April, 2026, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, which-ever 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 23rd day of September, 2025.
Gregory P. Sgro
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF KATHY PRICE,
Deceased.
Case No. 2025 PR 000345
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Kathy Price. Letters of Office were issued to Michelle Coady, as Inde-pendent Executor, whose address is Coady Law, 40 Adloff Lane, Suite 5, Springfield, IL 62703. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 2, 2026, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To efile, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Dated September 22, 2025
Attorneys for Independent Executor:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF LUCILLE V. FUCHS,
Case No. 2025 PR 000373
Deceased.
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Lucille V. Fuchs. Letters of Office were issued to Bruce A. Fuchs, as Independent Executor, whose address is 4704 Randolph Rd., Rockville, Maryland 20852. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 2, 2026, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
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Dated September 22, 2025
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of:
William Lee Zake Sr. Deceased
Case No. 2025-PR-000349
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of William Lee Zake Sr. Letters of Administration were issued on Sept. 17, 2025 to Heather Nicole Zake as Administrator, 3500 E. Cook St, Springfield IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Of-fice of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Administrator, on or before April 2, 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 OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF
DAVID E. HENDRICKSON,
Deceased.
Case No. 2025-PR-358
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of David E. Hendrickson. Letters of Office were issued on September 18, 2025, 2025, to Jo Marie Hendrickson, 8300 Hendrickson

Road, Rochester, IL 62563, as Executor, and whose attorneys are GATES, WISE & SCHLOSSER, P.C., 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL, 62703.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6)months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Cop-ies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
DATED this 18th day of September 2025.
Gordon W. Gates
GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL, PC
1231 South Eighth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
Telephone: (217) 522.9010
Facsimile: (217) 522.9020
Email: gordon@gwspc.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARY LOU DAVIS, DECEASED
Case #2025-PR-365
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of MARY LOU DAVIS. Letters of Office have been issued to REBECCA SUSAN DOMBROWSKI, 217 E. Main St., Williamsville, IL 62693, 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, Spring-field, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before March 30, 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 16th day of September, 2025.
Patrick J. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
CAROLYN R. SLOAN, DECEASED
Case #2025-PR-351
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of CAROLYN R. SLOAN. Letters of Office have been issued to SHEILA B. HARRIS, 2405 Stokebridge, Springfield, IL 62702, 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, Spring-field, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before March 30, 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 16th day of September, 2025.
Patrick J. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
CAROLYN R. WINNER, DECEASED
Case #2025-PR-364
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of CAROLYN

R. WINNER. Letters of Office have been is-sued to GARY L. WINNER, 4726 Littlebrye Drive, St. Louis, MO 63128, as Indepen-dent 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, Spring-field, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before March 30, 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 16th 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
MARGARET A. NIEDERER, DECEASED
Case #2025-PR-367
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of MARGARET A. NIEDERER. Letters of Office have been issued to GINA E. GROFF, 3 Bridge Terrace, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Spring-field, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before March 30, 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 16th 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 WILLIAM D. BECKER, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
No. 2025-P-211
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of William D. Becker, deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on Sep-tember 15, 2025, to Karen S. Becker, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Hugh F. Drake, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Letters of Office issued to Diane C. Harper on May 19, 2025, have been revoked. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 23rd 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 16th day of September, 2025.
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
Hugh F. Drake
(Registration No. 6269666)
205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000
P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62705-2459
(217) 544-8491

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
NADINE I. SISTI,
Deceased.
NO. 2025-PR-363
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Nadine I. Sisti of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 16, 2025, to Barbara D. Melcher, 3236 E. Carpenter, Springfield, Illinois 62702, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before March 23, 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 16th day of September, 2025. Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 bsegatto@barberlaw.com

Divorce
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Uaiye Abby Enosolease, Petitioner
And
James Osaro Eboh, Respondent
Case No. 2025-DN-000202
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, James Osaro Eboh, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage, custody 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 9th day of November, 2025, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Chelsea Bell, Petitioner
And
Dominic Boyland, Respondent
Case No. 2025-DN-000093
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Dominic Boyland, 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 2nd day of November, 2025, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Sandra Rhodes-Melendez, Petitioner
And
Timothy M. Melendez, Respondent
Case No. 2025-DN-000183
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Timothy M. Melendez, 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 2nd day of November, 2025, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

Adoption
ADOPTION NOTICE – STATE OF ILLINOIS, County of Sangamon, Seventh Judicial Circuit Court of Sangamon County. In the matter of the Petition for the Adoption of Baby Boy Meredith, a male child. Adoption No. 2025-AD-74. To Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern: Take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, for the adoption of a child named Baby Boy Meredith. Now, therefore, unless you Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Room 405, in the City of Springfield, Illinois, on or before the 27th day of October 2025, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAO/gethelp.asp> /s/Joseph Roesch, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk
Dan E. Way, Attorney for Petitioners
1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703

Name Change
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Da'mettrionne Ky'zen Howze
For change of name to
Ky'zen Elijah Anderson
Case No. 2025-MR-000399
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Nov. 25, 2025 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Da'mettrionne Ky'zen Howze to Ky'zen Elijah Anderson pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Oct. 9, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Levi James Clark
For change of name to
Levi James Schulte
Case No. 2025-MR-000402
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Nov. 25, 2025 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Levi James Clark to Levi James Schulte pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Oct. 2, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Yahir Arnez Williams
For change of name to
Yahir Arnez Archer
Case No. 2025-MR-000428
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Nov. 25, 2025 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Yahir Arnez Williams to Yahir Arnez Archer pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Oct. 2, 2025

Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Heartland Bank and Trust Company
Plaintiff,
-v-
Rachel L. Jones; et. al.
Defendants.
2025FC000045
29 ANDOVER DRIVE, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 9/17/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on November 10, 2025 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on 11/12/2025 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.
THE NORTH 50 FEET OF LOT 3 AND ALL OF LOT 4, EXCEPT THE NORTH 25 FEET THEREOF IN "WESTCHESTER, FIRST PLAT", A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS PLATTED BY THE PLAT FILED OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ON DECEMBER 16, 1963 AND RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 301027 IN BOOK 18 OF PLATS AT PAGE 85. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as 29 ANDOVER DRIVE, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704
Property Index No. 22-07.0-478-020
The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. The judgment amount was \$78,251.61
Sale Terms: Full Sale
Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 29 ANDOVER DRIVE into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. 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)(l) 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 (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC (630) 794-5300 please refer to file number 14-25-01489. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400 Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 14-25-01489 Case Number: 2025FC000045
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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Jennifer Schaller; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Mary Anne Schleyhahn; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
DEFENDANTS
No. 2025FC000186
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Mary Anne Schleyhahn
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
1417 S. State St
Springfield, IL 62704
and which said Mortgage was made by: Mary Anne Schleyhahn the Mortgageor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2019R17583; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending. NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court,
Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Sangamon County Courthouse
200 South Ninth Street, Room 405
Springfield, IL 62701
on or before November 10, 2025, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100
Burr Ridge, IL 60527
(630) 794-5300
DuPage # 15170
Winnebago # 531
Our File No. 14-25-05946
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF Sangamon - Springfield, ILLINOIS
Morton Community Bank
Plaintiff
vs.
Jeremy A. Tisdale; et. al.
Defendant
25 FC 62
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 November 12, 2025, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Harvatin Law Office, 1100 South 5th Street, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
LOT 5 OF CHARLES E. OGG'S SUBDIVISION OF LOT 1 IN BLOCK 1 OF CHARLES E. OGG'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF AUBURN, EXCEPT THE NORTH 120 FEET OF SAID LOT 5. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LANDS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
P.I.N. 34-10.0-136-007.
Commonly known as 1020 W. Adams Street, Auburn, IL 62615.
The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a

mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-24-06102
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
intercountyjudicialsales.com
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
v.
ERNEST GROTH, AS TRUSTEE OF THE GROTH FAMILY TRUST, DATED 30TH DAY OF MARCH, 2007; UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES, GROTH FAMILY TRUST, DATED THE 30TH DAY OF MARCH, 2007; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants,
Case No. 2025FC000176
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Successor Trustees, Groth Family Trust, dated the 30th day of March, 2007, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:
Lot 13 in Morningside Place Extended, Sangamon County, Illinois.
137 Dawn Drive, Springfield, IL 62702
14-29.0-104-006
Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Successor Trustees, Groth Family Trust, dated the 30th day of March, 2007, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, on or before November 25, 2025, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court.
Zachariah L. Manchester (6303885)
MDK LEGAL
Attorneys for Plaintiff
One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601
Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613
Email: sef-ZManchester@mdklegal.com
One of Plaintiff's Attorneys
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
PLAINTIFF,
-vs-
CRISTINA R. VAN BIBBER A/K/A CRISTINA VAN BIBBER A/K/A CRISTINA RAE VAN-BIBBER; MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN

OCCUPANTS
DEFENDANTS
NO. 25 FC 39
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: Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on November 4, 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 79 of Pasfield Park West Third Addition to the City of Springfield, Illinois. Except the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Commonly known as 2636 West Lawrence Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704
Permanent Index No.: 14-31.0-177.002
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 \$143,528.64. 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.
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THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.
8051-958276

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LAWRENCE R. O'BRIEN, Deceased, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois municipal corporation, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, and THEODORE J. HARVATIN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR LAWRENCE R. O'BRIEN, Deceased, Defendants.

Case No. 2025FC000079
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court on the Amended Complaint to Foreclose Lien 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: Tudor Point Apartments Owners Association, 2650 Cooper Avenue, Apartment 204, Springfield, Illinois 62704, Attn: Cathy Derrig, Phone (815) 766-0794.

(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 2650 Cooper Avenue, Unit 111, Springfield, IL 62704

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

Unit 1-1 Tudor Point Apartments as delineated on survey of Lot 15 Monroe Park Third Plat, a Subdivision of the West 53 1/3 acres of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter and that part of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter lying East of the Easterly right of way line of F.A. Route 68, all in Section 31, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, which survey is attached as Exhibit "A" to Declaration of Condominium Ownership made by the Illinois National Bank of Springfield as Trustee under Trust No. 13-03633-00, recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Sangamon County, Illinois, in Book 1201, Page 196, as Document No. 558831, together with a percentage of the common elements appurtenant to said Unit as set forth in said Declaration, as amended from time to time.

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.

(D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: Single family residence.

(E) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: Not applicable.

(F) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2025; Office of the Sangamon County Sheriff, 300 N. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois

(G) The terms of the sale are: 10% cash or certified funds at the time of sale; balance within twenty-four (24) hours of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid at the sale. The successful bidder will receive a Certificate of Sale following the sale and a Sheriff's Deed upon expiration of the judgment debtor's right of redemption provided under 735 ILCS 5/12-122 and the subsequent confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois.

(H) Title will be conveyed subject to real estate taxes for 2024 and subsequent years and special assessments, if any; to building restrictions and restrictive covenants of record; to easements of record or in place; to rights of way for roads, streets, and highways; to rights of tenants in possession, if any; questions of survey; to rules, regulations, and bylaws of Tudor Point Apartment Owners Association; to the restrictions contained in the Declaration of Condominium Ownership recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Sangamon County as Document No. 55883211 and rights of redemption pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/12-122. Sale is subject to approval of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois. Any real estate transfer tax which may be due as a result of the sale shall be paid by the purchaser.

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8051-958158

Notice by Publication

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 27th day of October, 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 Lindsay Tebrugge 431. Devon Warner 370. Thyara Moore 568. Shane Wilkins P48/P49/P50/P51. Leahya Felton 612/601. Natika Stevenson 533. Brittney Hernandez 67. Eric Wagner 773. Tahseen Takkeaddin 458. Jermeral Grayson 433. Adam J Trader Trader 388/397. Letina Stewart-washington 120. Gretchen Whitaker 355. Jaqala Grant 301. Lynda Michelle Grant 509. Aaron Fuller T 148. Timothy Lewis 407/408. Isabella Schmidt 616/597. Donte Hester 115. Michelle Rhoades 728. Karla Taber 417/418. Linda Ruebling 90. Rodney Decker 192. Iaken williams 571. Robyn e Wade 575. BRANDON REICHERT 37. Ej Beltramea 274. Phillip Campbell 63. Michelle Byers 758. Danielle Wright 721. Nancy Holshouser 60/75. Nancy Holshouser 426; 10 Federal Storage, 3500 South 6th Street, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 387-3951 Daniel Gregg A97. Damien Richardson B126. Stephanie Dobson B187. Lakeisha Price A59. Sharon Hall A79. Marsha Herring B132. Neicy Wallace-Cunningham A20. Neicy Wallace-Cunningham A12. devon eades A81; 10 Federal Storage, 500 W Browning Rd, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 339-3865 Tabitha Tripp 29A. Tina Wilson 86B. Donzel Watson 33A. Roger Simons 269e. Allie Holmes 216D/217D. Loron Falkner 233E. MIRANDA MILLER 234E. EWDI ROSADO 156C. Faith Lewis 4A; 10 Federal Storage, 900 E Straight St, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 286-1550 Crystal Washington 35. Gloria Schwartz 197. Ray Williams E318. Liberty Wilson 130. Ashlee Brunt 210. Lashonda Frazier 216. William Liddell 13/58. Karen Peterson 4. Lashondra Davis F368/F469. Nancy Simpson 33. David Woods 112. Deborah Marquardt 114

IN THE CIRCCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
WEST CENTRAL BANK, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

-vs-
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF STEVEN W. WOOD, a/k/a STEVEN WAYNE WOOD, deceased, CARRIE HUMES, MINDY DAVIS, JACLYN WOOD, KAYLA WOOD, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, and THEODORE J. HARVATIN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR STEVEN W. WOOD a/k/a STEVEN WAYNE WOOD, Deceased, Defendants,
Property Address: 3137 S. Second Street Springfield, IL 62703
Case No. 2025FC000177
NOTICE
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF STEVEN W. WOOD a/k/a STEVEN WAYNE WOOD:

Notice is given of the death of Steven W. Wood a/k/a Steven Wayne Wood. The Court has appointed Theodore J. Harvatin as Special Representative for Steven W. Wood, deceased, in the above entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 3137 S. Second Street, Springfield, IL 62703. The address of the Special Representative is: Harvatin Law Offices, P.C., 1100 So. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing E-filing

is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit e-file.illinois-courts.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.

THEODORE J. HARVATIN,
Special Representative
THEODORE J. HARVATIN
Attorney Reg. #06180268
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1100 So. Fifth Street
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TAKE NOTICE

Certificate No. 142-19-7
OCCUPANTS: Vacant
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A petition for a Tax deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois as Case # 2025 TX 000190
The property is located at 1623 North 30th St Springfield, Sangamon County, IL 62702
Property Index Number 14-24.0-378-013
Said property was sold on 11/4/2022 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2021.
On November 5, 2025, at 1:30 the petitioner will make application to such court in said county at the Sangamon County Courthouse for an order directing Issuance of a Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.
Petitioner: Randy Harris Hill

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Newrec LLC d/b/a/ Shellpoint Mortgaging Servicing, Plaintiff,
Vs.
Kari A. Oliver, et. al. Defendants.
Re: Estate of Linda A. Lowe, Deceased.
No. 2025-FC-19
NOTICE
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF Linda A. Lowe:

Notice is given of the death of Linda A. Lowe. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Linda A. Lowe, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 2158 S. 10th St., Springfield, IL 62703. The address of the Special Representative is: Way Law Offices, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing.

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/s/ Dan E. Way
Special Representative
for Linda A. Lowe, deceased.
Dan E. Way #6204735
WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC
1100 S. Fifth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
Tel. 217-525-7003
Fax. 217-525-7012
dan@danwaylaw.com

HUD Funded Project:

Contact Ministries is seeking bids for maintenance repairs located at 1100 E. Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62703. This project consists of two separate repairs. Bidders are not required to bid on

both repairs:

1. Replacement of (2) sewage grinder pumps
 2. Replacement of (1) 2 ½ ton outdoor A/C conditioning unit
- All work must conform to the relevant provisions of the City of Springfield Code of Ordinances including but not limited to, acquisition of necessary permits and other matters. Specifications for the project and bidder packet containing the scope of work, and bid requirements may be obtained from Contact Ministries, 1100 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62703 217-753-3939 Ext 16.

This repair project will be utilizing Community Development Block Grant Funds from the City of Springfield. Bidders shall comply with all relevant terms and agreements pertaining to contract activities including, but not limited to, compliance with Davis-Bacon Act, proof of participation in a US Dept. of Labor certified apprenticeship program, comprehensive general liability, employer liability and workman's compensation insurance and equal employment opportunity. The successful bidder will be the lowest responsible bidder whose bid conforms to the requirements of the project and complies with all provisions of the specifications. Bidders should respond to this notice by presentation of a proposed contract as provided in the bidders' packet containing a fixed-price bid for the work and such additional terms and conditions as the bidder deems necessary or appropriate. Female and Minority Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit bids for this contract. All qualified bidders will receive consideration, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age and ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, handicap, unrelated to ability or national origin. This is an Equal Opportunity Contractor. Sealed bids are to be submitted to 1100 E. Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62703 by October 7, 2025. Bids are to be addressed to the attention of Contact Ministries and identified as Maintenance Repairs on the exterior of the envelope. All bids will be opened publicly on October 21, 2025. Awarding of the contract and commencement of the work will begin after the proper certificates of insurance for the contractor have been submitted to the City. Contact Ministries reserves the right to reject any bids that do not meet the requirements stated in this notice. Questions regarding the bid should be directed to Contact Ministries, 1100 E. Adams, Springfield, IL 62703 217-753-3939 Ext 16.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF SANGAMON, ss.
In the Circuit Court of the SEVENTH Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois
Capitol Plaza Essential Housing LLC, Plaintiff, vs. Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Cordaro Davis and Unknown Occupants, Defendants, No. 2025EV001183.
The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Cordaro Davis, Defendant, that the above entitled action has been filed against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, for the recovery of the possession of real estate located at:

1210 E. Washington St, Apt. 302, Springfield, IL
You are hereby required to appear in person on October 20, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in courtroom 5C, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, for trial of this cause. You are further required to file your appearance by yourself or your attorney at the same place and time.
Now unless you, the said above named defendants, appear at that time and place fixed for trial, judgments by default will be entered against you for the possession of the aforesaid premises and an order for possession will be issued out of said court by which you will be dispossessed of said premises.

CLERK OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
Costello Sury & Rooney, #6304972, Attorneys, One Lincoln Centre, Suite 1670;

Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Sale to enforce Self-Storage lien in default of payment of rent will be held at 10:00 AM. Saturday October 18, 2025, at, Safe-T-Storage, 3825 N. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL. Tenants must pay in full by this date.
Unit 32 Fred Edmonds Springfield IL

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Samantha Hastings, Petitioner and Omar Kazali, Respondent
Case No. 2017-F-104
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you Omar Kazali, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced and you are summoned to a child custody case and for other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois on or before the 25th day of October, 2025, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

To enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent a private auction will be held on Saturday October 18, 2025, at 9:00a.m.
Northend Storage is located at 1907 North Grand East, Springfield, IL. 62702
This is a private auction. In order to attend you must call 217-544-4521 a week prior to the auction date.
Please leave your name, telephone number and an email address.
Cash is the only form of payment accepted for the auction.

Any individual wanting to retain their unit will need to pay their entire balance on or before Wednesday October 15, 2025.
No personal checks will be accepted for storage units that are in lien.
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION
Naila Day Unit#3-8
Sheila Sullivan Unit#6-5
Danny Crawford Unit#10-5
Richard Dubose Unit#2-29
Lori McGlothlin Unit#2-30
Verneeda Miller Unit#4-29
Terry Broida Unit#9-37
Warren Anderson Unit#I-16
Destiny Boastick Unit#4-1
Ramone Caldwell Unit#5-11
Vernice Bailey Unit#5-22
Linda Byrd Unit#11-43
Mark Refine Unit#C-22
Jennifer Portwood Unit#H-7
Journe Dawson Unit#I-11
Rebecca Barbier Unit#J-11

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Morton Community Bank, Plaintiff,
Vs.
No. 2025-FC-147
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Kay C. Moore, et. al. Defendants.
Re: Estate of Kay C. Moore, Deceased.

NOTICE
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KAY C. MOORE, deceased:
Notice is given of the death of Kay C. Moore. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Kay C. Moore, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 502 S. Wesley Steet, Springfield, IL 62703. The address of the Special Representative is: Way Law Offices, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing,

or represent yourself, or do nothing. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit e-file.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.
/s/ Dan E. Way
Special Representative for Kay C. Moore, deceased.
Dan E. Way, #6204735
WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC
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Order of Protection

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
Sonia Jafrin Petitioner v. Km Ghaliid Defendant
Case No: 2025-OP-1718
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, DEFENDANT in the above matter, asking for an ORDER OF PROTECTION and for other relief.
Unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, on or before 10/9/2025 A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.
Date: 9/22/2025
JOSEPH B. ROESCH
Clerk of the Circuit Court
8051-958310

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
Kristina Hutton Petitioner v. Matthew Hutton Defendant
Case No: 2025-OP-1532
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, DEFENDANT in the above matter, asking for an ORDER OF PROTECTION and for other relief.
Unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, on or before 10/9/2025 A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.
Date: 9/22/2025
JOSEPH B. ROESCH
Clerk of the Circuit Court
8051-958307

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
Zachary Talkington Petitioner v. Katlyn Kelosky Defendant
Case No: 2025-OP-1709
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, DEFENDANT in the above matter, asking for an ORDER OF PROTECTION and for other relief.
Unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, on or before 10/9/2025 A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

Date: 9/22/2025
JOSEPH B. ROESCH
Clerk of the Circuit Court
8051-958309

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
Latanya Halliburton
Petitioner
v.
Elgin Longstreet
Defendant
Case No: 2025-OP-1545
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, DEFENDANT in the above matter, asking for an ORDER OF PROTECTION and for other relief. Unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, on or before 10/9/2025 A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.
Date: 9/22/2025
JOSEPH B. ROESCH
Clerk of the Circuit Court
8051-958308

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
Adam Garecht
Petitioner
v.
Doug Bartlett
Defendant
Case No: 2025-OP-1642
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, DEFENDANT in the above matter, asking for an ORDER OF PROTECTION and for other relief. Unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, on or before 10/2/2025 A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.
Date: 9/22/2025
JOSEPH B. ROESCH
Clerk of the Circuit Court
8051-958306

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
Krystal Knight Moore
Petitioner
v.
Keterra Dixon
Defendant
Case No: 2025-OP-1630
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, DEFENDANT in the above matter, asking for an ORDER OF PROTECTION and for other relief. Unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, on or before 10/2/2025 A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.
Date: 9/22/2025
JOSEPH B. ROESCH
Clerk of the Circuit Court
8051-958305

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
Melissa Lagrand
Petitioner
v.
William Lagrand
Defendant
Case No: 2025-OP-1623
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, DEFENDANT in the above matter, asking for an ORDER OF PROTECTION and for other relief. Unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, on or before 10/2/2025 A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.
Date: 9/22/2025
JOSEPH B. ROESCH
Clerk of the Circuit Court
8051-958304

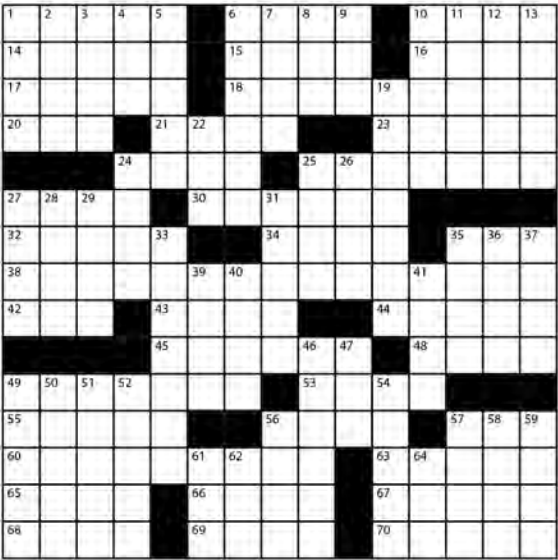
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
Keiona Smith
Petitioner
v.
Demarcus Green Sr
Defendant
Case No: 2025-OP-1619
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, DEFENDANT in the above matter, asking for an ORDER OF PROTECTION and for other relief. Unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, on or before 10/2/2025 A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.
Date: 9/22/2025
JOSEPH B. ROESCH
Clerk of the Circuit Court
8051-958303

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:
JAMES J. ROLLET,
Deceased,
Case # 2024-PR-141
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, of the filing of Let-ters of Administration, in the above-entitled matter on April 16, 2024.
Please file a Response within thirty (30) days.
SEE ATTACHED "EXHIBIT A."
9/26/2025
/s/ Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk, the Circuit Court
Jeanine Schlecht, Administrator
2820 Warrior Blvd.
Springfield, IL 62712
(217) 415-6525
jeanine.schlecht.att.net
Exhibit "A"
Professional Adjustment Bureau, P.O. Box 640, Springfield, IL 62705-0640
Springfield Memorial Hospital, 701 North First Street, Springfield, IL 62781
Zoll Lifest, LLC, P.O. Box 644321, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-4321
SIU, P.O. Box 19651, Springfield, IL 62794-9651
Apria, Return Mail Processing, P.O. Box 3475, Toledo, OH 43607-0475

A mode of transport

Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 914

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1. Boxing site
6. Book part
10. Fish-eating birds
14. Fat or wax
15. Skater's jump
16. Authentic
17. Accused's need
18. ***Southern U.S. cuisine topper
20. "Wait a ___!"
21. Rams' mates
23. Nearby
24. Twofold
25. Soon
27. Lack of difficulty
30. Cup carrier
32. Be a bad winner
34. Hindu garment
35. When repeated, a dance
38. ***James Brown
42. Last word of "America, the Beautiful"
43. Jury member
44. Complimentary close
45. Money of exchange
48. ___ no good
49. Flocks of fish
53. Cut the crop
55. "Remember the ___"
56. Author Ayn
57. Double-crosser
60. ***Good example
63. Make amends
65. Bartlett's abbr.
66. Radio feature



67. Kindergarten adhesive
68. Loch ___
69. Television award
70. A thing to ride or the word that could follow the last word of each starred answer
8. Salon goo
9. Lodge member
10. Trial's partner
11. Flinch, say
12. The "N" of U.S.N.A.
13. In a sneaky way
19. Bless
22. Took place
24. Like Beethoven
25. Mark left by Zorro?
26. "My ___!"
27. Breakfast staple
28. ___ vera
29. Fizzy drink
31. Computer operators
33. Watering hole
35. Masterstroke
36. In pain
37. "The Sun ___ Rises"
39. Blue shade
40. Coop group
41. Progresso product
46. By mouth
47. Word on a door
49. Kind of wrap
50. Duplicate
51. Sainly glows
52. Signs
54. Go with the flow
56. 500 sheets
57. Civil rights activist Parks
58. Voting "no"
59. High schooler
61. Poetic homage
62. Not brilliant
64. Driveway surface

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #913

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

Sudoku answers from #913

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

JoshJosh answers from #913

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 914

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.

1-	30x			1-	3-
	4x		5+		
16x	5			4-	7+
		2÷			
1-	1-	48x	15x		5+

Difficulty medium

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

Difficulty medium

ENTERTAINMENT



FAMILY
FUN



DATE:

OCT. 17

Starts at 5pm

SHOPS

Springfield Vintage
(Open Late Until 7pm)

Murphy's Loft
(Open Late Until 7pm)

Daisy Janes
(Open Late Until 7pm)

Beelzebunz Bakery
(Open Late Until 7pm)

Wild Rose
(Open Late Until 7pm)

Corrine's Closet
(Open Late Until 7pm)

Books on The Square
(Open Late Until 7pm)

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

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DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD

Fall Edition

Prairie Archives
(Open Late Until 7pm)

Dumb Records
(Open Late Until 7pm)

Studio on 6th
(Open Late Until 7pm)

AND MORE!

ART

Lincoln Plaza Galleria
(Open Late Until 7pm)

The Pharmacy
(Open Late Until 7pm)

SAA Collective
(Open Late Until 7pm)

MUSIC &
FOOD



SHOPPING



LIVE EVENTS

Alamo

Rod Grant - Live Music - Free
5:30pm - 8:00 pm
Drink Specials All Night (Open til 2am)

Dumb Records

Hip Hop Halloween LIVE
7:00pm, \$10, All Ages

Buzz Bomb Brewing Co.

Jambalaya Jazz 7:00 pm - Free

Whiskey Jacks

Comedy Open Mic 8:00 pm - Free

RESTAURANTS

LaPiazza

Whimsy Tea

MALDANER'S

A Taste of Seoul

Anvil & Forge

Headwest Sub Stop

Joe Gallina's Pizza

Aunt Lous Soul Food

5th Street GEM

Saputo's

CHILD DROP OFF

KIDZEUM

Kids Drop Off

5pm-8pm

AGES 4+ \$35/ child. Includes dinner.



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LATE NIGHT VENUES

Alamo | Floyd's | 5th Street GEM

Buzz Bomb Brewing Co | Whiskey Jacks

Clique | Celtic Mist | Brewhaus

Parents!

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Celtic Mist • Brewhaus • The Pharmacy Gallery • Anvil & Forge • Wild Rose • Bloom Wine & Florals
Head West • True Colors • Lincoln Plaza Galleria • Joe Gallina's Pizza • Abe's Old Hat • Aunt Lous Soul Food
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