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Sean Grayson trial to begin Oct. 20

Analysis, interpretation of the body-cam footage will be critical

COURTS | Dean Olsen

Yes, it may all come down to the video.

But how the 12 members of Sean Grayson's upcoming jury interpret police body-worn footage from that fateful day, and how they weigh the views of experts on proper police conduct, will determine Grayson's fate 15 months after the death of Sonya Massey in her Woodside Township home.

The trial of Grayson, 31, a Riverton resident and former Sangamon County sheriff's deputy charged with first-degree murder, aggravated battery with a firearm and official misconduct, is scheduled to begin Oct. 20.

The location of the trial was moved to Peoria County at the request of Grayson's lawyers, who cited extensive pretrial publicity that they said would make selection of an impartial jury impossible.

Jurors will be selected from Peoria County residents. But the same local Sangamon County Circuit Court judge who has handled the case thus far, Ryan Cadagin, will preside during the trial, which is expected to last up to two weeks. And the defense attorneys and prosecutors – all from Sangamon County – will make the trip to Peoria, as well.

The death of Massey has received international media attention because of the jarring video footage and racial overtones. Massey, a Black woman who struggled with mental illness, was shot by a white police officer. Her killing is now mentioned in the same breath with other high-profile deaths of Black people at the hands of police in America, including George Floyd, Michael Brown, Breonna Taylor

and Laquan McDonald.

Sangamon County State's Attorney John Milhiser and First Assistant State's Attorney Mary Rodgers have said in court and in documents Grayson was unjustified in his use of deadly force when he shot Massey in the head.

Grayson, who has pleaded not guilty and is represented by attorneys Dan Fultz and Mark Wykoff, contended he was acting in self-defense, fearing being scalded by a pot of hot water Massey had removed from her stove.

Prosecutors said in a court document that the early morning confrontation began after deputies entered Massey's home to gather more information about the prowler, who was never found.

"Defendant noticed a pot on the stove, and approved of Ms. Massey removing the pot to prevent any accidental fires," the prosecutors wrote. "The pot was located in another room of the home, separated by a large counter."

Grayson made a comment that he was worried about the pot, which apparently contained hot water, and Massey could be heard on the video responding, "I rebuke you in the name of Jesus." She then set the pot of water down on a counter in the kitchen, with Grayson still in the living room area of the home.

"Despite his distance and relative cover," prosecutors wrote, Grayson "drew his 9mm firearm, not the less-than-lethal Taser located on his duty vest and threatened to shoot Ms. Massey in the face. Seeing the drawn weapon, Ms. Massey put her hands in the air and stated, 'I'm sorry,' while ducking for cover behind the

counter that separated her and the defendant.

"Defendant, with his weapon still drawn, proceeded to close the significant gap between him and Ms. Massey," prosecutors wrote. "Defendant then aggressively yelled at Ms. Massey to put the weapon down. Defendant then fired his duty weapon three times in the direction of Ms. Massey, striking her in the face one time."

Citing an Illinois State Police expert's report, prosecutors said Grayson created a scenario similar to "an officer intentionally and unnecessarily putting himself in front of a moving vehicle and then justifying the use of force because of fear of being struck."

It's not in dispute that Grayson killed Massey, or that he made disparaging remarks about her after the shooting.

Grayson's defense team is expected to argue, however, that Massey was the initial aggressor with the pot of water, and this point could be the key to whether jurors convict Grayson of first-degree murder or a lesser offense, or whether they find him not guilty.

To back up their argument, Fultz and Wykoff cited ISP's "self-purported subject-matter expert" regarding use of force.

Court documents describing the interaction between Grayson and Massey regarding the pot of water say some parts aren't entirely visible in the body camera videos. But defense attorneys said the ISP expert's report is helpful to Grayson's case.

The report said Massey "flinched, let go of the pot, then crouched below the line of the cabinets." Grayson continued to instruct Massey to drop the pot as he approached Massey, with his gun still pointed in her direction, according to the report.

Massey then "quickly stood up and grabbed the pot," the report said. "As (defendant) continued to instruct (Massey) to drop the pot and approach the cabinets, (she) threw the steaming hot water from the pot. While (Massey) was throwing the water, (defendant) fired his weapon in the direction of (Massey). The water appeared to strike a chair next to the cabinets."

In the bodycam footage, which has gone viral, it's not obvious to the lay observer that water leaves the pot before the shooting, which is why frame-by-frame analysis of the unredacted footage could be crucial during the trial.

After an Oct. 2 pretrial hearing on the case,

community activist and Massey family friend Teresa Haley, 60, told the news media that Massey supporters and the family hope jurors use their own experiences to weigh the bodycam video.

"You can watch the video," Haley said. "A blind person can see that she didn't throw the pot."

Standing next to Haley, Springfield resident Sontae Massey, 54, a cousin of Sonya Massey, said, "It's painfully obvious to me that she did not throw a pot of hot water. She was trying to deescalate the situation, and she paid with her life."

Recounting Grayson's profanity-laced statement to Sonya Massey immediately before the shooting, Sontae Massey said, "I know that he said that he was going to shoot her in the face, and he shot her in the face."

Sontae Massey said it's been "an exhaustive year" for the Massey family. "I think we're in pain. ... We're hoping for justice. We're hoping that God answers our prayers."

Haley said she and the Massey family are hoping Grayson is convicted "and never gets out of jail."

Potential prison time

If convicted on the first-degree murder and aggravated battery charges, Grayson would be sentenced to between 45 years and life in prison. He would have to serve 100% of any time imposed in a sentence.

Depending on instructions given by the judge before deliberations by the jury, jurors could instead opt to find Grayson guilty of second-degree murder. That crime involves intentionally killing someone with the mistaken belief that the killing would be legally justified.

The potential penalty for second-degree murder is between four and 20 years in prison, with the potential for a 50% reduction in time served for good behavior.

If given the option, the jury also could decide to convict Grayson of involuntary manslaughter, which involves a reckless act by someone without the intent to kill. It is punishable by up to two to five years in prison. Conviction for that crime carries a potential 50% reduction in time served for good behavior.

Both second-degree murder and involuntary manslaughter come with the option of probation instead of any prison sentence. □

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Publisher's note

Senior staff writer Dean Olsen, who has extensively covered issues related to the killing of Sonya Massey, will be reporting from Peoria for the duration of Sean Grayson's trial. Cameras have been banned in the courtroom – and even the hallways – but Zach Adams, digital media coordinator, will be providing photos and videos of the action that takes place outside the courthouse. Daily coverage will be available via a blog at illinoistimes.com and we are working with nonprofit news service Capitol News Illinois to make our coverage available for statewide distribution. We appreciate a grant from the Lumpkin Family Foundation, administered by the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln, that is helping to make this extensive coverage possible. — Michelle Ownbey, publisher

Springfield's Amazon hub opens

RETAIL | Dean Olsen

Same-day and next-day deliveries of pet food, diapers, makeup, hair gel, breakfast cereals and other common household items will be available in the Springfield area by late-October or early November with the recent opening of Amazon's new distribution hub, a company official says.

The 71,000-square-foot warehouse, so far employing 75 part-time, entry-level workers and about 25 full-time managers, began shipping packages Oct. 9 from its site at North Dirksen Parkway and Bissell Road on Springfield's northeast side.

The \$20 million site is part of Amazon's Rural Super Rural (RSR) network of 150 distribution hubs designed to speed deliveries to communities ranging in size from 60,000 to 120,000 people, site manager Max Flynn said.

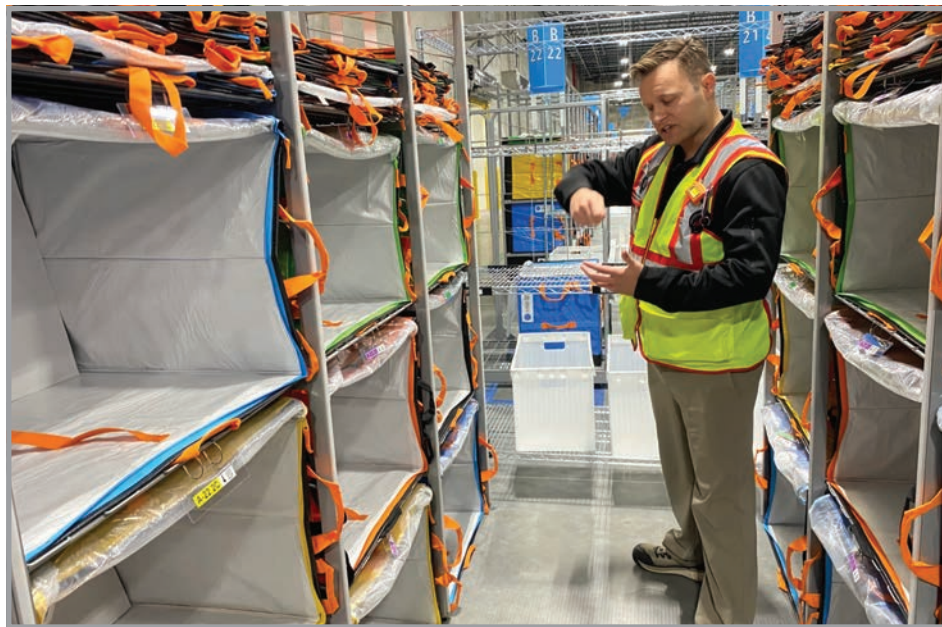
"This has been a big push for Amazon in the past five years," Flynn told *Illinois Times* during a recent tour of the sprawling, one-story warehouse with a 40-foot ceiling. "If you're an Amazon Prime customer, you'll get items really quick out of this place.

"It's a huge win for Springfield," he said. "Anytime we can ensure the speed of our packages, it's a win."

The Springfield location is known as an RSR Plus site. Like other RSR sites, it will coordinate delivery of products shipped from larger "fulfillment" centers to customers within a 60-mile radius. The Springfield warehouse will have the added feature of a mini-fulfillment area stocked with commonly ordered items.

The "plus" side of the business should start up in coming weeks, Flynn said.

"It will have everything from ChapStick to dresser drawers," he said. Also included could be things like toothpaste, soaps and shampoos.



Max Flynn, manager of Springfield's new Amazon distribution site, shows how workers use scanners to route and load packages for delivery into bags that are loaded into vans and cars. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

"You could order them that morning and get them that night," Flynn said.

Funding for the Springfield site is part of Amazon's recently announced \$4 billion commitment to further expand its RSR network and help ensure two-days-or-less deliveries for Amazon Prime customers, he said.

Other than managers, the building is designed for a solely part-time workforce of employees, known as "associates," who work an average of 20 hours or more each week, Flynn said.

Previous experience isn't required. There's a three-day training period, and starting pay is \$19

per hour. Raises based on experience can boost hourly pay to a maximum of about \$25, Flynn said, adding that full-time managers can earn \$50,000 a year or more.

Amazon has hired about 75 entry-level workers so far and is processing 1,000 packages a day, Flynn said. It will take nine to 12 months to fully ramp up operations, he said.

Amazon's busiest time is from Thanksgiving through December. During that peak, the Springfield site could process 40,000 to 50,000 packages a day, operate 24 hours a day and employ up to 200 part-time workers, Flynn said.

Workers use scanners and a guided routing

system to sort and load Amazon packages into bags that are transferred to delivery trucks and cars.

"Anyone can work here," said Flynn, 32, who grew up in Dubuque, Iowa, and worked for Amazon in Cedar Falls, Iowa, before moving to Springfield.

Deliveries will be handled by DSPs, or delivery service providers – companies that contract with Amazon and whose workers wear Amazon vests and drive vans with Amazon markings or other identification, he said.

Deliveries also can be made by people who use their personal cars and become private contractors through the Amazon Flex program.

Job opportunities are listed through Amazon.com/jobs and on social media. People interested in becoming Flex drivers can find out more by downloading the Amazon Flex app, Flynn said.

Amazon is looking forward to working with local businesses such as hardware stores, florists and coffee shops that can help deliver Amazon packages through the Hub Delivery program, he said.

RSR sites, including Springfield, regularly donate to local causes and local nonprofits, he said. The Springfield site recently donated \$1,000 to Springfield's WILD Canine Rescue.

Amazon received city approval to recently reconstruct Bissell Road, a city street, for the increased truck and car traffic along the company's 29-acre site, according to city traffic engineer T.J. Heavisides. Amazon made the two-lane road wider and increased the width of the shoulders as part of requirements in the city's subdivision code, Heavisides said.

The amount Amazon paid for the improvements was unavailable. □

Peoria rally planned for first day of trial

COURTS | Dean Olsen

A Justice for Sonya Massey Rally is planned outside the Peoria County Courthouse in Peoria on Oct. 20, the first day of Sean Grayson's murder trial.

The rally, which organizer Chama St. Louis-Boone said will be peaceful and is designed to "support the Massey family" and call for "accountability of police," will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on a blocked-off section of Main Street between Adams and Jefferson streets.

Sontae Massey, a cousin of the late Sonya Massey, said, "Peoria is set to be ground-zero,

for lack of a better term, as to what we will accept in regard to how policing and police killings are judged from this moment on."

Selection of a jury in the trial of Riverton resident Sean Grayson, a former Sangamon County sheriff's deputy charged with first-degree murder in Massey's July 2024 death, is scheduled to begin Oct. 20 in Peoria County Circuit Court. Opening arguments in the case could take place Oct. 22, and seating for the public in the courtroom is expected to be limited. The trial could last up to two weeks.

St. Louis-Boone, a Peoria resident who leads Peorians for Justice for Sonya Massey, said there will be plenty of space at the rally and portable restrooms available.

Rally speakers are expected to include Sontae Massey; Tiara Standage, executive director of Intricate Minds and president of The PURPLE Coalition in Springfield; Brian Mendis from the Chicago-based Open Police Archives Campaign; Demario Boone, director of public safety for Peoria Public Schools; and several relatives of people who died at the hands of police in Peoria

and Chicago.

St. Louis-Boone said she operates the Peoria group on a volunteer basis while she works her paid job as organizing director for the nonprofit National Black Worker Center, which advocates on behalf of Black low-wage workers.

St. Louis-Boone said the rally is designed to direct frustrations surrounding Massey's death in a positive and peaceful direction.

"We know that this incident really reached a lot of people," St. Louis-Boone said. "The world will definitely be watching." □

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City and state to build more Springfield EV chargers

CWLP announces nine proposed electric vehicle charging locations

ELECTRIC VEHICLES | Dilpreet Raju



Five high-speed electric vehicle charging ports will be installed at Midtown Inn, 3125 Wide Track Drive, after the U.S. Department of Transportation resumed a national grant program. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

More electric vehicle charging stations are coming to Springfield in the near future. City, Water, Light and Power presented a grant-funded plan to the Springfield City Council's Committee of the Whole Oct. 14 detailing the proposal for 40 charging ports across nine locations, mostly downtown.

The Community Charging infrastructure grant provides funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation, and is administered through the Illinois Climate Bank (also known as the Illinois Finance Authority) which listed the city of Springfield as one of almost 50 preselected partners for the program. State records show Springfield was awarded almost \$630,000 through the grant, the most so far for any grantee.

Tom Chi, projects manager at CWLP, informed Illinois Times he anticipates the 20 dual-port chargers will be installed by the beginning of March 2026 at nine different locations across Springfield.

"We prioritized some locations that needed minimal infrastructure upgrades," he said. "That would help us keep cost down and speed up deployment."

The city plans to install level two alternate current chargers that require electric vehicles to convert the electricity being charged. It is a slower but less expensive method as opposed to direct current fast chargers, though Springfield already has 15 of those fast-charging stations as well, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

"We're looking at level two charging," Chi said, which are not the direct current "fast chargers you see near interstates."

According to the Illinois Department of Transportation, fast chargers can charge an electric vehicle from empty to 80% in 30 minutes.

Chi said some property management agreements still need to be finalized, so all the locations are pending final approval.

High-speed charging at Midtown Inn

The state is increasing the number of fast chargers near highways through another U.S. Department of Transportation effort called the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program, which was temporarily suspended by the Trump administration in February before the funds were released in August.

Interstate 55 will see the largest increase in charging stations after this round of funding, with seven to be built along the interstate. Universal EV, a Texas company, was awarded about \$850,000 to build five ports at Midtown Inn, 3125 Wide Track Drive.

The initiative will invest more than \$18 million into building out fast charging stations across the state. Universal EV was awarded about \$3.3 million to install four charging stations, including others located in Atlanta, Mattoon and Okawville.

The next application period for funding is anticipated in late 2025, according to the press release announcing the release of federal money. □



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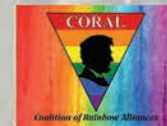


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Illinois, don't be nuclear bamboozled

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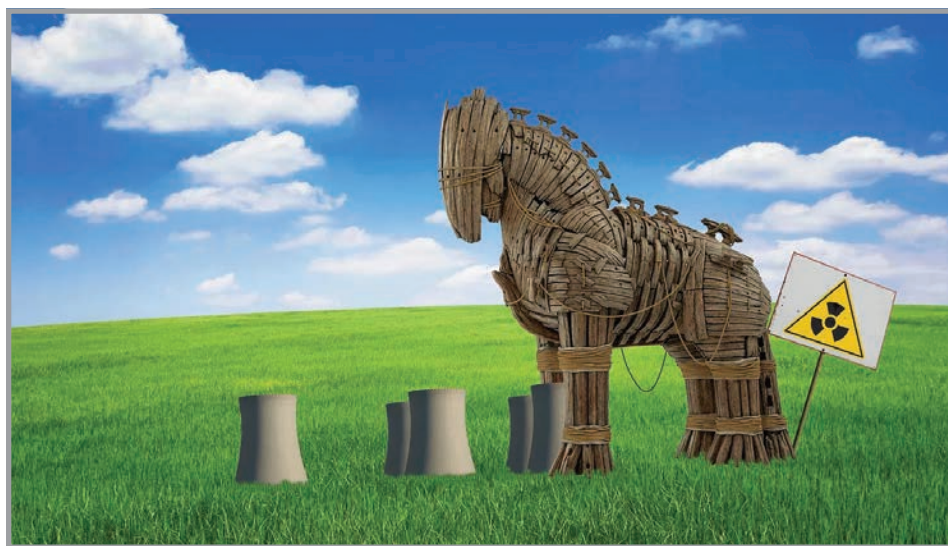
Since 2020, nuclear advocates have incessantly touted nuclear power's benefits the way adolescents choose a first car: if it's red, fast, and a convertible – that's it! Cost? Don't worry, "someone" will pay for it. Insurance? What could possibly go wrong? Maintenance? What could break? Alternatives? But, it's red! And I NEED it!

This pro-nuclear messaging juggernaut emanates from the Biden/Trump Administration's Department of Energy effectively functioning as a taxpayer-subsidized PR arm for the nuclear industry. Enormous legislative funding and recent dangerous presidential executive orders have ramrodded uncritical thinking about nuclear expansion down the throats of a largely uninformed public.

One brake on this mindless, unbridled nuclear expansion has been the existence of nuclear construction moratoriums, in Illinois and other states. Methodically, nuclear promoters have eliminated this last opportunity for reasoned debate about a nuclear future. Illinois' moratorium has already been weakened to allow for so-called "small modular nuclear reactors" (SMNRs). Now, state legislators and Gov. JB Pritzker urge repeal of the remaining moratorium on large reactors. This reflexive, undebated embrace of the nuclear fetish has occurred only by ignoring many unresolved, sometimes deliberately ignored, nuclear power problems of both currently operating and proposed reactors:

- Radioactive waste: Illinois' 14 reactors have produced 11,000-plus tons of high-level radioactive waste (HLRW) – with no operational national disposal facility, adding about 250 tons annually. More reactors will mean more HLRW, all with no operational, environmentally responsible disposal site.
- Climate: Real climate solutions are not radioactive. In a time of climate crisis, promoting the most expensive, slowest means of addressing it is simply dumb environmental policy. Dollar for dollar, efficiency, renewable energy, storage and better transmission will prevent more carbon from entering the atmosphere than will any form of nuclear

Recently, reactors in Switzerland and France closed due to climate extremes in Europe, as has occurred several times this century, and in Illinois in 1988. ComEd lost over 100 reactor-operation days due to severe drought and heatwaves. The issue is



Look out for the Trojan Horse carrying small modular nuclear reactors.

clearly not whether nuclear power will save us from climate disruption, it's how do we save nuclear power from climate disruption.

- Viable alternatives: In 2023 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission director Willie Davis stated that 2,000 gigawatts (GW) of power projects are stuck in interconnection queues nationally, "...as much generation waiting to be connected to the grid as double the amount of generation currently on the grid." Lawrence Berkeley National Lab reports state that more than 90% of these are renewables or energy storage projects. Illinois' share of this is about 80 GW – equivalent to 20 Braidwood-sized reactors.

Conclusion: aggressively expand efficiency, renewables, energy storage and improved transmission, are all faster and cheaper to deploy. No new technology required. No radioactive waste or accidents.

- Just transitions/environmental justice: Nuclear power communities need to proactively plan and save for inevitable reactor closure before they close to avoid catastrophic impacts on jobs and tax base. The Illinois General Assembly has ignored this imminent disaster since 2014, forgetting that Zion lost 55% of its tax base overnight when Zion's reactors closed. Adding new reactors worsens this situation.
- Deteriorating regulation and safety: Recent Trump executive orders altered the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's mission, for it to become an "enabler" of nuclear power, not just a regulator. These missions are totally incompatible, leaving Illinois, the

most nuclear-reliant state, vulnerable to safety lapses and coverups, as was recently revealed at Constellation's Quad Cities reactors.

Some small modular nuclear reactor designs eliminate safety containment structures, reduce or eliminate emergency planning zones, and reduce operation and security personnel to save money.

- Citizen oversight needed: Recent nuclear-related scandals, indictments and convictions in Illinois, Ohio and South Carolina illustrate that government can no longer be trusted to police its own on nuclear matters. All 12-plus million Illinoisans need a meaningful voice in deciding whether Illinois should embrace more nuclear, or continue to implement the energy plans in the 2021 Climate and Equitable Jobs Act energy legislation emphasizing renewables, efficiency and energy storage.

For decades, nuclear hucksters have ignored these and other issues. Benefiting from multimillion-dollar government/private PR campaigns, nuclear used-car salespeople bamboozle an uninformed public, touting only nuclear benefits.

Illinois must thoroughly examine both sides of the nuclear ledger, or risk losing not only its renewable energy future, but potentially its environment and economy. Einstein once cautioned, "Clever people solve problems. Geniuses avoid them." Caveat emptor. □

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OPINION



More than 200 people gathered at Pole Barn Chic on Sept. 25 for “A Legacy and Vision: 50 Years of Illinois Times.” Longtime owner Fletcher Farrar recounted the early days of the publication and milestones along the way. Publisher Michelle Ownbey then addressed future plans to convert *IT* to a nonprofit media outlet, designed to address the community’s need for more local journalism. PHOTO BY STEVE HINRICH

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Congratulations on your longevity and success (“50th anniversary special section,” Sept. 25). While Fletcher Farrar and I have political views that couldn’t be farther apart, I must say I appreciate so much his professionalism. When I see Fletcher in public, he is friendly and cordial. As we wade through trying times in political discourse, I am pleased to know that it’s possible to care enough to be kind.

*Rosanna Pulido
Springfield*

CONGRATS

I’ve lived in large urban areas basically my entire adult life until moving to Springfield two years ago, and the various cities I lived in all had their own independent weeklies. It never occurred to me until after reading your former staff members’ accounts of *IT*’s early days just how rare it is for a city the size of Springfield to have a similar newspaper. I have to admit I’ve been taking *IT* for granted these past two years. Congrats on such a long, successful run. I look forward to reading it every week, and thank you!

*Christine Grisham
Springfield*

FOLLOW THE SCIENCE

The Sangamon Community Medical Society is aware of recent public statements suggesting a link between acetaminophen use during pregnancy and autism. Some observational studies have reported associations; however, these studies cannot determine cause and effect and their findings have been mixed. Major medical organizations, including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American Academy of Pediatrics, have reviewed this research and continue to affirm that acetaminophen can be used safely during pregnancy.

Autism is a complex neurodevelopmental condition with contributions from genetics, biology and environmental factors that are still being studied. Attributing causation to any single medication oversimplifies the science and may create unnecessary fear. Ongoing research is important, and we will continue to follow it closely.

At the same time, we want to be clear that autism does not diminish a person’s worth. Our community is stronger when autistic individuals and their families are welcomed and supported. People with autism are valued members of our community, and they deserve

respectful language, equitable care and access to needed services.

Pregnant individuals should not start or stop any medication without consulting their clinician. In addition to medication guidance, many well-established steps help support a healthy pregnancy and baby: Avoid tobacco, vaping and alcohol; stay up to date on recommended immunizations; seek prompt evaluation and treatment for infections; maintain good blood pressure and blood sugar control; and keep regular prenatal/obstetric appointments.

SCMS remains committed to evidence-based medicine and the health and well-being of our community. If you have questions about pain, fever or medication use in pregnancy, please speak with your obstetric or primary care provider.

*Dr. Shreepada Tripathy
president, Sangamon County Medical Society*

Apples

There was an orchard on the dairy farm. My uncle told me, “One year in my teens there were so many apples that the farm couldn’t use them all, in spite of apple pies, apple crisps, and apple brown betties coming out of our ears. I had visions of hard cider but Gramp had me pitch all the surplus apples in a wagon, then pulled it into Beloit and left it in the poorest section of town. When we returned the next day the wagon was empty. I applauded Gramp’s generosity but saw my hard-cider vision dwindle away!”

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Budget deficit projections

POLITICS | Rich Miller

The Governor's Office of Management and Budget projected last week that the current fiscal year's budget will run a \$267 million deficit. The budget office recommended taking "immediate" action to plug the hole.

And the problem gets much worse in the future, with a \$2.2 billion projected deficit for next fiscal year, which begins July 1.

So, what's going on? Earlier last week, the legislature's Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability reported that state corporate income tax receipts are absolutely tanking this fiscal year.

Corporate income tax receipts for the first quarter of the fiscal year were a whopping \$215 million (net) lower than the same period during the previous fiscal year, COGFA reported.

The real mystery was that corporate receipts had actually been projected to grow by 10.8 percent (\$438 million) over the year, "largely due to several revenue-enhancing provisions" passed in May, COGFA explained.

That growth is obviously not happening. COGFA speculated that corporate tax cuts passed by Congress in July "may offset much of the anticipated corporate tax revenue growth from these state-level reforms." Since much of the state's tax code is in sync with federal law, the federal changes were suspected of being the cause of the state's unexpected shortfall.

Well, the governor's budget office's latest report confirms COGFA's speculation. According to GOMB, the "Big, Beautiful Bill" will cost the state \$587.2 million this fiscal year in corporate income tax receipts and another \$249 million in individual income tax receipts (although COGFA reports that individual tax receipts are still rising as expected). The largest hit, a change that accelerates research and development expensing, represents about \$320 million of that, according to GOMB.

The governor's budget office said it wants the Illinois General Assembly to "immediately" change state law to decouple from the new "bonus depreciation" law (\$121 million in corporate income taxes and \$23 million in individual taxes) and unspecified others. It also wants the General Assembly to update state law to "reflect the federal change from Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income (GILTI) to Net Controlled Foreign Corporation Tested Income (NCTI)," (\$90 million corporate).

The annual fall veto session begins Oct.

14. So, the assumption is that something will happen during that session.

Gov. JB Pritzker's executive order issued in late September to "identify up to 4 percent General Funds budgetary reserves to mitigate a portion of the impact of the downward revision in the revenue forecast" should keep the deficit at about \$267 million, the governor's budget office said.

Transfers out of the General Funds will "decrease by approximately \$469 million," but debt service will increase by \$37 million above the originally projected amount. The tax code changes are needed to bring the budget into full balance, on top of the reductions.

But the situation will deteriorate further next fiscal year, according to the budget office: "(B)ased on the current assessment of revenues and maintenance budget pressures for fiscal year 2027, estimated expenditures would exceed revenues by \$2.2 billion."

Last year about this time, GOMB projected a \$3.2 billion budget deficit, which didn't turn out to be the case. So, take this latest projection with a grain of salt, unless the economy sputters. It's always been difficult to predict revenues and some spending into the

distant future. Things can change so fast.

One side point is that last year's projections (and previous projections) included the state's Rainy Day Fund contribution into the end balance number. They'd add up the expenditures and the revenues and show the total, then add in the rainy day contribution and display the final, grand total.

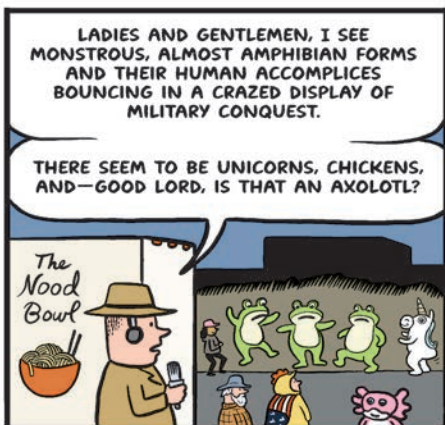
Curiously, the current projections for both this fiscal year and future years do not include that contribution in the deficit projections (a \$161 million contribution this fiscal year and \$173 million next year). So, the actual deficits may very well be higher than advertised.

It's unclear at the moment how the Democratic super-majorities will react.

A spokesperson for House Speaker Chris Welch said the new deficit projections "will be part of the discussion within the caucus" during veto session.

A spokesperson for Senate President Don Harmon said he has been contacted about the situation and expects to be briefed. Meanwhile, "It is under review." □

Rich Miller also publishes Capitol Fax, a daily political newsletter, and CapitolFax.com.



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The 1842 Condell House

And the family that called it home

HISTORY | Cinda Ackerman Klickna

Sitting back from Fourth Street in Springfield, tucked next to the Mansion View Inn, sits a house with a long history. The home of John S. Condell for 55 years, it had several owners since his death, then sat empty for over 30 years, came close to demolition, was listed as one of Illinois' most endangered historic sites in 2015, and now, 183 years old, has undergone a major transformation. Eight years of painstaking renovation has brought this home back to life.

The Condell House, at 605 S. Fourth Street, was built in 1842 as an annex to the First Methodist Episcopal Church, then located downtown on the southeast corner of Fifth and Monroe, where the 12-story Ridgely Farmers State Bank building is now.

The church annex was purchased by John Condell in 1852, after the Methodists made plans for a new brick building. The structure was dismantled and reassembled at the Fourth Street site for his residence.

Condell owned a dry goods store in downtown Springfield. Mary Todd Lincoln frequently shopped at the store. She often told him she would have to wait to purchase material for a dress "until Mr. Lincoln was successful in a certain case," as it was reported in Condell's obituary (Aug. 18, 1907, *Illinois State Journal*).

Condell was born June 20, 1818, in County Carlo, Ireland. His parents brought the family to Philadelphia when John was a baby.



This picture of the Condell family on the porch of the recently restored Condell house likely includes, (back row, left to right) Moses B. Condell, Helen E. Condell, Alice E. Condell McCoy, Thomas Condell, Helen M. Condell and Eliza B. Condell. The front row is likely Mary Condell Hudson and Ninian E. Condell. The photo is dated August 5, 1894. ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

John, age 15, and his older brother, Thomas, age 26, left Philadelphia in 1833 "for Illinois which was then called The Far West," John writes in his reminiscences, which can be read in full in the *History of Sangamon County*. (Excerpts are in italics.) They traveled by stagecoach from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh and then to Cincinnati, where they boarded a

steamboat for St. Louis. *"I was impressed by the wildness and grandeur of the scenery on the river...a peculiar stillness brooded over the scene, broken only by the splashing of the steamer's wheel and the jolly song of the firemen... seldom was there any occasion for our boat to stop, except to 'wood up.' Then we would take a ramble through the wild woods, gathering nuts,*

grapes, plums, paw-paws and flowers.” From St. Louis, they again traveled by stagecoach, settling in Carrollton, 50 miles southwest of Springfield.

While in Carrollton, the brothers opened a mercantile business and met Stephen A. Douglas, later U.S. senator and presidential candidate, who, Condell writes, “*was traveling the circuit practicing law...often sitting upon the grounds in the courthouse eating watermelon with the guys and entertaining them with his versatile conversation.*”

He also met Clark M. Smith. Years later, Condell and Smith would end up in Springfield, become business partners, and live near each other.

Carrollton didn’t prove to be as successful as the Condell brothers had hoped, but at least Thomas had married and had a son, Moses, in 1839. By 1840 the brothers set off again, this time in a buggy, seeking a better spot for business, and visiting Decatur, Bloomington, Jacksonville and Springfield. In 1841 they chose Springfield as the ideal place to settle and opened Condell, Jones & Co. (John and Thomas Condell with Edward Jones) located on Hoffman’s Row in the 100 block of North Fifth Street, on the west side of the street, just north of the square, but not on the square. The store stood where the Springfield Art Association gallery is today in the former Broadwell Drug Store. By 1852, the store had moved to the north side of the square near Fifth and Washington and took on a new name, Condell, Stockdale & Co. An 1858 photo shows the store called New Cash Store. This site later became the location for Illinois National Bank.



Thomas Condell, grandson of John S. Condell's brother, donated many items from his art collection to the Springfield Art Association.

Goods had to be “*transported from the East, wagoned over the mountains...then steamboats. We were dependent upon foreign markets ... nearly all the goods we first sold were of English manufacture,*” writes Condell.

Abraham and Mary Lincoln shopped at Condell’s. So did Peter Cartwright, the well-known pioneer preacher who, Condell writes, “*never wanted anything out of a store but a black silk cravat and a bandana silk pocket handkerchief.*” The store sold dry goods, parasols, muslins, calicos, boots and bonnets. Condell describes the bonnets as “*somewhat similar in size and shape to an inverted coal scuttle.*”

Foundation founder

A Condell and the Community Foundation

Thomas Condell (1863-1929) was connected with the Marine Bank for over 30 years. In 1924, leaders of three banks – Ridgely-Farmers State Bank, Marine Bank and First State Trust and Savings Bank – came together to form the Sangamon County Foundation. Prominent names such as Jacob Bunn, R.C. Lanphier, George W. Bunn, John G. Oglesby, George Pasfield, Jr., Joseph F. Bunn and George F. Reisch were part of the original group of founders. Condell, as a Marine Bank board member, would have been involved. This later became the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln.

Thomas Condell was a major collector of indigenous artifacts, Chinese art, Russian jewelry, Venetian glass, antiques and geological items. Almost-daily letters to his mother tell of his trip to Mexico in 1889, leaving New Orleans Dec. 4, first visiting Aguas Calientes (even listing the hotel’s meal of soup, fish with Mexican rice, mutton, quail and frijoles), and ending his travel on Dec. 28 in Mexico City.

In 1924 he placed most of his collection at the Illinois State Museum. Other items were given to the Springfield Art Association after his death, with the condition that the collection be housed “suitably” (*Illinois State Journal*, Aug. 16, 1929). This led to the building of the annex, where many classes take place today.

Upon his sudden passing in 1929, the Art Association stated, “Mr. Condell has been a pioneer in every movement to advance the cultural life of Springfield...and given freely of time, money and intelligent mind to the creation and building up of the fine arts in Springfield.”

His sister, Eliza (1872-1975), lived to be 102, was very active in the Springfield community, often served at receptions, and gave frequent programs about the Condell collection at the Springfield Art Association. – Cinda Klickna

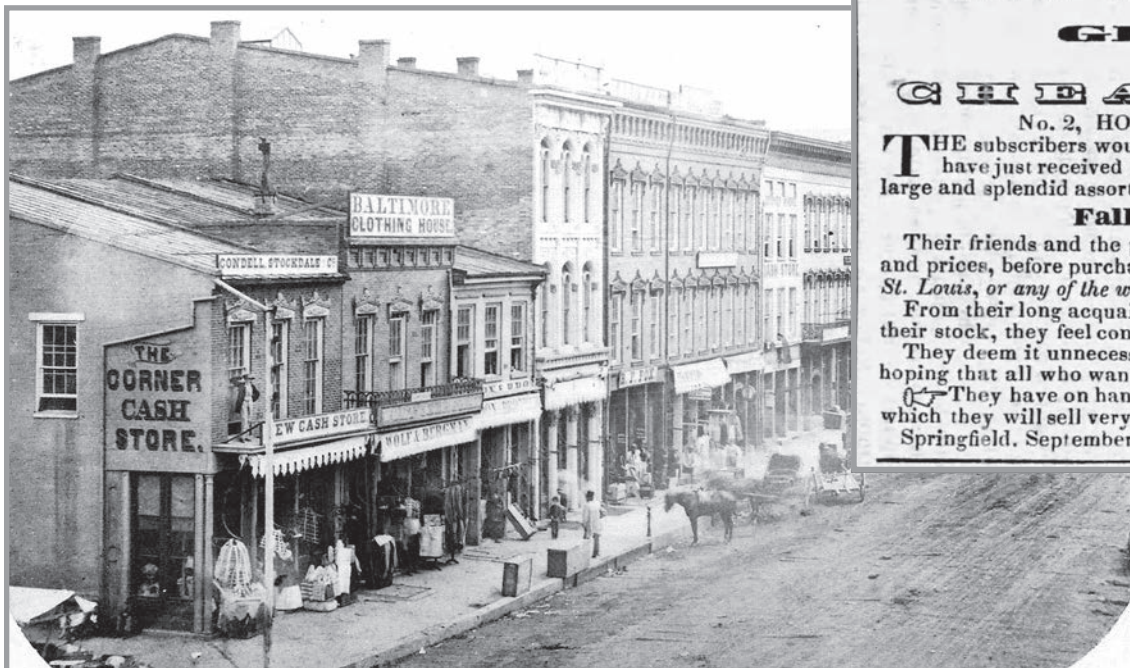
Life on Fourth Street

John Condell married Arabella Rice in 1844. He writes, “*I was married on the 27th day of June 1844, to Miss Bell Rice, at the residence of her brother-in-law, Judge Samuel K. Swingley, six miles south of Springfield. In going to and returning from the wedding, we found all the prairie, from town to Lick Creek timber, covered with a sheet of water, and much of the way it was hub deep. That event proved to be the wisest proceeding of my life, and I close these recollections of the past by advising young men to go and do likewise.*”

Condell established himself as a strong member of the community. He was a Republican but never ran for office. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church and built a prosperous business with his dry goods store.

When Condell moved the church’s addition to Fourth Street in 1852, his neighbors included John Todd Stuart, Lincoln’s law partner who lived just north of him (site of the current Mansion View), and Christopher Columbus Brown, a prominent attorney.

What must Condell have thought, looking



This 1858 photo of the north side of the Springfield square shows Condell’s “New Cash Store” on the west corner, at left of photo. SANGAMON VALLEY COLLECTION, LINCOLN LIBRARY

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The Dec. 17, 1841 *Illinois State Register* carried this ad for Condell’s new downtown Springfield store at No. 2 Hoffman’s Row, about where the Broadwell building stands today at Fifth and Washington. It offered, among other things, “the largest assortment of Boots and Shoes ever offered in Springfield.” SANGAMON VALLEY COLLECTION, LINCOLN LIBRARY

out from his one-story, simple frame house when, in 1855, a large Governor's Mansion was built across the street and in 1856, another dry goods store owner, William Wardell, built a large home next door to his? Or when now former governor Joel Matteson, in 1857, built a mansion in the same block of Fourth to rival the governor's home across the street? It was so large Mary Todd Lincoln called it "a palace." The house burned down in 1873.

And, down the street to the south, on

1875 by adding a front porch, a dormer, a rear wing, and window hoods that mirrored the Wardell home next door.

Condell's early friendship with C.M. Smith in Carrollton came full circle in Springfield. By 1857, Smith owned a dry goods store on Adams Street on the south side of the square. The Lincolns often shopped here. At one point Smith owned five stores in downtown Springfield – dry goods, clothing and shoe stores on Adams and a grocery and drug store on Sixth Street. In 1877 Luers



The home of John Todd Stuart was next door north of the Condell House. Stuart was Abraham Lincoln's first law partner, Mary Lincoln's cousin, and founder of today's Brown, Hay and Stephens law firm. SANGAMON VALLEY COLLECTION, LINCOLN LIBRARY

the northeast corner of Fourth and Cook, Condell's friend, C.M. Smith, whom he had met in Carrollton, built a large mansion in 1860. Smith had married Mary Todd Lincoln's sister, Ann. They had been living at 603 S. Fifth, now the historic Vachel Lindsay home.

Condell made changes to his home around

bought half interest, and the store became Smith and Luers.

By 1866, Condell had purchased an interest in the company. Condell is listed in the 1866 *Springfield City Directory* as a salesman at C.M. Smith and Co. on Fifth and Washington. After Smith died in 1885, the



The sprawling home of Joel Matteson, former governor, was at Fourth and Jackson, across from the Governor's Mansion. SANGAMON VALLEY COLLECTION, LINCOLN LIBRARY

store was listed as doing \$175,000 in a year in business. Condell continued with the business and later sold the building to the Illinois National Bank and accepted a position with the firm.

A large, influential family

John (1818-1907) and Arabella Condell (1820-1904) had six children, five of whom survived into adulthood. John Junior (1847-1914) by 1894 owned a store at 629 E. Adams that sold tinware, Acorn cookstoves (exclusive to his store in the city) and did roofing repair. He also served as sheriff from 1887 to 1902, as well as justice of the peace, performing many weddings. Wilbur Rice (1849-1901) became a doctor and, even

after becoming paralyzed, continued to see patients. Ella (1855-1931) married George Lowry and moved to Nebraska. She and her sister, Arabella Jane (1851-1931) died only a few months apart in 1931. Alice (1875-1901) married and moved to Denver.

Several sisters of John S. Condell Sr. came to Springfield: Sarah, Eliza, Ann (Peters), and Martha (Henkle). A brother, William, settled in Decatur and ran his own dry goods store, Condell and Jones. Sarah and Martha are both listed as present in the March 2, 1844, Minutes of the Female Missionary Society of the Methodist Church; Martha served as the secretary.

John and his wife, Arabella, must have witnessed a lot of activity during the 50-plus

History of 605 S. Fourth after John S. Condell's death

Two years after John Condell's death in 1907, George R. Berriman, 51, and his wife, Mary, 29, purchased the Fourth Street home for \$10,500. The *Illinois State Journal* of July 30, 1909, called the Condell property "one of the most desirable residential properties in the city." Berriman was a loan agent. He remodeled the house, removing the front porch and rebuilding one in the Classical Revival style; he had a full basement constructed under the house and added a hot water heating system. Berriman died in 1911; his wife continued to live in the house until 1915.

The home saw new owners throughout the years, the longest residents being Norman and Betty Broadwell (1926-1940) and Harris V. and Edna Hickox (1965-1985). Hickox built the large apartment complex at Fourth and Cook in the 1920s.

A recent booklet on Springfield's historic houses reports on the Condell House: "From 1985 on it has been vacant and falling ever deeper into disrepair. In 1999 the Junior League of Springfield investigated the possibility of moving and rehabilitating the house, but the plans ultimately were deemed too expensive.

"City inspectors classified the house as a safety hazard due to the level of deterioration. The house was slated for demolition in 2014, but was placed on Springfield's 'demolition delay' list in an attempt to find an alternative solution. ... Local advocates, along with the Springfield Historic Sites Commission, continue to seek a new owner with the capacity to complete the necessary repairs. In 2015, Landmarks Illinois placed the Condell house on its Most Endangered Places list."

In October 2018 the building was acquired by nonprofit Old Neighborhood Rehab, Inc., as a gift from Donna J. Robbins, wife of the late Charles Robbins, a prominent Springfield real estate broker. Fletcher Farrar, president of Old Neighborhood and editor of *Illinois Times*, said the house restoration is almost complete. It will be suitable to be used as a small office, with six rooms and 2,087 square feet on the first floor.

The Condell family accomplished much and influenced Springfield. Their history should not be forgotten. — Cinda Klickna

FEATURE



A 2016 photo of the main interior room, before restoration. COURTESY FEVER RIVER RESEARCH



The main room today. French doors lead to a small patio, and, someday, the Third Street Greenway walk and bike trail.

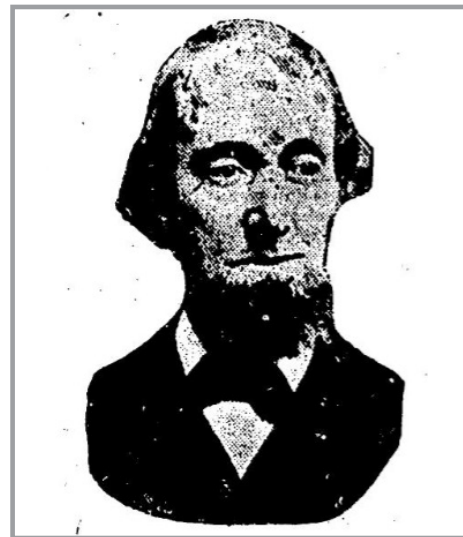
years they lived on Fourth Street, especially if they watched the goings-on over the years at the Governor's Mansion: visits by Frederick Douglass (1872), Ulysses S. Grant (1874), Gov. Shelby Cullom hosting President Rutherford B. Hayes (1879), a huge crowd for the inauguration and wedding of Gov. John Tanner (1897), remodeling of the Governor's Mansion in 1889 and 1897, and the visit from President Theodore Roosevelt during the term of Gov. Richard Yates (1901).

Arabella Condell died in 1904 at the age of 84. Three years later, in February 1907, Condell fell and dislocated his shoulder; a few months later he fell and dislocated his hip. When he did not heal at home, he was hospitalized at St. John's Hospital. He died Aug. 17, 1907, at the age of 89, still residing at the home on Fourth. Three of his children were living at his death: Arabella "Bell"

(who lived at the house on Fourth Street), Ella (Mrs. George W. Lowry) of Lincoln, Nebraska, and John S. Jr.

Old obituaries often provide details about a person. Condell's obituary mentions he wore glasses, and adds, "One thing marvelous about Mr. Condell was the fact that his eyesight always remained good, and while he used spectacles to read, yet he could peruse a book of the finest print for hours without showing fatigue. His memory was also good, and he could remember dates and facts from the earliest time."

He lost his hearing 10 years before he died. Again, from the obituary, "This caused him great annoyance because he was unable to hear a person talking at a moderate tone of voice. But he never complained. He was ever seeing the bright side of life." He loved having children come to his house, where he told



This photo of John S. Condell is from his obituary. *Illinois Times* has so far been unable to find other photos of John S. Condell in which he is positively identified.

them stories of his travels and his friendship with Lincoln.

Thomas, brother of John Sr., also had an interesting life in Springfield. His home stood at Sixth and Washington. He worked at the store until 1855 and then served as the president of the Springfield Marine and Fire Insurance Company, later developing into Marine Bank. He owned 6,000 acres in Kansas, where he died in 1880. His marriage to Elizabeth Bledsoe produced four children. One son, Moses (1839-1914), married Helen Edwards, the daughter of Judge Benjamin S. Edwards, and granddaughter of Gov. Ninian Edwards. He and Helen had seven children including Thomas (1863-1929) and Eliza (1872-1975).

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Methodists built the annex that became Condell House

Charles R. Matheny began a Methodist class in his home at 101 E. Washington in 1821 with circuit rider Rev. Simms as the preacher. In 1830 a simple frame structure was built by Pascal P. Enos on the southeast corner of Fifth and Monroe on two lots, given by Peter Cartwright, another circuit rider for the Sangamon District. Nationwide growth of religious interest in 1833 created an increase in churchgoers in Springfield also. There was a need for a permanent pastor; Reverend Joseph Edmondson became the pastor in residence in 1834.

In 1838 the name changed to the Methodist Episcopal Church. That year the new Statehouse, now known as the Old State Capitol, was under construction; the Senate could not meet there so the church was used as the meeting site. The House of Representatives met at the Second Presbyterian Church at Fourth and Monroe. In December 1840, while still waiting for the Statehouse to be completed, the House met at the Methodist Church, where Abraham Lincoln was alleged to have jumped out of a window to avoid a quorum call, according to *Looking for Lincoln*.

In the last months of 1841, the Methodist church had become too small to accommodate its members, according to *First Methodist Church 125 Years*, by W.G. Piersel. "It was proposed therefore to build an addition 'in the most plain and convenient manner.' So 1842 saw the first steps taken. Two years later the addition was completed. It was 30 x 50 feet and lay across the end of the first building." This was the structure that was moved to Fourth Street in 1852 to become the Condell House.

In 1854 the original frame church building was sold to the German Baptists, who moved it to Fifth and Market Street (later called Capitol). A new brick church that could seat 500 was erected at Fifth and Monroe. To defray costs, a proposal was made to rent pews; in 1857 the congregation voted to do so.

The church raised money to start the Illinois Women's Academy in Jacksonville, which later became MacMurray College.

By 1884 a new stone church was built at Fifth and Capitol, dedicated in 1885 and legally named First Methodist Episcopal Church of Springfield. By 1939 Episcopal was dropped from the name. The stone church was condemned in 1975 and by 1979 a new stone sanctuary was completed.

The current Methodist church is at the corner of Wabash and Koke Mill. The land was purchased in 1992. Plans began in 2002; the first service was held Sept. 4, 2005. — *Cinda Klickna*



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Overcome the fear of making pie dough

FOOD | Peter Glatz

My late wife, Julianne, and I were undergraduates at the University of Illinois in Champaign when we married. During our first year of marriage, while living in a mobile home on the outskirts of Champaign, we engaged in a fundraising pie-making marathon. This event supported the U of I Concert Choir's concert tour of Puerto Rico.

Over the course of one weekend, Julianne baked more than 50 double-crust apple pies for the bake sale. My responsibilities included transporting the pies, a few at a time, to a meat locker 20 minutes away, where they were frozen and stored until the bake sale. I also cleaned up after her, a role that continued throughout our marriage.

For 43 years, I watched Julianne, an exceptional pie maker, create consistently crisp and flaky crusts. She was adamant about her ingredients, using only rendered leaf lard – never butter, which she considered sacrilege. Despite numerous chances to learn her technique, I remained intimidated and never did, always finding the idea of making pie dough from scratch daunting.

Having spent decades avoiding it, I finally mastered the art of making a decent pie crust in my 70s. Now, I proudly hold the title of designated pie maker at Champaign's Caprae Restaurant. The good news is you can conquer this culinary challenge, too, with a little knowledge, practice and some essential tips.

Pie dough, at its core, is a simple blend of flour, fat, water and salt. The secret lies in their interaction. Flour provides the structure, with all-purpose flour being ideal due to its balanced protein content. For flakiness, cold lard or butter (or a combination of both) is key. As the dough bakes, the melting fat releases steam, separating the flour layers and creating that desired flaky texture. Ice-cold water binds the ingredients, but too much can lead to a tough crust due to overdeveloped gluten. Finally, a touch of salt enhances the flavor.

If you follow a few rules, your pie dough phobia can be conquered.

Keep all ingredients cold. The fat, water and even your hands should be as cold as possible. Chilling your flour and mixing bowl beforehand can also help.

Work quickly. The longer the dough sits out, the warmer it gets, making it stickier and more difficult to handle.

Cut the cold butter or lard into small pieces or put it in the freezer and grate it through the



Pie dough, at its core, is a simple blend of flour, fat, water and salt. PHOTO BY C. T. ALSTON-HOWLEY

large holes of a box grater. When mixing, you want pieces of fat ranging from pea-sized to small lentil-sized. These pockets of fat are what create the steam and flakiness.

To achieve a tender, flaky crust, avoid overworking the dough. Overworking develops the gluten, leading to a tough and chewy texture. Instead, mix the dough gently – just until the ingredients are combined.

Chilling the dough before rolling helps the fat firm up, preventing it from melting too quickly and making it easier to handle. Chill again after rolling and before baking.

When rolling, use even pressure and avoid excessive re-rolling of scraps. Instead of trying to roll in all directions, roll in one direction,

lift and rotate the dough a quarter turn, and repeat. This helps maintain a round shape and prevents sticking.

Flour your surface judiciously. A light dusting of flour on your work surface and rolling pin prevents sticking. Too much flour will make the dough dry and tough. Dust off any excess flour before baking.

To simplify working with pie dough, especially sticky varieties, try rolling it between two sheets of parchment paper. This method helps reduce the amount of extra flour needed and makes transferring the crust much easier. Another option is to purchase an OXO Silicone Dough Rolling Bag for around \$20.

Ensure there are no cracks or holes in the

bottom crust before adding the filling. Don't be afraid to patch the pastry with extra dough and a bit of cold water or beaten egg. Seal the bottom crust with beaten egg whenever possible.

Ensure your rolled-out crust is well-chilled before baking. This helps the fat solidify and the gluten relax, preventing excessive shrinkage.

For single-crust pies, use a fork to prick holes (or "dock") in the bottom and sides of the dough before baking. This allows steam to escape, preventing bubbles and ensuring an even bake.

Use pans that conduct heat well. Metal works better than glass or ceramic.

For pies with wet fillings, blind baking (pre-baking) the crust helps prevent a soggy bottom and can also help with shrinkage. You can use pie weights or dried beans to keep the crust from bubbling up.

To make your fillings less wet, such as an apple pie filling, dehydrate your filling in a low oven or dehydrator. This concentrates the flavor and prevents a soggy bottom.


Pour the fillings in just before the final baking.


My final bits of advice: start simply with a basic all-butter pie dough recipe, like Sam Sifton's from the *New York Times* website. Master this before experimenting with different fats or flours. Ensure all ingredients, especially those that should be cold, are measured and ready.

Making pie dough improves with practice, so don't be discouraged by initial, less-than-stellar attempts. Each pie is a learning experience. Learn to feel the dough: it should be pliable but not sticky. If too dry, add ice water a teaspoon at a time. If the mixture is too wet, add a sprinkle of flour.

Making homemade pie dough is a gratifying culinary experience. By understanding the principles and tackling common fears with practical solutions, you'll soon be crafting beautiful, flaky and delicious pies that will impress everyone (especially yourself!). So, grab your butter, flour and a sense of adventure – your perfect pie crust awaits. □

After a 40-year career as a dentist, Peter Glatz has embarked on a fulfilling second career, exchanging his lab coat and scalpel for a chef's coat and knife.






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Devin C. Williams plays his hometown of Auburn at Benderz this Thursday.

October music rolls on

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Merrily we roll along through the autumnal time of October, experiencing the full effect of unseasonably warm temps with some possibility of much needed rain by Saturday. Hopefully the precipitation will hold off until the outdoor activities are completed but we know how that can end up. Let's find out what's on tap.

Our first news is a sad report on the passing of Bill Janssen on Oct. 8. An extraordinary saxophonist and musician who turned the town on its atonal ear back in the day, Bill spent several decades in the Denver area, but his time in Springfield during the '60s, '70s and early '80s was truly groundbreaking for original, inventive and offbeat music. In Tonguesnatcher Revue, Cicero Slim and the WWII Band, GaGa (with Adrian Belew), Food & Money, Loud Shirts and other progressive, influential, experimental and very outlandishly fun bands, he left his mark on music in many ways. For more on Bill's accomplishments, check out the Springfield Illinois' Music History page on Facebook, plus the article he wrote on the adventures of Tonguesnatcher Revue in the Oct. 25, 2007, issue of Illinois Times.

This Thursday, business begins with a fundraiser for Devin C. Williams at Benderz in Auburn (6-10pm) when the bluesman's hometown steps up to help with travel expenses for his showing this January in Memphis, Tennessee, at the International Blues Challenge representing the St. Louis Blues Society in the solo/duo category. Go, Devin! And those of us who can spring a buck or two should aid in this good cause of getting our guy down to play for the legendary IBC contest.

Other Thursday action includes Robert Sampson (who placed well in the IBC competition more than once) at Mother Road Diner, Rod Grant on the deck at Sangamo Brewing and White Lightnin' standing up for classic country songs at the Curve Inn. The open mics abide with Casey Cantrall hosting his monthly go-around at Bloom Wine Bar downtown, Kortney Leatherwood holding down the jams The Blue Grouch and Mike Metz flying in to pilot at The Bird Tavern while Silas Tockey keeps the faith at Spirited Republic in Lincoln as Bob Besser mans the mic at Decatur Brew Works.

Friday comes jam-packed as usual with 22 and counting gigs going on in our listings. Special mention includes Friday Night Live downtown as several businesses stay open late for your stopping to go shopping delight. Entertainment is included of course, with The Alamo presenting Rod Grant (He's everywhere, I tell ya.), Hip Hop Halloween Live with several groups at Dumb Records, Frank Parker's Jambalaya Jazz Jam stirring the pot at Buzz Bomb and a comedy open mic yukking it up at Whiskey Jack's. Now is the time for all those who want to support our lovely downtown area to hop to it and get there to rally 'round the square.

Saturday brings us even more wild and wooly music events to discover, rocking some 30-plus shows in our listings. Please take a look and find what fits your fancy, then go support your local musician. It will do you good and do them good, too.

Our official funday on Sunday hits a high note when famed bluesman and harmonica hero Chris O'Leary cranks it up at Danenberger Family Vineyards (2-5pm) for a world-class, first-rate performance. And on a sadder note, we acknowledge the passing last February of musician, visual artist and all-around good guy Jeff Lapping with a memorial open mic and potluck get-together at The Blue Grouch (2-6pm).

Until we meet again, keep on rockin' toward the music. □

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Thursday Oct 16

Devin C Williams

Benderz, Auburn, 6-10pm

Open mic with Mike Metz

The Bird Tavern, 6:30-9pm

Open mic with Casey Cantrall

Bloom Wine Bar & Florals, 7-10pm.

Karaoke with Party Time DJ

Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7pm

White Lightnin'

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

Karaoke

Replay Lounge, 8pm

Rod Grant

Sangamo Brewing, Chatham, 5:30pm

Open mic with Silas Tockey

Spirited Republic/Limerick Brewing Company, Lincoln, 7-10pm

Kortney and friends open mic

The Blue Grouch, 7-11pm

Karaoke

The Topsy Toad, 8pm-12am

Good Times Karaoke

VFW Lafore Lock Post 755,

Friday Oct 17

Tulo + Eads

48 Inn Sports Bar & Grill, Decatur, 8-11pm

Rod Grant

The Alamo, 5:30-8pm

Jordan Rainer

The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7-10pm

Downstate

Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

Jambalaya Jazz with Frank Parker

Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

Kapital Sound

Curve Inn, 6pm

Animals With Human Names, Junior Pasare, Cusp of Arrows, Emile, Katae, Ninety3, Queana Marie

Dumb Records, 7pm

Karaoke

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

Hat Trick

Goodfellas Pub, 7-11pm

Dan Wilson with Larry Watson

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo

Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm and Oct. 18, 7-10:30pm

AllNighter

Lincoln Speedway, Lincoln, 10:30pm-12am

Neon Rodeo

Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur, 7pm

Karaoke

The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

Gypsy Jazz Band featuring Erin Bode

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

Devin C. Williams

The Bird Tavern, 7-10pm

The Ivory Bros Dueling Pianos

The Shed, Pawnee, 8-11pm

Jamaica & The Wildside

The Topsy Toad, 7pm

Not Petty

Vine & Rind, 6-9:30pm

3's Company

Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-10pm

Saturday Oct 18

Double H Karaoke

American Legion Post 32, 7-11pm

Emily Hollingshed

The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7-10pm

Grounded

The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-10pm

Kelly Damann

Boone's, 6-9pm

Rock & Roll Sisters

Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7pm

Protege

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

Kickapoo Junction

Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Head Over Feet, Stupid Girl

Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7pm

John Drake

DH Brown's, 7pm

Rezzin8

Funky Monkey, Taylorville, 9pm-12am

The Get Down

The Grainery, Pleasant Plains, 8pm-12am

The Blues Deacons

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo

Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

Crybaby and Kiss the Sky

Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur, 7pm

The Guilty Boys

Maddy's Tavern, Divernon, 8pm

Smokestacks

Main Gate Bar & Grill, 7pm

it Antone DeRocchi

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

Blue Country Revue with Emily Perkins

Mowie's Cue, 7-10pm

Renegade Karaoke

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

Joel Honey

Oogie and JJ's Bar, Glenarm, 2-5pm

Avery Kern

Orr Building, Illinois Store Fairgrounds, 10am-1pm

Jonny Vodka

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



AllNighter will play from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday at The Topsy Toad.

Karaoke by JCB Entertainment

The Range Bourbon & Brew, Chatham, 8pm-12am

Somebody's Problem

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

Karaoke

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

Cherry & Jerry

Stella Coffee & Tea, 10am-12pm

Stefan Huffman

The Bean, Mechanicsburg, 8-11pm

Karaoke

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

AllNighter

The Topsy Toad, 7-10pm

Jeff Young and the Bad

Grandpas VFW Lafore Lock Post 755, 7pm

Pizzazz

The Wagon, Decatur, 7-10pm

The Lucky Whoreshoes

Walby's Place, Ashland, 4pm

AraizA

Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30pm

OAT

West of Wise Winery, Petersburg, 2-5pm

Karaoke with DJ WayZee

Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 8pm-1am

Sunday Oct 19

Johnnie Owens

Brewhaus Bar, 7pm

Curt Smith

Brookhills Golf Club, 3pm

Gary Williams

Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Rod Grant

Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 2-5pm

Buzz Bomb Fantastical Folk Jam

Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 4-6pm.

Chris O'Leary

Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 2pm

Antone DeRocchi

Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

Ashley Riley

It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Just 4 Kicks

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

Susan Williams

Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

it Cramer & Horn

South Fork Pub, Kincaid, 2-5pm

Jeff Lapping Memorial Open Mic

The Blue Grouch, 2-6pm

The Tangents

Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3pm

Open mic with Kortney

Leatherwood Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-10pm

Monday Oct 20

Susan Williams

The Alamo, 7pm

Al Kitchen

Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6-9pm

Tuesday Oct 21

Devin C. Williams

Butternut Hut, 6-9pm

Karaoke with JCB Entertainment

Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6-9pm

Open jam with Zach Landes

George Rank's, 8-11pm

Songwriter open mic with Tom Irwin

It's All About Wine, 6-9pm

Karaoke

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

Karaoke with Suzi

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

Wednesday Oct 22

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

Open jam with Jay Leon

Goodfellas Pub, 7pm

Al Kitchen and Tricia Giacomini

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

THE CALENDAR



■ Special Music Events The Rock!

Fri., Oct. 17, 6:30-9pm. Hear some great music and help a great cause at this family-friendly rock concert featuring local talented musicians. All proceeds will go to The James Project. stjohns-springfield.org. \$10 suggested donation or offering. St. John's Lutheran Church, 2477 W. Washington St., 217-793-3933.

UIS Old Time on the Lake

Sat., Oct. 18, 3 p.m. The UIS Music Program presents "Old Time on the Lake" with the Itchy Fingers String Band. Join UIS faculty fiddler Sharon Graf and musicians Mark Mathewson, Erich Schroeder, Peter Shapinsky, Mike Tungett and more for a lively performance of traditional tunes. Community members are invited to bring instruments and join an old-time music jam after the program. UIS Field Station at Lake Springfield, 9 Club Area, 217-206-4410.

■ Books & Authors Book Signing

Sat., Oct. 18, 2-4pm. Cindy Ladage, author of *Farm Girl Adventures*, will sign copies of her book and talk about her short story collection. BUNN Gourmet, 2941 Plaza Dr., 217-793-1840.

Friends of Sherman Library Fall Book Sale

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■ Theater & Comedy Frankenstein

Fri., Oct. 17, 7:30pm, Sat., Oct. 18, 7:30pm and Sun., Oct. 19, 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. \$21 for seniors or \$23 for general admission. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Comedy open mic

Fri., Oct. 17, 7:30pm. Sign up is at 7:30pm with show following at 8pm. Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 430 E. Monroe St., 217-572-1490.

Fine Art Fatality Murder Mystery

Fri., Oct. 17, 6:30-9:30pm, Sat., Oct. 18, 6:30-9:30pm and Sun., Oct. 19, 4:30-7:30pm. At this Edwards Place Murder Mystery dinner theatre, guests will help to solve a dastardly murder set in the 1920s before a workshop at the Springfield Art Association. Ticket includes meal, program and beer/wine. Most be 21. edwardsplace.org. \$65. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Mr. Showtime

Sat., Oct. 18, 7:30pm. Mr. Showtime brings his unique act back to Donnie B's Comedy club. donniebs.com. \$29-\$31. Pole Barn Chic, 4491 Old Chatham Road, 217-891-4858.

Stand Up for Sojourn Comedy Event

Fri., Oct. 17, 6pm. Laugh with comedian David Scott while helping out a good cause during this sixth annual event with Donnie B's Comedy. Event includes silent auction, drinks and hors d'oeuvres, music and more. Proceeds benefit Sojourn Shelter & Services. Pole Barn Chic, 4491 Old Chatham Road, 217-726-5100.

■ Art & Architecture "Wicked": Special Reception

Fri., Oct. 17, 5-7pm. A special reception in celebration of the second annual "Wicked" exhibit. Be prepared for artwork that thrills, haunts and invites viewers into a world of the bizarre. Complimentary refreshments served. springfieldart.org. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

Papier Mâché Bas Relief Workshop

Sat., Oct. 18, 1-3pm. Teri Zee, known for her fantastic, artful, 3-D papier mâché sculptures of colorful anthropomorphic animals in human wardrobes as well as for her colorful, fanciful birds, will lead this workshop. Make 2-D bas relief

sculptures on tile with papier mâché. Register at info@thepharmacygallery.com. \$25 suggested donation. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 217-622-7903 or 217-899-9786.

Surreal Symphony featuring Pam Hamilton and Jason LaBonte

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-5pm. Through Nov. 13. Pam Hamilton's ethereal abstract figure paintings border on the edge of fantasy and reality while Jason LaBonte's whimsical, yet elegant glass vessels form a three-dimensional ambiance. springfieldart.org. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

■ Film & Television

Black Phone, Five Nights at Freddy's

Fri., Oct. 17, 7:45, 9:55pm and Sat., Oct. 18, 7:45, 9:55pm. On Screen 1. *Black Phone* is rated R while *Five Nights at Freddy's* is rated PG-13. \$9.50, children 4-12 \$6. Route 66 Twin Drive-In, 1700 Recreation Dr., 217-698-0066.

History in Film

Thu., Oct. 16, 1-3:30pm. Learn about the significance of Día de los Muertos (the Day of the Dead), get tips on researching family history and stay for the family-friendly Día de los Muertos-themed Disney film. Presented by the Sangamon Valley Collection, Illinois State Museum and the State Historic Sites of Springfield. lincolnllibrary.info. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Monster House, Casper

Fri., Oct. 17, 7:30, 9:15pm and Sat., Oct. 18, 7:30, 9:15pm. On Screen 2. *Monster House* and *Casper* both are rated PG. \$9.50, children 4-12 \$6. Route 66 Twin Drive-In, 1700 Recreation Dr., 217-698-0066.

■ Food & Drink Friday Night Live

Fri., Oct. 17, 5pm. Downtown Springfield is the place to go for food, drinks, entertainment, shopping and family fun. The Kidzeum of Health and Science will remain open from 5 to 8pm. Parents who register can drop children ages 4

Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular

Fri., Oct. 17, 6:30-9:30pm and Sat., Oct. 18, 6:30-9:30pm.

Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, Washington Park | 217-546-3853

FESTIVALS | Fall favorite will draw thousands to carillon

it This annual favorite is truly a sight to see. Hundreds of hand-carved, glowing jack-o-lanterns will light up the night. The carillon will be playing with special lighting and sound effects adding to the experience. New this year is "Scarecrow Row," where "quirky, creepy and colorful" scarecrows created by businesses, schools and groups will be placed. The event includes food vendors, too. The Spectacular attracts between 5,000 and 8,000 people each year. Proceeds benefit the Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon. Advance tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children ages 4-11. Children 3 and younger are free. At the gate, tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children ages 4-11. Free remote parking and shuttle buses will be available at the former Ashley store (Wabash Avenue and Chatham Road) both nights.

and older off at Kidzeum. Price is \$35 per child and includes dinner. Register at kidzeum.org/events. Downtown Springfield, 217-544-1723.

■ History Candlelight Walks

Fri., Oct. 17, 5pm and Sat., Oct. 18, 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.

Spanish American War program

Sat., Oct. 18, 9am-4pm. Talk to living historians and see extra displays regarding the Spanish American War 1898. Free. Illinois State Military Museum, 1301 N. MacArthur Blvd., 217-761-3910.

■ Politics

Why Politics Feels So Divisive: Understanding Polarization in America
Thu., Oct. 16, 11am. Why does it seem like Americans are more politically divided than ever? Join researcher Dr. A.J. Simmons for a timely and thought-provoking discussion on the roots of political polarization. Cost includes buffet, parking and gift to UIS. Part of the UIS Lunch and Learn Series. \$50. Illini Country Club, 1601 S. Illini Road, 217-206-6600.

■ Holiday Happenings APL Boo Bark Howl-O-Ween Party

Sat., Oct. 18, 11am. Canine costume contest, pumpkin painting and vendors and more. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the APL. \$3 for one dog. \$5 for two dogs. Animal Protective League, 1001 Taintor Road, 217-544-7387.

Boo Crew Haunted House

Fridays, Saturdays, 7-11pm and Sat., Oct. 18, 3-5pm. 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.

Hallothanksmas Artisan Market

Sat., Oct. 18, 8am-4pm. Kick start the holiday season with this market featuring a variety of local artisans, crafters and businesses offering handmade goods, unique gifts and more. Includes appearances by The Grinch and Santa Claus. \$3 adults, \$1 seniors, 12 and younger free. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-725-8047.

Leland Grove Arbor Day

Sun., Oct. 19, 1:30pm. Celebrate Arbor Day with the city as an oak tree is planted on the island adjacent to the park. Free. Noble Pocket Park, Leland Grove, Near intersection of Noble, Bates and Ash, 217-836-1831.

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.

Trunk-or-Treat

Fri., Oct. 17, 5-7pm. Wear your best Halloween costume and get some terrific treats. insureitwithdamon.com. Free. Damon Priddy State Farm, 2951 Montvale Dr., 217-787-5400.

YMCA Wicked Woods

Sat., Oct. 18, 4-10pm. The "Not Too Scary" event, for younger children, is from 4-6pm. Includes trick or treat stations in the woods, games and family activities, food vendors and more. The "Scary" event, for those 12 and older or with an adult, is from 8-10pm.

Includes scary stations in the woods, food vendors, a bonfire and more. \$7 in advance, \$8 at event. YMCA Camp Wa-Kon-Tah, Chatham, 6602 Iron Bridge Road, 217-544 9846.

■ Fairs & Festivals

Berlin Fall Festival

Sat., Oct. 18, 9am-4pm. This inaugural event will feature vendors of all types, children's activities, food and more. Free admission. Berlin Park, New Berlin, 401 Berlin Road, 217-220-8621.

Jerome Fall Festival

Sat., Oct. 18, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Features vendors, games, baked goods, kids crafts, a chili cookoff and more. Jerome Memorial Park, 1616 Reed Ave., 217-546-2203.

Christmas in the Village Craft & Vendor Event

Sat., Oct. 18, 8am-3pm. Get a jump on holiday shopping at this event at three locations in Williamsville: 101 and 141 W. Main St. and the Old Train Depot. Free admission. Williamsville Community Center, Williamsville, 141 W. Main St., 217-652-7957.

Rochester Fall Festival

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

Springfield Area Highland Games

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

■ Fundraisers & Galas 2025 Great Futures Gala

Thu., Oct. 16, 5-8:30pm. This is the largest annual fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Illinois. Includes food, drinks, silent auction, live auction and raffle chances and more. Seating is limited. bgccil.org. LRS Hangar, 820 S.

UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on July 23, 2025, will on November 25, 2025, in the Sangamon South Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:
TAX NO. 22-11.0-429-022
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 101 Adloff Lane Springfield, IL 62703
Description of Improvements: White vinyl and tan brick, split level single family home with a detached 1 car garage
The Judgment amount was \$156,891.72. Sale Terms: This is an “AS IS” sale for “CASH”. The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.
The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.
Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 25-20632IL
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
I3270685

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 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

PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MELBA J. TINSLEY, Deceased
No. 2025PR000395
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of MELBA J. TINSLEY, Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on October 8, 2025, to James Tinsley, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the day of April 17, 2025, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. 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 8th day of October, 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 FERDINAND A. FULGENZI, Deceased.
No. 2025PR389
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Ferdinand A. Fulgenzi. Letters of Office were issued to Margaret Sauer, as Independent Executor, whose address is 1805 Grist Mill Road, Springfield, IL 62711. 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 13, 2025, 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 October 7, 2025.
Attorneys for Independent Executor:
Jerry S. Bauer, 6308557
Sorling Northrup
1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200
P.O. Box 5131
Springfield, IL 62705

Telephone: 217-544-1144
Email: jsbauer@sorlinglaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD L. DOWSON, Deceased
NO. 2025-PR-000393
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of RONALD L. DOWSON, Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on October 06, 2025, to James E. Dowson, 821 W. Glenarm Rd., Glenarm, IL 62536, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before April 07, 2026 or six (6) months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 07th day of October, 2025.
Alex B. Rabin
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: STUART A. LADAGE, Deceased.
NO. 2025-PR-394
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Stuart A. Ladage of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 6, 2025, to Tracy Reznicek, 71 Waddell Road, Waverly, Illinois 62692, and Kristi Yoder, 13750 Gibson Road, Waverly, Illinois 62692, as Co-Executors, 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 April 13, 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 6th day of October, 2025
Randall W. Segatto - 06193211
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705
(217) 544-4868
rsegatto@barberlaw.com

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
DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC
Attorneys for Executor
One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Telephone: 217-544-2703
Fax: 217-544-4664
sdpavlik@delanolaw.com

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 Administrator, whose attorney is Dan E. Way, WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 2, 2026, which is not less than six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAO/gethelp.asp>, or contact your local Circuit Clerk's office.
Dated this 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 September 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 (217) 544-4868 rsegatto@barberlaw.com

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 September 23, 2025, to Shy Wagoner and Stefano Baldoni, as Independent Co-Administrators, 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 before 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 Brandon R. Clark Registration No. 6329553 205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705-2459 (217) 544-8491 bclark@bhslaw.com

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, 35425 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 issued 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, Springfield, 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 September 23, 2025, to Phillip Hale, 8220 Stone Ridge Drive, Plano, TX 75025, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 2nd 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 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 Independent 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: Jerry S. Bauer, 6308557 Sorling Northrup 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200 P.O. Box 5131 Springfield, IL 62705 Telephone: 217-544-1144 Email: jsbauer@sorlinglaw.com

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. 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: Sorling Northrup Aaron D. Evans, Attorney (6305883) 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200 P.O. Box 5131 Springfield, IL 62705 Telephone: 217-544-1144 Fax: 217-522-3173 E-Mail: adevans@sorlinglaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of: 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 Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Court-house, 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

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of Roger D. Mizer, Petitioner And Karl S. Mizer, Respondent Case No. 2025-DN-000180 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you, Karl S. Mizer, 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 16th 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 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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Da'metronne 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'metronne 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 FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS SERVBANK, SB Plaintiff, vs. Shelby K. Anderson; Brandon J. Kietzman Defendants. Case No. 2024FC000137 434 South 7th Street, Auburn, IL 62615 Judge Adam Giganti NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on August 6, 2025, Paula Crouch will on November 18, 2025, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, in person only at 1 Copley Plaza, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: The West Half of Lot 5, Except the North 80 feet thereof, of Shumway's Addition to the Village of Auburn. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Commonly known as 434 South 7th Street,

Auburn, IL 62615 Parcel Number(s): 34-10.0-401-008 The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, MDK Legal, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 24-018789. Andrew K. Weiss MDK LEGAL Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 Telephone: 312-651-6700 Fax: 614-220-5613 Attorney. No.: 6284233 Email: statee-file@mdklegal.com 8051-958689

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. 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.auc-

tion.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. I3274378

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 Mortgagor(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 DE-FAULT 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. I3274314

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-ZLManchester@mdklegal.com
One of Plaintiff's Attorneys
25-021490
I3274061

NOTICE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
The Springfield Township Road Commission will accept sealed bids until Friday, November 21, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. for the sale of surplus property. All sales are final and are conducted on an "as is" basis, with no guarantees provided.
Item List
1 - Ingersoll Rand RT706E Pneumatic Tire

Forklift
This forklift has large tires suitable for various surfaces and has been used for 2,635 hours. It has a three-stage lifting mast and runs on diesel fuel.
2 - Fiat Allis FR10 Wheel Loader
This loader, serial number 611404, has been used for 559 hours. It needs some repairs to be fully operational.
3 - Fiat Allis 100-C Road Grader
This road grader, serial number 27Y08892, has large tires and requires some repairs.
4 - Dra-Grader with Leveler
This is a pull-type grader with seven different functions to help level surfaces. It needs repairs as well.
5 - 2007 Freightliner M2 Business Class Truck Street Cleaner
Surplus equipment may be inspected by scheduling an appointment at the Springfield Township Road Commission Office. To arrange an inspection, please contact the office at 217-523-4393, located at 3298 Terminal Avenue, Springfield, Illinois. Inspections are available Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Springfield Township Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted.
Only sealed bids will be accepted for consideration. All bids must be mailed or delivered to the Springfield Township Road Commission Office, Attention: Bid, at 3298 Terminal Avenue, Springfield, IL 62707, on or before November 21, 2025, by 3:00 p.m. The bids will be publicly opened on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. during the Springfield Township Board Meeting.
When submitting a sealed bid, please include your full name, telephone number, a detailed list of the items for which you are bidding, and the proposed bid amount for each item. The highest bidder will be awarded the items, and the winning bidder will be notified on Thursday, December 11, 2025. The current bids remain eligible for consideration.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, third floor, Municipal Center West, 300 S. Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois, a public hearing will be held to consider an annexation for the property located at 78 Fairview Lane, at parcel 22-33.0-327-002. The annexation consists of territory legally described as follows: Tract HH, West Fairview Area of Lake Lands, Section 33, Woodside Township, as shown on survey attached to Document No. J013362, recorded May 25, 1990, and Plat of Survey Document No. 2016R09019, recorded March 28, 2016.

Capitol Storage LLC 818 S. Dirksen Parkway
Springfield IL 62703
217-522-0300
Sale 11-8-2025
Dirksen Parkway
62 Zaquan Brewer 93 Heather Burris CSS
122 Krysta Gritzgerald
161 Donald Johnson
231 Somer Baylark
342 Estate of Margaret Robb
424 Adrian Dubach
431 & 432 Joel Blevins
504, 509 & 519 Tim Peregrini
510 William Eagen
603 Kurt curry
Winchester
4 & 69 Gustaf Nault
To pay past rent and fees call 217-522-0300. Private sale will be 11-8-2025 at 9 am. The sale will begin at 818 S. Dirksen Parkway location.

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

PLAINTIFF,
VS.
JASON QUANDT; BETTY FLETCHER A/K/A BETTY L FLETCHER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
DEFENDANTS.
NO. 2025FC000048
101 ADLOFF LANE
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703
JUDGE PRESIDING JUDGE
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE
UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on July 23, 2025, will on November 25, 2025, in the Sangamon South Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:
Lot Two Hundred Eighteen (218) in Glen Aire Fifth Addition.
Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
TAX NO. 22-11.0-429-022
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 101 Adloff Lane Springfield, IL 62703
Description of Improvements: White vinyl and tan brick, split level single family home with a detached 1 car garage
The Judgment amount was \$156,891.72. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.
The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 25-20632IL PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Plaintiff's attorney is not required to

provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3270685

HUD-funded Project
Hope Housing Partners LLC, an affiliate of Envision Unlimited, through Bluestem Housing Partners, NFP, (the "Company") is seeking bids for the property renovations located at Hope Springs Apartments 1135 N. 9th Street, Springfield, IL, 62702 (the "Project.")
The Project consists of renovations in accordance with the specifications prepared for the Company. All activities in the Project shall conform to the relevant provisions of the City of Springfield Code of Ordinances (the "Code") 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 1135 N. 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62702, or by emailing epowell@envision-unlimited.org.
The Project will be a renovation project utilizing Community Development Block Grant funds. Bidders shall comply with all relevant terms and ordinary and customary redevelopment agreements pertaining to contract activities including, but not limited to,
• compliance with Davis-Bacon,
• 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 the provisions of the specifications to include immediate commencement of the Project upon award of contract. Bidders should respond to this notice by presenting a proposed contract as provided in the bidders' packet containing a fixed-price bid for the work and such additional terms and conditions as 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, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, handicap, unrelated to ability or national origin. This is an Equal Opportunity Contractor.
To be considered, sealed bids are to be addressed to the attention of EMILY POWELL/HOPE SPRINGS APARTMENTS at 45 Steinbeck Drive, Valparaiso, IN 46383 and must be RECEIVED by Thursday, October 30th. BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED VIA EMAIL. All bids will be opened publicly on Friday, October 31st via Teams, time TBD. Should you have interest in attending the public opening, please email epowell@envisionunlimited.org by Thursday, October 30th to request the link/Teams invite. Awarding of the contract and commencement of work shall occur as immediately thereafter as is practical and after proper certificates of insurance for contractor and redeveloper have been submitted to City. The company reserves the right to reject any bids that do not meet the requirements stated in this notice. Questions regarding the company, project, or the bid should be directed to epowell@envisionunlimited.org or 312-506-4838.

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. Jermerral Grayson 433. Adam J 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. laken williams 571. Robyn e Wade 575. BRANDON REICHERT 37. Ej Bel-tramea 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 CIRCUIT 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 efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.
THEODORE J. HARVATIN,
Special Representative
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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
Newrez 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, At- torneys, One Lincoln Centre, Suite 1670; Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181

Snack food choice

Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 915

Across

1. ___ mistake (blew it)
6. "___ De-Lovely"
9. Baseball tally
14. Brainstorms
15. "Well, lah-di-___"
16. One of a road crew
17. Summer ailment
19. "Like me"
20. Et ___
21. Absorb, as a cost
23. Middle of March
24. Final authority
26. Charged item
28. Biblical kingdom
31. Actresses stand-in
36. Singers Nelson and others
38. Castaway's site
39. Docs' org.
40. "Agnus ___"
41. It's south of Eur.
43. Born, in France
44. Green hole
45. Mineral suffix
46. Flower girl, sometimes
48. Short-winded
50. Marks the new year
53. Specks
54. "___ la la!"
55. Japanese port
57. QB Tarkenton
60. Go on and on
62. Error
66. Court wear
68. This puzzle's theme
70. Do-nothing
71. Actor Gibson

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13
14						15				16				
17						18				19				
20							21		22		23			
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28	29	30			31			32				33	34	35
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				54				55			56			
57	58	59			60	61			62			63	64	65
66					67		68		69					
70							71			72				
73							74			75				

72. Bank statement entry
73. Tournament favorites
74. C.I.A. predecessor
75. Certain exams

Down

1. Catchall abbr.
2. Together, musically
3. Fender blemish
4. Passes gingerly
5. Latin stars
6. Bachelor's last words
7. Chinese, e.g.
8. Where the Mets used to play
9. Health resort
10. Slot spot
11. "Metamorphoses" poet
12. Counsel, old-style
13. Cupid, to the Greeks
18. Tanners catch them
22. Sir or madam
25. Showed fascination
27. Little hooter
28. "M*A*S*H" extra
29. Start to some poem titles
30. French farewell
32. "Haven't heard a word"
33. Prefix with economics
34. Not to be missed
35. Neck sections
37. ___ Domingo

42. Suspicious
47. Gingersnaps, e.g.
49. "Rich Man, Poor Man" Emmy winner
51. "Don't bother"
52. Identify
56. Buddy
57. End-of-wk. times
58. Was a passenger
59. ___-bodied
61. BBs, e.g.
63. Havana's home
64. Gas, e.g.: Abbr.
65. Ballpark figs.
67. 12th graders: Abbr.
69. Some T-shirts

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week

A	R	E	N		P	A	G	E		E	R	N	S								
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Crossword answers from #914

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

Sudoku answers from #914

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

JoshJosh answers from #914

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 915

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.

10+	4		40x		2÷
1-			2÷	11+	
2÷					1-
					2-
180x	2x			24x	
					4

Difficulty medium

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

Difficulty hard



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