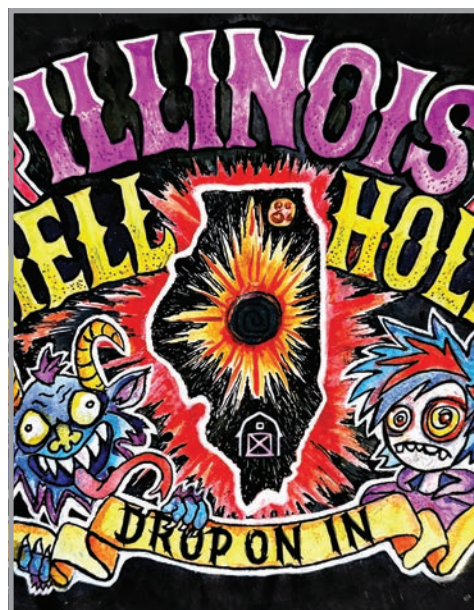




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# Data center plans delayed

County's zoning vote postponed a month or more after public outcry

ENERGY | Dean Olsen

The Sangamon County Board's timeline for considering and potentially approving the county's first data center – a \$500 million complex in rural Talkington Township – has been lengthened by at least a month.

And County Board Chair Andy Van Meter said additional public meetings, or a website, or both, will be used to increase opportunities for members of the public to learn more and voice opinions before a vote.

"The county is pledged to total transparency, and we will do our best to get people's questions answered," Van Meter, a Springfield Republican, told *Illinois Times* on Nov. 4.

Van Meter said he doesn't know whether the GOP-controlled County Board would want to grant a six-month moratorium that a citizens' group plans to request for any action involving the data center proposal. The group, the Coalition for Springfield's Utility Future, wants the delay so any pros and cons can be vetted and debated in more depth.

However, it's unclear whether Illinois law allows such a moratorium after a zoning request has been filed, Van Meter said. The County Board's legal adviser, Assistant State's Attorney Joel Benoit, is researching the issue and could have an answer in the coming weeks, Van Meter said.

Dallas-based CyrusOne, which is seeking a "conditional use" permit to build its proposed 280-acre data center complex in an agricultural zone, originally planned to make a presentation Nov. 20 to the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals. That board makes nonbinding recommendations to the County Board.

CyrusOne recently requested more time to prepare engineering documents, Van Meter said, so the zoning board now plans to take up the matter at its Dec. 18 meeting. That means the County Board



Around 120 people attended an Oct. 29 meeting at Lincoln Library hosted by the Coalition for Springfield's Utility Future. The group plans to ask the Sangamon County Board for a six-month moratorium for any action involving a proposed data center so any pros and cons can be vetted and debated in more depth. PHOTO BY MAX CROUCH

could take final action on the plan as soon as its Jan. 13 meeting.

Van Meter said public discussion on the issue at the County Board's Nov. 10, Dec. 9 and Jan. 13 meetings would be supplemented by additional potential hearings and a not-yet-prepared website for answering questions. He said county officials have been researching and preparing for data centers – which provide the computer servers that provide the backbone for the internet and online artificial intelligence – for several years.

Van Meter said county officials have worked with CyrusOne officials only this year. "This one sort of

came out of the blue to us," he said.

CyrusOne wants to spend more than \$500 million to build a data center campus covering 1.5 million square feet – six 250,000-square-foot one-story buildings – at the northwest corner of Thayer and Clark roads in southwest Sangamon County.

Across the country, concerns have been raised about data centers straining electrical grids and potentially raising electricity prices for consumers by increasing demand for large amounts of power.

The operator of the electrical grid across the Springfield area and 15 states in the Midwest and South said the grid will have enough capacity to serve at least the first half of CyrusOne's proposed data center. The grid's nonprofit operator, Midcontinent Independent System Operator Inc., released its conclusion after evaluating the first phase of CyrusOne's proposal, which would require 336 megawatts of electricity.

Phase two, which would require 300 megawatts, is "currently under study," according to MISO spokesperson Jay Hermacinski. It's uncertain when that analysis will be completed.

CyrusOne would power the center with electricity it secures through agreements with Ameren Illinois and Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative. CyrusOne has pledged to pay for all related transmission line upgrades and infrastructure improvements.

The more than 600 megawatts required for the data center campus would be enough to power between 120,000 and 420,000 homes. That's more than three times the power produced by City Water, Light and Power's coal-burning Dallman 4 power plant, and 80% higher than CWLP's 354-megawatt total maximum generating capacity.

The Coalition for Springfield's Utility Future said it is calling for the six-month moratorium because there are too many unanswered questions about the

data center's potential ramifications. It would be the first data center in the county and largest building construction project in the county's history.

The coalition held a public meeting on the issue Oct. 29 that attracted 120 people.

"If this project is as good as they say, it will hold up under public scrutiny," coalition member Nick Dodson said at the meeting. "There has been no meaningful public process."

Hermacinski said MISO's review of phase one determined it "will not negatively affect other users of the electrical grid."

But many concerns remain, including whether the grid can handle the second phase and whether any potential property tax benefits for school districts and county government could be offset if CyrusOne seeks future reductions in assessed valuation, coalition member Anne Logue said.

Logue and other opponents said the "air-cooled, closed-loop technology" in the proposed data center wouldn't create concerns about large water use common with older data centers. The campus would connect to the Apple Creek Rural Water system.

But coalition member Don Hanrahan said it's unknown whether chemicals used to operate the cooling system would pose environmental dangers, and whether the diesel backup generators that could be installed on the campus would create noise complaints similar to those voiced by neighbors of CyrusOne's 40-megawatt data center in the Chicago suburb of Aurora.

In written answers to questions from *Illinois Times*, CyrusOne said it is "committed to being a transparent, responsible partner in Sangamon County. We have worked closely with local leaders, agencies and the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance throughout this process to ensure our project aligns with community priorities and meets all regulatory requirements." □

## Editor's note

**Fifty years ago in *Illinois Times*, Nov. 6, 1975:** Last week a crowd of 1,000 greeted Vice President Nelson Rockefeller when Air Force Two landed at the Decatur airport. As the moderate-to-conservative central Illinois Republicans politely hosted the veep, appointed to that office by President Gerald Ford, all the behind-the-scenes talk in Decatur was about the liberal wing of the GOP, according to the article by *Illinois Times* publisher William Friedman. Congressman Paul Findley still hadn't been forgiven for endorsing Rockefeller over Richard Nixon in 1968. Now the former California governor, Ronald Reagan, a staunch conservative, was campaigning for the 1976 nomination against Ford, but some said that was to position himself to replace the too-liberal Rocky as Ford's vice-presidential candidate. The ambitious Illinois U.S. Sen. Charles Percy, known as a moderate in the party, was also vying for position, his supporters telling *IT*, "Even Republican liberals feel he [Rockefeller] has left them in favor of new positions." None of this seemed to faze Rockefeller, an abortion rights supporter who greeted Concerned for Life protesters in Decatur with, "I'd feel ignored if you weren't here." At the Decatur Holiday Inn before the 800 loyal Republicans who'd paid \$50 a plate to hear him, he praised the two-party system, recalling that it was thanks also to "discerning Democrats" that he had been repeatedly reelected in New York. "We must have two strong vital parties," he said, to not much applause. — *Fletcher Farrar, editor*



# “It doesn’t look like justice”

Family and friends of Sonya Massey react to verdict in Sean Grayson’s trial

COURTS | Dean Olsen

A second-degree murder conviction for former Sangamon County sheriff’s deputy Sean Grayson on Oct. 29 in the death of Sonya Massey was a “serious miscarriage of justice,” Massey’s father said after the jury verdict.

Grayson, 31, who was charged with first-degree murder in the July 2024 shooting death of Massey, 36, in her Woodside Township home, and would have been ensured a prison sentence of 45 years to life if convicted of that crime. Instead, he will face a potential prison sentence of four to 20 years in prison for second-degree murder when he is sentenced Jan. 29. But with time already served and because the second-degree charge allows the sentence to be reduced by half for good behavior, he could be released in about 8½ years even if he receives the maximum sentence.

“Sean Grayson should be able to get out of jail when my daughter can get out of that burial vault,” Massey’s father, James Wilburn of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, said at a news conference after the verdict.

The law would allow the presiding judge, Sangamon County Circuit Court Judge Ryan Cadagin, to release Grayson and only sentence him to probation, though one of the lawyers representing the Massey family, Antonio Romanucci, said that is unlikely.

Romanucci, who, with civil rights attorney Ben Crump, negotiated a \$10 million out-of-court settlement with Sangamon County for Sonya Massey’s two children to avoid a wrongful death civil lawsuit, said this was “not the exact outcome the family was looking for.” But he said the family was grateful to Sangamon County State’s Attorney John Milhiser and First Assistant State’s Attorney Mary Beth Rodgers for securing a conviction.

“Sean Grayson is a convicted murderer. He is a murderer now,” Romanucci said outside the Peoria County courthouse in Peoria, where the trial was moved because of extensive pretrial publicity in Sangamon County.

The reactions of Massey’s family, friends and supporters were raw in expressing their dissatisfaction with the second-degree conviction, and they said they hope Cadagin gives Grayson the maximum sentence possible.

“Today is a painful day for me and for people who look like me,” said Teresa Haley, a Massey family friend, Springfield activist and



Antonio Romanucci, far right, one of the lawyers representing the Massey family, takes questions from the media at an Oct. 29 press conference after the verdict was announced. PHOTO BY STEVE HINRICHS

former president of the Springfield branch of the NAACP. “We can’t call the police and feel safe in our own homes.”

The conviction meant that the jury found Grayson, who is white, shot Massey with intent to kill or seriously injure Massey, who was Black. But the jury found that there was a mitigating factor – he mistakenly believed he was justified in shooting Massey out of self-defense.

Individual video frames from body cameras worn by Grayson and another deputy who was present, Dawson Farley, showed Massey raising a pot of hot water over her head and apparently trying to throw the water as Grayson shot her in the face.

Massey, who was dealing with mental illness, at first complied with Grayson’s profanity-laced order to put down the pot when he drew his gun and pointed it at her, telling her that he would shoot her in the face if she didn’t.

Seconds later, Massey then ducked behind a counter and suddenly jumped up, raised the pot over her head and tried to throw the water as Grayson shot her in the face, according to experts for the prosecution and defense who analyzed the video.

The jury was composed of nine women and three men, all Peoria County residents. All of the jurors were white except for one person, a man. That means the jury was 8%

Black, while Black people make up more than 17% of Peoria County’s population.

Jurors deliberated for about 12 hours over two days before reaching a verdict.

Tiara Standage, executive director of nonprofit Intricate Minds and a member of the Springfield-based PURPLE (People United to Reform Power, Liberty and Equity) Coalition, said she believed jurors decided against a first-degree murder verdict because “the jury was mostly white, and they look at Sonya Massey as a threat. Sonya Massey was not a threat. She would have never been in the kitchen, she would have never touched the pot if Sean Grayson didn’t tell her to.”

“It doesn’t look like justice,” Standage said of the verdict.

To move on from the decision, she said Springfield “is just going to need safe spaces for healing, for Black voices to be heard, for Black women to feel safe.”

When the foreperson of the jury, a woman, handed Cadagin the written verdict and Cadagin read it, Grayson, dressed in a suit and tie, expressed no emotion.

Grayson’s Springfield-based attorneys, Dan Fultz and Mark Wykoff, declined comment.

Milhiser told *Illinois Times* on Oct. 30, “My heart breaks for the family and friends of Sonya Massey, who, during the course of the trial, had to listen to testimony and watch and see the video of the murder of Sonya. At the

sentencing hearing, we will ask the judge for the maximum possible sentence for second-degree murder.”

The jurors, who have been publicly identified only by numbers, couldn’t be reached for comment.

In the courtroom gallery, there were gasps and tears from members of Grayson’s family. They quickly left the courtroom and weren’t available for comment.

Members of Massey’s family were tearful, as well. Sonya Massey’s daughter, Jeannette “Summer” Massey, 16, was seen and heard crying and yelling her displeasure with the verdict as she left the courtroom surrounded by relatives.

Sonya Massey’s father, a retired U.S. Border Patrol agent, and other family members and friends said they will work to change laws in Illinois so that there is a murder charge in between first- and second-degree murder so there isn’t such a big gap in potential time served. Wilburn, 67, said he will also work to ensure that the law passed by the General Assembly and signed by Gov. JB Pritzker to promote more thorough vetting processes before the hiring of police officers be adopted nationwide.

“This man never should have had a badge and a gun,” a tearful Wilburn said. “He said he was going to shoot my daughter in the face, and he did it. ... His attorneys were skillful enough that they threw crap against the wall. They said that my daughter was the aggressor.

“I don’t know why he was such an evil person,” Wilburn said. “I know that there will be justice for Sean Grayson, and it may not be in this world, but it will be in the next one.”

Wilburn said “white privilege” and unequal justice were at play in the jury’s decision.

He harkened back to statements made by a famous comedian, a native of Peoria who died in 2005, when Wilburn said of the verdict, “That’s not justice. Richard Pryor said a long time ago, when you go down to the courthouse in this country, you find ‘just us.’”

Haley agreed, saying, “Had the roles been reversed – if that was a Black man in a white woman’s house ... he would have gotten life in prison.”

Sonya Massey’s mother, Springfield resident Donna Massey, cried when asked about Grayson’s conviction and said, “I can’t wait till he goes to hell.” □



# Families struggle with hunger

Delayed SNAP benefits compound an already increasing challenge

**FOOD INSECURITY | Scott Reeder**

On good days, Shay McGhiey eats one meal a day.

On bad days, the 57-year-old Springfield man eats nothing.

Like thousands of others in the capital city, hunger is no stranger to McGhiey, who works a minimum-wage job in a smoke shop.

"I make too much money – according to the public aid people – to get Link benefits. But I'm still a guy sitting in a town where rent's too high – trying to pay rent, electric, gas, internet, phone, etc. and feed myself. And I need to eat heart healthy because I've got coronary artery disease," McGhiey said.

"I'm trying to do all that and feed myself on minimum wage. It's just not possible. They say I make too much money. I'd like to know where they're shopping, because if I go to any store here in town, I'm lucky to eat one meal a day."

McGhiey doesn't own a car and can't afford bus fare. He walks to work daily.

Although he suffers from kidney and heart disease and has had surgery for three herniated disks in his neck, he is not considered disabled, at least by government standards.

"My other problem is, I don't drive. I don't have the money for transportation, so I can't get to a lot of the places that have these food pantries," McGhiey said. And even if he could come up with bus fare, he said there's no practical way for him to carry the groceries back to his apartment.

Occasionally, the U.S. Army veteran logs onto the Springfield Families Helping Families Facebook page and asks for help. Some food pantries allow volunteers to pick up groceries to deliver to those who lack transportation or may be home-bound.

But he is the first to admit his situation is better than that of many others.

Envoy Jeff Eddy, of the Salvation Army of Springfield, said in recent years more single people like McGhiey are experiencing hunger.

Even before the government shutdown and the interruption of SNAP benefits, hunger was a growing problem in Springfield, he said. But what was once a problem has escalated to a crisis.

"We've seen a continual growth just over the last couple years, just as food prices in general have risen," Eddy said. "This time a couple years ago, we would have had our pantry open all day on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and we would see 30 families (a

day). A rough day was 40. Now we're having to shut it down about noon, and we usually have 80 to 100 families each time. So, the need has more than doubled in the last two years."

The demographics of who is experiencing hunger are varied.

"There's no such thing as a typical (hungry) person," said Steve Ericson, executive director of Feeding Illinois, the umbrella organization overseeing many of the state's food banks. "It could be your neighbor – what we used to call that 'hidden hunger.' These are people who are in need of a food pantry or food assistance. Most people are not on SNAP year-round. In fact, it's a misnomer that there's waste, fraud and abuse... There's very little abuse in SNAP."

The government shutdown has temporarily turned off the flow of SNAP benefits, but inflation was the precursor to much of the deprivation experienced by families already living on the edge.

"The cost of food is up, so everybody's budgets are stretched and other costs are up as well," Ericson said. "Housing, health care, everything factors into people's budgets. I think the real (culprit) has been just the cost of food."

Community volunteer Mary McDonald coordinates the various micropantries that serve the community. Those with more than enough leave groceries for those in need in the wooden depots found near parks, schools and churches. Both the giving and receiving is done anonymously, with no ID or paperwork required, unlike most pantries.

But McDonald said micropantries are often empty because the community's needs far outstrip what is being donated.

"We have about 30 (pantries) around Springfield," she said. "They're almost always empty. As soon as you put something out for people, there's often a line waiting to come and get it."

She said this was the situation even before the interruption of SNAP benefits.

"I'm terrified. There are people who are



Tracy Day, the Family and Community Engagement liaison for McClelland Elementary School, with one of the city's newest micropantries. It is located along North Sixth Street, on the east side of the school. PHOTO BY RON ROLLET

not going to be able to feed themselves and their children. And those children go to school and try to learn," McDonald said.

"We have adults who are working multiple jobs and are trying to figure out how to care for their families. And there is the quiet suffering we don't know about. These are people who are not in the headlines. If we don't advocate for them – no one will. They don't know how to advocate for themselves well," she said.

Caitlin Kownacki, a dietitian with the University of Illinois Extension Service, said people can help by volunteering at a local food pantry or donating food or money to an organization that deals with food insecurity.

"When people think of hungry people, their minds often go to adults. But it is important to remember that a lot of those people who are experiencing hunger are children who live in households that really need support." □

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# Overdose settlement money plans

“Treatment first, transport second”

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Springfield Fire Department Chief Nick Zummo, at podium, is flanked by Mayor Misty Buscher and Springfield City Council members during an Oct 21 announcement about creating the Bridging Emergency and Community Outreach Network. Opioid overdose settlement money will fund a city-run alternate 911 response team that will aid people experiencing an overdose.

PHOTO BY DILPREET RAJU

Fatal overdoses have increased locally despite the Centers for Disease Control recently reporting the largest decline of annual overdose deaths the country has ever seen, and the city of Springfield plans to roll out a special 911 response team to aid those experiencing an overdose.

Unlike much of the country, Sangamon County has not experienced a reduction in fatal overdoses over the past few years, according to Sangamon County Coroner Jim Allmon.

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

At an Illinois House committee meeting in March, John Werning, the executive director of Chicago Recovery Alliance, a harm reduction nonprofit often credited as one of the country’s pioneering social service providers, reminded officials that overdose is still the leading cause of death for adults between the ages of 18 and 44.

“Recent reports from the CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health have celebrated a reduction in overdose fatalities in the last year,” Werning said. “I don’t mean to cheapen these hard-earned reductions but I need everyone to remember, despite that trend, we still have 86,000 people dying from overdoses nationally and over 3,500 overdose fatalities in Illinois specifically per year,” he said. “We are not out of this epidemic by any means, not even close.”

The U.S. still has both a higher count and rate of deadly overdoses than any other country in the world. At that same committee hearing, he explained the “unbelievable opportunity” the state has as it receives \$1.4 billion in opioid overdose settlement money by 2038, one-third of which has been received already.

Illinois officials decided to allocate 55% of settlement dollars toward a remediation fund that aims to slow the number of overdoses and resulting deaths in the state, 33% to local governments and

12% to the state. Local governments largely have the flexibility to decide how to spend their share of the funds.

## “Treatment first, transport second”

On Oct. 21, Mayor Misty Buscher announced the Bridging Emergency and Community Outreach Network, or BEACON, where the city of Springfield will dedicate opioid overdose settlement money to a city-run alternate 911 response team that will aid people experiencing an overdose. Buscher said the city plans to purchase a new ambulance for BEACON, although it will not be used in the same way as traditional ambulances. It will be staffed by Springfield firefighters and licensed clinical social workers who will seek to connect people to treatment services.

The ordinance, which had the rare sponsorship of all 10 council members along with Buscher, passed City Council on Nov. 4 and authorized the Springfield Fire Department to purchase an ambulance for about \$337,000. That amount is roughly 40% of what the city has received so far through its local government share of opioid settlements. The new program is scheduled to be operational in May.

Springfield Fire Chief Nick Zummo said at the Oct. 28 Committee of the Whole meeting that although BEACON’s main equipment will be an ambulance, the program’s framework is to get medical care to people in need rather than transport people in need of immediate resuscitation or social services to an already overwhelmed emergency department.

“We all work together as a team, as a community, as a city, to bring a treatment first, transport second product. Our idea is to get the right people in the streets to hopefully deliver the right care for the people that are in need,” Zummo told council members. “We’re hoping that bringing EMTs, along with the social workers, and treating the people in the field is going to get them the right help. But that’s not always the case, and if it is an opioid issue, things can go south very quickly when they’re on scene and we can

transport if needed.”

“You will find Springfield firefighters on the BOLT (BEACON Outreach Life-saving Treatment vehicle), and it will require additional staffing,” Buscher said. “The BOLT will be available 24/7; the BOLT will not rest.”

She said social workers who are hired for BEACON and BOLT will report to the city’s Community Relations office.

“At this time, if someone has overdosed and the paramedics come, 911 is called and they come and they give Narcan to the individual, and the individual wakes up. The individual can choose to not go to the hospital,” she said. “At that point, the only option for our partners that are paramedics here is to then leave. Now, they can call us and the BOLT can come with the social worker and work with the individual to handle their situation, so it’s a whole new option.”

Jessica Gillooly, an assistant professor of sociology and criminal justice at Suffolk University in Boston, told *Illinois Times* that one of the major hurdles for any alternative response program is making sure dispatchers understand why the resources are being created, their critical role as a dispatcher and the legal side of how a program operates.

“Dispatchers are the ones who must decide whether to send an alternative responder or police and, in some cities, they too often default to sending the police. In 2024, the Department of Justice investigated Louisville and Phoenix and found that even when behavioral health teams were available, 911 centers continued dispatching regular patrol officers instead,” wrote Gillooly, who studies emergency service dispatch, policing and race.

“Changing the culture around risk and liability within 911 centers is really key to making these programs work. Dispatchers need support, training and clear guidance from leadership. Without that shift, even the best-designed alternative response programs won’t reach the people they’re meant to help,” she said. □

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Illinois Times was selected as a Report for America newsroom, which allowed us to hire an additional full-time reporter last month. This position is partially funded by a grant of \$25,000 for the first year – we are expected to raise \$35,000 from community support to cover our share of the reporter's salary.



### Meet Dilpreet Raju

Before joining Illinois Times, Dilpreet Raju reported on disparity through public health, wrongful convictions and the state's burgeoning marijuana industry for Capitol News Illinois, a nonprofit news service, as a reporting fellow. His stories and photos were picked up by dozens of outlets, including Illinois Times, which republished seven of his articles in 2024.

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

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OPINION



CWLP presented a plan at the Springfield City Council meeting Oct. 14 detailing a proposal for 40 new electric vehicle charging ports across nine locations, many of them downtown. In addition, a Texas company has been awarded about \$850,000 in federal funds to build five ports at Midtown Inn, one of several new locations statewide. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

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GOOD NEWS

I have driven an electric vehicle (EV) for about two years, and I don't think I would want to go back to driving an internal combustion car. That said, I know that we have a long way to go before most people can make the switch. One of the hurdles is ensuring that people have ample opportunities to charge. Of course, this is not a new problem in transportation, though it is new to most people reading this.

When automobiles were first invented, gasoline was often difficult to find, as stations were not widespread. Not every community had a gas station. Also, they did not have the benefit of smartphones to help them find a gas station. At least with EV charging, I can do a quick search and find a place to plug in.

This is why I am excited about expanded electric vehicle charging being installed by CWLP ("City and state to build more Springfield EV chargers," Oct. 16). There are several levels of charging, which impact the speed at which one can fully charge their car. The chargers that CWLP are installing are what some consider to be "destination chargers." They are places to plug in while spending a few hours shopping, dining and visiting. Providing that type of charger downtown and in major shopping destinations will improve the experience for EV owners. While shopping and touring, their cars can be charging.

One concern I hear a lot is how the grid

will hold up. The types of chargers that CWLP is installing draw no more power than a household clothes dryer. When clothes dryers and air conditioning and other modern conveniences became mainstream, electric utilities adapted. CWLP is no different.

While EVs may not work for everyone, I absolutely love mine and am glad to have the option. Don't believe everything you hear about EVs, because a lot of it is incorrect.  
*Steven Simpson-Black  
Springfield*

THE COMMON GOOD

While Springfield only has about 200 electric vehicles (based on registration info), the state adds about 3,500 EVs each month. Not only do we want to support neighbors' decisions to buy EVs, but we want to welcome tourists driving EVs. It's merely accepting that electric vehicles are here and not going away.

In a civilized society, we don't only consider ourselves. I don't have children in school, but my tax dollars go to educating my neighbors' kids.  
*Tiffany Lapp  
Springfield*

NICE SAVE

Fantastic news about the recent renovation of the Condell House ("The 1842 Condell House," Oct. 16). The last time I glanced left while driving Fourth Street and saw this, I wished I had the money to rehab it and live

there. It looked so bad I didn't even think it was possible (to save it).

*John Levalley  
Springfield*

CORREX

Critter Sitter was voted best pet sitting service for this year's Best of Springfield, not a business with a similar name. There is no brick-and-mortar location, as this is a mobile pet sitting service, but owner Jacquie Floyd can be reached at 217-836-5695.

Shimmy

From an old newspaper clipping: Indianapolis authorities went on record against the "Shimmy," "Camel Walk" and the "Bunny Hug." The Board ordered superintendents to ban these dances from city parks and community houses. "Some form of modern dances, such as the Toddle, Shimmy, Camel Walk, Bunny Hug, and Cheek to Cheek dances are coarse, vulgar, and suggestive, and should not be permitted," the Board said.

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## OPINION

# Mass transit funding deal analysis

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Last May, several Illinois House Democrats complained bitterly that their mass transit negotiators were ignored and even shut out by the Senate Democratic mass transit negotiators.

The House members had a point. The Senate passed a bill which was an almost purely Senate Democratic creation. They literally gave the House a “take it or leave it, but you have to decide right now” moment during the final minutes of the spring legislative session.

But when it came time for the House to draft a bill, it chose basically the same route as the Senate Democrats. Its end product unveiled last Tuesday was based on an internal survey of House Democratic members with no buy-in from Senate Democrats or the governor.

The Senate Democrats were furious. The House proposed taxes that had never been discussed before, including a tax on unrealized capital gains that has never been tried by any state in the country. The Senate didn't believe a revenue estimate claim on an “amusements” tax, which would hit everything from online streaming services to concerts. And they weren't enamored with the plan to significantly expand speed limit enforcement cameras.

Gov. JB Pritzker held a press conference the next day and declared several of the revenue ideas to be non-starters. But that meant it was back to the drawing board after months of work with one day left in the scheduled fall veto session.

“We need a leader,” insisted one powerful insider Wednesday. The person has been advocating for a mass transit reform bill and was worried that the whole thing could fall apart.

By Thursday evening, that very same insider marveled at how he had watched as Pritzker and his staff took charge of the collapsed transit talks and steered them to a conclusion.

And the final deal was a whole lot less visibly painful to the average Illinoisan than has been feared during the last year or more.

About a third of the \$1.5 billion plan will come from a quarter-point sales tax increase in counties served by the Regional Transportation Authority. It'll cost those folks 25 cents on every \$100 purchase.

The other two thirds comes with no new tax money.

Back in 2019, the legislature decided to wean the state's General Fund off sales tax revenues from motor fuels. That money was

gradually shifted away from the state budget and sent to the Road Fund. But the final annual phase-out has not happened. That money has instead been used for mass transit, partly because the Road Fund is so flush with unused cash. The road building unions objected, but they were persuaded to go along for just a little while longer.

The heart of the transit funding package is a decision to use all state motor fuel sales taxes to fund mass transit instead of sending that cash to the Road Fund. That brings in about \$860 million. Another \$200 million will come from a Senate Republican proposal to use annual interest on the massive Road Fund account to fund transit capital projects.

So, how did the governor convince the politically powerful road-building unions like Operating Engineers Local 150 to go along with diverting sales taxes and earned interest from their precious Road Fund to mass transit?

A toll increase. Local 150 had opposed an earlier plan to use increased tolls to fund mass transit because it wanted to increase tolls for tollway capital projects. Pushing a toll hike after the tolls were already increased would be difficult, to say the least.

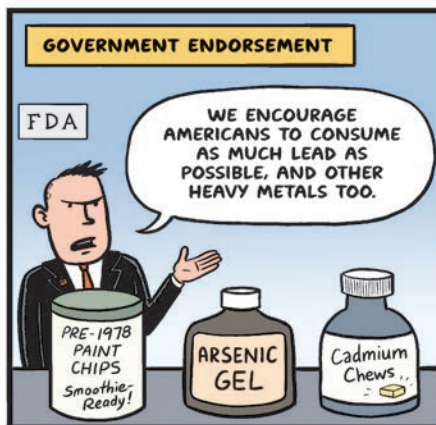
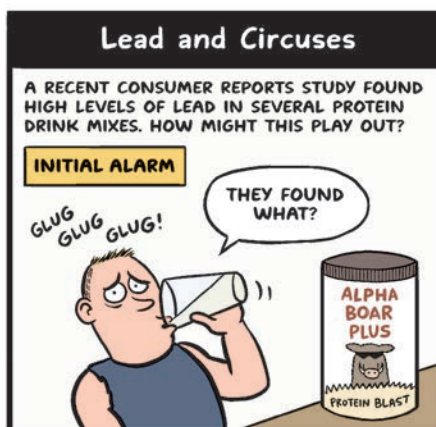
So, the bill allows a toll increase of up to about \$1 billion a year, with a 4 percent inflation cap. Passenger vehicle tolls haven't been increased in 13 years, but they'll go up by 45 cents and commercial vehicle tolls will rise by 30 percent.

But there's a catch: 85 percent of the sales tax money would go to northeastern Illinois and 15 percent to downstate. And 90 percent of the Road Fund interest would go to what's now called the RTA region, and 10 percent would go to downstate capital projects.

Sean Stott with the Illinois Laborers' Union testified against the bill in the House Executive Committee, saying it would take money away from downstate road and transit projects. The Republicans claimed the new formula would take \$500 million from downstate.

But Stott told legislators later: “While we remain opposed to this funding mechanism, we are not asking members to refrain from supporting it.”

Stott explained that a promise had been made in the Senate to find a way to “soften the blow” to downstate road and transit projects during the spring session. □



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# The devil's trumpets

KROHE | James Krohe Jr.

In the Christian Book of Revelation we read that angels will sound seven trumpets to signal the apocalyptic events that will lead to a new kingdom of Heaven. I heard such a trumpet on my first night in my new apartment and it wasn't announcing hail or blood or a mountain thrown into the sea. It was just the Union Pacific freight hauling 128 hoppers of soybeans south where those beans would meet their doom. I live within earshot of UP's Third Street tracks, you see, and in that part of town the horn blasts sound apocalypse more than a dozen times a day.

Anyone who lives in cities, as I have for much of my life, is serenaded each night but not by crickets. In my case it's been el trains, truck air brakes on the tollway, sirens, news helicopters, back-up beeps from the trash trucks and, here in my new place, drag-racers on Fifth Street and bells from the cathedral. Intercity freight locomotives add their own unique notes to this symphony of memory. Each train horn sounds a fixed note, and a loco can be equipped with as many as five different horns. Sounded together they play chords, although this is musical only metaphorically, being the sort of noise that made symphony fans stop going to contemporary music concerts. Theoretically, train horns could be made to play tunes; I look forward to the day when a grateful UP teaches its engine drivers how to play Brahms's lullaby when they rumble through the city in the middle of the night.

To those who go to sleep listening to the grass grow, the perennial complaints about train horns must seem a lot of noise about very little. The number of people killed in Springfield train accidents you can count on one hand; roughly 30 to 40 people per year are killed or sustain very serious injuries in the Springfield



At 90-120 dB, a train horn is almost as loud as a jet airliner engine. IMAGE GENERATED BY AI

metropolitan area after being hit by cars. Yet drivers are not obliged to blow horns when they approach an intersection. Not that blowing horns does much good in protecting people from trains.

Tracks in built-up areas are equipped with signs and whistles and bells and fences which are as futile as sermons from the pulpit in encouraging good behavior. Most "accidents" are caused by clueless drivers, heedless kids, reckless teens, hopeless suicides, and drunks of all ages, alike in ignoring warnings of danger. The Federal Railroad Administration reports that in more than 95 percent of such cases the victim ignored warnings or was unlawfully on railroad property. Yet the horns keep blowing. Why? Because in the U.S., railroad companies

are generally not held liable for deaths or injuries that occur when individuals fail to take reasonable precautions near train tracks, but they can be held liable if a train crew fails to sound its horn.

The fact that horns blow is not what keeps me awake, however. It's that they seem to never stop blowing. Illinois law does not require that freight trains slow down when passing through residential zones – schedules! Because the distances between at-grade crossings in the rail corridors like Third Street are short, trains moving at a profitable clip must blow their horns almost constantly. We're used to that from legislators and governors but politicians at least shut up at the end of the day; some UP trains are still at it at 4 a.m. The fading noise as

the train leaves town is to me like the welcome sound of a boring dinner guest walking down your stairs. And yes, you can hear them from that far away. At 90-120 db a train horn is almost as loud as a jet airliner engine and can be heard miles away under some atmospheric conditions.

A number of important public issues might be asked by a more industrious commentator than I am. Why, after two tries, was the rail consolidation issue finally addressed in the 2020s after it failed to do so in the 1920s and in the 1970s? The city's whorish embrace of railroads in the mid-1800s should have taught it that letting profit-seekers build where and what they want incurs costs that can last for generations; how might Springfield avoid making the same mistakes again? And is rail consolidation the best use for the estimated \$544 million it will cost? (For half a billion bucks we could shut down Dallman 4 and replace it with solar and wind and battery storage and improve a lot more lives than rail consolidation will.) And who decides such questions?

Someday when I get caught up on my sleep I might take up these questions in earnest. In between trains I dream of the day two years from now when the Springfield Rail Improvement Project completes work and the first UP freight is shunted from Third Street to a new Tenth Street rail corridor and the horns will be silenced, at least between Stanford and Sangamon avenues.

Hallelujah. □

*For 50 years James Krohe Jr. has chronicled life in Springfield and Illinois for many publications, including (since 1975) Illinois Times. His work can be enjoyed at jameskrohejr.com.*

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## Kenneth Jacobs

World War II  
PFC  
While in Camp Lejeune dad told me of the time they had to lay in a field to weather a hurricane. On Christmas Day he turned 35 and his sergeant bought him a beer, it was 1945.



## Jack Pierson

Navy, WW2; Army, Korea, KIA 19 May 1951  
1st Lieutenant  
Always Remembered us



## Jason Israel

US Air force, US Air force Reserves  
Lieutenant Colonel  
Jason has served his country as a F15 Strike Eagle WSO and C130J pilot. Jason has deployed all around the world and is currently serving in the AF Reserves. He is now a full time Captain with United Airlines.



## Steve Immel

Vietnam War  
Pvt., Army  
Proud of my brother for serving his country at such a young age. He was drafted and served when he was only 18.



## Paul Oltman

USMC  
E-5/ Sgt.  
I would like to Honor my dear friend Paul Oltman for the Veterans Day Honoring (Illinois Times). I grew up with Paul. He was smart, funny, encouraging, kind, strong, and loyal. We met at Hope Church in a youth group and then ended up going to Pleasant Plains High School together where we played soccer. Paul was like a brother to me and I was very proud when he joined the Marine Corps. Paul also motivated me to join the Marine Corps in 2013. We met in Courthouse Bay in Camp Lejeune North Carolina where he showed me he picked up the rank of Cpl. (non commissioned officer). That was the last time I saw Paul. Thank you Paul for your service and most of all your friendship and brotherhood. All gave some, and some gave all. RIP Paul Oltman.  
Sempir Fi,  
Gabriel K. Broughton



## Albert G. Manning

Corporal, U.S. Army  
1942-1945, World War II, Pacific Theater  
Missing you, Dad.  
Alice, Glenn, Elaine and Bryan



## JD MARTIN

First Lieutenant, Vietnam War, 1968  
At 20 years old, JD was the youngest company commander in the Vietnam War after his captain was killed in action. He also received a Bronze Star, plus numerous other medals.



## Ralph Lawless

E4, U.S. Navy, Korean War  
Ralph Lawless served in the Korean War on the USS Rochester. Before Ralph passed in 2022, our son, Cutter Gillette (E2, U.S. Navy), was able to give him an honorable salute. Cutter is carrying on the military family tradition by serving our country in the U.S. Navy as an explosive ordnance technician.



## Edward Veselsky Jr.

YN3 E4, U.S. Navy  
Thank you for your service and dedication to our country.



## Nick Fanale and Bill Rusciollelli

U.S. Air Force, Vietnam War  
The boys are now grandpas. Thank you for your service.



## Gary Harper

Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Operation Iraqi Freedom  
Born: 23 Apr 76  
Died: 9 Oct 05  
Gary would take the rough jobs, the dirty jobs. He was a really great, hardworking person.



## Matthew Weikert

Staff Sergeant  
Died July 17, 2010, while serving during Operation Enduring Freedom.  
In his spare time, Matthew liked hunting pheasant with his grandfather, playing golf with his family and friends, and spending time with his son, Jayse.



## Andrew Tobin

Sergeant, U.S. Army  
Died Aug. 24, 2011, while serving during Operation Enduring Freedom.  
Andrew was described by friends as a joker, goofball and class clown. People also say they were impressed with his modesty, amiability and dedication. "He sat around with my dad and talked about the military," his cousin, Pam Thompson, of Bradley, told the Daily Journal. "I think he liked (the military), because he never complained about it. He wanted to become a recruiter so he could work 9 to 5 and be able to stay home with his wife. He loved his wife. He loved his whole family."



## Duane Longstreth

Private First Class, U.S. Army  
Died Aug. 7, 2003, while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Duane was a great neighbor, was very easy to talk to and, despite the uncertainty and unstable nature of an invasion, he still had a sunny disposition.



## Jacob Palmatier

Specialist, U.S. Army  
Died Feb. 24, 2005, while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Jacob was one of the kindest, smartest, warmest and funniest guys we knew. He was a very good friend.



## Joshua Powell

Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army  
Died Sept. 21, 2010, while serving during Operation Enduring Freedom. Joshua joined the Illinois Army National Guard in 2003, the same year he graduated from Pleasant Plains High School where he played varsity soccer for four years. "You could go to him in a time of joy and he would be there for you," former teammate Bobby Johnson told the State Journal-Register. "You could go to him in a time of sorrow and he would be there. He would talk to you in any situation." Joshua, an avid hunter, also liked to collect guns and was a motorcyclist.



## James "Chad" Young

Corporal, U.S. Army  
Died Nov. 3, 2010, while serving during Operation Enduring Freedom. He'd been on leave visiting family in Illinois and returned to Afghanistan only five days before he was killed by a roadside bomb. "Not everyone is suited to the stress of knowing that they're going to go out and literally look for trouble," Gen. Bud Jameson, brigade commander for Young's unit, said. "I can't think of a more honorable thing to do in combat than making the way safe for other soldiers."



## Robert L. Garner

Private First Class, U.S. Army, Vietnam War  
Robert passed away this year and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. We are extremely proud of his service in the Army and the Vietnam War.



## Ryan Leduc

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Marine Corps  
Died Sept. 24, 2004, while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Ryan enjoyed water skiing, scuba diving, saltwater fishing, shooting, hunting, racquetball and cooking.



## Jeremiah D. Costello

Corporal, U.S. Army  
Died June 2, 2007, while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Costello's goal was to continue to serve and become an Illinois State Police officer.



## Richard T. Maldaner

Sergeant, U.S. Army  
He served during the Korean War from 1951 to 1953, with one full year in Korea during active combat. He was a bow gunner on a tank. After returning to the U.S., he served at Camp Carson, Colo. He died Dec. 20, 2003.



## Ryan Buckley

Corporal, U.S. Army  
Died June 23, 2006, while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. "Ryan was a great friend and was there for everyone that needed him. And the select few who knew this hero was there for him. We miss him greatly. He was one of my best friends at Campbell and in Iraq. I will never forget you, Buck." Timothy Krieger of New Haven, Missouri.



## Andrew R. Smith

Radioman third class, U.S. Navy  
Andrew served from 1944 to 1946 in World War II on the USS Passaic (AN 87), a net tender in the Pacific Theater. He is now 97.



## Roberta Rhodes Woodward

U.S. Air Force  
Mom proudly served her country. She served during the Vietnam War and traveled as far as Thailand. She was a fighter and a survivor until she was called home in 2018. We love and miss her so very much.



## Jacob Palmatier

Operation Iraqi Freedom  
CPL  
Jacob died in Muqadiyah, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division based in Fort Benning, Ga. He was and is the best of us, he is our hero, our joy, our blessing. Miss you every second of each and every day.



## William W. Owens

E-5, Vietnam  
Lost to Agent Orange.



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U.S. Army SGT.  
You are truly missed!



**Michael C. Barham**

U.S.-Army-SGT.  
You are truly missed!



## MASSEY COMMISSION

# Now that we know, what are we going to do?

GUESTWORK | Dr. Kelly Hurst

When the Massey Commission was formed, community members rightly questioned what it would actually do. Some expected a short-term task force – something tidy and symbolic. But the charge the commission was given, and the one I accepted as managing director, is not the kind of work that fits neatly into a headline. It asks a community to look at itself honestly, even when that truth stings.

This is not abstract work to me. I hold this role with the full gravity it deserves. I am accountable to Sonya Massey's memory, to the community that demanded this commission exist, and to the systems that must change if safety and dignity are ever to coexist in Sangamon County.

We are doing this work in a time of deep national tension – between what America promises and what it permits. Across this country, citizens are detained, health care is dismantled and distrust is sown in cities governed by Democrats. That chaos is not a coincidence; it is a choice. It's the same machinery of fear that resurfaces whenever accountability draws near.

And we would be dishonest to pretend that Sangamon County stands apart from that history. In 1908, right here in the hometown of Abraham Lincoln, a white mob lynched two Black men and burned Black homes and businesses to the ground. The ghosts of that violence still walk our streets – not in chains or flames, but in the policies, fears and silences that followed. The horror of that riot, born of lies and sanctioned silence, shocked the nation and gave rise to the NAACP. That's our inheritance: the birthplace of both violence and resistance.

Legal scholar Sora Han once wrote that "the United States isn't at war. The United States IS war." That truth reverberates here. The war she names isn't fought only abroad. It's embedded in our housing policies, policing, schools and daily governance. It is the war of segregation dressed as zoning. The war of divestment disguised as fiscal responsibility. The war of indifference that pretends neutrality.

For those who want to understand how this war was waged close to home, I urge you to read *Segregated in the Heartland*, the 2019 report documenting how Springfield's policies created and sustained racial segregation long after the riot's smoke cleared (<https://www.governing.com/archive/gov-segregation-series.html>). That history is not distant; it is the scaffolding of our present.

The Massey Commission exists precisely because of this truth and along that same fault



Kelly Hurst embraces Sontae Massey at the final meeting of the Massey Commission. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

line. We were formed after another act of state violence – the killing of Sonya Massey. But Sonya's name must never stand alone. We also remember Earl Moore Jr., killed in 2022 while pleading for help from those sworn to protect him, and Gregory Small Jr., who was shot by police in 2021, reminding us that excessive force is not theoretical – it is lived, felt and too often excused. Their names are not statistics; they are indictments of systems that fail to see Black life as fully human.

The Massey Commission was formed to investigate, to learn and to insist on a different way forward. What we are asking of our county is not radical. It is responsible. It is to reckon with harm, repair trust and center humanity as a matter of policy, not poetry.

That work does not belong to the Commission alone. It belongs to all of us who call Sangamon County home. The findings of *Segregated in the Heartland* and the Massey Commission's Calls to Action are not competing narratives; they are chapters of the same unfinished story. Both ask us to confront the architecture of inequity that still shapes our daily lives.

As managing director, I take this role with unflinching seriousness. Accountability is not a posture for me; it is the work itself. Our charge is to transform grief into governance, to make visible what has been buried, and to insist that transparency and equity are not optional virtues

but the baseline of democracy. My responsibility is not to maintain calm; it is to help build a foundation where calm is no longer purchased through silence.

If you read one thing this year about our community, let it be *Segregated in the Heartland*. And when our final report is released, read that too – not as a set of recommendations to admire or dispute, but as an invitation to act. The path toward justice has already been mapped. The question now is whether we have the courage to walk it together.

The Sangamon County Board's decision to extend the Commission's timeline and funding is more than an administrative note. It's a statement that conscience still matters, and that legacy work takes both time and courage.

So, as we release our Year One Report, we do so with clarity:

Now that we know, we cannot unknow. We know what happened here – in 1908, in 2022, in 2024, and in every year between, when justice was deferred and humanity denied. The question before us is no longer what happened. It is: What will we do now that we know?

That is the work I hold with both gravity and gratitude. That is the work that will define who we become next. □

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# High school essay winners write from the heart

PERSONAL ESSAYS | Karen Ackerman Witter



This year is the 20<sup>th</sup> annual *This I Believe* essay contest for high school seniors, sponsored by NPR Illinois. Modeled after the program started by radio journalist Edward R. Murrow in 1951, students are invited to write an essay sharing their personal beliefs.

This fall, 210 students from throughout the NPR Illinois listening area submitted essays. Twelve reviewers from University of Illinois Springfield and the Springfield area each read a group of essays and scored them based on originality, positivity and being personal and compelling. Judges then reviewed and discussed the highest-rated essays to select the 2025 top 10 essays.

This year's winners are from Chatham Glenwood, Springfield Southeast (two), Hillsboro, Litchfield (three), Rochester, Sullivan and Williamsville high schools. The Rotary Club of Springfield Sunrise has been

a partner from the beginning, contributing to a cash award for each of the 10 winners and participating on the review panel. This year each student will receive \$500, thanks to donations from the Rotary Club of Springfield Sunrise, Liz and Serge Murer, the Illinois Principals Association and another community member. In-kind support also comes from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Custom Cup, *Illinois Times* and University of Illinois Springfield.

Students will read their essays at a culminating event the evening of Nov. 6 at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library. □

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## Kitchen counters - Milla Anderson - Hillsboro High School

Just behind my dad's left ear, the faint blue LED light from the oven clock reads 12:06 a.m., reminding me that I've been talking for four hours and 18 minutes.

Somehow it doesn't feel long enough.

My tired body forces my arms to push off the counter. As I slide down, I realize that this granite surface has never been just about food; it's been the foundation for growth, connection and preparation for life.

These late-night conversations follow the same rhythm each time. I step into the kitchen, where my dad and stepmom wait at their usual stools at the raised counter. One question is all it takes before I'm sitting crisscross applesauce 10 feet away from them. The normal talk of

college comes up, and we finally enter the question of the future.

Soon, I'm asking the same questions I can never seem to answer: Am I ready to leave? What if my future doesn't match the plan? Am I enough for the future I imagine?

But then, I remember, just like counters, life is built in layers: Messy, imperfect, yet strong enough to hold me up.

The kitchen counter has always been there to provide stability when everything around me was changing. Whether at my childhood home, where I watched my mom leave for what would soon be considered "Mom's house," my dad's new house, where I said goodbye the first time my brother left for college, or my mom's new kitchen, where my dog left a scratch the last time he snuck on the counter for a bite of our dinner.

No matter what it has been through, the counter remains, holding the weight of my oatmeal and my silence the next morning.

At the counter, my dad teaches me the value of ambition.

At the counter, my stepmom pushes me to pursue passion over fear.

At the counter, my mom helps me untangle broken relationships.

Each conversation rests on the same foundation: A cool, solid surface that holds not just plates, but pieces of our lives.

It's not just food that's prepared on the counter, but me. I climbed onto it as a child to reach the impossible, and I've sat on it as a teenager when the weight of the decisions felt too heavy.

Growth doesn't happen at once: It happens in the everyday moments, when life feels overwhelming, spills over and gets wiped up – even if it leaves a stain. Each counter, old or new, carries a piece of me in every nook of its surface.

I believe sometimes it only takes climbing on the counter to look out and see how far I have come.



## Me and my brother - Dajah Dean - Southeast High School

I remember one night six years ago, my brother, Davion, went to take a shower. When he went into the bathroom, he had long dreadlocks extending past his shoulders. Davion started his loc journey to be more like his dad and, at this point, he'd had locs for five years.

An hour later, he walked out of the bathroom, his locs gone.

When I saw him, I noticed all of his uneven cuts. Years of patience down the drain, but why? He told us that he felt like when people see him, they only see his hair. If he didn't have a retwist, he was seen as unkempt and dirty.

With his hair down, he was seen as a gangster and a thug.

I was too young to realize: This is what being Black in America is.

Four years later, I've started my own loc journey to have hair like my brother's, and I've started to see his point. Whenever there's some important event, I'm expected to have my hair done because it "looks neater."

When people say this, it shows that they don't know my culture – and they aren't trying to know it either. Locs are supposed to grow out, they aren't supposed to be kept done. It creates hair thinning.

So I wonder if when people see me, are they only seeing an unkempt Black girl?

One night, on my way home from my job, I got pulled over. I was scared because I was all alone on a side street, still in my hospital scrubs. I know I hadn't broken any laws, so why was I pulled over? The white female officer told me I was pulled over that night because when I turned, I looked suspicious – simply because of my skin and appearance.

Am I suspicious walking into my Advanced Placement classes? How about when I walk across the stage to get recognition for all of my hard work in school? It's hard to fathom that my hair and skin color can shrink me as a person and all of my accomplishments.

My brother is studying in college to be an anesthesiologist and also serving our country. He's still the same person that was looked at like a thug because of his hair.

I believe that people are more than what you see. At school, I'm the highest-achieving person of color, ranked in the top five of my class. I also have high aspirations to be a surgeon. One of my favorite things to do is join random clubs or sports. I do this because I want to pad my resume, but also because I don't want to be predictable. By that I mean when people see a Black girl with dreadlocks, they don't see a softball or golf player, they see basketball or track. Not to say there's anything wrong with those sports, I just don't play them.

I believe that in order to truly get to know someone, questions need to be asked.





## Rain brings life - Olivia Goldman – Litchfield High School

It tends to downpour a lot in this life I am living.

Sometimes, I feel like it is always raining in my world while everyone else is stuck on a sunny day. I have noticed that I always find myself being able to dance in the rain, though. It does not matter how hard it poured, how cloudy the sky was, or if it was 40 degrees out – I would still be dancing.

There are these different storms that pass through my life. Some are calm, while others are a hurricane. Whether it is a simple sprinkle of rain or a complete flood, I always try to find the clear sky in life.

I remember this one storm that went on for what felt like a decade. At first, the flowers were blooming and the grass was green – but eventually I began smelling the familiar tar scent before it would rain. As the clouds became darker, like my mind, I started to become mentally and physically exhausted.

Right when I thought the drops were getting lighter, it began raining harder than ever before. The rain kept pouring, the wind picked up and soon thunder and lightning started. It was so loud, I could not hear anything

but the storm.

This went on for months – and still, every day, I would continue to get up and dance.

After a year of swirling, I finally decided I was done. I wanted the mushy grass to go away, and I could not take the sounds of the tree branches banging against my window anymore, like the thoughts that consume my head, begging to break out. I thought the only way to make the sounds stop was to end my dancing.

As soon as I was about to stop moving my body and swinging my hips, I spotted a rainbow in the corner of my eye. The colors were so dim I could barely even tell what it was. It was the first time I saw something other than black and white. I was relieved when I saw the lightest shade of red, and the pale orange that reminded me of a sunset. The fair shade of yellow looked like a sunflower. The tiniest bit of green that instantly reminded me of my best friend. A very dim, but bright blue, when I saw my sister's eyes. Finally, the two extremely faded purples reminiscent of my favorite flower.

The rainbow, with the weak bit of color, reminded me of the moments I loved and helped me through the storm, which soon cleared up.

When the rainbow hit my eyes, I realized that there is so much more to live for. I understood why I danced: Seeing the people I love smile, my dad surprising me with flowers, my best friend making me laugh until I could not breathe.

I believe that the tiniest moments are what made the rain clouds clear up. Mental health is a recurring storm, and I am strong enough to live and thrive through the challenges life blows my way.



## Embracing the inner couch potato - Kate Downing – Glenwood High School

Throughout my time in school, I have heard a phrase along the lines of: “Get it done now so you don’t have to do it later.”

While that statement does hold some appeal to it, it’s not always achievable. In some way or another, everyone lives under this flawed expectation to work hard and earn rest, but it isn’t healthy. I spent many years as a kid blindly obeying this philosophy in fear of falling behind, but ultimately, it cost me more progress than it gave me.

I’ve always enjoyed a challenge, so I took whatever high-level course I could for freshman year. I approached my homework the same way I always had: Getting it done quickly and letting it leave my mind completely until the next day. That strategy got me by in middle school, but it did not prepare me for the intense workload that high school brought me.

I felt the exhaustion taking over. Every night I was completely depleted and would remain in my room for hours to power through my work – nothing that coffee couldn’t fix, right? As I tried to tackle everything to “get it

done now” over the months, my anxiety increasingly ramped up, and some days it felt like the world was falling apart.

By the middle of sophomore year, I gave laying down and doing nothing after school a shot; whether it was intentional or due to pure burnout, I don’t remember. I soon realized how much I needed that. Over time, I learned to plan how to distribute my work into manageable pieces. I finally had the energy to go out and hold conversations and just exist without fear of what could happen if I dared not do four hours of homework in one sitting. I used to feel so stuck in my routine, but now I’m actually growing from it.

I learned that immediately laying on the couch with a bag of chips and “Stranger Things” queued up after school is OK. Going out with friends before studying is OK. Regardless of whether or not you’re a student, there isn’t shame in taking a break – no matter how much the work is practically calling to you from the desk. I hope for a normalization of being lazy sometimes – or as I call it, “couch potato-ization” – for exhausted American youth.

I believe in taking breaks, but more importantly, I believe in spending time intentionally – whether it is generally considered productive or not – which includes time for nothing at all.

In my opinion, the best work is done with the best-prepared mind, and rest is absolutely essential to having that. I’ve learned as I approach adulthood that the truly adult thing to do is not tackle a task all at once, but instead, approach it with a game plan. So, I’m glad I’ve binged “The Office” and “Friends” to the point where I can quote them. It’s made me a better student.



## I believe in sunshine - Cora Emel – Sullivan High School

When I ask my parents what I was like as a baby, they always provide the same answer: “You were a happy baby, just a little ray of sunshine.”

When I look at my mom’s social media accounts, I see the same thing. My entire life, from the moment I was placed in my mother’s arms, is meticulously documented for the whole world to see. And there I was: A smiling, happy baby girl.

Then, in February of 2023, I went to a psych ward in Indiana. I was at the lowest point of my life. I was killing myself over perfectionism, and I was sent to this hospital to heal the wounds I inflicted upon myself.

Unfortunately, I did not heal. But I learned.

In this mental hospital, we were explicitly told by our caregivers that we were in this place to be punished

for our actions. I felt so, so helpless ... that I listened. I conformed and I silently accepted the punishment they made me believe I deserved.

Though even when I was at the lowest point in my life, where my sky was overcast and there was no sun to be seen, there was still something flickering left inside me. The counselors were not helping us heal, and I learned quickly that they weren’t going to.

So, with the only piece of my heart I had left, I gave it to the 21 other teenagers I was with. I was among drug addicts, alcoholics, genuinely violent people – but I broke the rules and I gave them hugs anyway. When the counselors disciplined me and demanded that I stop, I didn’t.

These “juvenile delinquents” I was among, the drug addicts, alcoholics and violent people? They never once said anything to hurt me or others while I was there. Why? They were being loved. They were being hugged, and they were being told that they mattered.

One day, one of my peers approached me and said, “Cora, you’re like a ray of sunshine here. Thank you.”

Hence, I believe in sunshine. No matter what you do or where you go, there will always be sunshine. None of us – even the drug addicts, alcoholics and everyone in between – are born inherently evil. We’re all people, and we deserve love. We deserve sunshine in our lives.

If you’re ever lost on an overcast day, just look for someone – something, anything – that can help brighten up your day. Sunshine is in no shortage: All you must do is look for it.



## I believe in giving hongbao - Tori Zobus – Williamsville High School

I believe in giving hongbao, the small red envelopes filled with money and decorated with gold images that my relatives give to me.

Their red color symbolizes good luck and prosperity. The tradition began when a group of elders awarded a young man with a red envelope full of coins as a thank you for slaying a demon.

While hongbao is typically given during holidays and celebrations, my relatives often give them to me after we have been apart for a long time. The reasoning behind this irregular occurrence is that it may be many years before we meet again.

When my grandmother and her family left Communist China, they scrambled to survive once they landed in the United States. With the little money they had, they scattered across the U.S. to rebuild their lives. As a result, I have never met a majority of my extended family. Every few years a new great-aunt or uncle will appear with a hongbao, a gesture that seeks to make up the lost time with money.

The first time I received an envelope, I was extremely delighted, unaware of what the gift actually meant. I saw the envelopes as mere cash holders. However, as I have grown older, these envelopes have developed into a symbol of my family’s love. They show the perseverance of our connection, despite being separated by thousands of miles. Each time I receive a hongbao, I am reminded that the grit and resolve I possess were handed down to me by people who rebuilt their lives in a nation 8,000 miles away from home.

Receiving a hongbao was never about just getting some extra pocket money, it was a testimony to the fact that our separation had not dulled our love for each other. In a culture where showing emotions can sometimes be considered taboo, the offering of a hongbao is the ultimate display of tenderness and intimacy.

I believe in giving hongbao to family members whenever I see them. Giving hongbao is a way to acknowledge the sacrifices of my ancestors while keeping the bonds with my living family strong.





## The freedom of holding my brush looser - Ace O'Malley - Southeast High School

I believe in the freedom of expression that art provides.

I grew up believing that art was constricted. Confined to the world of masterpieces, each finished piece better than the last. Improvement, perfection and dedication. Ways to become great – but not to express.

Making art had become a chore to create and complete. Looking back at my old sketchbooks now, I wonder how I turned something meant for the unfinished pieces into a gallery of “perfect” work.

It was probably around middle school when art seemed to open up. The world of media introduced me to the sketches, messy lines and mixed media that weren't controlled by the rules of perfection. I started to incorporate this idea into my own sketches, and things didn't need to be completed. Making art just to learn was the first step: Practicing poses in art class, learning to leave things unfinished because it didn't have to be. Imperfections are what helped me learn, sketches more useful than any completed piece I made.

Still, I needed perfection.

It wasn't until I started mixed media art that I truly felt that freedom. I continued to look online. I saw art without reason, no rules or restrictions. Anything could go on those pages and that idea confused me. How would someone even know if that art was good enough? Could it even be called art? And why did it look so fun?

I struggled with these thoughts for a while. I didn't want to let go of the standard I set for myself, the unspoken rules that I didn't want to break. However, curiosity got the better of me, and I decided to try out this messy art style.

It started easily: Messy sketches that I meticulously put separated from one another, but still on the same page. Better, but not quite right.

Then I began to experiment. I thought about the emotions I put into each piece. How was I feeling? I saw so many others draw their emotions in a way that just felt right: No plan, no goal, just however the pencil moved.

So I tried it out. It had been a hard day, so I just stopped thinking and let the pencil move. That day I cried over my art for the first time. After that, adding more of the unconventional aspects became easier – and it became fun.

Art started to feel like an extension of me. It was my way of self-expression. Gaining that freedom in art helped me express myself better in my daily life. It created new pathways that I never had before. I love art and will always believe in the way that expression has changed who I am.

I will continue to create art that is messy, fun and full of life because it puts a little bit of who I am into each piece – and that in and of itself is what makes it my art.



## I believe in magic - Hannah Rollins - Rochester High School

As a little girl, Christmas was my favorite holiday. There was nothing quite as special as waking up early to presents and hot cocoa.

I would wake up at the crack of dawn and rush into my parents' room, barely pausing to look at the snow-covered lawn outside. My mother would shush me and quickly usher me downstairs so I didn't wake my father. Soon, everyone in my house would be gathered downstairs in front of the tree, ready to open presents. To a kid, this day was a type of magic like no other.

Soon, the years passed, and I wasn't a kid anymore. Santa and his reindeer had left my mind, replaced by a new type of magic: Books! Every day after school, I begged my grandmother to take me to the library so I could find a new obsession for the week. Harry Potter, Percy Jackson ... it was far too easy to be consumed by these worlds, places where magic and the mundane coexisted. Between the pages of these books, people could heal any injury, fly without a plane and move things with their minds.

How could our world compare?

I lived with this mindset for years, but one day, something changed. I was working at a summer camp when one of my friends mentioned that he attended a boarding school. He took the train there every year. How cool! To me, trains were special, reserved only for the best trips, but he said something that shocked me. He thought trains were boring. He had taken that trip so many times that he had lost his sense of wonder. It made me stop and ask myself: How much magic had normality drained from my life?

I pondered this question as I exited the air-conditioned building and got into my car. As I sat there thinking, the answer was all around me.

Looking around my room, I now see the world with new eyes. I look at my phone that allows me to talk to anyone at a moment's notice, and I think about how amazing this little piece of metal is. I think of my car and how it can travel faster than anyone imagined. I even think of my microwave that gives me hot food within seconds.

These things may seem small now, but none of these existed 200 years ago. The world is constant in its advancement forward. We might not be able to fly like a bird, or leap back in time, but what we have isn't insignificant.

Look around yourself and think of phones and cars and life. Don't let routine suck the magic out of your day.

I believe that our world is filled with things beyond our imagination – you just have to be willing to see them.



## I believe in last impressions - Sam Schwab - Litchfield High School

Throughout middle school and elementary school, I was the biggest baseball fan. Anytime the Cardinals had a game, I had to watch it. I would even fake sick to watch the day games.

Every time I missed school, my Papa would come and watch me. We were both big baseball fans, so it worked out in everybody's favor. He always showed up to watch the games with me, even if that meant having to stop a day's work.

One thing about my Papa is that he never stopped working, even when it caught up to him. I was around 10 when he was put in the hospital for a hernia. He had been working in the fields for days straight and fell sick. When my family and I went

to see him, I remember being disgruntled. The Cardinals were playing, and I was missing it. I remember being short with him and rushing to get out of there.

That was the last time I would ever see my Papa.

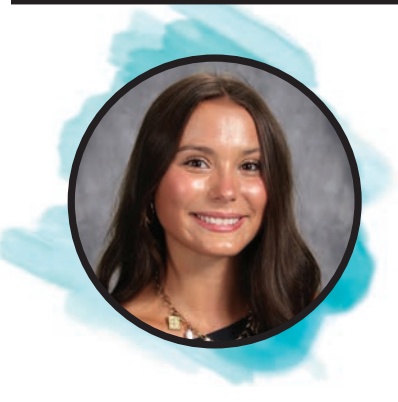
He passed away due to surgery complications. At his funeral, the line stretched on for hours, and hundreds of people showed up to express their condolences.

As I grieved, I couldn't help but think about his last impression of me. People always talk about how first impressions matter a lot, but I'd argue that last impressions matter more.

My Papa always showed up for me, even when it meant sacrificing something he loved doing. And the last time I saw him, I was ungrateful and rude.

Years later, I look back on this moment as a turning point in my life. I vowed from that day on that I never wanted to leave a negative last impression. Life is valuable and short. It is not meant to be wasted. I believe in the power of last impressions; the idea of leaving a lasting positive impact on someone is important to me.

Ultimately, my belief in the power of last impressions stems from my desire to live a life of purpose and meaning. By choosing to leave a positive mark on others, I'll never again have to experience what happened to the person who left a positive mark on me.



## I believe in two homes - Brooke Braasch - Litchfield High School

On a beautiful, mid-August Sunday evening, my two sisters and I are covered in shopping bags and Auntie Annie's pretzel crumbs. Nearly about to burst from being so full, I put on “What Makes You Beautiful” by One Direction.

Cautiously, my mom turns down the music in the middle of my older sister, Lily, screaming, “Baby, you light up my world like nobody else.”

However, instead of my mom smiling because her children are finally getting along, her expression seemed more serious.

“Your dad and I are getting a divorce.”

Those are words that no 10-year-old ever wants to hear. In this moment, it felt like I was trapped behind glass. My life was over.

Over the next six months, my sibling and I had to adjust to our “new” life. Life with divorced parents looked similar to having recurring sleepovers with your best friend. I would fill my pink Shopkins drawstring bag with an unnecessary amount of clothes, my white stuffed rabbit and a photograph of my family at Little Rock Lake,

the only reminder of what my life used to look like. At my mom's house, the days consisted of an abundant amount of laughter and going on different adventures, while at my dad's, weekends were filled with Penn State football and playing catch.

However, my biggest adjustment didn't come from two houses or a Shopkins bag. It came from the sympathy of others.

At first, I hated telling people that my parents were divorced. Embarrassment would flood me whenever friends would say, “Oh, I'm so sorry,” or “Am I taking you to your mom's or dad's house?” Their pity made me feel different, like my family was broken in a way that no one else could understand.

But over time, I realized that having divorced parents didn't mean I was less loved or less fortunate than other kids. It simply meant my love came from two different households.

At my eighth-grade basketball night, I looked into the stands while being recognized and saw both of my parents smiling proudly at me. It didn't matter if they were sitting on opposite sides of the gym. In that moment, something changed the way I viewed my family. I didn't need one home to feel whole, because all the love and support I needed was right in front of me the entire time.

Divorce hadn't taken love away; it had simply placed it in two different places.

Now, older and wiser, I am grateful for my parents. They have taught me that even in difficult times, love is still there. They have shown me that just because you are different, it doesn't mean you are less. Now, when people express their sorrows for me, I laugh and ask why. Because, after all, I believe in two homes.



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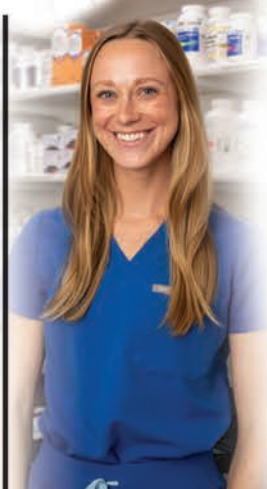
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Ten actors playing more than 60 characters will tell the real-life story of how the community of Laramie, Wyoming, reacted to the brutal murder of Matthew Shepard, a gay college student, in 1998.

*The Laramie Project*, a play by Moisés Kaufman and the Tectonic Theater Project, opens Nov. 7 at University of Illinois Springfield.

“It is an important piece of history, and it’s an important reminder of our shared humanity that unfortunately is, I think, getting lost in a lot of discourse these days,” said Missy Thibodeaux-Thompson, the play’s director and a theater professor at UIS.

She mentioned the play in class this spring, and when she got blank looks from her young students, Thibodeaux-Thompson said she decided she needed to pitch the play to the theater department.

In October 1998, Shepard, 21, was kidnapped, robbed, severely beaten and left tied to a fence in the Wyoming prairie. He died a few days after he was found, never waking up from his coma. The University of Wyoming student’s attackers were ultimately found guilty of murder.

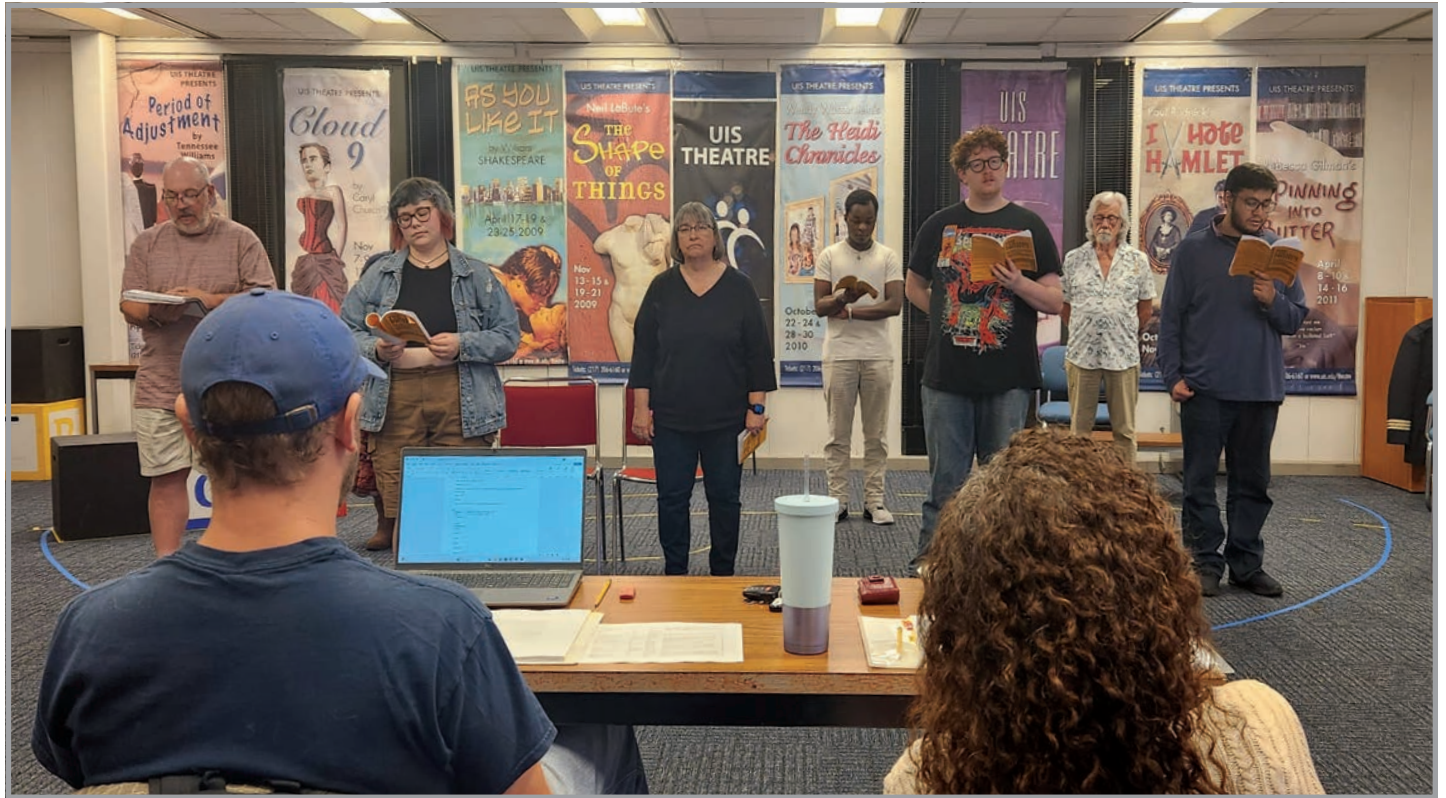
News of the attack spread globally, sparking outrage. In that environment, the New York-based Tectonic Theater Project traveled to Laramie six times and conducted hundreds of interviews with town residents. The play collects pieces of those interviews, published news reports and Tectonic members’ journal entries to recount how a town grappled with bigotry and murder.

The heavy subject matter can be intense, but Thibodeaux-Thompson said she’s encouraged her actors to decompress and – for now – to use placeholder words for some of the slurs in the script if they need to. She said she’s been impressed by how they’ve handled it.

Sylus Zawicki, a freshman theater major at UIS, said finding the balance among tones and characters has been a challenge, but a fun one. It’s especially true because this is the first dramatic show he’s done.

“With everything that’s been happening, like in the play that we’ve had to say out loud and stuff, we all kind of take that second right after to release a little bit of the pressure,” he said.

Like everyone else, Zawicki plays multiple roles, and each one has a different level of seriousness. One is Aaron Kreifels, the student



The cast of *The Laramie Project* during a rehearsal. Ten actors portray more than 60 real-life characters who recount the story of Matthew Shepard's murder in 1998 and how the community dealt with the aftermath. PHOTO BY NIKOEL HYTREK

who found Shepard.

Sometimes, he said, releasing pressure means talking about something completely different or singing silly songs.

There are also some lighter moments and characters who are meant to break the pressure in the show. Zawicki also plays some of them.

Part of what makes *The Laramie Project* so powerful is its nontraditional format that’s less a story and more like a documentary or, as Thibodeaux-Thompson describes it, a museum exhibit.

“It is a challenging piece to work on because of the challenging subject matter, and it’s a challenging piece to listen to – to witness,” she said. “And I think that’s also part of the power of verbatim theater – is as actors, as theater creators and as audience members, to bear witness.”

Verbatim theater is a style of theater created from real people’s words and documents.

“It’s one of those (shows) that brings you in, but it also is informative of how things went down – what happened,” Zawicki said.

“Everyone is human. And this play does take it and bring it right to your face.”

The venue will also add intimacy. Because the normal performing space is in a construction zone, *The Laramie Project* will be performed in the acting studio in the Visual & Performing Arts Building (Room 170) on the campus.

The room will have enough space for around 50 people, much smaller than the typical 120-200 who fit in the Performing Arts Center’s Studio Theatre venue. Every performance will be followed by a talk-back session afterward so the audience has an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the show.

Thibodeaux-Thompson said the play is more than its subject matter. The format allows the audience and the performers to connect and share the experience.

“I think more than it being heavy ... it’s honest. It is eye-opening, and it being 27 years later, it’s like, ‘Wow, how far have we come and how far have we not come?’” she said. □

## The Laramie Project

*runs Nov. 7-9 and 13-15 in the acting studio in the Visual & Performing Arts Building (Room 170) on the campus. All shows are at 7:30 p.m. except for the Nov. 9 matinee, which will start at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are available in person or by phone at the Art, Music, and Theatre Department office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will also be tickets available at the door starting one hour before showtime.*

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# A horror-comedy for your ears

*"Illinois Hell Hole"* features local and national voice talent

ENTERTAINMENT | Scott Faingold

Springfield native Matthew Brookens has written, produced, directed and starred in "Illinois Hell Hole," a project he describes as a "two-hour, fully scored horror-comedy audio drama." This oddball extravaganza aired on NPR Illinois (91.9 FM) in three parts Oct. 28-30 as a uniquely flavored Halloween treat, with spooky humor and voice performers ranging from narrator Corey Burton (Count Dooku in *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* among other high-profile roles) and Daran Norris (*The Fairly OddParents* and more) to local celebrities such as Springfield theater scene MVP Reggie Guyton, Jeff Williams from punk rock stalwarts NIL8 and Patrick Russell of the Portuguese Rodeo Clown Company.

Brookens is back living in Springfield after several years working as a filmmaker and editor in Los Angeles and elsewhere. Along with work online and in reality TV, he was involved in the popular *Walking Dead* franchise and directed the feature film *The Art of Pain*, which streamed on Netflix and Amazon. However, his latest project is not only proudly Illinois-centric but looks to put a modern spin on the kind of audio-only dramas that were hugely popular on radio in the decades before television took over the culture's eyes and ears.

"Illinois Hell Hole" began as a movie script but a cast read-through got Brookens thinking.

"It just felt like its own thing," he said. "I realized it doesn't necessarily need the camera. Your imagination has the best, biggest budget for special effects you can possibly ask for."

The result is a finished product that he likes to describe as a "movie for your ears," with immersive soundscapes, music and the kind of engaging performances that would be at home in a big-budget theatrical release.

The entire project reflects Brookens' experience as someone raised in Springfield who left to pursue a career in entertainment and found his way back here. The main character, Ned, is a cynical goth who is forced to return to the Springfield area when he inherits his parent's farm, where he discovers that something unnatural and sinister is ready to open up under his feet on the family property. At base, "Illinois Hell Hole" is a quirky comedy with a scary twist, all based in the landscape of the area. At the same time, like a lot of comedy, the story has personal –



even tragic – underpinnings.

"My mom suffered from ALS and passed away. I was torn away from L.A. and had to be away from my daughter, so I decided to write a story with some of those elements." Pause. "But a comedy," Brookens said.

Another thing that influenced the script was the rush of feelings that came over him when he came back to his hometown.

"You can understand things a little better after you've lived far away for a while," he said. "I've moved back fairly recently. When I lived here growing up, I loved it, but I was different – I was nerdy and in theater and a punk rocker and stuff. And socially, there's an element of people here who hate that, but I think that rejection can strengthen that creative community, too."

One cast member of "Illinois Hell Hole" who might understand this specific feeling more than most is Meghan McDonough, who plays the character of Lenore. She and Brookens were high school friends when they attended Sacred Heart-Griffin together. They hadn't seen each other in years other

than through what she calls "the beautiful connection of social media" as they each pursued careers in show business, he as a writer-director and McDonough as an actress and improviser.

"We were both back in Springfield, and he told me about this project he had coming up and asked if I'd be part of it. Of course, I was delighted," she said.

Also delighted to take part in "Illinois Hell Hole," but with no Springfield connection at all, was veteran actor Daran Norris, known for the part of Cliff McCormack on *Veronica Mars*, along with voice work on animated hits like *American Dad*.

"The writing was really good and very funny and different," Norris said. "When I heard that my friend Corey Burton was already involved, I just said, 'Oh, I'm in.'"

One aspect of voiceover work that can be both convenient and a challenge is the fact that it is almost always done remotely. This makes scheduling fairly simple but can make performing difficult as the actor is often in the position of reciting lines in a vacuum, with no

sense of how the other actors might sound or respond. Norris found even this aspect of his "Illinois Hell Hole" experience enjoyable.

"For this project, it was really great because I'm recording in my studio, and Matthew's recording in his, and he was able to read all of the other characters that I was interacting with. So you have that natural back and forth – it's much more playing a scene instead of just recording some dialogue," he said.

The fact that this was a long-form, audio-only narrative was also attractive for Norris. "Part of the allure of this was that it was a new format for me," he said. "I've never done anything like this. It was intriguing, and even just the length of the piece was, I thought, pretty bold. It was a very fun project to be involved in."

Springfield theatrical staple Reggie Guyton said he had a great time playing the main character's cousin, Moose, who he described as "naive and well-meaning," providing levity as other things in the story become increasingly eerie and menacing.

"The human psyche is an amazing thing," Guyton observed, a thought that he said also applies to his next project, pulling double duty acting and directing in the play *Fences*, which opens at the Hoogland Center for the Arts Nov. 14.

As for future projects, Brookens said he is not quite done with "Illinois Hell Hole" yet.

"I honestly think this could be a movie or a TV show," he said. "I think I can easily expand this first story into a season of a series and then "Texas Hellhole" would be the second season – there's franchise potential for that. I'm a filmmaker, though, and I would also love to make a movie and have it be its own thing. I wouldn't be in the movie, though. I play Ned in the audio version but I'm not a movie star. I've got a face for radio."

Visit [illinoishellhole.com](http://illinoishellhole.com) for additional information and downloads. □

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# A culinary match made in heaven

Farro's earthy, nutty notes complement umami-packed flavor of mushrooms

FOOD | Peter Glatz

Farro, an ancient and increasingly popular whole wheat grain, offers a delightful nutty flavor and chewy texture. This versatile grain is available in three forms: whole grain, which is the most nutritious but requires longer cooking; pearled, with the bran removed for faster preparation; and semi-pearled, where the bran is partially removed.

The earthy and nutty notes of farro perfectly complement the rich, umami-packed flavor of mushrooms. Farro's excellent liquid absorption makes it an ideal canvas for mushroom broths, ensuring every bite is infused with their distinctive taste.

For dishes requiring creaminess, such as a mushroom risotto-like tart filling, pearled farro is the preferred choice. In contrast, whole grain farro is better suited for salads and grain bowls where a more structured and chewy texture is desired.

I have a particular fondness for the intense, woodsy and nutty flavor of porcini mushrooms. My love for them even led me to book a farmhouse with a kitchen for my upcoming trip to France, specifically to prepare the beautiful porcinis I plan to purchase from local markets. On a previous trip to Paris, I took just-bought market mushrooms to a restaurant and asked them to sauté them in butter — a request that cost me the equivalent of \$30.

However, fresh porcini mushrooms can be challenging to find and quite expensive in the Midwest. I often turn to a tip from New York celebrity chef Terrance Brennan: Rehydrate readily available dried porcini for their flavor and combine them with more affordable crimini mushrooms for added texture.

## Mushroom farro tart

Farro has a chewier texture than Italian rice and doesn't release starch during cooking. This means you won't need to stir it as you would a risotto. For the best results, ensure your puff pastry is thawed but still cold. Ideally, thaw it overnight in the refrigerator. If time is limited, you can thaw it on the counter but keep a close eye on it. The goal is a pastry that's pliable enough to roll and shape without becoming limp or causing the butter to melt. Thawing times will vary depending on the kitchen temperature, so constant supervision



Mushroom farro tart. PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

is essential.

Serves 4-6 as a main or 6-8 as a side.

### Ingredients:

¾ cup pearled farro  
1 ounce dried porcini mushrooms  
1 tablespoon unsalted butter  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1 bunch scallions, thinly sliced, divided  
½ pound cremini mushrooms, sliced  
¼ cup dry Madeira  
¼ cup whole-milk ricotta, well-drained  
1 pound package all-butter puff pastry, thawed  
1 egg yolk, beaten with 1 tablespoon of water and a pinch of salt

### Preparation:

Soak the farro in cold water for 30 minutes. In a separate bowl, soak the dried porcini

mushrooms in three cups of water for 30 minutes.

Drain the farro and discard the water. Rinse the bowl, then cover the drained farro with an inch of hot water and let it soak while you prepare other ingredients. Drain again before use.

Drain and squeeze the liquid from the porcini, reserving the soaking liquid. Strain the reserved porcini liquid through cheesecloth or a coffee filter to remove any grit, then add more water to make three cups total.

In a medium saucepan, combine the farro, the three cups of strained porcini liquid, and ¼ teaspoon of salt. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer, uncovered, for 20-30 minutes, or until the farro is tender and cooked through. Drain any excess liquid.

While the farro cooks, melt the butter with

the olive oil in a 12-inch heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Add the minced garlic and half of the sliced scallions, stirring frequently, and cook for two or three minutes. Stir in the cremini mushrooms with one teaspoon of salt and ½ teaspoon of pepper. Cook for about five minutes, or until the mushrooms have softened.

Add the Madeira to the skillet and simmer until it has reduced and nearly boiled off.

Transfer the mushroom mixture to a bowl and stir in the cooked farro. Let it cool completely.

Stir in the ricotta and the remaining scallions. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Prepare puff pastry: While the filling cools, roll out the puff pastry. If it's in one piece, cut it in half. On a lightly floured surface, roll each piece into an 11-inch square. Invert a sheet pan (rimmed side down) and cover it with parchment paper. Place the first pastry square on top. Cover it with another sheet of parchment, then place the second pastry square on top. Cover with plastic wrap and chill for at least 30 minutes.

Place a large baking sheet on a rack in the middle of the oven and preheat to 400 degrees.

Carefully lift the parchment sheet with the top puff pastry square and set it aside. Spread the cooled filling evenly over the bottom puff pastry square, leaving a 1-inch border all around. Brush the border with some of the egg wash. Using the parchment, invert the second pastry square on top of the first. Lightly press the perimeter to seal the border.

Brush the top of the tart with the remaining egg wash. Crimp the border with a fork and trim it with a pizza wheel or a sharp knife. Cut a few small steam vents in the top.

Slide the tart, still on its parchment, onto the preheated baking sheet in the oven. Bake until puffed and deep golden brown, about 45 minutes.

### Notes:

Both the filling and the rolled-out pastry can be prepared and chilled up to one day ahead. The assembled tart can be chilled, uncovered, for a maximum of three hours before baking. □

*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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## Into November we go

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Yes, we're into November already and I don't even want to know how many shopping days there are until Christmas. So far, the weather hasn't quite caught up with the season, but as most of our outdoor-ish gigs are gone with the wind, let's see what's left in this live music world.

I'd like to start off with a few special events that highlight the work of playing music professionally as done by central Illinois folks.

First up, there's "50 Years with Frankie Valli: Memories & Music" in Litchfield on Saturday night (tickets available online) at the W.D. Kilton Performing Arts Center to honor 150 years of service from St. Francis Hospital with all proceeds going to the hospital's Family Maternity Center. The local tie-in features brothers Robbie and Rex Robinson (look them up to be amazed) who have been in the official Frankie Valli band for half a century after a stint as area rock 'n' roll heroes throughout their high school and college years before moving to L.A. in 1976. Joined by fellow Litchfield native Chuck Wilson and the Frankie Valli Alumni Band, the lifetime music professionals also bring to the show Aaron DeJesus, who starred as Valli in *Jersey Boys* on Broadway and subsequent touring productions. This is no tribute band, but the real deal guys who made a living making music with one of the biggest names in the business, and they're from central Illinois. I think that is about as cool as cool can be.

Another area musician, James Armstrong, a California native who has lived in Springfield long enough to be from here now and spent decades touring America and the world as the guitar playing, singing, songwriting "Ambassador of the Blues," announced a new album upcoming in 2026 and a show this Saturday at Buddy Guy's Legends in Chicago. James is as real a deal as it gets and also does occasional local shows with a Blue Monday

gig set for Dec. 1 at The Alamo in downtown Springfield.

After that, let's jump to Friday and see what's happening out there where the music takes us. I notice plenty of regular spots blazing bright as Weebles works it out with White Lightnin' going as good as country gets, while Ethan Taylor Stephenson delivers on evening outdoor entertainment at The Railyard for their Friendsgiving Feast along with food options from six vendors. The Curve Inn goes all in with The Collective, a wonderfully talented, eclectic band featuring a collection of several former and current Best of Springfield music category winners, while Boondocks goes big with Blues Traveler, the harmonica-driven pop/rock/blues band of international renown. Friday keeps on giving with Black Magic Johnson making an all-too-rare (Hey Reg!) outing at American Legion Post 809, while the First Friday show of "housebeats, DJs and good energy" raps it up over at the Butternut Hut.

Now here we are stuck between Saturday and Sunday with some 50 performances listed between the two days, and I'm about out of space. Highlights include Brian Shartzter, presenting his Outlaw Country Music show of original songs and more at Pier 55 and Crash Planet rocking the block at Whiskey Jack's on Saturday.

Then Prairie Winds Flute Ensemble, vocal students of Justin Johnson, handbell and chime choirs along with combined choirs of five churches supply the inspirational live music for the Grace Food Pantry Benefit Concert at Grace Lutheran Church on Sunday (2 p.m.) while you bestow the non-perishable food items and monetary donations.

Please look through the listings for your personal picks while enjoying the first full weekend in November for 2025. See ya. □



## MUSIC

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**Karaoke with Party Time DJ**  
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7pm

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

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

**Karaoke**  
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

**Nfinite Soul**  
Illinois State Museum, 6-8pm

**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

**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

**Clint Park**  
Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 7pm

**Good Times Karaoke**  
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## Friday Nov 7

**Black Magic Johnson**  
American Legion Post 809, 8-11pm

**Ray Scott**  
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

**Stumpy Joe and Levi Herman**  
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

**West End Boogie Project**  
Camouflage Bar, VFW Post 99, Decatur, 7-10pm

**it Jay Larson Band**  
Coonrod's Tavern, 7-10pm

**The Collective**  
Curve Inn, 7pm

**Whiskey Friends - The Morgan Wallen Experience**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

**Celtic Whistle**  
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 7pm

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

**Natu Visinia**  
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 7-10pm

**Silas Tockey**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

**Broken Stone**  
The Hideout, Mason City, 8pm

**Not Petty**  
Jenn's Beer Den, Decatur, 7-10pm

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

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

**Karaoke**  
Pickles Package and Pub, Pawnee, 9pm-2am

**it Ethan Taylor Stephenson**  
The Railyard, 5-8pm

**Rod Grant**  
The Bird Tavern, 7-10pm

**White Lightnin'**  
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6pm

## Saturday Nov 8

**Karaoke with JCB Entertainment**  
AJ's Corner, Chatham, 8pm-1am

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

**Tony Logue Band**  
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

**Hunter Sharp**  
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

**Kickapoo Junction**  
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7pm



Lick Creek plays at 8 p.m. Saturday at Route 66 Motorheads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Center.

**Brandon Tinkler**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

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

**Rock & Roll Sisters**  
Curve Inn, 6:30-9:30pm

**Colt Ball**  
DH Brown's, 7-10pm

**Joel Honey**  
Don's Place, Jacksonville, 8pm

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

**Money Shot**  
Kuhl Tyme Korner, Jacksonville, 8pm

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

**Midwest Revival**  
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8-11pm

**Taylor June**  
Maddy's Tavern, Divernon, 8-11pm

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

**For the Love of Lennon**  
Mowie's Cue, 8-11pm

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

**Brian Shartzter**  
Pier 55 Lounge, 8-11pm

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

**The Remedy**  
Pop's Place, Decatur, 8pm-12am

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

**Jonny Vodka**  
The Rusty Rail Pub, Lincoln, 8pm

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

**Springfield Uketopians**  
Stella Coffee & Tea, 12-2pm

**EaZy PeTey**  
The Blue Grouch, 7pm

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

**Richrath Project 3:13**  
Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 7-10pm

**Crash Planet**  
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 7pm

## Sunday Nov 9

**OAT**  
Brewhaus Bar, 5-8pm

**Afternoon Delight**  
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

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

**2nd Street Harmony**  
Goodfellas Pub, 1-4pm

**The Tangents**  
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

**Tom Thady**  
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

**Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Band**  
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 5-8pm

**The Wiseguys**  
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

**Molly Seaton**  
The Shed, Pawnee, 3-6pm

**Ricarda Rosalina**  
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

**Zach Aaron**  
Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 3-6pm

## Monday Nov 10

**Hurricane Ruth**  
The Alamo, 7pm

**Allan Harris**  
Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6-9pm.

## Tuesday Nov 11

**Devin C. Williams**  
Butternut Hut, 6-9pm

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

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

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

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

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

## Wednesday Nov 12

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

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

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



## THE CALENDAR



### Pumpkin Smash | Sat., Nov. 8, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Lake Springfield Beach House, Center Park, 240 Long Bay Drive | 217-789-2255

### HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS | Event combines fun, pumpkin disposal

**it** Halloween is over ... and what to do with all of those carved pumpkins? Well, Springfield's Office of Public Works has invited the community to "smash – don't trash – those jack-o'-lanterns" at this fifth annual event. It's an environmentally friendly and fun way to dispose of those used gourds. The city will take care of the pumpkins after participants smash them. The event also includes a community food drive, free document shredding and food trucks, too. The first 100 participants get a free reusable bag. The event happens rain or shine.

### ■ Special Music Events Blues Traveler

Fri., Nov. 7, 7pm. Blues Traveler, a rock band that formed in New Jersey in 1987, was a part of the jam band scene of the 1990s. Opening act TBD. \$40-\$140. Boondocks, 2909 N. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-679-0145.

### Concert in Ursula Hall

Sun., Nov. 9, 3pm. Concert in memory of Janett Cobb Meyers and benefit for restoration of Ursula Hall. Concert will include former students and faculty of Springfield College and Ursuline Academy, as well as friends and colleagues. Call for more info. Free, donations requested. Ursula Hall, 1500 N. Fifth St., 217-891-1974.

### Grace Food Pantry Benefit Concert

Sun., Nov. 9, 2pm. Music by the Prairie Winds Flute Ensemble, vocal students of Justin Johnson, handbell and chime choirs and combined choirs of five churches. Donations will support the food pantry. Free, but donations and nonperishable food items requested. Grace Lutheran Church, 714 E. Capitol Ave., 217-522-3965.

### "Hero's Journey"

Fri., Nov. 7, 7:30pm. The Illinois Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Taichi Fukumura, presents a program that celebrates passion, virtuosity and triumph. The concert features music by Bartok, Miklós Rózsa and Beethoven. \$30-\$65, students 24 and younger \$10. Springfield First United Methodist Church, 2941 S. Koke Mill Road, 217-793-9760.

### ■ Books & Authors Book Reading and Signing with Luke McQuillan

Sat., Nov. 8, 4pm. Author and composer Luke McQuillan will read and perform songs from his musical novel, *Love in the Light*, at this event. The book tells the story of two men who fall in love in a lighthouse in 1939 and sing about it through the page with QR codes to listen to the songs as one reads. Books and CDs will be available to purchase. Free. Phoenix Center: Out On Second, 120 E. Scarritt St., 217-528-5253.

### Book Signing & Fireside Chat with Kevin Boehm

Tue., Nov. 11, 4-7pm. Springfield native and James Beard Award-winning restaurateur Kevin Boehm will celebrate his memoir, *The*

*Bottomless Cup*, with a fireside reading. He will share an excerpt from his inspiring and unflinching story - a journey through ambition, adversity and the magic of hospitality. Register at bit.ly/BottomlessCup\_Book-Signing. For ages 20 and older. Ticket and book \$35, ticket \$25. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-585-2941.

### ■ Theater & Comedy

*The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge* Fri., Nov. 7, 7-9:30pm, Sat., Nov. 8, 2-4, 7:30-9:30pm and Sun., Nov. 9, 2-4pm. A year after his transformation, Ebenezer Scrooge is back to his old ways and is suing Jacob Marley and the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future for breaking and entering, kidnapping, pain and suffering and more. The ghosts employ England's most clever barrister. Scrooge represents himself. One by one, Bob Cratchit, Scrooge's nephew Fred and even the ghosts themselves take the witness stand. \$5 at door. First Church of the Nazarene, 5200 S. Sixth St., 217-529-6771.

### *The Laramie Project*

Fri.-Sat., Nov. 7-8, 7:30 p.m., Sun., Nov. 9, 2 p.m. UIS Theatre presents this play about Matthew

Shepard, a University of Wyoming student who was kidnapped, beaten and left to die in 1998 for being gay. The play, by Moises Kaufman and the members of Tectonic Theater Project, is directed by Missy Thibodeaux-Thompson. Post-show discussions after all six performances. Tickets can be bought online and at the door (cash only) beginning one hour before the performance. \$10. UIS Studio Theatre, One University Plaza, 217-206-6240.

### Alex Ortiz

Fri., Nov. 7, 8pm and Sat., Nov. 8, 7:30pm. Alex Ortiz brings his brand of comedy to Donnie B's. \$25-\$27. Pole Barn Chic, 4491 Old Chatham Road, 217-891-4858.

### Comedy open mic

Second Wednesday of every month, 6-9pm. Hosted by Lance Cain. Signup is at 6pm with show at 7pm. See the Facebook page for more info. Anvil and Forge Brewing and Distilling Company, 619 E. Washington St., 217-494-6200.

*The Sangamon River Poets: Masters, Lindsay, and Sandburg* Sat., Nov. 8, 7-8:30pm and Sun., Nov. 9, 3-4:30pm. The play by Dennis Camp includes dramatic interpretations of poetry and prose by Vachel Lindsay, Edgar Lee Masters and Carl Sandburg about the Illinois prairie and the Sangamon River Valley. Play includes music by Wild Columbine. \$20, \$15 for seniors and students. Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-525-2518.

### ■ Art & Architecture

#### Art Synergy

Sat., Nov. 8, 5:30-11pm. This creative, collaborative event will culminate in an exciting evening at Paul Tree Farms filled with food, drinks, bartending battle, silent auction, raffles and a live auction of the finished pieces. Tiffany Mathis Posey will be the emcee. Includes catering by Cured Catering and music by Brad Breneman. \$75. Paul's Paradise, Pleasant Plains, 12430 State Route 125, 217-544-2787.

### Frank Lloyd Wright's Perfect Stage for Susan Lawrence Dana's Events

Thu., Nov. 6, 6-7:30pm. Allicent Smith and Cinda Klickna will share how Frank Lloyd Wright was a "composer of space" and designed both intimate and large spaces in the Dana-Thomas House. edwardsplace.org. Free. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

### James Spizzo Photography

### Exhibit

Mondays-Saturdays, 4-6pm. Through Nov. 30. Chicagoan James Spizzo has been taking photographs since he was 8 or 9. See this collection of his images - all spontaneous and devoid of staging. strawnartgallery.org. David Strawn Art Gallery, Jacksonville, 331 W. College Ave., 217-243-9390.

### Opening Exhibit PORTALS

Fri., Nov. 7, 6-9pm and Sat., Nov. 8, 6-9pm. In this exhibit each piece whether abstract, representational, two or three-dimensional or the written word by our poet members is an introduction, an entrance or passage to another place or realm. Free. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 217-622-7903.

### "A Radical Turn"

Through Nov. 20. This exhibition is by Aaron Hughes, a painter, activist and anti-war veteran whose work explores themes of conflict, memory and social justice. UIS Visual Arts Gallery, HSB 201, One University Plaza, 217-206-6240.

### 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

*From Courtroom to Capital - Lincoln's Path to the Presidency* Thu., Nov. 6, 7pm. This Looking for Lincoln film premier will begin with introductions and then the film. After the film, there will be a panel discussion led by Sam Wheeler. Free tickets. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

### Route 66 International Film Festival

Fri., Nov. 7, 7:30-10pm and Sat., Nov. 8, 11am-2pm, 3-5, 6:30-10:30pm. This event will feature 27 short and feature-length films in various categories from seven countries. An awards ceremony will be held Saturday night. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Includes door prizes and free popcorn. Suggested donation \$10 for each session. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-494-1279.

### ■ Food & Drink

### 150th Anniversary Dinner and Entertainment Revue

Sat., Nov. 8, 6-9pm. Jacksonville Memorial Hospital concludes its 150th anniversary celebration with a dinner and entertainment revue to highlight the hospital's history and commitment to the community. Hamilton's Catering, Jacksonville, 110 North East St., 217-245-9541.

### ■ History

#### Ursuline Campus Sneak Peek

Sat., Nov. 8, 1-3pm. Take a guided tour of the historic Ursuline Campus - a treasured Springfield landmark featuring three iconic buildings rich in history and architecture. preservespringfieldursuline.com. Free. Ursuline Academy Campus, 1400 North Fifth St., 217-813-8368.

### ■ Holiday Happenings

#### Hobnob Holiday Market

Fri., Nov. 7, 4-8pm and Sat., Nov. 8, 9am-4pm. A festive holiday shopping wonderland... Shoppers can check those gifts off the list as they shop 120+ vintage, handmade and boutique vendors. Earlybird shopping Friday, November 7, 4-8 pm, \$10. Saturday is \$5. children 12 and younger are free both days. Illinois State Fairgrounds Exposition Building, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-782-6661.

### ■ Fundraisers & Galas

#### 14th Annual "Honoring Our Heritage" Fundraising Gala

Fri., Nov. 7, 6-10pm. Join the Springfield & Central Illinois African American History Museum as it celebrates African American history, culture, and community. This year's theme is "We Won't Go Back." spiaahm.org. \$65. Northfield Inn, Suites and Conference Center, 3280 Northfield Dr., 217-391-6323.

### Dream Center Flea Market

Sat., Nov. 8, 7am-12pm. This event will benefit The Frank and Linda Vala Dream Center of Sangamon County's educational and community outreach programs in the county. The Dream Center (Dream Kitchen) Food Trailer will be on site with food available for purchase. Destiny Church, 1425 N. Fifth St., 217-685-0375.

### First Citizen Award

Wed., Nov. 12, 5pm. Recognizing those who've made the Springfield area a better place with the annual First Citizen Award tradition. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-585-2941.

### India Night 2025

Sat., Nov. 8, 5pm. The Asian Indian Women's Organization



comes together again in support of Compass for Kids. The group will share an evening of culture, connection and giving back to help local youth and families thrive. \$100. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-529-7777.

**Jazz Brunch After Dark: Prohibition**

Thu., Nov. 6, 6-8pm. Shake a leg with the Illinois State Museum Society at this 1920s-themed jazz night. Kick off the centennial celebrations of Route 66 by embracing your inner flapper with jazz music, New Orleans-inspired food, drinks and a sneak peek at the upcoming Stores of 66 exhibit. Dressing up is encouraged. [illinoisstatemuseum.networkforgood.com](http://illinoisstatemuseum.networkforgood.com). Free, \$10 donation suggested. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-524-4222.

**Masterpieces & Melodies**

Thu., Nov. 6, 6:30-8:30pm. Fundraiser for the Ball-Chatham Educational Foundation. Music by Glenwood High School band, choir and Fusion Jazz. Includes art exhibit and art auction, cash bar and light appetizers. \$25. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

**Phoenix Center's 25th Annual Fall Gayla**

Fri., Nov. 7, 5:30pm. Enjoy this evening of celebration, entertainment and community recognition. This 25th annual event includes dinner, silent and live auctions, awards presentations and live music. \$75. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-528-5253.

**Rai\$e the Roof Game Night**

Fri., Nov. 7, 6-9:30pm. Enjoy playing some of your favorite TV game shows as you compete against other teams to take home the trophy. Hosted by Jim Leach. Doors open at 6pm. Dinner will be served from 6-7pm. Games start at 7:15pm. Sponsorships available. This fundraiser benefits Habitat for Humanity. \$25. Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-523-2710.

**Trivia Night, Silent Auction and Chili Cook-off**

Fri., Nov. 7, 6-9pm. Trivia begins at 6:30pm. Teams up to 10 people. Event includes competitions, door prizes and prize for the best decade's dressed table. Chili available to purchase. A silent auction will raise funds for a physical activity area for Trinity students. \$10 per

person. Trinity Lutheran School, 515 S. MacArthur Blvd., 217-787-2323.

**Community Organizing Free Community Breakfast**

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

**Children's Corner Ansar Shrine Circus**

Fri., Nov. 7, 7pm, Sat., Nov. 8, 11am, 3, 7:30pm and Sun., Nov. 9, 12:30, 4:30pm. The greatest show in three rings. Adults \$15, kids ages 12 and under \$8. BOS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 7th & Adams- outdoor, 217-525-1771.

**Bring Books Back - A Celebration of Reading**

Sat., Nov. 8, 10am-4pm. For children and their families. Event will include local celebrity readers, character costume contest, local authors and vendors, silent auction and raffle and quiet reading space. Presented by iMagicNation. Proceeds will support a free tutoring clinic for children. Free. Erin's Pavilion, 4965 S. 2nd St, Springfield, IL 62703, 217-220-6272.

**Girls on the Run 5K Celebration**

Sat., Nov. 8, 9-11:30am. Support Girls on the Run of Central Illinois participants by joining them at the fall 5K. Celebrate and honor their season of growth, connection and confidence. Event begins at 9am with family-friendly activities followed by the 5K at 10am. Register to run/walk as a 5K participant or to volunteer. [gotrcentralillinois.org](http://gotrcentralillinois.org). Early pricing before 10/26, adults \$30 and children ages 3-12 \$20. Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-726-9808.

**Lectures & Meetings Coffee With a Cop**

Wed., Nov. 12, 8-10am. "Coffee with a Cop" breaks down the barriers between police officers and citizens. It provides an opportunity to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the police officers in the neighborhood. Golden Hour Bake House, Springfield, 11 W. Old State Capitol, 217-788-8325.

**Bulletin Board APL Paws with Claus**

Sat., Nov. 8, 9am-5pm. Celebrate the holiday season with a festive

photo of the furry family member and Santa himself. Reserve a 15-minute professional photo session for \$20. Sitting fees support the Animal Protective League and the animals in its care. Reserve a time at [aplshelter.org/paws-and-claus](http://aplshelter.org/paws-and-claus). \$20. Scoop Du Jour, Chatham, 95 W. Plummer Blvd., 217-361-6212.

**Public Hearing on Sangamon Avenue-Dirksen Parkway intersection improvements**

Wed., Nov. 12, 4-6 p.m. Learn more about a proposed project to improve one of Springfield's vital intersections. Public input invited on final plan. Attendees will be able to learn more about the project through exhibits, displays and fact sheets available at the meeting. IDOT staff and consultants will be available to discuss the project and answer questions. There will be no formal presentation. Free. Northfield Inn, Suites and Conference Center, 3280 Northfield Drive, 217-782-7301.

**Coin Show**

Sun., Nov. 9, 9am-4pm. U.S. and foreign coins, ancient and modern coins, gold and silver bullion, state quarters and paper money. Over 70 dealer tables. Hosted by the Central Illinois Numismatic Association. Free for members and children under 16. \$1. Northfield Inn, Suites and Conference Center, 3280 Northfield Dr., 217-528-7634.

**Holiday Market and Sweet Shoppe**

Sat., Nov. 8, 9am-3pm. Shop holiday and home decor, jewelry, handmade crafts, ceramics and more. Includes a bake sale, cocoa bar, raffle and more. [springfieldceramicandcraftclub.org](http://springfieldceramicandcraftclub.org). Free. Springfield Ceramics and Crafts Club, 2626 S. Pasfield St., 217-891-3206.

**Veterans Day Recognition**

Mon., Nov. 10, 11:30am-12pm. Honor all who served this Veterans Day. Refreshments, punch and door prizes will be available. Event sponsored by Meridian. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-503-4643.

**Voice of America**

Wed., Nov. 12, 7-8:30pm. Steven Herman will discuss the importance of the Voice of America, from its first broadcast during World War II to its broadcasting to communist countries during the Cold War to today. [mywacci.org](http://mywacci.org). free. Illini Country Club, 1601 S. Illini Road, 546-4614.



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- Office and administrative support**
  - Handle general communications:** Answer and direct phone calls, greet visitors, respond to emails, and fax.
  - Maintain office efficiency:** Order and organize office supplies, oversee maintenance of office equipment, and ensure the workspace remains tidy and functional.
  - Perform data and records management:** Create and maintain both digital and physical filing systems. This often includes using databases to track records and information.
  - Draft and edit documents:** Prepare, proofread, and format correspondence, memos, reports, and presentations.
- Program and project assistance**
  - Support program activities:** Assist with the logistical and administrative tasks needed to support the nonprofit programs, such as registering participants or preparing materials.
  - Proficiency in office software:** A strong working knowledge of the Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint) is required.
  - Organizational and multitasking skills:** The ability to handle multiple tasks, projects, and priorities effectively while maintaining attention to detail is crucial.
  - Communication skills:** Strong verbal, written, and interpersonal skills are essential for interacting professionally with staff, volunteers, donors, and the public.

Mail/email resume and cover letter to the Springfield Center for Independent Living, 330 South Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62704. Attn: Pete Roberts, Executive Director, [scil@scil.org](mailto:scil@scil.org).

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COUNTY OF Sangamon - Springfield, ILLINOIS  
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
Bryce Dent; et. al.  
Defendant  
24 FC 76  
CALENDAR  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on December 10, 2025, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Harvatin Law Office, 1100 South 5th Street, Springfield, IL 62703, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:  
P.I.N. 27-15.0-400-015.  
Commonly known as 11373 Sulphur Springs Road, Loami, IL 62661.  
The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF Sangamon - Springfield, ILLINOIS  
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
CHUCK KLUGE; LORI-LYNN STANCIL; COLLEEN STULTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF THOMAS E. DALEY, DECEASED; DAMON RITENHOUSE, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THOMAS E. DALEY, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS  
Defendant  
22 FC 85  
CALENDAR  
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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on December 10, 2025, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Harvatin Law Office, 1100 South 5th Street, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:  
P.I.N. 29-03.0-453-039.  
Commonly known as 7911 HUNT RD., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62712.  
The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court

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For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 22-023463  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
KASSY VAN HUSS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
Case No. 2025FC000090  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court on the Complaint for Foreclosure in the above-entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.  
(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: United Community Bank, Attn: Loss Mitigation, 1311 West Jefferson Street, Auburn, IL 62615; Telephone: (217) 438-5467  
(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 212 E. Jefferson Street, Auburn, Illinois 62615  
(C) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: Single family residence.  
(D) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: Not applicable.  
(E) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2025; Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, 2nd Floor, Committee Room 223, Springfield, Illinois 62701  
(F) The terms of the sale are: 10% cash or certified funds at the time of sale; balance within twenty-four (24) hours of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid at the sale. The successful bidder will receive a Certificate of Purchase following the sale and a Sheriff's Deed upon confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois.  
(G) Title will be conveyed subject to real estate taxes for 2024 and subsequent years and special assessments, if any; to building restrictions and restrictive covenants of record; to easements of record or in place; to rights of way for roads, streets, and highways; to rights of tenants in possession, if any. Sale is subject to approval of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Any real estate transfer tax which may be due as a result of the sale shall be paid by the purchaser.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
ANGELA M. LANGIANO, MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
Case No. 2025FC000138

NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court on the Complaint for Foreclosure in the above-entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.  
(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: United Community Bank, Attn: Loss Mitigation, 1311 West Jefferson Street, Auburn, IL 62615; Telephone: (217) 438-5467  
(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 1002 W. Monroe Street, Auburn, Illinois 62615  
(C) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: Single family residence.  
(D) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: Not applicable.  
(E) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2025; Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, 2nd Floor, Committee Room 223, Springfield, Illinois 62701  
(F) The terms of the sale are: 10% cash or certified funds at the time of sale; balance within twenty-four (24) hours of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid at the sale. The successful bidder will receive a Certificate of Purchase following the sale and a Sheriff's Deed upon confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois.  
(G) Title will be conveyed subject to real estate taxes for 2024 and subsequent years and special assessments, if any; to building restrictions and restrictive covenants of record; to easements of record or in place; to rights of way for roads, streets, and highways; to rights of tenants in possession, if any. Sale is subject to approval of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Any real estate transfer tax which may be due as a result of the sale shall be paid by the purchaser.  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Emmet A. Fairfield  
Registration No. 6180505  
205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62705  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.  
Plaintiff,  
-v-  
JANICE E. SMITH et al  
Defendant  
2025FC000010  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 20, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on November 24, 2025, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
Commonly known as 524 S ROSE HILL AVE, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704  
Property Index No. 14-32.0-252-006  
The real estate is improved with a residence.  
Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate

and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.  
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.  
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.  
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).  
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.  
For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876  
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION  
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE  
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.  
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100  
BURR RIDGE IL, 60527  
630-794-5300  
E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com  
Attorney File No. 14-25-00474  
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002  
Case Number: 2025FC000010  
TJSC#: 45-2396  
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
Case # 2025FC000010  
I3275367

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Federal National Mortgage Association Plaintiff,  
-v-  
Dustin C. Bailey; et al.  
Defendants.  
2025FC000073  
1036 W. WASHINGTON ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702  
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 7/9/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on December 8, 2025 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on 12/10/2025 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 1036 W. WASHINGTON ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

Property Index No. 14-33.0-103-018  
The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. The judgment amount was \$98,283.11 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 1036 W. WASHINGTON ST. into the search bar. 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 (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, contact Plaintiffs attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC (630) 794-5300 please refer to file number 14-25-01131. 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. 14-25-01131 Case Number: 2025FC000073  
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.  
I3271872

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Federal National Mortgage Association Plaintiff,  
-v-  
James D. Eaton II; et al.  
Defendants.  
2025FC000066  
512 BROAD PL, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 7/9/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 12/1/2025 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on 12/3/2025 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 512 BROAD PL, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703  
Property Index No. 22-03.0-351-002  
The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.  
The judgment amount was \$70,608.07  
Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com



by entering 512 BROAD PL 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](http://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 14-25-01459. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602 – 872-225-4985 You can also visit [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com). Attorney File No. 14-25-01459 Case Number: 2025FC000066 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. 8051-958973

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC. Plaintiff, -v.- LANETTE ANDERSON et al Defendant 2025FC000067 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 6, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on November 21, 2025, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1045 N OSBURN AVE, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 Property Index No. 14-28.0-130-018 The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer,

is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (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. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at [www.tjsc.com](http://www.tjsc.com) for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: [pleadings@il.cslegal.com](mailto:pleadings@il.cslegal.com) Attorney File No. 14-25-02177 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2025FC000067 TJSC#: 45-2092 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2025FC000067 I3275116

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT –SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff,

vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DALE E. ROBINSON; GERALD NORDGREN AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR DALE E. ROBINSON; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s). CASE NO. 2024FC000163 Property Address: 2267 Cincinnati Ave Springfield, IL 62702 NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on August 20, 2025, I, Sheriff Paula Crouch of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on November 25, 2025, commencing at 9:00AM, Sangamon County Building, Sangamon South Auditorium, 1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit: Commonly known as: 2267 Cincinnati Ave, Springfield, IL 62702 P.I.N.: 14-26.0-204-027 First Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$70,083.79 IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT. Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County. The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit [www.dallegal.com](http://www.dallegal.com) 24 hours prior to sale. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 453-6960 [midwestpleadings@dallegal.com](mailto:midwestpleadings@dallegal.com) 8051-958809

NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SS SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. MEGHAN H SILVEUS, Defendant. CASE NO. 24-FC-182 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on August 6, 2025, the following described real estate, to-wit: Permanent Index Number: 14-21.0-456-022 Commonly known as: 539 N Grand Ave W, Springfield, IL 62702 will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on December 2, 2025, at 9:00 AM, in the the Auditorium on the 2nd Floor, 300 South 9th St, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$89,283.36. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The

balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. 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 the 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 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.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. 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 the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. 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. Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

Sarah M. Stack (#6291347), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC Sarah M. Stack (#6291347) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law 601 East William Street Decatur, IL 62523 Email: [Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com](mailto:Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com) Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 8051-957292

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCREDIT LOANS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-QS7 Plaintiff,

-v.- BRANDON A. ROBBINS et al Defendant 2025FC000064 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 3, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on December 5, 2025, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5801 OAKCREST RD, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62707 Property Index No. 15-21.0-200-012 The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (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. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at [www.tjsc.com](http://www.tjsc.com) for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: [pleadings@il.cslegal.com](mailto:pleadings@il.cslegal.com) Attorney File No. 14-25-02066 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2025FC000064

TJSC#: 45-2518 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2025FC000064 I3275963

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE ON BEHALF FOR CSMC 2018-RPL12 TRUST, Plaintiff(s), vs. KIMOLA M. WATSON A/K/A KIMOLA WATSON, Defendant(s). Case No. 25 FC 84 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on December 16, 2025, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit: Common Address: 3357 S. 3RD ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 P.I.N. 22-16.0-229-019 Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.

The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808 Timothy R. Yuell - ARDC #6192172 Greg Elnsic - ARDC #6242847 Aaron Nevel - ARDC #6322724 Andrew Chu - ARDC #6285924 175 North Franklin St. Suite 201 Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 357-1125 [Pleadings@nevellaw.com](mailto:Pleadings@nevellaw.com) SL # 25-00935 8051-959353



# PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAROL EVERLY FLOYD, DECEASED  
Case #2025-PR-424  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of CAROL EVERLY FLOYD. Letters of Office have been issued to TIM L. BAKER, 363 S. Main Street, Suite 500, Decatur, IL 62523, as Independent Administrator with the Will Annexed, 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 with the Will Annexed, or both, on or before May 13, 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 with the Will Annexed and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 30th day of October, 2025.  
Patrick J. Sheehan  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
1215 South 4th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
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 May 6, 2026, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.  
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Dated 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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES CHARLES FARLEY, DECEASED  
Case #2025-PR-428  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of JAMES CHARLES FARLEY. Letters of Office have been issued to KRISTIE L. DeBRUN, 4515 Davis Road, Pawnee, IL 62558, 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 May 13, 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 30th 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  
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, within six (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 ten (10) days after it has been filed.  
DATED this 29th day of October 2025.  
James R. Enlow (#6199891)  
GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL  
Attorneys at Law  
1231 South Eighth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the estate of: Margaree Jones Deceased  
Case No. 2025-PR-000340  
Claim Notice  
Notice is given of the death of Margaree Jones. Letters of Administration were issued on Oct. 6, 2025 to Arshanda Jones as Administrator, 2322 Grandview, Springfield

IL 62702. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Administrator, on or before May 6, 2026. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Administrator within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Joseph B. Roesch  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE ESTATE OF: MICHAEL J. RALPH  
Deceased.  
Case No.: 2025 PR 421  
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF WILL AND CLAIMS  
Notice is hereby given of the death of Michael J. Ralph. Letters of Office were issued. The name and address of the Legal Representative is Miles J. Ralph, 1904 S. Noble Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, 62704. James Ackerman is counsel for the Legal Representative. His address is Ackerman Law Office, P.C., 2601 South Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703.  
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before May 27, 2026. Any claim not filed on or before May 27, 2026, is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated this 27th day of October, 2025.  
By: /s/ James W. Ackerman  
James W. Ackerman,  
Attorney for Legal Representative  
PREPARED BY:  
James W. Ackerman (06192795)  
ACKERMAN LAW OFFICE  
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Springfield, IL 62703  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of JAMES R. RICHARDS, Deceased.  
NO. 2025-PR-405  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of James R. Richards of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 22, 2025, to Becky Donley, 8 Westwood Terrace, Springfield, Illinois 62702, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Matthew J. Cate, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before April 29, 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 22nd day of October, 2025.  
Matthew J. Cate - 06272040  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
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Springfield, IL 62705-0079  
(217) 544-4868  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of VICTORIA ELIZABETH COSTERO MOLINA, Deceased.  
NO. 2025-PR-417  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Victoria Elizabeth Costero Molina of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 23, 2025, to Valentina Isabel Arrieche Costero, 11 Bonniebrook Rd., Chatham, Illinois 62629, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Brittany Kink Toigo, 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 30, 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 23rd day of October, 2025.  
Brittany Kink Toigo - 06306334  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705-0079  
(217) 544-4868  
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TN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of VELMA MAE FRAASE, Deceased.  
IN PROBATE  
NO. 2025-PR- 404  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of VELMA MAE FRAASE, deceased.  
Letters of Office were issued on October 21, 2025, to Gary L. Fraase, Executor, whose attorney is Dwight O'Keefe, Brown, Hay & Stephens, 1000 US Bank Building, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before May 1, 2026, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.  
DATED this 21st day of October, 2025.  
Dwight O' Keefe  
Brown, Hay & Stephens  
1000 US Bank Building  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62701  
(217) 544-8491

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ESTATE OF DEBRA KAY DAVIS, Deceased.  
No. 2025-PR-416  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Debra Kay Davis. Letters of Office were issued to Nicholas J. Dudley, as Administrator With Will Annexed, whose address is 1549 N. Pleasant Plains Rd, Pleasant Plains, IL 62677. 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 30, 2026, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.  
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DATED October 22, 2025.  
Attorneys for Independent Executor:  
Sorling Northrup  
Roger L. Rutherford, Attorney  
1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JACOLYN RUTH HERMES, DECEASED  
Case #2025-PR-414  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of JACOLYN RUTH HERMES. Letters of Office have been issued to JOHN REGAN HERMES, 1325 Contrary Lane, Alexander, IL 62601, 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 May 5, 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 22nd day of October, 2025.  
Patrick J. Sheehan  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
1215 South 4th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DAVID P. BILLINGS  
Deceased.  
Case No. 2025-PR-409  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of DAVID P. BILLINGS of 1928 Stonehenge Road, Springfield, Illinois, on September 13, 2025. Letters of Office were issued on the 21st day of October, A.D., 2025, to DONALD BILLINGS, 1982 Stonehenge Road, Springfield, Illinois, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701.  
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Sangamon County Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice

and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.  
DATED this 21st day of October, A.D., 2025. Estate of DAVID P. BILLINGS, Deceased, BY:/s/ Pamela E. Hart  
Pamela E. Hart, one of her Attorneys  
PREPARED BY:  
Pamela E. Hart (62999974)  
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Attorneys at Law  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BETTY LOUISE ROSS, Deceased.  
Case No. 2025-PR-408  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of BETTY LOUISE ROSS of 2451 W. White Oaks Drive, Springfield, Illinois, on September 21, 2025. Letters of Office were issued on the 21st day of October, A.D., 2025, to DEBRA A. VOIGT, 2536 Soleil Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701.  
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Sangamon County Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.  
DATED this 21st day of October, A.D., 2025. Estate of BETTY LOUISE ROSS, Deceased, BY:/s/ Pamela E. Hart  
Pamela E. Hart, one of her Attorneys  
PREPARED BY:  
Pamela E. Hart (62999974)  
SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.  
Attorneys at Law  
611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200  
Springfield, IL 62701  
Telephone: (217)753-8200  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: FRANKLIN A. COBLE, Deceased.  
Case No. 2025-PR-401  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of FRANKLIN A. COBLE, a resident of Loami, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois on September 8, 2025. Letters of Office were issued on the 21st day of October, A.D., 2025, to JAYSON A. COBLE, 205 Lincoln Avenue, Lincoln, Illinois 62656, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701.  
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Sangamon County Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the



Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.  
DATED this 21st day of October, A.D., 2025. Estate of FRANKLIN A. COBLE, Deceased, BY:/s/ Pamela E. Hart  
Pamela E. Hart, one of her Attorneys  
PREPARED BY:  
Pamela E. Hart (6299974)  
SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.  
Attorneys at Law  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of IN PROBATE MARK A. KLUEMKE, Deceased. No. 2025-PR-412  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of MARK A. KLUEMKE, deceased.  
Letters of Office were issued on October 20, 2025, to Amy L. Kluemke, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Hugh F. Drake, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 28th 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 21st day of October, 2025. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Hugh F. Drake  
(Registration No. 6269666)  
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62705-2459  
(217) 544-8491  
hdrake@bhslaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of:  
RICHARD H. DOWNING a/k/a  
RICHARD HARDIN DOWNING,  
Deceased.  
NO. 2025-PR-413  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Richard H. Downing a/k/a Richard Hardin Downing of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 21, 2025, to William Richard Downing, 738 West Market Street, Akron, Ohio 44303, 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 April 28, 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 21st 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

ESTATE OF  
DENNIS LEE SMITH,  
Deceased.  
No. 2025PR402  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Dennis Lee Smith, a resident of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, who died in Springfield, Illinois, on September 21, 2025. John Cormeny, whose post office address is 422 Clear Lake Road, Dawson, Illinois 62520, was appointed executor of his estate on October 15, 2025. The attorneys for the executor are Hart, Southworth & Witsman, One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the executor, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, of this notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
DATED this 16th day of October, 2025. Samuel J. Witsman (ARDC #6193744)  
Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535)  
Hart, Southworth & Witsman  
One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
CARL W. BIESENTHAL, DECEASED  
Case #2025-PR-400  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of CARL W. BIESENTHAL. Letters of Office have been issued to KENDRA PAINTER, 3325 N. Cougar Ridge Lane, Joplin, MO 64801, 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 30, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
DATED this 16th day of October, 2025. Patrick J. Sheehan  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
1215 South 4th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
LINDA ANNE LOWE, DECEASED  
Case #2025-PR-399  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS  
Notice is given of the death of LINDA ANNE LOWE. Letters of Office have been issued to KARI OLIVER, 713 Outer Park Drive, Springfield, IL 62704, 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 Ad-

ministrator, or both, on or before April 28, 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.  
Notice is also given to the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LINDA ANNE LOWE, DECEASED and the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF AARON LOWE, DECEASED, including any unknown heir who may be a minor or a disabled person, that an Order was entered appointing Kari Oliver as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Linda Anne Lowe on October 14, 2025 in this case.  
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers. htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp or talk to your local Circuit Clerk's office.  
DATED this 14th 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 FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of:  
TIMOTHY MARK WILKINS,  
Deceased.  
NO. 2025-PR-398  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Timothy Mark Wilkins, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 9, 2025, to Todd Michael Wilkins, 7831 Lockport Blvd., Dayton, Ohio 45459, and Theresa Marie McMurray, 654 White Oak Drive, Chatham, Illinois 62629, as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney is Bernard G. Segatto, III, 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 representatives or both, on or before April 16, 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 9th day of October, 2025. Brittany Kink Toigo - 06306334  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
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(217) 544-4868  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of IN PROBATE AMY K. SCHMIDT, Deceased.  
No. 2025-PR-000387  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of AMY K. SCHMIDT, deceased.  
Letters of Office were issued on October 2, 2025, to Peggy Ryan, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Hugh F. Drake, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 21st 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 13th day of October, 2025. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Hugh F. Drake  
(Registration No. 6269666)  
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62705-2459  
(217) 544-8491  
hdrake@bhslaw.com

Adoption  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY  
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF  
DANITA J. STEFFENS and MARTY W. STEFFENS,  
TO ADOPT  
Aliana J. Chrisman, a minor  
v.  
BRIANA J. CHRISMAN and ALL UNKNOWN FATHERS, Respondents.  
Case No.: 2025-AD-127  
ADOPTION NOTICE- STATE OF ILLINOIS  
County of Sangamon, ss.- Seventh Circuit Court of Sangamon County  
In the matter of the Petition for the Adoption of Aliana J. Chrisman, a female child.  
Adoption Case No. 2025-AD-127. Briana J. Chrisman and To All To Whom it may Concern take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois for the adoption of a child named Aliana J. Chrisman. Now, therefore, unless you and all of whom it may concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Sangamon County in the City of Springfield, Illinois, on or before the 13th day of December, 2025, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.  
DATED: 30th day of October 2025, Springfield Illinois, Sangamon County

ADOPTION NOTICE – STATE OF ILLINOIS, County of Sangamon, Seventh Judicial Circuit Court of Sangamon County. In the matter of the Petition for the Adoption of Sulejah J Adore Jones, a female child.  
Adoption No. 2024-AD-73. To Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern: Take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, for the adoption of a child named Sulejah J Adore Jones. Now, therefore, unless you Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Room 405, in the City of Springfield, Illinois, on or before the 24th day of November 2025, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.  
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers. htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAO/ gethelp.asp /s/Joseph Roesch, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk  
Dan E. Way, Attorney for Petitioners  
1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703

Name Change  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of Ky'Airre Tyshawn Simmons  
For change of name to  
Ky'Airre Tyshawn Holder  
Case No. 2025-MR-000490

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on Jan. 13, 2026 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Ky'Airre Tyshawn Simmons to Ky'Airre Tyshawn Holder pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Nov. 6, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of Aries Anthony Anderson  
For change of name to  
Aries Capri Broom  
Case No. 2025-MR-000499  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on Jan. 13, 2026 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Aries Anthony Anderson to Aries Capri Broom pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Nov. 6, 2025

Foreclosure  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
Morton Community Bank  
PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Kay C. Moore; Chastane Shillaker; Kitty Moore; Beauford Moore; Jason Adkins; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Dan Way, as Special Representative for Kay C. Moore (deceased)  
DEFENDANTS  
No. 2025FC000147  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:  
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Kay C. Moore  
Jason Adkins  
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:  
502 South Wesley Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
and which said Mortgage was made by: Kay C. Moore the Mortgagor(s), to Marine Bank, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2014R04597; 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 December 8, 2025, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.  
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100  
Burr Ridge, IL 60527  
(630) 794-5300  
DuPage # 15170  
Winnebago # 531  
Our File No. 14-24-05168  
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.  
I3275833

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF Sangamon - Springfield, ILLINOIS

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
Bryce Dent; et. al.  
Defendant  
24 FC 76  
CALENDAR  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on December 10, 2025, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Harvatin Law Office, 1100 South 5th Street, Springfield, IL 62703, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:  
PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTH-EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS; DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE STONE AT THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION 15, SOUTH ON THE QUARTER SECTION LINE 828.30 FEET TO THE STONE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 12 OF SAID HALF QUARTER SECTION, THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE EAST ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT, 783.42 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING TO THE RIGHT 90 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 30 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 228.91 FEET TO THE CENTER OF TOWNSHIP ROAD; THENCE FOLLOWING THE MEANDERINGS OF SAID CENTER LINE BY DEFLECTING TO THE RIGHT 81 DEGREES 0 MINUTES 40 SECONDS, 196.95 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING TO THE RIGHT 3 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 30 SECONDS, 101.48 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING TO THE RIGHT 4 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 55 SECONDS, 265.69 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING TO THE RIGHT 11 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 00 SECONDS 225.18 FEET TO THE AFORESAID QUARTER SECTION LINE; THENCE NORTH 232.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
P.I.N. 27-15.0-400-015.  
Commonly known as 11373 Sulphur Springs Road, Loami, IL 62661.  
The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300.  
14-24-03021  
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION  
intercountyjudicialsales.com  
I3275650

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF Sangamon - Springfield, ILLINOIS



FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
CHUCK KLUGE; LORI-LYNN STANCIL;  
COLLEEN STULTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS  
AND LEGATEES OF THOMAS E. DALEY,  
DECEASED; DAMON RITENHOUSE, SPECIAL  
REPRESENTATIVE FOR THOMAS E. DALEY,  
DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND  
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS  
Defendant  
22 FC 85  
CALENDAR  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that  
pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure  
entered in the above entitled cause Inter-  
county Judicial Sales Corporation will on  
December 10, 2025, at the hour 9:00 a.m.,  
Harvatin Law Office, 1100 South 5th Street,  
Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest  
bidder for cash, the following described  
mortgaged real estate:  
THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND,  
SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY  
OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS, TO  
WIT: LOT 61 HUNTING MEADOWS SECOND  
PLAT, BEING PART OF THE SOUTHEAST  
QUARTER AND PART OF THE SOUTHWEST  
QUARTER OF SECTION 3 AND PART OF THE  
NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 10,  
ALL IN TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 5  
WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN,  
ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RE-  
CORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 811036.  
EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS  
UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND  
AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN  
FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL  
AND MINERALS. SITUATED IN SANGAMON  
COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
P.I.N. 29-03.0-453-039.  
Commonly known as 7911 HUNT RD.,  
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62712.  
The real estate is: single family residence.  
If the subject mortgaged real estate is a  
unit of a common interest community, the  
purchaser of the unit other than a mort-  
gagee shall pay the assessments required  
by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the  
Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At  
sale, the bidder must have 10% down by  
certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by  
certified funds. No refunds. The property  
will NOT be open for inspection. Prospec-  
tive bidders are admonished to check the  
court file to verify all information.  
For information call Sales Department at  
Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz,  
Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 13010  
Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, Georgia  
30004. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109.  
22-023463  
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORA-  
TION  
intercountyjudicialsales.com  
I3275684

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois  
banking corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
KASSY VAN HUSS, UNKNOWN OWNERS  
AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants.  
Case No. 2025FC000090  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursu-  
ant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by  
the court on the Complaint for Foreclosure  
in the above-entitled cause, the property  
hereinafter described or so much thereof  
as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judg-  
ment, will be sold to the highest bidder.  
(A) The name, address and telephone num-  
ber of the person to contact for information  
regarding the real estate is:  
United Community Bank, Attn: Loss Mitiga-  
tion, 1311 West Jefferson Street, Auburn, IL  
62615; Telephone: (217) 438-5467  
(B) The common address and other com-  
mon description, if any, of the real estate is:  
212 E. Jefferson Street, Auburn, Illinois

62615  
(C) The legal description of the real estate  
is:  
Lot Twelve (12) in Block Three (3) of  
Graham and Jones' 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.  
(D) A description of the improvements on  
the real estate is:  
Single family residence.  
(E) The real estate may be inspected prior  
to sale at the following times:  
Not applicable.  
(F) The time and place of the sale are:  
9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2025;  
Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S.  
Ninth Street, 2nd Floor, Committee Room  
223, Springfield, Illinois 62701  
(G) The terms of the sale are:  
10% cash or certified funds at the time  
of sale; balance within twenty-four (24)  
hours of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid at the  
sale. The successful bidder will receive a  
Certificate of Purchase following the sale  
and a Sheriff's Deed upon confirmation of  
the sale by the Circuit Court of Sangamon  
County, Illinois.  
(H) Title will be conveyed subject to real  
estate taxes for 2024 and subsequent  
years and special assessments, if any; to  
building restrictions and restrictive cov-  
enants of record; to easements of record or  
in place; to rights of way for roads, streets,  
and highways; to rights of tenants in pos-  
session, if any. Sale is subject to approval  
of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County,  
Illinois. Any real estate transfer tax which  
may be due as a result of the sale shall be  
paid by the purchaser.  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Emmet A. Fairfield  
Registration No. 6180505  
205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-8491  
efairfield@bhsllaw.com  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois  
banking corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
ANGELA M. LANGIANO, MIDLAND  
CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC., UNKNOWN  
OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants.  
Case No. 2025FC000138  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursu-  
ant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by  
the court on the Complaint for Foreclosure  
in the above-entitled cause, the property  
hereinafter described or so much thereof  
as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judg-  
ment, will be sold to the highest bidder.  
(A) The name, address and telephone num-  
ber of the person to contact for information  
regarding the real estate is:  
United Community Bank, Attn: Loss Mitiga-  
tion, 1311 West Jefferson Street, Auburn, IL  
62615; Telephone: (217) 438-5467  
(B) The common address and other com-  
mon description, if any, of the real estate is:  
1002 W. Monroe Street, Auburn, Illinois  
62615  
(C) The legal description of the real estate  
is:  
Lot Six (6) in Block Three (3) of M.S.  
Wheeler's Third Addition. Situated in  
Sangamon County, Illinois.  
(D) A description of the improvements on  
the real estate is:  
Single family residence.  
(E) The real estate may be inspected prior  
to sale at the following times:  
Not applicable.  
(F) The time and place of the sale are:  
9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2025;

Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S.  
Ninth Street, 2nd Floor, Committee Room  
223, Springfield, Illinois 62701  
(G) The terms of the sale are:  
10% cash or certified funds at the time  
of sale; balance within twenty-four (24)  
hours of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid at the  
sale. The successful bidder will receive a  
Certificate of Purchase following the sale  
and a Sheriff's Deed upon confirmation of  
the sale by the Circuit Court of Sangamon  
County, Illinois.  
(H) Title will be conveyed subject to real  
estate taxes for 2024 and subsequent  
years and special assessments, if any; to  
building restrictions and restrictive cov-  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN  
LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.  
Plaintiff,  
-v-  
JANICE E. SMITH et al  
Defendant  
2025FC000010  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and  
Sale entered in the above cause on August  
20, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales  
Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on November  
24, 2025, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S  
6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at  
public in-person sale to the highest bidder,  
as set forth below, the following described  
real estate:  
LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF SPRING-  
FIELD IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON IN  
THE STATE OF IL LOT 25 IN MELTON AND  
SNAPE'S ROSE HILL ADDITION TO THE  
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. TOGETHER WITH  
ALL EASEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES  
IN FAVOR OF SAID ABOVE DESCRIBED  
PROPERTY.

EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING  
RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OF  
RECORD.  
Commonly known as 524 S ROSE HILL  
AVE, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704  
Property Index No. 14-32.0-252-006  
The real estate is improved with a  
residence.  
Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than  
the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid  
by certified funds at the close of the sale  
payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation.  
No third party checks will be accepted. The  
balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer,  
is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The  
subject property is subject to general real  
estate taxes, special assessments, or  
special taxes levied against said real estate  
and is offered for sale without any repre-  
sentation 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 inspec-  
tion and plaintiff makes no representation  
as to the condition of the property. Prospec-  
tive bidders are admonished to check the  
court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the  
purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure  
sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the  
assessments and the legal fees required by  
The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS  
605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a  
condominium unit which is part of a com-  
mon interest community, the purchaser of  
the unit at the foreclosure sale other than  
a mortgagee shall pay the assessments  
required by The Condominium Property Act,  
765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).  
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-  
OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN  
IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER  
ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C)  
OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLO-  
SURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued  
by a government agency (driver's license,  
passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into  
our building and the foreclosure sale room  
in Cook County and the same identification  
for sales held at other county venues where  
The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts  
foreclosure sales.  
For information, examine the court file,  
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's  
Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE  
ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527  
(630) 794-9876  
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION  
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chi-  
cago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE  
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corpo-  
ration at [www.tjsc.com](http://www.tjsc.com) for a 7 day status  
report of pending sales.  
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE  
100  
BURR RIDGE IL, 60527  
630-794-5300  
E-Mail: [pleadings@il.cslegal.com](mailto:pleadings@il.cslegal.com)  
Attorney File No. 14-25-00474  
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002  
Case Number: 2025FC000010  
TJSC#: 45-2396  
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collec-  
tion Practices Act, you are advised that  
Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt  
collector attempting to collect a debt and  
any information obtained will be used for  
that purpose.  
Case # 2025FC000010  
I3275367

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Federal National Mortgage Association  
Plaintiff,

-v.-  
Dustin C. Bailey; et al.  
Defendants.  
2025FC000073  
1036 W. WASHINGTON ST., SPRINGFIELD,  
IL 62702  
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HERE-  
BY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of  
Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above  
cause on 7/9/2025, an agent of Auction.  
com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auc-  
tion at [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com), with the bidding  
window opening on December 8, 2025 at  
10:00 AM CDT and closing on 12/10/2025  
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 WEST 45 FEET OF THE NORTH  
111 FEET OF LOT 12 IN CANFIELD'S  
SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH PART OF THE  
WEST HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF THE  
NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 33,  
TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF  
THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPT  
ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS  
HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED  
OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON  
COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
Commonly known as 1036 W. WASHING-  
TON ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702  
Property Index No. 14-33.0-103-018  
The real estate is improved with a Single  
Family Residence. The judgment amount

was \$98,283.11 Sale Terms: Full Sale  
Terms are available on the property page  
at [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com) by entering 1036  
W. WASHINGTON ST. into the search bar.  
The winning bidder must pay the full bid  
amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the  
auction's end. All payments must be certi-  
fied funds. No third-party checks will be  
accepted. All bidders will need to register  
at [www.auction.com](http://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 repre-  
sentation 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 inspec-  
tion and plaintiff makes no representa-  
tion as to the condition of the property,  
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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 com-  
mon 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).  
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ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C)  
OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLO-  
SURE LAW.  
For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney:  
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC (630) 794-5300  
please refer to file number 14-25-01131.  
Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite  
1400 Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985  
You can also visit [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com).  
Attorney File No. 14-25-01131 Case  
Number: 2025FC000073  
NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT  
COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE  
ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS  
DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR AT-  
TEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY  
INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED  
FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
I3271872

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Federal National Mortgage Association  
Plaintiff,

-v.-  
James D. Eaton II; et al.  
Defendants.  
2025FC000066  
512 BROAD PL.,  
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure  
and Sale entered in the above cause on  
7/9/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC  
will conduct the Online Only auction at  
[www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com), with the bidding win-  
dow opening on 12/1/2025 at 10:00 AM  
CDT and closing on 12/3/2025 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.  
LOT 5 BLOCK 26 PAYNE'S SOUTHSIDE AD-  
DITION, 3RD PLAT, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD,  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, IL-  
LINOIS.  
Commonly known as 512 BROAD PL.,  
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703  
Property Index No. 22-03.0-351-002  
The real estate is improved with a Single  
Family Residence.

The judgment amount was \$70,608.07  
Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are avail-  
able on the property page at [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com)  
by entering 512 BROAD PL 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](http://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 qual-  
ity 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 represen-  
tation 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 com-  
mon interest community, the purchaser of  
the unit at the foreclosure sale other than  
a mortgagee shall pay the assessments  
required by the Condominium Property Act,  
765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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

For information, contact Plaintiffs  
attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC (630)  
794-5300 please refer to file number  
14-25-01459.  
Auction.com, LLC  
100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL  
60602 – 872-225-4985  
You can also visit [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com).  
Attorney File No. 14-25-01459  
Case Number: 2025FC000066  
NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT  
COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE  
ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS  
DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR AT-  
TEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY  
INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED  
FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN  
LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.  
Plaintiff,  
-v.-  
LANETTE ANDERSON et al  
Defendant  
2025FC000067  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and  
Sale entered in the above cause on August  
6, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales  
Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on November  
21, 2025, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S  
6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at  
public in-person sale to the highest bidder,  
as set forth below, the following described  
real estate:  
THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT TWO (2) IN  
BLOCK THREE (3) OF FRANK OSBURN'S  
ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.  
EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL,  
GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING  
THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETO-  
FORE 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, IL- LINOIS. Commonly known as 1045 N OSBURN AVE, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 Property Index No. 14-28.0-130-018 The real estate is improved with a residence.

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

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-25-02177 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002

Case Number: 2025FC000067 TJSC#: 45-2092 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2025FC000067 I3275116

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT –SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DALE E. ROBINSON; GERALD NORDGREN AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR DALE E. ROBINSON; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s). CASE NO. 2024FC000163 Property Address: 2267 Cincinnati Ave Springfield, IL 62702 NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on August 20, 2025, I, Sheriff Paula Crouch of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on November 25, 2025, commencing at 9:00AM, Sangamon County Building, Sangamon South Auditorium, 1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit: THE EAST 40 FEET OF LOT 76 IN WANLESS' NORTH GRAND PLACE. 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. ALL SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS. Commonly known as: 2267 Cincinnati Ave , Springfield, IL 62702 P.I.N.: 14-26.0-204-027

First Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$70,083.79 IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT. Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County. The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 453-6960 midwestpleadings@dallegal.com 8051-958809

NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE

SS SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. MEGHAN H SILVEUS, Defendant. CASE NO. 24-FC-182 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on August 6, 2025, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot 11 in Block 2 of Lincoln Park Subdivision of part of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, in the City of Springfield, Illinois; except that part described as follows: In general the land is described as being part of Lot 11, of Survey and Plans for State Bond Issue 124, Section 102R, on file in the Office of Public Works and Buildings of the State of Illinois in Springfield, Illinois. The location of the point of beginning is described as follows: From a stone at the South Quarter corner of Section 21, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, South 89 degrees 32 minutes 38 seconds East a distance of 480.00 feet; thence North 0 degrees 27 minutes 22 seconds East a distance of 40.00 feet to the point of beginning. The land in said tract described in detail as follows: From said point of beginning, North 0 degrees 09 minutes 22 seconds a distance of 5.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 32 minutes 38 seconds East a distance of 40.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 09 minutes 22 seconds West a distance of 5.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 32 minutes 38 seconds West a distance of 40.00 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. Permanent Index Number: 14-21.0-456-022 Commonly known as: 539 N Grand Ave W, Springfield, IL 62702 will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on December 2, 2025, at 9:00 AM, in the Auditorium on the 2nd Floor, 300 South 9th St, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$89,283.36. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. 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 the 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 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. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 The purchaser of a condominium unit

at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. 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 the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. 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.

Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, Sarah M. Stack (#6291347), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC Sarah M. Stack (#6291347) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law 601 East William Street Decatur, IL 62523 Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 8051-957292

Notice by Publication CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF Ramya Bias No. 2025-GR-216 To: Lottie Riney at address unknown: Please be notified that Stephanie Otken has filed a Petition for Guardianship of Ramya Bias, minor child. You are required to answer said Petition By December 15, 2025 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

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 24th day of November, 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 Hunter Fortune 362. Christa Parson 555. Adam J Trader Trader 388/397. Artemus Hunter 342. Artemus Hunter 343. Evonne Batey 220. Karla Taber 417/418. Angela Roderick 471. Audrey Curtis 421. Patricia Platchek 665. Teresa Houston 14. april vattille 3. Martin Platchek 202/181. Vanessa Powell 361. Robyn e Wade 575. Jaclyn Fox 376. Crystal White 752. Phillip Campbell 63. Mary Koerner 261. Tara Dennis 213. Luvenia Campbell 774. Robert Jones 69. Christa Parson 858. Foster Robert 828. darsity donaby 485.

Julie Ann Richards 447/448; 10 Federal Storage, 3500 South 6th Street, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 387-3951 Jalisa Cheese A36. Robert Poole A69. Stephanie Dobson B187. Nyesha Jackson B205/B206. Sharon Hall A79. Rachel Rowden A91. Britney Dyer B212; 10 Federal Storage, 500 W Browning Rd, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 339-3865 Louise L Acres 164C. Rob Johnson 144C. Tina Wilson 86B. Nora DuLy 146C. Alexandra Cowen 223D. Tyler Hahn 104B. mircheal feagans 148C; 10 Federal Storage, 900 E Straight St, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 286-1550 Shamica Perkins E270. CASSANDRA santos 164. Sandra Smith E342/E343. Sarah Watson E321. Amy Porath E284. Kenesha Fair 34. RahKay James 100. Cassandra Quinn 202/254. James Smith 72. Willie Lucas E290. Van Converse 157. Van Converse 159. Sue Beach 124. Van Converse 160

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS CHRYSTAL UMERIOHA, Petitioner, v. VICTOR UMERIOHA, Respondent. NO. 2025-DN-278 as consolidated with NO. 2024-GR-68 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Victor Umerioha, that a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed in the above captioned cause seeking that a Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage be entered by this Court according to the statutes, and that this Court make an appropriate award as to the allocation of marital assets and debts and the distribution of marital property. UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise appear in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, on or before December 17, 2025, and 8:30 a.m., A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE PETITION. Joe Roesch Clerk of Court Randy S. Paswater - 06283705 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 217/544-4868 paswater@barberlaw.com

To enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent a private auction will be held on Saturday November 15, 2025, at 9:00a.m. Northend Storage is located at 1907 North Grand East, Springfield, IL. 62702 This is a private auction. In order to attend you must call 217-544-4521 a week prior to the auction date. Please leave your name, telephone number and an email address. Cash is the only form of payment accepted for the auction. Any individual wanting to retain their unit will need to pay their entire balance on or before Wednesday November 12, 2025. No personal checks will be accepted for storage units that are in lien. NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION Naila Day Unit #3-8 Samnatha Fickas Unit#4-7 Karla Taber Unit #5-7 Karla Taber Unit #2-10 Charles Jones Unit #1-41 Carolyn Guthrie Unit #3-18 Patricia Crews Unit #4-31 Ashley Goins Unit #7-21 Karla Taber Unit #7-30 Chandra Riley Unit #9-15 Shalik Rhynes Unit #9-34 Dominique Wilson Unit #10-14 Vickie Ishmael Unit #H-16 Vickie Ishmael Unit #J-22 Danny Crawford Unit #10-5

Linda Byrd Unit #11-45

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCREDITED LOANS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-QS7 Plaintiff, -v.- BRANDON A. ROBBINS et al Defendant 2025FC000064 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 3, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on December 5, 2025, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: PART OF THE EAST HALF OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE CENTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THENCE WEST ON THE QUARTER SECTION LINE 2438.26 FEET; THENCE NORTH 12 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST, 133.49 FEET; THENCE NORTH 13 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST, 37.30 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF OAKCREST ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 76 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST, 1212.44 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE NORTH 05 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST, 218.66 FEET; THENCE NORTH 33 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST, 48.55 FEET; THENCE NORTH 58 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST, 91.01 FEET; THENCE NORTH 74 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST, 78.39 FEET; THENCE NORTH 60 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 62.67 FEET; THENCE NORTH 37 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 77.05 FEET; THENCE NORTH 04 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST, 73.55 FEET; THENCE NORTH 30 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST, 79.97 FEET; THENCE NORTH 54 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST, 64.42 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST, 419.26 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST BANK OF THE SANGAMON RIVER, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST BANK OF SAID RIVER, 621.75 FEET; THENCE NORTH 82 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST, 126.11 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST, 20.51 FEET; THENCE NORTH 76 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST, 121.88 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING A TOTAL ACREAGE OF 4.957 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 5801 OAKCREST RD, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62707 Property Index No. 15-21.0-200-012 The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any repre-



sentation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (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. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at [www.tjsc.com](http://www.tjsc.com) for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: [pleadings@il.cslegal.com](mailto:pleadings@il.cslegal.com) Attorney File No. 14-25-02066 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2025FC000064 TJSC#: 45-2518 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2025FC000064 I3275963

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE ON BEHALF FOR CSMC 2018-RPL12 TRUST, Plaintiff(s), vs. KIMOLA M. WATSON A/K/A KIMOLA WATSON, Defendant(s). Case No. 25 FC 84 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on December 16, 2025, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest

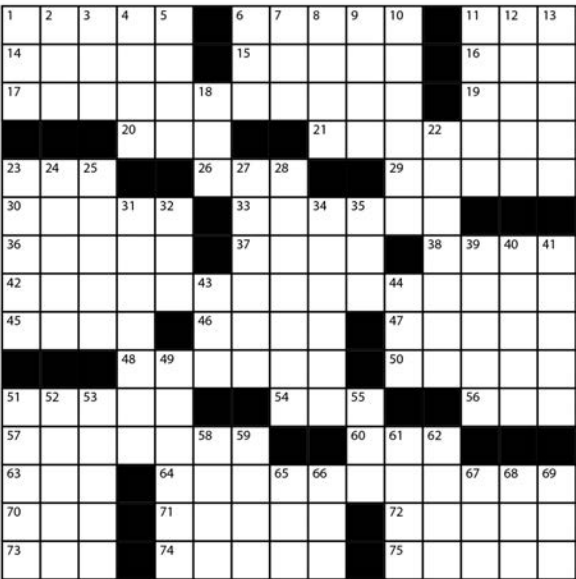
and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit: THE SOUTH 20 FEET OF LOT 7 AND THE NORTH 40 FEET OF LOT 8 IN BLOCK 10 OF GOLDEN GARDENS ADDITION. Common Address: 3357 S. 3RD ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 P.I.N. 22-16.0-229-019 Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information. The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808 Timothy R. Yueill - ARDC #6192172 Greg Elsnic - ARDC #6242847 Aaron Nevel - ARDC #6322724 Andrew Chu - ARDC #6285924 175 North Franklin St. Suite 201 Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 357-1125 [Pleadings@nevellaw.com](mailto:Pleadings@nevellaw.com) SL # 25-00935 8051-959353

## Tidy up

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### Across

1. Risk taker
6. Relax
11. Sixth sense
14. Cheer up
15. Accumulate
16. \_\_\_\_-tzu
17. Eliminates undesirable parts
19. "\_\_\_\_ magic!"
20. Football great Dawson
21. Part of a board
23. Unspecified no.
26. Laptop screen
29. Heroic acts
30. Subarctic forest
33. Enters cyberspace
36. \_\_\_\_ Park, Colo.
37. "How exciting!"
38. Soprano's song, maybe
42. First grade expectation, maybe
45. Capital on a fjord
46. Brazilian soccer legend
47. Pitcher Ryan
48. Hospital figures
50. "\_\_\_\_ there yet?"
51. Barcelona's home
54. Sault \_\_\_\_ Marie
56. Morning moisture
57. Incomplete
60. It needs refinement
63. Add years to one's life
64. Like the start of 17- and 42-across



70. Deal-busting org.
71. Soother
72. Make amends
73. Road curve
74. ER pictures
75. Peter, Paul or Mary

### Down

1. Holiday mo.
2. "That's \_\_\_\_!"
3. "Norma \_\_\_\_"
4. And others: Abbr.
5. Russo of "Get Shorty"
6. \_\_\_\_-di-dah
7. Punk rock subgenre
8. Drawn tight
9. Cold war inits.
10. False start?
11. Best of the best
12. Filled to excess
13. Model's series
18. NBC weekend show
22. One of 100
23. Dictation taker
24. Relieves
25. Imperative
27. Copies
28. Makes squiggles
31. "Don't just stand there!"
32. Fire remnant
34. Advice of 1951
35. Nasdaq unit: Abbr.
39. Angry, with "up"
40. Amazed
41. Running mate of '68

43. Mar. follower
44. \_\_\_\_ flash
49. For all, as a salon
51. Garden tool
52. Beeps
53. Locales
55. Many, many moons
58. On \_\_\_\_ with (equal to)
59. Actress Kudrow
61. Vitamin bottle info
62. "Cómo \_\_\_\_?"
65. 1970s Dodgers All-Star Ron
66. \_\_\_\_ gratia artis
67. Luau food
68. \_\_\_\_ Arbor
69. Court divider

## JoshJosh

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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.

4-	11+	7+		216x	
		7+	3÷		3-
18x					
		1-		3-	
2-		5+	2-	4-	3÷
1-					

Difficulty hard

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

Difficulty medium

## Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week

POUR	AMID	REESE
UNTO	KOBE	EXLAX
PEABRAINS	SEEME	
ASHOE	PIERCES	
TACO	OCAT	
EST	MONSTER	ASS
TERA	BOW	CINCO
HEARTBREAK	HOTEL	
AINTI	ERA	NINE
NTS	ROSTERS	SES
PERK	SLAP	
SARALEE	SAGAS	
ILENE	TOOTH	PICK
LOBES	CORE	ALTI
LEADS	HOLD	SASS

Crossword answers from #917

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

Sudoku answers from #917

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

JoshJosh answers from #917

## Sudoku

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



# 217 ITALIAN WEEK • November 10-16, 2025

## The Dublin Pub

1975 Wabash Ave • 217-793-6871  
springfielddublinpub.com  
Hours: 11am-10pm Everyday.

### Dublin Baked Lasagna with Garlic Bread - \$12.95

Indulge in a true Italian classic with our Dublin Baked Lasagna, a hearty, oven-baked favorite layered with tender pasta, rich homemade meat sauce, and a generous blend of Mozzarella and Provel cheeses melted to golden perfection. Every bite is warm, comforting, and full of flavor — the kind of dish that feels like home. Served with a side of our freshly baked garlic bread, perfect for soaking up every bit of that savory sauce. Make it cheese garlic bread for just \$0.95 more — because everything's better with more cheese!

## Bella Milano

4245 Wabash Ave. • 217-547-0011  
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Hours: Sunday-Thursday 11am-9pm, Friday and Saturday 11am-10pm

### Teriyaki Meatballs - \$7 Pumpkin Spice Mule - \$9

Hand-made meatballs with a teriyaki glaze, green onions, and sesame seeds, over fried spinach. Vanilla vodka, lime, pumpkin puree, pumpkin spice, ginger beer.

## Main Gate Bar & Grill

2143 N. 11th St. • 217-528-8940  
(across from Illinois State Fair main gate)  
Kitchen is open 10:30am-1am.  
maingatebar.com.

### Italian Sausage Pepper Grinder - \$9

add 2nd grinder for \$4. Italian sausage smothered in marinara and topped with roasted red peppers & shaved parmesan. Served with Italian potato wedges topped with garlic, Romona and Italian seasonings. Pair your sandwich with a delicious vodka cranberry, pineapple with a splash of OJ for just \$3. Call 217-528-8940 for carryout. Play Slots and win big with Accel Entertainment. Illinois leading terminal operator

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Available at all Springfield stores. 3010 S. 6th and 4411 Yucan Drive is open 5:30am-6:00pm Wednesday-Sunday and 5:30am-noon on Monday and Tuesdays. 525 N Grand Ave and 1953 W Monroe is open 5:30am-noon daily. 217 E Laurel is open 6:00am-noon daily.

### Italian Cream Cake Donut - \$2.69

Vanilla custard filled Bismark with white icing and topped with toasted coconut and house made buttercream.

## D'Arcy's Pint

661 W. Stanford Ave. • 217-492-8800  
Tuesday-Saturday 11am-9pm

### Pasta Norcina alla D'arcy's - \$13.99

A soulful and comforting combination of sausage, mushrooms, White Wine, Pecorino Romano Cheese with a hint of nutmeg, baby spinach and cream. Served with a small side salad and garlic bread. Play here. Win big! Video gaming powered by J&J Gaming.

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### Chicken Parmesan - \$11.10

Oven-baked rigatoni noodles in crushed tomato marinara with parmesan-crust chicken, topped with mozzarella and parsley.

## Razzo's Family Pizzeria

3113 Sequoia Drive, Rochester, IL  
Hours: Daily 4pm-9pm  
2023 Best Italian Restaurant

### Gnocchi alla Vodka - \$16.99

There's nothing quite like Italian comfort food to warm up a cool fall evening. Our Gnocchi alla Vodka features soft, pillowy potato gnocchi cooked to perfection and enveloped in a rich, creamy house-made vodka sauce. The sauce strikes the perfect balance of smooth cream, ripe tomatoes, and a hint of heat, creating a velvety texture that clings lovingly to each tender bite. Served with warm garlic bread and a fresh house salad, this hearty dish is a celebration of classic flavors and simple indulgence. For the perfect pairing, enjoy it with a crisp glass of our Pinot Grigio, whose bright notes beautifully complement the creamy richness of the sauce. Winners Play Slots Here with Universal Gem.



# 217 ITALIAN WEEK

Italian Week is November 10-16. Prices vary by location. Explore a few local restaurants this week for a little taste of Italy from area chefs who have created some amazing dishes for this new food week. Most locations will offer dine-in, curbside and outdoor dining options. Please call the restaurants, visit 217foodweek.com for additional information. Please be patient as the volume will be high and there may be a longer wait for your food or drink orders. Be sure to tip your server or curbside delivery person. Featured Food Week items and prices can be found at 217foodweek.com as well as 217 Food Week's Facebook page.

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