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More details on proposed data center

UTILITIES | Dean Olsen

The proposed \$500 million data center that CyrusOne wants to build in southwestern Sangamon County would generate up to \$6 million more each year in property taxes by the early 2030s, an official from the Dallas-based company told *Illinois Times*.

“It would be a real asset to the county,” Bradd Hout, location and power strategy director for CyrusOne, said in an interview before a public hearing scheduled by the Sangamon County Board for the evening of Dec. 3 at the BOS Center.

If the Republican-controlled, 29-member County Board approves a conditional permitted use in an area zoned for agriculture, the company would begin construction in 2026 on the first of six proposed 250,000-square-foot buildings and complete each one within a year to 18 months, Hout said.

Hout addressed concerns from critics who have said the tax benefits could largely evaporate if CyrusOne later sought a major reduction in assessed property value. Promising property tax benefits and then seeking any substantial reduction would be “disingenuous,” “unheard of” in the company’s history and “not aligned with CyrusOne’s commitment to being a transparent, responsible partner in communities where we operate,” he said. “Property tax assessments will follow standard county procedures in accordance with Illinois law.”

Promising tax benefits and then backpedaling to seek any substantial reduction would be “disingenuous” by the company, “unheard of” in the company’s history and “unlikely in the near term,” Hout said. He noted that CyrusOne isn’t seeking any tax breaks as part of any economic

incentive package.

The company is seeking zoning approval from the County Board to establish a 636-megawatt data center, the first in the county, on 280 acres of farm ground in Talkington Township, immediately north of Swift Current Energy’s \$800 million Double Black Diamond solar farm.

Illinois Times was the first to report on plans for the data center Oct. 17. The newspaper then reported Nov. 7 that the timeline for County Board consideration had been lengthened at least a month, putting a potential vote on zoning at the County Board’s Jan. 13 meeting.

Hout said Dec. 2 that additional engineering and design work the company needs to submit to Sangamon County officials could further delay that timeline. He said the company now hopes to seek an advisory recommendation from the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals and a final vote from the County Board by the end of March 2026.

Critics of the project have called for as much as a six-month delay in consideration of the project so all of the pros and cons can be studied and debated. Sangamon County government officials have created an online question-and-answer page on the project at <https://tinyurl.com/SangamonData>.

Critics question the touted economic benefits of the project. They also say the large electrical demands of data centers contribute to rising energy prices and rates in the Midwest and will make it harder for Illinois and the rest of the country to reduce dependence on climate change-causing fossil fuel power plants.

Water usage to cool equipment in the data



This rendering shows a prototype building that would be similar to each of the six 250,000-square-foot buildings CyrusOne is proposing to build on 280 acres of farm ground in rural southwestern Sangamon County. COURTESY OF CYRUSONE

center doesn’t appear to be a major concern, at least not yet, because of what CyrusOne describes as a proposed “closed-loop” cooling system that makes water use comparable to a typical office building.

The primary beneficiaries of any property tax revenue increases for the site would be the Girard-based North Mac school district. Other affected taxing bodies would include Sangamon County government, Talkington Township and the Virden Fire Protection District.

The project would create more than 500 temporary construction jobs over the multi-year construction period and more than 100 permanent full-time jobs for workers with technical, facility management and operational roles, CyrusOne said. Hout said, “Project labor agreements would be used to prioritize union labor and local workforce participation in the construction.”

The number of permanent jobs created wouldn’t be large, but Ryan McCrady, president and CEO of the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance, a local economic development group in favor of the project, said the property tax benefits would be “tremendous” and “transformative” for the affected entities.

He estimated that farm ground designated for the project currently generates less than \$20,000 a year in property taxes, compared with \$6 million in the future.

For comparison, McCrady said it would take 600 new homes, each paying \$10,000 a year in property taxes, to generate an amount equivalent to what the data center would pay. But he said those homes would create additional demands for school districts and other taxing bodies that the data center wouldn’t create.

CyrusOne operates more than 55 data

centers worldwide. In Illinois, it operates a data center in Lombard and Aurora – both smaller than what is proposed for Sangamon County.

CyrusOne contracts with various companies for data storage and transmission, Hout said. When asked whether major AI providers such as Google, Facebook or Amazon would be customers of the Sangamon County data center, CyrusOne officials said they cannot disclose specific customer information because of confidentiality agreements.

Most of the land for the proposed site, which Hout said would be purchased if zoning approval is granted, appears to be connected to ownership groups related to Dowson Farms of Divernon.

The U.S. Department of Justice announced in 2014 that Dowson Farms paid \$5.36 million to the federal government to “resolve allegations that it conspired to avoid statutory caps on federal farm subsidy payments from 2002 through 2008, under terms of an out-of-court settlement” in which the business didn’t admit liability.

The announcement said federal prosecutors had alleged that Dowson Farms’ principal owners, John J. Dowson, John C. Dowson, Darrel Thoma, Amy D. Thoma, and Melissa D. Vorreyer, “violated the False Claims Act by creating multiple entities, falsely claiming that these entities were actively engaged in farming separate and distinct from Dowson Farms. As a result, Dowson Farms’ owners allegedly received farm subsidies to which they were not entitled.”

Dowson Farms is also the landowner for the vast majority of the Double Black Diamond Solar farm, adjacent to the proposed data center site. Darrel Thoma told *IT* in 2022 that they had entered into a long-term lease with Swift Current Energy. □

Editor’s note

We who are “upressed” about Washington must resist being distracted from Springfield and local affairs. It was here our Vachel Lindsay in 1914 preached “the new localism”: “The things most worthwhile are one’s own hearth and neighborhood. We should make our own home and neighborhood the most democratic, the most beautiful and the holiest in the world.” The Massey Commission is about to report its agenda for change, there’s a new schools superintendent about to be chosen and a sheriff election coming up. Downtown and other neighborhoods need attention. There’s plenty to work on here. Lindsay singled out “the children now growing up” as a prime focus of concern. Today’s cover story by David Blanchette on Springfield’s public schools report card reminds us that, while there has been some progress, many children are being left behind. — *Fletcher Farrar, editor*

Grayson's attorneys ask for new trial

Defense files motion claiming judge erred by allowing jury to see certain evidence

COURTS | Dean Olsen

Former Sangamon County sheriff's deputy Sean Grayson's lawyers say he deserves a new trial for the 2024 murder of Sonya Massey because the presiding judge erred when allowing the jury to hear Grayson's disparaging remarks about Massey after the fatal shooting.

"As a result, the events following the shooting had no relevance to the issues in the case," attorneys Daniel Fultz and Mark Wykoff wrote in their Nov. 26 motion for a new trial. "The only purpose served by the introduction of that evidence was to improperly inflame the passions of the jury — which was substantially prejudicial to the defendant."

Sangamon County Circuit Judge Ryan Cadagin is expected to rule on that argument, and others in the motion, at the scheduled Jan. 29 sentencing of Grayson.

The 31-year-old Riverton resident, currently incarcerated at the Sangamon County Jail, was convicted Oct. 29 of second-degree murder after a trial that was moved to Peoria County because of concerns that extensive pretrial publicity would make it too hard to select an unbiased jury in Sangamon County.

The jury of nine women and three men — all Peoria County residents — found that Grayson's fatal shooting of Massey, 36, in her unincorporated Woodside Township home on July 6, 2024, met all of the criteria for a first-degree murder conviction.

But the jury opted for the less-serious second-degree murder conviction because of a mitigating factor. The jury found that Grayson believed he was acting in self-defense but still deserved to be convicted of murder because that belief was unreasonable.

Requests for a new trial and for a conviction to be thrown out, which also is part of Grayson's motion, are almost never granted at the trial court level. However, the arguments presented in the motion, as well as whatever sentence Grayson receives, could be cited in any appeal Grayson's lawyers will be allowed to file in the next few months.

Sangamon County State's Attorney John Milhiser, who prosecuted the murder case with First Assistant State's Attorney Mary Beth Rodgers, said the defense's motion "is standard practice after a trial. We do not believe there



Supporters of Sonya Massey's family gather outside the Peoria County Courthouse Oct. 29 while awaiting a verdict in the Sean Grayson trial. PHOTO BY STEVE HINRICHS

is any merit to the defendant's assertions in his motion and are preparing and will file our written response."

A second-degree murder conviction carries a potential penalty of four to 20 years in prison, with the potential for any time served to be cut in half for good behavior. With credit for time served and good behavior, Grayson could end up serving, at most, fewer than 10 years in prison.

A second-degree murder conviction also would allow Cadagin to sentence Grayson to probation and no prison time.

A first-degree murder conviction in this case would have carried a mandatory 45 years to life in prison without the possibility of probation.

The motion for a new trial said Cadagin unfairly allowed the jury to see police-worn camera video of the fatal confrontation inside Massey's home that included Grayson's statements and actions after the shooting even though Grayson's lawyers asked before the trial that the jury not be shown the post-shooting footage.

"The video featured the defendant's coarse language and graphic depictions of Ms. Massey's injuries," the motion said. "The defendant argued that the strong, negative emotional associations could improperly

influence the jury's impartiality."

Experts who testified at the trial at Milhiser's request said Grayson, who responded to Massey's 911 call about her suspicion of a prowler in the neighborhood, failed to realize that she was dealing with mental illness and modify his behavior.

The experts said Grayson let his temper get the best of him and provoked a confrontation rather than taking steps to de-escalate the situation. Experts called by the defense contradicted conclusions reached by the prosecution's experts.

With another deputy at his side, Grayson shot Massey in the face after a tense few seconds in which he yelled that she wasn't complying with his orders to put down a pot of hot water from her stove.

A few frames of bodycam video — shown in freeze frames to the jury, but undetectable to the regular viewer — showed her lifting the pot over her head and starting to throw the water in Grayson's direction when Grayson fired three shots at Massey, with one of the bullets striking her.

When Grayson was outside Massey's house, his own body-worn camera recorded him telling other police officers, "This fucking bitch is crazy" and "it fucking happened so goddamn quick. ... She set it up on purpose.

... I didn't have a fucking choice. ... We barely got missed."

Elsewhere in Grayson's motion for a new trial, his lawyers said Cadagin erred when he ordered Grayson detained before his trial. The Fourth District Appellate Court agreed with Grayson's lawyers, but prosecutors appealed to the Illinois Supreme Court, which ordered Grayson detained until the high court made a final ruling.

The Supreme Court ultimately didn't rule before the trial in Peoria County. The court then dismissed the appeal as moot.

The motion also faulted Cadagin for barring the use of certain phrases and opinions by the defense's experts during the trial, and for rejecting a jury instruction proposed by the defense on the justification for police use of force.

In addition, the motion said Cadagin shouldn't have prevented the defense from introducing evidence about Massey's "propensity for violence" based on her behavior the day before the early morning shooting. □

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Sober living house for LGBTQ+ in the works

Julie Benson enlists an apprentice after years of helping Springfield's unhoused

HOUSING | Dilpreet Raju

Casey Prather credits a sober living home run by Springfield resident Julie Benson to playing a part in the longest stretch of sobriety he's experienced in his adult life.

Prather calls Benson's Home Sweet Home Sober Living home, which he began living at almost two-and-a-half years ago, "unlike any other" he's experienced. Now, the pair are working together to find a new residence to create a sober living space for LGBTQ+ individuals.

Before entering one of Benson's two sober living homes, Prather, who is gay, had spent about 15 years among almost two dozen inpatient residential rehab facilities and sober living homes, largely in Illinois.

"After you discharge from (rehab), obviously they want to try to get you into some sober living or some type of aftercare program, and I kept saying, 'I want to find somewhere that's LGBTQ inclusive.' A lot of facilities (claim to) be LGBTQ+ friendly; it doesn't necessarily mean they are," Prather told *Illinois Times*. "I just felt like I can't be the only gay man out there that felt that way throughout my treatment process and finally, they found me a place to go."

Prather was sent to a facility in Cleveland, Ohio, and realized Springfield could use its own LGBTQ+ sober living home. "Somebody shouldn't have to travel eight-and-a-half hours for treatment," he said.

Benson, who turned 65 on Dec. 2, has been helping people experiencing homelessness in Springfield for the better part of the last decade. She started a street ministry in 2016, distributing clothing and supplies to unhoused people. After she retired in 2018, she incorporated Helping the Homeless as an official nonprofit and accepted donations, but avoided grant funding or other formal structure, preferring to operate on her own.

In 2022, Benson launched a one-woman business venture related to her nonprofit work and took out a bank loan to buy a house on South Fifth Street, then another one on South Fourth Street a few months later. She told *IT* that there's been a consistent need for more stable housing to help people seeking recovery, and that Prather is the one to lead the charge for an LGBTQ+ home.

"You get people who are like-minded, who have been through some of the same trauma, some of the same situations... It's better to be around people who understand what you're going through," Benson said. "I never was into



Julie Benson and Casey Prather meet with an *Illinois Times* reporter to explain plans for a new sober living home that will focus on the LGBTQ+ community. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

drugs or drinking, but I have the empathy and the compassion for it. Casey's been there; he can say to somebody, 'Been there, done that,' and they need that kind of support. And since there isn't a facility in this town for the gay community, we feel like we need one."

Both said they hope to carry forward Benson's work, and Prather is working on forming his own nonprofit, The Prather Foundation for Recovery.

The duo's current goal is to find a property in Springfield that can house six to eight LGBTQ+ people in recovery. Benson said she has discussed the new sober living project with numerous social service organizations and medication-assisted therapy centers around Springfield and all have been supportive of the idea.

Benson charges between \$300 and \$475 per month to rent a furnished room, depending on the size of the space, and includes Wi-Fi, laundry, utilities and some house supplies. In contrast, other sober living houses in Springfield often charge \$700-\$800

a month for a shared room.

Benson engages in a person-focused approach by imposing far fewer rules for her sober living home residents than what is typical of such houses. For example, there's no curfew, no mandated check-ins and no limit on how long someone can stay as long as they pay rent and are a respectful roommate.

"If you're somebody who can't sleep at night – because you've got bad sleep patterns or you've got anxiety or something – in a place like that, you can't walk out the front door and go down the block and get some fresh air and smoke a cigarette and clear your mind and look up at the stars," she said. "You do that at my houses because I don't call anybody and say, 'What are you doing walking out the front door?'"

There is random drug testing, though Benson stressed it is not routine nor does she utilize a zero-tolerance policy in case someone relapses and positively tests for drug use.

"I give people chances, especially if they say to me, 'You know what, you're right. I

messed up, I'd really like another chance,' and then I communicate with them often to try to make sure that they're on some kind of a good track. It really is different than the other houses in town because I'm getting guys coming from other houses to mine; they want to come to my houses," she said.

Perhaps the most significant difference is the privacy Benson provides by filling rooms individually rather than doubling up residents. Prather said he had to share a room at all the other rehabilitation centers and sober living homes he stayed in.

"It's hard to sleep in a room when you're just feet away from a complete stranger. For me, I've never been to a house that has allowed occupants to have their own room," he said. "I've been to so many different places, and I see it doesn't work out for people (who share rooms). That's a big reason why people move out, they get into arguments; they get into fights. We want a peaceful place to call home where people can have their privacy and their dignity." □

Turner and Coffey agree on veto session bills

Local state legislators discuss transit, assisted dying bills at Citizens Club forum

STATE | Dilpreet Raju

While state politicians Sen. Doris Turner and Rep. Mike Coffey represent different parties, both were displeased with two of the bills passed during October's veto session. At a Tuesday evening Citizens Club forum held at the Hoogland Center for the Arts, they shared their thoughts on a transit reform package to avert Chicago public transit service cuts and a bill allowing medical aid in dying for terminally ill adults, which would be through a drug that must be self-administered.

Turner, a Democrat, and Coffey, a Republican, both voted against the transit bill, explaining that the reform package to fill a funding gap for the Regional Transportation Authority in the Chicago area did little for central Illinois, though a move to fill the funding gap for the RTA felt inevitable.

"The reason why I voted no is because I really felt like it was more of a bailout for Chicagoland and wasn't going to benefit downstate," Turner said. "There was going to be some type of legislation that was going to be passed, because just looking at what was happening in Chicago with transportation, you knew something was going to happen," she said.

Earlier versions of Senate Bill 2111 included more significant tax levies than what ended up in the draft approved by the Statehouse: a Chicago area sales tax increase and an increase on toll road charges by 45 cents before future increases tied to inflation. Coffey took issue with most of the bill.

"I want Chicago to be successful. I'm not one of those downstaters that believes, 'Forget about Chicago. We don't need them,'" Coffey said. "No, we need them. We need Chicago to be the best big city in the country, because it's a money generator for us all to prosper,



State Rep. Mike Coffey and state Sen. Doris Turner participate in a Nov. 25 forum moderated by Citizens Club president Joyce Nardulli. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

but you have to put some parameters on what they're doing up there. We didn't do any of that, and this bill was catastrophic."

Both legislators cited their faith when asked why they voted no on Senate Bill 1950, also titled the End-of-Life Options for Terminally Ill Patients Act, but said they wrestled with their votes.

"This, I will tell you, this was one of the hardest bills that I've ever been a part of on the House floor," Coffey said. "Normally, when you're on the House floor, I'll be talking like this and no one will be paying any attention to what you're saying and they're just talking. This particular day, on this particular

issue, you could hear a pin drop and I will tell you, it was difficult," he said.

"I couldn't wrap myself around it and (vote yes), but I will tell you that every single person that spoke on that bill gave very compelling answers either way. I mean, at one point, I had tears in my eyes listening to these stories."

Turner even said she prayed that the bill would not be called for a vote.

"I'm serious. That was my prayer: Please tell me this bill is not going to hit the board," she said. "I voted no; I just couldn't bring — my faith just would not bring me to vote yes."

She added that the bill barely passed the Senate and indicated at least one yes vote

came from party pressure.

"One of the leaders, I'm not going to say who, came over and spoke to my seatmate and she ... was kind of browbeaten into voting yes," Turner said. "But it is still sitting with the governor. He has not said whether he's going to sign it or not, and there are still people that are advocating. 'Please don't sign it.'"

Both lawmakers were supportive of House Bill 576, which increases privacy protections for elected officials and allows them to spend campaign money on security expenses. It overwhelmingly passed both chambers. □

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OPINION

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GONE DOWNHILL

This was such a sad article to read (“Seniors struggle at Sangamon Towers,” Nov. 13). Sangamon Towers, at one time, was a very nice place for seniors to live. Two of my uncles and three of my aunts had all lived there and I visited them often. Then, the building was very secure and well cared for. We often sat outside at the tables with no problems. The building was sprayed once a month and there were no insect issues and certainly no rodent problems. There were many planned activities and entertainment for the senior residents.

To think that this once-nice place on the north end has deteriorated so much that seniors are afraid to live there is not what Springfield should tolerate. I am glad my relatives did not live to see these changes in a place they once loved and enjoyed.

Colleen Lavin
Via illinoistimes.com

Editor’s note: A follow-up article, “Budzinski intervenes in local housing dispute,” was published Nov. 25.

BLOW THE HORNS

I held a locomotive engineers license for 38 years and was involved in way too many crossing accidents (“The devil’s trumpets,” Nov. 6). Engineers are required by federal law to sound the horn for 15-20 seconds [before entering public crossings] without regard to the time of day. Engineers can face a personal fine for noncompliance. While I was working as a supervisor of engineers, we were required to test engineers for compliance and they could face discipline if they failed to do so. Cities can pass a no-horn ordinance, but that only makes things more dangerous.

Larry Cummings
Via illinoistimes.com



Left to right: Dennis Pittinger, Deborah Dishoen, Sandra Gardner, Mary Zellhofer and Troy Blumenstein are some of the Sangamon Tower residents who say they are concerned about their safety and living conditions in the building. PHOTO BY STEVE HINRICH

REFOCUS

I am familiar with the VOA (“The ‘American experiment itself’ at stake,” Nov. 14). It has done a lot of good work over the decades. However, in the past decade it has strayed outside its original purpose and has become more of a conduit for an anti-Trump message. It’s subtle, unless one is astute enough to see the real agenda. In that sense, it has become more and more like other media that has a political agenda (whether it be FOX or MSNBC, etc.). This is merely another thinly disguised open borders propaganda piece.

We need the VOA to clean up its act and get back to what it used to be.

Frank Goudy
Cuba, Illinois

BETTER OPTIONS

Last Sunday was one of those rare, beautiful late-autumn days perfect for being outside. Unfortunately, our neighborhood was blanketed in a thick haze of leaf burning smoke. By mid-afternoon, the smoke was so heavy it dimmed the Christmas lights on my neighbor’s house across the cul-de-sac. While I have a Springfield address, I live in an unincorporated area not covered by the city’s ban on burning.

As I breathed in the acrid air, I found myself thinking about the young children who live nearby, my own family’s health, my neighbor who has asthma and others who struggle with respiratory issues. I thought about my sister-in-law, who died from lung cancer. For many people, leaf smoke isn’t just unpleasant, it can be dangerous.

The health risks associated with leaf-burning smoke are well-documented. Fine particulates and toxins released during burning can trigger asthma attacks, worsen heart and lung conditions, and increase respiratory symptoms in children and older adults. The good news is that safer and healthier alternatives are readily available:

- Mulch leaves back into the lawn using a mulching mower blade. Chopped leaves settle between the grass blades and break down naturally, improving soil health.
- Compost the leaves at home. Simple instructional guides are widely available online.
- Use paper yard waste bags and take leaves to a recycling or composting center where they are turned into valuable organic material on farm fields.
- Use leaves as mulch around trees, shrubs and flower beds.

I hope more of our neighbors will consider these cleaner, healthier alternatives to burning. They protect our health, improve our soil and preserve the beauty of the days we’d all like to spend outdoors.

Thank you for considering a safer choice for our community.

Steven Mozley
Springfield

Silence
All silences are not silent: most are filled with meaning. One, whose nothingness is pregnant, comes after the end of the introduction to “Handel’s Messiah”: A long, waiting silence: I hold my breath. When the silence can last no longer, the voice of the tenor comes: “Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people.” And the music flows on.
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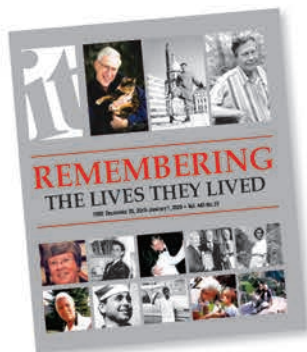


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OPINION

Scarecrows in the cornfields

Considering the aesthetics of wind turbines

KROHE | James Krohe Jr.

Often, when driving on I-55 to and from Chicago, I while away the hours with word games. (How many words mean "dull"?). Until I reach McLean County, that is, when the towers of the Twin Groves Wind Farm come into view. Even though they've stood there for years – the farm was built way back in 2008 – they still catch the eye. For every local who complains that these Brobdingnagian contraptions block the scenery, others enthuse that they provide the only thing worth looking at in this part of the state.

Our part of the state is likely to see many more of these energy plantations. The counties south and west of Springfield used to be central to the state's energy future because of the coal that lies beneath them; today it's because of the wind that blows over them. One such farm is the \$450 million multiphase, multicounty Grand Prairie Energy Park whose developers hope to install some 60 wind turbines in Montgomery County and Sangamon County over the next several years. (See "Sangamon County could see first wind farm soon," by Dean Olsen, Nov. 30, 2023.)

That project should have smoother sailing now that the General Assembly has forbidden local governments from banning wind projects if they meet the State of Illinois' own not very onerous rigorous standards. Many of those bans were based on the impact the turbines have on local views which will now become harder to impose.

Oh well. You say "to-may-to," I say "to-mah-to." You say "killing democracy," I say "saving the planet."

A passing glimpse of one from the highway does not convey just how big they are. The wind turbines proposed for the Grand Prairie Energy Park will stand 377 feet tall at the hub, which makes them taller than the Illinois Statehouse. The tip of the top blade will be taller still, fully 55 stories or so above the ground. There is nothing else in the rural environment that comes close, unless you count tornado funnels.

As travelers know, wind towers don't actually block our view of the rural landscape. They are too slender and their usually having been painted white means that on gray days they practically disappear. Not that there's much left to view in mid-Illinois to begin with. Most of what made the traditional Illinois farmstead visually appealing – the corn cribs, the barns, the hedgerows – have been destroyed by modern farming. What one can still see in our rural parts, and see a lot of, is sky. The clouds are



our mountains, a fit subject for a Constable if we had one. Unfortunately, wind towers are tall enough to penetrate navigable airspace, so that even if they do not block the view of our skyline, they distract from it.

Judging from public comments, it is the things themselves that offend a lot of people. The towers don't "fit in," which is, like, really important in the Midwest. Wind towers are vertical, Illinois is horizontal; a cornfield is "natural," a turbine is mechanical. The turbines are sleek and elegant; sleek and elegant is as out of place Downstate as Carhartt at a cocktail party. The corn plants growing all around may be as consummately engineered an energy collection system as any wind turbine, but it still looks like a corn plant. Wind turbines look like scarecrows designed to frighten off androids.

In fact, the mere presence of these contraptions bothers some who are driven by what we might call (with apologies to H. L. Mencken) a libido for the tidy. A farmer who freaks out at seeing a single weed in a bean field the size of Jerome will object to towers simply because they're not soybean plants. This rather specific aesthetic is easy to lampoon but you run into the same narrow-mindedness about tidy

lawns in our better subdivisions.

There are no easy answers to the problems wind farms cause the sensitive, but their presence introduces lots of interesting questions. Usually regulations seek to compensate people whose property value has been diminished by the actions of others. But can one have a right to a view that extends over other people's land? If she leases a chunk of a field for 30 years to a wind farm, can a neighbor be said to trespass on the views of a neighbor a half mile away?

Illinois lawmakers at all levels have tended to avoid such tricky questions. The new state rules were meant merely to standardize the approval process in order to speed the transition to a 100 percent clean electricity system by 2050. The new rules thus offer no joy to opponents of wind farms in general or to rural aesthetes offended by what could be described as kinetic sculptures. As a result, the ugliest thing to loom on the landscape in the next few years is likely to be ever-larger resentment of Springfield in our rural parts. □

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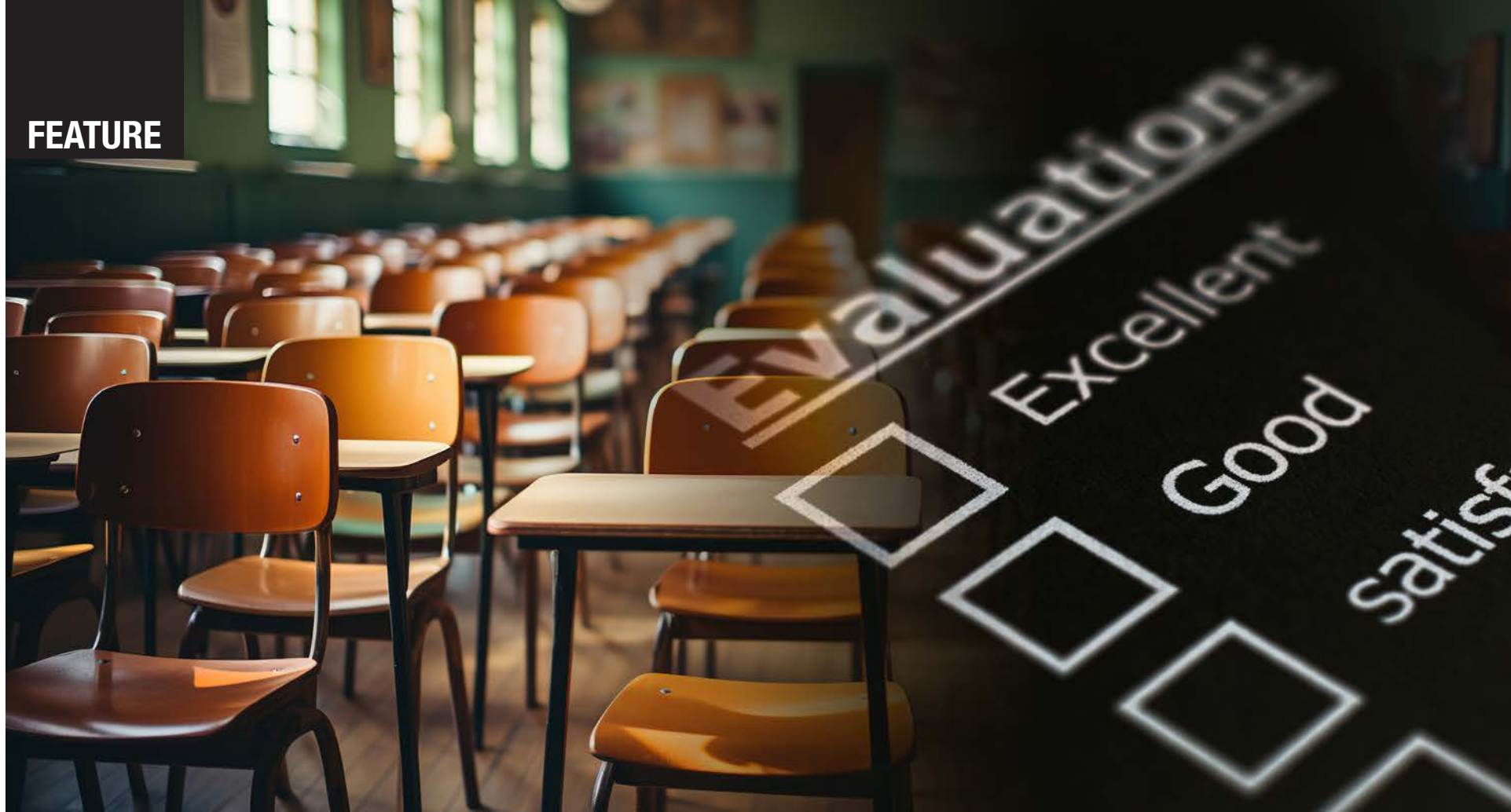
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State report card improves for District 186

“We’re excited to have a trajectory that’s showing growth.”

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Six schools moved up, four moved down, and overall things seem to be improving with proficiency, graduation and chronic absenteeism rates. That in a nutshell is the finding for Springfield’s District 186 schools in the 2025 Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Report Card that tracks performance at the state’s public schools.

Lanphier High School plus Addams, Fairview, Butler, Wilcox and Dubois Elementary all improved their overall rankings on the state Report Card, while Southeast High School, Grant Middle School and Black Hawk and Enos Elementary all saw their rankings drop. A number of schools had one or more groups that earned top marks in English/Language Arts, math, and/or science proficiency, although comparisons with previous years’ proficiency come with an asterisk because ISBE benchmarks for these areas were changed this year.

The percentage of District 186 students graduating from high school in four years increased by two percentage points from last year to this year, and the percentage of students absent from school has continued to

decrease by one percentage point each year.

District 186 Superintendent Jennifer Gill is pleased with the progress shown on the 2025 Report Card.

“We know where we need to go, and we’re excited that we are on that path,” Gill said. “We’re excited to have a trajectory that’s showing growth.”

The Springfield Education Association (SEA), the labor union that represents approximately 1,150 District 186 educators and other employees, is also happy with some of the report card results.

“Overall, it is a report card of more good than bad, and we are not upset about that,” said SEA president Aaron Graves. “We attribute the success to the diligence of committed students, parents, grandparents and guardians who value education, the supportive principals who help empower staff members and students, and the teachers and other educational professionals working within 186 to make it all happen.”

Advance Illinois, an independent policy and advocacy organization that promotes a healthy public education system in the state,

noticed a generally positive trend in the 2025 Report Card.

“It is encouraging to see continued gains on some critical metrics and some narrowing disparities between student groups,” said Advance Illinois president Robin Steans. “Illinois students are continuing to recover from COVID, and it shows.”

However, Steans said that the Report Card shows there is still a lot of work to be done.

“Inequities persist and some stagnating and worrisome data points underscore important ongoing challenges,” Steans said.

Graves agreed with Steans and said the inequities between individual Springfield schools are “not something to celebrate.”

“Every school in Springfield 186, in which the community’s children and our union members work tirelessly, should be provided with the same opportunities for a serene, calm and safe opportunity to learn,” Graves said. “Every school should be good enough for us to send our own kids to, academically and otherwise. We attribute the continued poor designations to lack of transparency, a general focus on the ‘shiny object’ rather than

what needs to be polished, and a system of education that appears not to be troubled by this disparity.”

“We can never count anyone out.”

The ISBE Report Card ranks schools’ performance with what it calls summative designations, which are, in descending order, exemplary (top 10% of all schools), commendable, targeted, comprehensive and intensive.

Lanphier High School moved up from intensive to targeted from 2024 to 2025. Addams and Fairview Elementary rose from comprehensive to commendable, Butler and Wilcox Elementary went up from targeted to commendable, and Dubois Elementary rose from comprehensive to targeted.

“When we see schools like Lanphier move from intensive up to targeted, and Addams School moving to commendable for all of the work that they are doing, those are moments where we can show success,” superintendent Gill said. “Lanphier is a large high school with a lot going on. They moved into a new building, and principal Alicia Miller has



Addams Elementary rose from comprehensive to commendable on the 2025 Illinois State Board of Education Report Card. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

put a lot of things into place. To see them recognize this with growth this year is a true celebration.”

The new ratings were celebrated at a recent District 186 School Board meeting by board president Erica Austin.

“We should not count out some of these schools, because a lot of times the perception is that because they are on a certain side of town or because they are underserved, that they can’t possibly meet these expectations,” Austin said. “The schools on that list absolutely surpass everyone’s expectations, so we can never count anyone out.”

Austin is a frequent visitor to District 186 schools, and is inspired by the progress she sees at many of them.

“Any child can learn and any school can grow. You just have to put the effort into it,” Austin said. “I had tears in my eyes [when the Report Card results came out] because it lets me know that our work is not in vain. The mentorship that we are giving to these kids is actually working. They are taking it to heart, and it gives me a great feeling.”

Graves said the SEA is proud of the District 186 students and the educators who made those Report Card success stories possible.

“We know how hard it is to make it happen, and are very proud of the work of

each school that has done so,” Graves said. “We are also simultaneously troubled to see the continued run of lesser ratings for several of our schools where we know we have lots of wonderful students, parental support and educational professionals working tirelessly every day.”

No District 186 school achieved the top exemplary ranking, but several remained at commendable from 2024 to 2025 including Ball Charter, Iles, Laketown, Lincoln Magnet, Lindsay, McClernand, Owen Marsh, Ridgely, Sandburg, Southern View, and Springfield High. A commendable rating means that a school must have no underperforming student groups and a high school must have a graduation rate higher than 67%.

Of the four schools that declined in their summative designations, Black Hawk, Enos and Southeast High School all dropped from commendable to targeted, while Grant Middle School moved from targeted to comprehensive. Franklin Elementary retained its targeted status.

District 186 now has four comprehensive schools – Graham, Grant, Lee and Matheny-Withrow – a ranking that places those attendance centers in the lowest-performing 5% of schools in Illinois. There are also four intensive schools, or those that have completed a full four-year comprehensive

support school improvement cycle, but whose performance remains in the lowest-performing 5%. Those include Feitshans and Harvard Park Elementary plus Jefferson and Washington Middle schools.

“When we look at our schools that have just one subgroup that didn’t make it, we know exactly what we need to do,” Gill said. “But other schools are grappling with the idea of moving down, so we want to make sure we’re doing everything that we can to support them on their journey.”

That support includes a continuation of the instructional and leadership support from the district’s Teaching and Learning Team and Instructional Support Services Team, which aims to improve school culture, teaching and learning practices. The key is to provide consistent support throughout the district, according to assistant superintendent of teaching, learning and school culture Nicole Moody.

“Consistency means that our students are at school, they’re getting their work done, they have all of their assignments, and families understand what students are expected to do,” Moody said.

“Improve student growth and proficiency”

District 186 officials are pleased with the

overall proficiency scores in reading and mathematics that are contained in the 2025 Report Card. Reading proficiency in the district is at 35%, up from 26% in 2024 and 23% in 2023. Math proficiency stands at 21%, up from 17% in 2024 and 16% in 2023.

Science proficiency, measured separately at the fifth, eighth and 11th grade levels, reached a high point last year in District 186 but went down slightly across the board this year.

These year-to-year comparisons aren’t as straightforward as they have been previously. The ISBE adopted new assessment performance levels for this year’s rankings that are designed to better track academic achievement and college readiness.

“Prior performance levels mislabeled many students, often indicating that students were less academically successful and prepared for college than they actually were,” said ISBE in a prepared statement. “The new benchmarks for proficiency align across English/Language Arts, math and science assessments and grade levels and reflect real college and career readiness expectations. As a result, the 2025 proficiency rates set a new baseline and cannot be compared to prior years.”

District 186 has taken these new measurements into account while claiming growth successes for Springfield students.

“District 186 officials report growth in the overall proficiency scores. While this increase in proficiency is in part due to the ‘right sizing’ of scores, the academic increases show growth and movement in the right direction,” Superintendent Gill said. “District 186 believes that the implementation of new curricula and teaching practices in both ELA and math have also contributed to the increases in both subject areas. The new Illinois benchmarks for proficiency now better reflect the teaching and learning happening in classrooms, which prepare students for college and career readiness.”

There are district success stories contained in the proficiency data, as several schools had one or more groups of students that earned nearly all of the possible points for proficiency in English/Language Arts (ELA), math or science. These include Addams, Ball Charter, Butler, Blackhawk, Hazel Dell, Franklin, Iles, Lincoln Magnet, Lindsay, Owen Marsh, Sandburg, Southern View, Wilcox and Springfield High School.

“We plan to continue to utilize the District and School Improvement Plans to improve student growth and proficiency with academics alongside social, emotional, and behavioral learning supports,” assistant superintendent Moody said. “We will continue to build understanding on what these standards mean and how the standards are taught and learned within our multitiered system of support.”

Graves credited SEA members for being a part of the improved English/Language Arts

scores.

“Our union members pushed hard through our Literacy Task Force, along with key community members, to make certain that central office administration made the transition to an improved elementary and middle school literacy curriculum,” Graves said. “Every staff member involved in literacy has worked very hard to improve our instruction, differentiate classroom instruction, and has juggled a plethora of interventions as well.”

The SEA is proud of the small gains made in math proficiency, but Graves said the best way to further improve the scores is for District 186 parents to become more involved in preparing their children. Students should know their shapes entering kindergarten, know basic addition and subtraction facts by the end of second grade, and know basic multiplication and division by the end of fourth grade.

The district-wide drop in science proficiency, however, is nothing to celebrate.

“We know that, in this rapidly changing world, the students that we are developing will need specific scientific skill sets in order to traverse the global landscape,” Graves said. “SEA has lobbied hard to bring back a focus on science and social studies after seeing a lack of basic scientific knowledge, history and geographical awareness. We are hopeful to see this effort materialize in the purchase of elementary curricula, improved professional development, and time set aside for students to discover the wonders of science and the earth around them.”

“We’re getting back to those pre-COVID numbers again.”

The percentage of students graduating in four years from the three District 186 high schools increased by two percentage points from 2024 to 2025. That number has been steadily increasing over the last three years.

The Lanphier High School graduation rate is now 71%, up from 65% in 2024 and 53% in 2023. Southeast High School’s graduation rate is at 75%, up from 70% in 2024 and 60% in 2023. At Springfield High School, the graduation rate is 84%, up from 83% in 2024 and 74% in 2023.

“We are so impressed that they were all well over 70% and into the eighties,” Superintendent Gill said. “Across all three high schools we’re seeing continual growth patterns for a 13% increase over the last three years. So it feels like we’re getting back to those pre-COVID numbers again, which is a celebratory moment.”

The rate for students graduating in five and six years has also remained steady. This measurement tracks students that are not able to finish their high school credit requirements in four years, but remain in school to complete those requirements and earn their



Southeast High School dropped from commendable to targeted in the 2025 Report Card issued by the Illinois State Board of Education. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

high school diplomas.

All three high schools also increased the percentage of students who are on track for graduation, beginning in their ninth-grade year, by six percentage points. Assistant Superintendent Moody said there has been a diligent effort over the last three years to increase support for students and families to remain on track for graduation, or get back on track as needed.

“We have multiple indicators of success that we look at for our schools and our district, and those are about getting our students ready for college and careers,” Moody said. “So our graduation rate is important, and we’ve really been putting a lot of effort into making sure our students have a strong start in high school and contributing to that is our ninth grade on track.”

“Impacts student learning and achievement”

Forty-one percent may seem like a large number when you’re talking about students who are chronically absent from school. A student is considered chronically absent if they miss 10% or more of their total school days, regardless of the reason for the absence.

The District 186 chronic absentee rate is 41% in 2025. But that’s an improvement on the 42% from last year and 43% in 2023. The

chronic absenteeism number includes any absence, including the five mental health days which students are allowed each year.

A student is considered chronically absent if they miss two days a month during the school year for any reason.

“Chronic absenteeism remains a challenge and an area of concern for improvement within our district and Springfield community,” Superintendent Gill said. “Several more schools would be commendable if it were not for their chronic absenteeism rates. Although we communicate relentlessly, this is largely out of our control in some cases.”

Assistant Superintendent Moody said although the chronic absenteeism numbers are improving, it remains a focus for the district.

“We know there are challenges in getting kids to school,” Moody said. “We have staff and liaisons that help to support our families and students with getting to school. And not just getting to school, getting to school on time.”

But absenteeism is a bigger problem at some schools, and those facilities need extra help.

“Our chronic absenteeism rates vary across schools, so we are working at every school,” Moody said. “There are some targeted interventions that we need to do to increase

supports at certain schools where there may be more challenges to make sure that all of our students are at school and getting their lessons that they need for their next steps.”

Advance Illinois President Robin Steans said the challenges facing District 186 are not unique in the state’s public school system.

“Like many districts across the state and country, Springfield is struggling on a number of fronts, including with chronic absenteeism, which we know impacts student learning and achievement,” Steans said. “It is encouraging to see strong teacher retention, and when taken as a whole, the district’s performance should remind us that schools have a hard and essential job to do and the state needs to quicken its work to bring District 186 and every other underfunded district to adequacy so they can increase support, resources and rigor for students.”

The SEA’s Graves said the chronic absenteeism data, while not good, is “trending in the right direction at least.”

“As an old colleague of mine used to say to parents, ‘You get your kids to school rested, on time, every day, and we can do miracles with them,’” Graves said. “SEA implores parents to partner with us and get their children to school, ready and willing to learn and be part of the academic culture, and then watch them grow.” □

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Superintendent search underway

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Jennifer Gill's 12-year tenure as Springfield School District 186 superintendent will come to a close when she retires at the end of the current school year in June 2026. Meanwhile, the District 186 School Board has been hard at work finding Gill's replacement, and announced an updated interview and hiring schedule at the Nov. 3 school board meeting.

Prospective candidates for the position have until Dec. 5 to apply. Candidates will be presented to the school board at the Dec. 15 meeting, with candidates being interviewed from late December through mid-January. The new superintendent will be appointed Jan. 27 and begin work on July 1, 2026.

The District 186 board asked the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) to convene a total of 18 focus groups involving 166 people over two days to discuss what qualities the ideal new superintendent should embody. The focus groups included administrators, teachers, staff, parents, community members, students and union leaders.

The IASB's Carmen Ayala, the former Illinois State Superintendent of Education and the leader of the District 186 superintendent search effort, made a presentation during the District 186 board meeting about the focus group results. Ayala reported that all of the focus groups felt District 186 is comprised of dedicated and passionate educators with deep community roots and that a new district leader should reflect those qualities.

Based on focus group input, the new superintendent should be ready to address fiscal challenges, teacher retention, post-pandemic academic recovery, equity and consistency across programs, and rebuilding community trust with a unity of purpose.

Ayala proposed wording for the published job description, which the District 186 board unanimously approved, that states the ideal candidate will be "a supportive leader who values and uplifts staff, prioritizes student safety and discipline, and drives academic rigor, equity and community engagement. Expectations center on integrity, visibility and communication. We are seeking a long-term, authentic leader who connects deeply with the Springfield community and is a visionary leader who can bring fresh ideas and



Assistant Superintendent Dr. Nicole Nash Moody, left, with Superintendent Jennifer Gill at an event held to discuss the release of the 2025 Illinois School Report Card. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

innovative practices while building trust across all stakeholders."

Jordan Robinson is a Springfield High School student and was part of a superintendent search focus group. He was pleased to bring a student perspective to the process.

"A lot of students find value in District 186 but also can recognize some inequities between the schools, and maybe we can work on a way to solve that," Robinson said. "Students have a very significant viewpoint because they give you something that's unique that not every other focus group can give you. The process is very interesting, and I think we can really help with it a lot."

District 186 Board member Buffy Lael-Wolf is heading the board's superintendent search effort, and said this painstaking approach to hiring a new leader is the best way to proceed.

"The Board of Education very much wants to get this right because we know how important a superintendent is to our community," Lael-Wolf said. "Getting this right is super important, and we want to hear all the voices and get all perspectives before making a decision."

Lael-Wolf added that the outgoing superintendent will be a tough act to follow.

"We've been blessed with a good one for

many years and those are big shoes to fill," Lael-Wolf said.

Gill has been superintendent of Springfield Public School District 186, which serves more than 14,000 students, since 2014.

Gill is a lifelong resident of Springfield and graduate of Springfield Public Schools, attending Dubois Elementary, Grant Middle and Springfield High schools. She began her teaching career in the Jacksonville Public Schools as a fifth-grade teacher, then served in the Springfield Public Schools as a teacher, district office administrator, and building principal at both Vachel Lindsay and McClernand Elementary. Gill was director of teaching and learning at McLean County Unit 5 School District in Bloomington-Normal prior to being hired as District 186 superintendent.

Gill comes from a family of educators. Her grandmother taught in a one-room schoolhouse in rural McLean County. Gill's mother was an orchestra teacher in Springfield Public Schools, and her father taught reading and English in the Tri-City School District in Buffalo.

"It's been a joy to work and serve in the district in which I grew up," Gill said. "Springfield is a great place to grow up, raise a family and work."

Gill observed that "we've weathered a few

storms" during her 12 years at the District 186 helm, but "we've done so in a way that allows us to come out on the right side of things in the end."

According to the IASB, the average length of service for an Illinois public schools' superintendent is less than three years. When she started her education career, Gill said she never dreamed of being a superintendent, much less the leader of District 186.

"I was very content being a teacher, but I always wanted to see if I could help the school district on different levels throughout my tenure," Gill recalled. "I credit my mentors for the opportunities I have had along the way, including (former Superintendents) Diane Rutledge and Bob Hill, and all the people that have given me a chance and said, 'Hey, we see something in you, and we want you to be in this committee or take this opportunity.'"

Gill said the passage of the one-cent, countywide sales tax in 2018 to fund District 186 capital improvements is one of the highlights of her career.

"When I started, the community told us we needed to do something to our facilities, to make them spaces where our students can learn and grow for the next 100 years," Gill said. "That was a huge community endeavor, and I never will stop saying thank you to the taxpayers for allowing that to happen so we could create the schools that we wanted to see our students learn and thrive in."

Gill has advice for the new superintendent when that person walks in the door on July 1.

"Get to know the community leaders, work alongside them, reach out to them, have coffee or lunch with them," Gill said. "Do the things that you need to do to learn what's going on that will help Springfield to be better, not just District 186, but the entire community. Also listen to the teachers, principals, students, families and the community."

"I want to thank all of those colleagues, teachers, principals and my family who have worked alongside me all of those years to make sure that growth and a growth mindset have always been our focus," Gill added. "It's been an honor to do this job but it still scares me every day because it's big, and it's something that I don't take lightly." □

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Food hub hits the spot

Goods from more than 40 local farms and businesses featured at Springfield store

FOOD | Peter Glatz

I am a staunch supporter of family farms and sustainable agriculture, and I prefer shopping at small, local businesses over large corporations. This deeply held belief is why the sight of an Amazon package on my porch inevitably triggers a sense of guilt.

The Amazon box symbolizes my struggle to uphold my values in a hyper-efficient, global marketplace. When I need to source specialty ingredients such as Spanish guindilla peppers or Japanese white shoyu, which are not available locally, Amazon's accessibility and efficiency conflict with my commitment to supporting local businesses. Every Amazon purchase feels like a betrayal, supporting a model that erodes the local vitality I support. But rationalizing these purchases is just an excuse for choosing the path of least resistance.

While 100% "Buy Local" is unattainable, I always try to check for local alternatives before shopping online. This is why I was excited when I walked through the doors of the new Salt Fork Food Works food hub in the former Ad Astra space on East Adams Street in Springfield. Its shelves are brimming with goods from more than 40 local farms and businesses. As I explored their vast offerings, I saw numerous opportunities to ease my guilt about filling Jeff Bezos's pockets.

As a necessary disclosure, I work at Caprae Restaurant, which is part of the same parent company as Salt Fork Food Works. Caprae is located at Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery in Champaign.

My week is divided between the restaurant, where I work on weekdays, and my home in Springfield, where I return for the weekends. A key part of my job is managing the incoming deliveries of produce and proteins from our local farm suppliers. Because the farmers often deliver the orders in person, I've had the opportunity to build direct, personal relationships with them.

I was pleased to find several of the products we use at Caprae on the shelves at the Salt Fork Food Works Springfield food hub. These included Cahokia rice, a long-grain variety sourced from a fourth-generation biodynamic farm in southern Illinois. This rice is not only delicious but also high in protein, has a low glycemic index, and is free of heavy metal contaminants. Also familiar to me were the meats, poultry and eggs from Abundant Pastures, also located in southern Illinois. And



Sweet potato appetizer with fresh chèvre and dried cranberries. PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

of course, the store's inventory also includes the award-winning cheeses and gelatos from our own Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery, as well as an enticing assortment of baked goods from its sister company, Central Illinois Bakehouse, including its popular "crouhnut." A crouhnut is the Bakehouse's cross between a doughnut and a croissant.

Salt Fork Food Works stocks stone-ground organic flours from local mills: Funk's Grove in McLean and Janie's Mill in Ashkum. My year as a baker and pasta maker in Minneapolis involved working with similar stone-ground, heirloom flours from a nearby mill, so I am excited to once again bake with such high-quality local heirloom flours such as Turkey Red and Red Fife.

The food hub sources much of its inventory through a partnership with The Farms of Illinois. This distribution service represents a collective of farmers dedicated to regenerative agriculture, emphasizing collaboration with nature, enhancing soil health and reducing waste. Local farms contributing to this supply include Bland Family Farms (Jacksonville), Buckhorn Dairy (Mount Sterling), Itty

Bitty Micro Farm (Springfield) and Lemay Mushroom Operation (Springfield).

The store offers an exciting variety of artisanal goods. These include goat milk soaps from The Wright Soapery in Urbana, utilizing milk sourced from Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery. They also feature syrups and pickles from Granite City's Earth Candy, alongside shrubs, syrups and jams from Berries and Flour, a women-owned culinary goods business in Champaign. For coffee lovers, it stocks selections from Sirius Coffee Roasters in Lexington and Elm City Roastery in Jacksonville. Additionally, shoppers can find fresh pasta from Jacksonville's Corner Deli.

According to Salt Fork Food Works owner Lauren Brokish: "Everyone is coming out, and we're selling lots of local food and a ton of crouhnuts! We're so happy that people are working us into their schedules. The biggest comment we've gotten is how happy everyone is that there is now a year-round option for groceries downtown. We know that people would like to see us open more days, but our Saturday-only model works really well for us and for our farming partners. We'll try to have

new items each week, so be sure to visit weekly to see all the fun seasonal stuff."

Salt Fork Food Works, 308 E. Adams St., is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. year-round.

After my recent visit to Salt Fork Food Works, I stocked up on a few ingredients to make holiday treats. This sweet potato appetizer is a good option for holiday gatherings because it's gluten-free and vegetarian-friendly.

Sweet potato appetizer with fresh chèvre and dried cranberries

Serves 4-6

Ingredients:

2 large sweet potatoes, sliced into ¼ to ½-inch rounds (See note below)
2 tablespoons olive oil
Salt and black pepper to taste
½ teaspoon sweet paprika
4 ounces Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery Chèvre Frais
½ cup dried cranberries, roughly chopped
Honey, for drizzling
Fresh rosemary, for garnish
Note: I used a round ring mold to make uniform sweet potato rounds.

Preparation:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a mixing bowl, toss the sweet potato rounds with the olive oil, salt and pepper.

Line a sheet tray with parchment paper. Transfer the sweet potatoes to the sheet tray, spacing them evenly.

Bake the sweet rounds for eight to 10 minutes. Then flip them with a spatula and continue baking for another eight to 10 minutes, or until fully cooked. Be sure to check them periodically as oven performance can vary, which can affect baking times.

When cool enough to handle, roll the edges of the sweet potato rounds with sweet paprika, and top with a spoonful of fresh chèvre.

Drizzle with honey and garnish with the dried cranberries and fresh rosemary. □

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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December music arrives

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

As we dig out from the record snowfall of last weekend while dealing with “adding insult to injury” cold temperatures, those insistent makers of music will continue to plow through all kinds of weather to bring you joy-filled and jolly times here in this first weekend of December. Unfortunately, meteorological conditions mess with our scheduled performances, so please check ahead before you venture out, but for now we are good to go for live music adventures.

Those Thursdays we so covet as the extra day of the weekend evaporated in December for this week, with only regularly scheduled open mics and karaoke nights in the listings for now. I do predict by next week a few more gigs will pop up, but don’t expect any more Thursday overloads as we’ve seen recently until things warm up in the spring.

With the usual ubiquitous holiday happenings as our eventful events of the season, we can certainly expect extra musical performances to be all around us as much as Christmas carols, decorations, greetings and sales. I see that Ben Bedford is playing at the Dana-Thomas House for the Festive Fridays (5-6:30 p.m.) the next three weeks and Historic Marbold Homestead near Greenvew hosts Wildwood Strings for its Christmas at Elmwood event this Sunday afternoon. Don’t forget the Old Capitol Holiday Walks on Wednesdays with live music scattered around here and there in various locations downtown including Elvis Himself (I will be helping out) at Abe’s Old Hat next Wednesday.

This weekend the Illinois Product Holiday Market runs Friday through Sunday and has been moved indoors to Union Station across from the ALPLM with live music scheduled every day. The Brinkerhoff Mansion and Becker Library presents music as well on Saturday for its Christmas Market and Church

of the Brethren gifts us music performances while you shop ‘til you drop during their Holiday Fair on Saturday and Sunday. Be sure to check our listings for more upcoming seasonal shows to make the most of your holiday times.

Now let’s get back to the bars and clubs and see what Friday offers. Looks like somebody has a birthday, and George Rank’s is hosting the party when Jay Larson brings the band (Kimberly and Nick) along with special guest Clyde to celebrate another Jay-trip around the sun.


Buzz Bomb welcomes Dylan Doyle, an acclaimed NYC-based singer-songwriter guitarist and New York Blues Hall of Fame member as he makes a swing through the Midwest, while Fluid Lounge delivers an R&B showcase with live vocals from Katae & cuspofarrows and the Butternut Hut gets it on with “an evening of house beats, DJs and good energy” for its monthly First Friday experience.

If by Saturday a road trip might be in order, you can go to Petersburg to see Cal & Jan at Cafe Amulet, keep on Illinois Route 97 to Oakford for Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas at Wallace’s Trading Post, then keep on keeping on all the way to Havana for Branded at VFW Post 6408.

Sunday is still our funday and we have (on your way back from the road trip maybe) the Guilty Boys ‘fessing up at Hill Prairie Winery near Oakford, Al and Kathy Kitchen cooking it at Buckhart Tavern and Kruisin’ Marris spacing out at Trails End in Curran for the small town tour, while Micah Walk runs into It’s All About Wine, Mandy Rose does brunch at Pease’s at BUNN Gourmet and Carol Bopp and Ed Smith bring it home to Mother Road Diner for the nightcap.

Stay warm, be cool and enjoy the season. □

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Thursday Dec 4

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

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

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

Karaoke
Lock, Stock and Barrel, Decatur,
9pm.

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

Friday Dec 5

Keagan Hatton and Daniel Cain
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton,
7pm

TyJon Charlie
Boone's, 5:30-8:30pm

Dylan Doyle
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co.,
7-10pm

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

Brandy Kristin Band
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Ben Bedford
Dana-Thomas House, 5-6:30pm

it Katae & cuspo
Fluid Lounge, 7pm

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



Rezzin8 performs from 7 to 10pm Saturday at Bunkers Bar in Illiopolis.

Elvis Himself + DTCB Band
Harvest Market Farmhouse
Brews, 6-9pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm
and Dec. 6, 7-10:30pm

Karaoke
The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

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

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

The Cocktails
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-10pm

Fireside Relics
The Winery, Decatur, 8:30-
11:30pm

Saturday Dec 6

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

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

Judy Johnson
Becker Library, 9-10am

OAT
Boone's, 6-9pm

Debbie Schneider
Brinkerhoff Mansion, 10am-1pm

Judy Johnson
Brinkerhoff Mansion, 10-11am

Hippies of the Heartland
Brinkerhoff Mansion, 1-3pm

Robbie Mitchell
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester,
8-11pm

Rezzin8
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7pm

David McEathron Quintet
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7:30-
9:30pm

it Cal & Jan
Cafe Amulet, Petersburg,
3:30-5:30pm

The Wiseguys
Camouflage Bar, VFW Post 99,
Decatur, 7:30-10:30pm

Menace to Sobriety
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Devin C. Williams
First Church of the Brethren,
12-1pm

Frank Powell
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur,
7-10pm

Manny Lee
Harvest Market Farmhouse
Brews, 6-9pm

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

Not Petty
Lucky's on the Square,
Petersburg, 2-5pm

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

BüK
Mowie's Cue, 8-11pm

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

JackAsh
Patriots Pub, Waverly, 5-8pm

AllNighter
Pop's Place, Decatur, 8-11pm

Decade of Decadence
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar &
Grill, Museum & Entertainment
Complex, 8-11pm

Hipbone and The Joints
Sherman Athletic Club, Sherman,
6-9pm

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

Absent Ground
Sliderz Bar & Grill, Decatur,
8-11pm

Waterhouse
Stella Coffee & Tea, 10am-
12:30pm

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

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas
Wallace Trading Post, Oakford,
6-9pm

Sunday Dec 7

Al and Kathy Kitchen
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester,
3-6pm

Buzz Bomb Fantastical Folk Jam
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co.,
4-6pm.

Karaoke
Clique, 4-7pm

it The Guilty Boys
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford,
2-5pm

Micah Walk
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Carl Bopp and Ed Smith - Sound Decision
Mother Road Diner, Route 66
Hotel & Conference Center,
5-8pm

Mandy Rose
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 12-
2pm

Brandon Santini
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Kruisin' Marrs
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

Monday Dec 8

Tom Holland
The Alamo, 7pm

Chris Camp and John Drake
DH Brown's, 6-8pm

Tuesday Dec 9

Allan Harris
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 Dec 10

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.

Open jam with Kristi White
Goodfellas, 7-10pm.

THE CALENDAR



SPECIAL RECREATION

HOLIDAY Dance

Special Recreation Holiday Dance | Fri., Dec. 5, 7-9 p.m.

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS | Celebrate the season at Erin's Pavilion

it The entire family can celebrate the season with holiday music, refreshments and holiday cheer at this evening of fun and festivities. This all-ages event, hosted by the Springfield Park District, even includes a visit by Santa Claus himself. For more information, call or email Andre Hawkins at ahawkins@springfieldparks.org. Register now at bit.ly/SPD_Wint-Dance. This is Activity #370250. springfieldparks.org.

■ Special Music Events Brown Bag Concert

Wed., Dec. 10, 12:15-12:45pm. This week features Pei-I Wang on piano. Brown bag lunch available for \$5 or bring your own. lincolnschurch.org. Free. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

Christmas at Calvary

Sun., Dec. 7, 6pm. A Christmas concert of worship. Celebrate the birth of Jesus through songs of worship, praise and rejoicing. Activities planned for children in fifth grade and younger. Calvary Church Hazel Dell Campus, 501 W. Hazel Dell Road, 217-546-9700.

Free Fall Concerts at the Carillon

Sat., Dec. 6, 2-2:30pm and Sun., Dec. 7, 2-2:30, 4-4:30pm. Enjoy beautiful music at the Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon. Relax in the park and soak in the sounds of music echoing through Washington Park. carillon-rees.org. Free. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-3853.

It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Fri., Dec. 5, 7pm and Sun., Dec. 7, 2pm. The Land of Lincoln Barbershop Chorus presents its annual Christmas concert. Enjoy

some seasonal favorites - both religious and secular. \$11-\$19. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Rejoice!

Sat., Dec. 6, 7:30-9:30pm. Join the Springfield Choral Society, under the direction of Jacobsen Woollen, together with members of the Illinois Symphony Orchestra for one of Springfield's most-cherished musical traditions. \$20 general admission, some limited priced seating available online. Blessed Sacrament Church, 1725 S. Walnut St., 217-706-6837.

■ Books & Authors

Andrew "Andy" Wasilewski Fri., Dec. 5, 1pm. Andrew "Andy" Wasilewski will talk about his book, *Old Cantrall: A History of a Small Village Carved Out of the Illinois Wilderness*, and sign copies. Books will be available in advance. Books on the Square, 427 Washington St., 217-965-5443.

■ Theater & Comedy

Bye Bye Birdie Fri., Dec. 5, 7:30pm, Sat., Dec. 6, 7:30pm and Sun., Dec. 7, 2pm. This classic musical comedy remains as fresh and vibrant as ever. Presented by Springfield Theatre Center and directed by Kevin Hart. Hoogland Center for

the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Claude Stuart

Fri., Dec. 5, 8pm and Sat., Dec. 6, 7:30pm. Claude Stuart brings his comedy show to the capital city. Presented by Donnie B's. \$27-\$29. Pole Barn Chic, 4491 Old Chatham Road, 217-891-4858.

The Nutcracker

Sat., Dec. 6, 2, 6pm and Sun., Dec. 7, 2pm. This production of the holiday classic features dancers from the SYPG Company, Preparatory Dancers and local youth dancers. Performances at Sacred Heart Griffin Auditorium. Adults \$25, children \$15. Sacred Heart-Griffin High School, 1200 W. Washington, 217-787-9732.

Tim Loss

Sat., Dec. 6, 8pm. Tim Loss and the "The Loss'd Comedy Tour" stops in Bulpitt. Lineup includes Travis Felton and Nathan Foltz. \$10. Coghlan's Hideout LLC, Bulpitt, 201 Main St.

■ Art & Architecture "Kid Works"

Mondays-Fridays, 9am-5pm and Saturdays, 10am-3pm. Through Dec. 20. All works in this show were made by talented students at SAA throughout the year. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

"Unwrap the Collective"

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-5pm. Through Dec. 20. The biggest art exhibit of the year at the SAA. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

"Exposure" — Photography by John Muchow

Through Dec. 11, 8am-4pm. See the photography of Springfield native John Muchow at the Trutter Museum & Murray Gallery. The museum and gallery are located on the upper level of Menard Hall. Free. Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

"Conflux in Clay"

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-5pm. Through Dec. 12. The Underground presents ceramics by Colleen Halford and Ashley Page. Through Dec. 12. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

Open house and art sale

Sun., Dec. 7, 1pm. Open house and art show and sale at home of well-known local artists Bill Crook and Wendy Allen. Public invited. Home of William Crook and Wendy Allen, 1821 Cherry Road.

Springfield Watch & Clock Show

Sat., Dec. 6, 11am-2pm. A great opportunity to buy, sell or simply look and learn about mechanical clocks and watches. Sponsored by the Route 66 Watch & Clock Club. See the Facebook page for more info. Free. Casey's Pub, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 309-643-5241.

■ Film & Television

The Polar Express

Fri., Dec. 5, 6:30pm. It's Holiday Movie Night under the Christmas lights at The Railyard. Bring a blanket. Enjoy s'more stations, hot cocoa, festive snacks and more. The Railyard, 2242 S. Sixth St., 217-717-1136.

■ Food & Drink Cookie Walk

Sat., Dec. 6, 10am-12pm. Enter the west parking lot door to get in on the long walk of homemade cookies, candles, breads, holiday treats and more. Salem Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, 222 E. Beecher St., 217-243-3419.

Illinois Product Holiday Market

Fri., Dec. 5, 4-9pm, Sat., Dec. 6, 11am-5pm and Sun., Dec. 7, 11am-4pm. Celebrate the holiday season with local food and goods, live music and a whole lot of holiday cheer. Explore local vendors, participate in special events and enjoy a unique shopping experience. agr.illinois.

gov. Union Station.

■ History

Christmas at the Front

Sat., Dec. 6, 12-4pm. Learn about how U.S. soldiers celebrated Christmas at the front. Free. Illinois State Military Museum, 1301 N. MacArthur Blvd., 217-761-3910.

Holiday Open House

Sat., Dec. 6, 1-4pm. See Edwards Place in holiday finery while listening (and singing!) carols around a piano once heard by Abraham Lincoln and meeting a Civil War-era Santa Claus. edwardsplace.org. Free. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

■ Holiday Observances

Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Ceremony

Sun., Dec. 7, 11am. Honor and remember the brave men and women who offered the final sacrifice at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Event will be indoors with the wreath laying outdoors at the lake. Springfield Elks Lodge #158, 409 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-0158.

■ Holiday Happenings "Christmas Under the Stars" Candlelight Tour

Fri., Dec. 5, 5-8pm. Special Friday night candlelight tours. Tours are self-guided so visitors may arrive anytime between the hours of 5 and 7:30pm. \$10 for adults, ages 6-18 \$5, ages 5 and younger free. C.H. Moore Homestead DeWitt County Museum, Clinton, 219 E. Woodlawn St., 217-935-6066.

Adult Holiday Craft Workshop

Sun., Dec. 7, 1:30-3pm. Recycle pallet wood and old fencing to create a Christmas tree to display handmade ornaments or special treasures. Supplies for tree cookie ornaments will be provided. Supplies will be on hand for a large tree (15-21 inches) and similar smaller trees. Recommended for ages 14 and older. lincolnmemorygarden.org. \$35. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

Alternative Holiday Fair

Fri., Dec. 5, 5-8pm and Sat., Dec. 6, 9am-2pm. Enjoy great food and live music, shop-fair trade holiday gifts and a bake sale and meet with representatives of community organizations. Free admission. First Church of the Brethren, 2115 Yale Blvd., 217-523-5212.

Caring Santa

Sun., Dec. 7, 8:30-10:30am. A special, sensory-friendly experience exclusively for

children with special needs and their families before mall's opening with low lights and sounds. Children can enjoy free train rides, a scavenger hunt, cookies, coloring and the visit with Santa. Reservations not required but available. WhereIsSanta.com. Photos are available for purchase. White Oaks Mall, 2501 Wabash Ave., 217-787-0110.

Christmas at Elmwood

Sun., Dec. 7, 1:30-4pm. Celebrate the season here where holiday warmth meets historic charm. Event features live music by Wildwood Strings and a performance by Greenview High School students, a cozy indoor setting reminiscent of holidays past and Summer Kitchen craft area for children. Free, donations accepted. Historic Marbold Farmstead, Greenview, 21722 State Hwy 29.

Christmas Candlelight Tour

Sat., Dec. 6, 1-4pm. See how the home would have been decorated during the 1850s. Refreshments provided. Free. Elijah Iles House, 628 S. Seventh St., 217-494-0640.

Christmas Market

Sat., Dec. 6, 9am-3pm. A day filled with holiday cheer, live music and more. Shop local vendors to find one-of-a-kind gifts. Santa will visit from noon to 2 p.m. Tour the historic mansion. \$3, \$5 per family. Brinkerhoff Mansion, 1500 N. Fifth St., 217-361-5555.

Clayville Christmas With Santa

Sat., Dec. 6, 9am-4pm. The big guy will be all ears for those Christmas wishes. Free. Clayville Historic Site, Pleasant Plains, Route 125, 217-481-4430.

Dana-Thomas Holiday Open House

Sat., Dec. 6, 1-4pm. The Dana-Thomas House is a featured site on Visit Springfield's Holiday Historic Homes Tour. Reservations not required for either event. Free. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

Dana-Thomas House Festive Fridays

Fri., Dec. 5, 4-7pm. Step into the spirit of the holidays with decor arranged by the Springfield Civic Garden Club. Tours every 15 minutes. Live music with Ben Bedford from 5 to 6:30pm. Registration available through Eventbrite but not required. Free. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

Downtown Springfield Old Capitol Holiday Walks

Wednesdays, Saturdays, 10am-

3pm, Sat., Dec. 6, 10am-3pm and Wed., Dec. 10, 4-7pm. Through Dec. 20. Experience a full month of holiday cheer as downtown shops, museum, and businesses pull out all of the stops for the most magical time of the year. downtownspringfield.org. Free. Downtown Springfield, Downtown, 217-544-1723.

Ecumenical Nativity Festival
Fri., Dec. 5, 12-4pm, Sat., Dec. 6, 12-4pm and Sun., Dec. 7, 12-4pm. Bringing Jesus to all. Includes display of nativity sets. Free. Grace Bible Chapel, 3335 Woodhaven Dr., 217-498-1033, 217-498-8386.

Elkhart Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration
Fri., Dec. 5, 5:30pm. Begin the holiday season with caroling, treats, a visit by Santa and this annual celebration. The tree lighting will be at 6pm. Veterans Park, Elkhart, Main Street, 217-947-2287.

Happy HoliGays
Sat., Dec. 6, 9am-2pm. This Christmas shopping and crafts fair is back for another year. Do some shopping that supports awesome businesses and people. Phoenix Center: Out On Second, 120 E. Scarritt St., 217-528-5253.

Holiday Zoo Lights
Fri., Dec. 5, 5-9pm, Sat., Dec. 6, 5-9pm and Sun., Dec. 7, 5-9pm. Stroll through the zoo and enjoy thousands of lights and themed lighted display. Enjoy a hot chocolate or hang out under the tent to enjoy a s'more after roasting a marshmallow over the fire pit. \$7.50 adults, \$5.50 children 3-12, free for children 2 and younger. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-585-1821.

Parkway Live Nativity
Fri., Dec. 5, 6-8pm and Sat., Dec. 6, 6-8am. Parkway Christian Church's first live nativity - a drive-through - will be in the parking lot. Free. Parkway Christian Church, 2700 Lindbergh Blvd., 217-787-3445.

Photos with Santa
Wed., Dec. 10, 3:30-5:30pm. Santa is coming to town and he's stopping by Express for free photos. Visit Santa and enjoy some treats. Reservations available by calling. Free. Express Employment Professionals, 3000 Professional Dr., 217-528-3000.

Santa Claus
Through Dec. 24. See Santa for hugs, wish collecting and photo opportunities. Walk-ins are welcome or skip the line

and make a reservation at WhereIsSanta.com. Visits free, photos for purchase. White Oaks Mall, 2501 Wabash Ave., 217-787-0110.

Santa House
Sat., Dec. 6, 9am-12pm and Sun., Dec. 7, 12-3pm. Experience the magic of the season at Santa's House, a tradition for more than 40 years. Gietl Park, 1900 Stanhope Road, 217-546-4103 ext. 1012.

Santa Saturdays at the Old State Capitol
Sat., Dec. 6, 1-4pm. Santa will be at the Old State Capitol to hear holiday wishes. There will also be opportunities to write letters to Santa, make fun holiday crafts, and take some memorable photos. Free. Old State Capitol, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-9363.

Springfield Jaycees Holiday Lights Parade
Sat., Dec. 6, 5:30-6:30pm. The Springfield Jaycees' beloved Holiday Lights Parade is back and will be brighter than ever. Parade begins at Seventh and Jefferson streets, heads west on Jefferson, turns south on Fifth Street, goes east on Monroe Street, turns north on Sixth Street and ends at Sixth and Washington streets. Free. Downtown Springfield..

Vachel Lindsay Home Holiday Open House
Sat., Dec. 6, 1-4pm. The Vachel Lindsay Home is a featured site on Visit Springfield's Holiday Historic Homes Tour. No reservation required. Free. Vachel Lindsay Home State Historic Site, 603 S. Fifth St., 217-524-0901.

Victorian Santa
Sat., Dec. 6, 1-3pm. Santa, wearing his Victorian-era gear, will read stories and allow families to take photos with him. Holiday music will follow. Cafe Amulet, Petersburg, 105 S. Seventh St., 217-632-7212.

Winter Holiday Floral Show
Sat., Dec. 6, 12-5pm, Sun., Dec. 7, 12-5pm, Mon., Dec. 8, 12-4pm, Tue., Dec. 9, 12-4pm and Wed., Dec. 10, 12-4pm. Step into a world of enchantment and immerse yourself in the beauty of over 500 radiant poinsettias. Free. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

Fairs & Festivals
Pre-Kwanzaa Expo
Sat., Dec. 6, 11am-3pm. More than 30 African American vendors will be featured offering unique and specialty

items including jewelry, Greek paraphernalia, baked goods and arts and crafts designed to make holiday shopping exceptional. 30th annual event presented by the Springfield-Decatur Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Free. Springfield Ball Charter School, 2350 East Ash, 217-972-1191.

Community Organizing Holiday Cheer No ICE Here Rally & Food Drive
Sat., Dec. 6, 12-1:30pm. Rally to support our immigrant neighbors at the Lincoln statue. Sing along to parodies of Christmas carols, listen to speakers and make your voice heard. Bring non-perishable donations for the food drive to support SIAN. Most needed items are diapers sizes 4, 5 and 6; wipes; dry bags of beans (black, pinto, or red); regular rice and vegetable oil. Hosted by Capital City Illinois Indivisible and co-hosted by Land of Lincoln DSA, 50501 Springfield IL and Good Trouble Alliance. Illinois State Capitol, Capitol and Second St.

Children's Corner Kids Holiday Storytime Yoga
Sun., Dec. 7, 2-3pm. Join Jennifer for a super cool art and yoga session inspired by *Pete the Cat's 12 Groovy Days of Christmas*. Participants will stretch, balance and groove their way through the story, transforming into rocking reindeer, dancing dinosaurs, speedy sleds and more. No yoga experience required! Snacks will be provided. Bring a yoga mat. Funky holiday outfits encouraged. \$10.

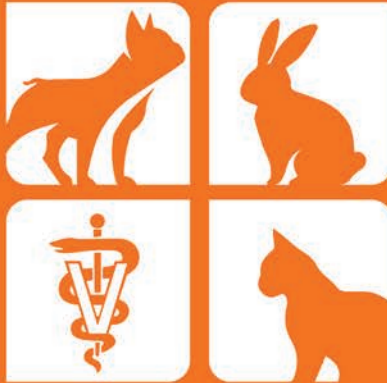
Mission Day
Sat., Dec. 6, 11am-2:30pm. Board games for kids ages 4-16. All kids receive a gift. Winners of game tournaments receive a special prize. Adult volunteers to supervise games are welcome. Parents are asked to donate only store-bought cookies. Sponsored by the Freedom in Holiness Mission. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Lectures & Meetings Know Your Rights
Thu., Dec. 4, 6-8pm. Now more than ever, know your rights. The staff and attorneys with the Illinois Department of Human Rights will share updates on legal protections/ rights and answer questions. phoenixcenterspringfield.org. Free. Phoenix Center: Out On Second, 120 E. Scarritt St., 217-528-5253.

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Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff(s), vs. JOHNA C. PETERSON, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s). Case No. 25 FC 121 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 January 13, 2026, 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: 1733 SOUTH SPRING STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704 P.I.N. 22-04.0-253-040 Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information. The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to

confirmation by the Court. The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808 Timothy R. Yuell - ARDC #6192172 Greg Elsnic - ARDC #6242847 Aaron Nevel - ARDC #6322724 Andrew Chu - ARDC #6285924 175 North Franklin St. Suite 201 Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 357-1125 Pleadings@nevellaw.com SL # 25-00569 8051-960068

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, PLAINTIFF VS. CHARLES E LAUGHLIN, CITIBANK, N.A., ABSOLUTE RESOLUTIONS INVESTMENTS, LLC DEFENDANTS Case No.: 2025FC000092 Property Address: 536 West Canedy Springfield, IL 62704 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is given that pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 6, 2025, the Sangamon County Sheriff will on December 16, 2025, at 9:00 am, at the Sangamon South, 1 Copley Place, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 14-33.0-405-010 COMMON ADDRESS: 536 West Canedy, Springfield, IL 62704 Terms of all sales are ten percent (10%) of the opening bid. Failure to pay the remaining balance within the twenty-four (24) hours shall result in the forfeiture of the ten percent (10%) down payment. No Refunds. The property offered for sale 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 improvement on the property consists of: Single Family Home The entered judgment amount was \$47,079.32. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever Law Group, LLC, 200 N. LaSalle St., Suite 1880, Chicago, IL 60601. 312-236-0077. KLG: SMS001462-25FC1 SMS001462 8051-959671

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT -SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS EQUITY TRUST COMPANY CUSTODIAN FBO A. MATTHEW CROWLEY ROTH IRA ACCOUNT #200318641 , Plaintiff, vs. DIXIE JO FAHS A.K.A. DIXIE J. FAHS A.K.A. DIXIE JO MANRING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s). CASE NO. 2025FC000095 Property Address: 801 BUCKINGHAM RD CHATHAM, IL 62629 NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on September 3, 2025, I, Sheriff Paula Crouch of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on December 23, 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: 801 BUCKINGHAM RD, CHATHAM, IL 62629 P.I.N.: 28-12.0-376-005 First Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$111,607.71 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 8051-959578

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of October, 2025, a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that: Andrew Jones intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit: A & Q Cafe and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principle place of said business is located at: 3141 Baker Drive, Springfield IL 62703

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAMELA A. SUTHERLAND, DECEASED Case #2025-PR-471 NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of PAMELA A. SUTHERLAND. Letters of Office have been issued to MELANIE TURNER, 65 Axlene, Chatham, IL 62629, 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 June 10, 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 26th day of November, 2025. William P. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAUL EUGENE BURCHETT, Deceased NO. 2025PR000470 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Paul Eugene Burchett, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on November 26, 2025, to Mary Susan Burchett, 2717 S. State Street, Springfield, IL 62704, and Lori Ann Badgley, 200 S. Carter Steet, P.O. Box 21, Buffalo, IL 62515, as Co-Executors, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 4th day of June, 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 26th day of November, 2025. Gregory P. Sgro Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP 1119 S. Sixth Street

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: LEOLA GARRETT-PALKO Deceased. No. 2025-PR-423 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Leola Garrett-Palko, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on November 17, 2025, to CODI DURBIN, as Administrator of the Estate, whose attorneys are FRAZIER & SABIN, LLP, Attorneys at Law, 1 W. Old State Capitol Plaza, Ste 800, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before May 18, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 25th day of November, 2025. Richard D. Frazier (6193113) FRAZIER & SABIN, LLP Attorneys at Law 1 W. Old State Capitol Plaza, Ste 800 Springfield, I 62701 Telephone: (217)753-4242 Email: frazier@springfieldlawfirm.com

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS [Job C. Conger IV] DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is hereby given of the death of Job C. Conger IV. Letters of Office were issued on 25 November 2025 to the independent Executor, George W. Tinkham, 423 W. Vine Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704. The docket number for this estate is 2025 P 453. 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, Illinois 62701 or with the Executor of the estate or both. Any claim not filed on or before June 4, 2026 is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk must also be mailed or delivered to the Executor within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 25th day of November, 2025. George W. Tinkham Independent Executor 423 W. Vine Street Springfield, Illinois 62704 (217) 753-2737

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN RE THE ESTATE OF: LYNDA K. KOVARIK, Deceased. No. 2025-PR-465 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Lynda K. Kovarik. Letters Testamentary were issued on November 25, 2025, to Christy Thompson of 13535 N. 92nd Place, Scottsdale, AZ, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Dan E. Way, WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before June 4, 2026, which is not less than six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any

claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAO/gethelp.asp>, or contact your local Circuit Clerk's office. Dated this 25th day of November 2025 Dan E. Way, #6204735 WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC 1100 S. Fifth Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 525-7003

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In Re the Estate of: DONALD G. SCHNAPP, Deceased. No. 2025-PR-461 CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of DONALD G. SCHNAPP, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on November 20, 2025, to HALEY D. SCHNAPP, as Independent Executrix, whose address is 1209 Michele Drive, Pawnee, Illinois 62558, and whose attorney of record is William D. Reid, Elmore & Reid, 808 South Second Street, Springfield, IL 62704. The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of issuance of Letters, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. HALEY D. SCHNAPP Independent Executrix ELMORE & REID Attorneys At Law 808 South 2nd Street Springfield, IL 62704 217/523-2340

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of CRISTINA MILLIKEN, Deceased. IN PROBATE No. 2025-PR-455 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Cristina Milliken, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on November 19, 2025, to Richard Lewis Riecks, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Brandon R. Clark, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 18th day of June, 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 November, 2025. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Brandon R. Clark Registration No. 6329553

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| <p>205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705-2459 (217) 544-8491 bclark@bhslaw.com</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CHRISTIAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOLORES ELAINE SMITH, Deceased. NO. 2025PR83 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of DOLORES ELAINE SMITH, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on November 14, 2025, to ROBERT E. SMITH, 42030 Sutters Lane, Northville, MI 48168, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. 6th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 25th day of May, 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 20th day of November, 2025. Gregory P. Sgro Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP 1119 S. 6th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 789-1200</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS — IN PROBATE IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BOBBIE JEAN EVANS, Deceased. No. 25-PR-327 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of BOBBIE JEAN EVANS, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on Bobbie Jean Evans to Cody Evans as Independent Administrator, whose Attorney is Monroe D. McWard of McWard Law Office, 107 South Washington Street, Taylorville, Illinois 62568 Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th St., Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before May 20, 2026, which date is not less than six 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 within ten days after it has been filed. Dated this 19th day of November, 2025 Cody Evans, as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Bobbie Jean Evans, Deceased By: _____ Monroe D. McWard McWard Law Office Attorney for Petitioner 107 South Washington St. Taylorville, IL 62568 217-824-2900</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: HELEN LETITIA PIERCE, Deceased. NO. 2025-PR-449 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Helen Letitia Pierce of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on Novem-</p> | <p>ber 18, 2025, to Jonathan Elliott Pierce, 3421 Old Waterworks Road, Springfield, Illinois 62702, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before May 25, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 18th day of November, 2025. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com 365091</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES JOSHUA CRAIN, DECEASED Case #2025-PR-452 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of CHARLES JOSHUA CRAIN. Letters of Office have been issued to ZACHARIAH A. CRAIN, 124 W. 4th Avenue, Unit 45, Stanley, WI 54768, 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 June 1, 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 17th day of November, 2025. Patrick J. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217)544-0701</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAN MING KEUNG, DECEASED Case #2025-PR-447 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of PAN MING KEUNG. Letters of Office have been issued to ANNE KEUNG, 5112 Crane Drive, Springfield, IL 62711, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before May 27, 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 13th day of November, 2025. Patrick J. Sheehan, III SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 544-0701</p> | <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CYNTHIA A. CANDIOTO Deceased NO. 25-PR-434 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of CYNTHIA A. CANDIOTO, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on November 13, 2025 to Joseph A. Candioto, 10347 Old Indian Trial, Glenarm, IL 62536 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 25th 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 November 2025. Alex B. Rabin Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP 1119 S. Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 217-789-1200</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: THEODORE JAMES BAER, Deceased. NO. 2025-PR-441 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Theodore James Baer of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on November 12, 2025, to Denise Baer,710 Sonata Way, Silver Spring, Maryland 20901, 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 May 19, 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 12th day of November, 2025. Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 bsegatto@barberlaw.com</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of SHIRLEY A. WILLIAMS, Deceased. IN PROBATE No. 2025-PR-443 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Shirley A. Williams, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on November 12, 2025, to Linda W. Hammer, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Brandon R. Clark, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 4th day of June 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 10th day of November, 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</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES W.</p> | <p>CLARK, Deceased. 2025-PR-384 NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS AND UNKNOWN HEIRS. Notice is given of the death of JAMES W. CLARK, from the City of Springfield, in Sangamon County, Illinois. An Order of Independent Administration was issued on November 3, 2025, to Kelly Walker, 280 Country Lake Road, Springfield, IL 62711, whose attorneys are the Noll Law Office, 930 E. Monroe St., Springfield, IL 62701. Claimants claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before May 20, 2026 or three months after date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later, 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 representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. A copy of an order granting opening of probate and executorship can be obtained from the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless an interested person asks the court to become involved. Notice is given to unknown or unlocated heirs in the above proceeding that under section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person may terminate independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk of the court. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers. htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Dated this 10th day of November, 2025 Sarah Noll Noll Law Office, LLC 930 E. Monroe St. Springfield, IL 62701 Phone: (217) 544-8441 E: noll@noll-law.com</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TERESA ANNE THOMAS Deceased NO. 2025-PR-000432 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of TERESA ANNE THOMAS, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on November 3, 2025 to Amy Raikes, 218 Pin Oak Lane, Springfield, IL 62711 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 12th day of May, 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 6th day of November 2025. Alex B. Rabin Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP 1119 S. Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 217-789-1200</p> | <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Ashley Nicole Russell For change of name to Diamond Nicole Womack Case No. 2025-MR-000510 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on Jan. 23, 2026 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Ashley Nicole Russell to Diamond Nicole Womack pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: Dec. 4, 2025</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Ozzie Caillier For change of name to Ozzie Buecker Case No. 2025-MR-000398 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on Jan. 27, 2026 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Ozzie Caillier to Ozzie Buecker pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: Nov. 20, 2025</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff(s), vs. JOHNA C. PETERSON, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s). Case No. 25 FC 121 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 January 13, 2026, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit: LOT 8 OF FREDERICK SAXER'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Common Address: 1733 SOUTH SPRING STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704 P.I.N. 22-04.0-253-040 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</p> |
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and improvements thereon, and the tene-ments, 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 as-sessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
LINN PERKINS, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF CAROLYN S MCCUBBIN, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; MELINDA MCCUBBIN; ME-LISSA PUCKETT; DAVID MCCUBBIN; MAT-THIEW MCCUBBIN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CAROLYN S MCCUBBIN, DEFENDANTS. NO. 2025FC000162
2421 STROKEBRIDGE ROAD
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Carolyn S McCubbin
defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclo-sure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF IL-LINOIS, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS FOLLOWS:
LOT 426 OF CHARLES S. WANLESS' NORTHGATE ADDITION, 7TH PLAT.
EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MIN-ING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD.
Commonly known as: 2421 Strokebridge Road
Springfield, IL 62702
and which said Mortgage was made by, Carolyn S McCubbin
Mortgagor(s), to
PNC Mortgage, a division of PNC Bank National Association
Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2018R03251; and for other relief.
UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before January 5, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.
You have been sued. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Notice called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response

on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case. After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service pro-vider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegallaid.org. All documents referred to in this Notice can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website. ¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411- 1121, o visite ilcour-help.gov para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios.
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLEC-TION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
Attorney for Plaintiff
333 W Wacker Drive, Suite 1820
Chicago, IL 60606-1220
Ph. (312) 346-9088
File No. 25-22554IL-1298680
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
PLAINTIFF,
-vs
Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Shirley A. Leonard a/k/a Shirley Ann Leonard a/k/a Shirley Ann Carter a/k/a Shirley Carter, Deceased; Unknown Heirs and/ or Legatees of Kelly Carter, Deceased; Unknown Heirs and or Legatees of Michele Loseman a/k/a Michele L. Lose-man, Deceased; Justin Loseman; James R. Carter; Kiem A. Carter; GoodLeap, LLC.; Michael J. Diaz, as Special Representative of Shirley A. Leonard a/k/a Shirley Ann Leonard a/k/a Shirley Ann Carter a/k/a Shirley Carter, Deceased; Unknown Own-ers And Non-Record Claimants
DEFENDANTS
NO. 24 FC 188
PUBLICATION NOTICE
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Shirley A. Leonard a/k/a Shirley Ann Leonard a/k/a Shirley Ann Carter a/k/a Shirley Carter, Deceased; Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Kelly Carter, Deceased; Unknown Heirs and or Legatees of Mi-chele Loseman a/k/a Michele L. Loseman, Deceased; James R. Carter; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants.
Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, by the said Plaintiff against you and other de-fendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:
LOT 919 OF CHARLES S. WANLESS' NORTHGATE ADDITION FOURTEENTH PLAT A PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 24,

TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN ACCORD-ING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 8, 1977 IN BOOK 23 OF PLATS AT PAGE 18 AS DOCUMENT NO. 390811. 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.
Commonly known as 2043 Scarbrough Road, Springfield, IL 62702
Permanent Index No.: 14-24-126-020 and which said Mortgage was made by Shirley A. Leonard, a single person Mort-gagors, to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Mort-gagee, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, Document No. 2009R42901. And for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the suit is now pending. Now therefore, unless you, the said above named defendants, e-file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, on or before the 30th day after the first publication of this notice which is DECEM-BER 22, 2025. Default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To efile, 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. Clerk
LOGS Legal Group LLP
Attorney for Plaintiff
2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207
Bannockburn, IL 60015
(847) 291-1717
ILNOTICES@logs.com
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANK-RUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.
8051-959770

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, PLAINTIFF
VS.
CHARLES E LAUGHLIN, CITIBANK, N.A., ABSOLUTE RESOLUTIONS INVESTMENTS, LLC DEFENDANTS
Case No.: 2025FC000092
Property Address: 536 West Canedy Springfield, IL 62704
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is given that pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 6, 2025, the Sangamon County Sheriff will on December 16, 2025, at 9:00 am, at the Sangamon South, 1 Copley Place, Spring-field, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
THE WEST HALF OF LOT 4 IN BLOCK 3 IN MRS. ULRICH'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS EXCEPT THE EAST 2 FEET THEREOF AND EXCEPT THE SOUTH 110 FEET
THEREOF. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LANDS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
P.I.N.
14-33.0-405-010
COMMON ADDRESS: 536 West Canedy, Springfield, IL 62704
Terms of all sales are ten percent (10%) of the opening bid.
Failure to pay the remaining balance within the twenty-four (24) hours shall result in the forfeiture of the ten percent (10%) down payment.
No Refunds.
The property offered for sale 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 improvement on the property consists of: Single Family Home
The entered judgment amount was \$47,079.32.
The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever Law Group, LLC, 200 N. LaSalle St., Suite 1880, Chicago, IL 60601. 312-236-0077. KLG: SMS001462-25FC1
SMS001462
8051-959671

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
-SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
EQUITY TRUST COMPANY CUSTODIAN FBO A. MATTHEW CROWLEY ROTH IRA ACCOUNT #200318641 , Plaintiff,
vs.
DIXIE JO FAHS A.K.A. DIXIE J. FAHS A.K.A. DIXIE JO MANRING; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s).
CASE NO. 2025FC000095
Property Address: 801 BUCKINGHAM RD CHATHAM, IL 62629
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on September 3, 2025, I, Sheriff Paula Crouch of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on December 23, 2025, com-mencing at 9:00AM, Sangamon County Building, Sangamon South Auditorium, 1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit: LOT FORTY-EIGHT (48) IN BUCKINGHAM PLACE, THIRD ADDITION, CHATHAM, IL-LINOIS, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 19 AT PAGE 58 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as: 801 BUCKINGHAM RD, CHATHAM, IL 62629
P.I.N.: 28-12.0-376-005
First Lien Position; Single Family Resi-dence; Judgment Amount \$111,607.71 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 AS-SESSMENTS 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 pay-able 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 col-lect 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
8051-959578

TO:
Tamera Parker a/k/a Tamera A. Parker; Tamera Parker a/k/a Tamera A. Parker; Occupant;
Gregory Lee Nisewander;
Don Gray, County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois;
Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as
"Unknown Owners";
"Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".
TAX DEED NO.: 2025TX000210
FILED: 11/24/2025
TAKE NOTICE
County of Sangamon
Date Premises Sold: November 3, 2023
Certificate No.: 143-42-1
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A
Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property Located at: W 100' PT SW NW 3-16-4, IN CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, Part of the Real Estate Commonly known as 227 E. Raylotts Street , Spaulding, IL 62561
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 15-03.0-153-002
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 6, 2026.
The amount to redeem is subject to in-crease at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.
This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 6, 2026.
This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County in 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, Via Zoom #5D, on June 16, 2026 at 11:00 AM.
You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.
YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDI-ATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY
Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 6, 2026 by applying to the County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Springfield, Illinois.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK
200 South Ninth Street
Springfield, IL 62701
(217) 753-6701
TLC-2023, LLC

Purchaser or Assignee
November 25, 2025
I3277354

TO:
Luke A Cole, c/o US Bank NA;
Carolyn K Cole, c/o US Bank NA;
Luke Cole;
Carolyn K Cole;
Carolyn K Cole;
Luke Cole;
Carolyn K. Cole Inc.;
Occupant;
Climate Corp;
Cole A Gonomy Inc.;
LC GC Properties, LLC;
U.S. Bank N.A., not in its individual Capacity But Solely as Trustee for The NRZ Pass-Through Trust XVI;
U.S. Bank National Association;
Don Gray, County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois;
Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as
"Unknown Owners";
"Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".
TAX DEED NO.: 2025TX000209
FILED: 11/24/2025
TAKE NOTICE
County of Sangamon
Date Premises Sold: November 3, 2023
Certificate No.: 143-41-8
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A
Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property Located at: 421 South Wake Road, New Berlin, IL 62670
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 12-33.0-400-023
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 6, 2026.
The amount to redeem is subject to in-crease at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.
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200 South Ninth Street
Springfield, IL 62701
(217) 753-6701
TLC-2023, LLC
Purchaser or Assignee
November 25, 2025
I3277353

TO:
Robert Grundler;
Connie Grundler;
Robert Grundler;
Connie Grundler;
Occupant;
Don Gray, County Clerk of Sangamon

TO:
Michael M. Meyer;
Debra Meyer;
Michael M Meyer;
Michael M Meyer;
Michael M. Meyer;
Debra Meyer;
Debra Meyer;
Debra Meyer;
Occupant;
Village of Riverton c/o Village Clerk;
Village of Riverton c/o Village Attorney;
Don Gray, County Clerk of Sangamon
County, Illinois;
Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and
Decree Creditors, if any of the above
described as
"Unknown Owners";
"Unknown owners or parties interested in
said land or lots".
TAX DEED NO.: 2025TX000211 FILED:
11/24/2025
TAKE NOTICE
County of Sangamon
Date Premises Sold: November 3, 2023
Certificate No.: 143-42-4
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality):

TO:
 KP4 LLC Lincoln;
 KP4 LLC Lincoln;
 Michael M Durr, as R/A for KP4 LLC
 Lincoln;
 Paul H. Stout, Jr., as Member for KP4 LLC
 Lincoln;
 Paul H. Stout, Jr., as Member for KP4 LLC
 Lincoln;
 Paul H. Stout, Jr., as Member for KP4 LLC
 Lincoln;
 Ida M Miller;
 Robert Henry Collins;
 Alisa Ann Lomelino;
 Stacey L Moore;
 Karen S Bunch;
 April R Chipol-Bustamante;
 Terry Lynn S Szerletich;
 Charles H Samson Sr;
 Muriel P Cook;
 Angela D Gregory;
 Vincent J Cacciatori;
 Randi M Smith;
 Matilda M Samson;
 Charles H Samson Jr;
 Charles H Samson Jr;
 William D Smith;
 William D Smith;
 Robert L Etter;
 William Daniel Richards Sr;
 Susan E Judd;
 Barbara Jean Stufflebeam;
 Teresa Diane Brown;
 Lana L Young;
 KPAM LLC-S Management KP Asset
 Manag;
 Sharps Mobile Home Park;
 Bank & Trust Company;
 Bank & Trust Company;
 Bank & Trust Company;
 Don Gray, County Clerk of Sangamon
 County, Illinois;
 Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and

TO:
Kevin M. Fishel;
Kevin M. Fishel;
Occupant;
Beth Galvin;
Tamis L Holtkamp;
Riley N Galvin;
Shelby M Cantrall;
Beth Cantrall;
Don Gray, County Clerk of Sangamon
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Decree Creditors, if any of the above
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TAX DEED NO.: 2025TX000213
FILED: 11/24/2025
TAKE NOTICE
County of Sangamon
Date Premises Sold: November 3, 2023
Certificate No.: 143-53-4
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number:
N/A
Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR
DELINQUENT TAXES

Lincoln Enterprises Transportation System, Inc;
Michael Antonacci as R/A for Lincoln Enterprises Transportation System, Inc; Illinois Secretary of State for Lincoln Enterprises Transportation System, Inc; Lincoln Enterprises Transportation System, Inc;
Lincoln Enterprises Transportation System, Inc;
Occupant;
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency; Attorney General for Illinois Environmental Protection Agency;
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency; Don Gray, County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois;
Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as
"Unknown Owners";
"Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".
TAX DEED NO.: 2025TX000203
FILED: 11/24/2025
TAKE NOTICE
County of Sangamon
Date Premises Sold: November 3, 2024
Certificate No.: 143-3-3
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2023
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A
Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property Located at: 1530 Wabash Avenue
Jerome, IL
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 22-08.0-326-036
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 6, 2026. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if

Don: Steve Sheppard Sr;
 Traci R Sheppard;
 Steve Sheppard Sr;
 Steve Sheppard Sr;
 Steve Sheppard Sr;
 Traci R Sheppard;
 Traci R Sheppard;
 Traci R Sheppard;
 Occupant;
 Kyle J Vandorn;
 Sydney Jo Fisher;
 Amy D Vandorn;
 Joyce M Stevens;
 Kenneth J Vandorn;
 Don Gray, County Clerk of Sangamon
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 TAX DEED NO.: 2025TX000215 FILED:
 11/24/2025
 TAKE NOTICE
 County of Sangamon
 Date Premises Sold: November 3, 2023
 Certificate No.: 143-67-1
 Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022
 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number:
 N/A
 Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A
 THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR
 DELINQUENT TAXES
 Property Located at: 204 South Olive
 Street, New Berlin, IL 62670
 Legal Description or Property Index No.:
 20-30.0-239-009
 This notice is to advise you that the above
 property has been sold for delinquent
 taxes and that the period of redemption
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James W. Riba;
Sandra L. Riba;
James W. Riba;
Sandra L. Riba;
City of Springfield c/o City Clerk;
City of Springfield c/o Corporation
Counsel;
Don Gray, County Clerk of Sangamon
County, Illinois;
Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and
Decree Creditors, if any of the above
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TAX DEED NO.: 2025TX000204
FILED: 11/24/2025
TAKE NOTICE
County of Sangamon
Date Premises Sold: November 3, 2023
Certificate No.: 143-12-1
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipi-
ality) and Special Assessment Number:
N/A
Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR
DELINQUENT TAXES
Property Located at: PT W PT N PT W 1/2
SE 1/4 10/15/2005, IN WOODSIDE TOWN-
SHIP IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Legal Description or Property Index No.:
22-10.0-409-003
This notice is to advise you that the above
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| <p>(217) 753-6701 TLC-2023, LLC Purchaser or Assignee November 25, 2025 I3277350</p> <p>TO: REV2214, LLC, C/O Cheryl Mattsson Hebro; Jared Mattsson as R/A for The Estates Senior Living, LLC; Jared Mattsson as R/A for The Estates Senior Living, LLC; The Estates Senior Living, LLC; Christa Goodrich as Manager for The Estates Senior Living, LLC; Michael Hebron as Manager for The Estates Senior Living, LLC; Michael Hebron as Manager for The Estates Senior Living, LLC; Alexandria Hernandez as Manager for The Estates Senior Living, LLC; Occupant; Michael Joseph Hebron; Jason M Hebron; Jared William Mattsson; Cheryl's Mattsson-Hebron Estate; Estates Senior Living & Spa; SRGO Development SG Development; Attorney General for the U.S.A., Depart- ment of Justice for the IRS; U.S. Attorney General for the IRS; U.S. Attorney General for the IRS; U.S.A., I.R.S.; U.S.A., I.R.S.; Illinois Department of Employment Secu- rity Revenue Collection Enforcement Unit; Attorney General for the Illinois Depart- ment of Employment Security; Collingwood Estates Condominium As- sociation; Illinois Secretary of State for Collingwood Estates Condominium Association; Don Gray, County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois; Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"; "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots". TAX DEED NO.: 2025TX000217 FILED: 11/24/2025 TAKE NOTICE County of Sangamon Date Premises Sold: November 3, 2023 Certificate No.: 143-351-2 Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municip- ality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 3305 Collingwood Drive, Springfield, IL 62711 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 13-25.0-403-043 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 6, 2026. The amount to redeem is subject to in- crease at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. 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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK 200 South Ninth Street Springfield, IL 62701 (217) 753-6701 TLC-2023, LLC Purchaser or Assignee November 25, 2025 I3277361</p> <p>TO: Barry Taft; Barry Taft; Barry Taft; Barry Taft; Barry Taft; Barry Taft; Barry Taft; Occupant; Donald E Metzger; Camron M Clark; Lucas J Clark; Illinois Healthcare and Family Services Child Support Enforcement Collection and Asset Recovery Unit; Attorney for Illinois Healthcare and Family Services Child Support Enforcement Col- lection and Asset Recovery Unit; Unifund CCR, LLC; Illinois Corporation Service Company as R/A for Unifund CCR, LLC; Heartland Bank and Trust Company as Successor to Town And Country Bank; Heartland Bank and Trust Company as Successor to Town And Country Bank; Don Gray, County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois; Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"; "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots". TAX DEED NO.: 2025TX000206 FILED: 11/24/2025 TAKE NOTICE County of Sangamon Date Premises Sold: November 3, 2023 Certificate No.: 143-16-3 Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municip- ality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 6611 Canadian Cross Dr, Springfield, IL 62711 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 22-34.0-303-006 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 6, 2026. The amount to redeem is subject to in- crease at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. 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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK 200 South Ninth Street Springfield, IL 62701 (217) 753-6701 TLC-2023, LLC Purchaser or Assignee November 25, 2025 I3277349</p> <p>TO: Cathy J Bettis; Occupant; Robert T Bettis; Gavin C Bettis; Rylie J Bettis; Ashlee N Hagan; Elizabeth Grace Brewer; Robert Brady Bettis; Joette Kennel; Kaye L Barrett, as R/A for Joette Kennel, Inc.; Illinois Department of Revenue, Lien Unit; Illinois Attorney General for the Illinois Department of Revenue; Illinois Department of Employment Secu- rity Revenue Collection Enforcement Unit; Attorney General for the Illinois Depart- ment of Employment Security; Robert P. Johnson; Robert P. Johnson; Don Gray, County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois; Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"; "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots". TAX DEED NO.: 2025TX000216 FILED: 11/24/2025 TAKE NOTICE County of Sangamon Date Premises Sold: November 3, 2023 Certificate No.: 143-73-1 Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municip- ality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 12001 Ackerman Road, Virden, IL 62690 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 33-21.0-200-013 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 6, 2026. The amount to redeem is subject to in- crease at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. 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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT</p> | <p>THE COUNTY CLERK 200 South Ninth Street Springfield, IL 62701 (217) 753-6701 TLC-2023, LLC Purchaser or Assignee November 25, 2025 I3277362</p> <p>TO: Tyler Lufkin; Tyler Lufkin; Tyler Lufkin; Tyler Lufkin; Tyler Lufkin; Occupant; Jeffery Mitchell; Ray's Plumbing & Sewer Service; City of Springfield c/o City Clerk; City of Springfield c/o Corporation Counsel; Don Gray, County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois; Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"; "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots". TAX DEED NO.: 2025TX000205 FILED: 11/24/2025 TAKE NOTICE County of Sangamon Date Premises Sold: November 3, 2023 Certificate No.: 143-15-6 Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municip- ality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 3309 Carman Avenue Southern View a/k/a Springfield, IL 62703 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 22-16.0-127-003 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 6, 2026. The amount to redeem is subject to in- crease at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. 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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK 200 South Ninth Street Springfield, IL 62701 (217) 753-6701 TLC-2023, LLC Purchaser or Assignee November 25, 2025 I3277348</p> <p>TO: Robert T Cheney Jr; Connie I Cheney; Occupant; Don Gray, County Clerk of Sangamon</p> | <p>County, Illinois; Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"; "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots". TAX DEED NO.: 2025TX000220 FILED: 11/24/2025 TAKE NOTICE County of Sangamon Date Premises Sold: November 3, 2023 Certificate No.: 143-433-5 Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municip- ality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 1810 South Cog Mill Court, Springfield, IL 62704 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 21-01.0-427-038 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 6, 2026. The amount to redeem is subject to in- crease at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. 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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK 200 South Ninth Street Springfield, IL 62701 (217) 753-6701 TLC-2023, LLC Purchaser or Assignee November 25, 2025 I3277365</p> <p>TO: Brian P Duffy c/o PNC; Joseph J Paris, c/o PNC; Joseph J. Paris; Brian P. Duffy; Joseph J. Paris; Joseph J. Paris; Joseph J. Paris; Occupant; Brian P Duffy Jr; Don Gray, County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois; Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"; "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots". TAX DEED NO.: 2025TX000218 FILED: 11/24/2025 TAKE NOTICE County of Sangamon Date Premises Sold: November 3, 2023 Certificate No.: 143-351-4 Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municip- ality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A</p> | <p>Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 2 Forest Green Drive , Springfield, IL 62707 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 13-25.0-451-009 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 6, 2026. The amount to redeem is subject to in- crease at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. 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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK 200 South Ninth Street Springfield, IL 62701 (217) 753-6701 TLC-2023, LLC Purchaser or Assignee November 25, 2025 I3277363</p> <p>TO: William Dean Woods; William Dean Woods; Tamara A Woods; Tamara A Woods; Tamara A Woods; William Dean Woods; Tamara A. Woods; William Dean Woods; Occupant; Christopher Woods Dry Wall; Christopher W Woods; Carson K Reese; AMOS Financial, LLC; Illinois Corporation Service Company as R/A for AMOS Financial, LLC; Don Gray, County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois; Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners"; "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots". TAX DEED NO.: 2025TX000214 FILED: 11/24/2025 TAKE NOTICE County of Sangamon Date Premises Sold: November 3, 2023 Certificate No.: 143-62-3 Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municip- ality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 305 Cross Street, Loami, IL 62661 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 27-11.0-251-010 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 6, 2026.</p> |
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Springfield, IL 62701
(217) 753-6701
TLC-2023, LLC

Purchaser or Assignee
November 25, 2025
I3277360

TO:

Steven Rosa Trust;
Steven Rosa Trust;
Occupant;
Kaitlyn Miller;
Angel J Vargas;
Don Gray, County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois;
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TAX DEED NO.: 2025TX000212 FILED: 11/24/2025

TAKE NOTICE

County of Sangamon

Date Premises Sold: November 3, 2023

Certificate No.: 143-46-3

Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at: 1501 Prairie Vista Drive, Chatham, IL 62629

Legal Description or Property Index No.: 28-01.0-254-018

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that time.

YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY

Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 6, 2026 by applying to the County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Springfield, Illinois.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK

200 South Ninth Street
Springfield, IL 62701
(217) 753-6701
TLC-2023, LLC

Purchaser or Assignee
November 25, 2025
I3277357

TO:

Mark A Lehmann;
Mark A Lehmann;
Occupant;
Harvey, Inc;
Arminda Lee Kovalichuk;
Illinois Healthcare and Family Services Child Support Enforcement Collection and Asset Recovery Unit;
Attorney General for Illinois Healthcare and Family Services Child Support Enforcement Collection and Asset Recovery Unit;

Don Gray, County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois;
Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as
"Unknown Owners";
"Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".

TAX DEED NO.: 2025TX000222 FILED: 11/24/2025

TAKE NOTICE

County of Sangamon

Date Premises Sold: November 3, 2023

Certificate No.: 143-59-1

Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at: 1447 South Spring Creek Road, Pleasant Plains, IL 62677

Legal Description or Property Index No.: 20-05.0-100-010

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 6, 2026.

The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK

200 South Ninth Street
Springfield, IL 62701
(217) 753-6701
TLC-2023, LLC

Purchaser or Assignee
November 25, 2025
I3277367

TO:

William D Close, C/o Heritage Dev Co;
Peggy S Close, C/o Heritage Dev Co;
Peggy S. Close;
Peggy S. Close;
Peggy S Close;
William D Close;
David P. Ridenour as R/A for Heritage Development Co. of Illinois, Inc.;
David P. Ridenour as R/A for Heritage Development Co. of Illinois, Inc.;
Todd Gedaminski for Heritage Development Co. of Illinois, Inc.;
Gordon Dixon;
Illinois Secretary of State for Heritage Development Co. of Illinois, Inc.;
Heritage Development Co. of Illinois, Inc.;
Occupant;
Brandie T Victory;
Bradley Mark Young;
David P Ridenour;
Amiri M Ward;
Melody T Victory;
Kimberly J Young;
John Patrick Hayes;
Deborah Kay Allgood;
Ladaryl C Arrington;
Justin P Dennis;
Occupant;
Occupant;
Occupant;
City of Springfield c/o City Clerk;
City of Springfield c/o Corporation Counsel;

Don Gray, County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois;
Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as
"Unknown Owners";
"Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".

TAX DEED NO.: 2025TX000222 FILED: 11/24/2025

TAKE NOTICE

County of Sangamon

Date Premises Sold: November 3, 2023

Certificate No.: 143-362-2

Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at: 1405 North 4th Street , Springfield, IL 62702

Legal Description or Property Index No.: 14-22.0-307-032

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 6, 2026.

The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.

This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 6, 2026.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County in 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, Via Zoom #5D, on June 16, 2026 at 11:00 AM. You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.

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Springfield, Illinois.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK

200 South Ninth Street
Springfield, IL 62701
(217) 753-6701
TLC-2023, LLC

Purchaser or Assignee
November 25, 2025
I3277369

TO:

Steven Schuckmann;
Steven Schuckmann, C/o Inland Bank & Trust;
Byline Bank as Successor to Inland Bank & Trust;
Steven Schuckmann;
Occupant;
Barbara L Weatherford;
Don Gray, County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois;
Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as
"Unknown Owners";
"Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".

TAX DEED NO.: 2025TX000221 FILED: 11/24/2025

TAKE NOTICE

County of Sangamon

Date Premises Sold: November 3, 2023

Certificate No.: 143-434-1

Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2022

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A

Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Located at: 1617 Briarcreek Lane, Springfield, IL 62711

Legal Description or Property Index No.: 21-02.0-402-026

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 6, 2026.

The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK

200 South Ninth Street
Springfield, IL 62701
(217) 753-6701
TLC-2023, LLC

Purchaser or Assignee
November 25, 2025
I3277366

The Mu Delta Lambda Charitable Foundation (Not for Profit Corporation) hereafter referred to as the "Company" is seeking bids for the property renovations located at 2525 S. 12th Street, Springfield, IL 62703, hereafter referred to as the "project."

The project consists of installing a six-foot decorative aluminum fence around the property (Approximately 650 feet of fence) which shall include a large manual or electronic gate at the driveway (14 foot gate), one pedestrian gate (4 foot gate) at the west end of the parking lot and one pedestrian gate (4 foot gate) on the south side of the building near the door.

All activities in the project shall conform to the relevant provisions of the City of Springfield Code of Ordinances (the "Code") including but not limited to, acquisition of necessary permits and other matters. If you have any questions about specifications for the project or would like to schedule an appointment to measure the property, please contact Marc Bell at 217-741-7072.

The Project will be a renovation project utilizing Community Development Block Grant funds. Bidders shall comply with all relevant terms and ordinary and customary redevelopment agreements pertaining to contract activities including, but not limited to, compliance with Davis-Bacon, proof of participation in a US Dept of Labor certified apprenticeship program, comprehensive general liability, employer liability and workman's compensation insurance and equal employment opportunity.

The successful bidder will be the lowest responsible bidder whose bid conforms to the requirements of the project and complies with all the provisions of the specifications. Bidders should respond to this notice by presentation of a proposed contract containing a fixed- price bid for the work and such additional terms and conditions as bidder deems necessary or appropriate.

Female and Minority Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit bids for this contract. All qualified bidders will receive consideration, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, handicap, unrelated to ability or national origin. This is an Equal Opportunity Contractor.

Sealed bids are to be mailed to Mu Delta Lambda Charitable Foundation, P.O. Box 6203, Springfield IL 62708-6203, and must be postmarked on or before Monday, December 29, 2025. Bids are to be addressed to the attention of Mu Delta Lambda Charitable Foundation and identified as (Installation of Six-Foot Decorative Fence) on the exterior of the envelope. All bids will be opened publicly on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 10:00 am., at 2525 S. 12th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Awarding of the contract and commencement of work shall occur as immediately thereafter as is practical and after proper certificates of insurance for contractor and redeveloper have been submitted to City. The company reserves the right to reject any bids that do not meet the requirements stated in this notice. Questions regarding the company, project or the bid should be directed to Mu Delta Lambda Charitable Foundation, 2525 S. 12th Street, Springfield, IL 62703, TX: 217-741-7072.

Publication notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS

SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

GREGORY GILMER, JR., CITIZENS EQUITY FIRST CREDIT UNION, A/K/A CEFCU, IVY JACK INC., SANGAMON COUNTY AS TRUSTEE, UNKNOWN OWNERS & NON-RECORDED CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s)

No. 25-MR-539

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO GREGORY GILMER, JR., CITIZENS EQUITY FIRST CREDIT

UNION A/K/A CEFCU, IVY JACK INC., SANGAMON COUNTY AS TRUSTEE, UNKNOWN OWNERS & NON-RECORDED CLAIMANTS, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on November 13, 2025 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 1509 S 8th St., Springfield, IL 62703, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:

Lot 3 in Block 5 of Elijah Iles' Subdivision of lands number 3.

(Permanent Parcel No. 22-03.0-106-011); and for other relief.

UNLESS GREGORY GILMER, JR., CITIZENS EQUITY FIRST CREDIT UNION A/K/A CEFCU, IVY JACK INC., SANGAMON COUNTY AS TRUSTEE, UNKNOWN OWNERS & NON-RECORDED CLAIMANTS FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before January 5, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.

/s/ Joe Roesch

Clerk of Court

Gregory E. Moredock

Corporation Counsel

Emily Rosenberger

Assistant Corporation Counsel

Attorneys for Plaintiff

800 E. Monroe, Room 327

Springfield, IL 62701-1653

(217) 789-2375

Publication notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS

SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

FRONTLINE PROPERTIES LLC, JICTB INC, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).

No. 24-MR-538

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, FRONTLINE PROPERTIES LLC, JICTB Inc, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on November 13, 2025 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 1908 Renfro Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:

Lot 4 in Block 2 of Spauldings Third South Park Addition to the City of Springfield. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. (Permanent Parcel No. 22-03.0-281-004); and for other relief.

UNLESS FRONTLINE PROPERTIES LLC, JICTB Inc, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before January 5, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.

/s/ Joe Roesch

Clerk of Court

Gregory E. Moredock

Corporation Counsel

Emily Rosenberger ARDC #6336667

Assistant Corporation Counsel

Attorneys for Plaintiff

800 E. Monroe, Room 327

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Emily.Rosenberger@springfield.il.us

Publication notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS

SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
HOLBAR GROUP INC, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s)
No. 25-MR-541
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, HOLBAR GROUP INC, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on November 13, 2025 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 1703 E. Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:
Lot 9 in Block 2 of L.B. Adams Addition to the City of Springfield. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
(Permanent Parcel No. 14-35.0-108-065); and for other relief.
UNLESS HOLBAR GROUP INC, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before January 5, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.
/s/ Joe Roesch
Clerk of Court
Gregory E. Moredock
Corporation Counsel
Charles Kenney
Assistant Corporation Counsel
Attorneys for Plaintiff
800 E. Monroe, Room 327
Springfield, IL 62701-1653
(217) 789-2375

Publication notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
SPRINGFIELD GOLF, INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s)
No. 25-MR-540
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO SPRINGFIELD GOLF, INC., Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on November 13, 2025 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 2400 Hilton Head Drive, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:
Lot 19 of Northfield Plaza, Second Addition to the City of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois.
(Permanent Parcel No. 14-13.0-481-001); and for other relief.
UNLESS SPRINGFIELD GOLF, INC., Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before January 5, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.
/s/ Joe Roesch
Clerk of Court
Gregory E. Moredock
Corporation Counsel
Kateah McMasters
Assistant Corporation Counsel
Attorneys for Plaintiff
800 E. Monroe, Room 327
Springfield, IL 62701-1653

(217) 789-2375
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,
v.
KENNETH G. ADAMS, SR, ALEXA ADAMS, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
IN CHANCERY
Case No. 2025-FC-119
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of 735 ILCS 5/15 1218 and 15 1502 and Sec. 2 206 that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendants is January 6, 2026.
The Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on June 23, 2025:
(i) The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are as follows: Bank of Springfield, an Illinois banking corporation Case No. 2025-FC-119.
(ii) The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois
(iii) The name of the title holder of record: Kenneth G. Adams, Sr. and Alexa Adams
(iv) Legal description and common address of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty are as follows:
Lots 168 and 169 of Lincoln Heights a Subdivision of Lots 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 of Jacob Loose Heirs' Subdivision of Part of Sections 2, 3 and 10 in Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian.
Except all coal, mineral and mining rights heretofore conveyed or reserved of record. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois
Parcel Number: 22-03-477-062
Common address or location of mortgaged premises:
1631 E. Melrose St.,
Springfield, Illinois 62703
(v) Identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
Name of mortgagor: Kenneth G. Adams, Sr.
Name of mortgagee: Bank of Springfield, an Illinois banking corporation
Date of mortgage: September 19, 2002
Date of recording: September 26, 2002
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois
Recording document identification: Document No. 2002R52730.
/s/ Joseph B. Roesch
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
SORLING NORTHRUP, Attorneys
Brian D. Jones, of counsel – ARDC
#6286510
Attorneys for Plaintiff
1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200
P.O. Box 5131
Springfield, Illinois 62705
Telephone: (217) 544 1144
E-Mail: bdjones@sorlinglaw.com
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,
v.
DARYL GIACOMINI, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
IN CHANCERY
Case No. 2025-FC-217

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of 735 ILCS 5/15 1218 and 15 1502 and Sec. 2 206 that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendants is January 2, 2026.
The Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on November 17, 2025:
(i) The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are as follows: Bank of Springfield, an Illinois banking corporation - Case No. 2025-FC-217.
(ii) The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois
(iii) The name of the title holder of record: Daryl Giacomini
(iv) Legal description and common address of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty are as follows:
Lot Ten in Block Two of W.T. Scherr's Addition to the City of Springfield. Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
Parcel Number(s): 14-33-129-007
Common address or location of mortgaged premises:
318 South Macarthur Blvd.,
Springfield, Illinois 62704
(v) Identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
Name of mortgagor: Daryl Giacomini
Name of mortgagee: Bank of Springfield, an Illinois banking corporation
Date of mortgage: July 14, 2003 (Mortgage), July 11, 2017 (Modification)
Date of recording: July 21, 2003 (Mortgage), July 11, 2017 (Modification)
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois
Recording document identification: Document No. 2003R50886 (Mortgage), Document No. 2017R17464 (Modification).
/s/ Joseph B. Roesch
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
SORLING NORTHRUP, Attorneys
Brian D. Jones, of counsel – ARDC
#6286510
Attorneys for Plaintiff
1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200
P.O. Box 5131
Springfield, Illinois 62705
Telephone: (217) 544 1144
E-Mail: bdjones@sorlinglaw.com
To enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent a private auction will be held on
Saturday December 20, 2025, at 9:00a.m. Northend Storage is located at 1907 North Grand East, Springfield, IL. 62702
This is a private auction. In order to attend you must call 217-544-4521 a week prior to the auction date.
Please leave your name, telephone number and an email address.
Cash is the only form of payment accepted for the auction.
Any individual wanting to retain their unit will need to pay their entire balance on or before Wednesday December 17, 2025.
No personal checks will be accepted for storage units that are in lien.
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION
Jessica Close Unit #1-9
Rocky Troxell Unit #9-4
Jacquelin Holt Unit #1-16
Dana Thomas Unit #2-21
Eva Coleman Unit #4-26
Joe Hall Unit #7-29

Janie Sexton Unit #9-23
Edward Thomas Unit #9-25
Shalik Rhynes Unit #9-34
Dominique Wilson Unit #10-14
Eunice Green Unit #10-16
Michael Weller Unit #11-42
Linda Byrd Unit #9-3
Linda Byrd Unit #1-10
Linda Byrd Unit #10-34
Linda Byrd Unit #11-45
Linda Byrd Unit #11-43
Karla Taber Unit #2-10
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Kasie Kirbach, Petitioner and
Zackarie McDuffee, Respondent
Case No. 2025-FA-000047
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you Zackarie McDuffee, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced and you are summoned to a child custody case and for other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois on or before the 27th day of December, 2025, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk
Publication notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
RIVER SONG PROPERTIES LLC, INB NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s))
No. 25-MR-525
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on November 4, 2025 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 321 W. Reynolds Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:
THE EAST 40 FEET OF LOT 7 IN BLOCK 12 OF MASON'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.
(Permanent Parcel No. 14-28.0-434-013); and for other relief.
UNLESS Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before December 22, 2025, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.
/s/ Joe Roesch
Clerk of Court
Gregory E. Moredock
Corporation Counsel
Emily Rosenberger
Assistant Corporation Counsel
Attorneys for Plaintiff
800 E. Monroe, Room 327
Springfield, IL 62701-1653
(217) 789-2375
Publication notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation,

Plaintiff,
vs.
YURI SIMMONS, WILLIAM D. MOORE, ILLINOIS HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s)
No. 25-MR-524
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, YURI SIMMONS, WILLIAM D. MOORE, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on November 4, 2025 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 2310 Ramsey Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:
Lot 49 of Charles S. Wanless' Northmoor Subdivision, a subdivision of Lots 61 to 66 inclusive, Wanless' Springfield Heights Addition to the City of Springfield. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
(Permanent Parcel No. 14-23.0-436-004); and for other relief.
UNLESS YURI SIMMONS, WILLIAM D. MOORE, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before December 22, 2025, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.
/s/ Joe Roesch
Clerk of Court
Gregory E. Moredock
Corporation Counsel
Emily Rosenberger
Assistant Corporation Counsel
Attorneys for Plaintiff
800 E. Monroe, Room 327
Springfield, IL 62701-1653
(217) 789-2375

Substitute Notice of Security Breach
Williamsville State Bank and Trust has previously mailed notice by U.S. mail to individuals whose information may be subject to compromise as the result of a security breach which occurred in 2024. For those few limited instances where that mailed notice was returned, or where insufficient contact information existed, we provide the following information to comply with substitute notice provisions under statute. What Happened? On December 24, 2024, we became aware of a security breach, due to unauthorized attempts by a bad actor to initiate fraud with correspondent financial institutions by email communications. These attempts failed; however, the bad actor obtained unauthorized access to various information. At this time, we believe the improper access began in or around October 16, 2024. Security was restored as of December 27, 2024. What Information Was Involved? Some information subject to access contained a name or names in association with one or more of the following items: account number, credit card number, debit card number, social security number, state or governmental identification card number, or driver's license number. Information subject to access, or accessed, varies between persons. What We Are Doing. The Bank has implemented additional security measures and is further reinforcing procedural safeguards with our correspondent financial institutions. The Bank remains vigilant for irregular and unusual account activity. The Bank has also advised regulatory and law enforcement authorities. What You Can Do. We recommend you monitor your transactions involving private personal information and remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft, by reviewing your account statements when received, by reviewing and monitoring free credit reports

and taking advantage of other assistance items noted below in this notice to best detect any errors or irregularities that may have resulted from the intrusion. In the event you experience any suspicious activity or incidents, contact law enforcement immediately, including the Attorney General for your state of residency, and report any incidents of identity theft to the Federal Trade Commission. We remind you to remain vigilant, especially over the next twelve to twenty-four months, and to also promptly and immediately report incidents of suspected identity theft, and/or suspicious activity (including any suspicious account statements) to the Bank, and any other financial entities you may be doing business with. Other Important Information. You can obtain information from the Federal Trade Commission and the credit bureaus Equifax, Experian and TransUnion about fraud alerts and security freezes (also known as "credit freezes"), and free credit reports. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) also has online guidance at <https://identitytheft.gov/> to assist you in protecting against identity theft. Fraud Alerts: A fraud alert on the customer's consumer or credit report is intended to put the customer's creditors on notice that the customer may be a victim of fraud. A fraud alert tells a business creditor to check with you before opening a new account in your name. An initial fraud alert lasts for one year and can be renewed. To establish a free fraud alert, contact one of the three credit bureaus, Equifax, Experian, or TransUnion. When establishing a fraud alert, the contacted credit bureau will contact the other two bureaus. Additionally, Equifax, Experian, TransUnion and the Federal Trade Commission each can provide additional information on fraud alerts and other free services to assist you. Security and Credit Freezes: A security freeze, (also known as a "credit freeze"), is designed to prevent a business from accessing your credit report without your consent (with certain exceptions). Unlike a fraud alert it will be necessary for you to contact each national credit bureau individually (Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion) to have that specific credit bureau place a free freeze on your credit report. Credit Reports: Every person, by law, can obtain a free copy of their credit report from each of the three principal national credit bureaus through a centralized source maintained jointly by Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. These are the ONLY ways to order your free annual credit reports: 1) Visit: www.annualcreditreport.com This is the ONLY website authorized to fill orders for the free annual credit report you are entitled to by law. The FTC also advises you to be cautious of imposter sites. 2) Call: 1-877-322-8228, or 3) Write/mail: Annual Credit Report Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281 (include a completed Annual Credit Report Request Form, that form is available online ONLY at www.annualcreditreport.com). Additional Guidance: Federal guidance recommends that persons whose private personal information may be compromised obtain and review periodic credit reports from each of the nationwide credit reporting agencies and, if any fraudulent transaction appears on a report, to contact that reporting company to have the transaction deleted. CAUTION: Even if you were unaffected by the security breach, we urge you to be mindful of potential secondary scams, where bad actors may pose as law enforcement, a bank or another financial institution's personnel, and urge you to act quickly or immediately. Require proper verification and proof from any person who contacts you. Verify any contact you receive, or that you make, through trusted publicly available secondary sources. Do not rely solely on contact information provided by someone urging you to act. Confirm all facts and contacts

via a trusted publicly available secondary source. For More Information. If you have questions or concerns, or need particular assistance, please call the Williamsville State Bank and Trust between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday at our tollfree number 1-(855) 566-3387, or reach us at 1-(217) 698-9728 and ask to speak with a Response Team Member. Our 1-(217) 698-9728 number is readily verifiable through public sources, for confirmation purposes. Any inquiries should be by phone or U.S. mail for security purposes. Our mailing address is: Williamsville State Bank and Trust, Attn: Substitute Notice, 3341 Old Jacksonville Road Springfield IL 62711. Also please see Further Information below. Sincerely, WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK AND TRUST. Further Information: Consumer Reporting Agencies (Credit Bureaus): Equifax Information Services LLC, P.O. Box 740256, Atlanta, GA 30348 Ph:1-888-378-4329 or 1-800-685-1111 www.equifax.com / Experian National Consumer Assistance, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013 Ph: 1-888-397-3742 www.experian.com / TransUnion, Fraud Victim Assistance Department, P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016-2000 Ph: 1-800-680-7289 or 1-888-909-8872 www.transunion.com Federal Trade Commission: (for identity theft guidance and to report suspected incidents of identity theft): Federal Trade Commission c/o Bureau of Consumer Protection, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20580 Ph: 1-877-382-4357 or 1-877-IDTHEFT or TDD: 1-866-653-4261 https://www.identitytheft.gov/ or https://www.ftc.gov To report suspected incidents of identity theft: https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/ Illinois Attorney General: Identity Theft Hotline and Information: Illinois Attorney General, 500 South 2nd St., Springfield, IL 62701, Ph 1-866-999-5630 "Individuals with hearing or speech disabilities can reach us by using the 7-1-1 relay service." https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov or https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumer-protection/identity-theft/ End of Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF JILL MARIE REYNOLDS, Deceased. No. 2025PR463 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Jill Marie Reynolds, a resident of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois, who died in Chatham, Illinois, on October 26, 2025. Adam Joseph Reynolds, whose post office address is 1102 S. Locust Street, Apt. C, Carlinville, Illinois 62626, was appointed independent administrator of her estate on November 26, 2025. The attorneys for the independent administrator 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 independent administrator, 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 independent administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 26th day of November, 2025.

Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930) Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535) Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-00550 switsman@hswnet.com aprillaman@hswnet.com 8051-960089

Please take notice that on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 5:20 PM, the corporate authorities will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed annual appropriation ordinance for the Village of Grandview for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2025 and ending May 31, 2026. The hearing will be held in the conference room of Grandview Village Hall, 2377 E Reservoir St, Grandview, IL 62702. Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for public inspection at Grandview Village Hall. The public is invited to attend the hearing and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. By Order of the Corporate Authorities of the Village of Grandview, Illinois.

Board Games Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 922

- Across
1. Alphabet quartet
5. Blue cartoon character
10. "___ my wit's end"
14. Certain Ghostbuster
15. Out of port
16. Like takeout orders
17. "My deepest apologies"
20. Sound system
21. Sugar suffix
22. Born, in Bordeaux
23. Bank patrons
26. Leveled, in London
28. 20-20, e.g.
31. "___ Dinah" (Frankie Avalon hit)
32. Stomach muscles, briefly
33. Certain tribute
35. "Stupid ___ stupid does"
37. Crosby, Stills and Nash, e.g.
41. "Let's take that gamble"
44. Golden ___
45. Peter the Great, e.g.
46. To this point
47. Double curve
49. Chick's sound
51. Bygone airline
52. Seasonal visitor
55. Lil' fellow
57. Air hero
58. "Mamma ___!"
60. Consecrate
64. "No idea"

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
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| 28 | 29 | 30 | | 31 | | | | | 32 | | | | | |
| 33 | | | 34 | | | 35 | | 36 | | | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| 41 | | | | | | 42 | | | | | 43 | | | |
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| 52 | 53 | 54 | | | | 55 | | | | | 56 | | | |
| 57 | | | | 58 | 59 | | | | 60 | | 61 | 62 | 63 | |
| 64 | | | 65 | | | | 66 | 67 | | | | | | |
| 68 | | | | | | 69 | | | | | 70 | | | |
| 71 | | | | | | 72 | | | | | 73 | | | |

68. Spelling of "Beverly Hills 90210"
69. Get the class back together
70. Toy with a tail
71. O.R. or E.R. site
72. Sea birds
73. Legis. meeting
- Down
1. Luau souvenirs
2. People in charge: Abbr.
3. Memo
4. Humdingers
5. Tried hard
6. "Who, me?"
7. Kind of port for a PC
8. Moves, briefly
9. Wray (of "King Kong") and others
10. "What was ___ think?"
11. Dew times
12. Be of one mind
13. Trifled (with)
18. Entertain with a tale
19. Belgrade native
24. Rewrites
25. Make over
27. Houston ballplayer
28. H.S. math
29. Infinitesimal amount
30. "___ of Eden"
32. ___ Wednesday
34. Like dessert wines
36. "___ Grows in Brooklyn"
38. Break in relations
39. Vidi, translated
40. Gumbo ingredient
42. N.F.L. linemen: Abbr.
43. Neighbor of Francia
48. Identical
50. Delights
52. Doth speak
53. Blessing preceder
54. Approaches
55. No-cal drink
56. Links with a space station
59. About, on a memo
61. Tennis's Nastase
62. "Darn it!"
63. Golf ball props
65. Big shot
66. Starter's need
67. "The loneliest number"

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 922

Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.

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| 7+ | 15+ | | 9+ | 2+ | |
| | 1- | | | | 6+ |
| | | | | | |
| 3÷ | | 48x | | 1- | |
| | 5+ | | 5 | | 3- |
| 2- | | 25x | 12x | | |
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Difficulty hard

Sudoku No. 922

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

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

Difficulty medium

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week

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| E | Z | R | A | | T | I | L | T | S | | R | E | N | E |
| S | U | E | Y | | B | L | A | C | K | B | E | A | R | D |
| A | R | A | L | | E | E | N | | E | A | S | E | S | |
| S | E | D | A | N | S | | G | A | T | E | S | | | |
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| A | I | R | C | O | N | D | I | T | I | O | N | I | N | G |
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| T | E | T | S | | S | E | N | S | E | | A | N | N | E |

Crossword answers from #921

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

Sudoku answers from #921

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| 4 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 5 |
| 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 6 |
| 6 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| 5 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| 1 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 3 |

JoshJosh answers from #921

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COMFORT FOOD

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WEEK

DECEMBER 8-14



Finley's Tap House

3236 Ginger Creek Drive
217-697-6040
Mon-Thurs: 11 a.m. – 9 p.m., Fri-Sat: 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. and Sun: 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
finleystaphouse.com

Not Your Mama's Meatloaf - \$22

Homestyle meatloaf prepared with dry aged beef, herbs and spices. Served with whipped potatoes and crispy onions. Finished with a BBQ demi-glace. Enjoy this amazing dish with a Chocolate Pretzel Martini - \$14.

Trade Winds Pub and Eatery

1700 Recreation Drive
217-679-3482
Hours: Mon.-Sat. 11am-8pm

Chicken and noodles - \$10

Served over mashed potatoes with bread and butter. Dine in only.

Legacy Pointe Eatery

1130 Legacy Pointe Drive
(On the north side of Scheels)
217-670-1217
legacypointeeatery.com
Kitchen hours: Tues.-Sat. 11am-9pm, Sun. 10am-3pm.

Country Fried Chicken - \$22

A pair of buttermilk breaded crispy chicken breasts served over roasted garlic smashed red potatoes and braised fresh collard greens finished with herbed pepper gravy. Gluten free available upon request. Come have lunch and try your luck on video gaming, powered by J&J Gaming.

Curve Inn

3219 S. Sixth St., Road B
217-529-5806
Monday-Thursday 11am-2pm and 5-9pm,
Friday and Saturday 11am-9pm, Sunday 11am-7pm

Chicken and noodles - \$10.95

Housemade chicken and noodles served on top of mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, bread and butter. Come have lunch and try your luck on video gaming, powered by J&J Gaming.

Main Gate Bar & Grill

2143 N. 11th St.
(across from Illinois State Fair main gate)
217-528-8940.

Country Fried Dinner - \$10

Choice of chicken, beef, pork, or veal cutlet, with green beans, mashed potatoes and garlic bread. Add a side house salad for \$2.95. Kitchen open daily from 1030 a.m. to 2 a.m., 4 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Call 217-528-8940 for carryout or order online at maingatebar.com for carryout and delivery. Play slots and win big with Accel Entertainment, Illinois leading terminal operator.

Pease's at BUNN Gourmet

2941 Plaza Drive
217-793-1840
Kitchen hours: Mon. - Sat. 8am-8pm and Sun. 10am-3pm.

Chicken Pot Pie - \$13

Chicken Veloute with peas, carrots, celery and onions with a puff pastry topping.

Mel-O-Cream Donuts

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

Spiced Peach Pie Cake Donut - \$2.69

Our popular spiced cake donut is topped with peach filling, house-made cream and sprinkled with cinnamon.

217 Comfort Food Week, Dec. 8-14. Explore the chefs' choices that have been created for this new food week. The dishes will be a little bit like Mom's home cooking. Remember to download your passport at 217foodweek.com and be entered for a chance to win prizes. Everyone that downloads a passport will be entered into daily drawings for restaurant gift cards. Find more about the dishes and drinks at 217FoodWeek.com and be sure to follow us on Facebook @217FoodWeek. 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.

TRAVEL WITH A
217 FOOD WEEK
PASSPORT & EAT TO WIN!

NAME:

EMAIL:

Must be 21 or older to game. If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, crisis counseling and referral services can be accessed by calling 1-800-GAMBLER (1-800-426-2537) or text "GAMB" to 833234. Individuals can enroll in the IGB Self-Exclusion Program at all of the IGB offices located at all casinos. Additional information can be found on the Self-Exclusion Page at <https://igb.illinois.gov/>.



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