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Springfield gets a city planner, again

New hire is an architect with urban planning experience

PLANNING | Scott Reeder

The city of Springfield has hired Suraksha Bhandari as its new professional planner, bringing a blend of international experience, architectural training and research-driven urban planning to city hall.

Bhandari comes to Springfield from Salt Lake City, where she completed a master's degree in city and metropolitan planning at the University of Utah and worked in both academic and professional planning roles. Before moving to the U.S., she worked for five years as an architect and planner in Nepal and earned a master's degree in disaster risk management — experience she says drives her interest in building resilient cities.

In an interview with *Illinois Times*, Bhandari said Springfield's blend of history and opportunity drew her to the job.

"Springfield is a city with historical and cultural background," she said. "I want to bring my educational and professional expertise to work with the mayor's vision and find opportunities for growth citywide. I'm honored to join the city of Springfield and excited to work with the community to help build a vibrant and resilient city for today and for the future."

Bhandari said she had been familiarizing herself with the city for several months before applying and has now been in Springfield for about three weeks. She said her background in architecture helps her approach planning holistically, from understanding the city's history to communicating ideas through maps, sketches and visual tools.

"When we talk about planning, there are different phases — from envisioning to plan-making to implementation," she said. "Architecture has helped me respect the city's



The city of Springfield has hired Suraksha Bhandari as its new professional planner.

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character and prioritize work that honors history while planning for the future."

Amy Rasing, director of the city's Office of Planning and Economic Development, said Bhandari stood out among a strong field of candidates.

"You're not just talking about someone who has a degree — you're talking about someone who has been working in the field across the United States as well as her home country," Rasing said. "She brings insight, experience and a completely fresh set of eyes. Many of us who have lived here a long time forget what we have to offer. She sees those

strengths and brings ideas informed by places she's worked before."

Rasing noted that Bhandari had already spent time in Springfield prior to applying and arrived with a working familiarity with its neighborhoods, downtown and local culture — something the interview team said set her apart.

Bhandari's appointment comes less than a year after the city created the professional planner position — an effort that initially drew public scrutiny when Mayor Misty Buscher appointed Sean Pritchard as Springfield's first city planner.

Pritchard was named to the role despite not having a college degree. His background included work in insurance, finance and business development, as well as a position at the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, where he helped manage statewide business incentive programs.

While Pritchard emphasized his various professional certifications and career experience, his appointment raised concerns within the planning field. Urban planning experts noted that mid-sized cities typically hire planners with formal training, often including master's degrees and professional certifications.

The situation also highlighted Springfield's unusual history of operating without a city

planner on staff. For decades, the capital city has outsourced planning work to the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission. The closest equivalent to a municipal planner had been architect Paul O'Shea, who advised the city on planning and design until 2015 but intentionally declined the title of "city planner."

City officials defended Pritchard's selection at the time, emphasizing his economic development background and "outside-the-box" thinking. Pritchard identified the city's east side and downtown as priorities for revitalization. But he left the position this year after serving about six months on the job.

Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams expressed frustration with how the city has handled its urban planning, adding he has yet to meet Bhandari.

"I thought the last guy was going to try to do good, but I don't know what happened because we just came one day and then boom, he's gone. We heard nothing official, just through word of mouth, 'He's no longer with us.'"

Williams said for too long the city has ignored the needs of Springfield's east side.

"When are we going to start working on (implementing) a plan for the east side?" he said. "They keep coming up with every other plan. ... How long have we got to wait? I found a plan that's dated 1992. There are like three or four east-side plans on the books in (the Office of Planning and) Economic Development, but they're just paper. We never take action and actually start implementing a plan."

Ryan McCrady, president and CEO at Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance, called Bhandari's hiring a positive step for the city.

"I think she will do a great job for the citizens of Springfield. People don't always realize the benefits of good planning until they see it done well. ... Her architecture background will not only be good for planning development but also its underlying infrastructure."

Bhandari says she's eager to listen, collaborate and begin the work of shaping Springfield's future.

"This is my home now," she said. "I'm excited to get to work." □

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Editor's note

The articles presented in our special section beginning on page 14 constitute the winter edition of *REGEN*, for "Grownups getting stronger." Published quarterly by *Illinois Times* since 2020 as a standalone magazine, *REGEN* has highlighted active and energetic seniors (who don't like being called seniors). The first issue explained, "We reject the notion that older is weaker or about finished. This is the re-generation. Resilient. Reinvigorated. Real." Thanks to all who have picked it up and read it, contributed articles to it, have been featured in its pages or advertised in it. We're finishing it up here, to simplify our operations and give us time and energy for bigger things ahead. *REGEN* is not a bad idea, but perhaps too much like what we do every week, for all generations, in *Illinois Times*. — Fletcher Farrar, editor

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Data center debates

Organized labor pushes for project, while critics question long-term effects

UTILITIES | Dean Olsen

Organized labor showed out in force at a public meeting Dec. 3 to support a proposed \$500 million data center in southwest Sangamon County, while a smaller yet vocal coalition of critics questioned the project's long-term impact on the local economy and electric rates.

"This project is about more than steel and concrete," Aaron Gurnsey, president of the Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council, told the audience at the BOS Center in downtown Springfield. "These people are your neighbors."

Gurnsey and Brad Schaive, retired business manager of Laborers Local 477, told the Sangamon County Board, which took no action at the meeting, that board members would be supporting middle-class families by granting zoning approval for the project.

Schaive called members of building trades unions "the absolute economic engine" of Sangamon County. "Our success is together," he said.

Gurnsey agreed, adding, "If your electric rates were to rise, it's not because of this data center."

Union supporters applauding their leaders appeared to represent the majority of the more than 500 people at the peak of attendance during the five-hour meeting.

CyrusOne plans to seek an advisory recommendation from the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals for a conditional permitted use in an area zoned for agriculture after a Jan. 15 zoning board meeting.

Company officials said they hope the full Sangamon County Board will take a final vote on the zoning issue by the end of March. Construction on the first of six one-story, 232,000-square-foot buildings would begin later in 2026.

Few board members appear to be concerned enough about the proposal to vote against it.

Dallas-based CyrusOne says the project – on 230 acres of farmland in the 13000 block of Thayer Road in rural Talkington Township – would create more than 500 temporary construction jobs and 100 permanent jobs. The company says the 636-megawatt complex, which would be completed over a six-year period, would support at least 350 other permanent jobs in the community.

Opponents, led by the Coalition for Springfield's Utility Future, didn't question the number of potential new jobs. They said profits related to artificial intelligence – the technology fueling the national data center



More than 500 people, many of them part of local labor unions, turned out for a Dec. 3 public forum at the BOS Center. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

building boom – could fall, prompting CyrusOne to close or abandon the site in the future.

They also questioned whether any projected new property tax revenue created by the six one-story, 232,000-square-foot buildings would decline significantly after construction if the company appealed the buildings' assessed valuations.

"Are we relying on promises and assurances that are not legally binding?" asked Robert Hirschfeld, director of water policy for the Champaign-based Prairie Rivers Network.

He called upon the county to hire an outside property tax assessor and not rely only on estimates from Sangamon County Supervisor of Assessments Byron Deaner.

Deaner estimated the project would generate about \$98 million in total new property taxes over the next 20 years for area taxing bodies. That amount would work out to an average of about \$5 million a year to spread among several taxing bodies, including the North Mac school district, Sangamon County government, Lincoln Land Community College, Talkington Township and Virden Fire Protection District.

Opponents said they fear that the data center, which would be the largest indoor construction project in the county's history, would contribute to rising electric rates and help prolong the lifespan of climate change-causing power plants burning fossil fuels.

Some opponents said they don't want prime farmland taken out of production. And some said they don't want Sangamon County to contribute to an AI-fueled future that could eliminate jobs in the longer term and promote

online surveillance that infringes on individual rights.

Hirschfeld said he understands the allure of jobs and tax revenue.

"But do we even want to build the thing that we are building?" he asked. "Many of us are building a technological world we don't even like."

Anne Logue, a member of the coalition, said, "Rural communities have been targeted by these data centers because they haven't protected themselves."

Potential property tax revenue impact

If construction on the data center buildings begins in 2026, taxing bodies likely would begin to see additional revenue in 2027, Deaner said. The project would use 0.06% of the county's farmland, he said.

Critics of the project pointed to Prince William County in Maryland, where some of the biggest technology companies in the world, including Microsoft and Amazon, are suing the county to reduce their property tax bills. Deaner said he doubts Sangamon County would face such legal challenges.

Deaner said CyrusOne's buildings – which would rent space to contracting technology companies for those companies' computer servers – would go onto the tax rolls one at a time, every year to 18 months, giving the county and the company more time to work out accurate assessments and resolve disputes.

And he said he was conservative in his estimate of total fair-market value of the project at completion – \$212.5 million. Deaner said he was careful to subtract costs that wouldn't be considered for property taxes,

such as costly equipment that ensures no power interruptions at the complex.

He said he examined nine CyrusOne projects constructed in recent years – including two in the Chicago area and several in suburban Cincinnati and northern Virginia. CyrusOne appealed its property taxes for only one those centers – in Florence, Kentucky. Deaner said the company's dispute appeared justified.

CyrusOne officials said they have never appealed tax assessments for the company's data centers in Illinois, which are in the Chicago suburbs of Aurora and Lombard and smaller than what is proposed for Sangamon County.

A second CyrusOne campus is being built in Aurora, a Wood Dale campus is under construction, and ground is expected to be broken in 2026 for a campus in Yorkville that would be similar in size to the Sangamon County project, according to Bradd Hout, CyrusOne location and power strategy director.

CyrusOne previously told *Illinois Times* that promising tax benefits in Sangamon County and then seeking substantial reductions 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."

Power rates and capacity

The entire 632 megawatts of electricity that CyrusOne would need to operate the completed data center in Sangamon County could be supplied without a problem by the regional power grid, according to the grid's nonprofit regulator, known as Midcontinent Independent System Operator Inc., based in suburban Indianapolis.

Mark Pruitt, an Indiana-based consultant hired by Sangamon County, said in his analysis that there would be "not much, if any" impact on energy prices in central Illinois energy costs because of the increased demand from the Sangamon County data center.

Pruitt's analysis didn't examine the overall impact of data centers on regional and national power costs.

He told *Illinois Times* that short-term price increases caused by electric demand related to data centers may be offset by reduced rates in later years because that demand creates financial incentives for the potential development of renewable energy sources and new nuclear power plants. □

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Former emergency medical workers to be tried separately

Earl Moore's mother says she is anxious for murder trials to start

COURTS | Dean Olsen

The two ambulance workers charged with first-degree murder in the 2022 death of Earl Moore Jr. will be tried separately, a Sangamon County judge has ruled.

Circuit Court Judge Robin Schmidt on Dec. 2 granted the request from both defendants, Peter Cadigan, 53, and Peggy Finley, 47, both of Springfield. The former employees of LifeStar Ambulance Service had been scheduled to go on trial together beginning May 11.

Lawyers for both defendants contended that going on trial at the same time and in front of the same jury would create unnecessary conflicts in their defense arguments, and Schmidt agreed.

"Each of the defendants will be pointing the finger at each other," Justin Kuehn, Cadigan's lawyer, told the judge.

A trial that is expected to last two weeks still could begin on that date, court officials indicated. Who will be tried first is up to Sangamon County State's Attorney John Milhiser, and Milhiser is expected to notify the court of his preference in the coming weeks. The next hearing on the case's status is scheduled for Jan. 5.

Cadigan was working as an emergency medical technician, and Finley was working as Cadigan's supervising paramedic, when the two transported Moore, 35, face-down on a stretcher, rather than the recommended position — on his back — from his Springfield home to HSHS St. John's Hospital in 2022.

Moore was pronounced dead by St. John's officials at 3:14 a.m. on Dec. 18, 2022, after an ambulance ride that lasted two to three minutes.

Forensic pathologist Dr. Scott Denton of Bloomington concluded after an autopsy that Moore, a former McDonald's shift manager,



From left, Rose Washington and Teresa Haley talked with the news media on Dec. 2 after a court hearing for the two former emergency medical services workers charged with first-degree murder in the December 2022 death of Earl Moore Jr. of Springfield. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN.

died from "compressional and positional asphyxia" because of being placed face-down, or prone, and being tied down tightly by Cadigan.

Former Sangamon County State's Attorney Dan Wright, who since then has been appointed an associate circuit judge, said in charging documents that the EMS workers "did acts without lawful justification" that caused Moore's death and that the worker knew, based on their "training, experience and the surrounding circumstances" that their acts "would cause a substantial probability of great bodily harm or death."

Cadigan and Finley, who have been released while awaiting trial, have pleaded not guilty. Their attorneys have said the situation, while

tragic, didn't justify a murder charge. The attorneys have indicated that they plan to call experts to the stand at trial disagreeing with Denton on whether suffocation was Moore's cause of death.

The EMS workers were summoned to Moore's home after he called 911 while hallucinating during an episode of alcohol withdrawal, according to authorities.

A toxicology report after his death indicated his blood-alcohol level was 0.077%, or just under the legal limit of 0.08% for driving in Illinois.

Civil rights attorney Ben Crump and Texas-based lawyer Robert Hilliard, who represented Moore's family in a wrongful death lawsuit

against Centralia-based LifeStar, previously said Moore's case might have been the first in the United States in which first responders were charged with murder in the death of a patient.

Hilliard said he believed the fact that Moore was Black and the EMS workers were white played a role in the rough, rude and ultimately deadly treatment of Moore that is depicted on police-worn camera footage of the incident.

Moore's mother, Rose Washington, 59, of Springfield, said after the Dec. 2 hearing that she is anxious for Cadigan and Finley to go on trial, and she believes the murder charges were appropriate.

"They need to go ahead and get this trial over with," Washington said.

Springfield resident Teresa Haley, an advocate for Moore's family, said, "This family is really concerned. They have no faith in the justice system, but we're hoping that justice is served for Earl Moore."

Washington said she is upset she will have to sit through two trials.

"They was together when it happened, so it should have been one trial," Washington said. "Look how long it's taking. This happened so long ago. I hurt every day for this. My son ain't never coming back. Never. And we're still going through this, and this happened years and years ago. ... I sit and mourn all the time. They took one of my kids away from me. ... He didn't deserve that. He didn't hurt anybody. He just laid on a gurney. If they would have turned him over, maybe that wouldn't have happened." □

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Massey Commission issues final report

Co-chairs and staff present recommendations at Dec. 9 Sangamon County Board meeting

EQUITY | Dilpreet Raju

The Massey Commission has released a final report that details more than two dozen recommendations, specifically labeling them “calls to action,” and listed entities that should be responsible for carrying them out. Members of the commission and its staff presented the final report to the Sangamon County Board at its Dec. 9 meeting.

A handful of County Board members thanked the commission for its work.

“I really look to the County Board members to work hard on this report. Our community does deserve a lot better; (the Massey) family does deserve a lot better,” said board member Greg Stumpf.

Each call to action is also categorized under one of five “signature priorities” that the commission identified. The full report is 63 pages long and details specific actions localities could take to make marginalized residents safer across Sangamon County.

The commission was created by Sangamon County Board Chair Andy Van Meter and state Sen. Doris Turner to address “systemic issues in law enforcement practices, mental health responses and community relations” one month after Sonya Massey called 911, only to be shot and killed in her home by a sheriff’s deputy.

“The concepts that are identified for the County Board, we’re hoping to be able to assign those to one of the (County Board’s) discipline committees,” Van Meter said at the Dec. 9 meeting. “Some of the projects may require an interdisciplinary group of community leaders, but we’re working through those assignments.”

Community partners plan to organize avenues for the public to provide feedback on the final report, according to a statement issued Dec. 4 when the report was posted online.

While there are no more scheduled meetings, members of the commission have said they would like to continue operating in some way. In August, the group hosted members of the Ferguson Commission to discuss transitioning the Massey Commission into a nonprofit, although no specific plans have been announced.

Sontae Massey, Sonya Massey’s cousin and a staff member of the Massey Commission, addressed the County Board during its December meeting and urged the work to continue.

“My family didn’t choose this path. The community didn’t choose the conditions that made this commission necessary, but we do have a choice today to move forward with honesty, courage and commitment,” he said. □

| CTA | Recommendation | Associated signature priority | Accountable party |
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| Call to Action 1 | Authorize the installation of a commemorative plaque honoring Sonya Massey and those affected by systemic injustice | Safety and dignity | Sangamon County Board |
| Call to Action 2 | Establish a countywide interoperable crisis response and dispatch framework | Safety and dignity | Sangamon County Emergency Management |
| Call to Action 3 | Establish a pilot program to expand crisis responder qualifications and integrate individuals with lived experience into behavioral health response systems | Safety and dignity | Sangamon County Health Department |
| Call to Action 4 | Establish enhanced law enforcement vetting and hiring standards | Safety and dignity | Sangamon County Sheriff |

A sample of the 26 calls to action outlined in the Massey Commission’s full report. To view the entire report, go to <https://sangamonil.gov/departments/a-c/county-board/massey-commission/home>



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LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES

Sangamon County has already been bought and sold on the data center by CyrusOne, and the public hearing was a joke. The project is being rushed forward on the basis of info overwhelmingly produced by the developer, not impartial experts. The self-serving Q&A page on the county website is extremely biased and includes no fair and alternative analysis; the main “source” the county uses to answer any questions is CyrusOne, not independent experts.

This massive project only creates 100 permanent jobs, and the economic promises CyrusOne makes are vague, inflated and structured to evaporate over time. The project relies on temporary construction labor and yields tax revenue that can be aggressively appealed the moment the facility becomes operational (as has happened with data centers across the country).

The environmental impacts are far greater than CyrusOne will admit, and their promises of “no increase on electric bills”

or “no impact on water” cannot realistically or scientifically be kept. Data centers are one of the fastest-growing drivers of carbon emissions, electricity consumption and diesel exhaust in the U.S. Look at what happened last week at the CyrusOne data center in Aurora, where it shut down for 10 hours from overheating. These centers become de facto diesel plants during grid stress, injecting particle pollution, nitrogen oxides and carbon emissions directly into our vulnerable local environment.

As for water, no independent hydrological study has been released and no maximum buildout numbers have been provided, so analysis of seasonal stress, drought years or emergency cooling scenarios has not been outlined by CyrusOne. A closed loop system still requires chemical treatments and periodic replacement. CyrusOne’s claims that it will have no meaningful impact on groundwater or septic discharge strains are simply unscientific, vague promises.

We can never go back if we approve this project. It will be a permanent resource basin for corporate data processing and we, the people, will absorb all of the environmental, infrastructural and land-use impacts while the majority of profits leave our region.

Nicolette Maler
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BAD TRADE-OFF

Around 100 permanent jobs will be brought to town at the expense of potentially raising electricity rates for every single customer up to 267%, according to a Sept. 29 *Bloomberg* article about a project in the Washington, D.C. area. We owe it to the citizens of Sangamon County not to place subsidizing a tech bubble ahead of the wallets of regular people.

It would be different if they were actually building something and putting



Bradd Hout, location and power strategy director for CyrusOne, gives a presentation at a Dec. 3 public hearing organized by the Sangamon County Board. More than 500 people, most of whom were affiliated with local labor unions advocating for the project, attended the forum. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

out a tangible product, not fake pictures of celebrities in compromising positions or writing an essay for a junior high student who doesn’t want to write for themselves. Another factory the size of Bunn would be a shot in the arm to the local economy and would actually provide a product that adds to the greater economy.

If CyrusOne has \$500 million to spend on turning power into cat pictures, could we make the approval contingent on providing more power to the grid? All they are adding is a drain on local resources for 100 jobs. Yes, there will be a construction boom which will last for a few years while the center is

being built.

We will be putting a giant albatross around the neck of future taxpayers with this data center. There is a saying when it comes to speculative investing: “The market can stay irrational longer than you can stay solvent.” No one can predict when the AI bubble will burst, but when it does, this massive building full of used computer equipment will be nothing more than another Pillsbury Mills – a problem shuffled around for decades until the taxpayers have to foot the bill to have it torn down.

John Baermann
Springfield

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When my second child was perhaps five she would present me with “which would you rather?” Such as, being eaten by a hungry grizzly bear, or having my hand nailed to a board with black widow spiders swarming on it? I would answer I really didn’t want either! She would reply, “Yes, but what would you rather?”

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SAFE-T Act criticized again

POLITICS | Rich Miller

In the days after the horrific burning of a woman on a Chicago CTA train by a clearly deranged habitual criminal suspect last month, some in the news media immediately focused on their go-to issue: The SAFE-T Act.

"Illinois leaders blast SAFE-T Act after repeat offender charged with lighting woman on fire on CTA Blue Line," reported WGN TV, as just one example. Former Cook County and federal prosecutor Bob Milan told the station: "The SAFE-T Act forces state's attorneys to file petitions instead of just giving judges the discretion (to detain arrested suspects)."

Kankakee County Sheriff Mike Downey also demanded that judges be given "100% discretion" to detain anyone they viewed as a danger to society. Several other sheriffs have since weighed in with the same demand, although some also want to increase the number of what are known as "detainable offenses," which are the alleged crimes that allow judges to keep suspects locked up ahead of trial.

The state law was mentioned repeatedly because the prime suspect, Lawrence Reed, was not held in custody in August after he attacked a social worker at a psychiatric center, knocking her unconscious, giving her a concussion and damaging her eye.

However, Reed was charged in August with aggravated battery resulting in great bodily harm, which is a detainable offense under the SAFE-T Act. Considering his long criminal history and lots of other factors, he was a prime candidate for pre-trial detention.

Cook County Judge Teresa Molina-Gonzalez instead sided against prosecutors, who argued for detention, and with the public defender in the case, who said that Reed was back on his meds and doing better. During the hearing, Molina-Gonzalez publicly acknowledged Reed's long list of 70-plus arrests and convictions, and, according to CWBChicago.com, took a report from a court officer claiming that Reed's chances of committing another crime was "four out of six" if released, with a likelihood of violence. After saying she couldn't lock up everyone that prosecutors wanted detained, the judge ended up placing Reed on monitored home confinement, then another judge subsequently loosened that restriction.

So much for the idea of giving judges complete discretion without prosecutor involvement.

It's worth noting that pretty much all of Reed's previous offenses and releases happened under the cash bail system, before the SAFE-T

Act's Pre-Trial Fairness provisions took effect in September of 2023 — a fact ignored by the detractors.

Also, the Cook County Jail has experienced a 16% increase in inmates between the end of last year through the end of this year's third quarter, according to a Loyola tracking dashboard. The county jail's population was about 8% higher at the end of the third quarter than it was just before the SAFE-T Act was fully enacted.

And a chart recently posted by CWBChicago.com, which focuses exclusively on crime and is not exactly known as a liberal site, shows that a wide array of violent offenses committed by people awaiting trial in Cook County dropped from 116 victims in 2021 (before the SAFE-T Act) to 52 last year and 37 so far this year. Attempted murder victims dropped from 50 victims in 2022 to 8 so far this year.

Is the SAFE-T Act perfect? Of course not. No law designed by human beings can ever be perfect. Could it be improved? Again, humans should always try to improve on their work.

But the people at the table should not be the ones who are angrily and ignorantly preening for the TV cameras.

Also, one of those downstate sheriffs advocating for changes in the SAFE-T Act kinda let the cat out of the bag last week.

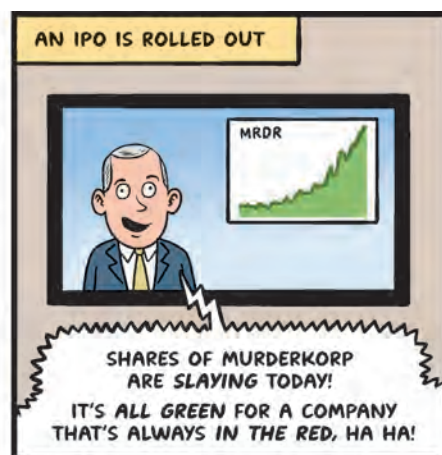
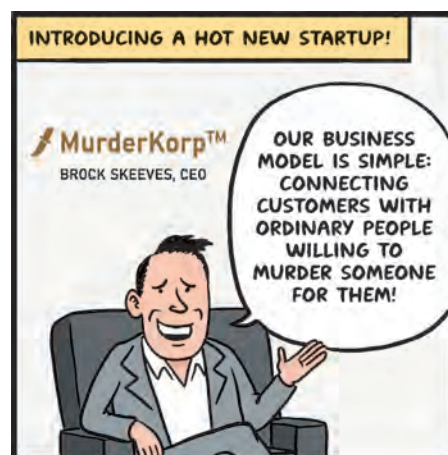
In addition to granting judges more discretion and increasing the number of detainable offense, Jefferson County Sheriff Jeff Bullard talked about the loss of local revenues with the abolition of cash bail.

The old bail system helped fund an array of things like jail staffing, victim services and law enforcement, Bullard said. "The elimination of cash bail has created financial gaps for counties statewide," the sheriff claimed.

Oddly, though, Bullard also griped that "some arrestees are now being held longer while awaiting a judge, where previously they could bond out quickly."

So, the sheriff is upset that people deemed dangerous by judges are being held too long behind bars?

That kinda makes me think this is a lot about the money. □



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REGEN | Karen Ackerman Witter

Latasha Friarson is a caregiver with Abcor Home Health. For the past several months she's been assisting Mike Suhadolnik, a health and fitness coach, to be more independent after a fall a year ago. Friarson goes to Suhadolnik's home Monday-Friday, three hours each day. Having a caregiver does not come naturally for Suhadolnik, and he is not a typical client for Friarson. Yet they've developed a collaboration between patient and client and are now each other's coach and caregiver. While Friarson is helping Suhadolnik maintain his independence, Suhadolnik is helping Friarson improve her health and nutrition.

Friarson, 42, grew up in St. Louis and moved to Springfield in 2000. She worked at St. John's Hospital before deciding to try something new. She also took care of her mother, who died at the age of 49. Abcor Home Health provides nonmedical and skilled nursing care, enabling individuals to preserve their independence and quality of life in the comfort of their own homes. Since working for Abcor Home Health, Friarson had two clients die, which has been heartbreaking. She gets very attached to the people she's helped. She considers it "my honor to do for those who need it" and says "you have to love people" to do her job.

Suhadolnik, 82, fell and broke his arm and leg a year ago. That led to a lengthy hospital stay, which took its toll on Suhadolnik, who is incredibly active and before his injuries was typically at the gym by 4 a.m. It has been a long recovery. He uses a walker and no longer drives, but that has not dampened his energy or enthusiasm. He does four 20-minute relatively high-intensity workouts daily. He rides his Airdyne bike, does step-ups, walks 600 steps with his walker, and uses resistance bands and a chin-up bar.

He intends to live to 100.

Friarson is diabetic and weighed 317 pounds when she met Suhadolnik. She was down to 250 in November, and her goal is to weigh 200 pounds by January. Suhadolnik has helped many people transform their lives and lose weight by getting them to change their diet, avoid processed food and focus on nutrition and exercise. With Friarson he has a captive audience.

Friarson shops, cooks, cleans, helps with personal care and provides companionship



Latasha Friarson and Mike Suhadolnik PHOTOS BY KAREN WITTER

for Suhadolnik. He is particular about what he eats, with meals being 40% carbohydrates, 30% protein and 30% healthy fats. He provides the grocery list and guides Friarson on how to cook using fresh produce. "He motivates me," Friarson told *Illinois Times*. She's changed what she eats, drinks water and citrus green tea instead of drinking Mountain Dew all day and can now walk without being out of breath. She says many in her family are "on the big side." Now she is trying to motivate her family members as Suhadolnik has motivated her. Friarson has an 11-year-old son in sixth grade, who also inspires her to stay motivated.

Friarson says the next step for Suhadolnik is to help him get off the walker, while her goal is to get off insulin.

Suhadolnik is a former math teacher, longtime building contractor and CrossFit coach. He's read a lot of nonfiction books over many years and now is focused more on writing to keep his brain active. Although he isn't back in the gym at Instinct Health and Fitness (formerly CrossFit Instinct), he has a weekly phone call with the Longevity class at 7 a.m. on Saturdays, sharing words of inspiration and encouragement. He puts a great deal of thought into his weekly messages and works on this throughout the week.

Suhadolnik started the CrossFit Longevity class for people 55 and older and trained others individually with the goal of helping people become more fit, active and healthy as they age. Mobility, balance, weightlifting and high-intensity

workouts are all part of the program, along with consistent messages related to food and nutrition.

Suhadolnik believes there is no age limit to learning something new, and that “I can’t” is a mindset that can be changed. He is committed to overcoming obstacles. He is a fan of Steven Pressfield, who wrote the book *Do the Work* to help people overcome all those obstacles that get in the way of completing a project that was started and never finished. Overcoming resistance is the focus of the book.

Coach Mike and caregiver Latasha are open with each other. “I’m interested in life and creating life,” said Suhadolnik. “I couldn’t be any happier.” As for Friarson, she says she’s a good worker and a loving person. “I love what I do.” Sadly, Friarson’s mother passed at age 49. That is also motivation for Friarson to improve her own health and fitness and be there for her son. Suhadolnik will encourage her every step of the way. “She’s such a good person and has a heart of gold,” he said. □

Karen Ackerman Witter met Mike Suhadolnik when members of her Sunrise Rotary Club encouraged her try out the Crossfit Longevity class. She’s been a regular participant in the Longevity class since February 2016.



Latasha Friarson in the kitchen with food she’s prepared.



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George King, left, and Dick Bilinsky. PHOTO BY GRETA HUSEMAN

Old friends

Poetry unites this duo at the retirement home

REGEN | Cinda Ackerman Klickna

George King and Dick Bilinsky didn't know each other until they and their wives moved into Concordia Village around the same time in 2023. The couples happened to join each other at dinner one night and, as George says, "We just clicked." Bilinsky adds, "I knew we were going to be friends when George revealed he'd dabbled in poetry and then regaled us with his dialects." Bilinsky, too, had written poetry over the years.

The two started meeting in the atrium at Concordia every Wednesday, sharing their lives. They discovered connections – King had worked in New York and Bilinsky had grown up there. They are both artists – King paints pastel works and Bilinsky is a sculptor. Bilinsky says, "We talked about problems of the world, art, politics, how to make life better at Concordia and started writing poems." People would stop and talk. The duo sometimes drew a crowd, and many teasingly asked, "What mischief are you two up to now?"

They had so many poems they decided to publish them in a book they titled, *Serendipity*, which describes the way the two happened to meet. The proceeds from the book went to help support the Concordia Art program.

Recently, they have published a second book, *Concordia Village: Life and Times in Rhyme*.

Greta Huseman, director of community enrichment at Concordia, says, "The book is now given to new residents in their welcome bag."

The poems are witty, poignant, thought-provoking and range in subject matter. There are comments about staff at Concordia, as in the poem, *Whistling Chef*, that reads "Cheers to Stephane, our great chef/Who whistles in all kinds of clef." Or the poem *Wonderful Waitpersons*, who "bring our daily bread, serve our vital vittles and napkins to blot our spittles." There are poems about the incessant geese hanging around the complex, views of life looking out the windows, comments on aging (calling life a game of pick-up-sticks), and accepting new realities.

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King is a retired public relations and marketing executive. Bilinsky is a retired nephrologist. Their story proves that new horizons are possible at every stage of life.

For the men, life is still full. King says, "You never know what might light up someone. People can be in the doldrums, but something might trigger them to get engaged. That is true here at Concordia. There are so many things to do, it would be hard to be a hermit. Our apartment looks out over Meadowbrook and the Casey's Pub, and you realize there is still life out there."

Bilinsky says, "I never expected to find someone who has so many things in common with me. It has been refreshing, and we just keep writing."

Some might think the door is shutting as age sets in, but it is always ready to be reopened. George King and Dick Bilinsky are proof of that. □

Cinda Ackerman Klickna has known George King for many years during the time he was the communication director at the Illinois Education Association.

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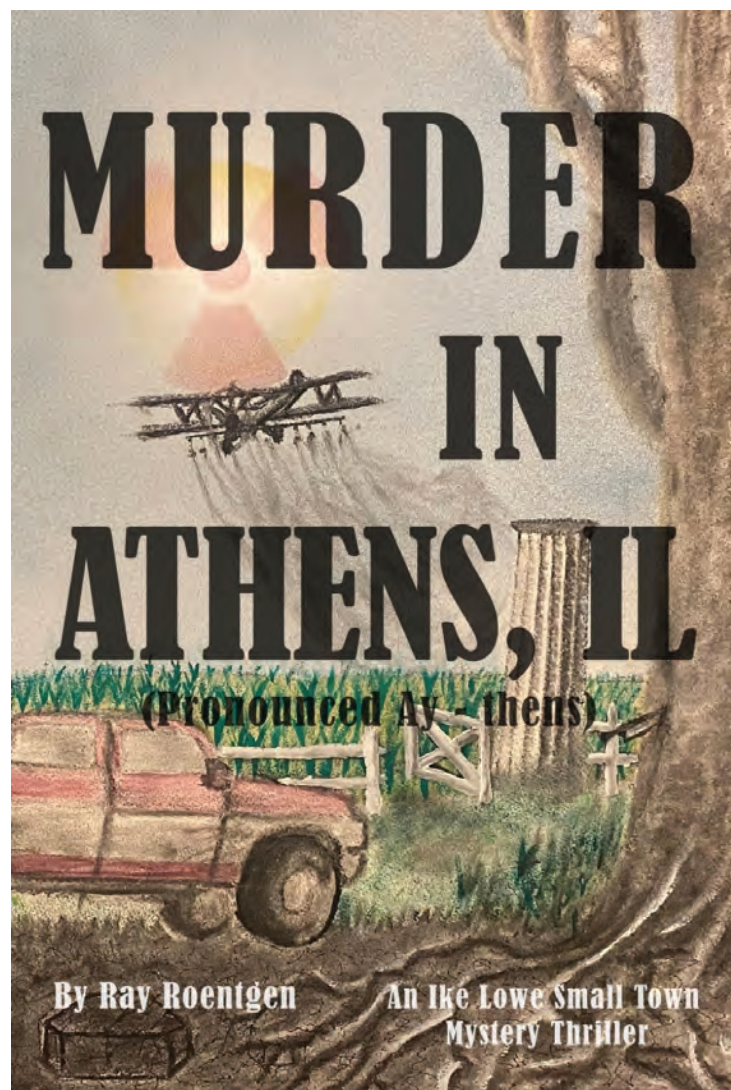
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Mysteries of central Illinois

Two local writers – Ladd Mitchell and Mike Stutz (Ray Roentgen) – bring stories home

REGEN | Cinda Ackerman Klickna



Sports, mystery, intrigue – two local authors have recently published novels that have similar ingredients but different themes. Mitchell’s book, *Theory Markspurn*, takes readers deep into the world of volleyball. Those who know little about the sport will quickly learn terms and rules. Mike Stutz, in his novel *Murder in Athens* (*pronounced Ay-thens*), spins a tale around former high school soccer team buddies. Both books add a bit of mystery and intrigue. In both novels, the main character struggles with identity, and both show that we may not know a person as well as we might think.

***Murder in Athens* (pronounced Ay-thens) by Ray Roentgen – aka Michael Stutz**

Ike Lowe has just moved back to central Illinois after his wife’s death and struggles with what he wants to do with his oncology practice. On his way to the hospital one morning, he sees something on the side of the road and stops, discovering a dead body. He realizes the victim is one of his former soccer buddies from high school. What transpires is a mystery. Lowe joins forces with FBI agent Asteria Papadopoulos to find out who has killed several African American women in the area.

Lowe pursues clues and discovers all his former soccer teammates could be the murderer, and then he, too, is named a suspect. As the story unfolds, Lowe discovers hidden secrets about people in his hometown and the guys he thought he knew. Lowe fights against blackmail and must confront his friends to get to the truth, a process that leaves him dismayed at what he finds.

Stutz, now a radiation oncologist at Northwestern Medical Group in Geneva, Illinois, grew up in Springfield and still has family here. He wrote the book under the pseudonym of Ray Roentgen, as he explains, “William Roentgen discovered the x-ray so I used Ray Roentgen for my name.” The novel is full of names of places in the Land of Lincoln. Of course the title, explaining the correct

pronunciation of Athens, Illinois, is a clever reminder for those who incorrectly pronounce the town after the Greek city.

“I was spurred to write about the hometown where I grew up,” Stutz says, “and to use the concept of not really knowing some truths. We weren’t taught about the 1908 race riot, so finding out much later about that when thinking our city was the home of the E-mancipator was a big disconnect. In the novel, people discover hidden truths about others.”

The novel is available on Amazon for \$15. Stutz donates part of his sales to charities, in Springfield, to the Boys and Girls Club. He has another book in the works which will be a prequel to *Murder in Athens*.

Both books are interesting reads – one a murder mystery, the other a mental mystery.



Ray Roentgen – aka Michael Stutz



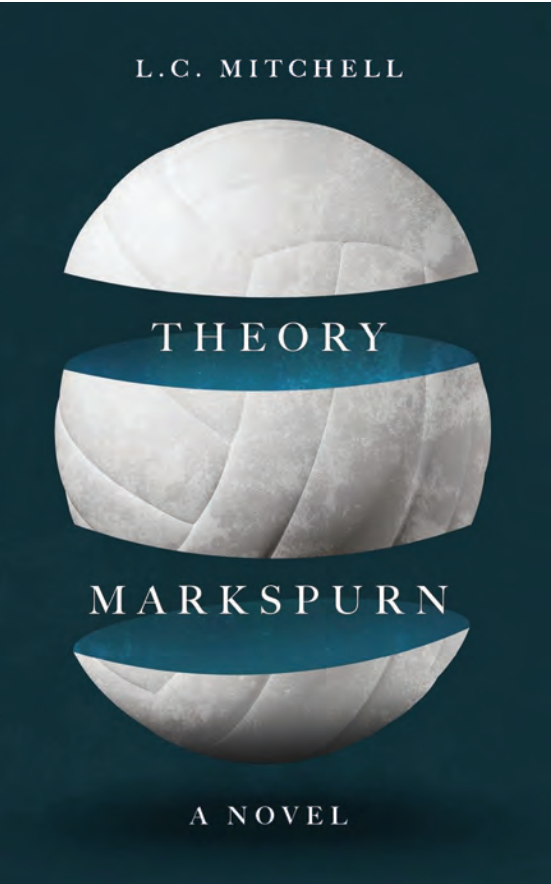
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Theory Markspurn by Ladd Mitchell
Theory Markspurn is a collegiate star on Petrusia University's volleyball team – driven, committed and overly disciplined. Whether at practice or in a game, or in her kinesiology class taught by the toughest professor on campus, Theory never deviates from the task at hand. That is until she finds a book, secretly left in her locker, that whirls her into a world that isn't real – yet; it *seems* real as it is the story of Katy who has all the traits of Theory. In this story, Katy (Theory) does things Theory would never do, such as break into a locked campus building. Theory begins to live vicariously through the story.

Theory may show strength and confidence, but underneath that façade exists her feelings of not being good enough and the hatred of the after-game interviews that she disguises by counting off the seconds to herself to get through them. The book takes her into a journey asking why. Mitchell says, “We look up to athletes and see their expertise in their game, but what stress are they facing underneath? I chose the sport of volleyball after watching my wife play and then realizing very little coverage of that sport is televised.”

Theory's friends see her carrying the book with her – wondering why, since they

only see blank pages inside. As Theory reads more, she begins to see visions, confuses what is real and what is not, and begins to fall under a spell that continues to draw her to the book, even touching it in her pocket for comfort. But the spell spins her into deeper problems.

Mitchell creates a twist-and-turn plot that becomes a thriller and exposes the need to stop and question what we do, what drives a passion, why we pursue that passion, and then ask the hard question – Is this really

what I want? Mitchell says, “My book may be about an athlete, but anyone pursuing a passion may need to think about their why.”

Ladd Mitchell lives in Chatham. He was the lead vocalist, guitarist and lyricist in the now-defunct band, Park. This is his first novel. It is available through Amazon in paperback for \$14.99, eBook \$3.99 and through Kindle Unlimited for free. □

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Ladd Mitchell at home in Chatham: “Anyone may need to think about their why.”

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The restored barbershop of David Strother, the first Black man to vote in Illinois, is a highlight of the Project XV Museum in El Paso, Illinois. Right, the Project XV Museum occupies an historic building in downtown El Paso. The museum is devoted to explaining and preserving the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. PHOTOS BY MARY BOHLEN

A museum for the right to vote

Tiny El Paso celebrates a cornerstone of democracy

REGEN | Mary Bohlen

When El Paso, Illinois, high school history teacher Michael Melick decided to have his advanced class focus on local history, he didn't predict it would result in a museum devoted to voting rights in this heart-of-corn-country town, population 2,730. El Paso is north of Bloomington, 87 miles from Springfield.

But while Melick initially may not have envisioned the Project XV Museum coming to life in downtown El Paso, others soon joined him in creating what promises to be unique in Illinois. The museum devotes itself to the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, seeking to "honor the legacy of those who have fought for (the vote) and empower others to use it," according to its website.

Melick may have been wary of tackling such a big project but now sees its importance. "Here we are in 2025 and the next generation has to fight to preserve (the right to vote)," he says. Historically, more than half of Americans didn't have that right to vote. "We've moved in the right direction but we have more to go."

The museum is open from noon to 4 p.m. on Mondays and by appointment but should add days as more exhibits are funded and completed. The goal is to have all major ones ready in April, a year since the first exhibit opened.

Already, exhibits detail the struggles for voting rights for minorities and women and include such artifacts as slave shackles and a

voting booth, complete with hanging chads on Florida ballots from the 2000 presidential election. Also part of the museum is the restored 1872 barbershop of David Strother, the first Black man to vote in Illinois and the inspiration for those high school history students.

The students started studying El Paso history in 2019 and came across Strother, who was born in 1843 to free Blacks in the slave state of Missouri. After his father died, his mother moved the family to Peoria, so she could raise her children in a free state.

Strother worked on riverboats, served as a cook with General Ulysses S. Grant's troops in the Civil War and later moved to a relatively young El Paso. Several of his war buddies encouraged him to start a barbershop in the town, which grew because it was on a train line.

"He must have been good, as he shaved David Davis," says Museum Curator Brian Ulrich. Davis was a prominent judge, friend of Abraham Lincoln and one of the many white customers Strother groomed. Ulrich noted that Black barbers at the time had to choose Black or white customers, and with El Paso having only a few Blacks, Strother served only whites.

"He was beloved here but had to make a choice," Ulrich says. "You couldn't step over the color line."

El Paso held a mayoral election soon after the 15th Amendment, ratified on Feb. 3, 1870, gave Black men the vote. That led to Strother

being among the first Black men in the country to vote, and the first in Illinois. The amendment was so new that one election official initially turned Strother away, but reversed when shown evidence the Constitution had changed.

Next to Strother's barbershop with chairs, shaving mugs and a rainwater shower, other exhibits explain his life and the practice of early barbering. You can strap on a virtual reality headset and an actor's voice helps you maneuver through the shop and adjoining exhibits.

The virtual reality exhibit is likely popular with the school groups the museum is already hosting. The museum includes a small classroom and two play areas for children, including their own voting booths.

Melick says the museum plans to add a big exhibit on the Voting Rights Act of 1964 and gather ballot boxes from different eras. An interactive literacy test will help tell the story of how Blacks were discouraged from exercising their right to vote in certain areas.

A recording studio devoted to "Your Vote, Your Voice" will allow visitors to add their narratives to voting rights history and researchers to focus on such human-based experiences rather than solely on numbers, Melick says.

Ulrich has had a major hand in planning and organizing the exhibits, assisted by a board of university history professors, local businesspeople and Melick. A native of El

Paso, Ulrich spent years working in various media in Los Angeles before moving back to lend his expertise. He produced the museum's introductory video introducing Strother.

Another planned exhibit will have different filters for news sources, illustrating how voters don't always get a full picture of events. An interactive display for lesser offices should make better voters, Ulrich says, adding the museum would like to become an official polling place.

He emphasizes the Project XV Museum is nonpartisan, "We take great pains to keep things fair." The museum has not faced negative pushback and has support from private and corporate foundation grants. A spring gala is a major fundraiser, and visitors are encouraged to leave donations of \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and \$5 for those aged 3-10.

Melick says it is important for the museum to be in El Paso. "Strother was from here so it is our story to tell."

For more information on the museum go to www.projectxvmuseum.com. You can make an appointment to see it by calling 309-564-5466 or sending a request via the website. □

Mary Bohlen likes to visit unique spots in Illinois and surrounding states and write about them for ReGen and other publications. She was a reporter for United Press International and taught journalism for 30 years at the University of Illinois Springfield.

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Panna cotta

This chilled, rich dessert hailing from northern Italy is easy to make

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

Panna cotta is a chilled dessert that manages to be simultaneously rich yet delicate and perfectly elegant while still economical and make-ahead friendly. Hailing from the northern Italian region of Piedmont, the name panna cotta literally translates to “cooked cream,” though in reality it spends very little time on the stove. The preparation is simple and calls for briefly heating cream and sugar before incorporating gelatin and allowing the mixture to set.

Though it is traditionally served as a dessert, the first panna cotta I ever had was indeed a savory offering, served as an impossibly decadent first course of a meal at Chicago’s gorgeous North Pond restaurant. The pearl white creation was topped with a generous dollop of caviar and a shower of chives. The memory of it is still imprinted on my brain as one of the most delicious things I have ever eaten, a worthy foil to a crisp glass of Champagne.

Whether you are making a sweet or savory preparation, it’s important to use the best quality cream you can find. Because the recipe has such a short ingredient list, the quality of the components really stand out. The panna cotta itself can have melted chocolate, pumpkin purée or lemon zest incorporated into the cream mixture for a boost of flavor. When it comes to toppings the variations that can be produced are virtually limitless, from caramel to berries to clouds of fluffy whipped cream. Savory panna cotta can be augmented with a whole host of vegetables, including beets, broccoli, carrots or spinach and topped with luxe caviar, shrimp or fresh herbs.

Panna cotta with vanilla poached citrus

Ingredients:

For the panna cotta:

2 ½ teaspoons (1 pouch) gelatin

½ cup sugar

A pinch of salt

2 cups cream

1/2 cup whole milk

For the poached citrus:

1 teaspoon vanilla bean paste

¼ cup water

¼ cup sugar

4 oranges (a mixture of naval and Cara Cara oranges is pretty)

First, prepare six ramekins on a baking sheet



and chill in the refrigerator until thoroughly chilled. Next, bloom the gelatin. Add three tablespoons of cold water in a bowl and sprinkle the gelatin over the top and let rest for five minutes to soften the gelatin.

Combine the cream, sugar and a pinch of salt in a saucepan over medium high heat and cook, stirring constantly, until it just begins to simmer. Pour the cream mixture into the bowl with the softened gelatin and stir until the gelatin is dissolved, then stir in the milk and vanilla. Pour the mixture through a fine meshed sieve into the ramekins and chill for at least four hours, or preferably overnight.

While the panna cotta in the ramekins chills, make the poached citrus. Slice off both ends of the oranges so they’ll sit flat. Lightly slice off the peel and pith, following the curve of the fruit. Holding the orange over a bowl to catch the juice as you segment the fruit, remove the segments of fruit by slicing along the side of the segments to cut away the membrane, continuing until all of the segments have been released.

Squeeze any excess juice from the remaining flesh/membranes into a small

non-reactive saucepan. Add the water, sugar and a pinch of salt and bring to a simmer over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Add the supremed oranges and simmer for five minutes, then remove from heat and let cool to room temperature before transferring to a container. Refrigerate until chilled.

When ready to unmold the panna cotta, dip the ramekin in hot water for 20-30 seconds, being careful not to get water over the rim. Invert the ramekin onto a plate and jiggle it gently to release. Top with a spoonful of the poached citrus and a drizzle of the syrup and serve.

Cauliflower panna cotta with caviar

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons butter

8 ounces cauliflower florets

1 cup heavy cream

Salt

Chives, lemon zest and caviar, to serve

Place six ramekins on a baking sheet and chill.

Brown the butter in a saucepan over

medium heat. Add the cauliflower florets and just enough water to come to the top of the vegetables (don’t submerge them). Simmer over medium heat until the vegetables are very tender and the liquid has reduced by half, about 15 minutes. Add the cream and simmer for an additional 15-20 minutes until the liquid has reduced by half. The total volume of the contents should be roughly two cups.

Transfer the contents of the saucepan and puree until totally smooth. Season to taste with salt, then pour the mixture through a fine meshed sieve back into the saucepan.

Place 2 tablespoons of water in a small bowl and sprinkle in the gelatin to soften it. Gently warm the cauliflower puree until it’s just beginning to bubble but not fully simmering. Turn off the heat and stir in the softened gelatin, then spoon the puree into the chilled ramekins. Refrigerate until thoroughly chilled, at least four hours. Unmold as directed above, then garnish with a dollop of caviar and a sprinkle of chives and lemon zest. □

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Put on a happy face

Bye Bye Birdie at the Hoogland

THEATER | Courtney Wick

Bye Bye Birdie is a satirically corny, upbeat and schmaltzy musical waxing nostalgia about the 1950s. The show was a hit on Broadway when it debuted in 1961 and only grew in popularity with the release of the 1963 Ann-Margret film. It delivers a hefty songbook of toe-tapping tunes including “How Lovely to be a Woman,” “Hymn for a Sunday Evening” and “A Lot of Livin’ to Do,” but some of it hasn’t aged well. *Bye Bye Birdie* is not nostalgia seen through a contemporary lens – it is of and from its real time.

Director Kevin Hart believes that although pieces of it are dated, it is still deserving of high praise. “This is one of my favorite camp musicals. It’s a sweet, funny show with golden-age music,” said Hart. It does deliver an uplifting message, and with a large cast comprised of children, teens and adults, it offers a chance for all audience members to be engaged in its storyline.

The plot centers around a two-fold dynamic. One is teenage girls swooning over an Elvis-like character, Conrad Birdie, who is leaving for the military and bestowing a goodbye kiss to one lucky gal, Kim McAfee (played by Julia Rolens), in small-town Ohio for a wholesome public relations stunt. The

other is a love story between businessman Albert Peterson (played by Elijah Sadler) and his secretary, Rosie Alvarz (played by Bella Gauna), and the thorn that keeps them apart – his racist and narcissistic mother, Mae (played by Lisa Goldbergelle). This rock ‘n’ roll mania colliding with deeply dysfunctional family dynamics makes for a funny, but sometimes cringing, look at 1960s American culture.

A shining point in this production is the portrayal of McAfee by the exuberantly talented Rolens. She perfectly embodies the character’s quirky, girlish personality and even resembles a young Ann-Margret. Her charming rendition of “How Lovely to be a Woman” is much funnier than the on-screen version because Rolens actually does appear to be 15 years old. She’s the type of performer who draws your attention and will likely have a line of leads in her future.

“Kim is a lot like me, but playing a more mature role has been a challenge because I’ve never had to act like I’m smoking cigarettes before,” said Rolens. Regardless of her inexperience with 1950s teenage rebellion lung-cancer props, she nails the part.

Kim’s friend, the Conrad-obsessed Ursula played deftly by Shelby Cass, also has highly

tuned comedic timing. Her characterization is hilarious and reminiscent of Lily Moscovitz in *The Princess Diaries*. One would never guess she’s 10 years older than the rest of the onstage “teens,” and she leads her Conrad cult with a witty and youthful commitment.

The star of the show, both in plot and presence, is Jakob Hankins in his portrayal of the pelvic-thrusting icon, Conrad Birdie. From his entrance – which is comedically silent and exquisitely timed – Hankins feels larger than life, commanding the stage with the right balance of charismatic swagger and self-absorption. His physical performance is ceaseless: As he continually saunters across the stage, some part of him – from his shoes to his pompadour, is perpetually gyrating. His magnetic control with clear and confident vocals solidifies his performance as a genuine, irresistible rock ‘n’ roll legend.

Part of these actors’ success is due to their period-perfect attire. Female leads Rosie and Kim, who each have multiple costume changes, are dressed especially well throughout. With an enormous cast, this show is a difficult one to costume, and everyone from ensemble to Birdie looks spectacular. This is a feat not often achieved in community theater. Costume

designer Jessica Kent deserves applause for her great success here.

Unfortunately, there are some uncomfortable moments – such as an exceptionally long dance break where Rosie performs a watered-down burlesque show for a group of slapstick Shriners. The problem is not with the performance itself, but the fact it is happening at all. This scene is often cut in modern productions, as sensibilities have changed, and it’s understandable as to why. As an audience member, one feels they should avert their gaze or jump in to save her from whatever is about to transpire.

There are lovely singing bits, especially when the McAfee family harmonizes, and it is always a joy to watch groups of kids and teens having a fun time onstage together. Although *Bye Bye Birdie* struggles to meet today’s societal standards, it works as a period piece – a high-energy, colorful wink-and-a-nod to a time gone by.

Bye Bye Birdie continues its run Dec. 12-14 at the Hoogland Center for the Arts in the LRS Theatre. Friday and Saturday performances start at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday matinee begins at 2 p.m. Tickets are available by calling 217-523-2787 or visiting HCFTA.org. □

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Thursdays give us good tidings of great joy by hosting live music throughout the month. At The Pharmacy Gallery downtown, Max Beckman curates a jazz holiday program with the David McEatheron Trio, including selections from *A Charlie Brown Christmas* which pretty much takes the Christmas cake for jazz-influenced, seasonal music.

Also downtown, Dumb Records, the intrepid store chockfull of music-related objects, hosts an all-ages, hardcore music concert with Shadow Age, Phantom Pike, Felicity's Angel, Death and Serenity.

Now we've covered jazz and punk, so let's go for more variations on the music theme when John Drake drops in to Mother Road Diner for bluesy-based tunes-plus, while Elvis Himself, myself and Amy Battles hit at It's All About Wine for holiday songs and more. And since it's the second Thursday of the month we have Thursday Night Live at Motorheads showcasing local musicians including a stellar group of young songwriters collectively called Whiskey Killers (Stefan Huffman, E.J. Greene, John Greene, Niko Boeker, Elijah Settles, Jason Ramsay and Seager Shymansky), as well as Triple Threat (Julie Nergenah, Jamaica Sellers and Jen Stiltz) covering "funk'n country and 80s rock" with three female lead singers doing three-part harmony and Bruce Combs as special guests for December.

You just might want to hang out at the Danenberger Family Vineyards WineRocks stage for the weekend as the established tribute band venue offers a couple of great shows at the event space near New Berlin. Friday brings us none other than The Nielsen Trust featuring Rick Nielsen of Cheap Trick with family members, sons Daxx and Miles, plus Miles' singer-songwriter wife Kelly Steward and openers Drew Cagle & The Reputation.

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Saturday keeps up the entertainment excitement with the Deep Lunar Blue and Friends Holiday Jam at George Rank's, Craig Russo Latin Jazz Project at Boones and Red Ribbon Revue at Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews to name a few of the many marvelous music performances out there for your enjoyment.

On Sunday, we have plenty more, including Kevin Aldrich's guitar, song and poetry recital at the Jacksonville Public Library's Under the Dome program, the Claudey Blue Band (a new rockin' Tom Hart project) hosting a Toys for Tots and food drive fundraiser at the Curve Inn and Robert Sampson at Trails End in Curran celebrating the release of his new album of original holiday songs, *Christmas with Lefty Preacher*, now available on most streaming platforms.

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

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Butternut Hut, 8-11pm

Kayla Brooke & The Willow Strings
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co.,
7-10pm

Sunshine Daydream
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

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

The Nielsen Trust
Danenberger Family Vineyards,
New Berlin, 7:30pm

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

Kortney Leatherwood
The Filling Station, Rochester,
8-11pm

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

Jaxon Dion
Future Champions Sports
Complex, Jacksonville, 8pm

Rod Grant
Harvest Market Farmhouse
Brews, 6-9pm

Keith Dunlap
Jamie's Route 66, Southern
View, 6-9pm

2nd Street Harmony featuring Albert Capati and Lisa Lowe
The Library Pizza and Sports
Bar, 8-11pm

Karaoke
The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

Hippies of the Heartland
Oak Hills Country Club and
Winery, Girard, 5:30-8:30pm

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

Mattison Avenue
Pole Barn Chic, 6pm

Ethan Taylor Stephenson
The Railyard, 5:30-8:30pm

Courtney and the Meeks
Rocco's, Decatur, 8-11pm

Karaoke
The Hangout, Palmer, 8pm

Neon Rodeo
Twisted Tree Music & Event
Hall, Jacksonville, 7pm

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

Saturday Dec 13

Hippies of the Heartland
American Legion Castle
Williams Post 105, Decatur,
7-10pm

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

Craig Russo Latin Jazz Project
Boone's, 6-9pm

Branded
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7-10pm

Jeremy Porter
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co.,
7-10pm

Brandon Elliott
Cafe Amulet, Petersburg, 3-6pm

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

Korn Bread, Jay B Real, Big Buck Beezy, Trilo G Hopkins, Deagle Kidd
Coghlan's Hideout LLC, Bulpitt,
8pm

Broken Stone
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

The Deep Hollow
Danenberger Family Vineyards,
New Berlin, 7pm

Katae, Emile, Queana Marie, Shon the Greatest, CuspofArrows, Animals With Human Names
Dumb Records, 7pm

Deep Lunar Blue and friends
George Rank's, 8-11pm

Jim Hollis
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 7-10pm

Karaoke
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

The Red Ribbon Revue
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Neon Rodeo
The Hideout, Mason City, 8-11pm

Wood 'n' Nickel Society
Kuhl Tyme Korner, Jacksonville, 7-11pm

Somebody's X
The Library Pizza and Sports Bar, 8pm-12am

Sam Lacy
Legendary Small Town Trading Co., Taylorville, 5-8pm

Black Velvet
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8-11pm

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

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

Ruf Edgz
Pier 55 Lounge, 8-11pm

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

Big Guns
Sliderz Bar & Grill, Decatur, 8-11pm

Springfield Uketopians
Stella Coffee & Tea, 12-2pm

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

Taylor June
The Shed, Pawnee, 7-11pm

Revel in Red
Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 7pm

AraizA
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7pm

Open mic with Kobey Workman
Y-Zoe's Bar, Taylorville, 6-9pm

Sunday Dec 14

OAT
Brewhaus Bar, 5-8pm

Chris Hawkins
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Claudey Blue Band
Curve Inn, 5-8pm

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

Billy Strums
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 4-7pm

Thornhill
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

Devin C. Williams
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

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

Chris Camp and His Blues Ambassadors
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Dreamers & Doers
The Shed, Pawnee, 2-5pm

Robert Sampson
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

After School Special
Walby's Place, Ashland, 4pm

Bad Decision
Y-Zoe's Bar, Taylorville, 6-9pm

Monday Dec 15

Joe Moss
The Alamo, 7pm

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

Tuesday Dec 16

Devin C. Williams
Butternut Hut, 6-9pm

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

Open jam with Zach Landes
George Rank's, 8-11pm

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

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

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

Wednesday Dec 17

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

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

Karaoke
The Filling Station, Rochester, 7-11pm

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

Al Kitchen and Tricia Giacomini
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 6-9pm

Mother Road Bones
Sangamo Brewing, Chatham, 6pm

Open Mic
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 7-10pm

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THE CALENDAR



A Message at Midnight
3 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12, and
3 p.m. Sat., Dec. 13
Lincoln Home Historic Site
Visitors Center
217-492-4241

THEATER | Play portrays historic Christmas Eve moment during Civil War

it This play by Ken Bradbury is set on Christmas Eve, 1864, in the White House. President and Mrs. Lincoln (Randy Duncan and Pam Brown) are visited by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant (Dennis Rendleman) as they await news from Gen. William T. Sherman's army. Sherman's army has not been heard from since it left Atlanta, Georgia, on Nov. 15 with the intent to cut a swath through Georgia to the sea. The play, roughly 50 minutes long, was originally presented at the U.S. Grant National Historic Site in St. Louis, according to Rendleman. Candlelight walking tours of the Lincoln Home will follow both days from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

■ Special Music Events

“Christmas Songs and Bells”
Sat., Dec. 13, 3-4:45pm.
Annual holiday concert by the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Garrett Allman and featuring internationally renowned and Grammy-winning soprano Christine Brewer, plus The Bells of Peace handbell ensemble from St. Louis directed by Burnell Hackman. Santa will drop by. Tickets available at door. \$20 for adults; children and students of all ages are free of charge. Illinois College Rammelkamp Chapel, Jacksonville, 215 Park St., 217-602-9555.

The Art of Jazz Christmas Program
Thu., Dec. 11, 7-9pm. Curated by Max Beckman with the Dave McEatheron Trio, this program is all about the holiday and includes selections from *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. Light refreshments available. pharmacygallery.com. \$10 donation at door. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 217-623-7903.

Brown Bag Concert
Wed., Dec. 17, 12:15-12:45pm.
This week features Nichol DelGiorno, organ. Brown bag lunch available for \$5 or bring your own. lincolnschurch.org. Free. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

Free Concerts at the Carillon
Sat., Dec. 13, 2-2:30pm and Sun., Dec. 14, 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.

Holiday Pops in the Heartland
Sun., Dec. 14, 3, 7:30pm.
Holiday Pops in the Heartland is the “jolliest tradition around,” according to the Illinois Symphony Orchestra. Acclaimed soprano Mikaela Bennett will captivate audiences with her luminous voice. Online ticket purchases only. No onsite ticket sales. \$14.70-\$76.70. Illinois State Library, 300 S. Second St., 217-522-2838.

Kevin Aldrich
Sun., Dec. 14, 4-5pm. Meter, rhyme, imagery, sensual language and ideas are basic to both poetry and lyrics. This recital will explore parallels in the English folk tradition through the centuries-old “Scarborough Fair” and Bob Dylan’s modern rendition “The Girl from the North Country.” Free. Jacksonville Public Library, Jacksonville, 201 W. College Ave., 217-243-5435.

Steel Panther
Tue., Dec. 16, 8pm. Big hair, big rock riffs, and a night concertgoers will be talking about for months. \$35-\$40. Boondocks, 2909 N. Dirksen Pkwy.

Tom Irwin’s One for the Kiddos
Sat., Dec. 13, 12-2pm. Kids show and release party for the *One for the Kiddos* songbook and recording. Includes live performances from the album, songbook signings and dance party. Dumber Records, 2501 Wabash Ave., 217-691-8991.

■ Theater & Comedy

Bye Bye Birdie
Fri., Dec. 12, 7:30pm, Sat., Dec. 13, 7:30pm and Sun., Dec. 14, 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.

Comedy Night
Fri., Dec. 12, 8pm. Headlined by Ryne Thorson and presented by Cryptid Comix. \$15 cover online or \$20 at door. Pizza Records, Jacksonville, 59 E. Central Park Plaza, 217-200-0896.

Ha Ha Holiday Show
Sat., Dec. 13, 8pm. Capital City Improv returns with this fast-paced, fully improvised comedy celebration packed with audience suggestions, seasonal twists and outrageous surprises. \$15. Hoogland Center for the Arts Club Room, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

■ Dance

Boots on the Line - Line Dancing
Thu., Dec. 11, 7-9pm. Boots on the Line returns for a night of line dancing. No cover. Locals Bar, Pawnee, 609 Douglas St., 217-646-8013.

Copper Coin Ballet Company
Sat., Dec. 13, 5:30, 6:30pm. The Copper Coin Ballet Company will perform 30-minute selections from *The Nutcracker*. Enjoy Pyotr Tchaikovsky’s beloved story of Clara, the Nutcracker Prince, and their journey through the Land of Sweets. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Old-Time Community Barn Dance - Clayville Candlelight Christmas
Fri., Dec. 12, 6-8pm. Enjoy various folk dances to live music on the fiddle and banjo performed by some of Springfield’s finest old-time musicians in this family-friendly event. No experience necessary. Dress casually and comfortably. Donations of \$5-\$10 accepted. Clayville Historic Site, Pleasant Plains, Route 125, 217-481-4430.

■ 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. All holiday merchandise is handmade, unique and budget-friendly. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

“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.

Governor’s Mansion Holiday Tours
Sat., Dec. 13, 1-4pm, Sun., Dec. 14, 1-4pm and Wed., Dec. 17, 4-7pm. Enjoy the stunning holiday decorations at the Illinois Governor’s Mansion this season during a 20-minute guided tour. governorsmansion.illinois.gov. Free. Illinois Governor’s Mansion, 410 E. Jackson St., 217-782-6450.

■ Film & Television

Buzz Bomb Movie Night
Tue., Dec. 16, 7-10pm. Follow the Facebook event for movie details. Free. Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 406 E. Adams St., 217-679-9005.

Family Movie Night
Wed., Dec. 17, 6-8pm. Bring a bean bag chair, blanket and popcorn to watch the 2024 Christmas comedy *Red One*. Free. Jacksonville Public Library, Jacksonville, 201 W. College Ave., 217-243-5435.

Holiday Movie Night
Fri., Dec. 12, 6pm. The night begins with caroling and fellowship at 6pm followed by the movie at 6:30pm. Bring a friend and sleeping bags, blankets or lawn chairs. Drinks and popcorn bar will be available. \$3 donation. Third Presbyterian Church, 1030 N. Seventh St., 217-528-0457.

■ Food & Drink

Bring and Share with Slow Food Springfield
Sat., Dec. 13, 5-7pm. This is a communal potluck dinner in celebration of Terre Madre Day. Attendees are invited to bring and share a dish made using a family recipe, has regional or cultural significance and includes locally sourced ingredients. Slow Food

Springfield board members will make presentations about native seeds and seed sovereignty, Terra Madre Americas and a visit with Slow Food Costa Rica. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-553-9246.

Gift of the Magi Holiday Tea
Sat., Dec. 13, 1pm. Learn about popular tea customs while participating in a special program based on *The Gift of the Magby* O. Henry, a beautiful story about the impact of love and selflessness. This event includes tea, tea foods, gifts and original programming. Tea and food from Whimsy Tea Co. \$50, \$45 for SAA members. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Tour of Downtown Food and Drink Crawl
Sat., Dec. 13, 11am-2pm. Grab some friends and family and experience the downtown food and drink scene. With a ticket purchase, participants receive a T-shirt that guarantees them discounts and specials at several locations. Tickets available on Eventbrite.com. Various locations, Springfield, 217-544-1723.

■ Faith & Philosophy

High Tea With the Dean, Father Andrew Hook
Sat., Dec. 13, 12:30-2pm. Ask the Rev. Hook any questions about the Bible while enjoying an old-fashioned English tea with all the trimmings. RSVP to stpaulscathedralevents@gmail.com. stpaulspringfield.com. Free. St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 815 S. Second St., 217-544-5135.

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Sun., Dec. 14, 4pm. An hour of scripture and song in a historic setting. Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 815 S. Second St., 217-544-5135.

■ Holiday Happenings

“Christmas Under the Stars” Candlelight Tour
Fri., Dec. 12, 5-8pm. Special Friday night candlelight tours. Guests are asked to enter the house at the front door. 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.

THE CALENDAR

2025 DAUMC Cookie Walk
Sat., Dec. 13, 8am. This is your chance to buy yummy homemade cookies, candy, and treats. Come early for the best selection of those holiday and family favorites. All profits are donated to local missions and ministries. Free admission. Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church, 501 S. Douglas Ave., 217-546-4631.

All is Calm, All is Bright
Fridays, 5-6pm. Through Dec. 26. Enjoy an hour of quiet reflection during the chaotic holiday season with piano music by Terri Benz. A State Street ministry production. Centenary UM Church, Jacksonville, 331 East State Street, Jacksonville, IL 62650, 217-245-8417.

Best Family Event of the Season
Sun., Dec. 14, 3-6pm. Features lessons and carols, silent auction, reception and visit by St. Nicholas. stpaulspringfield.com. Free. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 815 S. Second St., 217 544 5135.

Breakfast with Santa
Sat., Dec. 13, 8-11am. Take pictures with Santa and participate in children's activities including face painting and balloon animals. Breakfast will be served. Free, donations accepted. Children's Dyslexia Center of Springfield, 1020 Rickard Road, 217-793-7728.

Breakfast with Santa
Sat., Dec. 13, 9, 10:30am. Enjoy a delicious breakfast, sip on hot chocolate and spend time with Santa himself, and even snap a nostalgic family polaroid. Children can create festive crafts to take home. Choose from two sittings – 9am or 10:30am – and reserve a spot. Pre-registration is required. kidzeum.org. \$20-\$25. Kidzeum of Health and Science, 412 E. Adams St., 217-679-2123.

Candlelight Christmas
Fri., Dec. 12, 5-9pm and Sat., Dec. 13, 3-9pm. Experience the sights and sounds of Christmases long ago in the candlelit historical buildings. See the Facebook site for more info. Free. Clayville Historic Site, Pleasant Plains, Route 125, 217-481-4430.

Caroling at the Carillon
Sun., Dec. 14, 3-5pm. Make a holiday memory at Caroling at the Carillon, a family-friendly event with activities starting at 3pm and caroling starting

at 4pm. Includes holiday photo booth, bonfires, scavenger hunt, games, a visit by Santa and more. carillon-rees.org. Free. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-3853.

Christmas Candlelight Tour
Fri., Dec. 12, 4-7pm and Sat., Dec. 13, 1-7pm. 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 Open House
Sat., Dec. 13, 1-3pm. Open house and ornament decorating party. Create an ornament to decorate the tree. Includes a visit from Santa and refreshments. Jacksonville African American History Museum, Jacksonville, 859 Grove St., 217-414-5059.

Clicks for Compass
Sat., Dec. 13, 9am-12pm. This warm, joyful holiday morning will feature Almalee Photography offering pay-what-you-can holiday portraits. All proceeds will benefit Compass for Kids. Includes sweet treats, childrens' holiday crafts and activities. No reservations needed. The Pasfield House, 525 South Pasfield, 217-331-8828.

Cookie Walk, Raffle and Christmas Gift Gala
Sat., Dec. 13, 8:30-11am. Homemade cookies, candy and bread available for sale. Event includes raffle, gift vendors, a visit by Santa and more. St. John Vianney Church Activity Center, Sherman, 902 Saint Johns Dr.

Dana-Thomas Holiday Open House
Sat., Dec. 13, 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. 12, 4-7pm. Step into the spirit of the holidays with decor arranged by the Springfield Civic Garden Club. Enjoy the sparkle of art glass throughout the house. Tours every 15 minutes. Live music with Ben Bedford from 5 to 6:30pm. (Live music not offered Dec. 26.) 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. 13, 10am-3pm and Wed., Dec. 17, 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 and the Old Capitol Holiday Walks. downtownspringfield.org. Free. Downtown Springfield, Downtown, 217-544-1723.

Holiday Ice Jamz
Sat., Dec. 13, 6-8pm. Join Santa and his elves for festive fun on the ice, snap a picture at the selfie station, get creative at the cozy craft table and enjoy a cozy hot chocolate bar (while supplies last). Includes Ugly Sweater Contest at 7:30 p.m. \$9 person, \$11 rental skates, \$6 with canned food donation. Nelson Center, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-753-2800.

Kid's Holiday Craft Workshop
Sun., Dec. 14, 1:30-3pm. Children ages 5-13 can get a jump on holiday gift making by attending a nature craft session. Attendees will make a snowman or reindeer wall hanging and yarn wrapped wooden ornament that would make a great gift for a grandparent or teacher. Materials included in class fee. Registration is required. lincolnmemorialgarden.org. \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

Live Nativity on the Square
Fri., Dec. 12, 6-6:30pm. Step into the story of Christmas by seeing this nativity scene. Experience the wonder of that holy night through live actors, animals and the telling of the Christmas story. Downtown Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Central Park, 217-243-5678.

Sangamon County Historical Society holiday party
Thu., Dec. 11, 5:30-7:30pm. Register at sancosis.org or call. Members free, \$25 for non-members and family. Pasfield House, 525 S. Pasfield St., 217-525-1961.

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. 13, 9am-12pm and Sun., Dec. 14, 12-3pm. Experience the magic of the season at Santa's House, a tradition for more than 40 years. Share Christmas wishes, take photos with Santa and enjoy the holiday cheer. Lincoln Park Funshop, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-546-4103 ext. 1012.

Santa Saturdays at the Old State Capitol
Sat., Dec. 13, 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. PFree. Old State Capitol, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-9363.

Twilight Christmas Walkabout
Fri., Dec. 12, 4-8pm. Enjoy this downtown Elkhart event and work on that holiday shopping while enjoying food and drinks. Check out The Country Bumpkin, Birdsong Books and Vintage, The Station, Horsefeathers, Route 66 Hobby Shop, Talk of the Town, The Wild Hare Cafe. Downtown Elkhart, Elkhart, Governor Oglesby Street, 217-971-6408.

Vachel Lindsay Home Holiday Open House
Sat., Dec. 13, 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.

■ Fundraisers and Galas

Gift Wrapping Fundraiser
Sat., Dec. 13, 9am-5pm and Mon., Dec. 15, 9am-12pm. Let the Women of Peace do the gift wrapping for you while enjoying free hot chocolate and a festive atmosphere. Proceeds will go to sending the Women of Peace to the 2026 triennial WELCA gathering and supporting Mini O' Beirne Crisis Nursery. Varies. Peace Lutheran Church, 2800 W. Jefferson St., 217-494-8036.

■ Community Organizing

Good Trouble Alliance Meeting
Every fourth Saturday, 12-1pm. The Good Trouble Alliance strategizes bold, creative, nonviolent initiatives to challenge local institutions that weaken

democracy. Join the fight against authoritarianism. Bring ideas. Snacks provided. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-801-0209.

■ Children's Corner

Funshop Kids Club
Fri., Dec. 12, 5:30-8:30pm. In this program, children ages 6-10 will explore themes through crafts, STEM projects and interactive play. Kid's Club encourages creativity, teamwork and a love of learning while having a great time. Pack a snack or light meal for your child. Register at bit.ly/Funshop_Kids-Club_3. Activity #340910. 1 day only Funshop session \$30R/\$35NR. Lincoln Park Funshop, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-753-6234.

Little Lincoln's Fireside Tales: Weather
Tue., Dec. 16, 9-11am. Join the ALPLM Education Team as it shares stories and activities about all things weather. Each month, the ALPLM invites our youngest visitors (0-5 years) and their caregivers to participate in this early learning program focused on reading stories and engaging children in activities and play around a fun monthly theme. Advance registration required. Two sessions are offered. When registering, select the desired session. If the first choice is "sold out," please select the other time. www.tix.com/ticket-sales/Membership/2469/event/1450750. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Mini Explorer's Club – Winter Critters
Tue., Dec. 16, 9:30-10:15am. In three cozy lessons, learn about animals that thrive during wintertime. Fall in love with this interactive, grown-up/child class where the littlest explorers learn all about the wonders of Illinois. Recommended ages 18 months to 5 years but all ages welcome. Free. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-6623.

Santa's Workshop at Wintree Wonderland
Sat., Dec. 13, 12-4pm and Sun., Dec. 14, 12-4pm. Children can create a crafted holiday treasure each week while supporting local charitable organizations. Santa's Workshop is hosted by a different charitable organizations each weekend and Dec. 22 as part of Wintree Wonderland. It provides children the opportunity

to create a make-it, take-it item. All profits go to the local organization. \$5 or \$6. White Oaks Mall, 2501 Wabash Ave., 217-787-0110.

■ Lectures & Meetings

Fire in the Saddle: Civil War Cavalry Carbines from Workhorses to Oddities
Wed., Dec. 17, 12-1pm. For a Union cavalryman, a carbine wasn't a collectible—it was a lifeline. Adam J. Krall brings original cavalry carbines from The Firearm Collection of Frank R. and Mortimer C. Grover to life, sharing the stories of the soldiers who carried them, the craftsmen who built them and the inventors who designed them. Presented by Taste of ISM. illinoisstatemuseum.org. Free. Illinois State Museum Research and Collections Center, 1011 E. Ash St., 217-782-5955.

■ Bulletin Board

LGBT+ Magic School with Mattie
Sat., Dec. 13, 11am-4pm. Magic the Gathering tutorial and tournament. No experience necessary. LGBT+ individuals and allies. Guided tutorial by Mattie Schraeder with 30 years of experience. Prizes for best new player and best overall record. \$30. Phoenix Center: Out On Second, 120 E. Scarritt St., 2175285253.

Wreaths Across America
Sat., Dec. 13, 11am. Wreaths Across America is a wreath-laying ceremony that emulates Arlington National Cemetery nationwide simultaneously. See the Facebook page for more info and to donate. Camp Butler National Cemetery, 5063 Camp Butler Rd, Springfield, IL 62707, 217-825-6494.

■ Sports

Professional Billiards Event
Sat., Dec. 13, 1-6pm. World Champion pool player Fedor Gorst and professional Vitaliy Patsura will be in Jacksonville for a day full of challenge matches and autographs. Contact Jared DeGroot at 217-204-6400 for presale tickets. \$30 presale for general admission, \$45 for preferred seating. AMVETS Post 100, Jacksonville, 210 E. Court St., 217-204-6400.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
LORI LYNN CUNDIFF, DECEASED
Case #2025-PR-475
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of LORI LYNN CUNDIFF. Letters of Office have been issued to JAMES E. CUNDIFF, 363 S. Durkin Drive, Springfield, IL 62704, and BRADLEY J. CUNDIFF, 1914 Jeanette Lane, Unit 8, Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Co-Administrators, or both, on or before June 18, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Co-Administrators and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 4th day of December, 2025.
Patrick J. Sheehan, III
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF DONNA L. SCHUCHARDT, Deceased.

2025-PR-476
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Donna L. Schuchardt. Letters of Office were issued to Brenda K. Rogers as Independent Executor, whose address is 160 E. Camp Sangamo Rd., Springfield, IL 62707. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before June 11, 2026, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the

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Dated December 11, 2025.
Attorneys for Independent Executor:
Sorling Northrup
Michelle L. Blackburn, Attorney (6273760)
Jeremy E. McAfee, Attorney (6349611)
1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200
P.O. Box 5131
Springfield, IL 62705
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
PAMELA A. SUTHERLAND, DECEASED
Case #2025-PR-471
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of PAMELA A. SUTHERLAND. Letters of Office have been issued to MELANIE TURNER, 65 Axline, 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 Execu-

tor, 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
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 789-1200

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
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Springfield, I 62701
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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.
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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
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000
P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62705-2459
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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

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

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

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

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Brandon J. Cannon-Thomas, Petitioner
And
Keyaira Cannon-Thomas, Respondent
Case No. 2024-DC-000220
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Keyaira Cannon-Thomas, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 11th day of January, 2026, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Floyd Stapleton, Petitioner
And
Gemayne Thorpe, Respondent
Case No. 2025-DN-000301
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Gemayne Thorpe, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 11th day of January, 2026, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
STEPHANIE MAUPIN and
KIEARA CHANTE LOCKHART PETZ,
TO ADOPT
LINKIN JAMES PETZ and
LEIGHTON INEZYLN PETZ, related minors,
v.
CORY JAMES PETZ, Respondent.

Case No.: 2025-AD-135
ADOPTION NOTICE- STATE OF ILLINOIS
County of Sangamon, ss.- Seventh Circuit
Court of Sangamon County
In the matter of the Petition for the Adoption of Linkin James Petz, a related male child, and Leighton Inezlyn Petz, a related female child. Adoption Case No. 2025-AD-135. Corey James Petz and To All To Whom it May Concern take notice that a Petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois for the adoption of children named Linkin James Petz and Leighton Inezlyn Petz. Now, therefore, unless you and all of whom it may concern, file your Answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in said Circuit Court of Sangamon County in the City of Springfield, Illinois, on or before the 28th day of January, 2026, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition. Dated: 2nd day of December, 2025 Springfield, Illinois, Sangamon County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Chase William Christopher Ferree
For change of name to Chase Wiliam Christopher Watts
Case No. 2025-MR-000571
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 Chase William Christopher Ferree to Chase William Christopher Watts pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: Dec. 11, 2025

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

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.
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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
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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; MELISSA PUCKETT; DAVID MCCUBBIN; MATTHEW MCCUBBIN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CAROLYN S MCCUBBIN, DEFENDANTS. NO. 2025FC000162
2421 STOKEBRIDGE 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 foreclosure 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 ILLINOIS, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS FOLLOWS:

LOT 426 OF CHARLES S. WANLESS' NORTHGATE ADDITION, 7TH PLAT.
EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD.
Commonly known as: 2421 Stokebridge 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 provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at ilinoislegalaid.org. All documents referred to in this Notice can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website. ¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411- 1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios. PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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
I3277389

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF Almatai Cooper
No. 2025-GR-198
To: Johnathan Hart at address unknown: Please be notified that Yaismin Cooper has filed a Petition for Guardianship of Almatai Cooper , minor child. You are required to answer said Petition By January 26, 2026 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE
Wishing to avail themselves of the provisions under the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, the below storage facility gives notice of the sale under said act; Monday the 29th day of December, 2025 at 10:00 AM, on that day will conduct a sale to the highest bidder, with bidding to take place on lockerfox.com, and payment to seller via credit/debit card, the contents of spaces 10 Federal Storage, 2225 J David Jones Pkwy, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 600-2778 Austin McEntire 55. Angel sullivan 810. Breona Gaiter 226. Stephanie Jennings P61. Kimberly Cluney 714. Tim Sutherland 815/816. Cecelia Jenkins 750. Jeff Ryan 138. Andy Hale 197/186. Joleen White 613/600. Jennifer Lovitt 303. Jennifer Lovitt 300. Dayton Paproth 618/595. Corina White 476. Charisma Jimson 284. Kaylee Young 389. Jimmy Hoover 719. Don Scroggins P5. Bryan Schleyhahn 440. olivia evans 253. Brittney Hernandez 67. Eric Wagner 773. Samantha Clardy 776. Nia Watkins 763. Jaqala Grant 301. Emily Lewis 691. Timothy Lewis 407/408. Perrion Bolden 564. Isabella Schmidt 616/597. Abby Bitner 230. Paula Nelson P3. Tracy Wells 48. Less Boucher 16. Janice Rutledge 532. Danielle Wright 721; 10 Federal Storage, 3500 South 6th Street, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 387-3951 Dianca Miller P40. Daniel Gregg A97. Ashley Smith A22; 10 Federal Storage, 500 W Browning Rd, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 339-3865 Dale Abeln 22A. Adam Young 109B. Dennis Lowe 6A/7A. Roger Simons 269E. Allie Holmes 216D/217D; 10 Federal Storage, 900 E Straight St, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 286-1550 Dayton Paproth F385. Cassandra Smith E325. Shireen Price 110. Penny Benton 21. Rachel Rowden 212. Jessie Garrett 136/137/138. Jason Blissett E359/260. Ralston Robertson E272. Van Converse 157. Van Converse 159. Nancy Simpson 33

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF Corbin Hutzler-Hughes
No. 2025-GR-258
To: Chad Hutzler at address unknown: Please be notified that Debbie Kelly has filed a Petition for Guardianship of Corbin Hutzler-Hughes, minor child. You are required to answer said Petition By February 9, 2026 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF Karlylle Cason
No. 2025-GR-255
To: Unknown fathers and Alexandria Cason at address unknown: Please be notified that Mary Ushman has filed a Petition for Guardianship of Karlylle Cason, minor child. You are required to answer said Petition By February 9, 2026 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

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. Raylots 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.
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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 IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY
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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
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;
Occupant;
Climate Corp;
Cole A Gronomy 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.
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TO:
Robert Grundler;
Connie Grundler;
Robert Grundler;
Connie Grundler;
Occupant;
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.: 2025TX000208
FILED: 11/24/2025
TAKE NOTICE
County of Sangamon
Date Premises Sold: November 3, 2023
Certificate No.: 143-40-1
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: 9875 McLaughlin Road, Williamsville, IL 62693
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 08-18.0-400-005
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.
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TO:
Michael M. Meyer;
Debra 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) 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: 200 Oak Street , Spaulding, IL 62561
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 15-03.0-305-012
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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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 Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners";
"Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".
TAX DEED NO.: 2025TX000207
FILED: 11/24/2025
TAKE NOTICE
County of Sangamon
Date Premises Sold: November 3, 2023
Certificate No.: 143-34-2
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: 900 Lincoln Street , Auburn, IL 62615
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 34-03.0-378-028
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.
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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 County, Illinois;
Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners";
"Unknown owners or parties inteaested in said land or lots".
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
Property Located at: 651 East Andrew Road, Springfield, IL 62707
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 06-27.0-251-008
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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TO:
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 Enviromental Protection Agency;
Attorney General for Illinois Enviromental Protection Agency;
Illinois Enviromental 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.
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TO:
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 County, Illinois;
Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "Unknown Owners";
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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 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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TLC-2023, LLC
Purchaser or Assignee
November 25, 2025
I3277359

TO:
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 described as "Unknown Owners";
"Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots".
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 (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: PT W PT N PT W 1/2 SE 1/4 10/15/2005, IN WOODSIDE TOWNSHIP IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 22-10.0-409-003
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.
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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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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
I3277350

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;
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., Department 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 Security
Revenue Collection Enforcement Unit;
Attorney General for the Illinois Department

TO:
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;

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 Security
Revenue Collection Enforcement Unit;
Attorney General for the Illinois Department
of Employment Security;
Robert P. Johnson;
Robert P. Johnson;
Don Gray, County Clerk of Sangamon
County, Illinois;
Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree

TO:
Tyler Lufkin;
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 (Municipal-
ity) and Special Assessment Number: N/A
Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR

TO:
Robert T Cheney Jr;
Connie I Cheney;
Occupant;
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.: 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 (Municipal-
ity) 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 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

O: 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 (Municipal-
 ity) 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: 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 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
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 petition has been filed for a tax deed which
 will transfer title and the right to posses-
 sion of this property if redemption is not
 made on or before May 6, 2026.
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 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
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 that time.
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 TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY
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 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

T0:
Steven Rosa Trust;

Steven Rosa Trust;
Occupant;
Kaitlyn Miller;
Angel J Vargas;
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.: 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 (Municipal-ity) 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
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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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 (Municipal-ity) 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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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.: 2025TX000219 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 (Municipal-ity) 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.
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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 (Municipal-ity) 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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Springfield, IL 62701
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TLC-2023, LLC
Purchaser or Assignee
November 25, 2025
I3277366

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
Springfield, IL 62701-1653
(217) 789-2375
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

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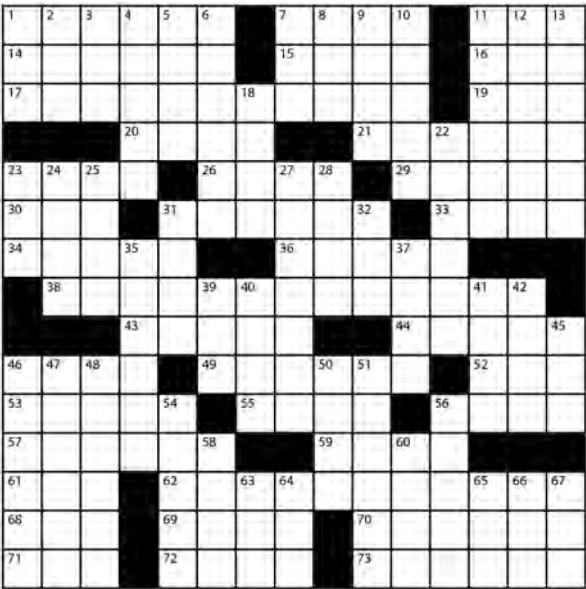
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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Kasie Kirbach, Petitioner and Zackarie McDuffee, Respondent Case No. 2025-FA-000047 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you Zackarie McDuffee, Respondent herein, 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

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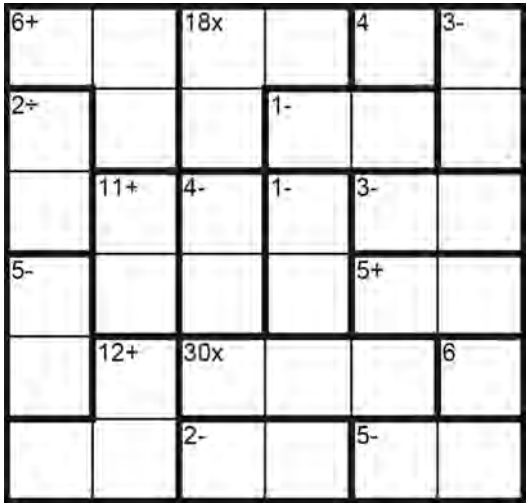
- Across**
1. Tibetans or Thais
7. Racer
- Yarborough
11. 1972 treaty subj.
14. Two-seated carriage
15. "Not guilty." e.g.
16. Stephen of "The Crying Game"
17. Question after the fact
19. Mouse catcher
20. Billiards relative
21. Group of 100 in Washington
23. Sean Connery, for one
26. Gun's recoil
29. With regrets
30. Sounds of doubt
31. Open to everyone
33. Gets the picture
34. Chip dip
36. Assumed name
38. Ballpark figure
43. Closes in on
44. Glows
46. Auditors
49. Brought up
52. Be mistaken
53. Broadcaster
55. Noted initials in 70's-80's comedy
56. Change for a twenty
57. Violent, perhaps
59. Lascivious look
61. On the (fleeing)
62. Exhibiting good judgement
68. Here, in France
69. Aroma
70. No longer pale



71. Albany is its cap.
72. Refusals
73. Certain home improvers
- Down**
1. Capp and Capone
2. Freelancer's enc.
3. Co. name ender
4. Take in
5. Prefix meaning "one-billionth"
6. Numbers game
7. PC's brain
8. A pint, maybe
9. More or
10. Lets up
11. Skee-Ball site
12. Fab Four member
13. Buccaneer's buddies
18. Smooth-talking
22. Long Island county
23. French possessive
24. Burn a bit
25. Capital on a fjord
27. Enduring literary work
28. Bagpiper's wear
31. Use a beeper
32. LI doubled
35. Cliched movie ending
37. In rush
39. Laugh sound
40. Extended periods
41. Arborist's concern
42. Make, as money
45. Promgoers: Abbr.
46. Comic who quipped "No comment" is a comment
47. Illegal copying
48. Dumas duelist
50. Normandy battle site
51. Occasions
54. Scout's mission
56. The way things are going
58. Birdbrain
60. Actor Morales
63. One of the Three Stooges
64. "Doubtfire"
65. Direction opposite SSW
66. To be, in Barcelona
67. Mag. staff

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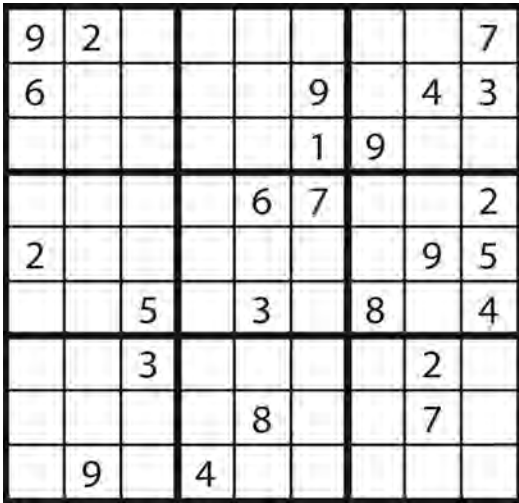
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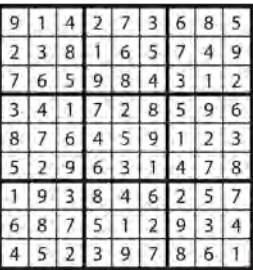


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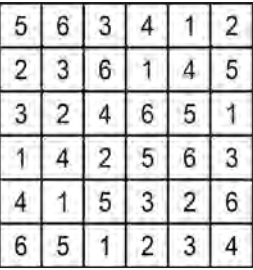
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