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# REMEMBERING

## THE LIVES THEY LIVED

### About the issue

Our annual REMEMBERING edition, the last issue of the year, reminds us small-town folks that people we thought we knew we didn't know as well as we wish we had, and those we didn't know, we wish we had known. It reminds us that many more have died this year than we could possibly write about, so this presentation is always just a sample of the richness of lives gone. We strive for diversity among those we include, and always know we fall short of the diversity that's available to us. Readers were invited to submit memorials; 21 reader-submitted essays are here. REMEMBERING tells us not only how much this town has lost this year, but how much from each life it has gained.

—Fletcher Farrar, editor

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**CHARLES ARTHUR SCHEIGHAUSER** June 1, 1936 – July 14, 2025

# Star prof

He opened minds to worlds they had not imagined

### REMEMBERING John C. Martin

Charles Schweighauser of Pleasant Plains was born in Alton June 1, 1936, and died at home with his family in Pleasant Plains July 14, 2025.

Known as Charlie to his friends, he was the first director of the McDonnell Planetarium in St. Louis, and a professor of English, astronomy and environmental studies at Sangamon State University and University of Illinois Springfield. As SSU/UIS faculty, he was the founder of Star Parties and the Henry R. Barber Research Observatory.

Charlie was a true humanist and Renaissance person who was conscious of his privilege and lived a generous public life believing in every person's potential. He found vocation as a scholar and educator. He earned a master of arts in English from Williams College specializing in 19<sup>th</sup> century American literature and the works of James Joyce. He began his career at Sangamon State University teaching Environmental Studies, later adding English and astronomy to his portfolio. He also had a passion for a wide variety of music, particularly lyric opera. He wrote and produced four television documentaries: "Voyage of a Comet: The Return of Halley's Comet" (1985), "Illinois Prairies: A Sense of Place" (1985), "Eclipse 1994" (1994), and "The Sangamon River: A Sense of Place" (2006). He was a visiting scientist and educator at NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory for the Voyager flybys of Saturn (1980) and Uranus (1986) and a charter member of the board of the National Undergraduate Research Observatory at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona. He also served as a Road Scholar and lecturer for the Illinois Humanities Council. While Charlie said he failed retirement, many considered him the model for continuing to do what you love later in life. When asked, "What is Charlie up to now?" I always replied with confidence, "Whatever he wants to do."

Among his varied interests, astronomy was a core inspiration, fueling a passion for seeking understanding of human expression and the human condition. While at Williams College working as an astronomy teaching assistant, he ground the mirror for his first telescope and shared views through it at summer camp in Colorado. Looking toward the stars, he



Schweighauser in the classroom, mid-1980s, lecturing about the celestial sphere globe.

imagined what we could be and expressed his vision. As an educator he had profound impact through two editions of his book *Astronomy from A to Z* (1979 and 1991) and his course "Astronomy for Everyone." Students who impressed him earned an invitation to take advanced astronomy courses. He is remembered in the classroom for his no-nonsense attitude and sheer will of personality. An advanced course with Charlie at the helm was not over until all the course objectives were met, even if that was weeks after the end of the term. He was quick with a joke and a laugh, but a few remember earning a humorless jolt when they disappointed him or brought up his least favorite subjects, including astrology and *Star Trek*. He opened minds to worlds they had not imagined and guided each to seek their highest potential as the author of their own stories.

I will forever be thankful to Charlie for helping me become established at the university. For 18 years he was a valued friend and colleague in the office next door, always there to help, but never telling me how he would have done it. His approach left me feeling grateful for what he had built and as well as full ownership of what I accomplished.

Charlie was a gracious host who thrived in the spotlight of attention. In the

classroom, teachers don personas decanted from their best self. Charlie gave most of himself to that performance, drawing from a well of strength grounded in the love of his family and his soulmate Barb, who preceded him in death in 2024. After his loss, Charlie's friends opened their hearts and supported him. He considered himself a rich person for how others reflected his generosity back onto him.

Charlie was a good and gentle person who saw the beauty in the universe and shared it. With his passing we found solace in the poem "Astronomer," published by Jackie Jackson in *Illinois Times* and Edgar Lee Masters' poem, "Alfonso Churchill" from the *Spoon River Anthology*. The latter ends with a fitting epitaph for Charlie:

I preached the greatness of man,  
Who is none the less a part of the scheme  
of things  
For the distance of Spica or the Spiral  
Nebulae;  
Nor any the less a part of the question  
Of what the drama means."

*John C. Martin of Springfield is associate professor of astronomy-physics at University of Illinois Springfield where he followed Charlie's tenure as the director of the Henry R. Barber Research Observatory and the host of Star Parties.*

## In Memoriam



Shawn Gregory in 2018 getting the last signature on his petition for Ward 2 alderman from Joe Scott.

### JOE A. SCOTT

March 27, 2025, age 89

I can still hear Grandpa Joe (as I called him) playing his bass guitar, and from the other room Vertie calling out, "Joe, put it up!" We'd all be at the table laughing as he did just that. The dining room table was always long – so long it filled the room – because Joe and Vertie's hearts made room for everyone. Their home welcomed young people from foster care, direct family and generations before and after mine. The Scotts' house was, and will always be, a home.

Joe loved to joke about the motor home he bought, or the Lincoln he bought Vertie at a price he "couldn't pass up." But everything he did was about the household – making sure we had, as he'd say, "all the things we need and just some of the things we would want." I remember earning the grades and courage to ask to play my Super Nintendo. He kept his word. We had what we needed, and sometimes what we wanted – and we had fun.

Even long after I was grown, Joe and Vertie never stopped being parents to so many. Those memories will never leave us.

Shawn Gregory is a 2003 graduate of Lanphier High School and serves as the Ward 2 alderman on the Springfield City Council. He was one of many foster kids who lived with Joe and Vertie Scott over the years and he now has four children of his own, three daughters and a son.



**WAYNE CALHOUN TEMPLE** Feb. 5, 1924 – March 31, 2025, age 101

# A constant writer, with a bent for discovery

### REMEMBERING James Cornelius

He was universally known as "Doc" from the years he taught at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee, 1958-1964. Students loved him, including the young ladies who helped in the history department and in the Lincoln Museum he headed. They loved his wife, Lois, and the Temples stayed in touch with many to the end. Doc was popular.

He was an only child, born on a 90-acre farm 35 miles north of Columbus, Ohio. He could read, write, shoot, drive, plow, play clarinet and dance before his peers could, then went to the township high school (Class of 1942, with 23 others), then on to Ohio State University with an engineering scholarship.

The story that he was General Eisenhower's driver a few times at the end of World War II was true. Doc worked on a radio installation unit (this also involved building new runways) as Ike's army moved out of France and into Germany in 1945-46. They, too, corresponded a bit for some years. Once Doc used a Thompson submachine gun to return fire at a lone Luftwaffe fighter over their post, while all others dove for the ditch; he was awarded the Bronze Star.

Puzzling his parents, he returned from seeing history to studying history, at the U of I. He knew Arte Johnson (funny even then) and Hugh Hefner (*outré* even then). He was the last student of James G. Randall, the nation's dean of academic Lincolnists, and helped finish JGR's fourth and final volume, *Lincoln the President* (1955), after the great scholar died. Doc also helped Ruth Randall research her books on the era's women. At the U of I sesquicentennial in 2007, Doc was named one of the 150 most distinguished alumni in school history.

Ph.D. in hand, he was commissioned by Thorne Deuel, on behalf of the Illinois State Museum, to write *Indian Villages of the Illinois Country* (1958; twice reissued). Then the Harrogate years with wife Lois; then invited back, to dive into Lincoln, etc., at the Illinois State Archives for 52 years, 1964-2016, where he rose to chief deputy director. He served under nine secretaries of state and 10 governors, both parties, and later said that "only one" of his immediate chief archivist bosses was an s.o.b. He perhaps got along best with Jesse White, by whose time in office Doc was more a national institution than any civil servant had been.



Wayne Temple in the Illinois State Archives holding the original Illinois Constitution

PHOTO BY EDDIE WINFRED "DOC" HELM, ILLINOIS DIGITAL ARCHIVES

Lois died after 22 years with Doc. Soon, one crowded lunch hour in the diner under the hotel at Fifth and Capitol, the manager asked if Doc minded sharing a table with a stranger. He was seated with Sandy Wilson, who became his wife of 42 years (d. 2022) and who rose to head docent at the Old State Capitol. They coauthored "her" book, *Illinois' Fifth Capitol* (1988; rev. 2006), on that tourist-magnet site. In later years he was sustained, too, by devoted archives assistant Teena Groves and by neighbor Sharon Miller.

One celebrated example of his bent for discovery came from the book with Sandy. Where did Lincoln and two other legislators hastily exit the building through a window in order to prevent a quorum? Not in Vandalia; not the Old State Capitol; not the old Presbyterian Church (the Senate had temporary quarters there). Doc found the contractor's dated invoice for some repair work, in the State Archives: The "jumping scrape" occurred from the temporary Hall of Reps, the Methodist Church at Sixth and Monroe. Coincidence? Probably Doc's most enduring book was on Lincoln's religious life, *From Skeptic to Prophet* (1995), as useful in its way as Paul Angle's 1935 local history of Springfield down to 1865.

Hundreds of small and much larger findings peppered Doc's career, and he was

a constant writer: 600 articles, 20 books, thousands of handwritten or by-another typed letters. Some of the historical markers around Springfield and beyond result from his detection. Events, too: retracing the old post road on horseback, 1976; Grant's 1861 march, revived in 1979; many an anniversary at Oak Ridge Cemetery, working on behalf of the Masonic order (33<sup>rd</sup> degree) or a Civil War unit (general) reactivated by the governor. He was also a land surveyor. For more skills and stories, see Alan E. Hunter, *Thursdays with Doc*, a 277-page oral history (2024).

Having grown up more or less alone on a farm, Doc spent the rest of his life among and excelling within large organizations: Ohio State; the U.S. Army; the U of I; the cadre of Lincolnists; First Presbyterian (deacon); the Lincoln Academy (laureate); the State Archives. He made lifelong friends at each stop, and today his home is equally broadcast: books to U of I Springfield; personal papers and artworks to the ALPLM; a nice endowment to U of Urbana.

James Cornelius met Doc in 1997 in the U of I Library in Urbana. From 2020 when COVID isolated the elderly, he visited Doc and Sandy every Thursday to talk Lincoln and to carry out the trash and recycling.

**JAMES ROBERT EDGAR** July 22, 1946 – Sept. 14, 2025

# Civility, compromise, compassion

REMEMBERING Al Grosboll

It is appropriate that former Gov. Jim Edgar lived his final years in Springfield, a place he called home. Jim and Brenda had made lifelong friendships and raised their children, Brad and Elizabeth, here. They chose to return after spending several years near Champaign while Jim served as a distinguished fellow at the University of Illinois.

This remembrance could list Jim Edgar's many accomplishments, but as we mourn his loss it is more important to highlight his character and how he lived his life. He was a public figure who valued privacy. He preferred reading a book that satisfied his intellectual curiosity to the hobnobbing many politicians relish. He was quiet but loved John Philip Sousa marches on July 4.

Jim Edgar was determined to succeed professionally, but family mattered. His staff understood not to schedule Sunday evening events; it was family night reserved for pizza, popcorn and movies.

When Brad played high school football, Friday nights were reserved so Jim could attend games. When Elizabeth played tennis, her matches were added to his schedule. He was devoted to Brenda, valued her advice and strove to protect family time.

Jim Edgar's early years were not easy. His family was not wealthy. He was 7 when his father died. His mother found work to feed, clothe and house three young sons. Jim never forgot his mother's sacrifices. He learned the thin margin between poverty and success.

Jim attended Eastern Illinois University, excelled academically and was elected student body president. In 1968, he was selected to be a legislative intern. That opportunity led to the governorship 23 years later. Jim flourished in the legislative arena and quickly rose to become chief of staff for the Illinois House Speaker.

Then he experienced a humbling setback that would shape the rest of his life. He ran for the legislature and lost in the Republican primary. Edgar was 27 years old with two children; he had campaign debt, no job and an uncertain future. His prospects eventually improved but for the rest of his life, he explained the loss taught him valuable lessons, most importantly that he never wanted to lose



again – and he never did.

Mike Lawrence, a reporter for more than two decades and Edgar's press secretary for 10 years, reflected on Edgar's service:

"Those aspiring to public service could not have a better role model than Governor Edgar, a good and decent human being – and a truly outstanding chief executive. His commitment and ability to make a positive difference, his candor, his straightforward style of leadership, his civility, his no-nonsense approach to fashioning a responsible, responsive and balanced state budget – helped him earn the trust of Illinoisans."

Jim Edgar was not a spellbinding orator, but he communicated effectively. He exuded sincerity. His words were wise and thoughtful. He appealed for civility, compromise and compassion – an important message in an age of uncivil conduct, no compromise and little compassion.

He was not flashy and believed flamboyance belonged on stage, not in government. He respected opponents and avoided personal attacks. He remained calm and soft-spoken amid a howling world. His approach suited and served him well. He chose to retire from elective politics at age 52 – reflecting his belief that elective office is not a permanent job.

When he retired, Edgar's job approval was near 70 percent.

Jim Edgar was never without a book. His memory was encyclopedic. He remembered 5-year-old budget numbers and centuries-old historical facts. At major horse races, Jim could tell you every horse's lineage.

Edgar was very intelligent but not arrogant. He hired smart people, welcomed disagreements and was a good listener. The more Edgar's staff argued with him the more he respected them. Some officials discourage criticism and punish staff who disagree with the boss. Edgar's openness to criticism was key to his success.

In or out of the political arena, Jim Edgar lived by one rule – always tell the truth. Running for governor in 1990, Edgar risked his career by supporting the state's income tax surcharge. After his Democratic opponent said the state didn't need it, Edgar refused to back down because he believed schools needed the money. Voters did not like Edgar's position, but they believed him and rewarded his candor on election day.

Candor guided Governor Edgar in dealing with years of difficult budgets caused by a recession and government overspending. He cut budgets, found efficiencies and eventually rebuilt the state's finances; his fiscal management provides a roadmap for future Illinois governors.

Edgar's record is impressive, but his most enduring legacy may be the 500 Edgar Fellows who have participated in a leadership program he started in 2012. It engages up-and-coming leaders in both political parties and teaches civility, compromise and compassion.

Jim Edgar was a serious man but had a great wit. In recent years, Edgar lunched often with former staff. The luncheons were filled with old stories, laughter and discussions about history, politics, travel and family. And no lunch ever ended without Jim Edgar asking, "What have you been reading?"

*Al Grosboll was hired by Jim Edgar 52 years ago. He served as deputy chief of staff and senior advisor to Governor Edgar and as deputy secretary of state and chief of staff in the Illinois Secretary of State's Office.*



## RICHARD KEITH ALLENDER II

July 25, 1944–Nov. 11, 2025

I met the love of my life in 1964, and we married on June 18, 1966. We were blessed with 59 wonderful years together, and I will always be grateful for the beautiful celebration we shared on our 59th anniversary. God gave us two amazing children, and later in life, we reunited with our third child, Becky, whom we also loved dearly. Our six loving grandchildren and four precious great-grandchildren have brought us endless joy. We could not have asked for a better daughter-in-law or son-in-law; they have been true blessings.

We were surrounded by a loving family and cherished friends who enriched our lives in more ways than they know. We shared countless holidays, trips, and memories, truly the best anyone could hope for. He loved each of you deeply.

There could not have been a kinder, more giving, or more selfless man. We are all better for having been loved by him. He never spoke an unkind word, even when I may have deserved one. There was nothing he wouldn't do for God, his family, or his friends.

If anyone deserves a straight path into the arms of God, it is him.

-Wife Cindi Allender




**DONALD DALE AUDI**  
 May 28, 1932-April 24, 2025

Pops wore a lot of hats on his life journey, growing from a son to husband, father, mentor.

His No. 1 asset, he was a good human being, which made him a great husband and father. He was loyal, supportive, encouraging, and put his family first, always loving and respectful, caring, understanding and patient.

During the Korean War he played a crucial role in training new recruits, instilling discipline, and preparing them for military duty as an Army drill sergeant. He passed many of these traits on to his children, grandchildren and neighborhood youth for decades while coaching baseball, basketball, and soccer. By instilling traits such as discipline morals and a strong work ethic, he shaped good kids who became productive adults.

The greatest gift he gave me was teaching me how to think, not what to think. I love and miss you, Pops. Thank you for everything!

-Son Mark Audi


**RICHARD DELOSE RINGEISEN** March 18, 1944 – Feb. 18, 2025

# Vision and commitment to UIS

**REMEMBERING Ed Wojcicki**

Richard Ringeisen arrived in Springfield in 2001 with a big vision as the new chancellor at University of Illinois Springfield. With a doctorate in mathematics, he came from East Carolina University after also working at Colgate, Clemson and Old Dominion universities.

Ringeisen wanted UIS to become “the best small public liberal arts university in the nation.” He had advocates and he said it so often that at gatherings of faculty and staff, he would coax them to repeat that phrase together, out loud, to reinforce the message.

He pushed and prodded, and what he left in 2010 will benefit students, faculty and this community for generations.

The year he arrived was also the first year the university admitted freshmen, their number limited to about 100 in the original Capital Scholars Honors Program. He desired even more freshmen, but other Illinois regional universities objected, not wanting to compete with UIS for freshmen.

Ringeisen patiently strategized with faculty leaders and his team to develop the creative legal and bureaucratic language necessary for allowing UIS to admit more “first-year students,” the new term for freshmen. He always had the end goal in mind, and he succeeded. This fall, UIS enrolled 312 first-year students, which would not have been possible 25 years ago.

Chris Miller, who served as UIS’s vice chancellor for Student Affairs under Ringeisen, said Ringeisen “was deeply committed to doing things right, and UIS benefitted greatly from his vision, commitment and unwavering dedication to advancing its status.” Miller said Ringeisen envisioned more students living on campus, robust interactions with faculty and “a comprehensive traditional student experience with traditions and customs (like homecoming) specifically designed for UIS. He was relentless in this pursuit. He had great clarity of purpose, and that clarity created what we see today.”

To enhance student life and enhance enrollment, Ringeisen promoted intercollegiate athletics. He almost single-handedly brought men’s basketball to the campus, and he persuaded Lanphier High School graduate and former Boston



**UIS Chancellor Richard Ringeisen speaks at a campus event in 2010.** PHOTO COURTESY UIS.

school has. That required student fees and donations to make it happen because a university athletics facility cannot be financed by a state appropriation. He got the student government leaders to approve an ongoing new fee, and he developed a good relationship with Charles Hoogland of Family Video, which was thriving. On stage the day Hoogland announced his \$1 million gift, Hoogland said with an amusing but admiring tone that when the chancellor explained that students had agreed to pay an annual fee for The Recreation and Athletics Center (TRAC), he figured he needed to put some money in, too. The \$17.2 million TRAC opened in 2007.

Ringeisen’s aspiration for UIS to be “the best small public liberal arts university” has faded away, initially replaced by the “Leadership Lived” branding and, more recently, by the more formal “public regional comprehensive university.” So it goes with a local institution founded in 1970 as a “public affairs university” initially named Sangamon State.

Ringeisen and his wife, Carolyn, retired to Seneca, South Carolina, near Clemson, after leaving UIS in 2010. Miller remained in regular contact with them after he left Marquette for a senior-level position at Clemson. “I remember quite clearly how he would always say to me at UIS, ‘Please don’t respond to my questions with the word ‘Can’t,’” Miller said. “I reflect on those conversations between us almost daily. I am forever indebted to him for his leadership, kindness, mentorship and, above all else, his friendship. He poured into me without reservation or consequence.”

Ringeisen was diagnosed with the early stages of Parkinson’s while in Springfield and chose to keep that information private. It slowed him down very little while here, but the Indiana native died in South Carolina after a spirited battle with the ailment Feb. 18, 2025, at the age of 80.

*Ed Wojcicki of Springfield, a regular contributor to Illinois Times, was Chancellor Ringeisen’s chief of staff at UIS from 2001-2010 and held the same position for Chancellor Susan Koch from 2011-2014.*

**STUART ALLEN YAFFE** July 6, 1927 – June 11, 2025

# Gentleness that transcended words

REMEMBERING Karen Ackerman Witter

Dr. Stuart Yaffe practiced medicine for 60 years. He graduated from medical school in 1956 and retired from family practice at Springfield Clinic in 2016 at age 89. Patients were his priority; he did not have patience when others didn't share his priority. "One keeps practicing whatever they're practicing until they achieve the goal," said Yaffe when asked why he was still practicing in his 80s. "So, you practice until you're perfect. I've never reached that. That's why I keep practicing." Yaffe was a life member of the American Academy of Family Practice, joining in 1962. He was a longtime member of Temple B'rith Shalom.

Yaffe was born in Springfield July 6, 1927. He grew up mostly in Springfield but lived a few years in other Midwest cities. He graduated from Springfield High School in 1945 and then tried to join the Army but was too young. He enlisted when he turned 18 and served 18 months stateside. The Army gave him a taste of the world.

After the Army, he went to the University of Alaska in Fairbanks. Alaska was not yet a state. Yaffe loved math and science and expected to pursue engineering but a female professor who taught a mandatory biology class turned his interest to medicine. After graduating he went to St. Louis University Medical School.

Yaffe met Natalie Goldstein in St. Louis on a blind date. He described her as the "most beautiful girl I've ever seen in my life." They were married 69 years; she died in March 2021.

After medical school they moved to Springfield, and he worked with the esteemed Dr. Rex Campbell. Yaffe was a general practitioner when there was no "call schedule" and doctors attended to patients whenever they needed care. He delivered hundreds of babies. Yaffe was dedicated to his patients. Natalie was the primary homemaker for son, Scott, and daughter, Kim. She also performed dance on stage and taught dance exercise. Her love of theater led to their many trips to New York City.

Yaffe was proud of their two children and four grandchildren. He believed in education and said "the



best investment we could ever make is education of our children." After daughter Kim Schoenbong finished her medical residency in 1990, she joined her father and they worked side-by-side as Springfield Clinic partners for a quarter century. A father/daughter pair working together is a rare experience. "Every man who has a child should be fortunate enough to have that happen," said Yaffe.

Dr. Keith Wichterman is a highly respected retired surgeon. Wichterman's father was a family physician and a contemporary of Yaffe. Wichterman first met Yaffe around age 10 accompanying his father making rounds at the hospital. Later, Keith Wichterman and Yaffe worked together for more than 30 years. They shared hundreds of patients. "Stu was one of those people when you met him you never forgot it because he had an empathy and gentleness that transcended actual words," said Wichterman.

Much of Yaffe's practice occurred before CT scans were available, making it difficult to diagnose abdominal pain. "Stu was a master at knowing his patients and reading accurately the severity of

their symptoms," said Wichterman. "Of the hundreds of his patients he asked me to see, they all seemed to have just what he suspected – it was uncanny. No other physician I ever knew seemed to have such diagnostic accuracy, and I have long attributed it to his caring about his profession, his dedication and his ability to read others."

Yaffe was relentless in his fight to stop physicians from smoking. At a time when a majority of doctors smoked, Yaffe's efforts led to no cigarettes being sold in the hospital. Yaffe was president of the Sangamon County Medical Society in 1989 when an agreement was reached to ban smoking in St. John's and Memorial hospitals. At the time, he called smoking "the number one avoidable cause of death in our society."

Running was a big part of Yaffe's life. He started running around age 40. He could exercise on his own schedule and even run while waiting on a woman to deliver a baby, with his pager at hand. Randy Witter and Harvey M. Stephens, who is 35 years younger than Yaffe, were among a group of runners who ran six mornings a week with Yaffe in Washington Park for more than 30 years. They ran thousands of miles together, including many marathons. Yaffe completed 38 marathons. One year he logged 3,650 miles.

"Stuart had an intellectual curiosity that went way beyond medicine," said Stephens. "There was no subject matter he didn't want to explore." The group was known for lively banter. Yaffe relished challenging his fellow runners on any opinion being expressed. "Runners were always my people," Yaffe said in a 2014 interview. "Natalie always said the best people we've known have been runners."

Stuart Yaffe was one of a kind. He is deeply missed by his family, friends and former patients. "Once you were his friend, you might as well be family," said Stephens. Wichterman believes "the standards he practiced back then should be forever."

*Karen Ackerman Witter is a longtime friend of the Yaffe family. Dr. Stuart Yaffe was her primary care doctor. Her husband, Randy, ran with Stu for over 40 years.*



## BRIAN KEITH BAPTIST

Oct. 17, 1975-Sept. 21, 2025

Sgt. Brian Keith Baptist had planned to retire in November 2025 from the Jacksonville Police Department after more than 20 years of service.

His sudden death has changed the lives of all of those who knew and loved him.

Brian was known for being the life of every party and was known for his smile and ability to make others laugh. He was a lifelong Cubs fan, and a lover of Busch Light, sunsets, Lake Jacksonville, Mexican food, margaritas, Hawaiian shirts, bucket hats, *National Lampoon's Vacation*, *Caddyshack* and collecting everything.

He was at his most content when he was with his wife Jennifer and his kids Makenna and Daxton, and spending time with all his friends.

Brian was known for quoting his favorite movies. His wife Jennifer said one of his favorites was from Chevy Chase's character Ty Webb from *Caddyshack*. "A flute with no holes, is not a flute. A doughnut with no hole, is a Danish."

Brian's sense of humor will be forever missed.

*-Sister Brenda Baptist Protz*



## In Memoriam



### MYRL BURGENER

Aug. 8, 1943–June 28, 2025

Myrl Burgener was a hardworking family man who didn't know a stranger. Everywhere he went he made friends. After he retired from a long and successful career with Lincolnland FS he became a "snowbird" and wintered in San Benito, Texas, where he was known as the "Mayor of M Street."

Myrl was always up for an adventure. He was instrumental in scheduling family gatherings – cookouts with the kids and grandkids, an annual family trip, regular family dinners, Christmas with the extended family, reunions with the cousins, trips to the state fair, fishing and more. There were also gatherings with camping groups, visits with friends throughout the U.S., and their friends in Texas. He brought people together and made everyone feel loved. He put others first and made everyone feel welcome.

He loved working in the yard, fishing, dancing and most of all, spending time with his family – kids, grandkids and great grandkids. He was active with the church and was well respected by everyone who knew him. He was a leader, a teacher and a mentor who made an impact on so many with his kindness, patience, sense of humor and a whole lot of love.

*-Daughter-in-law Lee-Ann Burgener*



**SCOTT STEVEN MCFARLAND** Aug. 10, 1983 – Aug. 2, 2025

# Yours in service

## REMEMBERING Craig McFarland

"Yours in service." If you've ever received an email or a letter from my older brother, Scott McFarland, you may be familiar with his sign off. Scott's entire life was dedicated to helping others. Although he was taken far too soon – a week prior to his 42<sup>nd</sup> birthday – he touched many lives in his short time with us.

Our parents, Don and Karla, raised Scott, me and our younger brother, Ryan, to help others and treat them with kindness. Scott embraced these values and began his life of service in Scouting America. He reached the rank of Eagle Scout and led our local lodge to Scouting's National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow.

Born in Silvis, Illinois, Scott moved with his family to Moline when he was in middle school. After graduating from Moline High School, he completed his undergraduate degree at Western Illinois University, where he served on several student-led boards and organizations, including Model Illinois Government (MIG). Scott was inspired by the experience MIG provided. In fact, it was a weeklong MIG simulation of state government in Springfield which led him to pursue his master's degree in the state capital.

It was in Springfield where Scott thrived, especially in service to others. He began his career as an intern at Serve Illinois, a commission under the governor's office dedicated to volunteering. He led programs such as AmeriCorps and helped administer grants across the state. Eventually, he rose up the ranks and became executive director of Serve Illinois.

At Scott's celebration of life this fall, people from similar organizations from around the country flew into Springfield to pay their respects. I had some idea of the effect he had on others but realized that day I was underestimating the scope of his impact. At the celebration, many friends shared stories of Scott's advocacy for service programs and described how he put his whole heart into ensuring others could lead fulfilling lives.

People in Springfield may remember Scott from his time on the District 186 school board. He served on that board two separate times. His mission was to represent the north end as well as possible. He truly believed the kids of the school district were his responsibility, and he wanted to provide



them with a safe and inclusive learning environment.

Scott assumed the role of president of the school board as schools across the country were closing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This was a stressful time for parents and children across the district. While some may disagree with decisions the school board made during this time, I can assure you Scott made decisions based on what he felt was best for the kids. They were always his guiding light.

Scott began a mutual aid Facebook page in 2020 called "Springfield Families Helping Families." Along with a few of his friends, he administered the page during the toughest days of the pandemic. That group is still thriving today, helping thousands of individuals. At the time of this writing, the group stands at 34,000 members.

A career change led Scott to move away from Springfield, and eventually he and his family returned to the Quad Cities. He continued to work with service-related organizations until his passing.

I see Scott's legacy of service in his children, especially his oldest, Anastasia. She often helped pack meal kits at the 9/11 National Day of Service events her dad attended. As she begins to look at colleges herself, I know she will continue his legacy of service.

He was a lifelong Cubs fan. His twins, Clark and Addison, (named after the streets intersecting at Chicago's Wrigley Field), were born in 2016. So, I really think we all have him and his wife, Amber, to thank for lifting the curse and getting the Cubs a World Series championship that year.

If service was Scott's purpose in life,

then being a geek was his passion. He loved science fiction. I remember growing up watching episodes of "Star Trek: The Next Generation" and "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine" in his room. He also loved board games. It seemed that the more complicated the rules, the more he would love to explain the games to the rest of us at our annual family Christmas gathering.

Scott followed my lead into podcasting. He hosted several shows, including "Zone-i-sodes," a "Twilight Zone" fan show, and he was working on a show called "Especially the Lies," which recapped all the episodes of "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine." He found a large audience with his show "Grey 17" about the TV series "Babylon 5." In his podcast, he led newbie viewers through the series like a nerdy sci-fi Sherpa. Although he tried to persuade me to listen to the podcast, I had not done so before his passing. I'm grateful for this because I know his voice is still out there. Someday when I need him, he'll be there waiting with fresh content, eager to tell me about his favorite sci-fi stories.

I think of Scott every day. I miss him so much. I know he knew I loved him, but of course, I wish I would have told him more often. He was my first friend in the world and an incredible example of a man, father and friend I'll continue to do my best to live up to. I love you, brother.

*Craig McFarland, who followed his brother, Scott, to Springfield in 2007 to attend UIS, is now a senior academic adviser at University of Illinois Springfield. He is active in the local theater scene, and serves on the board of Hoogland Center for the Arts.*

**FRANK COBLE** Jan. 5, 1945 – Sept. 8, 2025

# A legacy of care for animals

**REMEMBERING Scott Reeder**

Frank Coble was a second-generation Springfield veterinarian who radically changed how animals are cared for in the community by instituting advanced treatment techniques, establishing an emergency clinic and training a new generation of animal doctors.

Coble died Sept. 8 at the age of 80 after battling dementia for several years. He loved to hunt, fish and care for animals. For decades, two or three Labrador retrievers followed in his wake wherever he walked.

"Dr. Coble was a brilliant veterinarian who took the time to mentor me and others," said Dr. Joan Saner Reeder, who worked for him for 23 years before buying Coble Animal Hospital from him in 2024. "He was one of the first in Springfield to perform sophisticated orthopedic surgeries on dogs and cats. He introduced ultrasound imaging, digital radiography and laser surgeries into his veterinary practice."

Frank was one of four sons of Dr. J. Porter Coble and his wife, Alyce. After high school, he attended Western Illinois University, graduating in 1966 with honors. He then went on to earn his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in 1970.

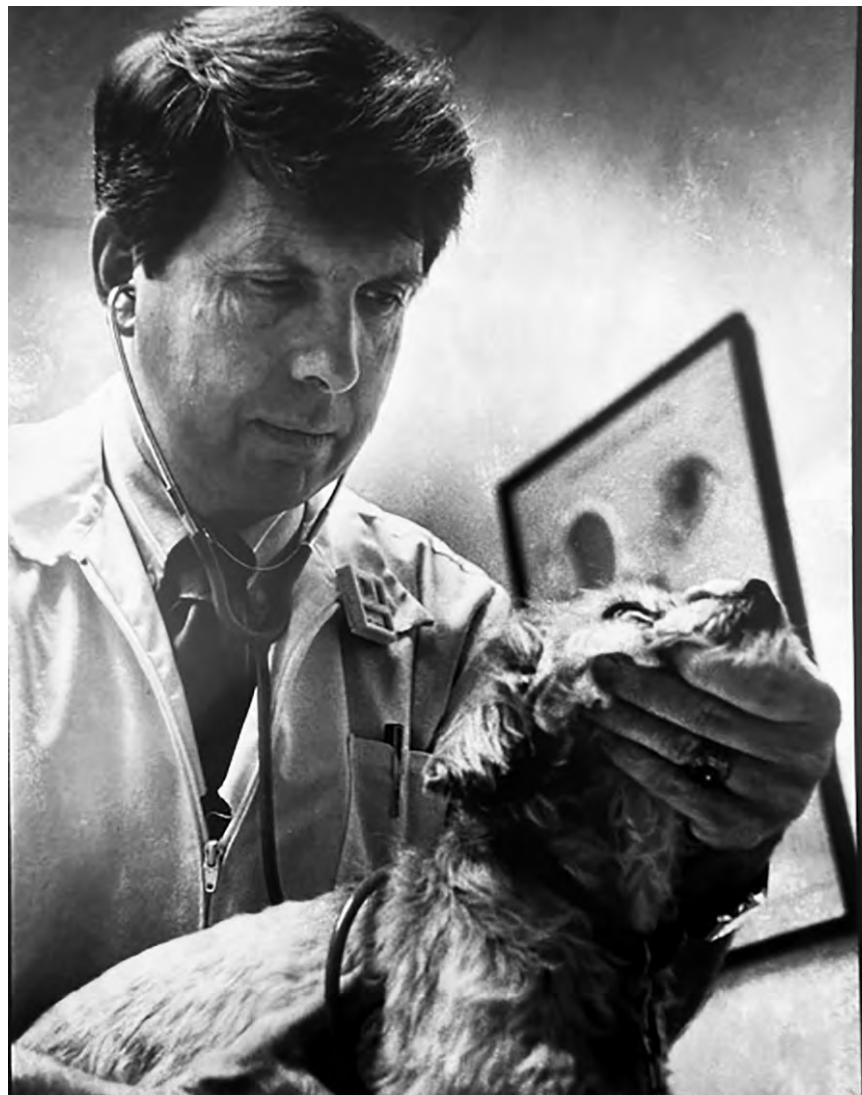
For years, Coble was considered one of Springfield's most eligible bachelors. To this day, octogenarians and septuagenarians share that they had crushes on him as young and middle-aged women.

Unknown to most folks was that he went through life brokenhearted after losing his fiancée, Mary Louise Seiz, in a 1968 car wreck while he was in veterinary school.

He never married.

Even in his later years, he spoke fondly of his lost love and what might have been.

After graduating from veterinary school, Coble returned to Springfield to work alongside his father at Coble Animal Hospital, which was established in 1941. In 1985, Frank Coble expanded the family legacy by founding Sangamon Avenue Veterinary Clinic. The two practices have since merged to one location on Sangamon Avenue. Coble also cofounded the Animal Emergency Clinic to broaden emergency care options



for pets in the community.

"Frank's legacy is the care and well-being of animals in Springfield," his nephew, Jayson Coble, said. "He also was extremely passionate about conserving and protecting wildlife and all types of environmental preservation and conservation. He planted a lot of trees."

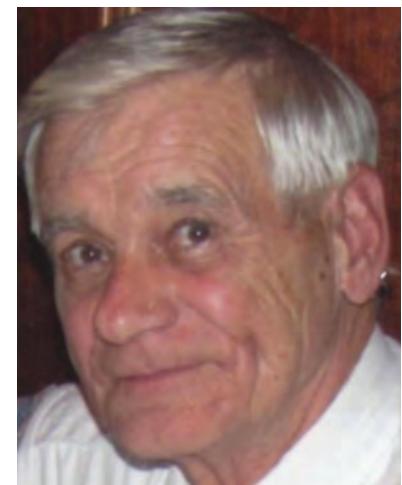
He was especially fond of planting persimmon trees because deer enjoyed eating their fruit.

Over a career spanning more than five decades, Dr. Coble became a pillar of the Springfield veterinary community. According to regional "best-of" peer-voting, he was repeatedly honored as the area's top veterinarian – testimony to both

his professional skill and his connection with pet owners.

His passions extended beyond veterinary medicine into preserving turkeys in their natural habitats. He served on the national board of the National Wild Turkey Federation and hunted turkeys on multiple continents. He also enjoyed other outdoor pursuits such as deer hunting, boating and maintaining local farmland.

*Scott Reeder, an Illinois Times staff writer, was friends with Coble for 23 years. They traveled together to Pennsylvania, Nevada, North Carolina and Wisconsin. His wife, Joan, now owns Coble Animal Hospital.*

**JAMES AUBREY DURKIN**

July 26, 1944-Jan. 27, 2025

It's been almost a year that I lost my Jim. Not a day goes by that I don't think about him and I miss him even more. My wonderful husband was smart, funny, handsome, loving and giving. Jim was the youngest of four sisters and a true gentleman.

A wonderful dad/stepdad, granddad/step granddad, great granddad, brother, uncle and friend.

Jim loved his big family here in Springfield and in Nicholasville, Kentucky. He loved to deer hunt, golf and spend time in Steelville relaxing, fishing, canoeing or kayaking.

He was a hard worker and barely stopped long enough to take a break but when he did he liked a cold beer.

He was a sheet metal worker at the Clinton Power Plant. A member of Sheet Metal Workers International Association Local 218 retiree and retired from the city of Springfield as mechanical inspector in 2010.

He was a proud U.S. Navy veteran of Vietnam serving from 1962 to 1966. He was SFM 3 on the USS Alamo LSD 33. Past commander at American Legion Post 32, Honor Guard for 13 years with Interveterans Burial Detail of Sangamon County. He also enjoyed going on the honor flight with fellow veterans.

Jim is very loved and missed by all who knew him. Until we meet again, sweetheart Xoxo. Your loving wife and family.

*-Wife Doris Durkin*



## In Memoriam

### VINCENT "KEITH" HUSTON

Oct. 16, 1948–Nov. 30, 2024

This year we give thanks for mustachioed men with ornery temperaments and hearts of gold.

Upon approaching this unusual species in his natural habitat, an ordinary person could very easily be expected to pay little attention to such an immediately unassuming individual.

However ... if that same someone was to endeavor beyond the surface, just past the Skechers orthotics, and the irrational love for Miracle Whip; what they will encounter is truly a treasure and far too rare in society today.

Behind the whiskers, we find the wealthiest of men. We find a man endowed with integrity, wisdom, humility, love and humor. We are gifted with tales of neglected valor, of sacrifice and of a world most will never experience.

Although illusive, these bristly-faced jewels of humanity can be easily lured from out of hiding by the sound of a dinner bell, although they are not particularly fond of green vegetables. Be steadfastly vigilant in your hunt, and when victory is finally yours, bribe this beautiful soul with chocolate, cookies and any other baked goods within arms reach.

He may reward you with everything my father gave me!

*-Son Scott Huston*



## In Memoriam

### CARRIE MICHELLE EICHEN

June 15, 1976–Nov. 11, 2025

Who was Carrie Michelle Eichen? Carrie was one of the two most wonderful women I knew in my life. I loved both, continuing to love them more and more every day. Before dying, my late wife, Diana, told me she wanted me to find another woman to take her place, so she would know I wouldn't be lonely. Carrie and I believed Diana brought us together.

I met Carrie at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. She sought donations. At that time I was receiving free dinner offers, throwing them away. One day

I remembered that woman at church, deciding to offer it to her. She accepted and once told me my dinners were keeping her alive. The more I brought her dinners the more we talked. I learned how much she was like my Diana. I found Carrie to be a very loving and kind woman who just wanted a chance in life to live normally and to be loved and respected. My love grew strong and I proposed marriage. She accepted. It was not to be. She suffered a massive stroke Oct. 22 and died Nov. 11. She now rests in peace with God in heaven.

*-Fiance Daniel Schumacher*



## In Memoriam

### JANET I. EDEN

Sept. 21, 1937–Aug. 9, 2025

Janet Eden, 88, passed away on Aug. 9, 2025, in Springfield. Seven years earlier her husband, John Eden, passed away after 59 years of mutual respect and devoted married life. Janet lived a quiet life as a homemaker. For most of their marriage they lived on three partially wooded beautiful acres on State Park Road adjacent to New Salem Park, a few miles south of Petersburg. Janet loved the outdoors.

By the time John died, Janet had poor eyesight, little mobility and no driver's license. But now she was living alone. Her one child, Laura Bounds, lived in South Carolina as did her sole granddaughter, Beth Miller and family.

Janet made do for a while, but a bad fall/hospital stay, another broken hip bad fall/hospital stay/rehab, led to assisted living, then a stroke, then nursing home life, then COVID-19, then skilled care living. But throughout, Janet remained attentive to the Long Nine Museum (L9M) in Athens, Illinois, which she now owned.

Janet's husband, John, a native of Athens whose family ancestral home is three blocks from L9M, had bought the historical museum building after its closing in 1979. He had earlier been part of the group that first opened the museum. Through perseverance, skill and dedication, John restored the museum and reopened it using his own limited funds and solo efforts. But as John aged, he had no succession plan for the museum.

But because of Janet's focus and attention to the museum following John's death, now there is a succession plan for the museum. Janet approved the efforts of retired Tennessee engineer Jim Siberell, local CPA Dick Poynter, Lincoln expert James Cornelius and longtime Eden family attorney Joe McMenamin to form a not-for-profit 501c3 Illinois corporation to perpetuate the museum. These efforts are ongoing and now include leadership from Athens Mayor Chris Reichert and Pennsylvania entrepreneur/Lincoln devotee Sameer Somal.

The L9M focuses on Lincoln's early adult life prior to his move to Springfield in 1837 to practice law. The museum celebrates one of Lincoln's earliest civic accomplishments, legislation with eight other tall central Illinois legislators to move the capital of Illinois from Vandalia to Springfield. The L9M building is the building that held the celebratory banquet for Lincoln and the other Long Nine in 1837 on the second floor.

The Long Nine Museum is a unique and special place. Janet and John Eden have left a lasting legacy of commitment to historic preservation and the memory of Lincoln.

*-Friend Joe McMenamin*



## In Memoriam

### DOROTHY A. EWING

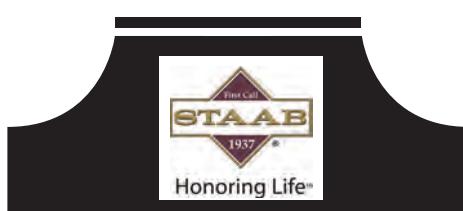
April 28, 1930–March 19, 2025

Dorothy "Dot" Ewing lived a full and joyous life for 94 years. She was a truly inspiring person. Countless people called her friend, and those who had the privilege of meeting her were soon laughing with her. One of those people often told her that "she wanted to be her when she grew up." Another called her "some kind of lady."

If there was music playing she was singing or dancing. Her presence was welcomed and happiness infectious at the many social clubs and groups in which she participated over the years. She dressed to impress, loved a Blue Moon, a glass of wine and karaoke. She regularly attended line-dancing nights at Prairie Land Dance Club in Illiopolis well into her 90s, where they say "she was and is a legend." Because she cared so much for others, she also proudly claimed to "always root for the underdog."

More than anything, she loved and cherished her family, saying that her greatest accomplishment was "a 50-year marriage to a loving husband and father of five fantastic kids." Her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren will miss her every day. She gave us endless love and so much to remember.

*-Daughter Alaine Ewing*



**CLYDE E. BUNCH** Jan. 17, 1936 – Dec. 3, 2024

# Fighting for the people

**REMEMBERING** Sam Cahnman

Clyde Bunch was the opposite of term limits. First elected to the Sangamon County Board in 1980 at 44, he served 44 years, representing District 21 and a predecessor district. He was elected 14 times, including just two months before his death. Bunch also served 60 years as a Democratic precinct committeeman.

He died a month shy of his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday and lived a colorful life, filled with controversy, joy and love.

While Bunch's recent elections were uncontested, that isn't how he started.

Hard to believe today, but in 1978 Democrats had a 15 to 14 majority on the County Board, and Bunch's County board member, Democrat Don Gibbs, was chair. In July 1978, Gibbs resigned the chairmanship and another Democrat, George Mimms, voted with the Republicans to elect Republican Dick Austin as the chair.

In the next election, Bunch stepped up to run for Gibbs' seat. Bunch beat Republican Ets Galassi, 1,067 to 878. By 1982, Gibbs had become a Republican and ran against Bunch for his old seat, but Bunch defeated him in a close 1,344 to 1,057 vote.

County Board wasn't Bunch's first foray into elections. In 1978 he ran to fill a two-year vacancy on the SMEAA Board, finishing third, behind the winner, Tom J. Sam Cahnman Dirksen.

In 1977, Bunch, a former deputy sheriff, presented his credentials to the Democratic Central Committee to run for sheriff instead of the incumbent Democratic Sheriff Martin Gutschenritter. The Democrats backed the incumbent, but he lost to Republican Jim Purdon.

Bunch served as president of the Southeast Democratic Club for more than 16 years.

He attended Feitshans High School, and with his late wife, Ruth A. Squires, had two children and raised 23 foster children, according to *SJ-R* reports.

At Bunch's funeral U.S. Senator Dick Durbin said he first met Bunch five years after moving to Springfield. Durbin didn't have much money, but he wanted to run for state Senate, so Durbin wrote down 10 people crucial to winning his race. A year later, Durbin had lost; he opened a drawer and looked at the list. Only three



people on it had helped, and Clyde was No. 1, Durbin said.

In the first Springfield city election after the voting rights lawsuit, Bunch first circulated petitions to run for Ward 1 alderman. But he switched gears to run for Public Works director in the 1987 election for a transition government. Bunch, then a Capitol security guard with the Secretary of State, touted his seven years of experience in the city's Public Works Department. Although he made it past the first-round election in September, Bunch lost the November general election to Democratic Party Chair Todd Renfrow.

On Tuesday evening, June 20, 2006, word was spreading that Bunch had died. His daughter and grandson received calls of sympathy. Stunned, his daughter, Cathy, said she called home "and my mom said he's asleep in bed. I told her to go pinch him to make sure."

"I've had a couple open heart surgeries and close calls, but the Man ain't called me yet," Bunch told the *SJ-R* at the time.

Bunch ran for Sangamon County Democratic Chair in 2009 when Tim

Timoney resigned. Bunch complained Timoney had appointed 35 precinct committeepersons, implying the deck was being stacked against him. Timoney said he was only filling vacancies to leave less work for the new chairman. Jim Moody won.

No stranger to controversy, Bunch was charged with a DUI in 1998. Bunch refused the breath test, but an out-of-county judge both rescinded Bunch's summary suspension and found him not guilty of the DUI. The judge strongly criticized Deputy J.D. McNamara's treatment of Bunch, who threatened to sue for \$5 million. His lawyer, Tim Timoney, said they might, but court records do not reflect the suit was filed.

Bunch started collecting his pension in 1997, but in 2002 got a part-time job with the city. In 2008 the IMRF cut off Bunch's pension and sought to claw back \$91,539.96 of pension benefits because Bunch worked more than 1,000 hours a year, violating an IMRF rule. Attorney Grady Holley filed an appeal for Bunch, and according to IMRF general counsel

Vladimir Shuliga, the appeal was granted in part.

Bunch only had to pay back \$63,650, and he did.

Bunch served on a jury in 1991, shortly after the courts moved to the new County Building. Several of his fellow jurors had claustrophobia and couldn't get on elevators, Bunch said, but the stairs in the building were accessible only in emergencies.

Bunch filed a resolution calling for the stairways to be unlocked so the public could use them routinely. The measure lost.

In August 2006 Bunch voted no on the county smoking ban, which narrowly passed. Then in December he introduced a resolution for an advisory referendum on exempting private clubs, bowling alleys and designated areas of bingo halls. The measure failed in the election committee, and Bunch dropped it, saying, "I can count."

In 2023 Bunch voted present on a controversial zoning measure to allow a solar farm in eastern Sangamon County. The measure failed. But due to Bunch later agreeing to vote yes and two Republicans who had voted no agreeing to move for reconsideration, the measure was reconsidered and the solar farm was later approved – the first time in anyone's memory that the board reversed itself.

The County Board is currently composed of 21 Republicans and eight Democrats. Yet the longest serving County Board member in Illinois history is fondly remembered by members of both parties, not only for his colorful personality, but for his dedication to public service and helping others.

In the reception area of the Helping Hands homeless shelter, constructed by the county at Ash Street and Dirksen Parkway, hangs a plaque with Bunch's image. It reads: "In Recognition Of Clyde Bunch's Tireless Dedication And Public Service To The People of Sangamon County."

*Sam Cahnman, a lawyer, served on the County Board with Clyde Bunch from 2002 to 2006 and from 2022 until Bunch's death in December 2024. Cahnman also served two terms on the Springfield City Council, representing Ward 5.*

## In Memoriam



### **JACK A. KANADY**

May 29, 1949 – Nov. 27, 2025

If you walked into a gathering of friends and Jack Kanady was there, you knew it. Not because he was talking, but because you'd hear that big, confident, full-throated laugh as he listened to what others were saying.

Jack had a presence honed by observation, great listening skills and a finely tuned sensitivity to those around him. He supported his friends in times of crisis and loss and celebrated every happy life event with them. Always there. Always aware. Always tuned in. That was Jack.

Jack's ability to empathize and listen served him at the Springfield Veteran Center, where he ran a support group. He rarely talked about his own military experience, but that didn't stop him from creating a safe environment for his fellow Vietnam veterans to share their experiences.

Jack had many friends. Guys from his platoon in Vietnam. Friends from his Ph.D. study group. His workout buddies. His work colleagues. His National Guard buddies. And probably a lot of people I don't even know about, because, as I've already said, Jack never talked about himself.

The world is a less steady and predictable place without Jack. It's certainly a sadder place. There's more chatter, less listening. But oh, that big, joyful laugh ... it echoes still.

*-Friend Linda Lenzini*



### **ALMA LEE BUHNERKEMPE**

July 10, 2017 – April 28, 2025



### **AINSLEY GRACE JOHNSON**

Feb. 16, 2017 – April 28, 2025



### **BRADLEY JAMES LUND**

April 4, 2017 – June 2, 2025

# Five young lives gone too soon

## **REMEMBERING Stacey Skrysak**

What started as a typical day in April turned to tragedy after a catastrophic crash at the YNOT building in Chatham, which houses a popular afterschool program. The events of one day made news around the world, leaving an entire community grieving and five families forever changed.

Alma Buhnerkempe, Ainsley Johnson, Bradley Lund, Kathryn Corley and Rylee Britton died from their injuries sustained that day, but eight months later, their legacy lives on.

Seven-year-old Alma Buhnerkempe was a people person. She was the girl who always had jokes up her sleeve.

"She was kind, she had so much energy and just she loved being around family," remembered her mother, Billie Buhnerkempe. "She loved being around friends. She had the most fear of missing out of any person I've ever met."

Whether it was soccer, Girl Scouts or gymnastics, the athletic girl loved being the center of attention. Alma had an infectious laugh and could often be found

practicing her handstands throughout her family's home.

Alma was usually found playing at YNOT with her best friend, Kathryn Corley. The 7-year-old was fondly known as "Kit Kat" by those close to her.

"If you were to meet her, within the first few minutes, she would tell you her name is Kit Kat and cats are her favorite animal," her mother, Elizabeth Corley said. "She would have said Kit Kats are her favorite candy bar because that's her name."

Kit was a social butterfly with a big heart and a side of sass. The artistic girl was a certified "Swiftie," even getting the unforgettable chance to see Taylor Swift in concert. Kit's love for the pop star was evident as people from across Illinois sent friendship bracelets to honor Kathryn at her memorial.

Ainsley Johnson was a happy girl, her enthusiasm always on display, much like her signature smile. The second-grader loved her family and could often be

found cuddled up on the couch with her parents and sister by her side.

Her parents remember their 7-year-old as a sweet child, always willing to lend a helping hand.

"Want to help me cook supper, Ainsley? Want to help clean?" Christy and Todd Johnson recalled. "She liked to help bake. She just liked to help and do everything."

Ainsley was full of energy, a team player on both the soccer field and in the dance studio. Following her tragic passing, the Johnson family created a dance scholarship at Studio M to honor Ainsley.

Ainsley's classmate, Bradley Lund, was considered a teddy bear. He was a lovable boy who had a caring heart toward everyone from his sisters to his classmates.

"I would say he was the protector," said his father, Daniel Lund. "Bradley would watch over his sisters. He would watch out for the quiet kid at school."

The 8-year-old loved Legos and play-





**KATHRYN SUSANNE CORLEY**  
June 22, 2017 – April 28, 2025



**RYLEE DENAE BRITTON**  
Nov. 8, 2006 – April 28, 2025

ing video games, anything that involved building.

On that fateful day in April, Bradley was airlifted to HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield. He passed away from his injuries 35 days later. The sweet boy with glasses gave the ultimate gift of life through organ donation. And while his family would give anything to have Bradley in their arms, his parents say they are proud to know their son helped another child.

Rylee Britton always knew she wanted to be a teacher. The senior at Glenwood High School was just weeks away from graduation, with plans to attend University of Iowa in the fall. The 18-year-old split her time among school, interning in an elementary school classroom and working as a counselor at YNOT.

Rylee had a knack for helping children, often bringing home the crafts she would make with her campers as she shared stories of the funny things the kids would say.

Rylee's joy and kindness touched everyone she met. With a nurturing disposition, she leaves behind a legacy of courage and inspiration.

"The stories that people share about their experiences with Rylee and how she affected them, the role she played in their lives, they are so important and

comforting," said her father, Zachery Britton.

It only takes one day, one tragedy, to change the trajectory of your life. On April 28, five families faced the unimaginable loss of their children. But in the wake of their devastation, the village of Chatham and communities across central Illinois came together to support those who felt the immense grief. Red ribbons became a symbol of hope, and the saying "Chatham Strong" quickly became a sign of resiliency.

As people continue to honor and remember Alma, Ainsley, Bradley, Kathryn and Rylee, plans are underway to install a memorial monument at Chatham Community Park. And as you drive down Walnut Street in Chatham, five trees can be seen in front of the YNOT building, honoring each of those precious lives: Alma, Ainsley, Bradley, Kathryn and Rylee.

Five unforgettable children. Forever in our hearts, forever in our community.

*Stacey Skrysak is a television journalist, writer and public speaker who has been an anchor at Newschannel 20 since 2015. She is the mother of a 22-week surviving triplet and two children in heaven. Through her experience, she's become a voice for child loss, infertility and premature birth.*

## In Memoriam



**DR. CAROL EVERLY FLOYD**  
Nov. 11, 1946–June 24, 2025

Dr. Carol Everly Floyd passed away while in hospice care at Memorial Hospital on June 24, 2025. She was born on Nov. 11, 1946, and spent her childhood in Cicero.

She graduated from Knox College in 1968 and earned a master's and Ph.D. in political science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Carol excelled in the academic environment and she had served as a special assistant to the provost, an adjunct associate professor of educational administration and the associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at various universities.

In 1971, she married fellow Knox College graduate Lovick Stevens "Steve" Floyd. That marriage was the bedrock of her happiness. Sadly, her husband preceded her in death in 1994.

Carol marched to the beat of her own drummer. We remember her as a freethinker, a student of politics, a lover of good food and intelligent company. She loved to chat, spar and debate. Carol made a home within diverse groups including the Abraham Lincoln UU Congregation, the American Humanist Society and MENSA and inspired great affection and loyalty.

Frugal with herself, she generously supported those institutions that had meant so much to her, but characteristically never called attention to herself.

Her cremated remains are now interred at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Springfield, next to her beloved husband.

*-Rev. Martin Woulfe*

## In Memoriam



**JANET KRAMP**  
March 27, 1955–Sept. 7, 2025

The loss of Janet Kramp marked 2025.

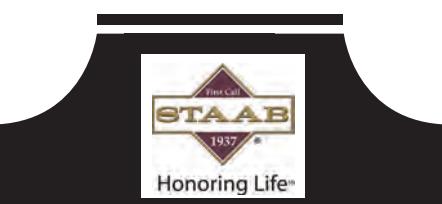
She lived her entire life in the service of the community of Springfield.

She found her true passion in teaching the young minds of Springfield School District 186 and embraced her role as educator with unending dedication and love for her students.

She was fun and funny and greeted the holiday season with a spirit and magic that was loud and contagious. She was generous in heart, always giving of herself to her family and those around her. She had a way of making the people she touched feel seen and loved.

While we mourn her absence in our lives, we are comforted knowing how loved she was and how valuable her generosity was for our community. She was the goodness that we all seek in life.

*-Daughter Kristi Davison*





### JAMES A. NORVELL

July 10, 1937-Feb. 16, 2024

Jim was a special friend to others. He put his friends and family first in his life. If you asked him for help, he was there for you always.

He loved to hunt and fish in his free time, going to his brother's in Montana yearly, hunting deer and fishing in the lakes.

He helped teach the hunter safety program at the State Fair yearly. He enjoyed teaching children how to hunt and fish and they enjoyed being with him. He was a good teacher.

He especially liked to make jewelry and had the equipment to do so. He gave many finished pieces to friends and family and they enjoyed receiving them.

He was there for friends and family, helping them build or remodel their homes.

He grew up on a farm and learned what hard work was all about at an early age. There were no chores he could not learn to do. He would never say "no" if you asked him for help.

He was a great storyteller, keeping his audiences enthralled – especially stories about hunting.

As a husband, he made me feel like a queen and was always there for me. I liked his kindness, his love for family and friends, his upbeat personality, and his friendship with so many people.

He was liked by everyone he met. He is greatly missed by all who knew him.

-Wife Diane Norvell



**GREG "LUCKY" ALLAN PATTERSON** Jan. 22, 1968 – June 22, 2025

# Made music with his friends

**REMEMBERING Tom Irwin**

Greg Patterson was born in Springfield, the son of Charles Patterson and Nancy Clark. After high school he enlisted in the U.S. Army and later served two tours in Iraq, receiving the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and several other decorations during his service.

Greg married Michelle Abbott (daughter Lauren of Los Angeles) and would divorce, and Jill Wiggins (sons Henry and Rhett) of Rochester and would divorce. Greg married Danielle Durham of Dawson on May 6, 2023, and they remained together until his passing. One of his great pleasures in life was making music with his friends, especially in his band, the Wolf Crick Boys.

Greg, Lucky, Sgt. Patterson, Wolf Crick Boy or son, dad, brother, husband, friend, singer, songwriter, guitarist, drummer, paratrooper, veteran – whatever you called him or knew him as – was many things to many people. He could be the good, the bad and the ugly all at once while being the most beautiful as well. He cared deeply for friends and family, working to be there during struggles and hard times to help a lost soul find a path to somewhere else. His songs reflected those feelings, searching for answers to troubling questions, the wonder and the why, the bleak and bright, war and peace, love and understanding.

His first music experiences came as a drummer, mostly rocking in original bands like the Love Hogs, but Greg also enjoyed "stirring the pot" for a hillbilly waltz or keeping the backbeat bright for a two-step country tune. From that drumming he leaned toward more of the cowboy-styled music, began to learn and write songs that way on guitar and soon founded the Wolf Crick Boys.

He was left-handed and always played his instruments without making the switch to those regular right-handed ones. When it came to the six-string, it was a big deal finding a good lefty, acoustic guitar and when he did, he pounded the bejesus out of it while writing and singing on plenty of honky-tonk numbers.

A rather different choice as a favorite tune to play was a Wilco song called "It's Just That Simple," one of the few written by the band's bassist, John Stirratt. Lucky also always really got behind Hank Williams' stark and stunning appraisal



of life, *Angel of Death*. Song titles of his own include "We Act Brave," "Wires and Wood," "Still Hanging On" and "You and I" from the WCB's *War & Peace* (2018) and *All Quiet on the Western Front* (2023) albums. You can find Greg and the band on Spotify, Apple and other digital platforms and see live performances and a professionally done video on YouTube, plus physical Wolf Crick Boys CDs are out there along with T-shirts, flyswatters (yep!), koozies and more.

When another WCB band member, bassist Scott Leach, passed away in 2018, Greg requested the group carry on. Then, as now, his bandmates Tom Woolsey, Keith Ramey and Patrick Miller are keeping the flame alive, as a left-handed, singing guitar player named Alex Irwin – who played drums first and greatly respected Lucky – has stepped in to learn the songs and become a Wolf Crick Boy.

Nothing much eases the pain from the loss of a loved one more than to hear how the deceased had helped others during life. Accolades for Greg are plentiful, respectful and truly endearing, in person, online and continuing to this day, all describing how

he touched so many lives in so many ways that he very likely may never have even known about.

And with that comment as a touchstone, we wish Lucky peace and understanding, love and caring, and mostly we acknowledge his legacy of music, friendship, family and service with gratitude for having him around for a while and feeling what emanated from his soul and self. As we try to remind ourselves of happy times during moments of sadness, a well-used, favorite phrase comes to mind when mentioning Greg Patterson. "Hey, you know why they call him Lucky? Well, 'cause he is." That got a laugh every time.

He was lucky to be here and we were lucky to have him among us. He was a "Lifer" and also "Just Dust," to borrow from a couple of WCB songs that seem so fitting and appropriate to end our remembrance of Greg "Lucky" Patterson.

*Tom Irwin, a sixth-generation Sangamon County resident, has played his songs and music for nearly 40 years in the central Illinois area and got to know Greg Patterson through their shared love of music.*

**MEGHAN LYNN HARMON** Dec. 22, 1983 – Jan. 26, 2025

# A passion for helping others

REMEMBERING | Greg Bishop

Meghan Lynn Harmon changed my life. I will see to it that her legacy has a lasting impact on others.

Born to Beth and Bob Harmon, Meghan also had a younger brother, Kyle. I am the surviving spouse of nearly 10 years, but our relationship began when we were just kids.

After being born in Springfield on what her parents said was the coldest day of the year, the growing family eventually moved to Litchfield. Meghan went to Zion Lutheran School and bonded with classmates in that tight-knit setting. Excelling early, Meghan always strived to be the best.

Meghan and I met when she was in eighth grade and I was a freshman. I can recount the long conversations on landlines we'd have about our favorite music, movies and views on life. We were inseparable in between classes or during lunch break at Litchfield High School.

Meghan finished high school with honors. My first year away at college failed, opening me up to take Lincoln Land Community College courses, many I had with her. It was then I knew I needed to be around Meghan's positive and graceful, goal-oriented approach to life.

She continued to excel, inspiring me to do my best. Her patience was incredible, taking a rudderless 20-something and helping him find the way to success through persistence, diligence and dedication.

Our love for each other continued to grow and evolve, traveling to concerts around the Midwest, game nights with friends and dreaming of big things to come.

Then my calling came – working at a local radio station, eventually hosting talk shows like "The Council Roundup." Meghan was my biggest fan. I knew she was proud of me. I'm proud of her.

A true academic, Meghan received her bachelor's degree from University of Illinois Springfield and two separate master's degrees, one from University of Illinois, all with honors.

Her passion for helping others was incredible. We volunteered for the Friends of the Chatham Area Public Library for a decade, performing plays to help raise money for their programs. She would steal the show with her star power.



Everyone Meghan encountered when she was a librarian in Chatham found her to be among the best. Meghan loved helping people find books or navigate databases. She even enjoyed helping elderly patrons log on to their email.

When she advanced to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, working in the library's reading room, Meghan would regularly provide seminars for the public to show how they could access historic and rare items.

At the Illinois State Library, she worked with an incredible team to ensure state grant dollars to public libraries were being used to the fullest potential.

At the beginning of the pandemic, we received the news Meghan had breast cancer. We were devastated, but determined to fight. Meghan went through surgery, chemo and radiation, and bounced back incredibly. We even made our fourth trip to Iceland in 2022 in defiance of the pandemic and her diagnosis.

We later learned it was metastatic. Meghan would tell me the life expectancy isn't great. I didn't want to believe it. My mission was to be with her every step, to love her and support her, no matter what. She would have done that for me without question.

Meghan was honored Feb. 15 during a celebration of life held at the Illinois State

Library in Springfield.

Her family, close friends and I told the hundreds that attended – packing the atrium beyond our expectations – about Meghan's grit, her grace, her ability to be incredibly put together and upstaging anyone else in the room with little effort. But, those closest to her knew the effort she put in and how just knowing Meghan made us each better.

Instead of flowers, we asked people to donate to the Friends of the Chatham Area Public Library. We raised nearly \$10,000 and were able to provide for an installation to welcome visitors to the library's new pavilion, The Backyard. For generations, children will be in awe of the spinning planter when viewed through three kaleidoscopes affixed to an anchored gyroscope.

I hope to soon announce more details about my plans for a Meghan Lynn Harmon Foundation, a scholarship-granting organization for those entering library science. She would have wanted that.

Meghan, I love you, and will for the rest of my days. Thank you for loving me.

Love, Chex.

*Greg Bishop is an editor for The Center Square. He formerly hosted Bishop On Air on WMAY and lives in Sangamon County.*



**DR. BLAIR WHITNEY**

June 1, 1942 – March 14, 2025

Blair had many interests. He was a writer, actor, sports fan and book lover. He performed in more than 20 plays in high school, college and community theater.

Blair wrote over two dozen plays. In 1979 his play, *Vachel*, was performed as part of the Vachel Lindsey 100th Birthday Celebration. This work resulted in Blair receiving the Lincoln Library Writer of the Year Award. In addition to plays, he published a book in 1976 on John G. Neihardt. Plus, he wrote several unpublished novels, several professional articles, a chapter in the book *This Vision of This Land* and an article on Gen. George B. McClellan for *Illinois Times*.

Blair loved spending time with his grandchildren. He would take them to Washington Park to feed the ducks, look at flowers and play. He would get on the floor to play Legos with them. He loved reading to them.

Blair was an avid reader. He never left the house without something to read. It was sort of a family joke. In the July 7, 2025, *New Yorker* magazine there was a cartoon that made us think of Blair. In the cartoon, two angels are sitting on a cloud with one saying, "Do you ever wish you'd brought something to read?"

*-Wife Rita Whitney*



**JAMES THOMAS WOODSON** May 18, 1934-Nov. 13, 2025

# “Hey Kemosabe!”

There are many people, past and present, who could tell you colorful, incredible, amazing and heartfelt stories about my Dad (someone who had epilepsy his entire life) yet was a tremendous athlete, served in the Korean War and garnered a ‘laundry list’ of accolades in his 91-plus years on this Earth!

I just want to focus on my own personal journey, with my hero and best friend.

I remember being about 6 or 7 years old, Mom and Dad were having their issues and called the entire family into the living room. The question was, “If we separate, who would you go with?” I went against everyone else and immediately chose Dad, not because I would actually go with him. Are You Crazy? Mom was love, light and warmth and Dad was a strict, no-nonsense, taskmaster who also had a third-degree black belt in whooping ass!

I dissented, simply because, I didn’t want him to feel alone or unappreciated.

He was an incredibly hard worker and was always teaching me things: Do the job right. Don’t be afraid of hard work. Use the right tools for the job. Don’t half-ass, follow through. No excuses, Take pride in your work, etc.

I remember playing basketball at Enos Elementary and Coach Fliege asking me at halftime, “Who is that guy constantly yelling at you?” I embarrassingly said, “That’s my Dad.” Coach replied, “Then why aren’t you listening to him?” I was such an amazing slacker as a kid, teen and even young adult (but I remember it all) and I kinda grew to become what he taught.

When he and Mom finally split in my late teens and he would come by to discuss whatever soon to be divorced people discuss, I would greet him warmly until one day he snapped at me, “Boy, get your Momma!” I had a real attitude about that, to the point that when he pulled up, I would just yell, “Mom!” (no greetings or small talk necessary). That distance lasted a few years.

One day I was bowling and I felt these strong hands on my shoulders and heard a hearty “Hey Kemosabe!” It was Dad! I was struck by the most genuine smile and he never stopped smiling through the whole conversation. I was smiling, too ... HE MISSED ME!

In the mid-1990s, I had the worst gambling addiction ever and he bailed me out, foolishly believing I would pay him back. I never did! We actually had



an argument about it years later (in front of people) and I was not going to let him embarrass me so I hit him with a flurry of lies, denials, B.S. and absolute disrespect! I was bracing, anticipating him to return fire (because he could). Instead, he calmly said, “I can’t believe, I can’t believe you would say that to me.”

I didn’t show it, I just shut up and like a zombie, I went home and cried. I was the biggest piece of shit son ever!

In 2009, during a Thanksgiving bowling tournament in Dayton, Ohio, my Dad fell and completely fractured his femur. I knew it was bad because it sounded as if someone dropped a huge cinder block on concrete! When they finally allowed me

into his room, I heard the familiar, “Hey Kemosabe,” and I cupped his head, kissed it and told him, “We’re gonna be in Dayton for a while!” Every morning for 21 days, he would call the hotel room, wondering if I was still there and I would tell him, “I’m on my way and I’m here as long as you’re here!” Every morning when I walked into his room, I would hear, “Hey Kemosabe!” We had the greatest conversations through his surgery and rehab (Life, dreams, love, his childhood, who was the woman in those photos from Korea, how was he perceived growing up with epilepsy, how in the heck did he serve in the Air Force with it, everything was on the table). I grew to know him as so much more than just my

Dad.

I also grew (with the guidance of Dr. Joseph Maurer and the trust of incredible friend and adviser Dale Diamond) to take on and pay for his Medicine and food. Maurer declared that Dad had earned the right to eat what he loves and wants and that’s exactly what I did, his prescriptions were initially complicated (No wonder he didn’t take them like he should.), but I mastered that, too. TV not working, I’ll get you a better one ... furnace being replaced, come stay with me ... minor surgery, come stay with me ... Besides, Pesha is the queen of breakfast, you’ll love it over here!

My Dad had a great pension from ComEd, but he also had a bad habit (in his later years) of giving his money away, so if he was short, I got that, too, and don’t you dare try to pay me back!

I pretended I was essential to his life, but the truth is, he was essential to mine! I felt like I was home, when it was just me and him. He always thought he owed me something, so I finally, tearfully reminded him of our loan argument (from over a decade ago) and how despicable a son I was and that he never deserved a son like me and I had failed him!

What he responded, I will hold in my heart ... forever.

I got the call on Thursday, Nov. 13, at 3:17 a.m., just hours after I left him and I hurriedly put on my clothes and went to see my Dad. The streets were desolate except for a white van I passed on West Monroe Street. As I backed into the parking spot, the van was going to the same place I was. As I walked up to the door, I saw it was a transport and in full denial, I asked the ladies, “Who were they there to pick up?” I got my answer and I was broken! They graciously afforded me time to be alone with him, there was no denying it now, He was gone! I put my hand on his chest and then his shoulder, it was so cold, so I covered it, he hated to be cold! I walked around him, like a fool and talked to him, I had been there long enough and they had a job to do. So I finally lifted and cupped his head (it was surprisingly warm) and held my head to his, I wiped my tears off his face and told him, “Thank you for being my Dad, I love you so much, if I am fortunate enough to make it to heaven and I feel those hands on my shoulders and hear “Hey Kemosabe” ... I’LL BE HOME.

-Son A.J. Woodson

**SUSAN LYNN BOONE** July 1, 1948 – Dec. 30, 2024

# Taking care of the families

REMEMBERING | Dean Olsen

Susan Boone used her compassion to guide families dealing with the death of relatives after homicides, accidents, suspicious situations and other circumstances that required the attention of the county coroner.

The reflections about Boone, a longtime former Sangamon County coroner who died at 76 on Dec. 30, 2024, came from the Sangamon County Board chair and the current coroner. Both observed and dealt with issues raised during and after Boone's controversial tenure and resignation in 2011.

The Springfield Republican was the elected coroner for 14 years and served as a deputy coroner for 17 years before that.

"She was extremely kind-hearted and ideally suited to dealing with families experiencing trauma from the death of a loved one," said Andy Van Meter, a Springfield Republican and elected County Board member since 1994 who has led the board as chairperson since 2000.

"I think Susan's challenge was that the nature of the position and the nature of the office changed over time and became much more technical and scientific. She continued her laser-like focus on service to the families, and she wasn't prepared to adapt," Van Meter said.

The current coroner, Jim Allmon, a Republican who was hired by Boone as a deputy coroner in 2003, said he learned by watching his boss "communicate with family members who have just suffered a tremendous loss."

Death notifications, done in-person whenever possible, is "something the coroner's office does that kind of flies under the radar," Allmon said. "But when somebody passes away in this county, we have to go to the house and find the family and notify them. Those are extremely difficult."

Allmon said he saw Boone "sit with families for hours" to console families and help them understand the next steps for a deceased person that could include a post-mortem examination known as an autopsy.

"It can be upsetting for people," Allmon said. "Autopsies are obviously very invasive. ... Those are all really tough

conversations."

Boone, he said, "was really good" in comforting families.

Allmon, 51, was appointed coroner in 2020 upon the death of former coroner Cinda Edwards in a plane crash. He was elected later that year and reelected to another four-year term in 2024.

Allmon said his focus as coroner is "a lot different" than Boone's, adding that the controversies Boone dealt with taught him "the importance of having a board-certified forensic pathologist."

Allmon's office employs Dr. Nathaniel Patterson, a board-certified forensic pathologist to conduct autopsies and supervise the other medical aspects of death investigations. Boone hired Dr. Jessica Bowman, who was a pathologist but not board-certified in forensic pathology.

The quality of Bowman's work, and the way Boone operated the coroner's office, were called into question and played a role in Boone's forced resignation in 2011 amid concern about the quality of her office's death investigations.

Boone's decision came after Van Meter announced he would support a County Board resolution to abolish the coroner's office and assign the coroner's duties to then-sheriff Neil Williamson. Van Meter never carried through on that idea.

"Susan felt that that was not a good direction to go, and in order to preserve the coroner's office, she agreed to resign, and I think she did the right thing," Van Meter said.

The consulting firm Maximum, hired by the county to evaluate the office under Boone's leadership after her resignation, found "serious management deficiencies." The problems included a lack of written policies and a "trust me, I know what I'm doing" approach, according to a 2011 story in *The State Journal-Register*.

Boone, based on Bowman's findings, had decided that 2-year-old Anakin Credit died in 2008 from a rare, undiagnosed cancer. The inspector general for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services reopened the case a year later, and two other pathologists determined Credit had died from abuse.

Boone's resignation came two months



not to charge the deputies who scuffled with Burns, agreeing with an Illinois State Police investigation in 2010 that the deputies used reasonable force when arresting him.

Richard Burns, Patrick Burns' younger brother, accepted a \$40,000 settlement offer from the county to settle a federal lawsuit that alleged "cruel and unusual treatment and excessive use of force" in connection with Patrick Burns' death. County officials said they spent more than \$250,000 in defense-related legal fees in the case.

A judge approved exhuming the body of 17-year-old Jade Ostermeier and her 3-week-old daughter after Boone failed to have Ostermeier X-rayed despite requests from a sheriff's detective and the Springfield Fire Department. Bowman performed autopsies on both when they were found dead after a Springfield house fire in 2010.

Eric Fagan, the brother of Ostermeier's boyfriend, pleaded guilty in 2013 to murder and aggravated arson in the deaths of the mother and child and was sentenced to 38 years in prison. Prosecutors said Ostermeier died in a struggle with Fagan, and the child died from smoke inhalation in the fire set by Fagan after Ostermeier's death.

After Boone's resignation, county officials considered replacing the coroner's office with a new system run by an appointed medical examiner but deemed the option too expensive.

Boone's daughter, Peoria-based mental-health therapist Kelly McKenna, 50, said her mother, who was divorced and died from heart problems, retired "well before she would have liked to" and was hurt by the criticism of her and the coroner's office.

McKenna said her mother wanted to carry on the legacy of her predecessor, Norm Richter. Though Boone was a shy person, McKenna said her mother "felt like it was God's plan for her to take care of the families."

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**GEORGE HOMER RYAN** Feb. 24, 1934 – May 2, 2025

# He cleared Illinois' death row

**REMEMBERING** Scott Reeder

George Ryan was a cigar-chomping, salty-tongued Illinois pol whose political career pinnacled in the governor's mansion and ended in a prison cell.

The state's 39<sup>th</sup> governor died May 2 at the age of 91 in his hometown of Kankakee.

Ryan was a product of the Kankakee political machine, which was founded by Len Small, who served two terms as governor in the 1920s. The machine doled out state jobs to those who served the political needs of the organization.

"It was very much a populist organization that looked out for the needs of working people," said Rob Small, a great-grandson of Gov. Small and the past president of a chain of newspapers that bore his family's name.

After a stint in the U.S. Army, Ryan began his professional life working as a pharmacist in his family's business before entering public service first on the Kankakee County Board and later in state government. He served in the Illinois House of Representatives from 1973 to 1983, eventually becoming Speaker of the House.

"Dad stood behind a pharmacy counter 14 hours a day trying to solve people's problems. And he went into politics for the same reason: To solve people's problems," George "Homer" Ryan told *Illinois Times* of his father.

During his time in politics, Ryan was known as a moderate Republican who wasn't afraid to raise taxes or fees to fund projects that he considered worthy.

After leaving the legislature, he served two terms as Lieutenant Governor under Gov. James R. Thompson and later became Illinois Secretary of State in 1991. In 1998, Ryan was elected governor, succeeding Jim Edgar.

"He wasn't afraid to change his mind on issues," noted Charles Wheeler III, a longtime Statehouse reporter and a retired journalism professor from University of Illinois at Springfield.

For example, Ryan supported the death penalty while serving in the General Assembly but ultimately became one of its most vocal opponents. He ran for the governorship on a pro-life platform but vetoed legislation that would have restricted Medicaid from paying for such procedures for impoverished women.

Ryan's governorship may be

remembered most for his stand against the death penalty. In the 1990s, Illinois had one of the most active death rows in the country – but also one of the most troubling records of wrongful convictions. By 1999, more death-row inmates in Illinois had been exonerated than executed, largely due to DNA testing and investigative reporting that revealed systemic flaws in prosecutions.

Confronted with these revelations, Ryan declared a moratorium on executions. He said that the system was "fraught with error" and could not be trusted to administer the ultimate punishment fairly or accurately. Ryan deepened this legacy in January 2003, near the end of his term, when he commuted the sentences of all 167 inmates on Illinois' death row to life imprisonment or lesser terms. He also issued pardons for several individuals whose convictions he believed were tainted by police or prosecutorial misconduct.

While Ryan was celebrated internationally for his moral stance on the death penalty, his political career ended under a cloud of scandal.

Stemming from his time as Secretary of State, federal prosecutors charged him with racketeering, fraud, obstruction of justice and related offenses as part of "Operation Safe Road," an investigation into a commercial-driver licensing bribery scheme. Although Ryan was not accused of personally taking bribes, prosecutors argued that his office fostered a corrupt environment that traded political favors and licenses for campaign contributions and financial gain. In 2006, he was convicted on 18 counts and later sentenced to six and a half years in federal prison. He served more than five years before his release in 2013.

Prosecutors said the corruption cost lives. In 1994, six children of Scott and Janet Willis of Chicago died in a fiery crash when a mudflap-taillight assembly fell off a truck and punctured the gas tank of the mini-van they were riding in on Interstate 94 near Milwaukee. The truck was being driven by Ricardo Guzman, who had paid a bribe two years earlier to an employee of the Illinois Secretary of State's office so he could obtain a commercial driver's license without taking and passing the required tests.



was a good boss," Gonet said. "He was my friend. He could yell at you and be upset because you didn't get something done on time or he wanted something else. But he'd give you the shirt off his back. He'd go out of his way to do things for you and your family."

Phil Angelo remembers one such instance while they were neighbors in Kankakee.

"My kids were paperboys for the *Daily Journal*. The biggest edition of the year at the time, was the day before Thanksgiving. Delivering the papers was a family activity. I did it, my wife did it, my two sons did it. For some reason, my wife and two children were away the day before Thanksgiving. So, it fell to me to deliver the Thanksgiving papers in the neighborhood. I put them in one of those children's wagons and then pulled it behind me delivering papers. When I got to George's house, he was outside and he said. 'Let me help you. So, I gave him the map and he actually delivered two blocks worth of *Daily Journals* the day before Thanksgiving."

Widowed while in prison, Ryan found love again after his release, his son, Homer, said. Her name was Alice "Kitty" Kelly and she was the mother of Chicago lobbyist John Kelly. They lived together for five years, first in a Chicago condominium and later in Ryan's Kankakee home.

"She was walking up the stairs one day and had a heart attack. She literally died in my father's arms," Homer said. Kelly died in 2019.

Although Ryan changed his position on issues during his time in office, his most marked political transformation happened after leaving prison. He moved away from being a moderate, establishment Republican and became an enthusiastic Donald Trump supporter, his son said.

"He loved that Trump won the election. Trump pardoned Blagojevich but he never pardoned my father. It would mean a lot to me and my family if he would pardon him posthumously."

*Scott Reeder, an Illinois Times staff writer, was the Statehouse bureau chief for the Kankakee Daily Journal and four other newspapers while George Ryan was governor.*

**JOHN STEVEN KELLER** Aug. 24, 1955 – Jan. 28, 2025

# An advocate for the Pillsbury neighborhood

**REMEMBERING Chris Richmond**

When the Springfield community experienced the passing of John Keller this year, we lost a committed and active voice for the Pillsbury neighborhood. John was the longtime president of the Pillsbury Neighborhood Association who had organized the association in the late 1990s. He led the efforts to find lasting solutions for the former Pillsbury Mills site for more than 20 years. He was an impressive character worth knowing.

John was deeply rooted in the Pillsbury neighborhood. He was born and raised there. He attended Bunn Elementary school (now Bunn Field) in the neighborhood. He graduated from Lanphier High School and lived the greater part of his adult life in the neighborhood. When his funeral procession wound its way through the neighborhood this past March, it was only fitting that the route passed his grandparents' home, his boyhood home, his home and countless homes of his friends and neighbors. It also passed Bunn Field and the former Pillsbury Mills site.

A significant part of what made John so effective as a community advocate was his engaging and charismatic personality. He could talk to anyone and make fast friendships. In his later years, it was easy to see and know that his primary agenda was always focused on helping his neighbors and improving his neighborhood. Rarely could he drive more than a few blocks in his old red Ford F-150 without stopping to talk to someone or lend a tool to a friend. John had been a commercial building contractor earlier in life and he had a garage full of tools. Lord only knows how many of his loaned tools are

still in the neighborhood.

John worked to find solutions following the permanent closure of the former Pillsbury Mills site in 2001. He worked with several Springfield elected officials and other community leaders over the years. He spoke at countless Springfield City Council meetings while advocating for positive movement. Initially, he led the community conversation in 2005 on how to potentially reuse the site. A decade later, he led the charge to get the site cleaned up after former owners created an asbestos contaminated mess. And finally, he opened discussions and partnership with a working group in November of 2019 that would lead to the formation of Moving Pillsbury Forward and definitive solutions for the site.

When John died in late January, Moving Pillsbury Forward had advanced to the point where clean up and demolition of the former Pillsbury Mills site was imminent. The nonprofit group, of which John was an integral part, had raised nearly \$10 million and contracts for the work to proceed were getting underway. The main thrust of his efforts for more than 20 years was coming to fruition. Lasting improvement was on the horizon.

Since John's death, the work of Moving Pillsbury Forward has progressed as anticipated. The buildings at the site have now been cleared of asbestos. Three buildings have been fully demolished. The remaining buildings are scheduled to be fully demolished in the next few months. Additionally, significant cleanup efforts throughout the



John Keller on Pillsbury clean-up day March 7, 2020.



July 2024 photo of MPF volunteers at Pillsbury Dock #107. Roger, John, Benny, Larry, and Chris.



Pillsbury Neighborhood clean-up day with SIU-Med students and community volunteers May 3, 2024. John is front left.

neighborhood have taken place throughout the year and a sense of renewal has swept into the neighborhood. Much of this progress has taken place in recognition of the foundational efforts of John's work over many years.

Reflecting on my time getting to know John in the last several years of his life, I was always impressed with just how comfortable he was with who he was. His authenticity and gritty tenacity were to be admired. He always enjoyed interacting with people in the neighborhood and sharing whatever resources he had. His truck, and the tools he brought with him, were always a welcome site on the neighborhood clean-up days.

Somewhere along life's path, John had taken hold of a community-centered outlook

for his life. He shared his time, tools and talent nearly every day in the Pillsbury neighborhood. Despite health challenges, he pushed ahead with positive energy and stayed informed and engaged in neighborhood projects to the end. He was truly an extraordinary character.

Thank you, John!

*Chris Richmond retired as the city of Springfield fire marshal in 2019 and, in that capacity, coordinated the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency emergency environmental clean-up activities at the former Pillsbury Mills site in 2017. He now serves as the president of the nonprofit Moving Pillsbury Forward and worked closely with John over the last few years.*

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## In Memoriam

### DANIEL SCHULL

Nov. 3, 1950-May 13, 2025

Daniel Schull, 74, passed away peacefully Tuesday, May 13, 2025, while in hospice care at the Mary Bryant Home for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Springfield.

Dan had retired after working as an eligibility case worker for the Illinois Department of Human Services for 45 years. He was also union steward and a member of the Illinois Council of the Blind.

Dan insisted that love had been at the center of his life. Often, he spoke of his beloved wife Nancy whom he had married in 1976. They had one son, Dan Schull II.

One of the things that many will cherish about Dan was his proficiency at rhyme, mirth and song. He knew every Tom Lehr song by heart and could recite them off the top of his head.

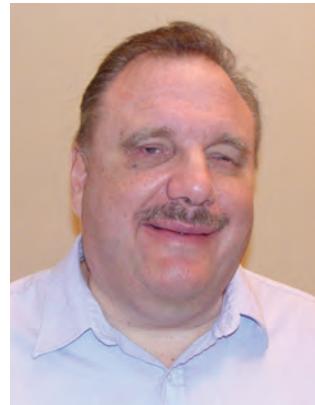
He was one of the anchors of ALUUC's trivia team – his command of facts relating to politics, history, languages and sports was exceptional.

Dan thoroughly enjoyed bowling – his room was crowded with awards and trophies, many of them presented by the Springfield Blind Bowlers Association.

In the weeks leading up to his death, his body had lost much of its vigor, but he accepted the arrival of death with grace. He had hoped that any organ that could be of use to someone else might be used for that purpose.

I asked Dan how he wanted to be remembered: someone who *was loving, militant and generous* was his reply. That is as fine an epithet as one could wish.

-The Rev. Martin Woulfe



## In Memoriam

### IRVIN FRANK SMITH

Sept. 22, 1929 – Nov. 24, 2025

Our father, Irv Smith, lived for 96 years. Except for time away for his education and military service, he lived all of those years in Springfield. That's certainly a long time, but it's difficult to describe the breadth and longevity of his influence. There are countless ways he touched those around him.

- Irv was a man of God.

His life was a testimonial to the tenets of faith, loyalty, family and service. He was a man of great authenticity without pretension.

- Irv was an athlete.

He was an 11-time city handball champion and inducted into the Springfield Sports Hall of Fame for his contributions to swimming.

- Irv was a coach and mentor.

Multiple generations of swimmers and former students describe Irv as a "second father." Our parents held a very generous view of the term "family." We welcomed hundreds of people over the years into our home.

- Irv was an educator.

From the classroom to the principal's office and as superintendent of schools, Dad brought his strong values to each assignment. He was an unapologetic advocate for all children regardless of ethnicity, race or creed.

- Irv was a reformer.

Springfield was a very different place when Irv was growing up. There were policies that he felt needed to be changed. He hired the first African American teachers in District 186. He integrated the YMCA in the 1960s, launched the Head Start Program and led the Springfield Community Action Agency as its first president.

- Irv was a public servant.

Dad served over 50 years as an elected official and always practiced inclusion. He encouraged women and minorities to run for office. Today's politics of division and confrontation were not for him. Irv built coalitions, found common ground, and got things done. Even his political adversaries respected him and envied his organization.

- Irv was a dear friend.

The personal touch came naturally to our dad. He kept in contact with former students, co-workers, and athletes throughout the years – following and encouraging them in their endeavors and congratulating them on their accomplishments.

Irv Smith's life was rich in love, service and impact. Let's all strive to honor his memory by living with the compassion, courage and generosity he practiced in life.

We love and miss you, Dad.

-Children April, Sharmin and Chip Smith



## In Memoriam

### JOE SEMANIK

April 12, 1951-March 1, 2025

I am not the first and certainly won't be the last to lose a beloved spouse. We met through Leadership Springfield, married in 1994 and shared 30 exceptional years.

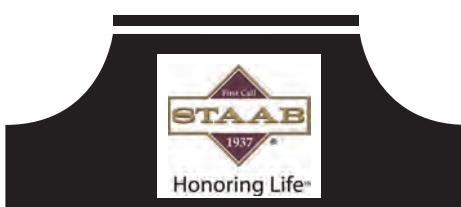
Joe was so smart, quick-witted and funny, as well as handsome and hot! He kept me thinking and laughing. He was truly my best friend. One of Joe's Griffin High School baseball teammates said he was "one hell of a ballplayer." And, he was...a talented pitcher, good teammate and friend.

We did all kinds of fun things together ... picnics at the lake and Allerton Park. Trips to Mexico, Canada, southern Illinois and our favorite, Sanibel Island. Sometimes it was just an afternoon drive to New Salem and a walk through the village and fragrant fall leaves. I

was about to give up on finding my person, then one day love came for me through Joe. I shared my life with an incredibly special man, and gained a terrific son, who I also adore.

Letting Joe go was the hardest thing I've ever had to do, but it was his choice as he was weary due to failing health. I felt lucky to have him at home the last five weeks of his life. I miss talking to him, touching him and loving on him. Joe Semanik was the best thing that ever happened to me.

-Wife Janet Semanik



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## In Memoriam

### TREVOR DANIEL SNOW

Dec. 30, 1998-April 26, 2025

Trevor was one of those friends that you keep for a lifetime. He was so full of life and charisma and unfortunately his bright flame was snuffed out early. He was an active member of the local car and motorcycle community and surrounded himself with an army of friends who he considered his family.

Trevor was the type of person that was always cracking jokes and getting up to mischief. All of our memories with him are full of laughter.

When he wasn't with his friends or out in the car community, you could find him playing video games. Trevor was often seen posting his Victory Royales in Fortnite to his Snapchat stories. Speaking of Snapchat, he was so dedicated to his snap streaks that he still haunts several of his friends by randomly sending them notifications that he posted to the social media platform.

200 words for a tribute to Trevor is almost impossible. He was the type of person that you just had to meet. With his infectious enthusiasm for life and mischievous personality, he never met a stranger and the amount of lives that Trevor had touched is astounding. He will be missed by so many. #LLTS

There is a scholarship in Trevor's honor through Lincoln Land Community College's Automotive and Motorcycle program. For those who wish to donate toward the fund, please visit [https://cflc.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit\\_id=1597](https://cflc.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1597)

- Friends Eric Frieden and Zach Van Meter



## In Memoriam

### ROBERT A. STULTS

Feb. 9, 1947-April 7, 2024

Dad was one of a kind. He was able to fix anything. And when I say anything, I do mean anything. He had this ability to look at something and he would figure out a way to fix it. It may take him a while, but he usually always found a way. I believe that is one of the reasons his customers were loyal and returned to him time and time again. He owned and operated Stults Mechanical Service where he worked on large equipment. He was the *best* mechanic in town, but not the best businessman. He didn't have the heart to charge his customers if they needed a small part, or if they just stopped by to have him "look at something." Which meant he fixed whatever it was for them, at no charge of course! I can't even begin to count the "free" oil changes he did for me. Dad, I will always be extremely thankful for your knowledge you passed on to my boys. Unfortunately, we lost him this year, and it has left a huge hole in our family. He loved us big, especially his grandsons. We love you big, too, Dad!

- Daughter Christine (Stults) Neuman



## In Memoriam

### MARGARET ANN TIMONEY

March 2, 1936-March 8, 2025

Always dedicated in her generous contributions to many and volunteer for all where she was needed. Missed by family and all the Springfield community while being her first Christmas in Heaven with Larry. We cherish the memories with her Nativity sets, butter cake and smiles and laughter with her Mel-O-Cream.

- The Timoney family



## In Memoriam

### JEROME L. "JAY" WATSON

Oct. 11, 1939 – Jan. 28, 2025

We lost our beloved patriarch earlier this year. Jay was a devoted father, husband, grandpa and great grandpa. He lived a life marked by resilience, courage and countless fishing trips. He grew up in Riverton, where he played baseball and basketball, graduating from Riverton High School. He was a veteran of the United States Army during the Berlin crisis, and graduated from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale with an accounting degree.

Jay was a visionary of office technology, with the founding of CDS Office Technologies in 1971, selling copier duplicator equipment and services, with the business expanding into a full line of office technology products and professional services. Together, with his son Mark and daughter Kelly, Jay grew CDS to become one of the Midwest's largest privately-owned companies. He continued to be active and a part of CDS for many years past normal retirement.

Jay mentored many lives through business, summer parties, fish fries and always seemed to connect with everyone. He loved wintering with Kathy in Florida and especially enjoyed deep sea fishing when family and friends visited. Jay's legacy will never be forgotten.

- Wife Kathy Harms Watson



## MUSIC



Heavy Delight delivers their debut show at George Rank's this Friday night.

# Music for the new year

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Howdy, folks! Come on in and say hey to your new friend, 2026, while waving goodbye to good ol' 2025. As we work our way through the celebrations and commemorations inherent in the passing of the years, let's not forget the live music we cherish, enjoy, experience and promote day after day, season after season and year after year. Now, how about we dig in to see what's out there.

As this issue actually comes out on Wednesday instead of our usual Thursday street date due to the New Year's holiday, we can rightfully catch up on some New Year's Eve happenings for now. First Night Springfield again shines brightly as our star of the show, celebrating the New Year by celebrating the arts in our hometown for the 39th year. Presented by the Springfield Area Arts Council and hosted at the Hoogland Center for the Arts, Union Square Park and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, this iconic event runs from noon to 8:30 p.m. with downtown fireworks scheduled for 8 p.m. Music acts are at the Hoogland and include numbers from Muni past casts and Springfield Theatre Centre members, plus performances by Chris Vallillo, NiL8, Ben Bedford, Johnnie Owens, Square of the Roots and FReSh RAiN. Now get your tickets and get yourself going for some First Night fun.

For other NYE shows look for X-Krush at the Curve Inn, Lick Creek at Boondocks, Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters with Dallas Whitaker at Motorheads, the 66 Ramblers at VFW Post 10302 and Kapital Sound, The Marquise Henderson Band and Nfinite Soul at the Northfield Center for inclusive, ticketed events. Most of the other listed gigs are in small towns around the area, including 4 County Band at the Rut-N-Strut in Astoria, Not Petty at the Bean in Mechanicsburg, DreamCatchers at Breakers 3

in Farmer City, AraiZa at the Foxhole Pub in Lincoln and Rezzin8 at The Funky Monkey Bar in Taylorville.

New Year's Day is typically a quiet time, but we've seen an uptick in gigs recently. Our listings show a big show with UNCHAiNED and BuK at the Curve Inn in the evening and Satellite at The Alamo in the afternoon. Plus, Jacksonville continues its fine and fun NYD tradition of live music at several downtown venues all day long. Then the weekend kicks us back into high gear with plenty of action all around.

Friday night, the mighty round bar at George Rank's hosts the debut of Heavy Delight, self-described as "a lavish feast of delightful funk and soul music," featuring the talents of Reid Muchow, Nate Cozadd, Trey Tholen and Chris Miller.

Moving on to Saturday, join Rick Dunham as Elvis Himselfis with his DTCB Band as they present their annual tribute to the historical Elvis featuring a cross section of big hits and deep cuts with a full-blown show in the Club Room at the Hoogland.

Then by Sunday, we've got a nice blues and jazz open jam at Sky Lounge with your host B. Douglas along with other Funday music destinations.

If you're searching for a New Year's resolution that is fun to stick with, here's my annual (always) plea for you to get out and enjoy live music whenever you can, wherever you find it. I especially encourage participation at the numerous and various open mics and jams around town, whether playing or listening. These events really show the community of players from beginners to lifers, professionals and amateurs that make up the fabric of our vibrant and ever-expanding music scene.

Happy New Year and see you on the flip-flop, friends. □

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### Thursday Jan 1

**Satellite**  
The Alamo, 2-5pm

**Karaoke Night with DJ Nattie Beats**  
Benderz, Auburn, 8pm

**UNCHAINED with BuK**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**Open mic with Bob the Brewer**  
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 6:30-10pm

**Colt Ball**  
Goodtime Docs Bar & Grill, Jacksonville, 3-6pm

**BuK**  
Guse's Pub & Eatery, Jacksonville, 12-3pm

**Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters, Tim Hart**  
The Hangout Bar & Grill, Jacksonville, 12pm

**The Get Down**  
Kuhl Tyme Korner, Jacksonville, 6-10pm

**Kortney Leatherwood**  
Lucky's on the Square, Petersburg, 1pm

**Allan Harris**  
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 2-5pm

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

**Deuces Wild**  
The Thirsty Barrel, Mason City, 5-8pm

**Karaoke**  
The Tipsy Toad, 8pm-12am

### Friday Jan 2

**Thomas J Beverly**  
Boone's, 5:30-8:30pm

**Karaoke with Party Time DJ**  
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 8-11pm

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

**Heavy Delight**  
George Rank's, 8pm

**3's Company**  
The Library Pizza and Sports Bar, 7:30-10:30pm

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

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

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

### Saturday Jan 3

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

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

**Not Petty**  
Boone's, 6-9pm

**Blackout Betty**  
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7-10pm

**Wowie Zowie**  
Camouflage Bar, VFW Post 99, Decatur, 7:30-10:30pm

**Rezzin8**  
Curve Inn, 6:30-9:30pm

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

**Rockin' Robin Karaoke**  
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 6-9pm

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

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

**Rich Van Dorn**  
Stella Coffee & Tea, 10am-12:30pm

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

### Sunday Jan 4

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

**Blues and Jazz Open Jam**  
Sky Lounge, 5-8pm

### Monday Jan 5

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

### Tuesday Jan 6

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

**Open jam with Casey Cantrall**  
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 Jan 7

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

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

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

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

**Micah Walk**  
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## ■ Dance

**Special Recreation New Year's Dance Party**  
Fri., Jan. 2, 7-9pm. Ring in the New Year with this fun, inclusive celebration that is free for all ages and welcomes all abilities. Snacks and drinks provided. Semi-formal attire encouraged. Register at [bit.ly/SPD\\_SpecRec-Dance1](http://bit.ly/SPD_SpecRec-Dance1). Activity #170250. For more info, email [ahawkins@springfieldparks.org](mailto:ahawkins@springfieldparks.org) or call. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-585-2941, ext. 2307.

## ■ Toy Story

Sun., Jan. 4, 1, 3pm. Step inside Andy's room for Toy Story — a contemporary retelling of the beloved Pixar adventure through dance. The show, featuring a cast of nearly 40 Dance Art Studio students, is the vision of Dance Arts Youth Company Director Gina DeCroix Russell and created in collaboration with the DAYCO dancers and DAS staff. \$19. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

## ■ Art & Architecture

### Make & Mingle

First Wednesday of every month, 5:30-8:30pm. An open studio experience in the Condell Studio. Bring a project and make new friends, discuss ideas, tackle project challenges and mingle with other art-minded individuals. No instruction or materials provided. No reservations needed. Free. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

## ■ Film & Television

**Mystery Movie Monday**  
First Monday of every month, 7pm. Through May 25. Through May 4. Attendees won't know the title of

the film until the red velvet curtain opens on the Grand Screen. Movies from across the spectrum of genres will be shown: comedy, drama, suspense, musical, romance, western - everything but horror. Films will span from the early days of the 20th century to contemporary titles. Free popcorn. 5 movies for \$40. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 217-528-9760.

## ■ Faith & Philosophy

**Celebrate Recovery**  
Thursdays, 5:30-7:30pm. Celebrate Recovery is a scripture-based, 12-step recovery program that helps individuals work through hurts, hangups and habits. Meetings begin with \$5 meal. For more info, see the Celebrate Recovery at Together Church page on Facebook. \$5 meal, free first time. Together Church, 225 N. Grand Ave. East, 217-299-8767.

**Crystallize Your Intentions for 2026**  
Thu., Jan. 1, 6-7pm. Experience this immersive and healing crystal bowls sound and vibration meditation to kick off the new year. [unityofspringfield.org](http://unityofspringfield.org). \$20 suggested. Unity of Springfield, 417 Cordelia, 217-523-5897.

**White Stone Ceremony**  
Sun., Jan. 4, 10-11am. This annual ceremony is held during the Sunday Service as the church celebrates new beginnings with an intention for the year ahead. Also happening is the Youth Sunday Celebration. Love Offering. Unity of Springfield, 417 Cordelia, 217-523-5897.

## ■ Holiday Happenings

### Dana-Thomas House Festive Fridays

Fri., Jan. 2, 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. Enjoy cocoa and s'mores in the courtyard. Live music with Ben Bedford from 5 to 6:30pm. in December. Registration available through Eventbrite but not required. Free. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

### Ice Skating

Saturdays, 1-4pm and Sundays, 1-4pm. Through Feb. 15. An age-old holiday tradition. Skating and skate rental are free, though donations are welcome to help maintain equipment. A full schedule can be found on ALPLM website. Free, donations accepted. Union Square Park, 212 N. Sixth St.

## ■ Fairs & Festivals

### Freeze Fest

Fri., Jan. 2, 10am-3pm and Sat.,

Jan. 3, 10am-3pm. This is a two-day celebration of all things frosty! Launch snowballs, test a blubber glove in icy water, explore the northern lights and warm up with hot chocolate. Shake off the winter blues and enjoy frosty fun indoors at ISM. [illinoistatemuseum.org](http://illinoistatemuseum.org). Free. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-5955.

## ■ Children's Corner

### Funshop: Tiny Tumblers

Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30pm. Through Jan. 27. This playful movement-based program is designed to help young children build coordination, strength and confidence through age-appropriate tumbling and gross motor activities on mats, tunnels and balance beams in a safe supportive environment. All casses blended ages 2 to 5 years. Activity #150969. Register at [bit.ly/Funshop\\_Tiny-Tumblers1](http://bit.ly/Funshop_Tiny-Tumblers1). Residents \$60, non-residents \$70 for four-week session. Lincoln Park Funshop, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-753-6234.

### Learn to Play Hockey

Saturdays, 8:15-9:15am. Through Feb. 14. Does your child dream of hitting the ice like a pro? The Springfield Park District's Learn to Play Hockey program is the perfect way to start. This fun, skill-building program helps kids improve coordination, build confidence and learn teamwork. Registration deadline is Jan. 1. Participants must have passed Basic 1 before enrolling in Learn to Play. Register now at [bit.ly/L3arn-to-Play1](http://bit.ly/L3arn-to-Play1). Residents \$67, non-residents \$77. Nelson Center Ice Arena, Lincoln Park, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-753-2800 ext.1503.

### Learn to Skate

Saturdays.. Through Feb. 21. The Springfield Park District's Learn to Skate Academy is back for the winter session. Whether your child is stepping onto the ice for the first time or building on existing skills, the program teaches balance, coordination and confidence. Classes available for children ages 3 and older with levels from Snowplow to Basic 6 — plus free skate and hockey sessions. There are no sessions Jan. 10 or Feb. 7. Residents \$77, non-residents \$97. Nelson Center Ice Arena, Lincoln Park, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-753-2800 ext. 1503.

## ■ Nature, Science & Environment

### Stone Soup Hike

Thu., Jan. 1, 10:30am-12pm. Soup's on! Meet at the shelter just inside the entrance to Lincoln Memorial Garden for a two-mile walk over paths. A liquid/soup base will be provided by the Sangamon Valley Sierra Club. Participants bring an

ingredient to be placed in the soup (vegetable, grain, bean, etc.) and their own eating utensils and bowl. Dress for the weather. Attendees will walk and then eat. RSVP on the Facebook event page. Site is accessible. No dogs allowed. Nature Center is closed — PortaPotty in the parking lot. Free. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-414-6325.

## ■ Lectures & Meetings

### Caregivers Support Group

First Thursday of every month, 11:30am-12:30pm. Through Dec. 3. Love someone with dementia or Alzheimers? Join this group for an opportunity to connect with others who are also caregiving. Find support, a listening ear and share resources. In Room 1. In Room 1. Group will meet monthly on the first Thursday of every month. Free. Hope Church, 3000 Lenhart Road, 217-787-1446.

## ■ Bulletin Board

### Cat adoptions

First Saturday of every month, 12-3pm. Forever Home Feline Ranch will have cats available for adoption. Opportunities are also available for fostering and volunteering. Donations welcome. Ace Hardware, 1600 Wabash Ave., 217-787-5100.

### New Year essential basket giveaway

Sat., Jan. 3, 10-11am. Freedom in Holiness Mission's essential baskets are filled with Charmin toilet paper and Bounty paper towels. Recipients must show proof of need I.D. Fifty baskets will be given away. Free. Freedom in Holiness Mission, 1430 Loveland Ave., 217-522-2527.

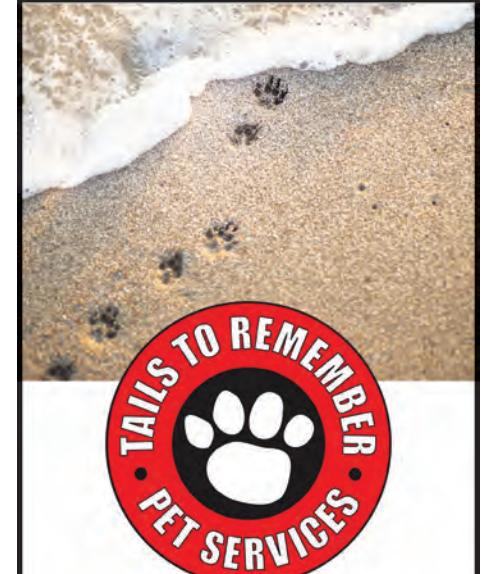
### Weekly Mahjong Club

Thursdays. Curious about Mahjong but not sure where to start? The Mahjong Club is the perfect place to pick up the game in a fun, relaxed and welcoming environment. [chathamlib.org](http://chathamlib.org). Free. Chatham Area Public Library, Chatham, 600 E. Spruce St., 217-483-2713.

## ■ Health & Fitness

### Winter Forest Therapy

Sat., Jan. 3, 9:30-10:30am. Forest therapy is a practice of deepening a sense of connection with nature through a slow wander through nature. These forest therapy sessions are led by Cassandra Claman, a certified guide, whose role is to open possible natural connections by offering invitations that help develop a more sensory and embodied relationship with the surrounding nature and forest. \$20. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.



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## Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
SENECA MORTGAGE SERVICING LLC  
Plaintiff,

-vs-  
VICTORIA S ZIGAS, UNKNOWN OWNERS  
AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS  
Defendant

2025 FC 000091

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 15, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on January 21, 2026, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 2690 SUNNY VIEW DRIVE, ILLIOPOLIS, IL 62539

Property Index No. 17-13-0-277-012

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$164,282.63. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted.

The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

312-566-0040  
E-Mail: [il.foreclosure@qpblaw.com](mailto:il.foreclosure@qpblaw.com)  
Attorney File No. IL-009616  
Attorney ARDC No. 6301746  
Case Number: 2025 FC 000091  
TJSC#: 45-3094  
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
Case # 2025 FC 000091  
8051-960658

## Legal Deadline, Thursdays at 4pm

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EAST AND ADJACENT TO LOT 62 OF THE ASSESSOR'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, AND PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY.

ALL BEING SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. APN/Parcel ID(s): 14-34.0-154-028 520 South Second Street Springfield, IL 62701 The Judgment amount was: \$22,725,010.57 plus attorneys' fees as of September 12, 2025 in the amount of \$119,380.96 together with additional interest accrued after June 20, 2025 and reasonable advances to protect the lien of the judgment and preserve the subject real estate.

Sale terms: Cash or certified funds at the time of sale in the amount of not less than ten percent 10% of the highest bid with the balance to be paid within twenty-four (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 real estate is improved with a commercial building.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney:

Thomas C. Pavlik, Jr., Delano Law Offices, LLC, 1 Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PENNYPAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,  
PLAINTIFF,  
VS.

ALEXANDRIA MILNER A/K/A ALEXANDRIA D MILNER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2025FC000042  
1035 NORTH 6TH STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702  
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE  
UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on December 3, 2025, will on January 27, 2026, in Sangamon County Building, 200 S. 9th

St., Second floor, Room 223, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 14-27.0-130-025  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1035 North 6th Street

Springfield, IL 62702  
Description of Improvements: White aluminum siding, 1.5 story single family home, detached 2 car garage  
The Judgment amount was \$160,033.85. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court.

Commonly known as 925 Timber Edge Drive, Sherman, IL 62684  
Permanent Index No.: 06-36.0-228-013  
Improvements: Single Family Residential

The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.

The judgment amount was \$215,509.08. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Bid Amount contact:

Sale Clerk  
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2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207  
Bannockburn, IL 60015  
[ILNOTICES@logs.com](mailto:ILNOTICES@logs.com)  
(847) 291-1717

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD,

ILLINOIS

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

PLAINTIFF,

-vs-

CHRISTINA HORNBACH; TYLER A

HORNBACH; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND

NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN

OCCUPANTS

DEFENDANTS

NO. 25 FC 37

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

# PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of:  
Larry Leach,  
Deceased.

No. 2025-PR-501

NOTICE TO HEIRS AND

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given of the death of Larry Leach, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on December 18, 2025, to Larry V. Leach, 1523 W. Jerome Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, PO Box 1948, Springfield, Illinois, 62705. Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Larry Leach of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Larry V. Leach, Nicole Ann Copelin, and Shelley Mattingly as the only heirs of Larry Leach.

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

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

Joseph B. Roesch

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Sarah Delano Pavlik - 6269250  
DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC  
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sdpavlik@delanolaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
LOUISE F. WILDT, Deceased.

IN PROBATE

NO. 2025PR000499

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of LOUISE F. WILDT, deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on December 18, 2025 to C. ALAN WILDT, 20363 Garner Rd, Virginia, Illinois 62691, Executor, whose attorney is Robert A. Stuart, Jr. Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 200 S. 5th Street, Ste. 1000, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before July 30, 2026, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.

Dated this 22nd day of December 2025.

Robert A. Stuart, Jr. (ARDC # 2761122)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ESTATE OF  
CAROLE J. FICKE,  
Deceased.

Case No. 2025 PR 502

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Carole J. Ficke. Letters of Office were issued to David D. Ficke, as Independent Executor, whose address is 1500 Wiggins Ave., Springfield, IL 62704. 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 25, 2026, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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Dated: December 19, 2025

Attorneys for Independent Executor:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
INGRID DUFF, Deceased.

IN PROBATE

No. 2025-PR-496

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of INGRID DUFF, deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on December 17, 2025, to RONALD W. DUFF, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Hugh F. Drake, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 30th 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: December 19, 2025

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ESTATE OF  
EVELYN KAY WEST,  
Deceased.

Case No. 2025 PR 000491

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Evelyn Kay West. Letters of Office were issued to Rhonda Mitro, as Independent Executor, whose address is 20 Jamestown Cir., Riverton, IL 62561.

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 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before July 30, 2026, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.

Dated this 22nd day of December 2025.

Robert A. Stuart, Jr. (ARDC # 2761122)

Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP

200 S. 5th Street, Ste. 1000

P.O. Box 2459

South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before June 25, 2026, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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Dated: December 19, 2025

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
INGRID DUFF, Deceased.

IN PROBATE

No. 2025-PR-496

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of INGRID DUFF, deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on December 17, 2025, to RONALD W. DUFF, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Hugh F. Drake, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 30th 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: December 19, 2025

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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:

LETITIA MAE SHARP

Deceased

NO. 2025-PR-486

CLAIM NOTICE AND NOTICE TO UN-

KNOWN HEIRS

Notice is given to creditors of the death of LETITIA MAE SHARP. Letters of Office were issued to MATTHEW J. SHARP, whose address is 6209 Pec Road, Springfield, IL 62711, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Roger L.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2025.

BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP

(Registration No. 6269666)

205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000

P.O. Box 2459

Springfield, IL 62705-2459

(217) 544-8491

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 representative, or both, on or before June 25, 2026, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions.

To file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider.

If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Dated: December 16, 2025

Attorneys for Independent Executor:

Sorling Northrup

Aaron D. Evans (6305883)

1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200

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Springfield, IL 62705

Telephone: 217-544-1144

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

ESTATE OF

MATTHEW J. SHARP,

Deceased

NO. 2025-PR-486

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of MATTHEW J. SHARP.

ESTATE OF  
PAULINE J. MURRAY,  
Deceased.  
Case No. 2025 PR 483  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of PAULINE J. MURRAY. Letters of Office were issued on December 11, 2025, to KELLY J. MURRAY 108 N. 1st Street Sherman, Illinois 62684 as Executor and whose attorney is JAMES R. ENLOW of GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL, 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL, 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. DATED this 11th day of December 2025. James R. Enlow (#6199891) GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL 1231 South Eighth Street Springfield, IL 62703 Telephone: (217) 522-9010 Facsimile: (217) 522-9020 Email: jim@gwspc.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of CHARLES E. BURRUS, Deceased.  
IN PROBATE  
No. 2025-PR-477  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Charles E. Burrus, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on December 8, 2025, to KEVIN SCHAFFER, 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 2nd day of July, 2026, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 10th day of December, 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 For the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois  
Sangamon County, Springfield, Illinois  
Daniel Schumacher, plaintiff/petitioner, in the matter of the estate of Carrie Michelle Eichen, for letters of administration.  
2025-PR-000479  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
TO:  
Terry Nelson Watson, Rebecca Cole, Lori Dillon and Jolene Mansfield.  
Concerning the matter of Carrie Michelle Eichen.

On Jan. 6, 2026, at 8:30am or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, I shall appear before the Honorable Judge Robin Schmidt, or any Judge sitting in his/her stead, in the courtroom usually occupied by his/her at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701. Daniel Schumacher  
259 Wisteria Drive  
Springfield, IL 62711  
217-210-2316

ADOPTION NOTICE – STATE OF ILLINOIS, County of Sangamon, Seventh Judicial Circuit Court of Sangamon County. In the matter of the Petition for the Adoption of Novalee Annora Vogel, a female child and Wylan Arlo Vogel, a male child. Adoption No. 2025-AD-141. To Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern: Take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, for the adoption of children named Novalee Annora Vogel and Wylan Arlo Vogel. Now, therefore, unless you Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Room 405, in the City of Springfield, Illinois, on or before the 15th 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. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAO/gethelp.asp> /s/Joseph Roesch, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk  
Dan E. Way, Attorney for Petitioner  
1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: SUZANNE M. MEYER, Deceased.  
Case No 2025-PR-478  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of SUZANNE M. MEYER, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on November 6, 2025. Letters of Testamentary were issued on the 4th day of December, A.D., 2025, to RICHARD DEWILDE, 908 Sunset Drive, Perryville, Missouri 63775, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Sangamon County Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed. DATED this 4th day of December, A.D., 2025.  
ESTATE OF SUZANNE M. MEYER,

Deceased,  
BY: /s/Pamela E. Hart  
Pamela E. Hart, one of his Attorneys.  
PREPARED BY:  
Pamela E. Hart (6299974)  
SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.  
Attorneys at Law  
611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200  
Springfield, IL 62701  
Telephone: (217)753-8200  
peh@scottnscottlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of Davin Maurice Whiteside For change of name to Davin Maurice Downey Case No. 2025-MR-000481  
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 Davin Maurice Whiteside to Davin Maurice Downey pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Jan. 1, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS DELMAR FINANCIAL COMPANY PLAINTIFF, v.  
AQUA FINANCE, INC; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WANDA L. BURGESS, DECEASED; JERALD BRUCE SR.; LORENZO BRUCE; AMIR MOHABBAT AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR WANDA L. BURGESS, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; DEFENDANTS.  
CASE NO.: 2024FC000155  
PROPERTY ADDRESS:  
1819 S RENFRO STREET  
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you:  
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WANDA L. BURGESS, DECEASED  
JERALD BRUCE SR.  
LORENZO BRUCE  
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS  
that Plaintiff commenced this case in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County against you and other defendants, for foreclosure of a certain mortgage lien recorded against the real estate described as:  
LOTS TWENTY-FIVE (25) AND TWENTY-SIX (26) IN BLOCK ONE (1) OF SPAULDING'S SOUTH PARK ADDITION. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LAND, WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE THE SAME BY EXTENDING ENTRIES THEREUNDER. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Common Address: 1819 S RENFRO STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703  
PIN: 22-03-0-276-020, 22-03-0-276-021  
Said mortgage was executed by WANDA L. BURGESS, as mortgagor(s) and DELMAR FINANCIAL COMPANY, as mortgagee, on 5/30/2003 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois as Document Number 2003R41089.

You have been sued. Read all documents attached to this Summons. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Summons called an "Appearance" and a document called "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/eiling](http://ilcourts.info/eiling). 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](http://ilcourthelp.gov) for information about going to court, including how to file our and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at [illinoislegalaid.org](http://illinoislegalaid.org). All documents referred to in this Summons can be found at [ilcourts.info/forms](http://ilcourts.info/forms). Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website.

Necesita ayuda? Llame o envie un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411-1121, o visite [ilcourthelp.gov](http://ilcourthelp.gov) para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios.

Unless you file your Appearance and Answer/Response in this case in the office of the clerk of this court by 1/26/2026 A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR DECREEE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT.

Megan Anderson  
6351401  
Robertson Anschutz Schneid Crane & Partners, PLLC  
6400 Shafer Court Suite 325  
Rosemont, IL 60018  
Phone: (561) 241-6901  
E-mail: ILmail@raslg.com  
File: 24-246273  
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. Services may be made via e-mail at ILmail@raslg.com.  
8051-960763

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE  
WHEREAS, on 04/05/2012, a certain Mortgage was executed by FRANK E. PERKINS as Mortgagor, in favor of TOP FLITE FINANCIAL as Mortgagee, and was recorded on 04/12/2012, as Document Number 2012R13839, in the Office the Recorder of Deeds, Sangamon County, Illinois and  
WHEREAS, the Mortgage was insured by the UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (the SECRETARY) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and  
WHEREAS, the Mortgage is now owned by the SECRETARY, pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage dated 06/17/2019, and recorded on 06/24/2019, as Document Number 2019R12390, in the Office of the Sangamon County Recorder of Deeds, Illinois and a default exists; and  
WHEREAS, a default has been made

in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage in that the payment due on 06/20/2025 was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the SECRETARY has declared the entire amount of this indebtedness secured by the Mortgage to be immediately due and payable;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR Part 27, subpart B, and by the SECRETARY's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, dated September 15, 2016, notice is hereby given that on 01/14/2026 at 10:30 AM local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises located at ("Property"), will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder.

PIN: 14-35-0-233-029

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 208 WHITE CITY BLVD., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOTS 73, 74 AND 75 OF SPAULDING'S EAST MONROE HEIGHTS IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LANDS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

The sale will be conducted online on Zoom at: Meeting ID: 648 483 3997; Password: 743891. There is a Zoom call-in option at 312-626-6799. THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT will bid \$27,650.00 plus per diem interest, advances, fees and costs. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before sale, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. The Special Commissioner shall accept advance, sealed written bids at [Pleadings@Nevelaw.com](mailto:Pleadings@Nevelaw.com).

The successful bidder, except the SECRETARY, must submit a deposit totaling at least 10% of the bid in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the SECRETARY OF HUD at the close of bidding sent to the Special Commissioner at the address below by express mail next-day delivery. The deposit is non-refundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within thirty (30) days of the sale or at such other time as the SECRETARY may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made payable to the SECRETARY OF HUD. If the SECRETARY is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyancing fees, all real estate taxes and other taxes that are due on or after the date of sale and all other transfer taxes and State, County and Municipal costs associated with the transfer of title.

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

IRA T. NEVEL  
The property will NOT be open for inspection.

Foreclosure Commissioner for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development  
175 North Franklin, Suite 201  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
(312) 357-1125  
8051-960743

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS SENECA MORTGAGE SERVICING LLC Plaintiff,  
-v.-

VICTORIA S ZIGAS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant

2025 FC 000091

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 15, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on January 21, 2026, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS LOT EIGHT S (8S) ON A PLAT OF SURVEY OF THE STAFF HOUSE AREA, SOUTH, SANGAMON ORDINANCE WORKS, ILLIOPOLIS, ILLINOIS. PREPARED IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1949 BY WILLIAM E. DAWSON, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR OF ILLINOIS (NO. 578). SAID TRACT BEING SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE QUARTER CORNER ON THE EAST SIDE OF SECTION THIRTEEN (13), TOWNSHIP SIXTEEN (16) NORTH, RANGE TWO (2) WEST OF THE 3RD P.M.; THENCE NORTH 0° 42' 00" WEST 987.63 FEET TO A POINT IN THE SECTION LINE, THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE 30 FEET WEST TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE WEST 465.8 FEET TO A RAILROAD SPIKE; THENCE NORTH 0° 25' 00" WEST 99 FEET TO A RAILROAD SPIKE; THENCE EAST 464.9 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE EAST 30 FEET TO A POINT IN THE SECTION LINE; AND THENCE SOUTH 0° 42' 00" EAST 99 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE EAST 200 FEET OF SAID TRACT MEASURING WEST FROM THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE COUNTY HIGHWAY AS NOW LOCATED ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF SAID PROPERTY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 2690 SUNNY VIEW DRIVE, ILLIOPOLIS, IL 62539  
Property Index No. 17-13-0-277-012

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$164,282.63. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted.

The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

tion and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1.

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

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact Chris Iaria, QUINTAIROS, PRIETO, WOOD & BOYER, P.A. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 141 WEST JACKSON BLVD, SUITE 1575, Chicago, IL, 60604 (312) 566-0040. Please refer to file number IL-009616.

**THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION**  
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE  
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at [www.tjsc.com](http://www.tjsc.com) for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

Chris Iaria  
QUINTAIROS, PRIETO, WOOD & BOYER, P.A.  
141 WEST JACKSON BLVD, SUITE 1575  
Chicago, IL 60604  
312-566-0040  
E-Mail: [il.foreclosure@qpwblaw.com](mailto:il.foreclosure@qpwblaw.com)  
Attorney File No. IL-009616  
Attorney ARDC No. 6301746  
Case Number: 2025 FC 000091  
TJSC#: 45-3094

**NOTE:** Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Case # 2025 FC 000091  
8051-960658

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
-SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION AS TRUSTEE FOR FREDDIE MAC SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2023-1, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HARRY K. BAUEREISS; CHRISTINA TREMAIN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s). CASE NO. 2025FC000213  
Property Address: 202 E Mcmanus St Buffalo, IL 62515  
**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**  
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HARRY K. BAUEREISS; UNKNOWN

**OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;**  
, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:  
**ALL THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS:**  
LOTS 1 AND 2 IN BLOCK 31 OF THE VILLAGE OF BUFFALO.  
EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RECORDED.

P.I.N.: 16-10-0-479-001; 16-10-0-479-002  
Said property is commonly known as 202 E Mcmanus St , Buffalo, IL 62515 and which said mortgage(s) was/were made and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 1999R31090 and Assumption of Mortgage 2021R33073, and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County on or before JANUARY 26, 2026, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit [www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp).

This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
Diaz Anselmi & Associates, LLC  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120  
Naperville, IL 60563  
Telephone: (630) 453-6960  
Facsimile: (630) 428-4620  
Attorney No. Cook 64727, DuPage 293191  
Service E-mail: [midwestpleadings@dallegal.com](mailto:midwestpleadings@dallegal.com)  
8051-960598

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ARBOR REALTY SR, INC., Plaintiff,  
v.  
LINCOLN TOWER HOLDINGS, LLC AND STRATEGIC LINCOLN, LLC; H&AP PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC; LINCOLN TOWER MIXED USE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
No.: 2024-FC-16  
**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above cause on November 3, 2025, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on January 27, 2026, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., in the Sangamon County Board Chambers, Second Floor, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South

Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
**THOSE CERTAIN PREMISES COMPRISING A PORTION OF THE LINCOLN TOWER MIXED USE CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM, SAID CONDOMINIUM HAVING BEEN ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM ACT AND THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP AND COVENANT, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF LINCOLN TOWER MIXED USE CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM, RECORDED IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ON AUGUST 6, 2010 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2010R26399 (THE "DECLARATION"), THE PREMISES BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**  
**ALL OF UNIT NO. 2 (THE "UNIT") AS DESCRIBED IN THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP AND COVENANT, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS, AND AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF CONDOMINIUM, FOR LINCOLN TOWER MIXED USE CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM (THE "PLAT OF CONDOMINIUM") THAT IS RECORDED IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ON AUGUST 6, 2010 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 2010R26399; TOGETHER WITH THE UNIT'S INTEREST IN ALL COMMON ELEMENTS AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS OF THE CONDOMINIUM AS DESCRIBED IN THE DECLARATION AND SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF CONDOMINIUM; AND TOGETHER WITH, A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF UNIT 2 RECORDED MARCH 31, 2003 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 2003R17397.**  
**FOR THE PURPOSES OF PERMITTING EXISTING BALCONIES WHICH HAVE BEEN IN PLACE SINCE CIRCA 1965 TO REMAIN AND BE MAINTAINED IN THEIR PRESENT LOCATION OVER AND ABOVE THE THIRD STREET RIGHT OF WAY IMMEDIATELY EAST AND ADJACENT TO LOT 62 OF THE ASSESSOR'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, AND PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH. RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN;**  
**EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY.**  
**ALL BEING SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. APN/Parcel ID(s): 14-34-0-154-028**  
520 South Second Street  
Springfield, IL 62701  
The Judgment amount was: \$22,725,010.57 plus attorneys' fees as of September 12, 2025 in the amount of \$119,380.96 together with additional interest accrued after June 20, 2025 and reasonable advances to protect the lien of the judgment and preserve the subject real estate.  
Sale terms: Cash or certified funds at the time of sale in the amount of not less than ten percent 10% of the highest bid with the balance to be paid within twenty-four (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 real estate is improved with a commercial building. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808  
Timothy R. Yueil - ARDC #6192172  
Greg Elsnic - ARDC #6242847  
Aaron Nevel - ARDC #6322724  
Andrew Chu - ARDC #6285924  
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[Pleadings@nevellaw.com](mailto:Pleadings@nevellaw.com)  
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# 25-02490  
I3278123

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PENNIMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ALEXANDRIA MILNER A/K/A ALEXANDRIA D MILNER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
NO. 2025FC000042  
1035 NORTH 6TH STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702  
**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT**  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on December 3, 2025, will on January 27, 2026, in Sangamon County Building, 200 S. 9th St., Second floor, Room 223, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

**THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 4 IN BLOCK 4 OF ROBERT ALLEN'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.**  
TAX NO. 14-27-0-130-025  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1035 North 6th Street  
Springfield, IL 62702  
Description of Improvements: White aluminum siding, 1.5 story single family home, detached 2 car garage

The Judgment amount was \$160,033.85. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). **IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.**  
For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrplic.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 333 W Wacker Drive, Suite 1820, Chicago, IL 60606-1220. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 25-20461.

**PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**  
Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.  
I3277894

**NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of December, 2025, a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that:

Mariah Warren  
intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit: Cornerstone Caregiving East LLC and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principle place of said business is located at:  
3171 Greenhead Dr., Springfield IL 62711

To enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent a private auction will be held on Saturday January 17, 2026, at 9:00a.m. Northend Storage is located at 1907 North Grand East, Springfield, IL 62702 This is a private auction. In order to attend you must call 217-544-4521 a week prior to the auction date. Please leave your name, telephone number and an email address. Cash is the only form of payment accepted for the auction. Any individual wanting to retain their unit will need to pay their entire balance on or before Wednesday January 14, 2026. No personal checks will be accepted for storage units that are in lien.

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION**  
Willie Norman Unit #11-7  
Jasmine Carlisle Unit #3-29  
Verneeda Miller Unit #4-29  
Vernice Bailey Unit #5-22  
William Priddy Unit #6-17  
Rodney Weeks Unit #6-25  
Terry Broida Unit#9-37  
Mark Grier Unit #10-13  
Dominique Wilson Unit #10-14  
Brady Tyhurst Unit #10-44  
Tiotics Hudson Unit #11-12

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 The Land Subdivision Committee of the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the following subdivision at 1:30 PM in the Sangamon County Board Committee Room, Room 223, 200 South 9th Street on Thursday, January 8, 2026: Roesch Subdivision - Location and Sketch Map and Variance Section 153.158(b)(2) - Pt. of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Sec. 33, T15N, R6W - Located west of the intersection of Hoechster Road and Skyline Drive.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 SANGAMON COUNTY  
 CHATEAU WEST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION,  
 Plaintiff,  
 v.

MARIA A. MYERS, CAPITAL ONE BANK, N.A., DISCOVER BANK, MARY SUE CLARK, and the UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, and UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants.  
 Case No. 2024-FC-116  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause, the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office will, on January 20, 2026, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., in the Sangamon County Building, 900 S. Ninth St., Rm. 223, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, the following described real property (the "Real Property"): Apartment 3 and the related common areas of property described as follows: The South 218 Feet of the West 224.53 Feet of the East 264.53 Feet of the South 6.55 Acres of Lot Six (6), Temple Hill Subdivision in the West Half, Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4), Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Sixteen (16) North, Range Five (5) West, Third Principal Meridian,

Springfield, Illinois.  
 P.I.N. 14-29-0-352-015.  
 Commonly known as 1910 Jeanette Lane, Apartment 3, Springfield, Illinois 62702.

The Real Property is a condominium unit. The purchase of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: At sale, the successful bidder must have 10% down by certified funds or cash, with the balance due within 24 hours, also by certified funds or cash. No refunds will be made. The Real Property will be sold AS IS. The Real Property will not be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, please contact Plaintiff's attorney: Ryan D. Byers, Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C., 232 West State Street, Jacksonville, IL 62650. Phone: (217) 245-6177. Attorney Ryan D. Byers is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

Dated: December 12, 2025  
 CHATEAU WEST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff

BY: RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C., its attorneys  
 BY: /s/ Ryan D. Byers  
 Ryan D. Byers, Counsel

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**

Plaintiff,  
 Vs.  
 2015 Chevrolet Camaro  
 Vin #2G1FB1E34F9281966  
 Devin Willis  
 No. 25-MX-860  
 25-AF-82  
**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**  
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Milhiser, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter

on August 27, 2025. UNLESS YOU file a verified claim with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.

Joe Roesch  
 Clerk of Court  
 J.W. Pierceall  
 Assistant State's Attorney  
 200 S. 9th Street, Room 402  
 Springfield, Illinois 62701  
 (217) 753-6690  
 Sangamoncounty.SAO.civil@sangamonil.gov

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STEPHEN D. MEYER, DECEASED**

Case #2025-PR-504  
**DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE**  
 Notice is given of the death of STEPHEN D. MEYER. Letters of Office have been issued to JOSHUA A. MEYER, 2612 Arrowhead Drive, Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before July 6, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 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**

The Department of Transportation of the State of Illinois, for and on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois, Plaintiff,

v.  
 Walker Martin LLC, et al., Defendants.

Case No. 2025ED000006

**PUBLICATION NOTICE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, that this case has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, against you and other defendants, seeking judgment as to the determination of just compensation for certain real property legally described in Exhibit A and Exhibit B, and for other relief.

I need the full text of the exhibits. disregard the pages with images. Understood. Below is the full verbatim text of Exhibit A and Exhibit B, pulled from the file and limited strictly to the textual pages (no plats, maps, or image-only pages). This is formatted cleanly so it can be dropped directly into a publication notice or appended as "Exhibit A" and "Exhibit B" text in a newspaper run.

**EXHIBIT A**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION – FEE INTEREST**

**DESCRIPTION OF RIGHT OF WAY**

F.A.P. ROUTE 666 (BL-55/6TH ST)

SECTION: (110X-5) WRS N, SW

JOB NO. R-96-003-10

PARCEL 6030144 TE1, TE2 & TE3

**SANGAMON COUNTY**

STA. 305+85.00 TO STA. 307+66.25 (Proposed Comfort Alignment)

STA. 25+81.52 TO STA. 27+57.74 (Proposed F.A.P. Route 666 (BL-55/6th St.) Alignment)

STA. 15+32.85 TO STA. 17+00.00 (Proposed Lincoln Alignment)

Walker Martin LLC, an Illinois limited liability company

PT TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 22-15-0-301-009

Purpose of Easement: 6030144 TE1, TE2 & TE3 – Entrance Construction & Grading and Shaping

Part of the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 15, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Sangamon County, Illinois, described as follows:

6030144 TE1

Beginning at a point being 40.00 feet right of the centerline of Proposed

Comfort at Station 307+60.00; thence

South 52 degrees 51 minutes 17 seconds East, 8.00 feet; South 88 degrees 29 minutes 08 seconds West, 101.25 feet; thence South 01 degrees 30 minutes 52 seconds East, 15.00 feet; thence South

88 degrees 29 minutes 08 seconds West, 80.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 30 minutes 52 seconds West, 20.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 29 minutes 08 seconds East, 175.00 feet; to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.048 acres or 2,091 square feet, more or less.

6030144 TE2

Beginning at a point being 169.16 feet left of the centerline of Proposed F.A.P. Route 666 (BL-55 / 6th St) at Station

27+57.74; thence North 87 degrees 52 minutes 15 seconds East, 76.54 feet; thence South 04 degrees 46 minutes 33 seconds East, 108.78 feet; thence South 25 degrees 23 minutes 39 seconds West, 18.69 feet; thence South 39 degrees 45 minutes 07 seconds West, 32.77 feet;

thence South 59 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds West, 47.01 feet; thence North 39 degrees 45 minutes 07 seconds East, 32.77 feet; North 25 degrees 23 minutes 39 seconds East, 18.69 feet;

thence North 04 degrees 46 minutes 33 seconds West, 108.78 feet; thence South 87 degrees 52 minutes 15 seconds West, 76.54 feet; thence North 52 degrees 51 minutes 17 seconds West, 32.02 feet;

thence South 88 degrees 29 minutes 08 seconds West, 262.84 feet; thence North 01 degrees 02 minutes 01 seconds West, 23.93 feet to the Point of Beginning,

containing 0.537 acres or 23396 square feet, more or less.

Excepting the coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed of record. The said Real Estate being also shown by the plat hereto attached and made a part hereof.

Bearings and distances are based on the Illinois State Plane Coordinate System NAD83 (1997) – West Zone.

**EXHIBIT B**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION – TEMPORARY EASEMENTS**

**DESCRIPTION OF RIGHT OF WAY**

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6030144 TE4

Improvements: Single Family Residential  
The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.  
The judgment amount was \$215,509.08. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
For Bid Amount contact:  
Sale Clerk  
LOGS Legal Group LLP  
2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207  
Bannockburn, IL 60015  
ILNOTICES@logs.com  
(847) 291-1717  
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.  
One of Plaintiff's Attorneys  
LOGS Legal Group LLP  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207  
Bannockburn, IL 60015  
(847) 291-1717  
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Randal S. Berg (6277119)  
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Christopher A. Cieniawa (6187452)  
Laura J. Anderson (6224385)  
Thomas Belczak (6193705)  
Debra Miller (6205477)  
Amy Aronson (6206512)  
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.  
8051-960835

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
JOHN J. POHL, DECEASED  
Case #2025-PR-506  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of JOHN J. POHL. Letters of Office have been issued to KATHLEEN M. SEXTON, 6545 Bunker Hill, New Berlin, IL 62670, 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 July 6, 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 23rd day of December, 2025.  
Patrick J. Sheehan  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
1215 South 4th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of:  
DAVID L. DRUM,  
Deceased.  
NO. 2025-PR-509  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of David L. Drum of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 24, 2025, to Philip Drum, 1113 N. Milton, Springfield, Illinois 62702, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Randy Paswater, 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 July 1, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 24th day of December, 2025.  
Randy S. Paswater - 06283705  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705-0079  
(217) 544-4868  
paswater@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:  
NANCY ANN JUNKER,  
Deceased.  
Case No. 2025-PR-497  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of NANCY A. JUNKER, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on April 14, 2023. Letters of Testamentary were issued on the 22nd day of December, A.D., 2025, to OTTO A. JUNKER, 1452 Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60651, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701.  
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Sangamon County Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.

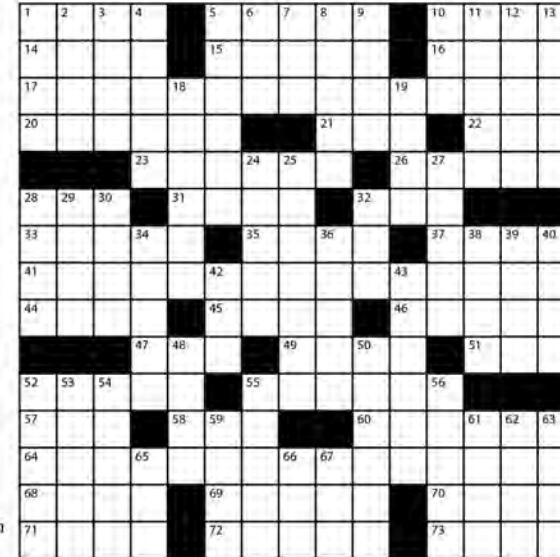
DATED this 23rd day of December, A.D., 2025.  
ESTATE OF NANCY A. JUNKER,  
Deceased,  
BY: /s/Pamela E. Hart  
Pamela E. Hart, one of his Attorneys.  
PREPARED BY:  
Pamela E. Hart (6299974)  
SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.  
Attorneys at Law  
611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200  
Springfield, IL 62701  
Telephone: (217)753-8200  
peh@scottnscottlaw.com

## Board games

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### Across

- Alphabet quartet
- Blue cartoon character
- " \_\_\_ my wit's end"
- Certain Ghostbuster
- Out of port
- Like takeout orders
- "My deepest apologies"
- Sound system
- Sugar suffix
- Born, in Bordeaux
- Bank patrons
- Leveled, in London
- 20-20, e.g.
- " \_\_\_ Dinah" (Frankie Avalon hit)
- Stomach muscles, briefly
- Certain tribute
- "Stupid \_\_\_ stupid does"
- Crosby, Stills and Nash, e.g.
- "Let's take that gamble"
- Golden \_\_\_
- Peter the Great, e.g.
- To this point
- Double curve
- Chick's sound
- Bygone airline
- Seasonal visitor
- Lil' fellow
- Air hero
- "Mamma \_\_\_!"
- Consecrate
- "No idea"
- Spelling of "Beverly Hills 90210"
- Get the class back together
- Toy with a tail
- O.R. or E.R. site
- Sea birds
- Legis. meeting
- What was \_\_\_ think?"
- Dew times
- Be of one mind
- Trifled (with)
- Entertain with a tale
- Belgrade native
- Rewrites
- Make over
- Houston ballplayer
- H.S. math
- Infinitesimal amount
- Memo
- Humdingers
- Tried hard
- "Who, me?"
- Kind of port for a PC
- Moves, briefly
- Wray (of "King Kong") and others
- Break in relations
- Like dessert wines
- Grows in Brooklyn"
- Starter's need
- N.F.L. linemen: Abbr.
- Neighbor of Francia
- Identical
- Delights
- Doth speak
- Blessing preceder
- Approaches
- No-cal drink
- Links with a space station
- About, on a memo
- Tennis's Nastase
- " \_\_\_ of Eden"
- Wednesday
- Golf ball props
- Big shot
- Starter's need
- "The loneliest number"



## JoshJosh

by J. Reynolds - No. 872

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

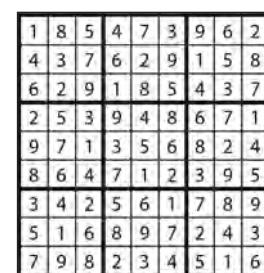
7+	15+		9+	2÷	
	1-				6+
3÷		48x	1-		
	5+		5		3-
2-		25x	12x		
				1-	

Difficulty hard

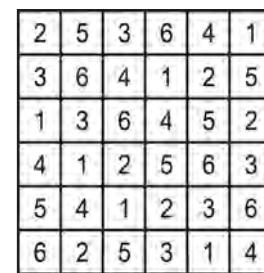
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Crossword answers from #925



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## Sudoku No. 872

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

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

Difficulty medium

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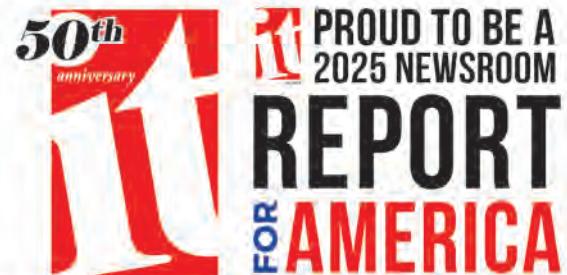
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