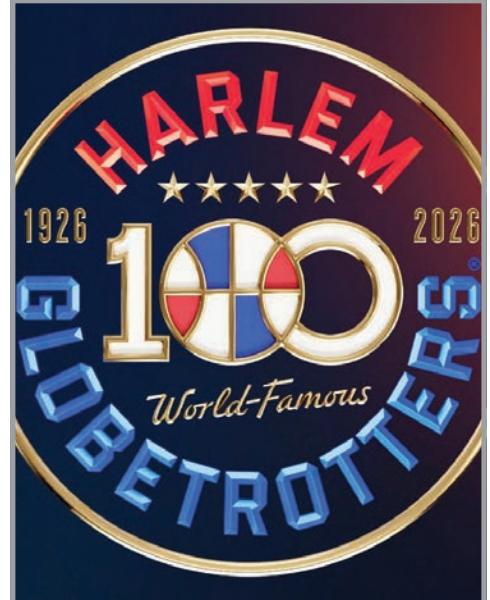




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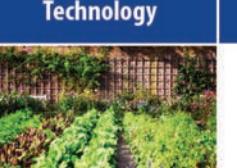
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New manufacturer for Springfield

International crane company renovating industrial building on west side

BUSINESS | Scott Reeder

An international crane manufacturing firm is opening a plant in Springfield that will likely employ more than 100 people on the city's west side.

In addition to the blue-collar jobs assembling cranes, the firm will employ a host of professional positions as it plans to make Springfield its first manufacturing site in the U.S., Dominic Jolicoeur, REEL USA Corp.'s vice president for North American operations, said.

"We will have jobs in information technology, human resources, engineering, marketing and sales," he said.

REEL USA Corp. specializes in the custom design, manufacturing and installation of industrial electromechanical lifting devices to serve a wide range of industries, including aerospace, hydroelectricity, nuclear energy, aluminum production, steel production, cement manufacturing, automotive and bulk material handling.

"Hydroelectric plants are mostly in the western United States and nuclear power plants are more on the East Coast, so we wanted to locate somewhere in the middle," Jolicoeur said. "Illinois has more nuclear power plants than any other state. And we look for that industry to continue to grow in the United States."

The parent company, REEL, is a conglomerate headquartered in Lyon, France. The company has 57 locations worldwide with more than 3,000 employees. One division, REEL COH, is administered in the Montreal area, while REEL USA Corp. has an office in Mobile, Alabama.

Jolicoeur said the company has been looking for a place to locate its U.S. operations for about a decade and chose



Left to right: CJ Call, Robert Spencer, Todd Lichtenwalter, Steve Wilson, Dylan Robinson, Dominic Jolicoeur, Cheryl Andrews, Jesus Currie, Brad Collins, Maxime Ortega, Ron Farnaus and Jody Leclerc are employees of REEL, an international crane manufacturing company. They are pictured in front of 3501 Mayflower Blvd., an industrial complex the company is renovating to make Springfield its U.S. headquarters. PHOTO BY STEVE HINRICH

Springfield not only because of its central location but because it had a vacant industrial building that met all of the necessary criteria.

He declined to discuss what employees for the firm may be paid.

Ryan McCrady, president and CEO of the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance, said REEL is not receiving any taxpayer-funded subsidies or incentives to locate in Springfield.

The company purchased the property at 3501 W. Mayflower Blvd last month for \$1.6 million, according to Sangamon County tax records. The 65,800-square-foot building sits on more than nine acres of land. The industrial complex previously housed the Howden Fan Co., which closed in 2003.

"They already have a \$430,000 remodeling permit," said Matthew McLaughlin, a project manager for the city of Springfield's Department of Public Works. "They are

doing some work at what used to be a fan manufacturing building there on Mayflower. ... (Howden) made big commercial industrial fans."

McLaughlin said modular buildings are on the site to temporarily house the company's management. He said the refurbishing of the main building will begin soon.

"They told us that they wanted to have the office staff in place in January and then start the retrofit of the building so they could get moving forward," he said.

According to the building permit, O'Shea Builder is the general contractor.

Jolicoeur said although the company has a sales office in Alabama, Springfield will be by far its largest U.S. location. The company is starting with 10 local employees but will likely build its workforce up past 100 during the next two or three years, he said.

But Jolicoeur said while the workforce is expected to increase this year, he does not yet have a projected local employment level for the end of 2026.

McCrady said manufacturing jobs such as these are especially coveted by communities because they have greater local economic impact than jobs in other sectors.

"When you think about economic impact, one of the things that you measure is for every new job, how many other jobs in the community does it support? Many times, manufacturing jobs are somewhere in the 3-to-1 range. So, typically it will impact about three other jobs in the community because

of the way manufacturers have to procure supplies and all those kinds of activities," he said.

McCrady said this is a reversal of the trend in which manufacturing jobs leave the county, which has concerned him over the years. He said a "foreign direct investment" – a foreign company making an investment in the U.S. – is "a big win for us."

"Large industrial crane assembly and manufacturing is not something that we have here in our community right now. And so, it's nice to bring in a new set of manufacturing and a new skill set into the community," he said.

McCrady noted there are more manufacturing jobs in the community than is often perceived, with such employers as Bunn-O-Matic Corporation, Nudo Products and Mel-O-Cream Donuts International.

"When I came to work here at the Growth Alliance, a lot of members of the community expressed that they wanted to see some manufacturing come back to Springfield. So, we're excited to see this go forward," he said.

"Typically, what happens is one manufacturer shows up and has a very good experience. We can use that to help attract additional investments, because economic development does have a snowballing effect. One win tends to attract other ones. This is a big step forward for our community in attracting additional manufacturing." □

Editor's note

The one good thing about radical politicians is that they tend to bring us in the center closer together. The days when politics used to divide between "conservatives" and "liberals" seem almost quaint today, when many of us would prefer a good old-fashioned conservative or even a God-and-country liberal any day over the wildfire coming out of Washington. This can't last. People here know racism is immoral, might-makes-right is wrong, retribution is for bullies and bullies are bad news. Midwestern family values are about to make a comeback. – Fletcher Farrar, editor

On the cover: A schematic drawing of how the Hut 8 site near Latham in rural Logan County might look. RENDERING COURTESY OF HUT 8 CORP

Data center opposition

Public hearing on proposed project in Logan County draws questions, concerns

UTILITIES | Dean Olsen



Around 250 people turned out Jan. 5 at the Logan County courthouse in Lincoln for a public meeting about plans to build a \$5 billion data center. Most of the attendees who spoke raised concerns about the project. PHOTO BY STEVE HINRICHSEN

Most of the 250 people who turned out at a public meeting Jan. 5 in Lincoln to hear a Florida-based company's plans to build a \$5 billion data center in rural Logan County clapped, chanted, stood and yelled in opposition.

"Who asked for this future for Logan County?" Mount Pulaski resident Sebastian Scassifero said in front of the Logan County Board's Zoning and Economic Development Committee.

He and others at the almost three-hour meeting raised concerns about the disruption to rural life – particularly in and near Latham – as well as the risk of regional electricity rate hikes, power disruptions, potential sound and light pollution and elimination of prime farm ground associated with the proposed \$5 billion project.

They questioned whether those uncertainties would be worth the proposed

200 permanent, full-time jobs with an average annual salary of more than \$100,000 and a potential tidal wave of new property tax revenue.

Scassifero said he doubts that a proposed Hut 8 Corp. data center – one to three one-story structures covering more than 1 million square feet about two miles west of Latham – would lead to a new family restaurant or auto repair shop opening in the area.

"I see farm land turning into asphalt, and I don't like it," Scassifero said.

But Gregory Irwin, Hut 8's senior vice president of energy origination and portfolio management, said the publicly traded company will work to minimize any disruptions and wants to partner with community leaders to bring jobs and other economic benefits to Logan County.

Peter Goehausen, Hut 8's director of energy origination, said the additional

property tax revenue generated by the data center would "exceed \$50 million per year." One document from the company put the estimate as high as \$65 million per year.

For perspective, total property tax collections from all property owners in Logan County amount to \$55 million, according to Logan County Treasurer Penny Thomas. And the fair market value of all property in the county totals between \$7 billion and \$8 billion, according to Logan County Supervisor of Assessments Jennifer Bryant.

Irwin said company officials would be committed to Hut 8 being a good neighbor in Logan County, and the company wants community.

"We're in the top of the first inning," Irwin said, using a baseball analogy to say many details of the plan still need to be worked out. However, key votes could come soon.

Irwin said Hut 8 would like to see

Logan County officials vote in February on either rezoning the proposed site's 200 acres from agricultural to industrial or issuing a conditional-use permit under current zoning to allow the project to proceed.

But Logan County Zoning Officer Allan Green told *Illinois Times* after the meeting that the soonest county officials could make a decision would be March because of legal notification requirements.

The County Board also needs to decide whether it wants to change the county's zoning law to allow for conditional permitted use in an agricultural zone, he said.

Green said Hut 8 officials agreed Dec. 29 to temporarily withdraw the company's rezoning request for the project so county officials and the public could have more time to hear and debate the details.

Rachel Smith, who lives just outside Latham, said she is worried that the Hut 8



Peter Goehausen, left, Rylee Sevigny and Greg Irwin work for Hut 8 Corp, a Miami-based company that plans to build a \$5 billion data center in rural Logan County. The trio gave a presentation to the county board and answered questions from members of the public who attended the forum. PHOTO BY STEVE HINRICH

project could disrupt life in the tranquil area 35 miles northeast of Springfield and 18 miles southeast of Lincoln. She said she appreciated the delay by Logan County officials.

"I'm glad to see it looks like there will be a little more transparency ... on how this will affect people long-term," Smith said.

Construction plans

Hut 8, which develops large-scale data centers that support artificial intelligence, internet cloud storage and other high-powered computing platforms, provided more details at the Jan. 5 meeting than were available when *Illinois Times* first published news of the company's plan Dec. 23.

Information that company officials provided to Logan County and the public so far makes it appear that its proposed-500 megawatt data center would be similar in size and scope to a data center proposed by a different company for Talkington Township in Sangamon County.

Dallas-based CyrusOne has told Sangamon County officials that the privately held company wants to build a 636-megawatt data center complex covering 1.4 million square feet on 230 acres on farm ground in an unincorporated part of the county about 14 miles southwest of Springfield.

Electrical demand for the two data centers would be similar, as would the amount of farm ground to be purchased if the companies receive zoning approval from county boards in Logan and Sangamon counties, respectively.

But CyrusOne has said it would spend about \$500 million to construct the Sangamon County data center, while Hut 8 says in documents submitted to Logan County and in public presentations that its data center would cost \$4 billion to \$5 billion to establish.

That would make the project the largest construction project in Logan County history, according to county officials. Precisely why Hut 8 is listing the cost of its project as 10 times more expensive than the Sangamon

County project is unclear.

Hut 8 has told Logan County officials that construction of the data center wouldn't start until late 2027 and would last 18 months. The land used would amount to about 0.05% of the county's total 454,694 acres of farm ground.

More jobs and property taxes

Sangamon County Supervisor of Assessments Byron Deaner has estimated that the CyrusOne data center – once the six 232,000-square-foot buildings on its proposed campus are complete – would generate an average of about \$5 million a year in additional property taxes. CyrusOne says 100 permanent full-time jobs would be created.

Hut 8 said its data center would create 200 permanent full-time jobs, and its property tax revenue estimate is about 10 times more than what CyrusOne says its data center would generate in new property taxes for Sangamon County taxing bodies such as the North Mac School District.

CyrusOne officials, whose project has received substantial support from organized labor in Sangamon County, wouldn't comment on the difference in property tax estimates.

The soonest that Sangamon County officials could vote on CyrusOne's request for a conditional-use permit in an agricultural zone would be in February and March, Sangamon County spokesperson Jeff Wilhite said.

Hut 8 officials stood by the company's estimates.

"I totally appreciate that the numbers are staggering," Irwin said.

Bryant, the Logan County supervisor of assessments, said she plans to begin research soon to verify whether the Hut 8 estimates are valid.

Goehausen, of Hut 8, said the property tax estimate is part of an economic impact study commissioned by Hut 8 and conducted by David Loomis, professor emeritus of

economics at Illinois State University, and the rest of Loomis' team at Normal-based Strategic Economic Research LLC.

Irwin said Hut 8's estimated construction cost for the Logan County project is "within the stated range" of the industry standard for data centers and on par with the local benefit associated with another Hut 8 large-scale data center being built in Louisiana.

Irwin said he doesn't know why Hut 8's numbers for its project differ so much from those connected with the CyrusOne project.

Hut 8's property tax estimate, if accurate, would be a huge boon for the Mount Pulaski school district. Compared with other taxing bodies, school districts typically receive a majority of all property tax revenue.

The land in Hut 8's request to rezone agricultural land for industrial use is in the Mount Pulaski district's territory, and the district's current property tax collections total between \$9 million and \$10 million per year.

When asked to comment on the potential of a tripling in property tax revenues for the district – which covers parts of Logan, Menard, Sangamon, DeWitt and Macon counties – Mount Pulaski Superintendent Jason Spang said he doesn't know how to determine the accuracy of Hut 8's estimate.

Spang, whose district serves 540 students – 40% of them from low-income families – said he wants to learn more about the possibility of more funding for the district.

"We could do a lot of things with it," he said.

Infrastructure issues

Speculation on social media has included suggestions that the project would threaten underground water supplies and lead to birth defects, Green, the Logan County zoning officer, said.

But unlike some data centers around the country, which use large amounts of water to cool computer servers, Hut 8 would use a "closed-loop" system in which water that it would truck to the site would be recirculated and recycled, according to Green.

The company would have to drill a water well or supply its own water for workers' everyday needs at the site, and Hut 8 would have to install a septic system for sewage, because municipal water and sewer pipes aren't available for the site, he said.

Goehausen said the data center would use about as much water as an average office building and less than a car wash.

Some County Board members and area residents have raised questions about whether Ameren residential rates might rise because of additional demand for electricity on the power grid created by the Hut 8 site, which is near an Ameren substation. Five hundred megawatts is enough to power 300,000 or more homes.

The regional electrical grid operator serving central Illinois, which is known as

Midcontinent Independent System Operator and is based near Indianapolis, has certified that there's enough capacity on the grid to supply CyrusOne's proposed site in Sangamon County without risking blackouts or brownouts in the region.

Irwin said Hut 8 hasn't yet sought MISO approval yet but has received informal indications from Ameren that there would be adequate power available on the grid for the data center.

Hut 8 officials said evidence suggests that large data centers "can actually help stabilize or reduce rates for residential customers" because of the electrical infrastructure upgrades that data centers agree to pay for in infrastructure improvements.

But those estimates don't deal with the increased demand on the MISO power grid overall throughout parts of the Midwest and South.

A recently released study on power capacity demands in Ameren's territory are expected to begin in 2031 and increase through 2035, primarily because of the increase and expansion of data centers. The study was conducted by the Illinois Power Agency, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and Illinois Commerce Commission.

Capitol Fax publisher Rich Miller wrote on Jan. 5 that the "gigantic increases" forecast by the study "were not foreseen when the state designed its landmark clean energy law in 2021 requiring net-zero carbon energy by 2045."

Residents raise concerns

Several speakers at the Jan. 5 meeting said they are leery about trusting Hut 8 and perpetuating the use of artificial intelligence.

Kevin Kirk said he moved to a rural area two miles from the proposed Hut 8 site "to get away from all the craziness. ... I'm not OK with this at all. ... This will destroy all of that peace."

Melissa Cox of Lincoln said she worries the data center will lead to brownouts or blackouts, though Irwin said such concerns would be unwarranted if MISO signs off on the additional power to be used.

Irwin, the Hut 8 senior vice president, said the site wouldn't generate hazardous waste, and the hum of computer servers wouldn't be louder than a whisper to the closest homes a half-mile away. He said outdoor lights at the site would point down and not into the sky, and 25 to 50 acres of site land would be used for buffering.

Kelly Cubberly said, "This data center is nothing more than a tech billionaire investment. ... It comes with a lot of risk for us." □

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Find helpful Springfield resources

Massey Commission's mental health workgroup compiles new community guide

SOCIAL SERVICES | Dilpreet Raju

One immediate result of the Massey Commission's year-plus spent investigating the county's response to mental health emergencies is a Springfield-area resource guide that lists more than 100 services available to residents who may need help with anything from mental health crises to accessing transportation and more.

The guide, developed by Brian Wojcicki of Illinois Capitol Group, can be found at www.ilcapitolgroup.com/SPI-Resources and is sourced from other resource pages, including the Sangamon County Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC), Sangamon County Probation and Court Services and state agency guides.

"As co-chair of the (commission's) mental health group, a similar question came up," Wojcicki said. "Do we even know who all is involved with providing mental health and crisis-related services?

"We dedicated some time over the course of three months in our meetings to what would it look like to map or organize or get that information together," he said. "We vetted them as best we could, in terms of are they still active or not."

Wojcicki praised the Sangamon County ROSC, saying the organization "already had a great list of resources that they started to put together through a grant they had gotten through the state. ... We started pulling from them, the county and some of the state portals with the focus being on mental health and crisis care at first."

The resource guide maps out various organization addresses and websites. It is also broken into five subsections: mental health and substance use resources, residential services, life development services, community organizations and neighborhood associations.

Wojcicki said broad support will be needed to institute changes within the Massey Commission's final report, which published last month. He said that's why he supports the creation of an annual summit for local health entities and nonprofits to better coordinate services year to year – all outlined in Call to Action #8 from the final commission report.

"A lot of different entities with different interests are going to have to be organized for the system to work better. The county certainly can take the leadership role but many others are going to have to step up,



Brian Wojcicki, center, is pictured during a Massey Commission meeting. He co-chaired the mental health workgroup, which helped inform a community resource guide to help raise public awareness of what services are already available. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

too," he said. "There was a pretty common theme about a lack of coordination and understanding of resources in our community – and that's certainly what Call to Action #8 goes to, and I think it's what a 708 board could help with."

In its early days, the commission also issued a resolution calling for Sangamon County to establish a dedicated mental health board, also known in Illinois as a 708 board.

Through a March 2026 referendum, primary voters will decide whether such a board, which would disburse tax dollars to

local service providers, should be created via a 0.5% sales tax levy. The tax would not be included on grocery or medication purchases but, if approved, would generate more than \$14 million annually for a mental health board, according to county estimates.

Mike Murphy, president and CEO of The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, chaired the county's commission that looked at the feasibility of a Sangamon County 708 board and told County Board members on Nov. 10 that there's a lack of funding for some of the very same services that Wojcicki

outlined in the Springfield area resource guide.

"We do have some programs that I described as 'an inch deep and a foot wide' that need to be a lot better," Murphy said. "This mental health board will not provide services. They provide funding for people who do provide services. The other thing I hope they can do is help coordinate and educate the people on our services that we have here, because that came across loud and clear – we have a lot of services that people don't know about." □



Build systems for equitable AI growth

Vulnerable communities must be at the center as Illinois builds toward an AI future

GUESTWORK | State Rep. La Shawn Ford

Artificial intelligence continues to spark a robust debate in our society, but all can agree it is a technology with true staying power.

This is why it is essential for Illinois and the United States to take a leading role in the advancement of this technology. The global landscape is shifting rapidly, particularly as nations like China expand their AI infrastructure and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education initiatives. The U.S. must seize the opportunity to lead with AI systems that reflect our democratic values, enhance security and create equitable opportunities for all. Illinois has a crucial role to play in this narrative, not only expanding the state's innovation capacity, but also supporting federal efforts to secure America's technological future.

Illinois is already one of the nation's top data-center markets, with research universities at the forefront of breakthroughs in agriculture, medicine and climate science. Companies are increasingly drawn to the Midwest for its cost-effectiveness, reliability and skilled workforce. As AI-driven electricity demand is projected to surge, it's vital that we continue upgrading our energy grid to attract and retain AI-intensive industries.

To harness the full potential of AI, we must develop a comprehensive ecosystem that addresses workforce development, infrastructure and broad adoption across various sectors. The U.S. is facing shortages in AI-aligned roles, from skilled trades to

cybersecurity. We must prioritize AI literacy and STEM education from early childhood through adult training programs. This effort is especially critical in underserved communities, where workforce development can drive economic mobility and community stability.

To build a complete AI ecosystem, we must invest in our workforce. Across the country, employers face shortages in AI-aligned roles, from skilled trades and advanced manufacturing to cybersecurity and data-center operations. We must strengthen early education in computer science and STEM and create accelerated pathways for adults through community colleges, unions, nonprofits and public-private partnerships, which is something I am working toward as the chairman of the House Appropriations – Higher Education Committee. In all communities – especially those that have historically been underserved – workforce development investments will create much-needed stability, mobility and long-term community health and, just as importantly, create good-paying jobs for the next generation of workers.

To lead in AI, Illinois must ensure a resilient energy supply and modern transmission systems. Continued investment in power and data centers is necessary to anchor a Midwest AI hub. Expanding broadband and cloud access in rural and underserved neighborhoods is vital to ensure that no community is left behind.

Historically, innovation has often bypassed low-income communities and communities of color. Major technological transitions offer a unique chance to reset who participates in economic growth. Equitable AI deployment can generate middle-class career pathways, expand access to health care and reliable transportation, strengthen public safety, modernize small businesses and support nonprofits serving vulnerable populations. The benefits of AI must reach not only rural Illinois but also in Chicagoland.

Illinois' energy legislation marks the beginning of a new era of opportunity. To ensure that these benefits reach every neighborhood, we must continue to build the talent, infrastructure and innovation systems necessary for equitable AI growth. Underserved and rural communities should not just be spectators in the AI economy; they must be full participants.

Let us work together – state and federal governments, businesses and community organizations – to create a regulatory environment where AI can thrive, ensuring that all communities, especially those historically marginalized, benefit from the technological advancements of our time. Together, we can shape a future that celebrates innovation while uplifting every corner of our great state.

State Rep. La Shawn Ford is a Democrat from Chicago who serves Illinois' Eighth District.

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OPINION

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UPHOLD CONSTITUTION

The situation involving Larry Criscione is more than a disagreement over tone or workplace etiquette ("The cost of free speech," Dec. 18). It reveals a federal agency disregarding the constitutional protections, statutory requirements and due-process procedures that exist to safeguard both employees and the public interest. When a regulatory body charged with protecting the nation's safety violates the rules that govern its own conduct, the public has every reason to be concerned.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission email that triggered this conflict was presented as informational, yet its content was unmistakably political. It assigned exclusive blame to one political party for a potential shutdown that threatened to furlough employees, used partisan framing to express opinion rather than neutral fact, and was sent on duty, from a position of authority, during a period of uncertainty and apprehension. Federal employees may not engage in political activity while on duty. The NRC's own communication violated that prohibition.

Criscione's response, posted on his personal social media account, was fully protected. He had the right to express his opinion in his individual capacity, in an assembly of his social contacts, and he retains the right to redress regardless of his later retirement. His post was off-duty, personal, nonthreatening and expressed personal opinion on a matter of public concern. Nothing about it violated law, security or agency policy.

By contrast, the actions taken against him — soliciting a termination recommendation, mischaracterizing his

lawful speech as misconduct, failing to prevent retaliation and misleading him about his rights — are prohibited personnel practices. The earlier threats he faced during the Callaway incident further underscore the pattern. Nothing he disclosed in either incident was an actionable offense.

Leadership within a federal agency carries a heightened responsibility. Leaders are entrusted with serving the public, guiding the department, protecting their employees and fostering cooperation. These duties are the foundation of public service. And they are easily fulfilled when leadership operates within the legal framework Congress has established. Holding a leadership position does not grant greater flexibility to bend or break the law; it imposes a greater obligation to uphold it. When leaders disregard these obligations, they undermine the very integrity of the institution they are meant to steward.

*Kendra Barlow-Johnson
Via illinoistimes.com*

CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY

Free speech is one thing, but consequences from exercising your right to free speech are quite another. If one wants to keep their job, they need to temper their opinion about their employer, especially on public forums.

This is not a novel concept, as I was a near 30-year state employee and everyone knew that you did not criticize your employer in a public forum without expecting some sort of reprisal. It didn't matter which side of the fence you were on.

Once again, *Illinois Times* demonstrates its obvious bias. I'm sure there are stories out there for people on the other side who

have experienced the same result from their outspokenness, but I haven't seen any of those stories in *IT*.

*Greg Kelso
Via illinoistimes.com*

NOT RETALIATION

As the attorney quoted in the article pointed out, Larry Criscione wasn't speaking as a private citizen — he posted to a public forum as a federal employee (his LinkedIn account identified him as such). And, by the individual's own admission, this isn't the first time he has been counseled for his behavior. This certainly is not a First Amendment issue or whistleblower retaliation.

*Robert Lee
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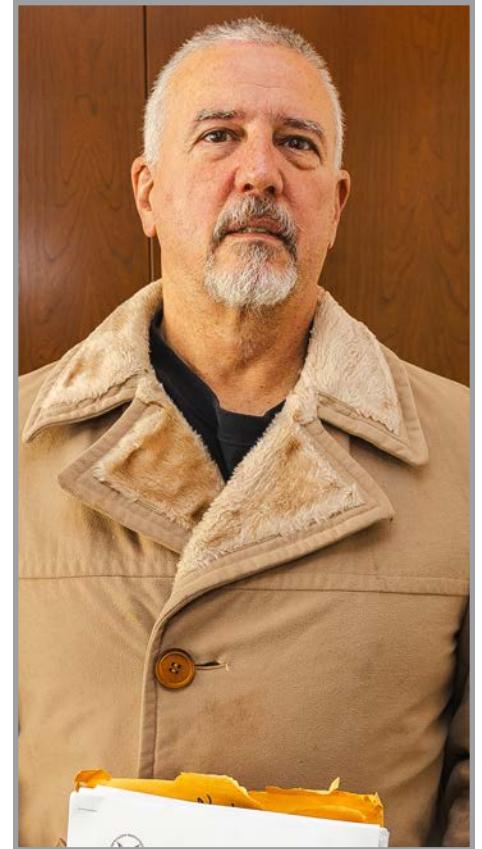
I agree with Larry Criscione wholeheartedly but if I posted online that my boss was spineless, I wouldn't have a job. I applaud the honesty, but integrity is about owning what you did.

*Steven Wilmert
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes*

THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES

Larry Criscione had the right to say what he did. If he had not put it in a public forum, he may have had a different outcome. Freedom of speech doesn't mean freedom from the consequences your speech produces.

*Robert L. Patterson
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes*



Larry Criscione, an engineer with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, took early retirement in lieu of termination after he made a social media post criticizing his employer, a federal agency. **PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS**

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Power grab

Is a data center in Sangamon County a boon or boondoggle?

KROHE | James Krohe Jr.



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Cyrus the Great of Persia was a king who lived in the fifth century before Christ. An able general, Cyrus used both force and diplomacy to bring under his sway now-forgotten kingdoms such as the Median Empire, Lydia, even, eventually Babylonia.

The territory of southwest Sangamon County is seldom compared to ancient Babylonia, except maybe by disapproving Baptists. Nonetheless it is being besieged by a new Cyrus, a firm calling itself CyrusOne that was named by its founder after the Persian king. CyrusOne hopes to spend more than \$500 million to build 26 football fields worth of data servers on 280 acres of Talkington Township. That project would be one of the firm's bigger projects, but far from the first. CyrusOne is practically a kingdom unto itself. It operates in nine countries, has 55 data centers up and running and another 50 or so in the works; several are in Illinois, mostly around Chicago.

I don't know if AI – sorry, large-language-model machine learning – will change the world. It seems likely to change Talkington Township, although this behemoth seems unlikely to compromise the neighborhood's environment and rural character more than industrial grain farming does. Indeed – politics being about how to make someone else's constituents pay for the mess your constituents make – this is a good deal for Sangamon County. Roughly two-thirds of the power that will be used by CyrusOne is produced by dirty fossil fuels in faraway places. County government's economic development program – jobs! jobs! – thus would be subsidized by the whole rest of the planet, which is even better than a motel tax on tourists.

Alas, while the rest of the world might suffer the pollution caused by running CyrusOne's battalions of chips, local residents might have to pay more to produce it. As has been reported by our Dean Olsen, the fully built-out facility in Talkington will suck more than 600 megawatts of electricity from the grid, nearly twice CWLP's total maximum generating capacity of 354 megawatts. That power will come from Ameren Illinois and the Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative. The regional grid operator has concluded that the grid will be able to handle the load of CyrusOne's center, an optimistic forecast. In Illinois as a whole electricity prices have been going up faster than the national average, and the pressure on supply will likely get worse; a joint report by the Illinois Power Agency, Illinois EPA and the Illinois Commerce Commission predicts shortfalls in the Ameren service area by 2031.

Every data center builder anywhere has insisted that its operations will not lead to higher prices for ordinary electricity users, although there is not a place where data centers operate that has not seen such increases. Much of the price rise may be coincidence – electricity prices are affected by practically everything under the sun, including the sun itself – but just to make sure, officials in Illinois' second-largest city slapped a temporary moratorium on new data centers to study whether CyrusOne's five facilities have contributed to rising utility costs in Aurora.

So maybe not such a good deal for li'l ol' Sangamon after all. CyrusOne told *Illinois Times*, "Our investment provides the tax revenue and economic benefits the community needs." We know – jobs! jobs! But what looks like a benefactor in 2025 might

end up looking like a colonizer in 2028. A CyrusOne will never be dependent on rural Sangamon County, but Sangamon County can make itself fiscally dependent on data centers. That does not strike me as wise, seeing as backers of such projects always overpromise and underdeliver.

The county board is probably not the forum for a debate about the larger social effects of AI. (I will note only that the rallying cry of many of CyrusOne's corporate customers will be, "No jobs! No jobs!") Nor is a brief column the place to examine whether AI – sorry, LLM-based machine learning – is a boon or a bubble. (Psst! It's a bubble, a column just isn't long enough to explain why.) But while the county board can't predict the future of AI, neither can CyrusOne. Imagine investing billions in umbrella factories in the middle of a good ol' Midwestern storm. Sure, it's possible that it will keep on raining forever, but sensible people will bet that the storm will have blown over long before those factories are ready to open.

I expect the county board to approve the project in March nevertheless. The county has bills to pay, its members have long regarded ugly things in cornfields as scenic and they have their own jobs on the board to think about. A politician in Sangamon County will never run, and if she runs will never be elected, if she votes against jobs, even jobs building things that ought not to be built here, at least not as proposed, and not now. □

Mr. Krohe was born and partly raised in Beardstown but got out of town before he could embarrass anyone.

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Frankenstein

Best films of 2025

FILM | Chuck Koplinski

The major film studios are in a desperate spot, still not having recovered from the mass exodus to home viewing that began during the COVID-19 pandemic. Getting enough viewers to theaters to justify the huge budgets for tentpole movies has proven difficult. Once sure things, such as Marvel films or big-budget action movies, are no longer guarantees. For the most part, Disney animated features still deliver (the studio's *Zootopia* has already passed the \$1 billion mark internationally), but everything else is a crapshoot.

As a result, the studios are in trouble, none more so than Warner Brothers which, at this writing, is either going to be sold to Netflix or taken over with a hostile bid by Paramount Pictures. That the most dominate streaming service in the world is a player in this high-stakes game would have been unthinkable a couple years ago. However, the desire for content has prompted Netflix to enter the

fray, competing not only with Paramount, but Comcast as well, which owns Universal Pictures. None of these suitors are ideal for consumers, as Netflix has never been keen on theatrical distribution, while Paramount or Comcast acquiring Warner Brothers would raise anti-trust concerns. No matter how this plays out, it will affect how many films are produced for theaters, the number likely going down dramatically.

As for this year's movies, it was a mixed bag. None of the films on my top 10 list were from a major studio. While many other people were high on Warner Brothers' *Sinners* and *One Battle After Another*, I hardly think they were worth the extreme accolades they've been accorded. That being said, those two films will likely be the big winners at the upcoming awards shows.

Thematically, a sense of fear and trepidation runs through the films that make

up the following list. The tumultuous times we live in are reflected in so many of the current movies, an overwhelming sense of angst prevalent in both stories of a personal nature or those set on a grand scale. That there are so few comedies being made and released in theaters is telling.

Of course, I did not see every movie released this year – what with theatrical releases and premieres on a variety of streaming services, no one could. As such, lists such as these are far from comprehensive, though I did manage to see 175 new releases. This is simply a retrospective of my 365 days of viewing and those features that happened to rattle around in my mind long after the end credits rolled.

Sorry, Baby – Small acts of kindness buoy Eva Victor's impressive debut, a subtle examination of one woman's attempt to overcome a personal trauma. Agnes (Victor)

is a graduate student who endures, as she puts it, a "bad thing." Sexually assaulted by a professor she admires, the young woman finds herself adrift, uncertain as to how to progress with her life or deal with others. The kindness of her best friend (Naomi Ackie), as well as strangers, help her find her bearings, though not without occasional setbacks. As director and writer, Victor manages to balance the inherent tragedy of Agnes' situation with humor, while downplaying the horrific incident itself and focusing on her recovery. There's a gentle, raw nature to the film that grounds it, making its message of healing with time and support all the more realistic and acceptable. The world may be oblivious to all that's happened to Agnes, yet she will endure thanks to her friends and a stray cat she adopts, as well as the depths of strength she didn't know she possessed. A true gem, this is the sort of small film that deserves to



Bugonia

be sought out and appreciated. *Currently streaming on HBO and Hulu. Available to rent on Amazon Prime.*

Bugonia – Yorgos Lanthimos' latest absurdist morality tale is a pointed examination of the nation's loneliness epidemic and one damaged man's efforts to right his many imagined grievances. Jesse Plemons gives a deeply moving performance as Teddy, a lonely, paranoid man who's convinced the CEO of a Fortune 500 company (Emma Stone) is an alien. He kidnaps her with the intention of holding her until a meeting can be arranged with the leaders of her race so that he can meet with them to thwart their efforts to destroy our planet. The reasons behind Teddy's paranoia are tragic, his sense of alienation leaving him vulnerable to groups peddling

conspiracy theories that exploit his sense of anger and loneliness. Ultimately moving and darkly ironic, Teddy is emblematic of so many living on the fringe today, impulsive in their actions, desperate to be heard. *Available to rent on Amazon Prime.*

A House of Dynamite – Kathryn Bigelow's gripping cautionary tale imagines a doomsday scenario that's terrifying in its plausibility. When a rogue nuclear missile is launched, the United States' defense system takes steps to intercept it before it reaches middle America. They fail, prompting the upper levels of the government to take matters into their own hands. Bigelow and screenwriter Noah Oppenheim take the daring approach of going through the same scenario three times, each section from a different bureaucratic



Hamnet

perspective as the filmmakers work up the chain of command. Utilizing a handheld camera and tight shots throughout, Bigelow creates a terrifying sense of immediacy that effectively drives home how perilously close to destruction we are. It's sobering and unforgettable. *Streaming on Netflix.*

Train Dreams – Clint Bentley's adaptation of Denis Johnson's novella is a beautiful examination of an ordinary life, lived with quiet dignity and strength. Robert Grenier (Joel Edgerton) is a turn-of-the-century lumberjack who settles down with Gladys (Felicity Jones), a strong-willed woman with whom he builds a home and has a child. However, his life is upended when a tragedy befalls them, forcing Grenier to reevaluate his life and what the world has to offer him. Bentley and cinematographer Adolfo Veloso capture the majesty of the film's Pacific Northwest setting, effectively conveying how our environment affects us in both positive and negative ways. Subtle in its approach, this is a film that proves haunting as you come to realize the quiet sense of bravery Grenier displays in dealing with his troubles. *Streaming on Netflix.*

Jay Kelly – Noah Baumbach pulls off the miraculous feat of making an international movie star relatable with this surprisingly

moving character study. George Clooney takes on the title role, a beleaguered actor who realizes he's prioritized his career over his personal life, ultimately to his peril. As he tries to reconnect with his teenage daughter (Grace Edwards) by following her across Europe, his entourage (Adam Sandler, Laura Dern and Emily Mortimer) in tow, he's plagued by memories of missed opportunities and regrets. Surprisingly poignant, the film is driven by great performances from Clooney and Sandler, each of whom display a heretofore unseen sense of vulnerability that provides the film with an unexpected emotional resonance. *Streaming on Netflix.*

Hamnet – Chloe Zhao's adaptation of Maggie O'Farrell's novel is a speculative story concerning the circumstances surrounding the death of William and Agnes Shakespeare's son, Hamnet, and their respective responses to the tragedy. A dissertation on grief and the healing nature of art, this is a sumptuously visual and thematic feast that immerses the viewer in late 16th century England, while Jessie Buckley delivers a sincerely moving performance. The film's climax contains the most moving moment of the year, a cathartic experience that allows the viewer to empathize with Agnes' grief and her first moments of healing. *Currently in theaters.*



Jay Kelly



Frankenstein

Frankenstein – The film Guillermo del Toro was born to make, this version of the Mary Shelley classic expands on and modernizes her themes against the most sumptuous production design of the year. Oscar Isaac struts as a rock star Dr. Frankenstein and Jacob Elordi is heartbreaking as the infantile creature, the story of hubris told from each of their perspectives to create the most faithful adaptation of the novel. Epic in its emotional scope, the film has audaciousness to spare, Del Toro embracing the story's gothic roots and taking them to glorious heights. There wasn't a better-looking movie made this year, yet the performances and the film's theme should not be ignored. This story of unchecked power and the consequences of not using it responsibly is more timely than ever. *Streaming on Netflix.*

Eddington – Ari Aster's pointed social commentary is a messy film, one that fails to satisfactorily tie up all of its many plot strands. Yet, despite its faults, it's hard to shake, primarily because no other filmmaker has had the nerve to look at our current social divide as unflinchingly as he does here. Joaquin Phoenix and Pedro Pascal play rivals with a troubled past who vie for the role of mayor in the titular town. Personal politics are employed to tragic effect as rumors, innuendo and outright lies are employed with no regard to the consequences. A Black Lives Matter activist group makes itself heard after a violent incident, all of this occurring during the COVID-19 outbreak. There are many pieces in play here, Aster pulling no punches in portraying the depths we're capable of sinking to protect our own interests. That it seems



Eddington

gives the story a sense of warmth that results in a sincerely poignant conclusion. Laymon employs a deft touch, never overplaying the sentiment, delivering a powerful reminder of what a kind word or show of support can do. *Currently streaming on HBO and Hulu. Available to rent on Amazon Prime.*

Nuremburg – To be sure, James Vanderbilt's historical drama is guilty of condensing and omitting some events, as so many fact-based films do, but that doesn't negate how compelling this story is or its power. Rami Malek stars as psychiatrist Douglas Kelley, who was assigned to assess the mental health of the Nazi officers who were to stand trial for war crimes at Nuremburg. He begins to fall under the sway of the persuasive Herman Goring (Russell Crowe) and starts to see him in a more sympathetic light. As at the trial, we're shown the films taken at the concentration camps when they were liberated, the shocking footage a bracing reminder of the consequences of not checking those leaders who would use their power for amoral purposes. *Currently in theaters.*

Also of note – Stephen Soderbergh's smart, deceptive spy thriller, *Black Bag...* Osgood



Train Dreams

overwhelming is the point, reflecting today's information overload, which is impossible to keep up on and, at times, decipher. *Currently streaming on HBO and Hulu. Available to rent on Amazon Prime.*

Bob Trevino Likes This – Much like *Sorry, Baby*, Tracie Laymon's semi-autobiographical film is about the power of acts of small kindness. Lily (Barbie Ferriera) is a lonely woman, alienated from her father, desperate to make some sort of genuine human connection. She accidentally connects with a stranger (John Leguizamo) with the same name as her father through social media and an unexpected friendship begins, which benefits them both in ways neither anticipates. Moving without being maudlin, the genuine performances from the two leads

Perkins' darkly comic examination of the inevitability of death, *The Monkey...* The heartwarming true story of a bitter teacher's redemption, *The Penguin Lessons...* The surprisingly moving tale of an empty-nester's unlikely relationship with her daughter's ex, *Suze...* Emilie Blichfeldt's body horror take on the *Cinderella* story, *The Ugly Stepsister...* Rian Johnson's pointed political critique, the closed room mystery *Wake Up Deadman: A Knives Out Mystery.* □

Chuck Koplinski has written for Illinois Times since 1998 and is a member of the Critic's Choice Association, the Chicago Film Critics Association and a contributor to Rotten Tomatoes. No matter what anyone says, he thinks Tom Cruise's version of The Mummy is a woefully underrated film.



Black Bag

The 10 best scenes of 2025

FILM | Chuck Koplinski

Movies are about moments – big moments that erase our cynicism about cinema and remind us of its capacity to dazzle as well as touch us. This happens in a way only possible with a medium that seamlessly combines so many other art forms. These are instances that prompt us to consider things in a different light or empathize with others in a way we could never expect, while others simply entertain us.

While sometimes memories of the overall plot of a film or its minute details may escape us, certain scenes stand out like a beacon in a bland cinematic landscape. What follows is a list of the 10 best scenes from the movies in 2025. While some of the films they're from might not have been completely successful, perfection was achieved during these moments, and they've proven powerful enough to stay with this viewer long after the credits have rolled and the lights have come up.

Hamnet – Devastated by the death of her son and furious at her husband for abandoning her in her time of need, Agnes Shakespeare (Jessie Buckley) is stunned when she sees her partner's new play, *Hamlet*. As she witnesses the title character die, she comes to understand her husband has given her the opportunity to say goodbye to their child. As



Hamnet

Buckley and other members of the audience reach out to Hamlet to symbolically comfort him, director Chloe Zhao beautifully displays the transformative and healing power of art.

Sorry, Baby – Having been reminded of a previous trauma, Agnes (Eva Victor) suffers a panic attack while driving and pulls into a

nearby parking lot to recover. She meets Pete (John Carroll Lynch), the owner of a sandwich shop, who helps her calm down and gain her composure. Making her a sandwich, he offers up a sympathetic ear and some solid advice to this troubled stranger. Done with a deft comic touch, this moment is indicative of the subtle, grounded approach Victor takes as a director

dealing with sensitive subject matter.

Die My Love – Having battled through post-partum depression and other forms of mental illness, Grace (Jennifer Lawrence) succumbs to her demons, leaving her family and walking into a forest that's seemingly aflame. This final moment shifts back and forth between reality and Grace's perspective, the blazing trees surrounding her serving as a powerful metaphor for the overwhelming power and inescapable nature of her illness.

One Battle After Another – Desperate for help to find his kidnapped daughter, Bob (Leonardo DiCaprio) a former activist, contacts the militant group he once belonged to in order to enlist their aid. However, his inability to remember a password thwarts his efforts. A brilliant comic moment in which the character's increasing frustration leads to greater laughs, this sequence brilliantly drives home the absurdity of Bob's situation and serves as a reminder of DiCaprio's comic abilities.

Black Bag – Legendary spy George Woodhouse (Michael Fassbender) has assembled many of his colleagues, including his wife (Cate Blanchett), at a dinner party. They all think this is a social function, unaware he is about to reveal their deepest



One Battle After Another

and darkest professional and personal secrets, which will have fatal consequences for some of them. A wonderful combination of humor and tension, director Stephen Soderbergh employs brilliant pacing and a darkly comic tone to deliver one of the most surprising and enjoyable endings of the year.

Bring Her Back – Having taken in two foster children under false pretenses and used supernatural means to resurrect her daughter, Laura (Sally Hawkins) cradles the body of her dead child, consumed in and comforted by her grief. Unsettling and poignant, Hawkins' commitment to portraying the despair and desperation of her character, particularly in this final moment, resulted in one of the most haunting performances and scenes of 2025.

Weapons – Having kidnapped various children so that she may leach energy from them, Aunt Gladys (Amy Madigan), a witch hiding in plain sight, loses control of her young charges and finds herself fleeing for her life as they pursue her through their neighbors' yards and houses. This frantic moment comes out of nowhere, providing an unexpected burst of energy that ends the film on a cryptic, comic note.



Rental Family

Rental Family – Having pretended to be the biographer of a renowned actor, Phillip (Brendan Fraser) escorts him to a rural area from his youth. There he digs up a tin with pictures of the first woman he fell in love with, eager to see them once more before dementia erases his memories forever.

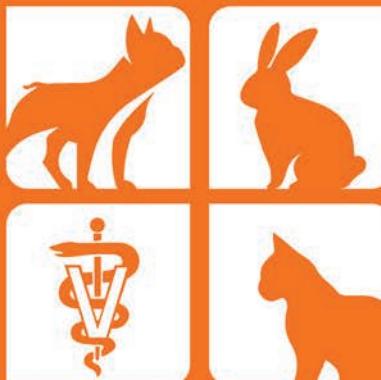
Sinners – As Sammie Moore (Miles Caton) begins to play a song in the juke joint owned by his cousins, director Ryan Coogler's camera begins to rove about the vast space and we see various tableaux of historical moments displaying how his culture's music developed. Taking us from primitive days to modern times, this is a showstopping moment that beautifully and powerfully captures the artistic heritage that has so often been stolen from its originators.

Jay Kelly – Having had a parting of the ways the night before, movie star Jay Kelly (George Clooney) and his agent, Ron Sukenick (Adam Sandler), meet at a film festival where a tribute to the actor is taking place. As the retrospective begins to roll, the men begin to hold hands, their underlying friendship trumping their professional concerns as they start to take in all they've accomplished over the years. □



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The return of classic steakhouses

FOOD | Peter Glatz

The period spanning the early 2010s to the early 2020s saw a significant shift in the restaurant industry, driven by growing consumer interest in ethical and sustainable food, which in turn boosted demand for more plant-based menu options.

Dan Barber's *The Third Plate*, published in 2014, envisioned a future in which vegetables moved to the center of the plate and meat was relegated to a supporting role. The reduction of red meat consumption was confirmed in a 2022 study by McKinsey & Co. This trend toward plant-based cuisine was adopted by some high-profile establishments, such as the acclaimed Michelin three-starred restaurant Eleven Madison Park in New York City, which transitioned to a fully vegan menu following the pandemic, and by online platforms such as Epicurious, which reduced its coverage of beef recipes. However, this trajectory has recently undergone a sharp, distinct reversal in the restaurant industry as illustrated by Eleven Madison Park's decision to reintroduce meat and fish to its menu.

Last month, the media platform *Eater* included the "Steakhouse Revival" in its list of "The Best Food and Dining Trends of 2025." Its deputy editor, Hilary Pollack, wrote: "I'm thrilled about the return of steakhouses – or at least the renewed cultural obsession with them. I love settling into a red leather booth with a martini and a blue-cheese-smothered wedge salad before sawing into a medium-rare ribeye. Give me pâté, scalloped potatoes, creamed spinach ... this is what life is about. Steakhouses never truly went away, but the appreciation for them again brings a tear to my eye."

Despite reaching record-high prices this year, beef has made an unapologetic return to the center of the plate. The steakhouse resurgence could be seen as "revenge eating" – a reaction to the self-deprivation some people experienced over the last five years, even as political campaigns, such as those of RFK Jr. and Trump, push to "Make America Healthy Again."

High-quality steaks, considered a special-occasion indulgence, are appearing on restaurant menus at prices exceeding \$100 – a figure once considered prohibitively expensive. At Caprae restaurant in Champaign, where I'm



Despite reaching record-high prices this year, beef has made an unapologetic return to the center of the plate. PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

employed, we decided not to put a steak on our winter menu because we felt the price we'd have to charge put it out of reach for many of our guests.

This summer, Cincinnati's Wildweed restaurant kept popping up on my Instagram feed, making it impossible to ignore. Wildweed had earned significant acclaim, making the *New York Times'* 50 Best Restaurants, *Esquire's* Best New Restaurants and *Bon Appétit's* Best New Restaurants 2025 lists. Intrigued, I arranged a weeklong, unpaid internship (or stage) at Wildweed. I returned with a host of new recipes and concepts, many of which I plan to feature in future columns. However, Wildweed is relevant to today's column on the paradoxical rise in the popularity of steakhouses because it was the first time I've encountered a \$105 ribeye on a menu!

Despite widespread concerns about "affordability," the classic American steakhouse is enjoying a notable comeback. This resurgence is paradoxical, as the surging cost of beef, which significantly outpaces other food prices, has elevated ultra-premium steak to a new symbol of luxury in high-end dining. Data from the Consumer Price Index shows beef prices jumped by 14.7% in 2025 over 2024 – a much higher increase than the 3.1% rise in overall food costs.

The "\$100 steak" signals a revitalization of the classic steakhouse, reshaping the concept of high-end dining. This trend is fueled by a consumer base seeking aspirational and memorable experiences, for whom the expensive steak represents not just a meal, but a status symbol, a carefully orchestrated culinary event and a form of entertainment.

Consequently, these diners are prepared to spend a premium for exceptional ingredients, masterful cooking and a sophisticated atmosphere. While the broader restaurant industry prepares for a challenging year marked by persistent inflation and cost-conscious diners, for a substantial segment of the market, the steakhouse's promise of ultimate indulgence means the price is not a barrier. Far from deterring customers, reservation numbers have surged, with patrons seemingly viewing the high cost as a predictable luxury they are willing to prioritize.

Despite the sky-high cost of beef, luxury steakhouses are flourishing, with notable celebrity chefs opening new locations. For instance, humanitarian and chef José Andrés has established six branches of his steakhouse concept, Bazaar Meats. Signature offerings include a bone-in wagyu ribeye from Oregon at \$98 per pound and Japanese wagyu for \$65 per ounce.

Similarly, Michelin-starred chef Daniel Boulud, who holds four stars across three of his New York City restaurants, recently launched La Tête d'Or. This restaurant features a 16-ounce black angus ribeye, dry-aged for 28 days, priced at \$120, and a lavish 16-ounce Snake River Farms Gold Label Chateaubriand for \$180.

In Chicago, Jenner Tomaska, the Michelin-starred chef behind Esmé, introduced The Alston. This glamorous steakhouse features a sophisticated, on-site meat locker for dry-aging steaks, a process that maximizes tenderness and intensifies flavor by breaking down enzymes. A 16-ounce Vander Farms boneless full blood wagyu, dry-aged for 21 days, is available for \$110.

Steakhouses can evoke a powerful sense of nostalgia, a retreat to an earlier time of economic prosperity and less environmental concern, making them a timeless hub for indulgence and high-powered dining. Sitting in a steakhouse with a stiff drink and a large knife before a rare piece of beef evokes a feeling of power. After all, the act of consuming meat is the ultimate demonstration of dominance. □

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

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More music in the new year

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We made it through the holiday season accompanied by plenty of live music that magically increased the fun ratio to the max. As the new year continues to provide entertainment enjoyment at dizzying levels with no signs of stopping, let's go take a peek at what we've got going on.

This week's adventures begin with news of Joel Styzens' Kickstarter campaign involving his latest music composition concept called *Handbird*. Several area musicians have used the Kickstarter platform to help pre-sell, and therefore fund, music projects, so you should know the drill. Go to Kickstarter.com and find *Handbird* to learn what it's all about. Then choose your level of support to let Styzens raise the dough necessary to bring this wonderful music out into the world. You have until Jan. 21 to pledge (this is an all or nothing deal so it's vital to participate by the closing date), but the sooner the goal is reached (and beyond), the better the world will be for our intrepid artist working to achieve this heartfelt creative endeavor. Now get to it, please.

Back in our live music community, it's time for Thursday Night Live at Motorheads with this month's showcase featuring Cassie Teubner Grider, Chris Noonan, The Speakeasy Trio (Dan Luparell, Joe Kath and Gary Davis) and Groundhog Jam (Derek Usher, Willie Owens and Michael Scott Carpenter) as the local talent on display in the mighty Motordome. Downtown at the Pharmacy Gallery, the first Art of Jazz show of 2026 presents Maria Alejandra Rodriguez Diaz, plus Chip McNeil on rhythm guitar, with project curator Max Beckman backing on the bass. John Drake serves up songs at Mother Road Diner (look for his latest release on all platforms this Friday) to complete our action-packed Thursday night of music.

Friday gets going right away with a nice assortment of styles and genres all over town. Let's start with mostly original songs from Spoonbenders as Liz Fitz opens at George Rank's, move on to Me, Myself and Schy featuring Jeff Berendt and Schy Willmore doing cool tunes of the Americana variety at Boone's and hang with Silas Tockey singing as a solo acoustic act on a far-ranging bunch of popular songs at Harvest Market. Next up, Bloomington's The Sweet Nothings roll into the Curve Inn for a refreshing night of traditional and hot club jazz on flute, trumpet, accordion, acoustic guitar, tuba and whatever else they find to play on the way here, just as Emile, Queana Marie, Shon, CuspofArrows, Katae and AWHN appear on stage at Dumb Records for an all-ages hip hop show entitled "I'm Yours for Tonight" and Thomas J Beverly swings into Bar Bella for a sweet night of assorted Dylan, Petty and more songs.

Get started early Saturday when those ever-loving, ever-growing, always entertaining Springfield Uketopians hit at noon at Stella Coffee and Tea. Then go for a drive to see Devin C. Williams kicking his drum and belting the blues from 1 to 4 p.m. at Whiskey Ridge Saloon near Breckenridge, then stop by The Filling Station in Rochester on the way back for JackAsh (Ashley and Jack) singing up a storm from 3 to 6 p.m.. The nighttime is the right time to bring on the bands with The Remedy rocking Goodfellas, Wowie Zowie cutting a rug at DH Browns and David McEathron Quartet funkering up the jazz fusion at Boone's.

Sunday, most of the action (but not all) is in small towns around the city so take a look at our listings and take a drive to take in the music, then take it easy until we meet again next week.. □

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Thursday Jan 8

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

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

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

Karaoke
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

Karaoke
Lock, Stock and Barrel, Decatur, 9pm-12am.

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

Thursday Night Live
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 6-9pm

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

Kortney and friends open mic
The Blue Grouch, 7-11pm

Karaoke
The Tipsy Toad, 8pm-12am

Friday Jan 9

Thomas J Beverly
Bar Bella, 7-9pm

Me, Myself & Schy
Boone's, 5:30-8:30pm

Cody Lee Moomey
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

Karaoke with DJ Jeff
Bunkers Bar, Iliopolis, 8pm

it The Sweet Nothings
Curve Inn, 6:30-9:30pm



Branded will play at 8 p.m. Saturday at The Thirsty Rooster in Middletown.

Saturday Jan 10

Celtic Whistle
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 7-9pm

Emile, Queana Marie, Shon, CuspofArrows, Katae, AWHN
Dumb Records, 7pm

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

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

Karaoke
Future Champions Sports Complex, Jacksonville, 8pm

Spoonbenders with Liz Fitz
George Rank's, 7-11pm

Natu Visinia
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 7-9pm

Silas Tockey
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

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

Hippies of the Heartland
Rocco's, Decatur, 7-10pm

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

David McEathron Quartet
Boone's, 6-9pm

Big Guns
Bunkers Bar, Iliopolis, 7pm

Joel Honey
Cafe Amulet, Petersburg, 3-6pm

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

Revel in Red
Curve Inn, 7-10pm

Triple Threat
Daugherty's Pub, Chandlerville, 7-10pm

Wowie Zowie
DH Brown's, 7-10pm

JackAsh
The Filling Station, Rochester, 3-6pm

The Remedy
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

The Tangents
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

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

Space Oddity
Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur, 7pm

Harris Trio
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

Springfield Uketopians
Stella Coffee & Tea, 12-2pm

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

Branded
The Thirsty Rooster, Middletown, 8pm

Devin C. Williams
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 1-4pm

John Drake
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

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

Waterhouse
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 1-4pm

David McEathron Trio
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Ben Bedford
Jacksonville Public Library, Jacksonville, 4-6pm

Robert Sampson
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 5-8pm

Studebaker John
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

B. Douglas
Sky Lounge,

Keith Dunlap
The Shed, Pawnee, 2-5pm

Deep Lunar Blue and friends
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-7pm

Monday
Jan 12

Studebaker John
The Alamo, 7pm

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

John Drake
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Billy Strums

Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 4-7pm

Tuesday Jan 13

Karaoke Night hosted by Alan Livengood
Fluid Lounge, 7pm

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

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

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

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

Wednesday
Jan 14

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

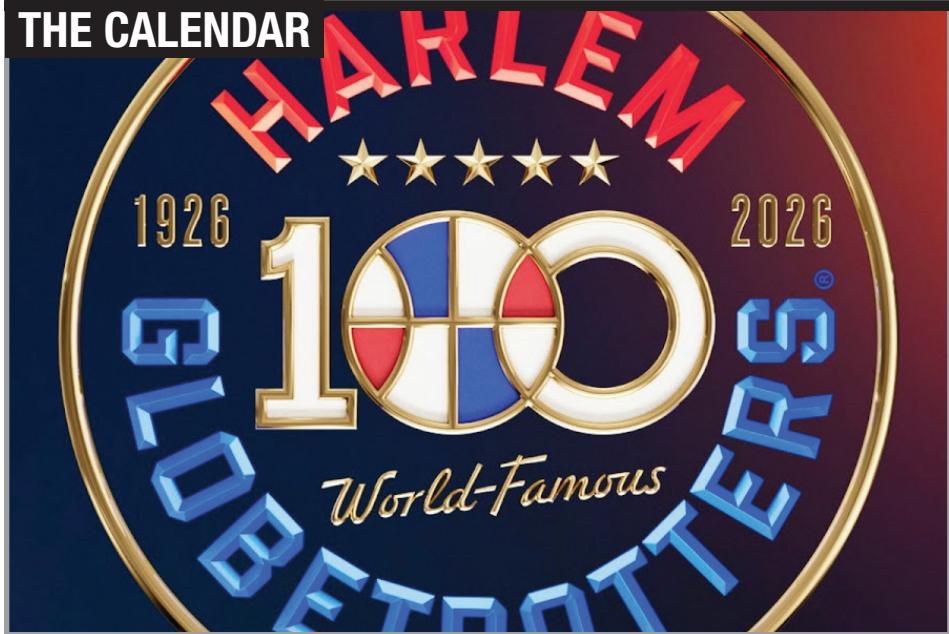
Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

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

Open mic with Jeff Helmkamp
Goodfellas Pub, 7-10pm

Me, Myself & Schy
Obed & Isaac's The Cidery, 6-8pm

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■ Special Music Events

The Art of Jazz

Thu., Jan. 8, 7-9pm. Enjoy jazz selections by Max Beckman on bass joined by Maria Alejandra Rodriguez Diaz and Chip McNeil, rhythm guitar. This is the first Art of Jazz program of the year. Light refreshments and snacks available. \$10 donation at door. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 217-691-5097.

■ Theater & Comedy

Express Yourself! Acting & Improv Class

Mon., Jan. 12, 5-6:30pm. by Springfield Park District Special Recreation. Residents \$8, non-residents \$10.50. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-585-2941.

■ Dance

Family Line Dance

Sun., Jan. 11, 2-5pm. A boot-scootin' afternoon made for moms, children and grandparents. No experience needed. Family line-dance lesson and dance party taught by Boots on the Line. Wear comfy shoes. Hit "Going" on the Bunkers Bar Facebook page so it knows how many to expect. Free. Bunkers Bar, Iliopolis, 220 Old Route 36, 217-486-5100.

Springfield International Folk Dancers

Mondays, 7-9pm. Experience the joy of folk dancing from many cultures. All skill levels welcome and no partners necessary. Free. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-793-8035.

■ Art & Architecture

Austin Weidhuner Photography opening reception

Sat., Jan. 10, 6-8pm. Opening reception followed by a "Gallery Talk" with the artist. Exhibit will be on display through Jan. 25. Gallery hours are 4-6pm Tuesday through Saturday and 1-3pm Sunday. Free. David Strawn Art Gallery, Jacksonville, 331 W. College Ave., 217-473-5969.

■ Film & Television

Sneak Preview Night: Season 6 of All Creatures Great and Small

Thu., Jan. 8, 6:30-7:30pm. A special screening of the first episode of Season 6 of *All Creatures Great and Small* on Masterpiece at the Union Theater. Advance registration required. Stop and visit with IPM and the Team Lincoln crew in the museum lobby to pick up free swag and register for door prizes before the screening. Presented by Illinois Public Media/WILL-TV and Team Lincoln. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum,

212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Preview Party for the Molly Schlich International Independent Film Series

Wed., Jan. 14, 7pm. A special screening of all the movie trailers of the films featured in this year's film series. A viewing of the documentary *Out The Mud* by Brian Beals and the Mud Theatre Project will follow. Beals will be present for a Q&A session along with Stephanie Kamel, executive director of the Illinois Innocence Project, and Josh Hester, producer of the documentary. Free and open to public. Refreshments and popcorn provided. SAA Main Campus, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

The SpongeBob Movie: Search for SquarePants

Fri., Jan. 9, 7 p.m., Sat., Jan. 10, 7 p.m., Mon., Jan. 12, 7 p.m. and Thu., Jan. 11, 2 p.m. SpongeBob sets out to prove his bravery by following the Flying Dutchman, a mysterious swashbuckling ghost pirate, to the depths of the sea. Rated PG. \$5. Arleetheater.com. Arlee Theater, 139 S. Main St., 217-482-9999.

■ Faith & Philosophy

Glass Table Discussion

Second Wednesday of every month, 10-11:30am. The Glass Table Discussion is back after a

summer hiatus ... - continuing the discussion with the topic of empathy, a concept that is becoming more important in U.S. societal interactions. At this meeting the next topics will be determined. Free. Stella Coffee & Tea, 1135 W. Governor St., 262-622-3151.

■ Holiday Happenings

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.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast

Mon., Jan. 19, 8:30 a.m. Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day at this annual breakfast. Guest speaker will be Erika Harold, executive director of the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism. Presented by Frontiers International Springfield Club. For tickets contact Richard Amoako at 217-494-0180. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy.

■ Fundraisers & Galas

Frozen Open

Sat., Jan. 10, 10:30am. Participants register from one of 12 lake clubs of their choice and also tee off there. This year, raised funds will go to SIU Medicine Simmons Cancer Institute: Pancreatic Cancer Patient Support. Afterparty and awards at TRN Club at 5:30pm. Participating clubs: TRN Club (Host Club), Anchor Boat Club, Aqua Sports Club, Blue Ridge Club, Elks Lodge #158, Firefighters/Postal Lake Club, KC Lake Club, Lake Press Club, Prop Club, Sangamo Surf Club, Ski & Boat Club and Springfield Motor Boat Club. Free transportation between clubs provided but tips encouraged. Food and beverages will be available at each club. \$80 per foursome, \$20 per person.

■ Community Organizing

Good Trouble Alliance Meeting

Every fourth Saturday, 12-1pm. The Good Trouble Alliance strategizes bold, creative, nonviolent initiatives to challenge local institutions that weaken democracy. Join the fight against authoritarianism. Bring ideas. Snacks provided. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-801-0209.

■ Children's Corner

Funshop Kids Club

Fridays, 3:30-6pm. Through April 24. This is a fun and welcoming drop-off program where children ages 6 to 12 explore themes through crafts, STEM projects and interactive play. It includes group games, hands-on stations and active play. Pack a snack or light meal for your child. Kid's Club encourages creativity, teamwork, and a love of learning—all while having a great time! Register at bit.ly/Funshop_KidsClub1. Activity #140910. \$30 residents, \$35 non-residents for 1 day only. Lincoln Park Funshop, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-753-6234.

■ Lectures & Meetings

Coffee Chats With Bri

Wed., Jan. 14, 7:30-10am. Have questions about attending Lincoln Land Community College? Join Bri VanMeter, post-traditional adult recruitment specialist, for an informal chat over coffee. Ask questions, learn more about LLCC and explore options in a relaxed setting. No appointment necessary. llcc.edu. Wm. Vans Coffee House, 107 W. Cook St., 217-679-4726.

Stronger Together: Parents of Special Needs Kiddos Support Group

Mondays, 6-7:30pm. Through March 2. Join others who are loving and raising special needs children. Discussion, support and connection with others who understand those joys and challenges. Special needs included but not limited to autism, Down syndrome, physical and developmental disabilities and medically fragile children. Mothers will meet Jan. 12 and 26, Feb. 9 and 23. Fathers will meet Jan. 19, Feb. 2 and 16 and March 2. No child care available. Open to all. RSVP at event link. Free. Hope Church, 3000 Lenhart Road, 217-787-1446.

■ Bulletin Board

The Drive Home caravan to stop in Springfield

Sun., Jan. 11, 6 p.m. The Drive Home, a caravan of vintage vehicles on a 10-day drive from Santa Monica, California, to Chicago, will stop at Motorheads. Members of the public can see the cars and visit with the drivers before 6:30pm. The caravan, tracing the route of historic Route 66, is celebrating America's automotive heritage and honoring the upcoming Route 66 Centennial. On Monday, the caravan will travel to Chicago and later to the Detroit Auto Show. Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 600 Toronto Road..



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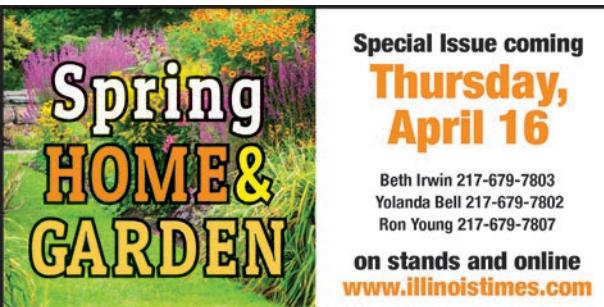
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-vs- CHRISTINA HORNBACK; TYLER A HORNBACK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS DEFENDANTS

NO. 25 FC 37 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on October 15, 2025; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on February 3, 2026 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon South, 1 Copley Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

Upon the sale being held 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
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

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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

PUBLIC NOTICES

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 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:
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 and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, contact Chris Laria, 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 for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
Chris Laria
QUINTAIROS, PRIETO, WOOD & BOYER, P.A.
141 WEST JACKSON BLVD, SUITE 1575
Chicago IL, 60604
312-566-0040
E-Mail: 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

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 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
INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank,

Plaintiff,
v.

SHERRILL A. MARTIN, THE COUNTRY PLACE, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No.: 2025-FC-105

NOTICE OF COURT SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that

pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinabove described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. The sale shall be subject to Court approval. Buyer will be entitled to possession 30 days after the sale is confirmed by the Court.

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is:

Timothy J. Rigby
Hart, Southworth & Witsman
Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza

Springfield, Illinois 62701

Telephone: (217) 753-0055

(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is:

22 Country Place, Springfield, Illinois 62703

(C) Tax ID Number: 22-27-402-022

(D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is:

Approximately 1,565 square foot 2 story 5 room townhouse with a two car garage, 2 bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms, fireplace and patio.

(E) No times have been specified in the judgment of foreclosure for inspection of the real estate prior to sale.

(F) The time and place of the sale are:

Time: 9:00 a.m. on February 17, 2026.
Place: Sangamon County Courthouse
200 South Ninth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701

(G) The terms of the sale are:

Twenty-five percent (25%) of sale price at time of sale and balance within twenty-four (24) hours.

(H) Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances prior to the mortgage of INB, National Association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank, all general real estate taxes, special assessments if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all encroachments, if any.

INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank,

Plaintiff

Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930)

Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535)

Hart, Southworth & Witsman
Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza

Springfield, Illinois 62701

Telephone: (217) 753-0055

trigby@hswnet.com

aprilaman@hswnet.com

NOTE: This communication is made for the purpose of collecting a debt. Any information obtained in response to this communication may be used for that purpose.

8051-961017

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of DANIEL P. SCHUERING, Deceased.

IN PROBATE

No. 2025-PR-000510

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of DANIEL P. SCHUERING, deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on December 30, 2025, to Sarah F. Schuering, as

Independent Executor, whose attorney is Taylor L. Ingram, 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, with the Independent Executor, or to the Executor's in-state Agent, W.

Thad Kuhfuss.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file a claim with the Clerk of the Court, 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>.

DATED this 29th day of December, 2025.

SUSAN JEAN TOEPKE, Independent Executor

of the Estate of Jerry Lee Toepke, deceased

Name and Address of Attorneys for the Executor:

W. Thad Kuhfuss

ARCD# 1543865

Kuhfuss & Proehl, P.C.

342 Elizabeth Street

P.O. Box 1068

Pekin, IL 61555-1068

Phone: (309) 347-4164

Email: wthadkuhfuss@grics.net

8051-960905

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

JUDITH N. WEEDMAN, Deceased

NO. 2025PR000507

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Judith N. Weedman, Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on December 30, 2025, to Melissa K. Jankauski, 7712 Pin Oak Drive, Plainfield, IL 60586, as

Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. 6th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 9th 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 30th day of December, 2025.

Gregory P. Sgro

Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP

1119 S. 6th Street

Springfield, IL 62703

(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

JERRY LEE TOEPKE,

DECEASED.

Case No. 2025PR000490

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

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 OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of
MARIA JEANNINE MOHN, Deceased.
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
IN PROBATE
No. 2025-PR-503
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Marcia Jeannine Mohn, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on December 23, 2025, to Paul A. Brewer and James A. Rogers, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorneys are Edward T. Graham, Jr. and 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 22nd 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 24th 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 (217) 544-8491 bclark@bhsllaw.com

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

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

In 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, Executive, 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)
Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP
200 S. 5th Street, Ste. 1000
P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62705
(217) 544-8491
rstuart@bhsllaw.com

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

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Dated: December 19, 2025

Attorneys for Independent Executor:
Sorling Northrup
Aaron D. Evans (6305883)
1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200
P.O. Box 5131

Springfield, IL 62705

Telephone: 217-544-1144

E-Mail: adevans@sorlinglaw.com

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

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Dated this 12th day of December, 2025.

Patrick J. Sheehan

SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.

1215 South 4th Street

Springfield, IL 62703

(217)544-0701

ecutor, whose address is 821 N. Stephens Ave., Springfield, IL 62702. 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.

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 12, 2025

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of
MELINDA VASCONCELLES, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
No. 2025-PR-485

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of MELINDA VASCONCELLES, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on December 10, 2025, to MARK T. VASCONCELLES and ANNE E. KUPER, as Independent Co-Executors, 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 24th day of June, 2026, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 12th day of December, 2025.

BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
Hugh F. Drake
(Registration No. 6269666)
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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 FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

PHH Mortgage Corporation
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Todd Wright; Colleen Welsh; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Terrance Wright; United States of America - Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Dan Way, as Special Representative for Terrance Wright (deceased)

DEFENDANTS

No. 2025FC000230

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Terrance Wright
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

29 Glenwood Lane
Chatham, IL 62629
and which said Mortgage was made by:

Terrance Wright

Beverly Wright

the Mortgagor(s), to Alliance Mortgage Company dba AMC Mortgage Corp., as Mortgagor, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No.

2002R25978; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

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.

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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

NO. 25 FC 37

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on October 15, 2025; Jack L. Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on February 3, 2026 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon South, 1 Copley Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

Upon the sale being held 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. Said property is legally described as follows:

LOT ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX (136) IN THE PRAIRIE AT BROOKSIDE GLEN, FOURTH ADDITION, AS PER PLAT RECORD-ED OCTOBER 14, 2004 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 2004R50464. 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.

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.

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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

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 clearly 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:

Commencing at a found iron pin at the northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 15; thence North 88 degrees 30 minutes 29 seconds East on the north line of said Southwest Quarter, 794.56 feet to the Point of Beginning.

From said Point of Beginning thence continue North 88 degrees 30 minutes 29 seconds East on said north line of the Southwest Quarter of Section 15, a distance of 370.95 feet to the existing westerly right of way of F.A.P. Route 666; thence southerly, 263.20 feet on a curve to the right having a radius of 563.00 feet with a central angle of degrees 40 minutes 43 seconds with a chord distance of 263.17 feet bearing South 44 degrees 18 minutes 33 seconds East; thence South 88 degrees 58 minutes 56 seconds West, 310.25 feet; thence North 77 degrees 22 minutes 31 seconds East, 230.04 feet; thence North 59 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds West, 47.01 feet; thence North 01 degrees 29 minutes 21 seconds West, 30.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 30 minutes 39 seconds East, 38.00 feet; thence North 38 degrees 09 minutes 53 seconds East, 36.94 feet; thence North 04 degrees 42 minutes 29 seconds West, 107.65 feet; South 84 degrees 44 minutes 51 seconds West, 67.38 feet; thence North 01 degrees 02 minutes 52 seconds West, 10.55 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 45 seconds 07 seconds West, 32.77 feet; thence South 59 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds West, 47.01 feet; thence North 01 degrees 29 minutes 21 seconds West, 30.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 30 minutes 39 seconds East, 38.00 feet; thence North 38 degrees 09 minutes 53 seconds East, 36.94 feet; thence North 04 degrees 42 minutes 29 seconds West, 107.65 feet; South 84 degrees 44 minutes 51 seconds West, 67.38 feet; thence North 01 degrees 02 minutes 52 seconds West, 10.55 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.048 acres or 2,091 square feet, more or less.

6030144 TE3

Beginning at a point being 71.11 feet left of the centerline of Proposed Lincoln at Station 15+32.85; thence North 68 degrees 24 minutes 32 seconds East, 89.95 feet; thence North 87 degrees 47 minutes 43 seconds East, 82.46 feet; thence South 46 degrees 13 minutes 06 seconds East, 17.22 feet; thence South 77 degrees 22 minutes 31 seconds West, 105.30 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 2,339 square feet, more or less. 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. Unless you file your appearance in the case in the office of the Sangamon County Clerk of Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, #405, Springfield, Illinois 62701, on or before February 11, 2026, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.

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8051-960839

3,247 square feet, more or less. The said Real Estate being also shown by the plat hereto attached and made a part hereof.

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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</

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/e-filing. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail.

You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees.

It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this.

Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegalaid.org. All documents referred to in this Summons can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website.

Necesita ayuda? Llame o envie un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411-1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completer 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
DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED
AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR
IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT.

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NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
Service 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 Mort-

gage 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.

P.I.N.: 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.

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

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, IL-LOPOLIS, 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 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 for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

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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

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://www.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. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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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): 14-340-154-028

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.

ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE Wishing to avail themselves of the provisions under the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, the below storage facility gives notice of the sale under said act; Thursday the 29th day of January, 2026 at 10:00 AM, on that day will conduct a sale to the highest bidder, with bidding to take place on lockerfox.com, and payment to seller via credit/debit card, the contents of spaces 10 Fed-

Bank,
Plaintiff,
v.
SHERRILL A. MARTIN, THE COUNTRY
PLACE, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation,
UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD
CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
No.: 2025-FC-105
NOTICE OF COURT SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that
pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure
entered by the Court in the above entitled
cause the property hereinafter described
or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to
satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the
highest bidder. The sale shall be subject
to Court approval. Buyer will be entitled
to possession 30 days after the sale is
confirmed by the Court.
(A) The name, address and telephone
number of the person to contact for information
regarding the real estate is:
Timothy J. Rigby
Hart, Southworth & Witsman
Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol
Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Telephone: (217) 753-0055
(B) The common address and other
common description, if any, of the real
estate is:
22 Country Place, Springfield, Illinois
62703
(C) The legal description of the real
estate is:
Unit No. 22, Building 6, in Country Place
Condominium as delineated on a Survey of
Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, being part of the Northwest
Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of
Section 27, Township 15 North, Range 5
West of the Third Principal Meridian, in
the City of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois,
according to the Plat of Survey
thereof which is attached as Exhibit A
to the Declaration of Condominium re-
corded January 16, 1974 in Book 1184 of
Mortgages at page 883 as Document No.
552057, and as if amended from time to
time, along with its undivided percentage
of ownership of common elements and
limited common elements.
Except any interest in 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 ID Number: 22-27-402-022
(D) A description of the improvements on
the real estate is:
Approximately 1,565 square foot 2 story
5 room townhouse with a two car garage,
2 bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms, fireplace
and patio.
(E) No times have been specified in the
judgment of foreclosure for inspection of
the real estate prior to sale.
(F) The time and place of the sale are:
Time: 9:00 a.m. on February 17, 2026.
Place: Sangamon County Courthouse
200 South Ninth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(G) The terms of the sale are:
Twenty-five percent (25%) of sale price at
time of sale and balance within twenty-
four (24) hours.
(H) Title will be conveyed subject to
any liens or encumbrances prior to the
mortgage of INB, National Association,
f/k/a Illinois National Bank, all general real
estate taxes, special assessments if any,
easements and restrictions of record, and
all encroachments, if any.
INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national
banking association, f/k/a Illinois National
Bank,
Plaintiff
Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930)

Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535)
Hart, Southworth & Witsman
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NOTE: This communication is made for the
purpose of collecting a debt. Any information
obtained in response to this communication
may be used for that purpose.
8051-961017

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois
banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
v.

ASHLEY R. PRICE, UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA, STATE OF ILLINOIS, UNKNOWN
OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No. 2025FC000246

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is February 11, 2026.

Plaintiff has certified the following
regarding said foreclosure action filed on
December 31, 2025.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case
Number are as follows: United Community
Bank, an Illinois banking corporation;
2025FC000246.
2. The court in which said action was
brought is as follows: Circuit Court for
the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon
County, Illinois
3. The name of the title holder of record is:
Ashley R. Price

4. A legal description of the real estate
sufficient to identify it with reasonable
certainty is as follows:
Lot 20 in Morningside Place. Except all
Coal and Minerals Underlying said Lot.
Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

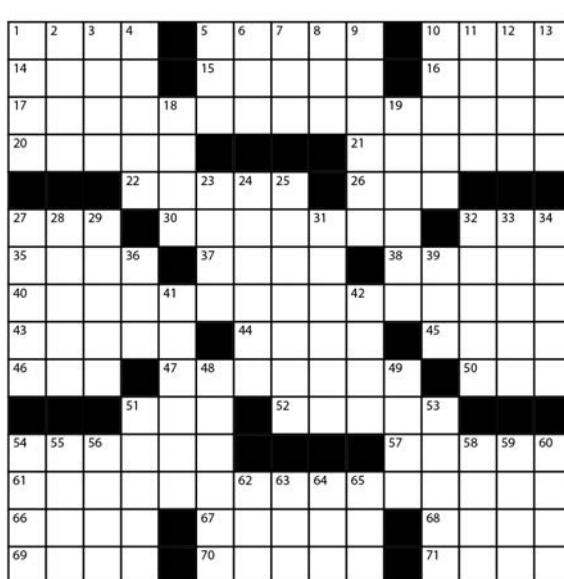
5. A common address or description of the
location of the real estate is as follows: 33
Windsor Road, Springfield, Illinois 62702
6. The Tax Identification Number for the
real estate is as follows: 14-29.0-105-014
7. An identification of the mortgage sought
to be foreclosed is as follows:

Name of Mortgagor: Ashley R. Price
Name of Mortgagee: United Community
Bank
Date of Mortgage: May 28, 2010
Date of recording: June 1, 2010
County where recorded: Sangamon
County, Illinois
Recording document identification: Docu-
ment No. 2010R17525
/s/ Joseph B. Roesch
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
Emmet A. Fairfield
Registration No. 6180505
205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000
P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62705
(217) 544-8491
efairfield@bhslaw.com
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Across

1. ___ mortals
5. Phony
10. "Moby-Dick" captain
14. Wedding exchange
15. Novelist Zola
16. Creator of Genesis
17. "We should hang out"
20. ___ day (vitamin dosage)
21. Least cooked
22. Constellation elements
26. Capt.'s prediction
27. Behavioral quirk
30. Short plays
32. Bro, for one
35. Hand cream ingredient
37. Capital on a fjord
38. Knowing
40. Avoided an easy conquest
43. "A Doll's House" playwright
44. ___ Excited" (Pointer Sisters hit)
45. Huff and puff
46. Bring in
47. Most moronic
50. "What'd I tell ya?"
51. High-speed Internet initis.
52. Worries
54. Disagreeing
57. Prefix with red
61. Estimates
66. Condo division



67. Gadabouts
68. Java neighbor
69. Dosage amts.
70. Start of a counting rhyme
71. Figure (out)
Down
1. Venus de ___ (Pointer Sisters hit)
2. Genesis locale
3. University mil. group
4. Pluralizers
5. Late ___
6. Quantity: Abbr.
7. Do-it-yourselfer's purchase
8. "Mr. Blue Sky"
9. Wish undone
10. Latin stars
11. Online giggle

12. Long, long time
13. One of TV's Simpsons
18. Meower, in Madrid
19. Bothers
23. Give ___ to (O.K.)
24. Send again
25. Sandwich meats
27. Golf gimme
28. "Well, ___!"
29. Go downhill, maybe
31. Girdle
32. Heroic tales
33. Cara of "Fame"
34. Midler of "The Rose"
36. Cataract site
39. Doo-
41. Finishes

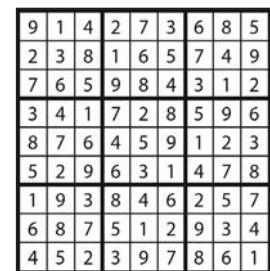
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Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the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

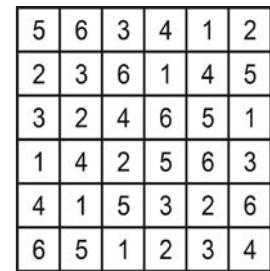
9+		4-	17+	3÷	
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		3÷	6x		
11+	3÷			3-	
		15+		48x	4-

Difficulty hard

Puzzle answers
from this week
will appear here
next week



Sudoku answers from #872



JoshJosh answers from #872

Sudoku No. 926

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

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

Difficulty medium

Submit a recipe and be included in the



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