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# Innovate Springfield moving to Horace Mann building

EDUCATION | Dean Olsen

University of Illinois Springfield has pivoted from plans to open its new “Innovation Center” in a three-story building downtown and now will rent space for the center three blocks east, on half of the third floor inside Horace Mann Educators Corp.’s headquarters.

A rental contract, finalized between UIS and Horace Mann in recent days, will allow Innovate Springfield to relocate from rented space it has occupied for the past decade at 15 S. Old State Capitol Plaza to more spacious digs at Horace Mann in September.

The 2.5-year lease for 9,800 square feet inside the six-floor Horace Mann building also will allow UIS to formally launch the innovation center, of which the Innovate Springfield business incubator will be a part, according to Robert Kerr, UIS executive director of innovation and opportunity.

The effort will allow UIS to “expand programs that support economic development in the region” and “allow the center to broaden programming and services focused on innovation, entrepreneurship and collaboration,” according to a July 2 joint news release issued by UIS and Horace Mann.

“This strategic relocation will enable us to bring more people into our innovation



University of Illinois Springfield says it will rent space on the third floor of the Horace Mann building in downtown Springfield, shown here, to house the UIS Innovation Center, which includes the Innovate Springfield business incubator.

PHOTO COURTESY HORACE MANN

ecosystem, including students, faculty, corporate partners, civic organizations and entrepreneurs,” Kerr said.

UIS Chancellor Janet Gooch said in the news release, “This move deepens our connection to the downtown community and allows us to expand our innovation efforts. We are grateful to Horace Mann for supporting our vision and helping us

increase opportunities for students and entrepreneurs alike.”

Don Carley, executive vice president and general counsel for Horace Mann, a publicly traded company based in Springfield that provides insurance and other financial services to educators nationwide, said the company is excited to work with UIS.

“This is a perfect fit,” he told Illinois Times.

The Horace Mann lease can be extended for another two years. UIS will pay \$196,000 in rent each year, Kerr said. The rent includes parking, security and utilities, he said.

UIS announced in December 2022 that it purchased a three-story, 24,600-square-foot building at 401 E. Washington St., for the UIS Innovation Center, and the university planned to open the center – housing Innovation Springfield – sometime in 2025.

Kerr wouldn’t say what prompted UIS to change its plans from 401 E. Washington St. The latest lease for Innovate Springfield’s current location expires soon, so he said the opportunity at Horace Mann, which provides almost 3,000 more square feet, allows for an easy transition.

As for the Washington Street building, “all I can say is that conversations are continuing” regarding its future use, Kerr said.

The uncertainty surrounding future use of the Washington Street building is

one reason the Horace Mann lease doesn’t reserve space for long-term occupancy, Kerr said.

The building on Washington is empty, and UIS, which bought it for \$950,000 from the Illinois Sheriffs’ Association and planned to use \$15 million in capital funds to renovate the structure, hasn’t spent the \$15 million elsewhere, Kerr said.

The UIS Center for State Policy and Leadership may eventually move into the Horace Mann space, as well, he said.

Operating out of a building with a cafe on its top floor and offices in the basement and on floors two through six, the UIS Innovation Center will be able to expand workforce development programs through continuing and professional development with a variety of corporate and nonprofit clients, Kerr said.

Horace Mann has the space available for lease because the company, like others around the country during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, “continues to embrace hybrid work to support work-life balance,” according to the UIS-Horace Mann news release.

Horace Mann is reconfiguring office space to welcome UIS, and the company is open to leasing one or 1.5 more floors, Carley said.

Between 500 and 600 Horace Mann employees work part time or full time in the building, he said. The building was constructed in the early 1970s and has undergone major improvements in recent years, he said.

Horace Mann employs about 1,800 people in Springfield and at offices in suburban Madison, Wisconsin, and in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, Carley said. The company works with about 600 agents who are independent contractors.

It will be exciting to have more people working in the building, Carley said. “I think it will be viewed as a positive for employees,” he said.

There’s plenty of parking available for Horace Mann employees, UIS employees and clients of the innovation center in Horace Mann’s three nearby surface parking lots, he said.

Innovate Springfield became part of UIS in 2018. It supports more than 50 member companies that have added more than 280 jobs to the local economy, according to UIS. □

## Editor’s note

We who tend to get cynical about politics need to pay close attention to the fight in Washington, and the fight after that. There are heroic political efforts going on to defeat the Republican spending bill, with its Medicaid cuts, clean energy cuts and, for the wealthy, tax cuts. “We’ve got to keep fighting,” Sen. Raphael Warnock, D-Georgia, said on the night before the Senate vote. “If we stop fighting, they win.” The next day “they” won, when the bill passed the Senate, with the vice president casting the deciding vote. “I am outraged that the Senate has passed this immoral tax bill put forward by Republicans in Washington,” Warnock said after that vote. “But this fight is not over. Now the bill goes back to the House for another vote. Keep raising your voice. The people are uniting against this Big Ugly Bill.” Warnock, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, keeps close contact between the people’s house – the Capitol where he serves in Washington – and God’s house – the church he serves in Atlanta. He quotes the New Testament to constituents and parishioners alike. “What does it profit them,” he was saying on national TV news, “if they gain the whole world and lose their own soul?” – *Fletcher Farrar, editor*



# Mental health is a community responsibility

Citizens Club panel educates Springfield on mental health resources

MENTAL HEALTH | Maggie Dougherty

"It is not 'them,' it is 'us,'" Jill Steiner said, addressing an audience at Hoogland Center for the Arts last Friday. She asked attendees to approach the morning's discussion with listening and empathy.

"Put aside the belief that it's just 'pull yourself up by the bootstraps,' 'get over it,' 'move on,' or 'it's just that generation.' Denial and platitudes cost lives."

Steiner, Citizens Club board member and human resource and risk management director of the YMCA of Springfield, was moderating a panel hosted by Citizens Club to educate attendees on the available resources and gaps for mental health. The panel featured medical providers and mental health experts, a member of the police and a representative from the Massey Commission.

Mental health is an everyday challenge in Sangamon County, panelists said.

Deputy Police Chief Joshua Stuenkel said the Springfield Police Department engages daily with individuals struggling with mental illness.

"Maybe not for every officer every day, but from our homeless outreach team to our neighborhood police officers and our patrol officers, someone is having this response every day and every shift," Stuenkel said.

Dr. Christopher McDowell is an emergency physician with Memorial Health and Executive Associate Dean and Professor of Emergency Medicine at SIU School of Medicine. Similarly he said it was "assured" he would see a patient with mental health concerns when he went to work that day.

The panelists shared tips and resources to educate the audience on how best to support neighbors suffering with mental illness, from reducing stigma through sensitive language to recognizing warning signs of suicide.

Lauren Yoggerst, crisis clinician at Memorial Behavioral Health, explained the best hotline numbers to call, including 988 for suicide intervention and substance use crisis support and 211 for referrals to community resources for food, shelter, utility assistance and more. These numbers help de-escalate potential crises before they reach emergency status, at which stage people should call 911, she said. Both hotlines are available 24/7.



Deputy Police Chief Joshua Stuenkel, seated at left, discusses Springfield's co-response model during the Mental Health Matters panel June 27. PHOTO BY MAGGIE DOUGHERTY

Those who contact 988 may remain anonymous, Yoggerst said, but if some risk of immediate harm presents itself, the person on the line may ask questions about where the caller is and whether intervention is needed. Should in-person help be required, the hotline can geolocate from the three major phone companies, T-Mobile, Verizon and AT&T.

When the issue cannot be handled over the phone, a Mobile Crisis Response team of behavioral health clinicians and peers will be deployed. Mobile crisis response is a grant-funded, statewide initiative, but it is run locally through Memorial Behavior Health and available 24/7. Those who need to contact the mobile unit can call directly at 217-788-7070.

In addition to the Mobile Crisis Response team, Springfield has worked to pair police officers with mental health professionals in responding to mental health crises. Officers on these teams receive Critical Intervention Team training, designed to educate officers on recognizing and de-escalating mental health crises.

"As law enforcement, while we are that first call, we recognize that we are not always the right tool," Stuenkel said. He said the

partnership, which was initially met with some hesitancy, is now received well by officers. "They see this as a resource," he added.

Multiple panelists said Springfield is rich in resources for addressing the mental health needs of the community, but that coordination of service and access to them continues to be a challenge.

John Ridley, director of public health for Sangamon and Menard Counties, introduced Community Mental Health Boards, or 708 Boards, as a missing piece of the puzzle. Establishing a 708 Board was the first recommendation passed by the Massey Commission.

Precedent for the boards was created in 1976 in Illinois by the Community Mental Health Act, introduced by Illinois House Bill 708. Such boards exist in over 90 counties, municipalities and townships across Illinois, according to the League of Women Voters.

"If you look at what counties have community mental health boards, Sangamon County is kind of the hole of the donut," Ridley said. He urged attendees to support a tax referendum, scheduled for spring 2026, to fund the board. □

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# Remembering Henry Stephens, Springfield civil rights activist

Immortalized by Carl Sandburg, memorialized with a historical marker

HISTORY | Jon Noll

Henry Stephens, a Springfield resident and civil rights advocate in the late 1800s and early 1900s, was celebrated in two poems by Carl Sandburg. Now he is memorialized with a historical marker, which the Illinois State Historical Society officially unveiled June 17 at the Springfield Transportation Hub, on the southwest corner of 11<sup>th</sup> and Washington streets.

Stephens, who was an Alabama native before moving to Pana, and then Springfield in 1901, was an African American miner. Stephens was a descendant of enslaved people living on the Alabama plantation of Alexander Stephens, vice president of the Confederacy. He was an essential part of bringing equal rights into the mines, and to all jobs in Illinois.

Stephens moved to Pana in 1899 as a “scab worker,” meaning that he was replacing miners on strike because the Pana mines were unwilling to pay the going rate for their work. It was cheaper for the Pana mines to bring in new miners from Alabama, who they would then exploit. The scab miners coming in had been notified of the working conditions. This, combined with Pana’s reputation for racism, kept many African American workers from coming. However, some miners from Alabama, including Stephens, still came to Pana and protested for their rights there. Protests were led by Henry Stephens himself, and the final one ended in violence. Five African Americans were killed while protesting, and the National Guard had to be called in to quell the violence. Most African Americans fled Pana after this violence. But Stephens kept trying to fight for what he believed in.

Stephens moved to Springfield in 1901. It is obvious that at that point Stephens had reached his limit with the racism in the mines because he was quoted in the poem that Carl Sandburg wrote about him, *The Sayings of Henry Stephens* saying, “A Union means united. But they’s mines runnin’ twenty-five years and the white man never lets the negro in.” He also stated in the



At the June 17 dedication of the Henry Stephens historical marker are, from left, retired coal miner Willie McGuire, Charlie Stratton of the Springfield Mass Transit District, Sen. Doris Turner, Dr. Rosemary Feurer of Northern Illinois University, William Furry, executive director, Illinois State Historical Society, Willett Douglass, president of Black Trade Unionists and Nick Yelvington, Springfield and Central Illinois Trades and Labor Council. At the dedication, Willie McGuire read Carl Sandburg’s poem, “The Sayings of Henry Stephens.” PHOTO BY MIRANDA BAILEY-PEETZ

same text he would have to walk upwards of two miles to get to work. Stephens decided he needed to change this. He fought to get better working rights for miners in Springfield. He did so by helping lead Black miners to join the United Mine Workers of America, which promised to cross racial barriers and allow equal rights for Black and white miners alike. In 1908 Black miners made even more progress locally by gaining a Black president of a local mining union in Sangamon County.

Stephens can also be credited for trying to desegregate Springfield’s theaters. He partnered with a white man in 1907 to help. He was ultimately unsuccessful, but this did not deter him. Stephens became the president of the Springfield Working Men’s Association with the intention of helping push for civil rights in the workplace even more. With this organization, Stephens and other Black miners were able to win a provision in the union contract that banned hiring discrimination in the mines, the first provision of its kind in Illinois. Stephens also helped support transportation strikers in 1917 by walking a long way home during the sunset to support the streetcar workers’ strike. The strike achieved its goal of having the streetcar company recognize the union,

meaning that there would be no more racially biased hiring. Stephens’ marker was erected close to the route that Stephens walked home.

Stephens is well known for saying, “I’d live in the fields on hard corn for a just cause.” That quote made its way into the poem, *Sayings of Henry Stephens*, in which Carl Sandburg wrote in the first person as Henry Stephens. The poem described Stephens’ thoughts about life as an African American in Springfield where he was facing prejudice and oppression. Stephens stated in the poem that he could only work at 8 out of 20 of the mines in Sangamon County just because he was not white. Stephens’ ideals were also mentioned in Carl Sandburg’s most famous poem, *The People, Yes*. Sandburg’s works not only strongly discouraged racism, but also memorialized Henry Stephens’ dedication to making Illinois a better place for everyone.

As a civil rights activist, Stephens helped change the state forever. The marker in his honor shows just how much of an impact he made. □

Jon Noll is a Springfield native who is attending Lake Forest Academy, a boarding high school in Chicago. He is working as a summer intern for Illinois Times.

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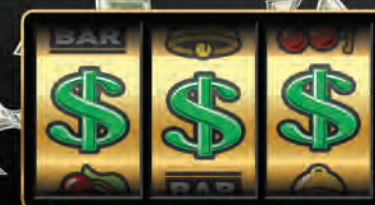
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2:00PM Tank & Artillery Salute Fire – Grandstand  
3:00PM Tank Crew Evacuation Demo – Grandstand  
4:00PM Merchant Building – Open  
5:00PM Pavilion – Open  
5:00PM Talent Contest – Grandstand  
6:00PM Youth Fun Show – Horse Arena  
7:00PM Morgan Co. Fair Pageant – Grandstand

## FRIDAY, JULY 11

8:00AM Goat Judging  
1:00PM Master Showmanship Contest  
4:00PM Merchant Building – Open  
4:00PM Pavilion – Open  
6:30PM Pony Pulls – Horse Arena  
7:30PM Dustin Lynch with special guest  
Noah Hicks - Grandstand  
Following Concert Music by: Feudin'  
Hillbillies – Pavilion

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

8:00AM Sheep Judging  
8:00AM Rabbit Judging  
12:00PM WWII Tank Line Open – Grandstand  
1:30PM Reflections on a Magical Year – 4H Bldg  
2:00PM Tank & Artillery Salute Fire – Grandstand  
2:30PM The Grab 'N' Grow Greenhouse – 4H Bldg  
3:00PM Tank Crew Evacuation Demo – Grandstand  
4:00PM Merchant Building – Open  
5:00PM Pavilion – Open  
7:00PM Salute the Troops Night – Grandstand

## SATURDAY, JULY 12

8:00AM Beef Judging  
9:00AM 6 on 6 Volleyball Tournament  
10:00AM Western Horse Show – Horse Arena  
1:00PM Merchant Building – Open  
1:00PM Kids' Corral – Merchant Building  
1:00PM Lego Contest – Merchant Building  
2:00PM Magician Show – Merchant Building  
2:00PM Fair Pavilion – Open  
6:00PM Speed Show – Horse Arena  
7:30PM Warren Zeiders with special guest  
Kolby Cooper – Grandstand  
Following Concert Music by: The Longmeyer  
Band – Pavilion

## THURSDAY, JULY 10

8:00AM Swine Judging  
1:30PM Kids' Day Activities  
4:00PM Merchant Building – Open  
5:00PM Pavilion – Open  
6:00PM Summer Bicentennial Bash – Pavilion  
6:30PM Jacksonville Bicentennial Trivia – Pavilion  
6:00PM Power Wheels Derby – Grandstand  
6:30PM Kids' Rodeo – Horse Arena  
7:00PM Demolition Derby – Grandstand  
8:00PM Music by: Silver Lake – Pavilion

## SUNDAY, JULY 13

9:00AM 4 on 4 Volleyball Tournament  
10:00AM Poultry Judging  
10:00AM Team Roping - Horse Arena  
12:00PM Fair Pavilion – Open  
12:00PM Pet & Wheel Parade – Show Ring  
12:00PM Toss for Autism Bags Tournament  
1:00PM Community Summer Band – Pavilion  
1:00PM Merchant Building – Open  
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2:00PM Kids' Pedal Tractor Pull – 4H Bldg  
4:30PM Truck & Tractor Pulls – Grandstand



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# Chelsey Farley tells her story

She hopes retired police sergeant who injured her will serve time

COURTS | Dean Olsen

Chelsey Farley burst into tears while speaking with a reporter almost 10 months after a motorcycle she was riding on collided with a car driven by a recently retired Springfield police officer.

Farley, 32, cried as she explained why she was wearing a medical boot to stabilize the lower section of her left leg. She accidentally broke her leg June 26 when she stumbled inside the Springfield home she shares with her 12-year-old son and 7-year-old daughter.

She blamed her recent injury on former police sergeant Michael Egan because of the lasting impact the crash has had on her ability to be steady on her feet. “This is still him,” she said, looking down at her leg.

“I shouldn’t be walking through my house and falling and breaking my leg,” Farley said as she sat inside The Soul Shoppe, an arts, crafts and cannabis smoking supplies store that she and her cousin, Missy Hoover, operate at 1052 E. Stanford Ave. in Springfield.

Farley spoke with *Illinois Times* on June 27 and after a June 23 status hearing on Egan’s criminal case in Sangamon County Circuit Court. She said she has attended several of the hearings. Outside the courtroom, she has yelled at Egan and his lawyers with profanity-laced language expressing her frustration with Egan and what she considers his lack of regret.

Egan, 51, has pleaded not guilty to two counts of aggravated DUI, DUI and making an improper left turn in connection with the incident. He retired from the Springfield Police Department the same day as the crash and hasn’t commented.

If convicted, the potential punishment for Egan, who has no prior convictions, could range from probation and no jail time to 12 years in prison. Egan has remained free while awaiting trial. One of his attorneys, Dan Fultz, declined comment.

Farley, whose supporters have demonstrated outside the Sangamon County courthouse to keep a spotlight on the case, said it’s uncomfortable for her to relive the trauma of the crash and its aftermath. She said she attends the hearings because she worries Egan won’t be held accountable.

Accountability, for her, means that Egan sees time in jail or prison.

“He seems to have no remorse,” Farley said. “I don’t want anything but for that man to do the time for his crime. He broke the law. As any other citizen, he needs to be treated the same as us. He is not better than the rest of us.

“We’re all taught young in America – don’t drink and drive. So that goes for you, too, Springfield police.”

It’s not uncommon for people charged in criminal or civil cases to be advised by their lawyers not to speak or apologize to alleged victims until cases are resolved, according to Frank Lynch, a Springfield lawyer not involved in the Egan case.

That’s because certain statements made outside of court can be introduced in court as admissions of guilt or used in some way against people making the statements, Lynch said.

Police reports said Egan was driving a 2018 Toyota SUV eastbound on East Lake Shore Drive at 9:20 p.m. Sept. 5, 2024, when he failed to yield the right of way and made a left turn, without using a turn signal, in front of a southbound Kawasaki motorcycle near the entrance to the Anchor Boat Club.

The motorcycle, driven by Trevor Hopkins, with his then-girlfriend, Farley, riding as a passenger, then struck the passenger side of Egan’s car. Neither Hopkins nor Farley was wearing a helmet.

Farley lost consciousness and doesn’t remember the crash. She broke her pelvis in three places. She also broke her tailbone and both collarbones, and the trauma caused bleeding in her brain. Doctors placed metal pins and screws and a metal plate in her body to hold it together and promote healing.

She was intubated, put on a respirator and placed in a medically induced coma for about two weeks and was hospitalized for a month, first at HSHS St. John’s Hospital and then at Springfield Memorial Hospital.

“I’m very lucky that I’m not dead,” Farley said.

Hopkins, 32, a self-employed auto mechanic from Springfield, also was injured, but not as severely.

Egan, whose base pay as a police officer with 20 or more years of experience in 2024 was \$125,508, wasn’t hurt. A blood test after the accident showed Egan’s blood-alcohol level more than twice the legal limit, according to recently retired Springfield police chief Kenneth Scarlette.

The physical effects of the crash will remain for the rest of her life, Farley said.

“I have nerve damage in parts of my body and permanent hardware that will have to be

monitored for the rest of my life,” Farley said. “This accident affects my life daily, on many levels: emotionally, physically and publicly. I’m never going to forget it, and I’m going to make sure that Michael Egan does not forget it, either.”

Farley, who is covered by Medicaid, said she received a \$100,000 out-of-court settlement from Egan based on a personal injury lawsuit she filed against him. The money will help pay medical bills. The financial strain to her family and her business – which opened a few days before the crash – has been eased by about \$22,000 donated through GoFundMe.

Farley’s civil claim against The Stadium Bar & Grill, 2300 N. Peoria Road, where Egan allegedly consumed alcohol at a retirement party in the hours before the crash, remains pending. Hopkins’ civil lawsuit against Egan also remains pending.

Greg Gaz, the attorney representing the bar, and Andrew Toennies, who represents Hopkins, didn’t respond to messages left by *Illinois Times*. Alex Rabin, who represents Farley, wouldn’t comment.

Farley said she believes Egan received preferential treatment by police responding to the scene of the accident. Public concern about the way Egan was treated was part of a public protest outside City Hall on Sept. 9. Activists also were protesting the July 6, 2024, shooting of Sonya Massey by a Sangamon County sheriff’s deputy inside her rural Woodside Township home.

Four Springfield police officers who responded to the crash later were disciplined by the police department. The officer receiving the most severe penalty was ordered to serve a six-day, unpaid suspension.

Because of a lack of details released by SPD, it remains unclear whether the department believed Egan was given preferential treatment. Scarlette previously said Egan embarrassed the police force.

Farley, who is divorced from her children’s father, said her relationship with Hopkins ended because of stress related to the accident. She said Hopkins moved to Florida.

Born and raised in Springfield, Farley, who previously worked as a postal clerk, said friends and family members helped her and her cousin keep their shop running.

She said she is grateful for all of the financial and moral support she has received from the community in her recovery and her efforts to keep Egan’s case in the public eye.

“If there’s not attention to this case, I am worried that it will be able to be swept under the rug,” she said. “I am worried that they will let Michael Egan off with no time served ... and probably smack someone else with his car.” □



Chelsey Farley inside her business, The Soul Shoppe, at 1052 E. Stanford Ave. It opened just a few days before she was seriously injured when the motorcycle she was riding on was hit by an SUV driven by Michael Egan, a Springfield Police Department sergeant who had retired earlier that day and was allegedly intoxicated at the time of the accident. PHOTO BY STEVE HINRICH





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#### THANKS FOR COVERAGE

Just today we received a digital copy of ReGen. It looks like a most interesting publication!

I live in Madison, Wisconsin. My father was the last brewmaster of the Reisch Brewery. I am the oldest of his 10 children ("Springfield's Reisch Beer makes a comeback," Summer ReGen).

Thank you for the feature article and hanging in there to keep journalism vibrant.  
*Ed Reisch - Madison, Wisconsin*

#### GRADE RESTAURANTS

Another local news outlet regularly has reports on restaurant inspections in Sangamon County. In a recent story written in that publication, questions regarding when the county health department might shutter a restaurant for violations were answered. There seems to be a lot of ambiguity for the average patron to decide where to dine in terms of health and safety.

While I do not doubt the health department is doing its job at protecting the public, I do think that a more transparent way to show if a business has passed inspections

would be helpful. In my travels across the Midwest, I have noticed that establishments often show a letter grade by the front door for the latest inspection. I think this approach would work well in our community, and I hope the powers that be might be reading this and will consider that suggestion. I believe the public voting with their wallet is the best approach to solving a lot of issues.

*Steven Simpson-Black - Springfield*

#### DISTRICT 186 DOESN'T DESERVE MORE MONEY

If District 186 had success with the money it's been given, I would say it has a point. However, since it fails to teach kids a basic skill like reading, District 186 can pound sand.

*Daniel Rossman - Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes*

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*John Levalley - Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes*

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# Pritzker touts need to protect progress

POLITICS | Rich Miller

"I ran for governor in 2018 to change our story," Gov. JB Pritzker told a Chicago crowd June 26 as he announced his bid for a third term. "I ran for governor in 2022 to keep telling our story. And I am running for governor in 2026 to protect our story."

This general theme of protecting what Pritzker maintains is Illinois' progress from damage by President Donald Trump will be the foundation of the governor's reelection bid – at least for the foreseeable future.

The governor's state office provided an example of this potential harm earlier in the week, when it warned of a provision in the congressional budget proposal to shift billions of dollars in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program costs from the federal government to the states.

"For Illinois, that shift could mean taking on more than \$1.2 billion in additional costs annually, placing a massive strain on Illinois' budget and threatening funding for other essential services like education and health care," the statement read.

The U.S. Senate's parliamentarian had originally ruled against the SNAP provision in the chamber's budget reconciliation bill, but the majority Republicans revised the language and it was approved June 26.

That \$1.2 billion will likely pale in comparison to expected Medicaid cuts. Illinois simply doesn't have the recurring revenue needed to make up the difference.

"Earthquakes are coming," Pritzker warned in his address about the coming months and years.

So, for now, it's "Pritzker the Protector."

But, eventually, it would be nice to see some fresh and new ideas.

The governor's 2021 reelection announcement was all about looking back at his leadership during the pandemic. Four years

later, his latest announcement was heavy on his accomplishments and little about the future, except that it looks really bleak under Trump and he will do his best to shield the state from it.

The Trump references were so thick that you could conceivably call this the first kick-off speech of the 2028 presidential campaign.

"The workers of today and tomorrow choose Illinois because we built an iron wall around their freedoms – and because we told the fascist freakshow fanatics to run their experiments on ending democracy somewhere else," the governor said.

Except Pritzker's currently only running for reelection. Maybe try one election at a time. And while 2019 – his first year in office – was a whirlwind of activity, much more still needs to be done.

For example, the Illinois Economic Policy Institute and the Project for Middle Class Renewal at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign released a study this week showing the state has an existing housing shortage of 142,000 units and needs to build 227,000 new homes over the next five years "to keep pace with demand."

The governor said housing costs too much during his speech, but didn't say what he'd do about it.

You may recall that Pritzker demanded action on the housing shortage during his State of the State address in February, saying his special task force on housing affordability had come up with some solutions and those should be enacted. But, after some progress, the bill stalled out.

One of the panel's short-term ideas was to require the state's pension funds to invest in housing development. But the provisions to require or incentivize local governments to remove barriers to new housing was a big sticking point.

Pritzker's implementation record leaves much

to be desired. Six years after legalizing cannabis, for instance, the original equity promises are nowhere near fulfilled. If they were, it would be a whole lot easier to convince the Illinois House to regulate the intoxicating hemp "gray market."

And the governor was right when he said, "the answer starts with growing Illinois' economy." But economic growth as a whole has most definitely lagged here.

"Let me be clear," Pritzker said, "There is no Mission Accomplished banner to stand under today. Yes, we have addressed so many of our old

problems – but new ones always arise. History is an endless relay race. Our job is not to look for the finish line but to protect the baton as we run our assigned leg."

Are we better off as a state than we were in 2018? Governmentally, yes. Of course. I would never want to revert to the state governments we had during the first 18 years of this century.

Could we as a state be much better? Absolutely. And it's time to try. But that requires some concrete plans. □



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# Revitalize Robin Roberts Stadium

State of disrepair is unacceptable, dangerous

GUESTWORK | Jamie Toole

On June 26, I sent the following letter to the Springfield Park District board of directors.

I am writing to you with a profound sense of urgency and concern regarding the current state of Robin Roberts Stadium – a facility that should be a source of pride for the city of Springfield, especially as we prepare to host 17 visiting communities from across the Midwest for the 2025 Prospect League All-Star Game July 7-8.

Unfortunately, the stadium is in a state of disrepair that is not only unacceptable, but potentially dangerous, and undeniably embarrassing for a city with such a rich baseball tradition. While we appreciate the Springfield Park District's efforts in the past, the current approach to maintenance and facility management has proven unsustainable. We are at a critical tipping point, and it is imperative that immediate, decisive action be taken to ensure that Robin Roberts Stadium does not follow the path of other neglected facilities like Chamberlain Park.

To cite just a few urgent and pressing issues:

- **Air conditioning failures:** Four AC units have been down for over a week, subjecting staff, umpires and players to extreme and unsafe temperatures.
- **Field and stadium conditions:** The warning track poses safety risks, field drainage is inadequate and there is zero maintenance beyond mowing and lining. Weeds, flowers and other plants are overtaking the playing surface and inconsistent irrigation is leading to dead grass and dangerously dusty playing conditions.

- **Concession and restroom facilities:** There are active leaks in the main concession area, raising serious health code concerns. Women's restrooms have locked stalls due to deferred maintenance, reducing access for fans. Rotting wood on concession doors adds to the unsafe and unsightly environment.
- **Electrical and lighting failures:** Stadium lights are out, common area bulbs go unreplaced and electrical failures have impacted both the scoreboard and the public address system – vital components of the fan and player experience.
- **Sanitation and cleanliness:** Trash and debris are regularly left uncollected. Stains and messes remain after events. Overgrowth of weeds and nonfunctional facade lighting at the entrance create a poor first impression of the stadium.
- **ADA noncompliance:** The lack of sufficient ADA seating is a recurring concern from senior and disabled attendees. This is both a moral and legal issue that cannot be ignored.

The cumulative impact of these issues cannot be overstated. The facility is not just aging – it is deteriorating rapidly. And as we prepare to welcome regional attention in less than two weeks, the risks to our city's reputation and the safety of everyone who uses the stadium grow by the day.

We respectfully urge the Springfield Park District board of directors to take immediate steps to pressure the executive director and relevant departments to address these problems without further



Jamie Toole and Melissa Gaynor are managers and partial owners of the Lucky Horseshoes. The couple says Robin Roberts Stadium, where the Horseshoes play, is in desperate need of upgrades if it is to succeed as a sporting and entertainment venue. PHOTO BY 1221 PHOTOGRAPHY

delay. Robin Roberts Stadium deserves not just to be preserved but revitalized. We owe it to the legacy of the stadium, to our players and fans, and to the city of Springfield – particularly the taxpayers – to ensure that this venue reflects the pride and professionalism our community is known for.

Time is of the essence. We ask for your leadership and swift action to prevent this

historic stadium from becoming another lost facility. □

*Jamie Toole is co-owner and chief storyteller of the Springfield Lucky Horseshoes. Jamie is a 26-year veteran of major league and minor league baseball operations, including positions with the St. Louis Cardinals, Miami Marlins and Pittsburgh Pirates.*



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# Chatham Strong Fest

Music festival will honor Chatham victims and raise money

COMMUNITY | Ed Wojcicki

A daylong family-friendly music festival featuring six performers will give people an opportunity to pay tribute to the April 28 accident victims in Chatham and raise money to support them.

Billed as the Chatham Strong Fest, it will run from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday, July 6, at the Chatham Community Park, 711 S. Park St. There is no admission fee. Some seating will be available, but people may want to bring their own chairs and blankets.

Killed on the day of the accident when a driver crashed through the YNOT after-school building in Chatham were Kathryn Corley, 7, Alma Buhnerkempe, 7, Ainsley Johnson, 8, and Rylee Britton, 18. Six other children were taken to the hospital. One of them, Bradley Lund, 8, died June 2 from his injuries.

"Chatham Strong" has emerged as the rallying cry in response to the accident and in support of its victims and their families. Local residents, schools and businesses have hosted gatherings and blood drives, and Chatham Strong yard signs, T-shirts and other items have been for sale, with vendors typically promising to donate to the families of victims. As of June 24, more than \$437,000 had been pledged on six GoFundMe sites, while at least three local banks were also accepting donations for the benefit of one or more of the victims. A linktr.ee site is tracking dozens of these events and fundraising opportunities.

The Chatham Strong Fest will feature live music, food trucks, kids' activities and an online auction. The kids' activities will include a petting zoo, carnival games and arts and craft stations. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. The online auction being conducted by Cory Craig Auctions began June 28 and will close at 7 p.m. July 6. Cory Craig is donating his services for this effort.

Also, a ceremony for the planting of a 15-foot Unity Tree at 5 p.m. during the festival will honor the deceased children as a permanent memorial near the main playground.

Net proceeds from the auction, donations and sponsors will be deposited into the Ball-Chatham School District YNOT Tragedy Fund. Funds will be

allocated for funeral and memorial services, medical expenses, long-term care and other essential needs. According to the Chatham Strong Fest website, a committee of Glenwood High School administrators and Student Council members will review needs and oversee the distribution of funds, and all funds will be fully disbursed within six months.

The idea for the Chatham Strong Fest, according to a press release, originated when Jason Dolby's 15-year-old son, who attended the YNOT after-school program as a child, started playing music as a way to cope.

"When he told me it was his way to deal with what had happened," Dolby said, "I thought maybe others could use music to do the same thing. So I called my friend Jeff Loftus, who is a great local musician, and we started organizing the next day."

Dolby and Loftus got help from Jeff Stauffer in organizing the music festival. "We wanted to organize an event that not only gave people an outlet to participate by raising money, but maybe more importantly, to heal through music and a chance to honor those involved by keeping their memory alive forever in a big way," Stauffer said.

That is how the Chatham Strong Fest arose organically as an initiative of the three civic-minded citizens, not any specific organization or group. Local sponsors have stepped up to defray costs, including Springfield Clinic, Memorial Health, HSHS Health System, SIU School of Medicine, Levi, Ray & Shoup and The Group Insurance Agency.

Those sponsors, along with the online auction and donations that can be made online or at the event, will provide the proceeds to be donated to the victims' families.

More information about the musicians, the online auction and the festival can be found at [chathamstrongfest.com](http://chathamstrongfest.com). □

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Left to right: Jeff Loftus, Jason Dolby and Jeff Stauffer are the organizers of the Chatham Strong Fest, a daylong family-friendly music festival that will pay tribute to the April 28 accident victims in Chatham and raise money to support them. PHOTO COURTESY CHATHAM STRONG FEST

## The lineup of musicians at the festival

- 1 p.m. .... Dave Littrell
- 2 p.m.... Brandy Kristin Band
- 3:45 p.m..... Neon Rodeo
- 5:30 p.m..... Satellite
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# Friday Night Live in downtown Springfield

Eat, drink, shop and support local

FEATURE | Karen Ackerman Witter

Downtown Springfield is the place to go on four Friday nights this summer to enjoy food, drinks, entertainment, shopping and family fun at local businesses. Friday Night Live is a collaboration among downtown businesses and community supporters to bring people downtown and experience all those local businesses have to offer. It was born from a grassroots idea to help downtown brick-and-mortar businesses thrive and uplift the local economy.

The dates are July 11, 18, 25 and Aug. 1. Many businesses will have extended hours beyond 5 p.m., and some bars will be open until 2 a.m. so there should be something for everyone to enjoy.

"This event puts existing downtown businesses front and center," said Cainan Barnett, marketing manager for Isringhausen Imports and a Downtown Springfield, Inc. board member. "It's not another street festival; it's a movement to get people inside our shops, restaurants and venues."

Specialty retail shops, restaurants, bars, art galleries and other businesses are participating. Free street parking is available. If you don't know the full range of what downtown Springfield offers, this is a perfect time to explore and find out.

"Friday Night Live brings real energy to the heart of Springfield," said Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory, who represents a portion of the downtown. "It's about celebrating our city, supporting local businesses and creating safe spaces where families and young people can come together. I'm always supportive of good things that bring us together and uplift our community."

Organizers had initially hoped to close off three blocks of Fifth Street during the Friday night events but have since decided not to pursue those plans. They now say efforts for Friday Night Live are more limited – to place ads to promote downtown as a destination and to encourage the public to patronize and enjoy downtown businesses.

On July 11 and July 25, the Kidzeum of Health and Science, 412 E. Adams St., will remain open from 5-7 p.m. On July 18 and Aug. 1, Kidzeum will provide an opportunity for parents to drop their little ones off between 5-8 p.m. so the adults can enjoy the other festivities downtown. This is open to children ages four and older, and advance registration is required. A pizza dinner will be provided, along with fun-filled supervised play.

"Our goal is to give parents the opportunity to enjoy the rest of the evening's festivities while their kids are well-cared for," said Leah Wilson, executive director of Kidzeum. To register, go to

<https://kidzeum.org/events>.

Just as each downtown business is unique, each participating business will determine its specific schedule, offerings and social media promotion for the four evenings.

"We are looking to get the entire downtown community to come together for a collective yet separate event that brings people into their doors, not walking right past them," said Barnett. "Each business adds its own flavor – but the energy is citywide and collaborative."

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# A redneck ruckus

This year's Original Redneck Fishing Tournament is canceled

FEATURE | Adrian Dater



The Sushi Slayers collect carp like candy on Halloween as fish, agitated by boat motors, offer themselves up during the 2014 tournament. PHOTO BY BRUCE RUSHTON

Below its muddy banks, the water is as quiet as the village of Bath itself, which is just how the easily spooked invasive Asian silver carp that pour down from the chutes of the Illinois River like it.

Normally, the voracious carp that plague the ecosystem of the rivers and lakes of the Midwest would soon get a rude three-day invasion of their own from beer-drinking, flag-waving, music-cranking participants of the annual Original Redneck Fishing Tournament that put this village of 274 on the map with its inception in 2005.

What started that year as a small gathering of those who wanted to address the problematic carp and raise money for veterans' causes evolved into a yearly event that garnered national TV coverage and visits from publications ranging from *Time* to *National Geographic*. Tournament-goers in the tens of thousands from across the country and overseas crowded into Mason

County not just to catch the thousands of carp that jump clean out of the water from the disturbance of engine motors, but also to commune with fellow rednecks for a good old-fashioned weekend of uninhibited, booze-fueled fun.

"They had Illinois State Police directing traffic in the middle of town, it got so big," village of Bath president Jason DeFord said.

The carp get a reprieve this year. The tournament was recently canceled by its organizers, citing financial issues relating to a lack of sponsors and insurance costs, much of the latter centering on a giant beer tent whose roughly \$5,000 cost was previously covered by the village itself. The cancellation has led to a lot of finger-pointing and heated accusations from two camps – one led by tournament founder Betty DeFord and the other by her successor and current organizer, Nikki Gregerson.

The controversy has spilled onto the pages of Facebook, where profane vitriol has been lobbed from one camp to the other.

"People are always going to talk in small towns," Gregerson said with a weary sigh.

In the kitchen of 70-year-old Betty DeFord's Bath home hangs a framed, knitted saying that reads "I'm not bossy, I just know what you should be doing."

To DeFord's critics, she has been too bossy toward Gregerson and the tournament's organizers since she relinquished control of it in 2021. That led to a confrontation between Gregerson and DeFord at last year's tourney that, DeFord said, "left me in tears" and shattered the goodwill surrounding the event. Sponsors seemed to have been turned off by the controversy, leaving Gregerson and other organizers too financially strapped to hold it this year.

All of which could have been avoided,

Betty DeFord said, if Gregerson hadn't "poisoned the water" to patrons and sponsors alike.

"I think there was a big deal with jealousy with her, and she thought she could make money. I never made money off of it. We spent money out of our own pockets," DeFord says, looking at photos of past tournaments. "She wanted the notoriety that I have received from this and felt that I was taking from her, because at every event, everybody was looking for Betty DeFord."

DeFord, indeed, always was the person the TV crews and print reporters sought out when looking for a face to put on the tournament. After all, her name is in the original title of the event that she launched following an outing on the Illinois River that saw the frightened carp jump by the dozens around and into their jon boat, some hitting her and her grandchildren smack in the face.



"This was a good thing. It brought people together," DeFord said of the event. "In 2013, it became a benefit for Illinois homeless veterans. After expenses, everything was donated. Without the veterans, where would we be?"

But, in 2021, DeFord notified everyone it would be the final year of the Redneck Fishing Tournament. An ongoing battle with breast cancer was the major reason, she said, along with having to be the primary caretaker to her husband, a Vietnam veteran battling dementia.

It was at the end of the 2021 tourney, DeFord said, that Gregerson approached her and implored her to keep the event going. DeFord said she just couldn't devote the time needed, but would serve as an adviser if Gregerson wanted to take over. For a couple of years, the tournament seemed to continue in harmony. But last year came the confrontation between Gregerson and DeFord, the accounts of which differ depending on who is doing the talking.

As DeFord sees it, she was taking ticket money and mingling with others when she was "jumped" by Gregerson and accused of, among other things, badmouthing her to sponsors that had a negative effect on their ongoing participation.

"She accused me of setting up a board meeting to get her evicted from it. You can't set up a board meeting as a private citizen. Everybody called me, because they know I've set up this tournament, and I forwarded her every message and she did not respond to these people," DeFord said. "I didn't run around telling people, 'Oh, don't give her any sponsorship money.' But I sure got the blame for it."

DeFord said some of the vendors from last year told her they will "never, ever come back, because she mouthed off to them. This is the help I got? She ruined it, and I've spent many sleepless nights in tears over it."

Reached by phone, Gregerson, while saying she hasn't spoken with DeFord since last year, seemed incredulous at such accusations.

"I really don't know where Betty is coming from," said Gregerson, who lives a retired life in Browning. "I haven't spoken ill of Betty to anyone. I haven't seen anybody badmouth Betty, or else I would have said something, because it doesn't need to be that way. I couldn't care less about any notoriety for myself."

Adrea Cleer, a Bath resident and acknowledged member of Camp DeFord, recalls the situation last year thusly: "I'm sitting there selling shirts and (Gregerson)

was going to talk bad about Betty. I'm like, 'Just so you know, I love Betty and I'm just here to help her,'" Cleer said. "I feel like Nikki was more jealous because of the people who were coming from out of state who all wanted to see Betty."

Cleer said she thinks lack of organization is to blame for this year's cancellation.

"(Gregerson) didn't get her stuff together and tried to blame something else. If she had her ducks in a row, the tournament would still go on. It's a shame," Cleer said.

Members of Camp Gregerson, however, have portrayed DeFord in a more unfavorable light and say Gregerson should be credited with doing her best to keep it going after DeFord stepped down.

Gregerson, when asked if the tournament might be finished for good, said she's already receiving offers from nearby towns to hold it starting next year.

When asked why, in her opinion, the tournament had such a big drop in sponsors – from about 35 to five – Gregerson said: "I think the tone itself of the tournament kind of changed a little bit. Not all of the people in Bath enjoyed it. Not all of them hate it. The majority of the people there are always very helpful. I just think the tone changed, and when we took it over, we were trying to bring that fun back. And we had to change some things, and it wasn't a popular choice with everybody. But the majority of the people liked it. So, it may be the economy or I don't know what it is for sure."

The person seemingly most caught in the middle of all this is Jason DeFord, Betty's nephew, who has only been on the job as the mayor of Bath for two months now. He swears he has no dog in this hunt, despite the family name.

"This is all pretty new to me," Jason DeFord said. "But to be clear, the village of Bath did not cancel the tournament. They (Camp Gregerson) did. What the village did was, we decided we couldn't do a beer tent due to some other financial obligations and problems that are unrelated to the Redneck. Why they're canceling it altogether, I'll leave that to them."

Betty DeFord, meanwhile, is organizing a Bring Back Bath celebration Aug. 1-2 in the village square to aid Illinois veterans and rehab the local playground. There will be food, games, a cake walk, raffle baskets and open-mic karaoke.

"We're looking for some sponsors," she said. □

*Adrian Dater, a longtime former sportswriter in Denver and author of seven books, moved to Springfield in 2023 to get his first taste of life in the Midwest.*



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# Visit Illinois Beach State Park

An easy drive to access Lake Michigan

FEATURE | Mary Bohlen



The shoreline of Illinois Beach State Park stretches for six-and-a-half miles. STOCK PHOTO

East from Illinois Beach State Park, Lake Michigan glistens and beckons anyone seeking summer fun in the sun. Plenty of beach lovers answer the call, if packed parking lots on the weekends are any indication.

Tucked into the far northeastern part of the state, the park offers a variety of outdoor activities four hours from Springfield. It also hosts the state's last natural shore of Lake Michigan, according to Chase Firth, the park's natural resources coordinator.

"It is unique in that it is the last chunk of dune and swale in all of Illinois," he said. "Every other piece of lakefront in Illinois has been developed."

The park features more than 650 plant species, including wildflowers, cacti, grasses, sedges, black oak and pine trees in dry and marshy areas and aquatic life in ponds.

Firth said it is the second most visited

state park in Illinois, behind Starved Rock. The 4,160-acre park features 6.5 miles of sandy shore, nature trails, fishing, camping and picknicking. Also part of the officially named Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park Cullerton Complex is the North Point Marina, owned by the state but leased out.

You can learn about the park's features and its unusual history at the visitor center/nature center, open Thursday through Monday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the park's south half. You can pitch a tent, park your RV or book a room at a resort hotel on site if you want a longer stay.

The big draw, of course, is Lake Michigan in the last few Illinois miles before its waves lap in Wisconsin. Native Americans, hunters, trappers and explorers tromped across the dunes, and preservationists such as landscape architect

Jens Jensen recognized the area's value.

The U.S. Army also liked the spot, turning the northern part of today's park into Camp Logan, training riflemen and tank crews during World Wars I and II. Firth said the FBI also used the rifle ranges. The Illinois National Guard took over the land in the late 1940s, and the state started working on the first park parcels in 1948.

In 1964 the southern part became Illinois' first nature preserve, but it took until 1982 for the state to get the northern part, which stretches from a decommissioned Commonwealth Edison nuclear power plant to the Wisconsin border.

Today, the two park units have separate entrances off Sheridan Road in Zion and Winthrop Harbor with a third entrance to North Point Marina. Entry at any leads to those seemingly endless Lake Michigan

views, trails and picnic areas. Park entrance and parking are free.

The south unit includes the nature center, campground with showers and electricity, camp store in season and hotel. Some campsites can be reserved but most of the more than 200 are first come, first served. Firth acknowledged that maintenance of the heavily used campground had drawn complaints in previous years but says past staff shortages are resolved and bathrooms have new doors and locks.

The state pumped more than \$70 million into park improvements, he said, pointing to more water safety signs and rings, bilingual signage, 23 new breakwaters to stop erosion and 50 acres of beach replenishment in the last two years.

Renovation of the hotel, built in 1958 and leased by the state to a private group,





The southern part of the park became Illinois' first nature preserve. STOCK PHOTO

is ongoing with an indoor pool remodel and other improvements. Until those are made, visitors can expect rooms that are a little dated, weeds in the courtyard and some areas blocked off. The onsite restaurant, Nolan's, remains popular for meals and events and affords the best views of the lake from the hotel.

Like the south unit, the north one has parking for the beach, showers and restrooms and also Sand Pond for fishing.



Scenic view of Dead River that winds its way through the park. STOCK PHOTO

Head to the North Point Marina to find two restaurants, large and small boats, fishing charters, a playground and an outdoor pool. Firth said it is one of the biggest marinas on all of the Great Lakes with 1,500 slips and a boat service center. The marina is a good place to sit back, admire the many boats and gaze at Lake Michigan's sparkling water and far-off horizon.

And if you are in the mood for a quintessential Wisconsin supper club, you can slip over the nearby border and find one within a few miles.

For more information on Illinois Beach State Park, go to <https://dnr.illinois.gov> and search for the link to the park. □

Mary Bohlen writes about travel within Illinois and nearby states for the IT. Now that she is retired from teaching journalism at the University of Illinois Springfield, she prefers staying at hotels instead of campsites but still enjoys visiting state parks.

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# Bring on the brats

Fresh sausages a tasty addition to summer diet

**FOOD | Ashley Meyer**

We've been on a bratwurst kick in my house lately. It's high season around here with summer theater and sports and way too much garden to look after, so simple meals that yield easy leftovers have been on regular rotation. Brats, once eschewed by my kids, have suddenly become the new favorite. I've taken to cooking a double batch for supper early in the week and within days any remaining links are quickly scarfed up under a pile of kraut or stuffed into a roll for a quick lunch.

And while a juicy brat isn't exactly considered health food, I'd argue that fresh sausages are a fine addition to any omnivore's diet, especially when they're sourced from a local farm and made with good quality ingredients. Farmer Mitch Cave owns 4-Lees farm, a fourth-generation family farm west of Springfield in Virginia, where he raises pastured, free-range chicken and pork which he sends off to a local processor to be transformed into roasts and sausages, which are made without fillers or nitrites. The farm's Korean barbecue brat is a particular favorite in our house, grilled and served with punchy kimchi and a squeeze of sriracha mayo. 4-Lees takes online orders and makes deliveries (all products come frozen) to the Springfield area every Friday.

For those seeking fresh brats on demand, Humphrey's Market, Springfield's oldest locally owned and family run grocery, is open six days a week and serves up a hearty helping of nostalgia in addition to fresh chops and

steaks cut by actual butchers. Humphrey's, 1821 S. 15th St., also makes a dizzying array of fresh sausages daily, including its traditional family recipe apple brats as well as new flavors such as Philly cheesesteak, spicy jalapeno cheddar and "cowboy butter." Cowboy butter is a new flavor that one of the Humphrey's butchers described as "comfort food with a little kick of spice."

## Warm Swiss chard and brat salad

This recipe makes the most of one of summer's most generous greens. It started out as a riff on the iconic hot spinach salad with bacon dressing, but then took a pub house turn with the addition of juicy brats, beer mustard and crispy pretzel crumbs.

### Ingredients:

1 large bunch Swiss chard, trimmed  
1 tablespoon butter or bacon fat  
½ cup breadcrumbs or broken pretzel pieces  
4 bratwurst  
2 tablespoons olive oil or bacon fat, as needed  
1 medium red onion, sliced  
2 tablespoons cider vinegar  
2-3 teaspoons brown sugar, to taste  
1 tablespoon grainy beer mustard  
Salt and black pepper

Wash the chard and dice the large bottom section of the stems and set aside. Roll up the leaves like a cigar and finely slice them into fine ribbons.

Melt the butter in a large, non-reactive skillet over medium heat. Toast the breadcrumbs or pretzel pieces in the skillet until they're crispy and golden brown. Transfer to a small, paper towel-lined bowl and set aside. Wipe out the skillet and return it to the heat.

Cook the sausages in the skillet until they're nicely browned and cooked through, then set aside. Add two tablespoons of oil to the skillet if needed (depending how fatty the sausages are – you'll want 2-3 tablespoons of fat in the skillet) and sliced onion and diced chard, cooking until softened and lightly caramelized, about 5-8 minutes. Add the vinegar, sugar, mustard and two tablespoons of water along with any juices from the resting sausages. Bring the dressing to a bubbly simmer, then remove the skillet from the heat. Add the julienned chard leaves to the hot dressing in the skillet and toss until just beginning to wilt. Season to taste with salt and pepper, then divide the greens between four plates and top with the sausages and a sprinkle of crispy crumbs.

## Curried sausages

This was one of the only meals that my college roommate in New Zealand knew how to make so we had it often, which was totally fine because it was cheap and tasty. Undoubtedly inspired by German currywurst, this retro dish will stick to your ribs. It is standard fare throughout New Zealand and Australia.

### Ingredients:

1 tablespoon olive oil or bacon fat  
8 bratwurst  
1 onion, sliced  
1 apple, peeled, cored and diced  
1 carrot, sliced into thin coins  
1 tablespoon mild curry powder  
1 teaspoon paprika  
1 cup chicken stock  
¼ cup ketchup  
1 tablespoon cider vinegar  
1 teaspoon each soy sauce and Worcestershire sauce  
Cornstarch, if needed to thicken  
Salt, black pepper and brown sugar, to taste

Cook the sausages in a large skillet over medium high heat, then set aside. Add the onion, apple and carrot and sauté until softened, about five minutes. Add the curry powder, paprika, chicken stock, ketchup, soy sauce vinegar and Worcestershire sauce. Bring to a simmer over medium heat. Slice the cooked sausages and add them along with any accumulated juices to the skillet and cook 10-15 minutes more until the sauce is thick (to make a thicker sauce, add a teaspoon of cornstarch dissolved in cold water to the pan and simmer five minutes more). Season to taste with salt, pepper and brown sugar as needed. Serve with mashed potatoes, rice or, for a truly authentic experience, french fries. □

*Ashley Meyer is a chef, freelance writer and mom of two based in Springfield.*



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Maggie Baugh plays the Blue Grouch this Thursday with Devin C. Williams.

## MUSIC

### Music for the 4th and more

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

With June done, we're basically halfway through 2025, hitting our summertime stride with plenty of hot outdoor activities, but keeping it cool with indoor fun stuff as well. As our Independence Day falls on a Friday, it's an extended weekend for many and that means more music made and more time to go experience said music. Without further ado, let's go searching for things to do.

Thursdays are still cooking, so let's take a peek at what's on the burner. Our first stop is a really hip show with Maggie Baugh, who you may know if you're one of the 40 million viewers (across all social media platforms) from her Tik Tok series "Finish the Lick," or perhaps you've heard her debut album, *Dear Me*, with its substantial success on iTunes and Spotify. Well, I've not been privy to any of that until I looked Maggie up, but let's just say she's hotter than a firecracker on the Fourth of July right now, and just so happens to be playing on the July 3 with Devin C. Williams for a night of exceptionally good music in the cool outdoor space at the Blue Grouch. Tickets are available on Eventbrite and there's a special VIP private acoustic show, photo op, Q&A and merch discount at 6 p.m. with the popular Ms. Baugh, if you're interested.

More Thursday happenings include the Levitt AMP concert downtown with locally-based, touring bluesman Brandon Santini opening for traveling blues-rock guy Parker Barrow, Satellite rocking it at the Curve Inn and Stumpy Joe and Levi Herman taking it to the patio at Casey's Pub, to name a few.

Friday is the Fourth with plenty of celebrations, and wouldn't you know it, most of them involve live music. One of my favorites has to be Clara Irwin's Strawberry Party at the Elijah Iles House in the afternoon. It also includes one of my

favorite singing, songwriting guitar players, Mark Mathewson, joined by a heap of his friends jamming on bluegrass and old-time music to make cousin Clara's shindig a dandy success.

For more old-timey stylings, catch Peaches and Bacon on fiddle and banjo at Union Park for the weekly noontime Artist in the Park show. If you're craving fireworks at dusk after your live music, check out Kapital Sound on the Tradewinds outdoor stage at Knight's Action Park, Brandy Kristin Trio in the Chatham Community Park for the Jaycee's Freedom Fest and Sushi Roll at the annual Rock the Dock party at the Lake Springfield Marina.

Heading into Saturday, we've got a mighty fine selection of doings to go do including a wild and crazy, ticketed show of Faster Pussycat and the Supersuckers at The Stadium on Peoria Road. Then, Bernet, Rolens, Minder and Cellini roll into Sky Lounge, Vibe.N.Rant funk it up at Buzz Bomb, the Meerkats drive it home at Locals in Pawnee and Pimpin' Henry and Square of the Roots go original together at the Blue Grouch.

Sunday delivers us a fine collection of offerings to peruse. Let's start with a good cause at the Chatham Community Park with the Chatham Strong Fest set to benefit those involved in the Y-Not building April 28 accident, featuring live music (1-9 p.m.) with Dave Littrell, Brandy Kristin Band, Neon Rodeo, Satellite, Groove Syndicate and Rubber Biscuit. Plus, southern Illinois singer-songwriter Tim Crosby drops in to sing and play at It's All About Wine (3-6 p.m.) while Folsom Prison Five escapes to Hill Prairie Winery near Oakford for an Independence Celebration.

Enjoy your Independence Day and ensuing weekend, my friends. □



# The Prom at the Hoogland is an inspiration

THEATER | Mary Young

In 2010, a controversy erupted in the Itawamba County School District in Indiana. A lesbian student wanted to bring her girlfriend to the school prom and the school refused, choosing instead to cancel the prom for all students. A second prom was scheduled which was also canceled, a lawsuit was filed with the ACLU, a few celebrities got involved and then came worldwide attention.

The journey of this brave student and her fight for inclusion and acceptance in her small town was the inspiration for a new musical that opened on Broadway in 2018 and is currently playing at the Hoogland Center for the Arts as part of its education program. *The Prom* shines with equal parts good-old-fashioned musical comedy and modern day righteousness. It overflows with heart and humor, expressed buoyantly through a multitude of musical numbers and stellar performances all around, complete with an 11th-hour powerhouse number. And yet, amid the string lights and streamers, it speaks to us softly about some relatable heartaches and struggles.

*The Prom* (music by Matthew Sklar, lyrics by Chad Beguelin and book by Bob Martin and Beguelin, based on an original concept by Jack Viertel) begins by introducing us to four eccentric and superficial New York actors (Carly Shank, Kenny Kendall, Lori Ann McCabe and Craig Williams II) who are either between jobs or just got panned after a scathing review of their latest flop. In an attempt to repair their reputations and prove they're not deeply narcissistic, they seek out a cause, "preferably a low-risk injustice they can drive to." A Twitter search brings up the story of Emma, an Indiana high schooler whose prom was canceled because she wanted to bring her girlfriend as her date. The actors seize on what they see as an opportunity to change lives and, at the same time, their own misfortunes. They board a *Godspell* tour bus for the town of Edgewater, Indiana, fully unprepared for how – and whose – lives will ultimately be impacted.

In Edgewater, we meet a confident Emma (Cam Lecocq) and the rest of the student and faculty population. Emma is bullied and ostracized by almost everyone as they cruelly mock her sexuality and blame her for prom being canceled. The only exceptions are a compassionate principal (Greg Donathan)

and Emma's anxious girlfriend, Alyssa (Briara Mckinnie), though she is still in the closet, fearing her mother's reaction. The New York actors burst onto the scene to rally around Emma, initially (albeit hilariously) making matters worse. But this being an old-fashioned love story and musical comedy, all works out in the end, to life-affirming results.

Director and choreographer Anna Maisenbacher and the rest of her talented staff (assistant director Cory Blissett, co-choreographer Michellina McNaughton and vocal director Christie Lazarides) have assembled a spot-on, high-energy cast, whose members thoughtfully tell this courageous story of love, discovery and acceptance. I had the chance to chat with some of the actors about what the show means to them and what audiences can expect.

"If you tell a story about unconventional love," said Carly Shank, who sizzles as actress Angie Dickinson, "it can be either the pain or the dramatic, risqué part, but what evolved here is more like watching a traditional love story. It's crafted so well. We're all seeking love – gender and sexual preference are irrelevant."

As for what drew Cam Lecocq to the show, who excels in the role of Emma: "I was drawn to it after *Fun Home* (where she played Small Alison). I enjoy being able to see myself in a role. I like the idea of being able to do that for others, too – that they might see themselves in a character."

Craig Williams, so funny and sweet as Barry Glickman, echoed this idea. "Playing a gay character is like paying it forward for those who have not had that opportunity before. Hopefully, it empowers someone else who sees it." Barry's impassioned appeal to Alyssa's mom at the show's climax is a testament to how telling these stories has the power to do just that – move, motivate and empower.

Mckinnie admitted she didn't initially have *The Prom* on her radar until Williams gave her a nudge one day, and she's glad he did. So are we, as she is a joy to witness.

"I feel kinda close to Alyssa Green," Mckinnie said. "I know what it feels like to not be your true self because of the expectations placed on you. (Alyssa's) whole thing is she feels like she can't be herself because of her mother. But she has to speak her truth at the end, and it's important for people to see it." □



Cam Lecocq and Briara Mckinnie celebrate at *The Prom*. CE NOEL PHOTOGRAPHY

**The Prom continues July 5-6 at the HCFTA.  
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**Open mic with Mike Metz**  
The Bird Tavern, 6:30-9pm

**Stumpy Joe and Levi Herman**  
Casey's Pub, 5:30-8:30pm

**Satellite**  
Curve Inn, 6-9pm

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

**Al Kitchen, Bustin' Loose**  
Dawson Park, Dawson, 4pm

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

**Karaoke**  
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

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

**Robert Sampson**  
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 6-9pm

**Avery Kern**  
Pawnee Assembly of God, Pawnee, 6-9pm

**Karaoke**  
Replay Lounge, 8pm

**Dave Luttrell**  
Sangamo Brewing, Chatham, 5:30pm

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

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

**Maggie Baugh with Devin C. Williams**  
The Blue Grouch, 7pm

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

**Grounded**  
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6-9pm

## Friday July 4

**Devin C. Williams**  
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 4-8pm

**Scarlet's Darling with Stargazer**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

**West End Boogie Project**  
Camouflage Bar, VFW Post 99, Decatur, 4-7pm

**Brandy Kristin Band**  
Chatham Community Park, Chatham, 5pm

**Grounded**  
Curve Inn, 6:30-10:30pm

**Decade of Decadence**  
The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 7pm

**Mark Mathewson and Friends**  
Elijah Iles House, 3:30-5:30pm

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

**Concert Sound Karaoke with Big Guy**  
Koo Koo's 2, 8pm-12am

**Sushi Roll**  
Lake Springfield Marina, 6pm

**Astrofix**  
Robin Roberts Stadium, 4pm

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

**Kapital Sound**  
Trade Winds Pub and Eatery, 5pm

**Shinyribs**  
Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 4pm

**Peaches and Bacon**  
Union Square Park, 12-1pm

## Saturday July 5

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

**The Easy Aces**  
Boone's, 6-9pm

**Vibe.N.Rant**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

**Bubble City Playboys**  
Camouflage Bar, VFW Post 99, Decatur, 7:30-10:30pm

**Smokestacks**  
Crows Mill Pub, 6-10pm



Vibe.N.Rant will play from 7 to 10pm Saturday at Buzz Bomb Brewing Co.

**The Collective**  
Curve Inn, 6pm

**Hippies of the Heartland**  
Firefighters-Postal Lake Club, 6:30pm

**Kirsten Osterholt**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

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

**The Meerkats**  
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7-10pm

**Larry Watson**  
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 6-9pm

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

**Taylor June**  
Patriots Pub, Waverly, 6:30pm

**Tom Beverly**  
The Railyard, 6-9pm

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

**Bernet, Rolens, Minder and Cellini**  
Sky Lounge, 8-10pm

**Faster Pussycat with Super Suckers**  
The Stadium Bar & Grill, 10:30pm

**David & Tom**  
Stella Coffee & Tea, 10am-12:30pm

**Pimpin' Henry, Square of the Roots**  
The Blue Grouch, 6:30pm

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

**Al Kitchen**  
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

**Dance Monkey**  
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30pm

## Sunday July 6

**Avery Kern**  
AJ's Corner, Chatham, 1pm

**Brian Shartzter**  
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

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

**Square of the Roots**  
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 1-4pm

**Mid-October**  
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 4-7pm

**Folsom Prison Five**  
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

**Tim Crosby**  
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

**Divina Sha and Little Rain**  
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 6-9pm

**Big Mo & The Phat Groove**  
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

**Dreamers and Doers**  
The Shed, Pawnee, 2-5pm

**Mississippi Leghound**  
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3pm

**Keith Dunlap**  
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 3-6pm

## Monday July 7

**Matt "The Rattlesnake" Lesch**  
The Alamo, 7pm

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

## Tuesday July 8

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

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

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

**Open mic with Silas Tockey**  
VFW Lafore Lock Post 755, 6-9pm

## Wed. July 9

**Hipbone and The Joints**  
Aqua Sports Club, 6-9pm

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

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

**After School Special featuring Dallas Whittaker**  
Coz's Pizza and Pub, 7:30-9:30pm

**J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke**  
Crows Mill Pub, 8pm-12am.

**Al Kitchen**  
Jamie's Route 66, Southern View, 6-9pm

**The Red Ribbon Revue**  
Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery, 6-8pm

**Not Petty**  
The Railyard, 6-9pm



## THE CALENDAR



**Capital City Celebration, Lucky Horseshoes and fireworks I**  
Fri., July 4, 2 p.m. | Robin Roberts Stadium | 1415 North Grand Ave. E.

### ■ Special Music Events Bicentennial Concert

Fri., July 4, 8-10pm. The Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra will perform familiar, patriotic favorites prior to the fireworks celebration in Nichols Park. Nichols Park, Jacksonville, 110 Holkenbrink Dr., 217-479-4641.

**Chris Tomlin with Natalie Layne**  
Sun., July 6, 7pm. Chris Tomlin is a Christian music singer, songwriter and worship leader. devonamphitheater.com. \$49-\$79. The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 620 E. Riverside Dr., 217-422-5911.

**Dave Littrell, Brandy Kristin Band, Neon Rodeo, Satellite, Groove Syndicate, Rubber Biscuit, nephron**  
Sun., July 6, 1-9pm. Chatham Strong Fest's musical lineup. Dave Littrell opens at 1p.m. followed by Brandy Kristin Band (2pm), Neon Rodeo (3:45pm), Satellite (5:30pm), Groove Syndicate (7:15pm) and Rubber Biscuit (8:15pm). The band nephron will open at noon. Chatham Community Park, Chatham, 731 S. Main St., 217-553-1356.

**Members of The Coral Reefer Band and The Boat Drunks**  
Sat., July 5, 7pm. The Coral Reefer Band, touring and recording band for the late singer-songwriter Jimmy Buffett, includes Nadirah Shakoor, Robert Greenidge, Tina Gullickson, John Lovell, Peter Mayer, Doyle Grisham, Roger Bartlett and Brenden Mayer. \$29-\$69. The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 620 E. Riverside Dr., 217-422-5911.

**Parker Barrow, Brandon Santini Trio**  
Thu., July 3, 6-9:30pm. Parker Barrow plays blues-infused Southern rock. Part of the Levitt Amp Concert Series. Event begins with kids kickoff event at

6:30pm. Opening act Brandon Santini Trio plays at 7pm followed by the headliner. Y Block, north of the Governor's Mansion, 217-741-1643.

**Robert Sampson**  
Sun., July 6, 6-8pm. Part of the Concerts in the Park series hosted by the Pilot Club of Jacksonville. Bring lawn chairs and blankets to the Big Bandstand. Free. Jacksonville Community Park, Jacksonville, 1201 S. Main, 217-243-5678.

**Springfield Municipal Band**  
Tuesdays, 7:30pm. Through Aug. 6. Part of a series of 10 shows at Duncan Park by the large version of the band. Free. Duncan Park, 200 N. MacArthur Blvd.

**Springfield Municipal Band**  
Wednesdays, 3pm. Through Aug. 7. Part of a series of eight shows at Edwards Place by a small version of the band. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

**Thematic Concert Series - Patriotic Music**  
Fri., July 4, 6:30pm. Each week, the Carillon comes to life with a unique musical theme. This week features Carillon music featuring patriotic songs. Bring a blanket, pack a picnic and enjoy the sounds of summer under the stars. carillon-rees.org. Free. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-3853.

**■ Books & Authors**  
**Author Jan Jacobi**  
Sat., July 5, 10am-4pm. Award-winning author Jan Jacobi will sign his new book, *Lincoln and Douglas*, the sequel to *Lincoln in Springfield* and *Young Lincoln*. Suitable for both middle school and high school readers, the book focuses on the relationship and rivalry of both men. Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 413 S. Eighth St., 217-492-4241.

### ■ Theater & Comedy The Prom

Sat., July 5, 7:30pm and Sun., July 6, 2pm. The Hoogland Performing Arts Education Program presents this musical, which, follows four eccentric Broadway stars in need of a new stage. So, when they hear that trouble is brewing around a small-town prom, they know it's time to put a spotlight on the issue...and themselves. hcfta.org. \$22. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

#### Comedy open mic

First Thursday of every month, 7pm. Through Oct. 2. Hosted by Lance Cain and Ryne Thorson. Signup starts at 6pm. Free. The Railyard, 2242 S. Sixth St.

#### Comedy open mic

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

### ■ Dance

#### 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 "Fractured"

Fridays, Saturdays, 12-6pm. Through Aug. 2. View the current exhibit "Fractured" by Pharmacy artists. FREE The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 217-622-7903 or 720 447 4548.

#### "NOIR V: Resilience"

Through Sep. 7. Featuring photography, mixed media, oil and acrylic paintings, pastel

## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS | Popular Fourth of July event returns

**it** This Friday, the Capital City Celebration returns thanks to a partnership between the Springfield Jaycees and Springfield Lucky Horseshoes. The event begins at 2 p.m. at Robin Roberts Stadium with a dog pageant, inflatable zone for children and music by local band Astrofix. All of the activities are within the stadium's gates, which requires a ticket to the evening's Lucky Horseshoes game to enter. The afternoon event will be followed by the 6:30 p.m. game between the Lucky Horseshoes and Quincy Doggy Paddlers and then the fireworks. Looking back, widespread damage from the June 29, 2023, derecho forced the cancellation of that year's Capital City Celebration. The event also was not held last year. But that's all history now. Jaycees President Austin Harris said the Jaycees and the Horseshoes had been in talks about a way to partner and the celebration came up in discussion. "Both organizations saw this as an opportunity for us to bring back a beloved community event," he said. Let's hope they hit a home run.

### Native American Culture Night

Tue., July 8. George Godfrey, Potawatomi historian, will share his culture and knowledge. Participants will learn finger-weaving and be eligible to win a free book written by Godfrey. Registration required. williamsvillelibrary.org. Free. Williamsville Public Library and Museum, Williamsville, 217 N. Elm St., 217/566-3520.

### Rum Tasting

Wednesdays, 7pm. Through Aug. 6. Curator of Collections and Interpretation Sarah Adams will present the history of this underrated spirit and Dr. Nathan Steele will serve as your tasting guide to offer context and Must be 21. edwardsplace.org. \$35 for SAA members, \$0 for non-members. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., \$35 with SAA Membership. -\$40 without.

### ■ Holiday Happenings 4th of July Celebration on the 3rd of July

Thu., July 3, 5-6pm. This Fourth of July celebration includes Mass and special music. Free. Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 815 S. Second St., 217-544-5134.

### Clara Irwin's Strawberry Party

Fri., July 4, 3-6pm. Clara Irwin, the spouse of the Elijah Iles House's second owner, was known for her promotion of horticulture, and renowned for the quality of her strawberries and her strawberry shortcake parties in the 1840s and 50s. Live music by Mark Mathewson and Friends. Enjoy strawberry shortcake, ice cream, cold beverages and a recitation of the Pledge of Alliance. Donations welcome. Free. Elijah Iles House, 628 S. Seventh St., 217-494-0640.

### Fireworks

Fri., July 4, 9pm. Across from the Field of Dreams. Bring lawn

chairs. Free. First Baptist Church, Riverton, 975 E. Riverton Road, 217-629-7500.

### Fireworks Show

Thu., July 3, 9:30pm. Show up early for food, children's activities, a petting zoo, food vendors, live music and much more. Dawson Park, Dawson, Ledlie Street, 217-364-5975.

### Fireworks Show

Fri., July 4. End the Fourth with this annual show. Show begins at dusk. Nichols Park, Jacksonville, 110 Holkenbrink Dr., 217-479-4641.

### Fireworks Spectacular

Fri., July 4, 9pm. Tailgating permitted. Clean restroom facilities. Vendors on site. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr., 217-496-2621.

### Fourth of July Parade

Fri., July 4, 10-11am. Presented by the Rotary Club of Jacksonville. Rotarian Karen Walker, executive director of Prairieland United Way, will be the parade marshal. The parade will begin at the Morgan County fairgrounds and go down State Street to Church Street where it will disburse. Morgan County Fairgrounds, Jacksonville, 110 N. Westgate, 217-245-6800.

### Freedom Fest 2025

Fri., July 4, 5pm. Music, food, fireworks and fun are on tap. Music by the Brandy Kristin Band. Bring blankets and lawn chairs. Chatham Community Park, Chatham, 731 S. Main St., 214-676-1063.

### Independence Day Celebration

Thu., July 3, 10am-4pm, Fri., July 4, 10am-4pm and Sat., July 5, 10am-4pm. Get your 19th century patriot on. Period demonstrations and the reading of the Declaration of Independence each day. lincolnsnewsalem.com. Lincoln's



New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-632-4000.

**Independence Day Celebration**  
Thu., July 3, 6pm. Family-friendly celebration including food trucks, games, live music leading up to the fireworks display at 9pm. Lincoln Recreation Center, Lincoln, 1400 Primm Road, 217-732-8770.

**Knight's Fireworks Extravaganza**  
Fri., July 4, 5pm. Come early to get a good spot. A fireworks display worthy of the state capital!. Free. Knight's Action Park, 1700 Knights Recreation Dr., 217-546-8881.

**Pawnee village fireworks**  
Thu., July 3, 5-10pm. Event features children's activities, food trucks and music by Avery Kern before the fireworks at dusk. Pawnee Assembly of God, Pawnee, 1001 N. Eighth St., 217-625-2111.

**Rock the Dock**  
Fri., July 4, 6-11pm. Central Illinois' largest fireworks display. Live music as well as food and beverages. Free. Lake Springfield Marina, 17 Waters Edge Blvd., 217-483-3625.

**Stars and Stripes Celebration**  
Thu., July 3, 11:30am-12pm. Celebrate Independence Day with a patriotic singalong and enjoy ice cream with toppings. Wear patriotic attire. centrallseniors.org. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-503-4643.

■ **Fairs & Festivals**

**Edinburg Freedom Fest**  
Fri., July 4, 1pm. Edinburg's first Freedom Fest. An afternoon of family-friendly activities leads up to fireworks at dusk. Veteran's Memorial Park, Edinburg, W. Masonic St.

**Morgan County Fair**  
July 8-13. Enjoy some of what Morgan County has to offer from thrilling carnival rides and games to livestock shows and agricultural exhibits. Savor delicious fair food, watch exciting events at the grandstand like the demolition derby and tractor pulls. themorgancountyfair.com. Morgan County Fairgrounds, Jacksonville, 110 N. Westgate, 217-245-6800.

■ **Fundraisers & Galas**  
**Chatham Strong Fest**  
Sun., July 6, 1-9pm. Bands will play during this all-day event to raise money for the affected families of the April 28 tragedy in Chatham. Band lineup: nephron,

noon; Dave Littrell, 1pm; Brandy Kristin Band, 2pm; Neon Rodeo; 3:45pm; Satellite, 5:30pm; The Groove Syndicate, 7:15pm; and Rubber Biscuit Band, 8pm. Includes food trucks, beer and refreshments, children's activities, a bags tournament, online auction and growing list of events and activities. Free entry. Chatham Community Park, Chatham, 731 S. Main St., 217-553-1356.

**Henson Robinson ZooCamp**  
Wed., July 9, 10am-1:30pm. Calling all young animal lovers. Join us at the Henson Robinson Zoo Camp for three half-day adventures filled with games, crafts, zoo hikes and fun animal encounters - on zoo grounds and in the cool, air-conditioned classroom. For children ages 7-9. Register at bit.ly/ZooCamp\_7-9. Activity #240508. Residents \$80, non-residents \$105. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-585-1821.

**Summer Camp**  
Mondays-Fridays, 9am-3pm. Through Aug. 18. Program for children 5 to 12 features learning, music, sports and food and snacks. Camp time is 9am to 3p.m.. Call for more info or to enroll. Free. Union Baptist Church, 1405 E. Monroe St., 217-544-8115.

**VBS - Wild Life**  
July 7-11, 9am-12pm. In this adventure, children ages 3 through sixth grade will discover how special they are to God and how they can share their story, use their gifts and spend time with God and others. Registration required. Free. Calvary Church Jefferson Campus, 1730 W. Jefferson St., 217-546-9700.

■ **Nature, Science & Environment**  
**Birdwatching Adventures**  
Fridays, 8-9am. Through Aug. 8. Brian "Fox" Ellis of the Illinois Audubon Society transforms into John James Audubon to lead weekly hikes filled with stories about the lives of the birds encountered while exploring the sanctuary's trails. Free. Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 2315 E. Clear Lake Ave., 217-303-1996.

■ **Lectures & Meetings**  
**Capital Area Woodworkers Guild**  
Mon., July 7, 5:30-7:30pm. Meeting features woodworking program and brief updates on recent member projects. Guests welcome. MCL Restaurant & Bakery-Springfield, 2151 Wabash Ave., 217-416-7873.

■ **Bulletin Board**  
**Lincoln Land Depression Era Glass & Pottery Club**  
Mon., July 7, 2-4pm. Learn more about Depression Era glass. Includes show and tell time and interesting lectures. Free. Hope Presbyterian Church, 2211 Wabash Ave., 217-529-3055.

**Westside Market**  
First Sunday of every month, 2-5pm. Through Oct. 6. Features at least 25 vendors selling a variety of items including crafts, food and more. Includes kid's corner with activities for children and some non-traditional participants. See the Facebook page for more info. Parking lot of Papo's Cafe, 3290 W. Iles Ave.

■ **Sports**  
**Springfield Lucky Horseshoes vs. O'Fallon Hoots**  
Thu., July 3, 6:30pm. It's "Thirsty Thursday" at the ballpark. Stick around after the game for fireworks. shoesbaseball.com. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-381-3858.

**Fourth of July 5K Run, Walk, & Fun Run**  
Fri., July 4, 10am. Sponsored by CNB Bank & Trust. Sign up at runsignup.com. Enter "CNB Bank" in the find a race search. Proceeds benefit the Prairieland United Way. \$12-\$15. Nichols Park, Jacksonville, 110 Holkenbrink Dr., 217-243-5702.

**Freedom Run**  
Fri., July 4, 7:30am. Celebrate the Fourth with an early-morning run. Routes are 1 mile, 5K or 10K. Presented by Fastscore Race Timing and Productions. Includes breakfast food and drinks and awards. Centennial Park, Addison, 1760 W. Centennial Place, 217-553-7695.

**Prospect League All-Star Game**  
Tue., July 8, 6:30pm. See the Prospect League's best players battle it out. shoesbaseball.com. \$13-\$16. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-753-0700.

**Prospect League Alumni Game, Homerun Derby**  
Mon., July 7, 6:30pm. Prospect League alumni return to Robin Roberts Stadium. \$11-\$13. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-381-3858.

**Springfield Lucky Horseshoes vs. Quincy Doggy Paddlers**  
Fri., July 4, 6:30pm. It's the Fourth! See the fireworks display after the game. shoesbaseball.com. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-381-3858.

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24-101942  
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SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-4  
PLAINTIFF,  
-vs-  
BRENDA ADAMS A/K/A BRENDA SUE ADAMS; RUFUS L. ADAMS, III; REBEKAH L. ADAMS; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CREDIT ONE BANK, N.A.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS  
DEFENDANTS  
NO. 24 FC 164  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on April 23, 2025; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on August 5, 2025 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building, Sangamon County Board Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South 9th Street, 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.  
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# PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of:  
MARGARET MABIE, Deceased.  
NO. 2025-PR-264  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Margaret Mabie of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 24, 2025, to Linda Susan Daniels, 33 Weinold Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62711, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before December 31, 2025, 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 June, 2025.  
Matthew J. Cate - 06272040  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-4868  
matthewcate@barberlaw.com  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LINDA K. LEIGH, DECEASED  
Case #2025-PR-265  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of LINDA K. LEIGH. Letters of Office have been issued to CURTIS A. LEIGH, 385 NE Brookridge Ct., Waukee, IA 50263, 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 January 12, 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 26th day of June, 2025.  
Patrick J. Sheehan, III  
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 PHILLIP B. GALLI, DECEASED  
Case #2025-PR-261  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of PHILLIP B. GALLI. Letters of Office have been issued to ELAINE GALLI-BROWN, 3900 Whisper Walk Drive, Springfield, IL 62711, 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 January 8, 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 24th day of June, 2025.  
William P. Sheehan  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HELEN M. DULLE, DECEASED  
Case #2025-PR-260  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of HELEN M. DULLE. Letters of Office have been issued to FATHER CHARLES EDWARDS, 2914 Bluff Ridge Drive, Quincy, IL 62305, 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 January 8, 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 24th day of June, 2025.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARILYN L. PETEFISH, DECEASED  
Case #2025-PR-263  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of MARILYN L. PETEFISH. Letters of Office have been issued to GLENDA KAY PETEFISH, 2027 S. Wiggins Ave., Springfield, IL 62704, 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 January 8, 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 24th day of June, 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 THOMAS A. NORTRUP, DECEASED  
Case #2025-PR-259  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of THOMAS A. NORTRUP. Letters of office for ancillary administration in Illinois has been issued to TERESA SVETLIK, 2815 W. Owl Vista Place, Oro Valley, AZ 85742, as Independent Ancillary 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 Ancillary Executor, or both, on or before January 8, 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 Ancillary Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 24th day of June, 2025.  
Patrick J. Sheehan  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
1215 South 4th Street, Suite A  
Springfield, IL 62703  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DARLENE ANN SNYDER, Deceased  
NO. 2025PRO00262  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Darlene Ann Snyder, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on June 24, 2025 to Suzanne Jean Biddle, 118 Cypress Point Drive, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 5th day of January, 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 June, 2025.  
Gregory P. Sgro  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KAREN G. COLLIER, Deceased  
NO. 2025-PR-256  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of KAREN G. COLLIER, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on June 24, 2025, to Marvin E. Turley, 6 Shakespeare Cir. Black Mountain, NC 28711, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street,

Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before December 26, 2025 or six (6) 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 June, 2025.  
Alex B. Rabin  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin, & Reinbold, LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
in the Matter of the Estate of JAMES H. STOUT, Deceased.  
IN PROBATE  
NO. 2025-PR-234  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS  
Notice is given of the death of JAMES H. STOUT. Letters of office Under Independent Administration were issued on June 11, 2025 to Matthew R. Stout, whose attorney of record is Brown, Hay & Stephens, 1000 US Bank Building, P. O. Box 2459, Springfield, Illinois. Notice is given to unknown heirs who are named in a Petition filed in the above proceeding to probate a Will and whose names or addresses are not stated in the Petition, that an Order was entered by the Court on June 11, 2025 admitting the Will to probate, Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of Admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6—21 of the Probate Act (755 1 LCS 5/6—21) You also have the right under Section 8—1 of the Probate Act (755 1 LCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate. 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, Illinois, 62701 or with the representative of the estate, or both on or before December 29, 2025, 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.  
JOSEPH B. ROESCH, Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ESTATE OF CAROLINE K. NELSON, Deceased.  
No. 2025-PR-251  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Caroline K. Nelson. Notice is given to Erwin Paul Bettinghaus, J. Robert Bettinghaus, Jr., David Paul Hanken, Hunter R. Hoy, William Stout and Stephen Hemingway, and any unknown heirs, who are heirs in the above proceeding and whose name or address is not stated in the petition, that an order was entered on June 16, 2025, granting independent administration. Letters of Administration were issued to Christina Alderson and Bruce Alderson, as Independent Co-Executors, whose address is 2939 St. James Road, Springfield, IL 62707. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person

terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before January 3, 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 efile, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit [http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/ service-providers.htm](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: June 23, 2025  
Attorneys for Independent Co-Executors:  
Sorling Northrup  
Aaron D. Evans, Attorney (6305883)  
1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200  
P.O. Box 5131  
Springfield, IL 62705  
Telephone: 217-544-1144; Fax: 217-522-3173  
E-Mail: [adevans@sorlinglaw.com](mailto:adevans@sorlinglaw.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of CONNIE JO MORGAN, Deceased.  
IN PROBATE  
NO. 2025 -PR- 244  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of CONNIE JO MORGAN, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on JUNE 11, 2025, to WILLIAM R. MORGAN, 2150 E. State Rte. 124, Williamsville IL 62693, whose attorney is Dwight H. O' Keefe, Brown, Hay & Stephens, 1000 US Bank Building, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before December 29, 2025, 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 20 day of June, 2025.  
Dwight H. O' Keefe  
Brown, Hay & Stephens 1000 US Bank Building  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62701  
(217) 544-8491

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of:  
DAVID A. SMITH, Deceased.  
NO. 2025-PR-254  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of David A. Smith of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 18, 2025, to Mercedes Caponigro, 2276 Cincinnati Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62702, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before December 25, 2025, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 18th day of June, 2025.  
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-4868  
[bsegatto@barberlaw.com](mailto:bsegatto@barberlaw.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR L. ROESCH, DECEASED  
Case #2025-PR-255  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of ARTHUR L. ROESCH. Letters of Office have been issued to JANE M. ROESCH, 3112 Kensington Drive, Springfield, IL 6202 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 December 31, 2025, 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 17th day of June, 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 RON R. LUCK, DECEASED  
Case #2025-PR-253  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of RON R. LUCK. Letters of Office have been issued to KENNETH LUCK, 26670 2670 North Ave., LaMoille, IL 61330, 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 December 31, 2025, 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 17th day of June, 2025.  
William P. Sheehan  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
1215 South 4th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 544-0701

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



Estate of  
HARRY T. WATERS, I,  
Deceased.  
NO. 2025-PR-246  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Harry T. Waters, I, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 12, 2025, to Harry T. Waters, II, 450 W. Douglas, Greenview, Illinois 62642, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Matthew J. Cate, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before December 19, 2025, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 12th day of June, 2025.  
Matthew J. Cate - 06272040  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705-0079  
(217) 544-4868  
matthewcate@barberlaw.com  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN NATHAN MOLITORIS, DECEASED  
Case #2025-PR-252  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of JOHN NATHAN MOLITORIS. Letters of Office have been issued to JENNIFER S. KIRBY, 5507 Possum Trot Road, Rochester, IL 62563, 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 December 29, 2025, 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 12th day of June, 2025.  
Patrick J. Sheehan, III  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
1215 South 4th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of:  
SHARON LEE HOMER, Deceased.  
NO. 2025-PR-250  
NOTICE TO LEGATEE  
To: Christina Britz, whose address is unknown:  
Notice is given to the above who is a legatee in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose name or address is not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, that an order was entered by the Court on the 12th day of June, 2025, admitting the will to probate.  
Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission any heir or legatee may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in 755 ILCS

5/6-21 of the Probate Act.  
You also have the right under 755 ILCS 5/8-1 of the Probate Act to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within six months after admission of the will to probate.  
Christine Homer  
Independent Representative  
Filings are to be made with:  
Circuit Clerk  
Sangamon County Courthouse  
200 S 9th Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705-0079  
217/544-4868  
bsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of:  
SHARON LEE HOMER, Deceased.  
NO. 2025-PR-250  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Sharon Lee Homer of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 12, 2025, to Christine Homer, 6269 Pams Court, Springfield, Illinois 62707, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before December 19, 2025, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 12th day of June, 2025  
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-4868  
bsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of CHARLES JOSEPH PHILLIPS, Deceased.  
IN PROBATE  
No. 2025-PR-241  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Charles Joseph Phillips, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on June 9, 2025, to Mark Charles Phillips, as Executor, whose attorney is Brandon R. Clark, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 2nd day of January, 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 June, 2025.  
Prepared By:  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Brandon R. Clark  
Registration No. 6329553  
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000  
Springfield, IL 62705-2459  
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bclark@bhslaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of NANCY A. MCCANN-STONE, Deceased.  
IN PROBATE  
No. 2025-PR-249  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of NANCY A. MCCANN-STONE, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on June 11, 2025, to JOHN REED MCCANN and ARTHUR L. STONE, JR., as Independent Co-Administrators, 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 22nd day of December, 2025, 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 11th day of June, 2025.  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Hugh F. Drake  
(Registration No. 6269666)  
205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62705-2459  
(217) 544-8491  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In Re the Estate of:  
KARREN OLIVE SACHSE, Deceased.  
Case No.: 2025PR000224  
CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Karren Olive Sachse, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 29, 2025, to Jason J. Banas, as Independent Executor, whose address is c/o his attorney of record, Barry O. Hines, 1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A, Springfield, Illinois 62704. The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (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 Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before December 22, 2025, 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 ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated this 10th day of May, 2025.  
Jason J. Banas  
Independent Executor  
Barry O. Hines - 01220918  
Attorney at Law  
1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A  
Springfield, IL 62704  
Telephone: (217) 698-8444  
Email: Barry@HinesLaw.net

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In Re the Estate of:  
GARY E. HALFORD,

Deceased.  
Case No.: 2025PR000220  
CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Gary E. Halford, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 5, 2025, to Gregory A. Halford and Gary L. Halford, as Independent Co-Executors, whose address is c/o their attorney of record, Barry O. Hines, 1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A, Springfield, Illinois 62704. The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration, at any time, by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before December 22, 2025, 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 ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated this 9th day of May, 2025  
Gregory A. Halford and Gary L. Halford  
Independent Co-Executors  
Barry O. Hines - 01220918  
Attorney at Law  
1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A  
Springfield, IL 62704  
Telephone: (217) 698-8444  
Email: Barry@HinesLaw.net

Name Change  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of Jonathan Hayden Kirk Johns  
For change of name to Jonathan Hayden Smith  
Case No. 2024-MR-000506  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on Aug. 5, 2025 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Jonathan Hayden Kirk Johns to Jonathan Hayden Smith pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: June 26, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of Angel Marie Fellwock  
For change of name to Angel Marie Smith  
Case No. 2024-MR-000505  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on Aug. 5, 2025 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Angel Marie Fellwock to Angel Marie Smith pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: June 26, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of Kaylin Marie Wright  
For change of name to Kaylin Marie Kenney  
Case No. 2024-MR-000315  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on July 22, 2025 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Kaylin Marie Wright to Kaylin Marie Kenney pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: June 26, 2025

Foreclosure  
24-101942  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-4 PLAINTIFF,  
-vs-  
BRENDA ADAMS A/K/A BRENDA SUE ADAMS; RUFUS L. ADAMS, III; REBEKAH L. ADAMS; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CREDIT ONE BANK, N.A.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS  
DEFENDANTS  
NO. 24 FC 164  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on April 23, 2025; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on August 5, 2025 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building, Sangamon County Board Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South 9th Street, 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:  
THE NORTH 5 FEET OF LOT 4 AND ALL OF LOT 3 ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED OF THE SECOND PARTITION OF THE ESTATE OF LEWIS KIRSCH, DECEASED, AS RECORDED IN CHANCERY RECORD 14 AT PAGE 373 IN THE CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE OF SANGAMON COUNTY ILLINOIS.  
EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD.  
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
Commonly known as 1028 North 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62702  
Permanent Index No.: 14-27.0-105-004  
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 \$33,806.41. 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  
HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Indenture Trustee for the registered Noteholders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-4

One of Plaintiff's Attorneys  
LOGS Legal Group LLP  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207  
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ILNOTICES@logs.com Randal S. Berg (6277119)  
Michael N. Burke (6291435)  
Christopher A. Cieniawa (6187452)  
Laura J. Anderson (6224385)  
Thomas Belczak (6193705)  
Debra Miller (6205477)  
Amy Aronson (6206512)  
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.  
8051-955546

UCC ARTICLE 9 PUBLIC SALE NOTICE  
DATE OF NOTICE: JUNE 23, 2025  
CHESTERFIELD FARING, LTD  
Attn: Mr. Lawrence Selevan, CFO  
600 Fifth Avenue, Second Floor  
New York, NY 10020  
Lawrence Selevan  
c/o Chesterfield Faring, Ltd.  
600 Fifth Avenue, Second Floor  
New York, NY 10020  
To Whom It May Concern,  
Please take notice that pursuant to the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) Article 9, a public sale of the collateral described below will be conducted as follows:  
Name of Debtor: Chesterfield Faring, LTD  
Name of Secured Party: First Bankers Trust Company, N.A.  
The collateral that will be sold is described below:  
o Promissory Note #433670 dated June 26, 2013, executed by Illinois Building LLC in favor of Lender in the original amount of \$6,000,000.00.  
o Promissory Note #447062 dated December 12, 2014, executed by Downtown Property, LLC in favor of the Lender in the original amount of \$7,500,000.00.  
o Promissory Note #447887 dated January 26, 2015, executed by Downtown Property, LLC in favor of Lender in the original amount of \$600,000.00.  
o Promissory Note #451595 dated May 26, 2015, executed by Downtown Property LLC in favor of the Lender in the original amount of \$675,000.00  
Date of the Sale: MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025  
Time of Sale: 9:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time  
Location of the Sale: The office of First Bankers Trust Company, N.A.  
1201 Broadway Street Quincy, IL 62301  
Terms of the Sale  
The sale will be conducted by means of a sealed bid auction. Interested bidders shall submit a sealed written bid together with a cashier's check, certified check or equivalent payment instrument in an amount equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the bid amount, payable to First Bankers Trust Company, N.A.  
Bids will be delivered to BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS (Attorney for the Mortgageor), Attn: Emmet Fairfield or Maureen Fallor, 205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62705 in an envelope designated "First Bankers Trust Company/Chesterfield Faring UCC Sale". Bids must be received no later than 9:00 a.m. central daylight time on Friday, July 25, 2025.  
Bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m. central daylight time on Monday, July 28, 2025, at the location of the sale. Interested bidders present at the opening of bids



will be given the opportunity to increase their bids. The secured party reserves the right to bid at the time of sale. The collateral will be sold to the highest bidder. The highest bidder (other than the secured party) will pay the balance of its bid amount to the secured party in immediately available and valid funds no later than 1:00 p.m. central daylight time on August 11, 2025.

Interested bidders wishing to obtain further information regarding the collateral being sold may contact Jamie Whitaker or Steve Gnuse at (217) 228-8000.

All sales are final, and the collateral will be sold “as is,” and “with all faults” without any warranties, express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of collectability, condition, completeness, accuracy, effectiveness, enforceability, merchantability or fitness for particular purpose.

Sincerely,  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Maureen M. Faller, Reg. No. 6308975  
Emmet A. Fairfield, Reg. No. 6180505  
205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-8491  
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8051-955376

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the Igloo Series IV Trust, PLAINTIFF,  
Vs.  
Estate of John Bertoni AKA John A. Bertoni, deceased; Cynthia K. Beck-Bertoni, as Independent Administrator of the Estate of John A. Bertoni; Cynthia K. Beck-Bertoni, individually; Mark Bertoni; John Bertoni Jr.; Deana Wooldridge; P.K. Four Investments; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants, DEFENDANT(S).  
Case No. 2024FC000041  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:  
Mark Bertoni, P.K. Four Investments and 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:  
LOT 8 IN BLOCK 4 OF DAVID A. DEVARES SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTH FRACTIONAL HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EXCEPT ALL COAL, OIL, GAS, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OF RECORD.  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:  
1530 South 17th Street Springfield, IL 62703  
and which said Mortgage was made by: John A. Bertoni  
the Mortgagor(s), to WMC Mortgage Corp, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of SANGAMON County, Illinois, as Document No. 98-05266; and for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending.  
NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Joe Roesch  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
200 South Ninth Street  
Springfield, IL 62701  
on or before, July 28, 2025, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY-TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH

THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.  
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To E-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/serviceproviders.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 contact the Clerk of this Court.  
SOTTILE & BARILE, LLC  
1415 West 22nd Street, Tower Floor  
Oak Brook, IL 60523  
(312) 883-2810  
Pleadings E-mail Address: [illinois@sot-tileandbarile.com](mailto:illinois@sot-tileandbarile.com)  
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector  
l3268601

**Notice by Publication**  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
NOTICE is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Southlawn Fire Protection District in the County of Sangamon and the State of Illinois, for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, from and after 5th day of July, 2025.

NOTICE is further given hereby that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 3:00 p.m. C.D.T., on the 4th day of August, 2025, at 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200, Springfield, County of Sangamon, and State of Illinois, and that final action on said Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Trustees of said Southlawn Fire Protection District at a meeting thereof to be held immediately following on the 4th day of August, 2025, at said 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois.

By Order of the Board of Trustees of said District.  
DATED this 27th day of June, 2025.  
SOUTHLAWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
Victor Muchow, Secretary  
Board of Trustees  
SOUTHLAWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
NOTICE is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Southside Fire Protection District in the County of Sangamon and the State of Illinois, for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, from and after 5th day of July, 2025.

NOTICE is further given hereby that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 2:00 p.m. C.D.T., on the 4th day of August, 2025, at 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200, Springfield, County of Sangamon, and State of Illinois, and that final action on said Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Trustees of said Southside Fire Protection District at a meeting thereof to be held immediately following on the 4th day of August, 2025, at said 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois.

By Order of the Board of Trustees of said District.  
DATED this 27th day of June, 2025.  
SOUTHSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
Jim Sullivan, Secretary  
Board of Trustees  
SOUTHSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
NOTICE is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for

the Woodside Fire Protection District in the County of Sangamon and the State of Illinois, for the fiscal year, beginning June 1, 2025 and ending May 31, 2026, will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, from and after 5th day of July, 2025.

NOTICE is further given hereby that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 5:00 p.m. C.D.T., on the 4th day of August, 2025, at 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200, Springfield, County of Sangamon, and State of Illinois, and that final action on said Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Trustees of said Woodside Fire Protection District at a meeting thereof to be held immediately following on the 4th day of August, 2025, at said 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois.

By Order of the Board of Trustees of said District.  
DATED this 27th day of June, 2025.  
WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
Connie Sebok, Secretary  
Board of Trustees  
WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
NOTICE is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the South Oak Knolls Fire Protection District in the County of Sangamon and the State of Illinois, for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, from and after 5th day of July, 2025.

NOTICE is further given hereby that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 4:00 p.m. C.S.T., on the 11th day of August, 2025, at 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200, Springfield, County of Sangamon, and State of Illinois, and that final action on said Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Trustees of said South Oak Knolls Fire Protection District at a meeting thereof to be held immediately following on the 11th day of August, 2025, at said 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois.

By Order of the Board of Trustees of said District.  
DATED this 27th day of June, 2025.  
SOUTH OAK KNOLLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
Kent Gray, Secretary  
Board of Trustees  
SOUTH OAK KNOLLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
NOTICE is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Lake Springfield Fire Protection District in the County of Sangamon and the State of Illinois, for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, from and after 3rd day of July, 2025.

NOTICE is further given hereby that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 4:00 p.m. C.S.T., on the 5th day of August, 2025, at 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200, Springfield, County of Sangamon, and State of Illinois, and that final action on said Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Trustees of said Lake Springfield Fire Protection District at a meeting thereof to be held immediately following on the 5th day of August, 2025, at said 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200, Springfield,

Illinois.  
By Order of the Board of Trustees of said District.  
DATED this 27th day of June, 2025.  
LAKE SPRINGFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
James Orr, Secretary  
Board of Trustees  
LAKE SPRINGFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

TAKE NOTICE  
CERTIFICATE NO. 142-0456-04  
TO:  
OCCUPANTS  
SHIRLEY R BEGOLKA  
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, Illinois as Case # 2025TX000143.

The property is located at:  
2114 S SPRING ST  
CAPITAL TOWNSHIP  
Property Index Number: 22-04.0-404-015  
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2022 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2021.

The period of redemption will expire on 10/31/2025.

On 12/18/2025 at 10:30AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.

ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner  
8051-955591

TAKE NOTICE  
CERTIFICATE NO. 142-0455-06  
TO:  
OCCUPANTS  
ALI NIZAMUDDIN  
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, Illinois as Case # 2025TX000142.

The property is located at:  
2124 S MACARTHUR BLVD  
SPRINGFIELD IL 62704  
CAPITAL TOWNSHIP  
Property Index Number: 22-04.0-301-025  
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2022 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2021.

The period of redemption will expire on 10/31/2025.

On 12/18/2025 at 10:30AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.

ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner  
8051-955590

TAKE NOTICE  
CERTIFICATE NO. 142-0436-01  
TO:  
OCCUPANTS  
PARIS FABRICARE SPECIALISTS, INC.  
FRANKLIN SHEPLOR FRANKE AS R/A FOR PARIS FABRICARE SPECIALIST, INC.  
F SHEP FRANKE AS PRESIDENT FOR PARIS FABRICARE SPECIALIST, INC.  
PARIS FABRICARE SPECIALISTS, INC.  
BETTY FRANKE AS DIRECTOR FOR PARIS FABRICARE SPECIALIST, INC.  
NATIONAL REGISTERED AGENTS, INC. AS R/A FOR PARIS FABRICARE SPECIALIST, INC.  
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY  
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COLLECTIONS SECTION  
ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL

Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, Illinois as Case # 2025TX000139.

The property is located at:  
1025 E ASH ST  
CAPITAL TOWNSHIP  
Property Index Number: 22-03.0-181-008  
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2022 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2021.

The period of redemption will expire on 10/31/2025.

On 12/18/2025 at 10:30AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.

ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner  
8051-955589

TAKE NOTICE  
CERTIFICATE NO. 142-0430-04  
TO:  
OCCUPANTS  
R & L HOLDINGS 1  
LOVIE J FAINE % R & L HOLDINGS 1, INC.  
RECO FAINE % R & L HOLDINGS 1, INC  
WARREN-BOYNTON STATE BANK  
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD  
DEBBIE KEENE  
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, Illinois as Case # 2025TX000138.

The property is located at:  
2224 JOYCE LN  
SPRINGFIELD IL 62703  
CAPITAL TOWNSHIP  
Property Index Number: 22-02.0-180-018  
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2022 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2021.

The period of redemption will expire on 10/31/2025.

On 12/18/2025 at 10:30AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.

ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner  
8051-955588

TAKE NOTICE  
CERTIFICATE NO. 142-0397-05  
TO:  
OCCUPANTS  
SALVADOR BOTELLO LOPEZ  
YESIKA CAROLINA CERRADO RODRIGUEZ  
SALVADOR BOTELLO LOPEZ  
YESIKA CAROLINA CERRADO RODRIGUEZ  
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, Illinois as Case # 2025TX000137.

The property is located at:  
215 S MACARTHUR BLVD  
SPRINGFIELD IL 62704  
CAPITAL TOWNSHIP  
Property Index Number: 14-33.0-104-024  
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2022 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2021.

The period of redemption will expire on 10/31/2025.

On 12/18/2025 at 10:30AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.

ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner

8051-955587

TAKE NOTICE  
CERTIFICATE NO. 142-0063-06  
TO:  
OCCUPANTS  
BAILEE KI FORD  
HARRISON ANDREW FORD  
REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE  
REGIONS BANK D/B/A/ REGIONS MORTGAGE  
REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE  
REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE  
REGIONS BANK D/B/A/ REGIONS MORTGAGE  
CSC % MICROF LLC  
MICROF LLC  
ILLINOIS CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY %MICROF LLC  
REGIONS BANK D/B/A/ REGIONS MORTGAGE  
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, Illinois as Case # 2025TX000136.

The property is located at:  
406 W ELM ST  
BUFFALO IL 62515  
MECHANICSBURG TOWNSHIP  
Property Index Number: 16-10.0-403-028  
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2022 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2021.

The period of redemption will expire on 10/31/2025.

On 12/18/2025 at 10:30AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.

ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner  
8051-955586

TAKE NOTICE  
CERTIFICATE NO. 142-0059-08  
TO:  
OCCUPANTS  
MARILYN J BENJAMIN (OR SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE), AS TRUSTEE OF THE JAMES E. BENJAMIN TRUST ESTABLISHED UNDER THE BENJAMIN LIVING TRUST DATED APRIL 21, 2012  
MARILYN J. BENJAMIN (OR SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE), AS TRUSTEE OF THE MARILYN J. BENJAMIN TRUST ESTABLISHED UNDER THE BENJAMIN LIVING TRUST DATED APRIL 21, 2012  
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE JAMES E BENJAMIN TRUST ESTABLISHED UNDER THE BENJAMIN LIVING TRUST DATED APRIL 21, 2012  
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE MARILYN J. BENJAMIN TRUST ESTABLISHED UNDER THE BENJAMIN LIVING TRUST DATED APRIL 21, 2012  
FARM PRODUCER  
BENJAMIN MARILYN J TRUSTEE  
MARILYN J. BENJAMIN, TRUSTEE OF THE BENJAMIN LIVING TRUST DATED APRIL 21, 2012  
MARILYN J. BENJAMIN, AS TRUSTEE OF THE JAMES E. BENJAMIN TRUST ESTABLISHED UNDER THE BENJAMIN LIVING TRUST DATED APRIL 21, 2012  
MARILYN J. BENJAMIN, AS TRUSTEE OF THE MARILYN J. BENJAMIN TRUST ESTABLISHED UNDER THE BENJAMIN LIVING TRUST DATED APRIL 21, 2012  
MARILYN J. BENJAMIN, AS TRUSTEE OF THE MARILYN J. BENJAMIN TRUST ESTABLISHED UNDER THE BENJAMIN LIVING TRUST DATED APRIL 21, 2012  
OCCUPANTS  
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, Illinois as Case # 2025TX000135.

The property is located at:  
SE1/4 S OF I-72 EX S1/2 SW1/4 SE1/4



17-16-1  
ILLIOPOLIS TOWNSHIP  
Property Index Number: 18-17.0-400-008  
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2022 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2021.  
The period of redemption will expire on 10/31/2025.  
On 12/18/2025 at 10:30AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.  
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner  
8051-955585

TAKE NOTICE  
CERTIFICATE NO. 142-0052-02  
TO:  
OCCUPANTS  
DEE ANN POWLESS  
VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC  
C T CORPORATION SYSTEM %VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC  
DEE ANN POWLESS  
VILLAGE OF DIVERNON  
CURTIS WAYNE POWLESS JR  
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, Illinois as Case # 2025TX000134.  
The property is located at:  
121 N 02ND ST  
DIVERNON TOWNSHIP  
Property Index Number: 35-16.0-378-007  
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2022 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2021.  
The period of redemption will expire on 10/31/2025.  
On 12/18/2025 at 10:30AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.  
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner  
8051-955584

TAKE NOTICE  
CERTIFICATE NO. 142-0036-04  
TO:  
OCCUPANTS  
CURTIS KELLER  
KRISTIN KELLER  
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, Illinois as Case # 2025TX000132.  
The property is located at:  
113 SANDSTONE DR CHATHAM IL 62629  
BALL TOWNSHIP  
Property Index Number: 29-08.0-327-026  
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2022 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2021.  
The period of redemption will expire on 10/31/2025.  
On 12/18/2025 at 10:30AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.  
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner  
8051-955583

TAKE NOTICE  
CERTIFICATE NO. 142-0026-05  
TO:  
OCCUPANTS  
MELISSA A RICHEY  
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown

owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, Illinois as Case # 2025TX000131.  
The property is located at:  
2013 W JEFFERSON ST  
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
Property Index Number: 14-29.0-152-019  
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2022 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2021.  
The period of redemption will expire on 10/31/2025.  
On 12/18/2025 at 10:30AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.  
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner  
8051-955582

TAKE NOTICE  
CERTIFICATE NO. 142-0004-07  
TO:  
OCCUPANTS  
ERIC J STACHOWIAK  
EDWIN C WALKER, ATTORNEY FOR ASSET ACCEPTANCE LLC ASSIGNEE OF FIRST AMERICA  
ASSET ACCEPTANCE, LLC  
MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC  
%ASSET ACCEPTANCE, LLC  
ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORP %ASSET ACCEPTANCE, LLC  
ASSET ACCEPTANCE LLC ASSIGNEE OF FIRST AMERICA  
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees, or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of SANGAMON County, Illinois as Case # 2025TX000129.  
The property is located at:  
712 W MAPLE AVE S SPRINGFIELD IL 62704  
WOODSIDE TOWNSHIP  
Property Index Number: 22-09.0-153-016  
Said Property was sold on 11/04/2022 for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2021.  
The period of redemption will expire on 10/31/2025.  
On 12/18/2025 at 10:30AM, the Petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an Order Directing Issuance of Tax Deed if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale.  
ANDREW R. HENDRIAN, Petitioner  
8051-955581

PUBLIC NOTICE  
The Village of Southern View hereby gives notice to all owners and occupants of residences in the Village, and owners of vacant lots in the Village, that pursuant to Ordinance 25-06-02, weeds and grasses taller than 8 inches will be mowed by the Village at the expense of the owner/occupant. Hand-delivered notice will be delivered upon the first violation at any location. All subsequent violations will be abated without further notice. The expenses incurred by the Village constitute a lien on the premises.

To enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent a private auction will be held on  
Saturday July 19, 2025, at 9:00a.m.  
Northend Storage is located at 1907 North Grand East, Springfield, IL. 62702  
This is a private auction. In order to attend you must call 217-544-4521 a week prior to the auction date.  
Please leave your name, telephone number and an email address.  
Cash is the only form of payment accepted for the auction.

Any individual wanting to retain their unit will need to pay their entire balance on or before Wednesday July 16, 2025.  
No personal checks will be accepted for storage units that are in lien.  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION  
Rocky Troxell Unit #9-4  
Debra Phelps Unit #5-28  
Tyrone Bershell Unit #8-13  
Timothy Nyari Unit #11-24  
Angelina Testa Unit #J-13  
Kay Boswell Unit #2-1  
Alphonso Taylor Unit #4-3  
Samantha Fickas Unit #4-7  
Greg Taylor Unit #5-8  
Amy Goble Unit #7-1  
Patricia Steele Unit #1-22  
Kelly & Bertha Richard Unit #1-35  
Atonia McNeal Unit #2-22  
Richard Dubose Unit #2-29  
Kelcie Julius Unit #2-34  
Andrea Shimkus Unit #4-24  
Dakota Willis Unit #4-27  
Verneeda Miller Unit #4-29  
Vernice Bailey Unit #5-22  
Rodney Weeks Unit #6-25  
Christopher Marconi Unit #6-29  
Shalik Rhynes Unit #9-34  
Phyllis Willett Unit #9-45  
Mark Grier Unit #10-13  
Eunice Green Unit #10-16  
Shayla Shanklin Unit #B-7  
Loree Williams Unit #B-16  
Chris Hughes Unit #H-6  
Journe Dawson Unit #I-14  
Warren Anderson Unit #I-16  
Dana Thomas Unit #2-21

Capitol Storage LLC  
818 S Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-522-0300  
Sale 07/26/2025  
Location 3012 Great Northern Drive, Springfield IL  
#345 Mike Kasprzyk  
#344 Shirley Antonacci  
#567 Michael Griffin  
#603 Kurt Curry  
Location 818 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield IL  
#139 Lauren Hankton  
#26 Jayne Wilson  
#158 Brianne Givens  
#196 LaSanya Shivers  
#101 Donald Mason  
Location 2720 N. Peoria Road  
#13 Rochelle Brown  
#18 Joe Craig  
314 W. Cross, Winchester IL  
#82 Molly Daniel  
#23 & 61 Brenda Ransom  
#39 Sherry Martin  
#15 Tabitha Dodge  
#13 Zane Zeckel  
#88 Robbi Blevins  
#8 Penny Leverich  
#79 Jake Lofland  
To pay past due rent and fees call 1-217-522-0300. Private Sale will be July 26, 2025 at 9AM. The sale will begin at 818 S. Dirksen Parkway Location.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION  
A private sale will be held to enforce self-storage lien in default of payment of past-due rent at noon on July 3, 2025 by Dave's Space Station, 3955 Peoria Road, Springfield, IL. Tenant must pay in full by this date.  
#18 Clista E. Taylor and Wade Crowe  
For more information regarding the sale call 217-502-9393.

TO: Illinois Housing Development Authority, Adam Miller, Occupants, Cynthia L. Luttrell, Don Gray, Sangamon County Clerk, UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

TAX DEED NO. 2025TX000147 FILED 5/6/2025  
TAKE NOTICE  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON  
Date Premises Sold 11/4/2022  
Certificate No. 142-0046-08  
Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021  
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)  
And Special Assessment Number N/A  
Warrant No. N/A Inst No. N/A  
THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES  
Property located at 46 DOWNING DR, CHATHAM, IL  
Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-12.0-451-013  
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/30/2025. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at six month intervals from the date of the sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequent accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.  
This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/30/2025. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, Courtroom 5th Floor on 11/5/2025 at 9:30am.  
You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will have expired at that time.  
YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY  
Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/30/2025 by applying to the County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Springfield, Illinois.  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK  
Address: 200 S. 9th St. Room 101, Springfield, IL 62701  
Telephone: 217-753-6700  
Dated: 5/6/2025  
8051-955093

TO: The United States of America, Department of Treasury, Citibank, N.A., State of Illinois, Department of Revenue, Christopher Jones, Occupants, James W. Jones, Don Gray, Sangamon County Clerk, UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
TAX DEED NO. 2025TX000148  
FILED 5/6/2025  
TAKE NOTICE  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON  
Date Premises Sold 11/4/2022  
Certificate No. 142-0028-08  
Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021  
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)  
And Special Assessment Number N/A  
Warrant No. N/A Inst No. N/A  
THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES  
Property located at 405 S LIVINGSTON ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL  
Legal Description or Property Index No. 14-35.0-277-027  
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/30/2025. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at six month intervals from the date of the sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or

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Telephone: 217-753-6700  
Dated: 5/6/2025  
8051-955092

TO: Occupants, Joanne T. Pedrick, Don Gray, Sangamon County Clerk, UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
TAX DEED NO. 2025TX000145 FILED 5/6/2025  
TAKE NOTICE  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON  
Date Premises Sold 11/4/2022  
Certificate No. 142-0012-03  
Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021  
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)  
And Special Assessment Number N/A  
Warrant No. N/A Inst No. N/A  
THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES  
Property located at 324 E ST JOSEPH ST, SOUTHERN VIEW, IL  
Legal Description or Property Index No. 22-16.0-230-031  
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/30/2025. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at six month intervals from the date of the sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequent accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.  
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Address: 200 S. 9th St. Room 101, Springfield, IL 62701  
Telephone: 217-753-6700  
Dated: 5/6/2025  
8051-955091

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation,  
IN CHANCERY  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
MELODY L. WILLIAMS; SHAWANNA MARIE UNDERHILL; UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
Case No. 2025-FC-41  
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
NOTICE is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of 735 ILCS 5/15 1218 and 15 1502 and Sec. 2 206 that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendants is July 26, 2025.  
The Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on February 28, 2025.  
(i) The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are as follows: Bank of Springfield, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 2025-FC-41  
(ii) The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois.  
(iii) The names of the title holders of record: Melody L. Williams and Shawanna Marie Underhill.  
(iv) Legal description and common address of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty are as follows:  
The East 10 feet of Lot Sixteen (16) and all of Lot Seventeen (17) in Andrew Walker's Subdivision of part of Lot Three (3) in Calvin Lewis' Estate in the City of Springfield. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Parcel Number: 14-27.0-231-032  
Common address or location of mortgaged premises:  
1323 E. Division Street, Springfield, IL 62702  
Parcel Number:  
14-27.0-231-032  
(v) Identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:  
Names of mortgagors: Melody L. Williams  
Name of mortgagee: Bank of Springfield  
Date of mortgage: September 9, 2016  
Date of recording: September 14, 2016  
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois  
Recording document identification: Document No. 2016R25301  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
SORLING NORTHRUP  
Stephen A. Tagge, of Counsel - Reg. #2793369  
Brian D. Jones, of Counsel – Reg. #6286510  
1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200  
P. O. Box 5131  
Springfield, IL 62705  
Telephone: (217) 544 1144  
E-Mail: satagge@sorlinglaw.com  
bdjones@sorlinglaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
CHRISTOPHER J. PASLAY, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,



Defendants.  
IN CHANCERY  
Case No. 2025-FC-32  
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
NOTICE is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of 735 ILCS 5/15 1218 and 15 1502 and Sec. 2 206 that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendants is July 25, 2025. The Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on February 19, 2025.

(i) The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are as follows: Bank of Springfield, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 2025-FC-32  
(ii) The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois.  
(iii) The names of the title holders of record: Christopher J. Paslay  
(iv) Legal description and common address of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty are as follows: Lot Three (3) in Block Twenty-Three (23) in Payne's South Side Addition, Second Plat, as shown on Plat recorded August 11, 1915 in Plat Book 11, Page 20. Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Parcel Number: 22-04-429-007.  
Common address or location of mortgaged premises: 2009 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703-3447  
Parcel Number: 22-04-429-007

(v) Identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:  
Names of mortgagors: Christopher J. Paslay  
Name of mortgagee: Bank of Springfield  
Date of mortgage: October 23, 2015  
Date of recording: October 26, 2015  
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois  
Recording document identification: Document No. 2015R30426  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
SORLING NORTHROP  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS Plaintiff,  
vs.  
2011 CHEVROLET MALIBU  
VIN # 1G1ZE5E15BF300472  
Derek Hentz  
Sandra Johnson  
No. 25-MX-290  
25-AF-20  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Milhiser, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on March 24, 2025. UNLESS YOU file a verified Claim with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within

45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.  
Joe Roesch  
Clerk of Court  
Assistant State's Attorney  
200 S. 9th Street, Room 402  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
(217) 753-6690  
sangamoncounty.SAO.civil@sangamonil.gov

In The Circuit Court  
For The Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois  
Sangamon County, Springfield, Illinois  
Dalona Womack  
VS.  
Alejandro Martinez  
Case Number: 25-CH-26  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Quiet Title, and for other relief.  
Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, 62702 on or before July 6, 2025, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.  
6/6/2025  
Joseph B. Roesch  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Dalona Womack  
2715 S. MacArthur Blvd.  
Springfield, IL 62704  
217-361-4414

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF AYDEN LUCCHESI, MINOR CHILD  
No. 2025 GR 000120  
To: Aubrey Mae Lucchesi at address unknown: Please be notified that Thomas J. Lucchesi & Sharon K. Lucchesi have filed a Petition for Guardianship of Ayden Lucchesi, minor child. You are required to answer said Petition By August 4, 2025 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

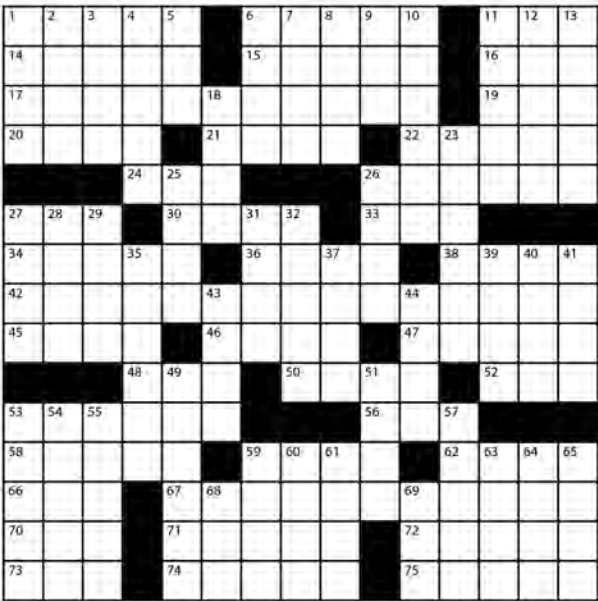
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN RE THE ESTATE OF  
MARGARET A. MCALLISTER  
DECEASED  
Case No. 2025-PR-268  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is hereby given of the death of MARGARET A. MCALLISTER. Letters Testamentary were issued on June 30, 2025, appointing STEPHEN O. MCALLISTER, 300 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Belleville, IL 62220, as Executor, whose attorney is Creighton R. Castle of Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C., 900 Community Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703, Phone: (217) 525-1571.  
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated: June 30, 2025  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
200 South Ninth Street  
Springfield, IL 62701  
8051-955627

## Coined phrases Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 900

### Across

1. Dutch exports  
6. Beef cuts  
11. 100 yrs.  
14. Flies alone  
15. "It's \_\_\_ cause"  
16. \_\_\_-tzu  
17. A whole divided four times, in music  
19. Hot time in Haiti  
20. Rod at a pig roast  
21. Campus bigwig  
22. Modern letters  
24. \_\_\_ de cologne  
26. Advisories  
27. Downs' opposite  
30. Lowlife  
33. "Holy moly!"  
34. Silence  
36. Gallop  
38. "Star Trek" counselor  
42. Being trivial  
45. \_\_\_-Seltzer  
46. "I cannot tell \_\_\_"

47. "Groovy!"  
48. What "it" plays  
50. A long way off  
52. Auction offering  
53. Hightails it  
56. Put on the line  
58. "In what way?"  
59. Capitol Hill worker  
62. Ascend  
66. "\_\_\_ you kidding?"  
67. Preppy's wear  
70. Paper size: Abbr.  
71. Go over, as lines  
72. "Home \_\_\_"  
73. \_\_\_ Cruces, N.M.



74. Long-winded stories  
75. Fruity pastries

### Down

1. Many A.B.A. members  
2. Arrange, as hair  
3. Jai \_\_\_  
4. Death in Venice  
5. Mach 1 breaker  
6. Endangered  
7. Arm part  
8. Night light  
9. L.A. clock setting  
10. "Remington \_\_\_" of 1980's TV  
11. Cloudless  
12. Suffer a loss, slangily

13. Christmas songs  
18. Cabinet dept.  
23. What to do "in St. Louis"  
25. \_\_\_ Stadium in Queens  
26. Got gray  
27. Annapolis sch.  
28. Pop singer Collins  
29. Use a straw  
31. Eurasia's \_\_\_ Mountains  
32. Craze  
35. Goes blading  
37. Scale starter  
39. Iranian coin  
40. "I'm \_\_\_ you!"  
41. "\_\_\_ Rhythm"  
43. Falls behind  
44. About, on a memo  
49. Embraces

51. Brother of Cain  
53. "I \_\_\_ return"  
54. \_\_\_ Potti  
55. Decorative jugs  
57. Start of a refrain  
59. Word jumble: Abbr.  
60. Ancient Peruvian  
61. Salon supplies  
63. "\_\_\_ one..." (opmer's opening)  
64. Dispatched  
65. "\_\_\_ Tu" (1974 hit)  
68. Victorian, for one  
69. Bit in a horse's mouth

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



Crossword answers from #899

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

Sudoku answers from #899

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

JoshJosh answers from #899

## JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 900

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

4-	2+	2-	40x		
			6x		2+
120x			3		
2-		2+		2-	
2+		1-		14+	
2+		30x			

Difficulty hard

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

Difficulty medium



# PrEP to Prevent HIV

**Daily Pill**  **Long-Acting Dose**

**WE PAY! No Insurance?**  
**No Problem!**

**Choose SCDPH or your own doctor.**



## What is PrEP?

PrEP, or pre-exposure prophylaxis, is medicine people at risk for HIV take to prevent getting HIV from sex or injection drug use. PrEP can stop HIV from taking hold and spreading throughout your body. PrEP has been **approved by the FDA**.

## Why Take PrEP?

PrEP reduces the risk of getting HIV from sex by about 99% when taken as prescribed. Among people who inject drugs, it reduces the risk by at least 74% when taken as prescribed.

## Is PrEP Right for You?

PrEP may benefit you if you test negative for HIV and –

**you have had anal or vaginal sex in the past 6 months, and you:**

- have a sexual partner with HIV (especially if the partner has an unknown or detectable viral load),
- have not consistently used a condom, or
- have been diagnosed with an STD in the past 6 months.



**you inject drugs and**

- have an injection partner with HIV, or
- share needles, syringes, or other injection equipment.



**If you are a woman and have a partner with HIV and are considering getting pregnant, talk to your doctor about PrEP. PrEP may be an option to help protect you and your baby from getting HIV while you try to get pregnant, during pregnancy, or while breastfeeding.**



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