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New dispensary planned on Dirksen

California company seeks zoning approval for vacant building

MARIJUANA | Adrian Dater



A vacant building at 1401 S. Dirksen Parkway in front of County Market is slated to become a marijuana dispensary. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

If he had his druthers, Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams Jr. would rather see something besides a proposed new recreational cannabis dispensary going into 1401 S. Dirksen Parkway, a currently abandoned property in his ward.

"But I don't like empty buildings or empty houses," Williams said.

So, albeit with some reluctance, Williams said he would vote to recommend zoning approval for a 4,582-square-foot adult dispensary to be operated by Spring Lucius Community LLC, a licensed cannabis retailer that would lease the property from RTD MC II, LLC. The building would be improved by new masonry and framing, with newly paved parking.

The building's previous tenants have included restaurants such as Sambo's and Daphne's Family Restaurant, along with a title

loan company, but it has been largely vacant in recent years. It sits in front of County Market and just down the street from one of two Springfield Godfather's Pizza stores owned by local businessmen Mike Monseur and John Leskovisek.

Williams said he wouldn't vote for approval if business owners near the proposed dispensary objected, and while Monseur echoed Williams' overall sentiments, he is in favor.

"That building has been sitting vacant for a long time and had a lot of issues with – how do I put this nicely – with the homeless issue and stuff," Monseur said. "I'm always pro-development. If they run a good business and keep their place looking good, I'm all for it."

Springfield attorney Gordon Gates and his firm, Gates Wise Schlosser & Goebel, are representing the company at the Springfield

Planning and Zoning Commission, which held a public meeting Feb. 18 on the issue. The Zoning Commission makes a nonbinding recommendation to the Springfield City Council, which then has the final say on zoning cases.

"(Spring Lucius) has done their homework on this," Gates said, who told *Illinois Times* he doesn't anticipate opposition to the project. "The businesses surrounding this are fired up about it."

Gates said the company applying for the zoning is represented by Kimble Cannon, an attorney who, records show, has previous experience with cannabis operations.

Williams indicated that the still-unnamed dispensary would have some high-end features, such as a lounge area for customers. While he reaffirmed his support for the city's latest dispensary, he said he won't be so amenable to any others in his ward in the near future.

"This will be the last one that I would support on Dirksen Parkway; (this is) the third store near each other," Williams said. "I do wish that the powers that be, i.e., the city, (Springfield Sangamon) Growth Alliance, all these people who are paid to develop more of Springfield. ... it seems lately in my ward, along Dirksen Parkway, all I can attract is liquor, marijuana and gaming. And that's kind of offensive to me."

But Williams said he is encouraged, not just by the budding new dispensary, but by a Long John Silvers that "has decided to (relocate) across (from its current location at 2929 S. Dirksen Parkway), which kept it in my ward and kept it on Dirksen."

"I'm so thrilled about that, because usually when businesses close down, we lose them

to the west side or other parts of the city," Williams said. "I wish it were other things going into (1401 S. Dirksen Parkway), but I'll have to accept things as they are. Once (cannabis) became legalized in 2020, I follow the law."

Monseur, who, along with Leskovisek has owned the Godfather's just down the street for the last 22 years, said business development in that area and city overall has been hampered by too many restrictive state policies.

"With lawmakers talking about \$27-an-hour minimum wage now and \$19 is supposed to be in July, Illinois is just chasing everybody away," Monseur said. "It's surprising that anyone wants to invest in Illinois right now. We have seven stores (overall) here that have leases coming up, and we're torn on if we're going to stay. The stores do well, they're moneymakers, but we're torn with how hard it is to get help. Every time you wake up in the morning, they're talking about a new fee, new tax, new something instead of, 'How can we attract revenue?'

"So that's why I'm liking this (dispensary) coming in, because it's new revenue coming in and it's a development on an eyesore that's been there. That building has been a danger to the community there. I think it'll bring the crime rate down there, because there will be legitimate activity going on," Monseur said.

Recently, local businessman Justin Conder received zoning approval for a new craft grow cannabis business in the former Comcast building at 701 S. Dirksen Parkway.

"This would be our fourth (cannabis business) on Dirksen. They are legit businesses, but I think I've got my share now," Williams said. □

Editor's note

I remember a late-1960s confrontation with my mother, who was conservative back when that meant something good. Home from college, I voiced my enthusiasm for Jesse Jackson, who had come to southern Illinois to march with civil rights leaders in Cairo. Mom worried that I was getting too liberal. She raised me wrong, I told her. She shouldn't have taken me to church so much. I think I got a smile. Those days, on Saturday mornings I would take the EL from campus in Evanston to Chicago's South Side for Jackson's Operation Breadbasket meetings. After the warmup speakers, the theater organ music would build to a swell. Then tall, resolute, unsmiling Jesse Jackson would strut onto the stage to cheers. Fist raised, he gave a loud, "I am...." "I am," we responded. "Somebody." "Somebody." "I may be Black. I may be poor," he called and we responded. "But I am, somebody." I'm guessing I wasn't the only one in Jackson's diverse audience thinking, "I may be white. I may not be poor. But in this movement, I am somebody too." — Fletcher Farrar, editor

Jack Campbell speaks out

Former sheriff addresses union president's letter to judge asking for clemency for Grayson

LAW ENFORCEMENT | Dean Olsen

The former Sangamon County sheriff – who refused calls for his resignation after Sonya Massey's 2024 murder, then abruptly retired, citing stress on his family and the sheriff's office – recently defended the office against recent allegations of "institutional shortcomings."

Jack Campbell, 61, responded to questions from *Illinois Times* after Sangamon County deputy Travis Koester told a local judge that "systemic failures in training and supervision within the sheriff's office" justified a less-than-maximum sentence for former sheriff's deputy and convicted murderer Sean Grayson.

Campbell, who hired Grayson, said in an emailed response that Koester's letter was "full of lies and was an attempt to deflect from Grayson's actions and place blame on the sheriff's office."

Campbell condemned Grayson's decisions leading to the fatal shooting of Massey inside her Woodside Township home but said there were no obvious warning signs before hiring that Grayson would disregard his training and become a murderer.

"He had double the training mandated by the state," Campbell said.

Campbell said Koester's assertion that Grayson lacked training "is denigrating almost every deputy working" at the sheriff's office. And Campbell said he disagreed with the "content and premise" of Koester's letter requesting mercy for Grayson.

Grayson, 31, who is white, was convicted of second-degree murder in connection with the shooting death of Massey, 36, an unarmed Black woman, before the judge sentenced Grayson on Jan. 29 to the maximum, a 20-year state prison sentence, for Massey's murder. With good behavior and time already served, he could be released in 8½ years.

Koester, who signed his letter as president of Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 55, which represents Sangamon County Sheriff's Office staff, said in a letter to Circuit Judge Ryan Cadagin before sentencing that Grayson, hired by the sheriff's office in 2023, was a "product" of a bad environment there.

"Over the years," Koester wrote, "I have witnessed firsthand how inadequate or inconsistent training, insufficient remedial instruction and a lack of meaningful mentorship can leave deputies ill-equipped to manage high-pressure situations appropriately."

Campbell worked for the sheriff's office for more than two decades before being elected



Jack Campbell spoke with *Illinois Times* Aug. 1, 2024, about the vetting process conducted before the sheriff's office hired Sean Grayson. He initially said he wouldn't resign amid public criticism in the wake of the shooting death of Sonya Massey, but ultimately retired later that month. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

sheriff in 2018. As a member of the FOP since 1996, Campbell said he was disappointed to learn that Koester's letter was sent "without the knowledge of the membership."

Campbell, a Republican, denied allegations from Sangamon County Board member Marc Ayers, a Springfield Democrat, that Grayson's hiring was the result of nepotism.

Retired deputy Scott Butterfield, the father of Grayson's fiancée, wrote a recommendation for Grayson before the former Logan County sheriff's deputy was hired by Sangamon County.

Ayers sits on the Sangamon County Board's jail committee, which oversees the sheriff's office. He said the inadequate training and lack of mentorship referred to in Koester's letter was the fault of Campbell and Campbell's predecessors.

Campbell told *Illinois Times*: "Ayers' anti-police rhetoric shows lack of research and is using a tragedy to gain political favor. As stated, Grayson received more than adequate training. I, as almost anyone would when hiring or contracting, took a recommendation from a longtime deputy and trusted friend, along with another retired officer from a different agency, to interview Grayson, the same way people take recommendations from people they trust to hire contractors, lawyers and the like. Those references could not have predicted this event, either."

Campbell declined an interview request but agreed to answer written questions from the newspaper. With minor editing, here are more questions posed by *Illinois Times* and Campbell's responses:

Question: Did you know about Grayson's two prior misdemeanor driving while intoxicated convictions when you hired him?

Answer: "Yes, and the board appointed by the governor – the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, or ILETSB – certified him as qualified for hire six times after those DUIs. If the governor or legislature wants to prevent people who get DUIs from being hired as a police officer, they have the power to do so."

Q: Why did you hire Grayson when a psychologist who examined him as part of the screening process said he had a quick temper and scored low on the cognitive exam?

A: "Grayson was given two psychological tests and passed both of them. After passing the second examination by Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, he was sent through a police academy for the second time. (He attended his first training academy earlier in his law-enforcement career.) The second academy was not required by ILETSB. He could

have went to work immediately. He had no reported issues at that academy."

Q: Did you or other members of your command staff know about the problems that Grayson had at the Logan County Sheriff's Office and other police departments he worked at when you hired him?

A: "We were made aware of some of the issues. Not all of them. Complaints against law enforcement are investigated. And he had no major discipline at any of the agencies he worked for, certainly no use-of-force issues or racial complaints."

Q: If you had known all of the details that came out about Grayson and his background prior to his hiring, would you still have hired him? Do you have any regrets about hiring Grayson?

A: "Of course, with 20/20 hindsight, which doesn't exist in the real world, had he not been hired, this tragedy wouldn't have happened. It is impossible to predict human behavior. And there was nothing in his background, nothing revealed in his psychological exams, nor experiences at any agency he worked for that could have told us this would happen. Contrary to some media reporting, Grayson was let go by only one agency (Kincaid), and that was for not moving within a 10-mile radius of the city. He changed part-time agencies frequently for better pay, larger departments, then eventually, full-time work."

Q: What do you think about the job Paula Crouch has been doing? (Campbell has endorsed Crouch over retired deputy David Timm in the March 17 GOP primary for county sheriff and has contributed \$2,500 to Crouch's campaign, according to filings with the Illinois State Board of Elections.)

A: "I think she is doing a good job. Paula took over SCSO at a very difficult time and has led the sheriff's office admirably."

Q: What reforms need to be made in Sangamon County or statewide to prevent another Sonya Massey tragedy?

A: "Reforms can't prevent unlawful, snap decisions. Without a method to predict human behavior, tragedy and crime cannot be fully avoided." □

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Med District could expand

Bill tied to Downtown Master Plan moving through Statehouse

MEDICAL DISTRICT | Dilpreet Raju



State Sen. Doris Turner is sponsoring legislation that would extend the southern boundary of the Mid-Illinois Medical District to include Springfield Clinic's main campus. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

Lawmakers could consider expanding the overall region, and special district powers, of the Mid-Illinois Medical District due to a new bill filed by state Sen. Doris Turner, D-Springfield, last month.

Senate Bill 2829 proposes adjustments to the existing Mid-Illinois Medical District Act by essentially doubling the size of the district's region, extending the southern boundary from Madison Street down to South Grand Avenue. The other boundaries would remain the same, North Grand Avenue to the north, Walnut Street to the west and 11th Street to the east.

The expansion would integrate Springfield Clinic's Main Campus, 1025 S. Sixth St., into the Medical District but exclude "all local, state and federal government properties within the area."

The bill also further specifies the special district "is created to improve the city center of Springfield."

Jen Boyer, acting CEO of Springfield Clinic, welcomed the medical district's expansion to include more Springfield Clinic facilities in a written statement shared with *Illinois Times*.

"Becoming part of the Mid-Illinois Medical District will strengthen collaboration among local health care organizations and physicians, expand access to innovative services and support economic development in the heart of our city," Boyer wrote. "We believe this effort aligns with our ongoing commitment to improving health outcomes, expanding access to care and serving the greater Springfield community with excellence and integrity."

While the existing act allows the Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission to construct hospitals, clinics and laboratories, the proposed legislation would allow the commission to also construct "housing, educational buildings (and) research facilities."

The bill also provides more regulations for the commission itself by removing a requirement that someone appointed by the governor or mayor of Springfield shall serve as the commission's president

and vice president.

Instead, SB 2829 would institute a commission election through "a regular meeting on the second Thursday of February in even-numbered years for the election of a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer from among its members." If passed during this legislative session, February 2028 would be the next election cycle for the commission.

The bill as it stands suggests no changes to the commission's makeup, which consists of four gubernatorial appointees, four mayoral appointees and one appointee from the Sangamon County Board Chair.

The Downtown and Medical District Master Plan, published in late 2024, suggests the city of Springfield "work with the state of Illinois to conduct a study to determine the impacts of expanding the MIMD boundary. The intent is to incorporate properties closer to the downtown core and encourage redevelopment and residential infill."

About 13 months after the master plan was published, Turner filed SB 2829, which currently sits in the Senate Local Government committee.

Ryan Croke, president of the commission, referenced the master plan when discussing SB 2829 at a Feb. 12 meeting of the Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission.

"That, I think folks will recall, was intended, in part, to strengthen the tie, collaboration and development efforts of our downtown institutions and the Medical District institutions. That, not coincidentally, also allows the Medical District zone to include the headquarters of Springfield Clinic, which we thought everybody agreed just made sense," said Croke, who works for the state as the first assistant deputy governor for health and human services.

"The bill was assigned to the local government committee in the state Senate. It was moved out of the assignments committee and into a substantive committee, which is a good sign," he said. □

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OPPORTUNITY IN SANGAMON COUNTY

As someone who has spent my career representing working men and women across central Illinois, I've seen what real investment can mean for a community. I've also seen how quickly progress stalls when we hesitate to invest in our future, which is why I believe the CyrusOne data center project deserves strong support from our local officials.

This project represents nearly \$500 million in private investment in Sangamon County. It will put skilled union tradespeople to work, strengthen our local economy and help create careers that support families right here at home.

During construction, hundreds of good-paying jobs will be created. Those paychecks will be spent locally at our restaurants, shops and small businesses, helping our entire community thrive. CyrusOne has also committed to prioritizing local workers and contractors, ensuring these benefits stay in Sangamon County.

Beyond construction, data centers require ongoing maintenance, upgrades and technical support. That means long-term, stable jobs with good wages. These are the kinds of careers that allow families to build a future right here in Sangamon County.

The project will also generate millions in new tax revenue to support schools, public safety and essential services without raising taxes on hardworking families. It's responsible growth that strengthens county finances while protecting taxpayers.

Sangamon County has the skilled workforce and strong work ethic to make this project a success. It builds on our strengths, rewards hard work and strengthens our local economy. More than buildings and infrastructure, this investment is about families and keeping our community strong for the next generation.

I urge local leaders to support this project and stand with the working families who stand to benefit from it.

Dave Wells, business manager, IBEW Local 193

JUST SAY NO

Any informed citizen does not support the construction of data centers. We have voiced our opinions and we do not want them. I've also voiced my concern that these data centers will pay off the board members. We don't want the additional pressure on our electrical grids along with the consumption of our groundwater, which is already in dire straits – there have been severe drought conditions in most of Illinois.

I cannot believe this would be approved. Why don't the people have any power? We don't want this. We want a future for us, not AI.

*Teresa Davidson
Springfield*

OPPORTUNITY IN LOGAN COUNTY

I've spent my career in the trades. I know the difference between a press release and a paycheck. I also know what happens to communities when investment dries up and work goes elsewhere.

That is why I am supporting the proposed Hut 8 data center in Logan County. Hut 8 has signed a project labor commitment with the Central Illinois Building & Construction Trades Council. This isn't a vague promise; it's a commitment to build this facility using local, skilled union labor.

For Logan County, that means the wages from this \$5 billion-plus investment won't leave the state in the pockets of traveling crews. They will go to the electricians, pipefitters, and ironworkers who live right here. Our members buy from local businesses and pay local property taxes. When we build local, the economic benefit stays home.

The Hut 8 project represents steady work for hundreds of tradespeople during years of construction, followed by roughly 200 permanent careers – engineers, skilled labor, technicians and security staff. It means millions in new tax revenue for our schools



More than 500 people, many of them part of local labor unions, turned out for a December public forum at the BOS Center to express support for a proposed data center project in Sangamon County. *PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS*

and fire districts, stabilizing the services communities rely on.

Residents have valid questions about water, electricity and land use. County leaders should ask those hard questions and demand real mitigation plans. Hut 8 must earn its permit by being a good neighbor. But if they meet those standards, you must say yes.

The alternative to this project isn't "waiting for something better" – it is continued decline.

This is a chance to stabilize your tax base and put our skilled tradespeople to work building your county's future. Let's make sure it happens.

Aaron Gurnsey, business manager, UA Local 137

TAKING A STAND

I'm proud of state Sen. Ram Villivalam and state Rep. Robyn Gabel, two legislators actually breaking away from the Democrat block and Gov. JB Pritzker to address future problems data centers can create for Illinois residents ("Lawmakers seek to regulate new data centers' power, water usage," Feb. 12). *Stacy Bowman*

Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

True Story

My sister Pat, maybe 7, woke early and decided to have an adventure. She took some apples, set out along the shore path, cut across a field, passed some cows, ate an apple, continued on until she had eaten all her apples, judged the long day was over, others would worry, and decided that running away alone wasn't much fun. She hurried back and climbed onto the cottage porch; ready to tell of her momentous day! Everybody was asleep. It was still morning and nobody else had even woken up.

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State seeks new revenue streams

POLITICS | Rich Miller

As I write this, Gov. JB Pritzker is preparing to give his annual budget address. It's an unenviable task.

Earlier this month, the Governor's Office of Management and Budget released a report showing federal tax cuts caused a \$587 million reduction in state revenues this fiscal year.

The governor announced last month that he was withholding \$482 million in state spending to help mitigate federal attacks on the state budget.

It's not all horrible news. The latest monthly revenue report from the legislature's Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability showed January revenues from state sources were up, according to COGFA.

Personal income tax receipts increased 2.1 percent in January compared to the previous January (which is still below inflation). Corporate income tax revenues rose by 3.5 percent after months of lagging. Gross sales tax revenues increased by 3 percent.

Estate tax receipts are up 60 percent, or about \$200 million, so far this fiscal year compared to last year at this time, COGFA reported. The commission said asset valuation increases, including the stock market, likely contributed to the increase.

So far this fiscal year, revenues are up a bit more than \$1 billion, or 3.5 percent, compared to the same period in Fiscal Year 2025.

But there is that big federal downside. According to COGFA's report, federal revenues experienced a "notable decline," falling \$169 million, or almost 36 percent in January, compared to the same month last year.

During the fiscal year to date, federal sources have dropped by about 8 percent. But January marked the third straight month for federal revenue declines, so it may be accelerating.

"To meet initial fiscal year estimates, Federal Sources will need to show meaningful improvement over the remaining five months," the monthly report declared. The fiscal year ends June 30.

And nobody knows what tomorrow may bring. Heck, by the time you read this, something new could've happened. At any given moment, White House operatives could try to pull funding for whatever program they can dream up.

Last week, the Trump administration announced that it was canceling \$100 million for local public health grants in Illinois.

Illinois was one of just four Democratic-led states that were targeted for the cuts.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, some of the cuts were for "HIV Prevention and Surveillance, which includes

programs to expand HIV testing to cover more people who may not be aware they have HIV; linking newly-diagnosed patients to appropriate care; expanding access to PrEP, medication which can reduce the spread of HIV; and conducting partner notification."

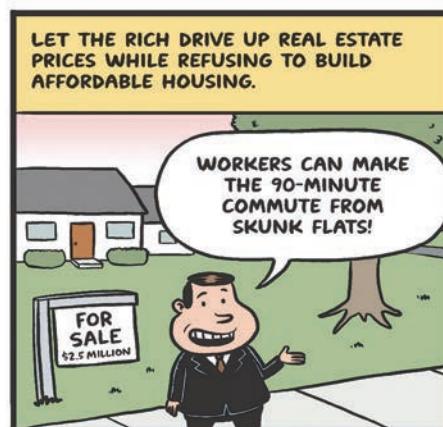
Attorney General Kwame Raoul quickly won a temporary restraining order last week, giving the state a 14-day reprieve.

Raoul has so far fought off numerous federal attempts to withhold money from the state. But there's just no way of knowing what could happen as the litigation moves up the federal judicial food chain.

In other words, there is just no way to craft a reliable fiscal plan in this environment.

My associate Isabel Miller wrote a subscribers-only story last week for my newsletter about how more than 40 Democratic members of the Illinois House and Senate have been meeting weekly to come up with a plan to find some government efficiencies and create new revenue streams to help the state meet its obligations.

"We must lean into transforming our tax system and creating sustainable revenue to protect people and the services we all depend on," the Affordability and Tax Justice Coalition declared in a statement.



I was told that six ideas are under discussion, and four have been introduced into bill form: A digital advertising tax (SB3353/HB4894); A billionaire wealth tax (SB3376/HB5215); Expanded tax haven reporting (HB5318/SB3486) and closing corporate loopholes (SB3796/HB5125).

As Isabel noted, House Speaker Chris Welch has also been promoting a tax on millionaires, which has heartened the progressives.

Sen. Graciela Guzmán (D-Chicago) sits on the coalition's executive committee.

"I think right now the growing sentiment is 'Let's get as much revenue as possible,'" Sen. Guzmán told Isabel.

Sen. Guzmán also said the coalition is pressing revenue advocates for specifics, including projected revenues for each proposal, constitutionality and implementation.

Too often, these groups just throw together proposals and hope for the best. But Guzmán said they're focusing on whether these ideas can pass both chambers and be signed into law.

"The roll call is something that we keep talking about every week because we know the votes that we have to get up to in any one of these proposals," Guzmán told Isabel.

A lot is riding on those efforts. □

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OPINION

A real planner this time

The City of Springfield tries reading the instructions

KROHE | James Krohe Jr.

The city of Springfield has hired its own city planner, a real one this time. Her name is Suraksha Bhandari. She studied at the University of Utah after life in Nepal but she might find Springfield's city hall no less strange a place than Mormon Salt Lake. She brings to the job degrees in architecture and metropolitan planning but she also knows about disaster risk management. We can pretty much guess which one she'll need most.

That city hall needs better advice about regulating development has been plain for years. In 2015 the *State Journal-Register* complained that many of Springfield's problems with drainage, traffic, sprawl, parking and the like "could have been averted had the city paid better attention to planning." Having its own planner will make that easier to do, but we can only hope that Bhandari was not hired simply to spare everyone else at city hall having to pay attention to planning. That's because it is not planners who decide how a city will be built. Developers and elected officials decide, and it would be nice if they stopped building Springfield without bothering to read the instructions first.

All a planner can do officially is research, explain and recommend. However, there remain lots of ways short of a veto power that she can make herself useful. For example, every project review raises the same issues. Does a proposed new strip mall or subdivision conform to the zoning map? Is it a good project? Will the project be good for Springfield? These are distinct questions, and a good planner can clarify them for decision-makers. She also can look at site plans (as apparently no one else did) to avoid cockups like the one that dumped traffic from a large strip mall onto small strip of street where Hedley meets White Oaks West near Wabash.

The city's planner also can remind alderpersons and mayors that things that are done wrong today will stay wrong for a long time. Springfield still has unconnected streets left by haphazard platting in the 1800s. In the 1960s Sandburg school was built on the



The city of Springfield has hired Suraksha Bhandari as its new professional planner. PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

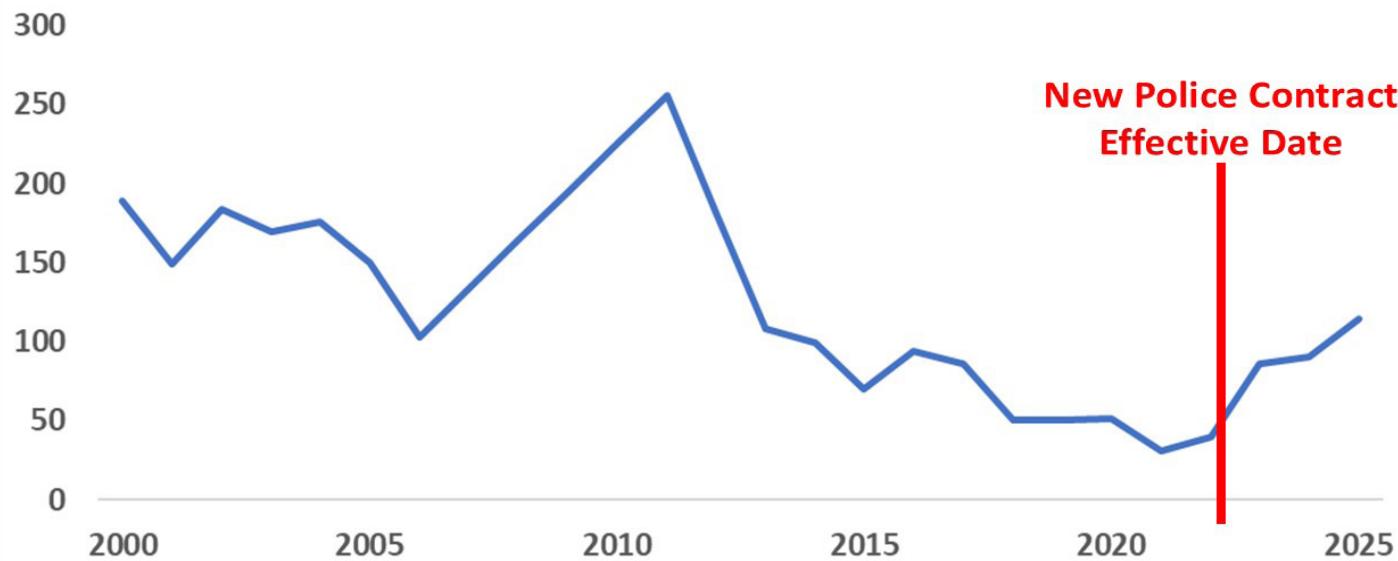
intrusion into the private sphere, but development is just as plausibly understood as an intrusion into the public sphere. Planners are our advocates for the public sphere, looking at the city as a whole and not lot by lot or plat by plat, taking into consideration how new shops or houses sit on the street, how they relate to their neighbor buildings, how their operations affect the environment and what they add to the visual environment that is, after all, Springfieldians' only universally shared experience of the city.

Alas, changing minds on those points inside or outside of city hall would require not just a conversation but something more like a religious conversion. Elected officials in particular tend to confuse good urban planning, which most of them regard as a nuisance, with economic development, which they regard as their main job. Bhandari will be working out of the mayor's Office of Planning and Economic Development, which might be more accurately titled the Office of Planning for Economic Development. But Springfield's first planner argued that to make Springfield a better place

for business you first make it a better place for people by ameliorating the effect that unplanned business development has on a city. Wrote West in 1924, "It is not enough to advertise a city. This advertising must be accompanied by proof that the city in question is built and operated as to offer real quality to newcomers."

There is much more that might be said about all of this and I hope to say some of it in future columns – about how politics affects planning decisions, about how lack of funds presses the city council to make decisions that are good for the City of Springfield but bad for the city of Springfield, about how city hall might learn from its mistakes. In the meantime, every patriotic Springfieldian ought to wish Ms. Bhandari well. □

Mr. Krohe first wrote about urban planning in the capital city for Illinois Times in 1976.

OPINION**Applicants Testing for SPD Academy**

City of Springfield Police Final Eligibility Lists, 2000-2025.

Saving money on police costs safety

Lowering police hiring standards to improve the bottom line has a price

GUESTWORK | David Amerson

The Jan. 22 edition of *Illinois Times* included an article by Dean Olsen with an overview of the upcoming city budget ("City has more expenses, less revenue"). Former Springfield budget director Bill McCarty blames the police and fire contracts for causing a "structural deficit" and pats himself on the back for the work he and former mayor Jim Langfelder did to "rebuild the city" and create "record reserves."

These may make great talking points for elections, but how this was accomplished needs to be discussed before we go back down the road that McCarty is urging.

In short, McCarty and Langfelder balanced their budgets by eroding public safety. Under them, the Springfield Police Department hit record lows in recruitment and was forced to lower standards significantly just to attract new recruits. They accomplished this by cramming wages down the throats of our first responders that were vastly lower than those of comparable cities. At the beginning of their administration, Springfield was considered one of the most desirable workplaces for top police and fire recruits – by the end, they were hiring anyone that had a pulse – and still could not attract enough candidates.

So, at a time when the public was demanding higher standards from police, our city was actively lowering standards. This had a dire impact on public safety. With headcounts and skillsets lagging, emergency response times soared. Springfield police

officers experienced such a large backlog of calls that it could take two to three hours to respond to active domestic violence calls. And the officers who responded were less capable, less trained and less motivated than at any point in the department's modern history.

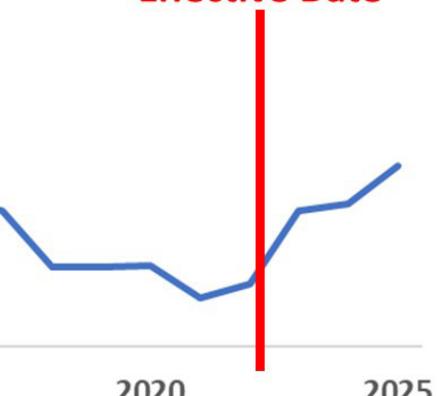
Sound like exaggeration? Consider these numbers: Before McCarty was appointed in 2011, more than 250 candidates were testing to be Springfield police officers. After 10 years of McCarty, less than 40 candidates were testing annually. That meant the police department was forced to hire people that just a decade ago never would be Springfield cops. This was at a time when the public expected higher standards from police.

McCarty also caused delays in vehicle maintenance and procurement. This directly led to police officers being forced to drive vehicles that were unsafe. In one of the more audacious examples, carbon monoxide was found seeping into the interior cabin of police cars due to rusted-out floors, poisoning cops and detainees. This resulted in hospitalizations. The city's solution? Weld old street signs to the floor of police vehicles.

McCarty and Langfelder, in effect, refused to use the garden hose as their house burnt down – and expect us to congratulate them on their water conservation skills.

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Terrance Jordan at Springfield School District 186 headquarters. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

From substitute teacher to superintendent

Terrance Jordan prepares to take the reins at District 186

EDUCATION | David Blanchette

Dr. Terrance Jordan did not like attending school as a youth.

"I had bad experiences in school growing up in rural Mississippi," Jordan said. "I was mistreated by teachers and by some of my peers, so going to school was not something that I had any desire to do."

Jordan, a self-professed slow learner at the time, recalled that his childhood education "wasn't caring, it was punitive."

"I remember getting paddled for not being able to spell on a spelling test, spelling words in front of everybody," Jordan said. "The teachers, instead of providing me with some sort of intervention and support as motivation, made it more embarrassing and

degrading. That just turned me off to school."

Growing from those early life experiences to the new Springfield School District 186 superintendent was something that Jordan could not have envisioned several decades ago. When he officially begins his new duties on July 1, Jordan wants to make sure that no student goes through the same educational trauma that he experienced as a youth.

"My early life has significantly impacted how I treat kids, how I support educators and how I provide coaching and professional development to show educators that there's a different way," Jordan said. "I want our students to leave high school college and career ready. I want to make sure every student

has the opportunity to be successful, whatever that looks like for them, and we want to be the catalyst to provide that opportunity. I don't want any student leaving school feeling like I felt."

The 48-year-old Jordan was approved by the District 186 Board of Education in January to succeed Jennifer Gill, who is retiring June 30 following 12 years as superintendent. Gill asked Jordan to be a member of her cabinet in 2021 and he is currently assistant superintendent of family, community and school leadership.

Jordan has also served on the boards of many local organizations, including the Springfield Art Association, United Way,

YMCA and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Illinois. He currently serves on the Heartland Continuum of Care Youth Homelessness Task Group, the Community Health Roundtable and the Faith Coalition for the Common Good Education Task Force.

"That's one of the things that has been beneficial to me, being out and visible, meeting people and organizations, finding all of the resources that are available for the district," Jordan said. "I am already meeting with people to prepare for taking over as superintendent. I want to listen, get into the schools and the community, see the needs in the schools and see what they have to say about the direction we're heading."



Terrance Jordan stands in front of a card that staff and students at Black Hawk Elementary School presented him when he left as principal to take a job with the District 186 administration. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

The day that changed my life forever.”

District 186 encompasses 35 schools, approximately 13,000 students and 1,100 staff, and its 2026 budget is \$268 million. The district's geographic footprint includes Springfield, Grandview, Leland Grove, Jerome, Southern View and some rural areas to the north of Springfield. That's a large entity to lead, but Jordan feels he is ready.

“A first priority of mine is to determine whether our academic investment is giving us what we need to be successful. We are in a deficit, but it's an opportunity to reset, to do some things differently,” Jordan said. “There are going to be tough times coming up. It's not the first time we've been here and it won't be the last, but as I look at things, I try to see the positive in everything.”

Jordan's journey from rural Mississippi to District 186 superintendent began modestly. Following high school he earned a physical education degree from Mississippi Valley

State University, but Jordan did so only because he wanted to coach football. Jordan moved to Springfield, where he still has many extended family members, and got a job in the construction industry. He said it was great during the warmer months but not so good during the winter when the paychecks just weren't coming in.

“I needed employment, and my uncle said I should put in for a substitute teacher certificate and get a job in the local school system,” Jordan recalled. “He probably told me that because I was living with him at the time; I was broke and he didn't want to support me.”

“Honestly, working in the school system didn't cross my mind before then,” Jordan added. “I didn't take on that position out of desire, it was more of a necessity.”

Jordan vividly recalls the day in 2003 when he walked into Springfield's Feitshans Elementary School as a substitute

kindergarten teacher, “the day that changed my life forever.”

“I can still remember that day like it was yesterday, walking up to Feitshans, already having some reservations about going into the school, thinking about the way I had been treated in Mississippi,” Jordan said. “I saw the school and how grand it was, and I was intimidated. But then I got in there and started working with the kids and saw I had the opportunity to make sure that they didn't experience some of the things I did. I fell in love and felt that this is where I was supposed to be.”

Jordan later served as a library technology specialist and parent educator at Feitshans. He then taught first and third grade at Dubois, Feitshans and Enos elementary schools while earning his administrative license and received the Horace Mann Rising Star Teaching Award.

After earning a master's degree in educational leadership, Jordan served as a guidance dean at Washington Middle School. In 2014 he was named principal of Black Hawk Elementary, where he served for seven years and was recognized with the District 186 Administrator of the Year Award and the Illinois State Board of Education Award of Excellence. Jordan was also named one of *Springfield Business Journal's* Forty Under 40.

Jordan became acquainted with retiring superintendent Gill when she was an elementary school principal.

“Jennifer Gill is more than a mentor, she's a friend. When she was principal at Vachel Lindsay I was a parent educator at the time, and back then she saw things in me and we stayed in touch,” Jordan said. “She has poured into me over the years. It's not about the legacy you leave, it's about how many leaders you develop, and she's developed some great leaders.”

Gill encouraged Jordan to seek his doctorate degree. His dissertation focused on an issue close to his heart – multitiered systems of support that provide students exactly what they need to be successful. These systems are now in place at District 186 schools.

Gill feels that Jordan's selection was a wise decision.

“Dr. Jordan is the right person at the right time. His community connections run deep and his focus is on students and their futures,” Gill said. “I cannot be more pleased to spend the next four months alongside Terrance to provide a strong transition for District 186, students, staff and families.”

“Show them who Terrance Jordan was.”

Jordan didn't think about eventually becoming superintendent until after he joined Gill's cabinet in 2021.

“I saw that every job I took impacted more

students, so about four or five years ago I said OK, I want to be superintendent, but it took me almost 20 years to come to that decision,” Jordan said. “I started preparing myself. I attended superintendent conferences, started reading leadership books and I graduated from the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Springfield.”

Jordan applied for the position when Gill announced her retirement. The selection process included six separate interviews and involved the board of education, district and community stakeholders, teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, cabinet members, parents and business owners. The District 186 Board of Education used the Illinois Association of School Boards, a nonprofit group that has members across the state, to search nationally for candidates.

Jordan made it to the final round of the selection process and then had to make a presentation to the school board and interview with them again.

District 186 Board member Buffy Lael-Wolf said that Jordan stood out from the many internal and external candidates who applied for the position.

“Dr. Jordan brings both vision and heart to this role,” Lael-Wolf said. “He understands our district because he has lived our work. He knows our students, our families and our schools, and he has earned trust through years of service.”

Jordan was ecstatic when he was offered the job.

“I was overcome with joy and excitement,” Jordan said. “My ultimate goal during the process was to show them who Terrance Jordan was and let them decide if that aligned with their needs for a new superintendent.”

The Springfield Education Association (SEA), the union representing District 186 personnel, looks forward to working with Jordan as they have during his two-decade tenure in the district.

“We congratulate Dr. Jordan for his promotional appointment and very much desire for him to continue to be an outspoken part of the push for positive change, what is best for all of our schools and kids, and work in collaboration with our 1,200 committed educational union members,” said SEA President Aaron Graves. “Education is hard and leading it toward better is a challenge that is every bit as hard, and something we must all commit to.”

The SEA recognized Jordan “as a very effective and respected principal” at Black Hawk Elementary and noted “he would always do what is right, despite the challenges, and engage students, staff and parents in difficult discussions in order to prioritize the value of school, all while pulling his share of the load,” Graves said. “Servant leadership

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matters. Terrance and I have spoken extensively about continuing to improve public education for the youth of Springfield, and that success cannot be found in a silo approach. We must all share the burden if we are to share in the success."

Jordan acknowledged that he is a servant leader "who believes in service, leading with integrity and doing the right thing, I believe in standing up for what's right even if you're standing by yourself," he said. Jordan agrees with the SEA that together they need to "build an environment where everybody feels important, everybody's included and everybody feels welcome and wants to be a part of the environment. We also want to make sure that anyone who walks into our buildings feels safe, so that's going to be a focus as well."

"Learn about the exciting things that we do every single day."

Addressing the district's chronic absenteeism rate, which stood at 41% in the latest Illinois State Board of Education Report Card on all of the state's schools, will be a priority for Jordan. He observed, "You can't learn if you're not here." Jordan also wants to improve the state report card scores for several local schools by "honing our multilayered system of support, making sure we're providing students exactly what they need to be successful."

Despite the district facing an \$18 million budget deficit, Jordan doesn't immediately foresee the need for a possible tax increase, noting that voters have already supported the district by passing a one-cent sales tax increase that took effect in 2019.

Jordan was asked if he would keep all of Gill's current District 186 cabinet members, given the financial constraints.

"It's only right that if we're asking everybody else to trim and do things more efficiently, that we do the same with the cabinet," Jordan said. "So if there's an opportunity to save funds, then we're going to do that."

Jordan said it's important to show the



Terrance Jordan in his current office at District 186 headquarters. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

great things that occur in District 186, and he invites families and other community members to get involved with local schools.

"During the pandemic people were told to stay away from our schools, but now I want them to come back," Jordan said. "Support our schools and learn about the exciting things that we do every single day to make sure our kids are getting the best education they possibly can."

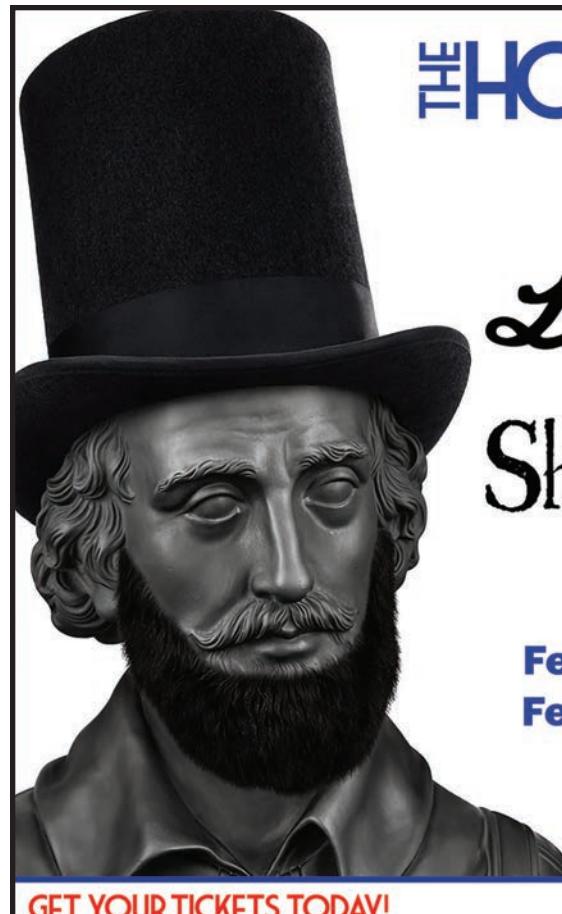
Jordan hit the ground running from the day of his selection as he prepares to officially take the reins of District 186. Jordan's wife, Ashley Jenkins-Jordan, is chief of staff for Illinois Senate President Don Harmon, so the super-busy Jordans only have salt water fish at home instead of other pets because "we don't have to go home and let them out," Jordan said.

The couple have a 28-year-old daughter who lives in Nashville, Tennessee. Jordan also has a large extended family in the Springfield area "so be careful what you say about me because you might be talking to a relative," he joked.

Jordan currently earns \$192,000 as assistant superintendent and will earn \$230,000 as District 186 superintendent.

Looking toward the future, when Jordan finishes his tenure as superintendent, how does he hope people will view his service?

"I want them to think the same thing they thought when they found out I was named superintendent," Jordan said. "My being named brought so many people joy, and they felt the urge to reach out to me." □



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The guest saxophone duo of Valentin Kovalev and Aiwen Zhang perform English composer Paul Carr's Double Concerto for Two Saxophones and Chamber Orchestra. PHOTO BY JAVED RASSI

Valentine's Day weekend provided local music lovers with an appropriately bright and romantic concert from the Illinois Symphony Orchestra, continuing its season at its temporary home at the First United Methodist Church. Jazzy dance numbers, a sweeping Russian symphony and a matched pair of soloists all contributed to a lushly burnished and enjoyable evening for the Feb. 13 "Love Notes" performance.

The music began with Leonard Bernstein's "Three Dance Episodes" from the 1944 musical *On the Town*. In just over 10 minutes, each episode delivered a distinct flavor, moving from a jittery and jazzy opening to a darker, more sensual mood and ending with an ebullient Broadway-style blow out of a climax. The brief but impactful sequence acted as a fitting fanfare for a varied and accessible evening.

Next, the guest saxophone duo of Valentin Kovalev and Aiwen Zhang took the stage for a performance of English composer Paul Carr's Double Concerto for Two Saxophones and Chamber Orchestra, described by ISO conductor and music director Taichi Fukumura as "one of the only double concertos for saxophone and orchestra in existence." Putting a fine point on the evening's Valentine's Day theme, Kovalev and Zhang turned out to be not only a married couple but also expecting their first child. The easy rapport between the two horn virtuosos was both palpable and charming and the piece lived up to its composer's description as "light romantic," perfectly exemplifying the date-night vibe and resulted in a hearty standing ovation.

More whimsical and sonically unexpected was the duo's short encore performance of a piece called "Slap Me" by composer Barry Cockcroft, which foregrounded Zhang's percussive "slap" reed technique, a sound more frequently heard in progressive jazz settings than at a classical concert. The pair's display of easygoing charisma and playful musicianship brought the first half of the concert to an enjoyable close.

The second half of the evening's program consisted of a rousing rendition of Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 (1888). Described by Maestro Fukumura as "one of the most passionate and heartfelt pieces in classical music," it was the second-to-last symphony completed by the composer before his mysterious death in 1893 at age 53. As an artist in Russia in the late 19th century, Tchaikovsky found himself forced to balance his work between pressures from a prevalent Russian nationalism and his own European musical training. Regardless, the piece's emotional resonance is undeniable, and the ISO's alternately energetic and delicate performance brought a rapturous audience to its feet once again.

The next ISO concert is scheduled for March 3, featuring Mahler's Symphony No. 4 with renowned guest soloist Madison Leonard, soprano. □

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Chicken in wine

Coq au vin is a nourishing cold-weather dish known for its tender meat and flavorful sauce

FOOD | Peter Glatz

“Don’t look around. The leaves are brown. And the sky is a hazy shade of winter.”

It’s a dreary, frigid Saturday morning in Springfield, and I’m playing Simon and Garfunkel’s 1966 album “Bookends” as background music for my weekly chore ritual. My Saturday chores involve the stereotypical “husband duties” of vacuuming the carpet and emptying the wastebaskets. (Yes, I know, it’s a cliché, while my wife handles the more physically demanding tasks like scrubbing the toilet and tub, mopping the floors and doing all the bending and heavy lifting. To my credit, though, I do most of the cooking.)

For the past three weeks, my wife and I have been battling what feels like an endless cold or the flu, evidenced by wastebaskets overflowing with used tissues. She has sought medical attention twice, resulting in a course of Z-Pak and prednisone. I’ve opted to simply “tough it out” and am no worse off than she is. The cold temperatures and dreary, gray skies of Springfield are making me wistful for the warmer Florida winters we enjoyed while sheltering in place on our bus during the pandemic.

I’ve spent the past week immersed in a flurry of culinary preparations for my inaugural classes at the newly completed education building at Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery in Champaign. The air in my kitchen is thick with the pungent aroma of microbial activity. Batches of tangy sauerkraut and fiery kimchi are actively fermenting, bubbling happily in their crocks, all destined to star in my introduction to lacto-fermentation class.

This weekend, I’m shifting from fermentation to preparing two large batches of ramen broth for the following week’s art of ramen class. I’ll be making tori chintan, a clear chicken broth that requires a gentle simmer for clarity, and tonkotsu, a rich, creamy pork broth that needs a vigorous, continuous boil to achieve its milky texture and deep flavor. The cold, single-digit weather we’re experiencing is beneficial, helping me cool and freeze all my finished stock.

Although the stock-making process is largely hands-off, it does require occasional monitoring. Battling a cold has left me low on energy, and as I plan the evening’s dinner, I’m craving something warm, comforting and not too labor-intensive. Looking at the abundance of chicken I bought for my tori chintan, I recalled a dish I enjoyed last November during my trip to France: *Coq au vin*.



Coq au vin originated in the Burgundy region of France. PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

Coq au vin is a deeply comforting and nourishing cold-weather dish, known for its tender meat and intensely flavorful sauce. Originating in the Burgundy region, the name literally means “cock in wine,” referring to its initial purpose: as a way making a delicious, tender meal from a tough old rooster. Traditional coq au vin required several hours of marination in red wine and a lengthy, slow braise to make it tender enough to chew. The acids in the wine helped denature the meat’s proteins.

Since I can’t get my hands on an old rooster, I’ll substitute dark meat (thighs and drumsticks) and braise the more tender chicken parts for a shorter time. I’ll make a recipe for four; my wife and I eat half tonight and have the leftovers as a quick meal next week. Coq au vin’s flavors actually deepen and improve the next day. The leftovers also reheat beautifully.

Coq au vin

Traditional coq au vin includes lardons, mushrooms and pearl onions. Lardons are made from salt-cured pork belly cut into matchsticks or cubes. Salt-cured pork belly isn’t easily available here; slab bacon makes a good substitute. Buy pre-peeled frozen pearl onions to avoid the hassle of peeling.

Four servings

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons good olive oil
 ¼ pound slab bacon, cut into matchsticks
 4 bone-in, skin-on thighs or drumsticks
 2 medium carrots, cut diagonally into 1-inch pieces
 Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
 1 medium yellow onion, sliced
 1 teaspoon chopped garlic

½ bottle dry red wine
 1 cup good chicken stock, preferably homemade
 10 fresh thyme sprigs
 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature
 1 ½ tablespoon all-purpose flour
 1 cup frozen pearl onions
 ½ pound cremini mushrooms, stems removed and thickly sliced

Preparation:

Preheat the oven to 275 F (or 250 F if using a convection oven)

Pat the chicken dry with paper towels. Season all over with salt and pepper.

Heat the olive oil in a large Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the bacon until lightly browned, about eight minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon and transfer to a plate, then add the chicken pieces to the Dutch oven in a single layer, skin-side down. When nicely browned, turn over and repeat on the other sides. Transfer to the plate with the bacon.

Cook the carrots and onions in the pan over medium heat for 10 to 12 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the onions are lightly browned. Season with 2 teaspoons of salt and 1 teaspoon of pepper. Stir in the garlic and cook for an additional minute.

Return the chicken (skin-side down in one layer), the bacon, and any accumulated juices back into the pot. Pour in the wine and chicken stock, then add the thyme and bring the mixture to a simmer. Cover the pot tightly and transfer to the oven for 30 to 40 minutes, or until the chicken is no longer pink. Once cooked, remove the pot from the oven and place it on the stovetop.

Make a beurre manié: Mash the butter and flour together into a paste, then stir it into the braising liquid. Add the frozen pearl onions.

In a dry skillet, cook the mushrooms over medium-high heat until they release their liquid and begin to brown, stirring occasionally. Add these browned mushrooms to the stew. Bring the stew to a simmer and continue to cook for 10 minutes. Finally, taste the broth and adjust the seasoning with salt and pepper as necessary.

Serve hot with potatoes, noodles, or crusty bread to soak up the sauce.

Coq au vin can be refrigerated for up to three days. Before reheating, the sauce should be degreased. This can be done by spooning out the congealed fat. To reheat, turn the chicken pieces skin-side up and bake in the oven for 30 minutes at 325 F. □



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MUSIC



Cole Edwards Phillips plays The Alamo this Friday night with Daniel Cavanagh.

February flying by

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

As we approach the last full weekend in February, I know it's the shortest month, but sometimes this one feels like the longest as we plod and plow through with our sights set soundly on spring. Then again, we all know what makes it fly by and be less un-February (just made that up) can be the wide and wonderful world of marvelously made music. Let's go scout out the upcoming events that make it so, shall we?

First, I owe you a tardy Mardi Gras apology as Fat Tuesday came and went this past week without a mention last week from me. There were a few music happenings around town to celebrate the famed carnival night so I sure hope you found them without my assistance in this matter for 2026.

Let's continue on with other Easter-oriented events brought to you by the first full moon after the spring equinox (it's a long story worth looking up in your encyclopedia at home or perhaps the one in your phone) through Church tradition that encourages giving up something for Lent and hence, produced those famous, fish-eating Fridays. Thanks for bearing through that long and possibly confusing introduction to announce the Firefighters Postal Lake Club's annual Lenten Fish Fry for the next seven Fridays featuring fried fish dinners and more with fine, friendly live music, more or less, following the meal at 7:30 p.m. This week's kickoff presents Hippies from the Heartland (otherwise known as Radical Rickey and Frantastic Fran) along with \$1 drafts. In a hello and heads up for the next few weeks, the music lineup includes Joel Honey, After School Special and Not Petty, with more to come.

I'm serious about looking up the official plan for the dating of Easter. It's a fascinating tale involving Passover, the first Council of Nicea and the star of our show, the vernal equinox, along with the belle of the ball, the

Paschal Moon.

More music on a very busy Friday includes Manny Lee continuing his soaring musical adventures at Boone's, Dreamers and Doers doing the dreaming at Harvest Market, Brandy Kristin Band taking it to the limit one more time at Curve Inn and Fireside Relics dropping great originals and cool covers (try Led Zeppelin on for size) at George Rank's.

Traveling folks doing self-penned music would be OTIS, a four-piece band from Kentucky with front man, lead vocalist and lead guitarist Boone Froggett resurrecting classic Southern rock-style, blues riff original songs at Backroom Lounge in Riverton, while The Alamo welcomes Cole Edward Phillips, a younger, touring, country singer-songwriter from Texas (he might remember an Alamo) joined by Springfield's own Daniel Cavanagh.

Saturday hurries up with a great big assorted pile of music like an open mic at Unity of Springfield, Satellite orbiting Mowie's Cue and The Red Ribbon Revue dusting off The Stadium. In the related band names of unrelated bands department, The Stone Giants rock The Blue Grouch while Broken Stone rocks the Library Bar, just to name a few shows.

Sunday comes knocking with the return of the one-and-only (thank goodness some wag might say) world-traveling, officially Grammy-nominated, singer, songwriter, guitarist, humorist and folklorist Robbie Fulks playing upstairs at Arlington's. The last time Robbie played that room we called it On Broadway, and he was sparring in the press with Ryan Adams. Welcome back, Robbie, and also welcome home to Patrick Hagerman, our hometown hero, who returns from Florida with his first full album in hand to open the show.

Please check the listings for all the other stuff and until next week, so long. □

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Thursday Feb 19

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

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

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

Karaoke Night
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

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

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

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

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

Karaoke
The Tipsy Toad, 8pm-12am

Friday Feb 20

Cole Edward Phillips and Daniel Cavanagh
The Alamo, 6:30-9:30pm

OTIS
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

it Manny Lee
Boone's, 5:30-8:30pm

Devin C. Williams
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

Mic Drop Showdown Karaoke Contest qualifier
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 8-11pm

Brandy Kristen Band
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Android Paranoid
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Hippies of the Heartland
Firefighters-Postal Lake Club, 7pm

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

Fireside Relics
George Rank's, 8-11pm

Karaoke with Jeremy from Starlight Jams Karaoke
The Grainery, Pleasant Plains, 7-11pm.

Dreamers and Doers
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Karaoke Night
JB's Hideout, Blue Mound, 8pm

Carl Bopp and Ed Smith - Sound Decision
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm and Feb. 21, 7-10pm

3's Company
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8-11pm

Karaoke
The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

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

Karaoke
The Hangout, Palmer, 8-11pm

Saturday Feb 21

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

Sequoia Drive
AMVETS Post 100, Jacksonville, 8-10pm

Lick Creek
Boondocks, 8pm

Rich Hogan
Boone's, 6-9pm

Courtney and the Meeks
Brentford Distillers, Decatur, 6pm

Avery Kern
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

Harmony Gritz
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7-10pm

Lady Luck
Camouflage Bar, VFW Post 99, Decatur, 7:30pm

Dance Monkey
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Creedsmack
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Kaden Horton
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Branded
The Hideout, Mason City, 8pm

Hippies of the Heartland
KJB's Pint Haus, Jacksonville, 9pm

The Tucked In T's
LargeCar Lounge, Lincoln, 7-10pm

Broken Stone
The Library Pizza and Sports Bar, 8pm

it Carl Bopp and Ed Smith - Sound Decision
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

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

Satellite
Mowie's Cue, 8pm

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

Sunbeam & Moonlight
Oogie and JJ's Bar, Glenarm, 7-10pm

Karaoke by Rayman
Pearl's Pub, Auburn, 8pm-12am

Blackout Betty
Pop's Place, Decatur, 8-11pm

Karaoke by JCB Entertainment
The Range Bourbon & Brew, Chatham, 8pm-12am

Alfie & The Alligator Lizards
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 7pm

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

The Red Ribbon Revue
The Stadium Bar & Grill, 6:30-9:30pm

Barb Goddess of Guitar
Stella Coffee & Tea, 10am-12:30pm

The Stone Giants
The Blue Grouch, 7pm

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

Dyllan Martin
The Shed, Pawnee, 8-11pm



Satellite will play at Mowie's Cue at 8 p.m. Saturday.

99 Proof
The Wagon, Decatur, 7-10pm

Keith Dunlap
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 2-5pm

Not Petty
The Winery, Decatur, 8pm

Sunday Feb 22

Robbie Fulks
Arlington's, 7-10pm

Wolf Crick Boys
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

Afternoon Delight
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Dan Eubanks
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 11am

Molly Seaton
Franny's, 7-10pm

Thornhill
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 1-4pm

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

Antone DeRocchi and Jaigh Lowder
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 5-8pm

John Drake
Patriots Pub, Waverly, 2-5pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 12-2pm

Sunny Bleau and The Moons
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Jazz Night with B. Douglas and The Travelers for Peace
Sky Lounge, 5-8pm

Al and Kathy Kitchen
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

Kortney Leatherwood
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 1-4pm

Monday Feb 23

it Sunny Bleau and The Moons
The Alamo, 7pm

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

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

Open jam with Kristi White
Goodfellas Pub, 7pm

Dallas Whittaker
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 6-9pm

Sarah Stone
Obed & Isaac's The Cidery, 6-8pm

Tuesday Feb 24

Karaoke Night hosted by Alan Livengood
Fluid Lounge, 7pm

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

THE CALENDAR



Monster X Tour | Sat., Feb. 21, 1:30, 7:30 p.m. | BOS Center | 1 Convention Center Plaza | 217-788-8800

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■ Special Music Events

Brown Bag Concert

Wed., Feb. 25, 12:15-12:45pm. Singer-songwriter Kevin Aldrich will perform., Brown bag lunch available for purchase or bring your own. Free. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

Creative Contributions: Open Mic Night

Wed., Feb. 25, 5:30-7:30pm. LLCC students are invited to sing, recite poetry, play an instrument or participate as an enthusiastic audience member. Event is part of African-American History Month. llcc.edu. A. Lincoln Commons, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

■ Books & Authors

Book Chat: *The Road was Full of Thorns*

Thu., Feb. 19, 6:30-7:30pm. One of the central mysteries of Abraham Lincoln's presidency is his motivation for "freeing the slaves." Was he a great man of history who pursued justice above all? Or was he a politician bowing to pressure from abolitionists? In his new book, *The Road Was Full of Thorns*, author Tom Zoellner makes a new argument about this critical moment in Civil War history. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov.

Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Book Discussion

Sat., Feb. 21, 10am-12pm. Michael Schur's book, *How To Be Perfect*, will be discussed. Free. DeFrates Room, Lincoln Library, 326 S. 7th St., 217-753-4900.

■ Theater & Comedy

Comedy on the Mezz

Mon., Feb. 23, 7-8:30pm. Clean comedy with some of the best local and regional standup comedians. Located in the store mezzanine. Accessible by elevator. goharvestmarket.com. Free. Harvest Market - Springfield II, 3001 S. Veterans Pkwy., 217-793-3601.

An Evening with Chris Kattan

Sat., Feb. 21, 8-10pm. Chris Kattan, one of the longest serving cast members on NBC's Saturday Night Live, is touring the country with his popular stand-up act. \$39.55. Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 1061 E. Morton Ave., 813-334-4061.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Fri., Feb. 20, 7pm, Sat., Feb. 21, 2, 7pm and Sun., Feb. 22, 2pm. Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is a

reimagining of the biblical story of Joseph, his father Jacob, 11 brothers and the coat of many colors. Presented by the Hoogland Performing Education Creators (grades 7-8) along with a children's chorus of our Dreamers (grades 1-2). \$12-\$20. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Lincoln and Shakespeare

Sat., Feb. 21, 7pm and Sun., Feb. 22, 3pm. Abraham Lincoln loved the works of William Shakespeare and carried a copy of the plays wherever he went. This one-act play, created by Kevin Purcell, stars Kim Curlee as Lincoln and co-stars Carrie Levin and Michael Ralph. hcfta.org. Adults \$22, seniors \$20. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Nate Bargatze

Fri., Feb. 20, 7pm. Nate Bargatze, on the Big Dumb Eyes World Tour, brings his brand of comedy to the capital city. \$58 and up. BOS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 7th & Adams- outdoor, 217-788-8800.

■ Art & Architecture

"Awakening" featuring Joan Burmeister

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-

5pm. Through March 25. The Underground gallery to the SAA Collective presents mixed media works by juried artist Joan Turner Burmeister. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

"The Four Elements"

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-5pm. Through Feb. 28. A collection of 2D and 3D artwork inspired by the themes of earth, air, fire and water. Created by the juried artists of the SAA Collective. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

Art History Happy Hour: Frank O'Hara

Thu., Feb. 19, 5:30-7:30pm. Local art expert Julie Brown will talk about the poet and Museum of Modern Art curator Frank O'Hara, who is now recognized as an important and beloved figure who helped shape both 20th century poetry and art. Free. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

■ Film & Television

Terrestrial Verses

Sun., Feb. 22, 1-3, 4-6pm and Tue., Feb. 24, 7-9pm. In a series of vignettes in this film, ordinary people navigate the constraints of Iranian society. This showing is part of the Annual Molly Schlitz International and Independent Film Series presented by Exciting Windows! by Susan Day and the Springfield Art Association.

springfieldart.org. \$10 Adult/ \$5 Student. AMC Classic Springfield 12, 3141 Mercantile Dr., 217-523-2631.

■ Food & Drink

Lenten Fish Fry

Fri., Feb. 20, 5-7:30pm. One of six Lake Springfield clubs holding fish fries during Lent. Meal types and prices vary by location. Varies. Firefighters-Postal Lake Club, 940 W. Lake Shore Dr., 217-691-6472.

Lenten Fish Fry

Fri., Feb. 20, 5-7:30pm. One of six Lake Springfield clubs holding fish fries. Meal types and prices vary by location. Springfield Elks Lodge #158, 409 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-0158.

Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays, 5:30-8pm. Through March 27. One of six Lake Springfield clubs holding fish fries. Meal types and prices vary by location. Contact club for more info. Not serving on Good Friday. Anchor Boat Club, 407 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1174.

Lenten Fish Fry

Fri., Feb. 20, 5:30-7:30pm. One of six Lake Springfield clubs holding fish fries for Lent. Meal types and prices by location. Full meal \$12, Sixth St., 217-544-1723.

half \$6, cash only. TRN Lake Club, Chatham, 25 N. Lakewood Dr., 217-483-9994.

Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays, 6-8pm. Through March 27. Not serving on Good Friday. One of six Lake Springfield clubs holding fish fries for Lent. Meal types and prices vary. KC Lake Club, Chatham, 141 N. Lakewood Dr., 217-483-3013.

Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays, 6-8pm. Through April 3. One of six Lake Springfield clubs holding fish fries. Meal types and prices vary by location. Contact club for more info. Aqua Sports Club, 1 Club Area, 217-691-6472.

Refuge Ranch Pancake Breakfast

Sat., Feb. 21, 7-11am. Menu includes pancakes, sausage links, toppings and beverages (milk, juice, coffee, or cocoa). Proceeds support the Refuge Ranch, which empowers at-risk and special needs youth through Christ-centered, equine-assisted programs at no cost to program participants. refuge-ranch.org. \$12, free plate for children 3 and younger. Cherry Hills Church, 2125 Woodside Road, 217-498-7679.

A Taste of Baklava

Thu., Feb. 19, 6-8pm. Enjoy baklava and other Greek dishes including Greek lamb stew, chicken kikinisto and more at this event. Eat in or carry out. See church Facebook page for more details. Varies. St. Anthony the Great Greek Orthodox Church, 1600 S. Glenwood, 217-522-7010.

Taste of Black Springfield 2026

Wed., Feb. 25, 5-8:30pm. Enjoy food from Black-owned vendors, plus music by a DJ more. Attendees will vote for their favorite vendors in selected categories. Winners will receive community recognition and promotional spotlight. Attendees encouraged to make donations to vendors. Hosted by the Springfield Aldermanic Black Caucus. Free admission. The Salvation Army of Springfield, 1600 Clear Lake Ave., 217-789-4653.

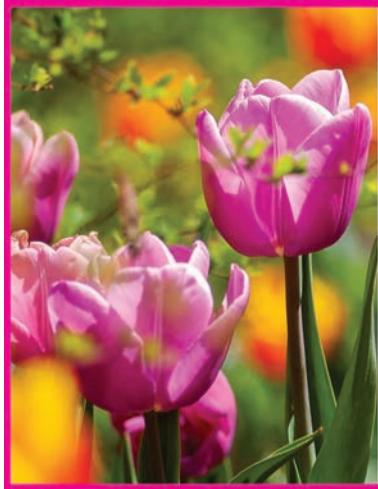
■ Cabin Fever

Sat., Feb. 21, 1-4pm. Children ages 5-12 can beat the winter blues during a day filled with energy, excitement and endless fun indoors at Erin's Pavilion. The event will promote physical fitness and encourage social interaction. Free. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-585-2941.

■ Bulletin Board

A Conversation with Ambassador Reyna Torres Mendiola, consul general of Mexico

Thu., Feb. 19, 7-8:30pm. Ambassador Reyna Torres Mendiola will talk about how the government of Mexico works with the U.S. and other countries on migration, counter-narcotics, trade and development and other issues. Open to public. Presented by World Affairs Council Central IL (WACCI). Free. Illini Country Club, 1601 S. Illini Road, 546-4614.



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Jeffrey Martin "Willy" Willhite

66 of Springfield passed away peacefully in his sleep February 10, 2026.

He was born October 24, 1959. He was lovingly adopted by Marty and Virginia Willhite, who preceded him in death, along with his beloved Westies, Abbey Doo and Bailey.

Jeff grew up with a close knit group of friends in Laketown and those friendships continued throughout his life. He married Jennifer Hendricks in 1985; though they later divorced, they shared an enduring bond and close friendship.

Jeff embraced the Catholic faith in 1987 and was a devoted member of Blessed Sacrament Church and Christ the King Parish. His faith guided a life of resilience and service.

Jeff was a 1977 graduate of Southeast High School. After graduation he worked as a land surveyor for Bob Renz. In 1982, Jeff decided to further his education and moved to Phoenix, AZ with two high school buddies to attend DeVry University Arizona. After earning a degree in computer technology, Jeff returned to Springfield to begin a successful career with Xerox Corporation. Widely respected for his work ethic and character, he received numerous honors, including Presidents Club and Par Club recognition. Jeff played on and coached the company softball team.

Jeff's career was cut short by a disabling accident in June, 1993. Miraculously, through tireless exercise and therapy, he led a happy, purposeful and spiritual life. Volunteering made Jeff's life whole. Whether it was helping at St. Martin de Porres, delivering meals on wheels or working every Christmas with Friend in Deed.

Jeff excelled in every sport he participated in whether it was golf, tennis, running, biking, skiing, softball or ping pong. He loved it all. He was constantly sharpening his sports skills before and after the accident. He was an avid runner, participating in numerous 5K and 10K runs. He participated in the Iron Man Triathlon at Lake Springfield in 1985. He ran Abe's Amble 5K with his physical therapist Jeff Koester a year after his accident. A few years later he ran Abe's Amble again and won 1st place in his age group. Jeff was quite the sports aficionado. He was a die hard Cardinals fan, meeting Jack Buck and got to hang out with him while he announced a Cardinals game. He was also a huge Chicago Bears and Chicago Bulls fan. He loved collecting sports memorabilia. Jeff was always up for an adventure. He loved his Honda 250 dirt bike and 650 Nighthawk.

A Catholic funeral mass will be held on Saturday, February 21st 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donation can be made to St. Martin de Porres or Contact Ministries of Springfield.

Jeff will be remembered for his perseverance, generosity, deep faith and unwavering love for his friends and family.



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Commonly known as 1417 S. STATE ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

Property Index No. 22-04-0-106-017

The real estate is improved with a Residential Property. The judgment amount was \$86,410.03 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 1417 S. STATE ST into the search bar. If sold to

anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g) (l) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a

unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC (630) 794-5300 please refer to file number 14-25-05946. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 14-25-02645 Case Number: 2025FC000080 NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. I3281777

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24-101831
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD,
ILLINOIS
Plaintiff,
-v-
Shenandoah Rush; et. al.
Defendants.
2025FC000080
1617 N WOLFE ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 12/3/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 3/9/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on March 11, 2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

Commonly known as 1617 N WOLFE ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
Property Index No. 14-23.0-476-018
The real estate is improved with a Residential Property. The judgment amount was \$42,838.66 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 1617 N WOLFE ST into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a

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

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For Bid Amount contact:

Sale Clerk

LOGS Legal Group LLP

2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207

Bannockburn, IL 60015

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(847) 291-1717

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, As Trustee Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC Trust 2006-HE1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE1

One of Plaintiff's Attorneys

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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.

8051-961599

NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING,
Plaintiff,
vs.

ANDEATTE R. SANDERS,
Defendant.

CASE NO. 25-FC-23

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

408 GOLF RD

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on November 12, 2025; Jack L. Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on March 10, 2026 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon South, 1 Copley Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

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

Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court.

Commonly known as 5312 Deerwood Lake, Springfield, IL 62703

Permanent Index No.: 22-27.0-252-008

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 \$221,282.73. 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.

Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING,

Plaintiff,

Karen C. Mitch (#6291822), Its Attorney

Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC

Karen C. Mitch (#6291822)

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judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

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

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

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING,

Plaintiff,

Karen C. Mitch (#6291822), Its Attorney

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PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MELBA J. TINSLEY, Deceased
No. 2025PR000395

AMENDED DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of MELBA J. TINSLEY, Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on October 8, 2025, to James Tinsley, as Independent Administrator, 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 _____ day of April 17, 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 11th day of February, 2026.

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
Estate of:
BLAKE T. ROSS,
Deceased.
No. 2026-PR-51

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Blake T. Ross of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 10, 2026, to Sara Ross, 7918 Farmington Cemetery Road, Pleasant Plains, Illinois 62777, 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 August 18, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 8th day of October, 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:
Daniel K. Davis, Deceased
Case No. 2025-PR-000344

Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Daniel K. Davis. Letters of Administration were issued on Sept. 8, 2025 to Amy L. Barnes as Executor, 400 Burr Oak Drive, Williamsburg, IL 62693. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Executor, on or before Aug. 19, 2026. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Administrator within 10 days after it has been filed.

Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT JOSEPH IPPERT JR, Deceased
No. 2026-PR-50

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of ROBERT JOSEPH IPPERT JR, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on February 11, 2026, to Joanna Hale 1307 Crestview Drive, Springfield, IL 62702, 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 August 12, 2026 or six (6) months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of:
Sharon VanEman, Deceased
Case No. 2026-PR-000038
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Sharon VanEman. Letters of Administration were issued on Feb. 10, 2026 to Brenda VanEman as Executor, 423 Brian Lane, Dawson, IL 62520. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Executor, on or before Aug. 20, 2026. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Administrator within 10 days after it has been filed.

Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of:
Louis Curtis, Jr., Deceased
Case No. 2026-PR-000037

Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Louis Curtis, Jr. Letters of Administration were issued on Feb. 9, 2026 to Curt Stephens as Executor, 201 N. Cedar, P.O. Box 322, New Berlin, IL 62670. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Executor, on or before Aug. 19, 2026. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Administrator within 10 days after it has been filed.

Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN J. GERDING, Deceased
No. 2026PR000045

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of John J. Gerding Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on February 5, 2026, to John C. Gerdig, 7 Hickory Ridge Lane, Springfield, IL 62707, and Gina M. Sullivan, 2009 S. Whittier, Springfield, IL 62704, as Co-Executors, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 14th day of August, 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: February 10, 2026

Clerk of the Circuit Court

200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701

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

Estate of:
FRED D. QUATTRIN,
Deceased.
No. 2026-PR-44

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Fred D. Quattrin of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 5, 2026, to David Quattrin, 147 N. Meadowbrook Road, 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 August 13, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated this 6th day of February, 2026.
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bssegatto@barberlaw.com

COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF ERNEST EUGENE HEATON,
DECEASED

No. 2026 PR 20

CLAIMS NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Ernest Eugene Heaton. Letters of Office were issued on February 5, 2026, to Vicki Bault, 2516 Sherborn Road, Springfield, Illinois 62702.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704, or with the Executor, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and any claim not filed within that period is barred.

Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 5th day of February, 2026.

Kevin N. McDermott
Attorney for the Estate of Ernest Eugene Heaton
109 South Seventh Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
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Kevin@KevinNMcDermott.com

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:
SANDRA L. HEINRICH,
Deceased.

Case No.: 2026-PR-34

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of SANDRA L. HEINRICH of Rochester, Illinois, and that Letters of Independent Administration were issued on February 4, 2026, to GARY CASPER, 118 Longleaf Lane, Madison, AL

35758, and Kimberly Hutmacher, PO Box 464, Illiopolis, IL 62539, as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney is Duane D. Young of Young Law Partners, P.C., 1300 South 8th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62703.

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, IL 62701, and with the offices of Young Law Partners, P.C., Attorneys for Executor, or both, within six (6) months from the date of publication and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to their attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

GARY CASPER and KIMBERLY HUTM-
ACHER, Administrators of the Estate of
SANDRA L. HEINRICH, Deceased
Attorneys' Address:
Duane D. Young
Registration No.: 3091457
YOUNG LAW PARTNERS, P.C.
1300 South Eighth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62703
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Facsimile: (217) 544-6200
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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
GEORGE B. HERMES, DECEASED

Case #2026-PR-35

DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of GEORGE B. HERMES. Letters of Office have been issued to NANCY J. HERMES, 5012 Pec Road, Springfield, IL 62711 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

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

Dated this 4th day of February, 2026.

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

IN THE MATTER OF:
DONALD BRUCE STARKWEATHER,
Deceased.

No. 2025-PR-430

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of DONALD BRUCE STARKWEATHER of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on January 30, 2026, to RONALD STARKWEATHER, whose address is 4705 Bellevue Drive, Springfield, IL 62711 as Administrator, and whose attorney is GORDON W. GATES of GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL, 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

DATED this 2nd day of February 2026.

Gordon W. Gates (#6192861)

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 4th day of February, 2026.

Patrick J. Sheehan

SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217)544-0701

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

IN RE THE ESTATE OF:
PATRICIA MARIE BAKER,
Deceased.

No. 2026-PR-36

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Patricia Marie Baker. Letters Testamentary were issued on February 3, 2026, to Robert Strocher Jr. of 109 Oakwood Ln., Williamsville, IL 62693, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Dan E. Way, WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 12, 2026, which is not less than six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or contact your local Circuit Clerk's office.

Dated this 3rd day of February 2026

Dan E. Way #6204735

WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC

1100 S. Fifth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 525-7003

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

IN THE MATTER OF:
DONALD BRUCE STARKWEATHER,
Deceased.

No. 2025-PR-430

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of JEFFREY L. KRUSHALL. Letters of Office have been issued to DEMETRIUS EUGENE KRUSHALL, 7474 Tennessee Drive, Apt. 207, Willowbrook, IL 60527, 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 representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

DATED this 2nd day of February 2026.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MORGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In Re the Estate of:
RHONDA KAY SKAGGS,
Deceased.
Case No.: 2026PR000026
CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Rhonda Kay Skaggs, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 2, 2026, to Kash A. Skaggs, 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 (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, Morgan County Courthouse, 300 W State St, Jacksonville, IL 62650, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 10, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2026

Kash A. Skaggs
Independent Executor
Barry O. Hines - 01220918
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MORGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In Re the Estate of:
PAULA L. BUSSMANN, A/K/A PAULA L. BALAKAS,
Deceased.
Case No.: 2026PR000006
CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Rhonda Kay Skaggs, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 2, 2026, to Kash A. Skaggs, 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 (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, Morgan County Courthouse, 300 W State St, Jacksonville, IL 62650, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 10, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2026
Kristin Bussmann

Independent Executor
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
DONNA L. SLAVENS,
Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-33
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Donna L. Slavens of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 29, 2026, to Reginald Craig Slavens, 1111 Pike Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80904, 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 August 5, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 29th day of January, 2026.
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
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
RALPH E. VORTMAN, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-30
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of RALPH E. VORTMAN. Letters of Office have been issued to TONIA RAICHLE, 39 Enfield Road, St. Louis, MO 63132 and MELINDA WALTER, 602 Fairview Drive, Oskaloosa, IA 52577, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Co-Executors, or both, on or before August 11, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Co-Executors and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 28th day of January, 2026.
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
DANIEL J. GROESCH, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-29
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of DANIEL J.

GROESCH. Letters of Office have been issued to VANESSA HEBDA, 3805 Tamarak Drive, Springfield, IL 62712 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 August 11, 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 28th day of January, 2026.
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
ESTATE OF
NANCY LEA RENFRO,
Deceased.

Case No. 2026 PR 27
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Nancy Lea Renfro. Letters of Office were issued on January 28, 2026 to Jessica C. Thompson of 1311 E. Union Avenue, Litchfield, IL 62056, as Executor, and whose attorneys are GATES, WISE & SCHLOSSER, P.C., 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

DATED THIS 28th day of January 2026.
Gordon W. Gates
GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL
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Attorneys for the Estate

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
IN THE ESTATE OF
CARRIE MICHELLE EICHEN (DECEASED)
25PR479
ORDER

To Terry Nelson Watson, or the individual using that name on July 5, 2017. On March 3, 2026, at 8:30am or as soon thereafter as you may be heard, you shall appear before the Honorable Judge Robin Schmidt, or any Judge sitting in her stead, in the courtroom usually occupied by her at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 and present the following documented proof:

1. Your Identification.
2. Your residential address on July 5, 2017, and
3. That on July 5, 2017 you were an ordained minister in good standing with a bonafide religious organization and authorized to perform a marriage ceremony in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Your failure to appear in court will be

taken as your admission that all the information you provided on the Official Marriage License Application was false, make your marriage to Carrie Michelle Eichen invalid, and allow the court to remove your name from the list of heirs to the Estate of Carrie Michelle Eichen. Signed and entered on January 27, 2026
s/ Robin Schmidt
Judge

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF
CATHERINE A. DERRIG,
Deceased.
2026 PR 024
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Catherine A. Derrig. Letters of Office were issued to Andrew Joseph DeTolve IV, as Administrator, whose address is 1801 Norwell Lane Schaumburg, IL 60194. 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 August 5, 2026, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Dated: January 26, 2026
Attorneys for Administrator:
Sorling Northrup
John R. Simpson (2616947)
1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200
P.O. Box 5131
Springfield, IL 62705
Telephone: 217-544-1144
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Adoption
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
George Caples, Petitioner and

Kayleigh Helverson, Respondent
Case No. 2024-FA-000117
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Notice is given you Kayleigh Helverson, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced and you are summoned to a child custody case and for other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois on or before the 12th day of March, 2026, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.

Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

Name Change

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

In the matter of the Petition of

Gaebryel Alexander Jackson

For change of name to

Aaron Alexander Price

Case No. 2025-MR-000595

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on March 24, 2026 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Gaebryel Alexander Jackson to Aaron Alexander Price pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: Feb. 5, 2026

Foreclosure

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

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC

Plaintiff,

-v.-

Jennifer Schaller; et. al.

Defendants.

2025FC000186

1417 S. STATE ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 1/14/2026, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 3/9/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on March 11, 2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

LOT 20 IN BLOCK 5 OF GEHLMAN & TURNER'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHWEST PART OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 1417 S. STATE ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

Property Index No. 22-04-0-106-017

The real estate is improved with a Residential Property. The judgment amount was \$86,410.03 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 1417 S. STATE ST into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are

admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC (630) 794-5300 please refer to file number 14-25-05946. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 14-25-05946 Case Number: 2025FC000186 NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. I3281774

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Fifth Third Bank N.A.

Plaintiff,

-v.-

Shenandoah Rush; et. al.

Defendants.

2025FC000080

1617 N WOLFE ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 12/3/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 3/9/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on March 11, 2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

THE NORTH 45 FEET OF THE SOUTH 195 FEET OF LOT 77 AND THE EAST 40 FEET OF THE NORTH 45 FEET OF THE SOUTH 195 FEET OF LOT 78 IN WANLESS' SPRINGFIELD HEIGHTS ADDITION. EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 1617 N WOLFE ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

Property Index No. 14-23.0-476-018

The real estate is improved with a Residential Property. The judgment amount was \$42,838.66 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 1617 N WOLFE ST into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general

real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC (630) 794-5300 please refer to file number 14-25-02645. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 14-25-02645 Case Number: 2025FC000080 NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. I3281777

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
PLAINTIFF,
v.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SHEVITA JACKSON, DECEASED; CHADRICK J. JACKSON; CHIVA JACKSON; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; DEFENDANTS.
CASE NO.: 2025FC000111
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
65 GLEN AIRE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you:
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SHEVITA JACKSON, DECEASED;
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
that Plaintiff commenced this case in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County against you and other defendants, for foreclosure of a certain mortgage lien recorded against the real estate described as follows:
LOT SIXTEEN (16) OF GLEN AIRE ADDITION, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION ELEVEN (11), TOWNSHIP FIFTEEN (15) NORTH, RANGE FIVE (5) WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS SHOWN ON PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGE 71.
EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING

THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS, AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY.
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Common Address: 65 GLEN AIRE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703
PIN: 22-11.0-477-008
Said mortgage was executed by SHEVITA JACKSON, as mortgagor(s) and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS MORTGAGEE, AS NOMINEE FOR GUARANTEED RATE, INC., as mortgagee, on 12/7/2023 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois as Document Number 2023R22653.
You have been sued. Read all documents attached to this Summons. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Summons called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case.
After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail.

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

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

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

¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411-1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios.

Unless you file your Appearance and Answer/Response in this case in the office of the clerk of this court by 3/16/2026 A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT.

Chad Lewis
6306439
Robertson Anschutz Schneid Crane & Partners, PLLC
6400 Shafer Court Suite 325
Rosemont, IL 60018
Phone: (561) 241-6901
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File: 25-278218
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. Service may be made via e-mail at ILmail@raslg.com.
8051-961949

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
MIDFIRST BANK
PLAINTIFF,
-vs
Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Arthur E. Wilson a/k/a Arthur Eugene Wilson; Tammy Wilson; Adair Wilson, as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Arthur E. Wilson, Deceased; Adair Wilson; Amber Wilson; Joshua Wilson; Arzelus Wilson; United States of America; Michael Diaz, as Special Representative of Arthur E. Wilson a/k/a Arthur Eugene Wilson, Deceased; Unknown Owners And Non-Record Claimants
DEFENDANTS
NO. 25 FC 122
PUBLICATION NOTICE
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Arthur E. Wilson a/k/a Arthur Eugene Wilson, Deceased; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants.

Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has commenced in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: A PART OF LOTS 103 AND 104 IN FRED W WANLESS' EAST VIEW ADDITION, THIRD PLAT, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE EASTERLY LINE OF LOT 103 A DISTANCE OF 79.40 FEET NORTHEAST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 103, THENCE NORTHEAST 69.62 FEET ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOTS 103 AND 104, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY RADIALY TO THE CURVE OF EAST VIEW DRIVE 123.23 FEET, THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ON THE SOUTHEAST STREET LINE OF EAST VIEW DRIVE A CHORD DISTANCE OF 49.15 FEET, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY 118.55 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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.

Commonly known as 2316 Eastview Drive, Springfield, IL 62702
Permanent Index No.: 14-23.0-203-005 and which said Mortgage was made by Arthur E. Wilson, a married person Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Village Capital & Investment, LLC as Mortgagee, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, Document No. 2019R28498.

And for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the suit is now pending. Now therefore, unless you, the said above named defendants, e-file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, on or before the 30th day after the first publication of this notice which is MARCH 16, 2026. Default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To efile, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.

Clerk
LOGS Legal Group LLP
Attorney for Plaintiff
2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207
Bannockburn, IL 60015
(847) 291-1717
ILNOTICES@logs.com
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN 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.
8051-961917

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
GOODMAN FENCE, INC., an Illinois corporation,
Plaintiff,
v.
KARA L. MEYER, HEARTLAND CREDIT UNION,
OTHER OWNERS AND LIENHOLDERS UNKNOWN,
UNKNOWN NECESSARY PARTIES, and
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.

Case No. 2026FC000002
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
Notice is hereby given to OTHER OWNERS AND LIENHOLDERS UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN NECESSARY PARTIES and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is March 16, 2026.

Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on January 30, 2026.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: GOODMAN FENCE, INC., an Illinois corporation; 2026FC000002.
2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois
3. The name of the title holder of record is: Kara L. Meyer
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

Parcel 1:
Lot 160 of Quail Meadows Estates, Fifth Addition according to the Plat thereof recorded January 24, 1980 as Document Number 846409, being part of Sections 1 & 12, Township 14 North, Range 6 West of the Third Principal Meridian

Parcel 2:
Part of TOT Lot 5 in Quail Meadows Fifth Addition to the Village of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois, being part of Sections 1 & 12, Township 14 North, Range 6 West of the Third Principal Meridian, more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 160 in said Quail Meadows Fifth Addition; thence Northeasterly along the East side of said Lot 160, 107.43 feet to an iron pin; thence Easterly 137.33 feet to an iron pin on the South side of TOT 5, said iron pin being 116.88 feet East of the Southwest corner of said TOT 5; thence Northeasterly to the point of beginning.

Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 160 in said Quail Meadows Fifth Addition; thence Northeasterly along the East side of said Lot 160, 107.43 feet to an iron pin; thence Easterly 137.33 feet to an iron pin on the South side of TOT 5, said iron pin being 116.88 feet East of the Southwest corner of said TOT 5; thence Northeasterly to the point of beginning.

All 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.

Subject to easements, covenants, restrictions, reservations and assessments of record, if any.

All situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:

130 Redwing Court, Chatham, IL 62629

6. The Tax Identification Number for the real estate is as follows: 28-12.0-204-036

7. An identification of the judgment lien sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

Name of Lien Debtor: Kara L. Meyer

Name of Lien Creditor: Goodman Fence, Inc.

Date of recording: November 3, 2025

County where recorded: Sangamon

County, Illinois

Recording document identification: Document No. 2025R19595

/s/ Joseph B. Roesch

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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8051-961892

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
PLAINTIFF
Vs.

Mary Jo Anthony as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Frederick E. Anthony; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Frederick E. Anthony; Mary Jo Anthony; Allison Anthony; Christina Miller; Consuela Constant; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

DEFENDANTS

No. 2025FC000228

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Frederick E. Anthony

Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
2437 Huntington Rd
Springfield, IL 62703
and which said Mortgage was made by: Frederick E. Anthony
the Mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2016R08816; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court,

Joseph B. Roesch

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Sangamon County Courthouse

200 South Ninth Street, Room 405

Springfield, IL 62701

on or before March 9, 2026, 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.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Attorneys for Plaintiff

15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100

Burr Ridge, IL 60527

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Winnebago # 531

Our File No. 14-25-07378

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
LEXACO CAPITAL LLC,
an Illinois limited liability company,
Plaintiff,

v.

JLP PROPERTIES LLC, an Illinois limited liability company,

JORDAN POWELL, WARREN BOYNTON STATE BANK, UNKNOWN OWNERS,

and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.

Case No. 2026-FC-13

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given all Non-Record Claimants, and all Unknown Owners, Defendants in the above-entitled cause, that the above-entitled Mortgage Foreclosure action was filed on January 23, 2026 and is now pending.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and the Case Number are identified above.

2. The Court in which this action was brought is identified above.

3. The name of the titleholder of record is JLP Properties LLC, an Illinois limited liability company.

4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

Part of Lot One (1) in Block Five (5) of Robert Allen's Addition to the City of Springfield, bounded as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a stake in the North line of said Lot, 113 feet West of the Northeast corner, running thence West along the North line of said Lot, 67 feet to a stone, the Northwest corner of said Lot; thence South along the West line of said Lot, 74 feet to a stake; thence 48.97 feet to a stake; thence North 32 feet to an iron pipe; thence East 17 feet to a stake; and thence North 42 feet to the place of beginning. 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.

PIN: 14-27.0-176-049

5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:

516 Enterprise St., Springfield, IL 62702

6. An identification of the Mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

a. Name of Mortgagor: JLP Properties LLC, an Illinois limited liability company

b. Name of Mortgagee: Lexaco Capital LLC, an Illinois limited liability company

c. Date of Mortgage: November 7, 2023

d. Date of Recording: November 7, 2023

e. County Where Recorded: Sangamon County Recorder of Deeds

f. Recording Document Identification: 2023R20632

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, all Non-Record Claimants, and Unknown Owners, Defendants, file your answer to the Complaint for Foreclosure in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein,

in the Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois,

200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, on or before MARCH 7, 2026, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a Judgment for Foreclosure may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint for Foreclosure.

Circuit Clerk
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24-101831
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC TRUST 2006-HE1 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-HE1 PLAINTIFF,
-vs-

FREDERICK HARROLD A/K/A FREDERICK I. HARROLD; STEPHANIE HARROLD; DEERWOOD LAKE ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION; STATE OF ILLINOIS - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, ATTN: C/O ATTORNEY GENERAL; TOWN AND COUNTRY BANK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS
DEFENDANTS

NO. 24 FC 139

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on November 12, 2025; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on March 10, 2026 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon South, 1 Copley Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

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

Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court. Said property is legally described as follows:

LOT 26 IN DEERWOOD LAKE ESTATES, RE-PLAT LOT 4, SECOND ADDITION, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Commonly known as 5312 Deerwood Lake, Springfield, IL 62703
Permanent Index No.: 22-27.0-252-008
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 \$221,282.73. 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
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Bannockburn, IL 60015
ILNOTICES@logs.com
(847) 291-1717

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, As Trustee Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC Trust 2006-HE1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE1 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys
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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.

8051-961599

NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING,

Plaintiff,
vs.

ANDEATTE R. SANDERS,
Defendant.

CASE NO. 25-FC-23

PROPERTY ADDRESS:
408 GOLF RD
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on December 17, 2025, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lot 179 of Colony Park Estates Third Addition, according to the plat thereof recorded June 25, 1987, as Document #70818.

Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances 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. Permanent Index Number: 22-06.0-354-006 aka 22-06-0-354-006

Commonly known as: 408 Golf Rd, Springfield, IL 62704

will be offered for sale and sold at public venue on March 24, 2026, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$304,650.17. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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

Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff, Karen C. Mitch (#6291822), Its Attorney

Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC
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8051-961039

Notice by Publication

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.

A petition for a Conditional Permitted Use pursuant to Sections: 155.033 (c)(7), Conditional Permitted Uses in the B-1, Highway Business Service District and 155.200, Taverns, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner holds a leasehold interest in subject real estate, which is an improved tenant space within a strip shopping center, and desires to use the space for a tavern that includes gaming terminals. Petitioner has experience operating facilities with gaming terminals in Springfield and other communities. The tenant space contains approximately 861 square feet. To be in compliance with the zoning code, petitioner respectfully requests a CPU of Sections 155.033 (c)(7) and 155.200, Taverns, to allow a tavern with gaming terminals and having liquor sales by the drink.

Improvements (or structures) located on said property is an improved tenant space within a strip shopping center. The subject real estate is currently classified in the B-1, Highway Business Service District, Section 155.033.

Legally described as: Exhibit A: 861 square feet in the suite known as 3126 South 6th Street in the strip shopping center that is situated on the real estate described as: PARCEL 1: LOT 5 OF THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 1 OF PARK SOUTH DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT STEVENSON DRIVE AND SOUTH SIXTH STREET IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS. PARCEL 2: LOT 6 OF THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 1 OF PARK SOUTH DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT STEVENSON DRIVE AND SOUTH SIXTH STREET IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS. Commonly known as: 3126 South 6th Street Springfield, Illinois 62703. Tax Identification No.: 22-10.0-377-013 and 22-10.0-377-014

The petitioner is The Old Fashion Inc., an Illinois corporation d/b/a Gold Mine Gaming, By It's Attorneys Brown Hay & Stephens, LLP, Daniel L. Hamilton of Counsel.

The property is commonly known as 3126 S. 6th Street, Springfield, Illinois. Docket No. 2026-014

John Harris

Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.

A petition for Conditional Permitted Use pursuant to Sections: 155.031(c)(9), Drive-in or drive-up window, except for drive-in or drive-up windows for the sale of alcohol, located on zoning lots adjoining the R-1, R-2 or R-3 zoning districts or equivalent planned unit development designation, or otherwise adjoining those districts but for an alley, and 155.203, Certain Drive-In Businesses, and a Variance of Section 155.322(c), Illuminated

Signs, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. The Petitioner seeks to lease the subject property to a tenant as a Baskin Robbins Ice Cream Shop with a drive up window, and maintain an illuminated sign (Menu Board) within 100 feet of a residential zoning lot. The Petitioner, to be in compliance with the City Zoning Ordinance, respectfully requests: a Conditional Permitted Use pursuant to 155.203, and 155.031(c)(9) to allow for a Drive-in or Drive- up window for the use of Baskin Robbins, on a zoning lot which adjoins the R-2 Zoning district but for an alley; and a variance of 155.322(c), to allow an illuminated sign (Menu Board) to be located approximately 92 feet from a residential zoning lot instead of 100 feet per code. Improvements (or structures) located on said property is a frame, masonry, and block building on the Northwest portion of the subject property. Subject property is currently classified in the S-2, Community Shopping and Office District, Section 155.031.

Legally described as: Lot 1,2,3, & 4 Wanless W Grand Avenue Addition, Springfield, Illinois. Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed of record. Situated in the City of Springfield, County of Sangamon, State of Illinois. Tax ID # 22-04.0-151-069

The subject property is commonly known as 1700 S. MacArthur Boulevard, Springfield, Illinois. The petitioner is Abdallah Hussein. Docket No. 2026-013

Ben Ferris
Assistant Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.

A petition for variance of Section 155.068 (b)(1), Garages or Accessory Buildings or Structures of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. The Petitioners, through their general contractor, improved the already existing detached garage structure by adding ten (10) feet directly to the East of the existing structure, following the same footprint of the existing structure along the Subject Property's North property line. According to a Plat of Survey on the Subject Property, completed on October 31, 2025, the existing detached garage structure, which pre-dated the ownership of the Subject Property by the Petitioners, was only 2.1 feet from the North property line. Based on the Sangamon County GIS Map from 1969, it appears that this detached garage may have been in the same location as a noncomplying building. Said Plat of Survey is attached to the petition as EXHIBIT "A". Also shown on EXHIBIT "A" is the addition to the detached garage structure which illustrates that the Northeast corner of said addition is 2.3 feet from the North property line. The Petitioners, to be in compliance with the City Zoning Ordinance, respectfully petition for a variance of Section 155.068 (b)(1) to allow the existing detached garage structure, including the recent addition thereto, to remain in place as shown on the attached Plat of Survey, with setbacks to the North property line of 2.1 feet for the Northwest corner of the garage and 2.3 feet on the Northeast corner of the garage instead of 3 feet per the Zoning Code.

Improvements (or structures) located on said property is a single family residence, and a detached garage. Subject property is currently classified in the R-1, Single-Family Residence District, Section 155.016.

Legally described as: Lot 109 in Oak Knolls, a Leland Farm Subdivision, and Ad-

dition to the City of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Tax ID #22-05.0-205-015 The subject property is commonly known as 1509 Noble Avenue, Springfield, Illinois. The petitioners are Tate R. Hartman and Danielle C. Hartman, By their Attorneys Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., William P. Sheehan, of Counsel. Docket No. 2026-012 John Harris Zoning Administrator

State of Illinois, Circuit Court, County of Sangamon

In re the Matter of: Osman Adonis Figueroa Rodriguez.

Case Number: 2025GR000272

To:

Elodia Rodriguez Madrid

Rey Lidio Figueroa Madrid.

A court case for guardianship of a minor child has been filed. A court date is scheduled on: 03/30/2026 at 09:00 a.m. at 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701 You may be able to attend court remotely by phone or video. To find out more about options for attending court:

Phone: (217) 753-6674

Website: www.sangamoncountycircuit-clerk.org

If you do not attend the court date, a default judgment may be entered against you on or after that date.

Assumed Name Publication Notice
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or transaction of business in this State," as amended, that a Certificate of Assumed Name was filed with the County Clerk of Sangamon County, File Number 7305-134-7, on January 2, 2026, under the assumed name Frank Winston Crum, with the place of business located at 100 S. Missouri Ave., Clearwater, FL 33756. The true and real full name of the person(s) conducting or transacting the business is as follows: FrankCrum General Agency, Inc., 100 S. Missouri Ave., Clearwater, FL 33756.

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

IN THE MATTER of Elijah Sampson

No. 2026-GR-14

To: Deandre Price at address unknown: Please be notified that LaToya Williams has filed a Petition for Guardianship of Elijah Sampson, minor child. You are required to answer said Petition By March 23, 2026 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,

v.

MELODY L. WILLIAMS; SHAWANNA MARIE UNDERHILL; UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

IN CHANCERY

Case No. 2025-FC-41

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. (A) The name, address and telephone

number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is:
Suzanna Scherf
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD
3400 Wabash Avenue
Springfield, IL 62711
Telephone: (217) 529-5555

(B) The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate is:
1323 E. Division Street, Springfield, IL 62702

(C) The legal description of the real estate is 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

(D) Description of the improvement on the real estate is as follows:
Residential real property
(E) The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale.

(F) The time and place of the sale is: 9:00 AM on March 10, 2026, at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, 1 Copley Plaza, Springfield, IL 62703.

(G) The terms of the sale are cash or certified funds at time of sale.

(H) The subject property is sold subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, all general real estate taxes which have not yet become due and payable, with special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record, and existing leases, if any, applicable zoning laws; property is sold "AS IS, WHERE IS, and with no warranties", and without any representation as to quality or quantity of the title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff

By: /s/ Brian D. Jones
One of Its Attorneys
SORLING NORTHRUP
Brian D. Jones, of Counsel – ARDC
#6286510

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

In the matter of the estate of:
Carolyn A. Ferrel, Deceased
Case No. 2026-PR-000040
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Carolyn A. Ferrel. Letters of Administration were issued on Feb. 11, 2026 to Corinne M. Davis-Corr as Executor, 7 Sebring Road, Springfield IL 62707. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Executor, on or before Aug. 19, 2026. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Administrator within 10 days after it has been filed.

Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,

MICHAEL CAVE, Deceased, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MICHAEL CAVE, Deceased UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No. 2025-FC-159
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
To: The Unknown Heirs and Legatees of MICHAEL CAVE, Deceased
TAKE NOTICE that, on November 18, 2025, the Honorable Adam Giganti appointed Patrick J. Sheehan, III as Special Representative of MICHAEL CAVE, Deceased, pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/13-209. An amended mortgage foreclosure complaint was filed in Sangamon County Circuit Court on August 29, 2025 as Case #2025-FC-159. IF YOU FEEL YOU HAVE A VALID DEFENSE TO THE FORECLOSURE, YOU MUST ASSERT SUCH DEFENSE AND CONTACT THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IMMEDIATELY. Please govern yourself accordingly.
Patrick J. Sheehan, III (#6317916)
Special Representative
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701 | jr@sheehanlaw.net

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
v.

KENNETH G. ADAMS, SR., Deceased, ALEXA ADAMS, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE & FAMILY SERVICES, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF KENNETH G. ADAMS, SR., Deceased UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No. 2025-FC-119
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
To: The Unknown Heirs and Legatees of KENNETH G. ADAMS, SR., Deceased
TAKE NOTICE that, on December 3, 2025, the Honorable Adam Giganti appointed Patrick J. Sheehan, III as Special Representative of KENNETH G. ADAMS, SR., Deceased, pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/13-209. A mortgage foreclosure complaint was filed in Sangamon County Circuit Court on June 23, 2025 as Case #2025-FC-119.

IF YOU FEEL YOU HAVE A VALID DEFENSE TO THE FORECLOSURE, YOU MUST ASSERT SUCH DEFENSE AND CONTACT THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IMMEDIATELY. Please govern yourself accordingly.
Patrick J. Sheehan, III (#6317916)
Special Representative
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Unwanted pressure

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Across

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5. Taxis

9. Stair parts

14. Jessica of "Dark Angel"

15. Comply with

16. San Diego baseballer

17. Like a sad sack

18. *** Person who looks exactly like another

20. Rope fiber

22. Like some eclipses

23. Cataract site

24. Promotes

26. Gave the once-over

28. Diner

31. Spice holder

35. Badge wearer

38. Short skirt

39. Lack of vitality

41. *** In the past

44. "I couldn't ____"

45. Jets or Sharks, e.g.

46. Family room

47. Univ. lecturer

48. Kind of number

50. They take the bait

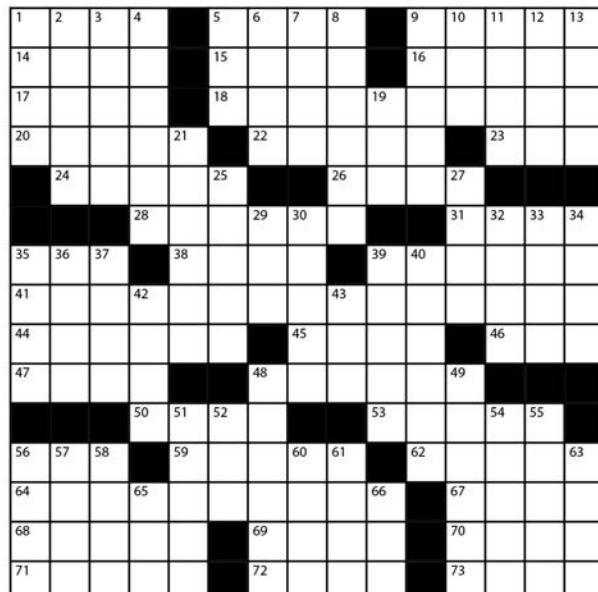
53. Musical exercise

56. Infomercials, e.g.

59. Some college students

62. Author Zola

64. Popular vacation destination



67. Get-out-of-jail money

68. Idiot

69. Celeb

70. Carbon compound

71. Rocket gasket

72. His and ____

73. "Phooey!"

8. 2000 Olympics city

9. Cathedral topper

10. Beachgoer's goal

11. Barely beat

12. The hunted

13. Bone-dry

19. Beam of light

21. Andean animals

25. Time on the job

27. Sketched

29. Conclude

30. Chip feature

32. In the thick of

33. Give as an example

34. Songwriter Gus

35. Nasdaq listing:

Abbr.

36. Completed

37. 100 centavos

39. "Tomorrow" musical

40. Cancel

42. Jazz phrase

43. Crew need

44. "I can't believe it!"

49. Timber

51. Cake topper

52. Have a bawl

54. Paul Anka #1 hit

55. "Silas Marner" novelist

56. Bullets, e.g.

57. Last name in fashion

58. Draped dress

60. Go out with

61. Lasting impression

63. Building additions

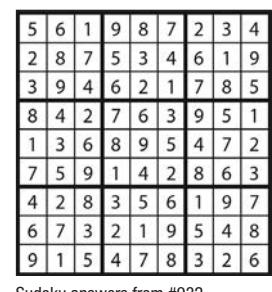
65. Sun follower?

66. Mins. and mins.

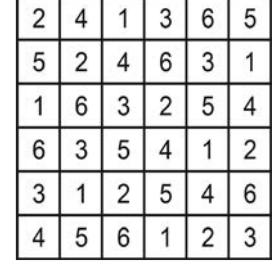
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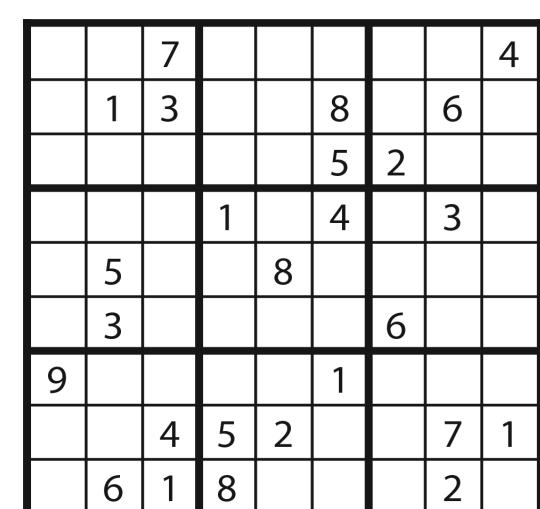
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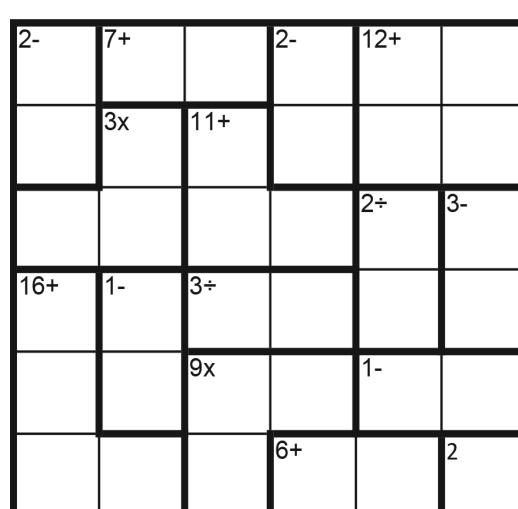
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