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What does Pritzker's nuclear energy order do?

Governor says the new framework will prioritize affordability, safety and reliability

ENERGY | Maggie Dougherty, Capitol News Illinois

During his recent State of the State and budget address, Gov. JB Pritzker announced a new direction for nuclear energy in Illinois, aimed at staving off predicted energy shortages as the state moves toward carbon-free power generation.

Pritzker signed an executive order the morning of the address, saying it “sets a new nuclear energy framework for Illinois – one that prioritizes affordability, safety and reliability.”

The goal, according to the governor, is to begin development on new nuclear power plants to deliver at least two gigawatts more energy capacity, enough to power up to two million Illinois homes. Construction for those sites would be expected to begin by 2033.

That energy would be needed to power homes and businesses as Illinois moves toward shuttering fossil fuel plants by 2045, as required under the state's landmark energy legislation passed in 2021, the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act.

However, it may also be too late to prevent shortfalls that three state agencies late last year predicted would hit northern Illinois by 2029 and downstate by 2031.

The challenges are not unique to Illinois, with both of the federally regulated regional transmission organizations that serve the state facing capacity shortages amid plant closures and growing demand.

Moratorium lifted

New large-scale nuclear is only just becoming an option again in Illinois after four decades. Pritzker's signature on the Clean and Reliable Grid Affordability Act, or CRGA, which goes into effect in June, lifted a state moratorium on new nuclear power that dated back to the 1980s.

The state previously lifted a moratorium on construction of small modular reactors generating less than 300 megawatts in 2023. The same



The Byron Nuclear Generating Station in Ogle County. CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS FILE PHOTO BY ANDREW CAMPBELL

year, Pritzker vetoed a bill that would have lifted the broader moratorium on large-scale construction.

Even with the moratoriums in place, Illinois has maintained its position as the top producer of nuclear energy in the U.S., generating an eighth of the nation's nuclear power across its six nuclear power plants. That nuclear power accounted for over half of the state's net electric power generated in 2024, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

By expediting the identification of new nuclear sites, Pritzker said he's hopeful the order will help ensure Illinois can keep up with increasing demand and keep energy affordable while creating thousands of jobs and maintaining its position as a net energy exporter.

Identifying sites, regulatory review

The new order sets deadlines for identifying potential sites for nuclear plants as well as for reviewing existing nuclear regulations and issuing recommendations for any changes to those rules.

The Illinois Power Agency, a state agency responsible for creating annual electricity procurement plans, and the state's utility regulator, the Illinois Commerce Commission, have 60 days from the day the order was signed to seek notice of interest from potential developers or current nuclear operators that want to expand their operations.

All of Illinois' nuclear plants are owned by Constellation Energy, a company spun off by Exelon Corporation, the parent company of utility giant Commonwealth Edison. CEJA, the 2021 law, created hundreds of millions of dollars in subsidies for the state's nuclear industry to prevent plant closures.

Developers will be asked to outline potential locations for new sites, expected cost and timeline to connect facilities to the grid, economic development impacts, workforce training needs and other factors for consideration.

The IPA is also tasked with assessing its own staffing and consultancy needs to support the initiative with appropriate expertise over the next one to three years.

The ICC is separately tasked with seeking notice from local communities around the state about interest in hosting a new nuclear site. Those communities will be asked to provide information such as land and water availability, economic

development factors, stakeholder support and existing interconnection infrastructure that would make locations favorable for hosting a nuclear plant.

At the same time, both agencies are expected to form a working group with state departments for economic development and labor, environmental protection, natural resources and emergency management, plus the University of Illinois, to issue a report to the governor's office.

That report, due 120 days from the order's signing, is expected to review existing statutes and issue recommendations for safety, environmental and interconnection regulations needed for development of new sites.

Environmental priorities

The Illinois Environmental Council praised Pritzker's success in addressing capacity and climate change in the power sector but said the state should be prioritizing other energy sources.

“The urgency of the climate crisis demands that we prioritize the deployment of true clean, renewable energy resources like solar, wind, and battery storage, which can be done reliably, quickly, and cost-effectively,” an IEC statement read. “In a rapidly warming world, and while the Trump administration is actively slashing safety regulations for nuclear reactors, solar, wind and battery storage are the solutions that require our focus.”

The order received applause from some lawmakers who are not always aligned with the governor's policy positions.

“I don't often agree with the governor, but recognizing the benefits of advancements in nuclear energy production and expanding the dominance Illinois holds in nuclear energy generation is an area in which I'm happy we do agree,” Rep. Jeff Keicher, R-Sycamore, said in a statement.

“Amazing developments are happening in nuclear energy, and each year, more and more innovation is on the horizon. The only way we can possibly expect to have plenty of affordable, reliable baseload power without a carbon footprint is through nuclear power,” Keicher added. □

For more on this topic, see the Guestwork by David Kraft, director of the Chicago-based Nuclear Energy Information Service, on p. 11.

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Editor's note

In his State of the Union Address, the current president targeted antiracism programs by bragging, “We ended DEI in America.” But diversity is still celebrated in America, and equity – meaning justice, fairness and equal opportunity – is the ideal almost everywhere. In Springfield we're working to include those left out by systems stacked against them.

In 1862, the Civil War president from Springfield struck a different tone in his message to Congress: “The fiery trial through which we pass will light us down, in honor or dishonor, to the latest generation. . . in giving freedom to the slave, we assure freedom to the free – honorable alike in what we give, and what we preserve. We shall nobly save, or meanly lose, the last best hope of earth.” The way to preserve freedom is to expand it to everybody. – Fletcher Farrar, editor

A lucky shot

Found footage of the 1980 Miracle on Ice hockey game used for new Netflix documentary

OLYMPICS | Adrian Dater

Eleven minutes' worth.

That's all the 16-millimeter color film Alan Dater had in the canister of his handheld camera on the night of Feb. 22, 1980, inside the Field House International Ice Rink (now named Herb Brooks Arena) in Lake Placid, New York. The U.S. men's Olympic hockey team was to play the Soviet Union in a medal-round, semifinal game that night, and Dater was there to get shots of the game as part of an arts film.

This would be a game nobody from the American side would want to remember when it was over. While there were no official bets on the game, not even in Las Vegas, oddsmakers would have put an American victory at something like 100-1. The Russians were four-time defending gold medal champs and had beaten Team USA 10-3 in a pre-Olympic game not even two weeks prior at Madison Square Garden in New York. The Russians had older, experienced professionals. The Americans were a bunch of college kids with zero pro experience.

But Dater and his friend, fellow cameraman Bob Elfstrom, thought it would be good to get some shots of the game as a complement to the arts film. They had been holed up for nearly two weeks in Lake Placid by that point and were looking for new things to shoot.

"I was a freelance cameraman hired to work on a film at the 1980 Winter Olympics. Mitchell Johnson of Fort Worth Productions was the producer. This film was centered on the arts at the Olympics. In particular, we followed a dancer and the founder of the Pilobolus Dance Company, Moses Pendleton, as he choreographed and rehearsed a performance by a high school marching band for one of the ceremonies," Dater said. "Moses Pendleton was an avant-garde choreographer and dancer who was highly regarded for the dances he created and performed with Allison Chase for Pilobolus."

That film of Pendleton would not be the best-remembered footage Dater and Elfstrom shot at those Olympics. The Feb. 22 game became known as "The Miracle On Ice," with Team USA shocking the world with a 4-3 victory over the Russians. They would go on to win gold two days later against Finland.



Alan Dater in Oslo, Norway, where he filmed Wangari Maathai receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004. PHOTO COURTESY ALAN DATER

The only hockey game Dater and Elfstrom chose to film in their 12-day stay in Lake Placid was the one against the Russians.

"The director filmed in a bar near the rink as people watched the game on a TV and cheered on the U.S. — kind of behind-the-scenes story of the game. I was in the stadium and took a position behind the glass on the right side of the rink looking toward Russia's goal. I was shooting handheld with no tripod," Dater said.

Here's where the story concerning Dater's footage gets more interesting. Only a frame or two from the hockey game was used for that film on the arts — the rest was discarded. And, for about 45 years, nobody seemed to know what happened to it.

If you've read this far and happen to notice the author of this article also has the last name of Dater, it's not a coincidence. Alan Dater is my father. He's been a filmmaker and cameraman since the 1960s, with credits such as being the sound man on the 1970 Brian DePalma-Robert DeNiro movie, *Hi, Mom!*, and a cameraman on a 1972 movie, *The Gospel Road*, financed by Johnny Cash

and filmed on location in Israel. Dad also played the role of Nicodemus in the film, now considered a cult classic, and Elfstrom played Jesus Christ himself.

For most of my adult life I was a sportswriter in Denver, and my beat for 20 straight years at *The Denver Post* was the Colorado Avalanche National Hockey League team. I live in Springfield now, and happily so. But it wasn't until about 12 years ago that I even knew my dad filmed the Miracle On Ice. I knew he was a filmmaker, but I didn't grow up living with him full-time, and he never told me he filmed what has consistently been named the most famous sporting event in American history. But that's my dad for you. It was just another assignment to him. No big deal.

Over the last few years, I occasionally made forays into trying to find that lost footage. My dad thought it might be somewhere in Texas. We still don't know all the details about who finally found it, but that footage is now part of a highly acclaimed recent Netflix documentary, *Miracle: The Boys of '80*.

You can see some of Elfstrom's footage

from that bar area in the middle concourse area above the rink, and you can see my dad's footage from down below in that right corner. The crème de la crème shot of his is the Mike Eruzione game-winning goal with 10 minutes left in the third period. Before then, the only footage of the goal was from ABC's grainy broadcast video footage, with Al Michaels ("Do you believe in miracles — yes") and Ken Dryden on the call.

This was a whole new angle, in beautiful color. And, it happened when Dad was almost out of film.

"I had only 11 minutes of film that I could shoot without changing magazines, which takes time and might have caused me to miss important action. So I had to be very judicious about what I chose to roll the camera on," said Dater, who lives in Putney, Vermont, and still owns a film company, Marlboro Productions. "At that point in my career, I had quite a bit of experience filming hockey for the NHL Game of the Week series, which was shown in airplanes. And because 16 mm film was expensive to shoot and process, as a cameraman you had to have a sense when a goal might happen and then start rolling. If not much happened, you quickly stopped filming in order not to waste film."

Dad had never seen his own footage until the Netflix documentary came out. You won't see his or Elfstrom's name in the end credits, however. The film is old enough to legally be called "stock footage," which doesn't require the camera operator to be credited.

"I think the footage went to a lab for developing and then back to the production office of Fort Worth Productions in Fort Worth, Texas, for editing," Dater said. "I'm very happy someone found it."

Dad was watching on Sunday when the Americans won gold in men's hockey for the first time since 1980.

"It definitely brought back some memories," he said. □

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

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Police chief fights to keep license

Dan Ryan was charged with DUI in his patrol vehicle following domestic dispute

COURTS | Dilpreet Raju

After Leland Grove Police Chief Dan Ryan was arrested for domestic battery and driving under the influence earlier this month, his lawyer argued Ryan's driver's license should not have been suspended.

John Sharp, Ryan's attorney, filed a motion to rescind the statutory summary suspension, a state law that automatically suspends anyone who tests over the legal limit, or refuses to test, for substance impairment while driving a motor vehicle. The law, which is a civil penalty rather than a criminal charge, automatically leads to a driver's license suspension for a minimum of one year should the driver of a motor vehicle refuse chemical DUI testing.

"The arresting officer failed to properly warn the defendant," Sharp wrote in a Feb. 9 filing. "Secondly, the officer had no probable cause to stop or arrest in this cause. Thirdly, the defendant did not refuse and/or fail the breath test."

Sangamon County State's Attorney John Milhiser filed a sworn report by Illinois State Police into the case record Feb. 13. It indicates Ryan's license was suspended because of refusal to submit to substance testing after Robert Hoecker, the arresting officer, noticed signs of impairment in Ryan's demeanor and speech.

The ISP report also indicates Ryan did not have his driver's license on him when he was stopped by Hoecker. A citation from ISP entered into the court filing noted that Ryan was driving a 2016 Dodge with a police license plate.

"Ryan was observed driving a motor vehicle. Ryan had glossy eyes and slow and slurred speech," Hoecker's report reads. "I could smell the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from Ryan. Ryan admitted to consuming whiskey prior to driving. There was a half-empty bottle of whiskey in (the) back seat."

Based on the timeframe outlined in the ISP officer's report, Hoecker warned Ryan about his license being suspended at 1:28 a.m. before giving him the notice of statutory summary suspension. A space for Ryan's signature to acknowledge the warning is blank beyond an "X" noting where to sign. According to the report, Ryan refused a breathalyzer at 1:38 a.m., about one hour after being arrested.

Following an initial hearing Feb. 20 about the license suspension, Sangamon County Judge Sierra Senor-Moore decided to continue



Booking photos of Leland Grove Police Chief Dan Ryan. PHOTO COURTESY SANGAMON COUNTY JAIL

the statutory suspension hearing until March 6.

Sangamon County Judge Rudolph Braud granted Ryan pretrial release the day after his arrest. During the Feb. 6 hearing, Braud did not mandate an alcohol and drug evaluation that prosecutors argued is typically required for pretrial release following a DUI charge. However, Braud ordered Ryan to wear an ankle monitor that tracks any alcohol, marijuana, or illegal drugs in the body.

The Circuit Clerk lists DUI as the sole charge for Ryan, though a Feb. 5 ISP report viewed by *Illinois Times* notes that Ryan will "be charged with domestic battery." The battery charge has not been filed by the State's Attorney's Office.

The Sangamon County Sheriff's Office requested assistance from the Illinois State Police, due to a professional conflict of interest involving Ryan, for a disturbance at a residence in the 1000 block of West Elliot Street in the early morning hours of Feb. 5.

According to an Illinois State Police report of the incident reviewed by *Illinois Times*, an officer who entered Ryan's residence, "noticed the window blinds were heavily damaged and laying (sic) on the floor, and the television was turned upside down hanging off of the stand it was previously sitting on."

The police report states the victim, a 28-year-old woman, told officers that she lives at the same residence as Ryan, 53. She explained that the two got into an argument around 9 p.m. Feb. 4 that turned physical when Ryan "grabbed her and shoved her down on the couch and pulled her hair, making physical contact in an insulting or provoking nature." He then, according to the ISP report, "left the residence in his department-issued patrol vehicle."

Sangamon County deputies later conducted a traffic stop on Ryan near the corner of East Madison Street and North Second Street, according to the report.

In a statement given at 12:40 a.m. on Feb. 5, the victim wrote: "I never expected to (sic) things happen as they did. Dan is not like this. I promise."

Ryan has been with the Leland Grove Police Department for more than 25 years, according to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, and was hired as a full-time officer in August 1999 after about six months of part-time work.

The city of Leland Grove placed Ryan on administrative leave pending an investigation. □

OPINION

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DO IT FOR THE PEOPLE

If I was running for office, I would run for the people, not the party (“Marc Bell drops out of sheriff’s race,” Feb. 12). Barack Obama did not have the support of Sangamon County, including most Black voters, until he won the primary against Hillary Clinton. The local Democratic party told Obama that they would not support him; they were supporting Clinton.

I know, because I was one of a few Black voters at major fundraisers for Obama in 2008. I was the only Black person at the major fundraiser held at the Sangamon Club in downtown Springfield.

Douglas Yul Holt

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NOT ABOUT THE PARTY

It is sad that more people cannot afford to run without party support. The original purpose of the parties was to vet candidates members could vote for with confidence – candidates with shared values and purpose. So much for that, now that the Republicans gave us Donald Trump and the Democrats gave us Rod Blagojevich. Now it has become about money and power. That is what needs to change – parties need to go back to being for the people like they once were.

Kathryn Fleischli-Dinardo

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VOTE FOR PAULA

It sounds like Paula Crouch understands the job of sheriff (“Paula Crouch faces primary opponent,” Jan. 29). I like that she’s not a part of a good ‘ol boys’ network. I like her involvement with faith-based groups and minority organizations. The fact that she was a beat cop is really important. As a former



Democratic candidate Marc Bell, left, announced Feb. 9 he was withdrawing from the Sangamon County sheriff’s race, although his name will still appear on the March 17 primary ballot. That leaves former deputy David Timm, right, challenging Sheriff Paula Crouch in the Republican primary.

probation officer, I know how important it is to connect with the community. Crouch gets my vote.

Deena Dailey

Via illinoistimes.com

A FAMILIAR STORY

The news of James Van Der Beek’s death after battling Stage 3 colon cancer hit me hard, not because he was a celebrity, but because his story felt painfully familiar. Reports of treatment-related physical and financial strain, and now his family fundraising after his passing, point to a truth many people still miss: cancer’s costs do not end when treatment ends.

I am a Stage 3 colon cancer survivor. In 2018, I underwent a total colectomy and completed 11 rounds of chemotherapy through a chest port. I am deeply grateful to be alive, but survival did not restore the life I had before cancer. I now live with severe neuropathy that causes pain, especially in cold weather, and persistent fatigue that still affects me. That reality is even harder while trying to run a small business after rebuilding from a fire.

What still haunts me is that it took three years to get a colonoscopy. Even after reporting blood in my stool and my family history of colon cancer, my provider said I was too young and healthy for testing. That delay may have increased my risk and changed my outcome.

Many cancer survivors carry lifelong physical, emotional and financial burdens. We as patients must keep advocating. Families must keep listening and supporting. Providers must set aside assumptions and take symptoms seriously.

Survivors deserve care and a health care system that listens the first time. Please remember this, trust your instincts and ask your provider for the testing you know you need.

Tom Raymond

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human life, undermined due process and inflicted trauma on individuals, families and communities.

We condemn these actions. We mourn all who have lost their lives at the hands of our own government and stand in solidarity with all affected families.

As a denomination guided by justice and compassion, we call for accountability and for the humane treatment of all people, regardless of immigration status.

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Partial Letter, 1979

Dear kids, the sabbatical is going okay except this late blizzard has us all snowed in. I feed the birds every day but the feeder is empty by noon. You can’t see the ground with the pile up of hungry juncos. There are five pheasants nearby – I need to find their spot to leave them a breakfast of goodies...

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Teachers' unions slam budget

POLITICS | Rich Miller

As expected, we did not see a whole lot of spending increases in Gov. JB Pritzker's state budget proposal last week.

Last year, Pritzker said his budget limited discretionary spending to less than a 1% increase. The plan unveiled last week limits discretionary spending to less than a half a point increase.

An education funding lobby day was held the day before the budget address in Springfield. The teachers' unions decried the state for not living up to its Evidence Based Funding (EBF) law, which was supposed to bring all schools up to 90% "adequate" funding levels by next year.

Instead, the annual EBF funding ramp is way behind and the unions say the state won't reach its target until 2034. So, they claim, the state "owes" K-12 schools \$5 billion and "owes" higher education another \$1 billion. And, as they've been demanding for a while, they want it all now.

Pritzker's budget proposal does increase spending on "mandated categoricals" for K-12 schools (things like special education, transportation and school lunches) by \$51 million which, the governor's office says, "benefit all districts."

But the governor's plan will raise the annual EBF funding plan ramp payment increase by just \$5 million, to \$305 million. Higher education spending will be limited to a 1% increase, similar to last year and way behind inflation.

The day before the governor delivered his proposed budget to lawmakers, rumors circulated among legislators that K-12 education would receive an additional \$200 million. Some people assumed that money would be used to boost the state's Evidence Based Funding law.

The governor's budget proposal did indeed project \$200 million in revenues from imposing a new "social media platform fee," and the money was earmarked for education. But, as I noted above, EBF was given only an additional \$5 million on top of its (mostly) usual \$300 million annual increase.

According to a PowerPoint presentation from the governor's budget office, that \$200 million, if approved and if the fee survives a legal challenge, would be "dedicated to supporting education."

My associate Isabel Miller asked Pritzker during his post-address press conference where that \$200 million money would go.

"Well, guess what? The legislature has a lot

to say about how the money would be spent, but I think the important thing is that our education system, our K-12 system across the state, needs that kind of support," Pritzker said. Then he moved on before she could follow up.

But wait, this is Pritzker's own budget proposal. And all the revenues from that new fee are included in his spending plan. The governor's budget wouldn't balance without it.

So, I followed up with the governor's office to ask where, specifically, that money was going: "The proposal is to deposit it into the Common School Fund – the same place the Lottery is deposited – to support the cost of K-12 education. The Common School Fund is one of the General Funds, so the deposit is reflected in the General Funds budget proposal."

OK, but according to the governor's budget book, the Common School Fund is expected to grow by \$103 million in the coming fiscal year – roughly half of the \$200 million it's receiving. And the Lottery's contribution to the fund is projected to grow by \$17 million (to \$832 million out of a \$6.96 billion fund budget).

Ironically, this sort of thing used to happen with the Lottery all the time. The gambling cash didn't really add new money to school funding, but it did help the state shift an equal amount away to the rest of the budget every year.

In this case, \$200 million is being added to the school fund, but, in the process, \$114 million appears to have been shifted out of the fund to the rest of the budget.

Pritzker held a press conference Feb. 20 to tout his new proposal to ban mobile phones in classrooms.

Afterward, the Illinois Federation of Teachers had seen enough and issued a sharply critical statement.

"What educators will tell you is that creating more unfunded mandates while failing to fund the ones already on the books – special education, nutritional supports for hungry children, and school transportation – is out of order," said IFT executive vice president Cyndi Oberle-Dahm via press release.

"The state of Illinois owes its students \$6 billion dollars for pre-K to PhD, and that is where the governor should start." □



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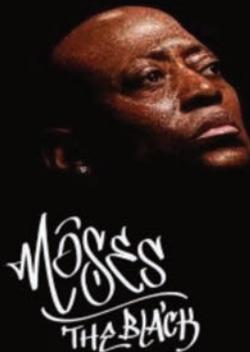
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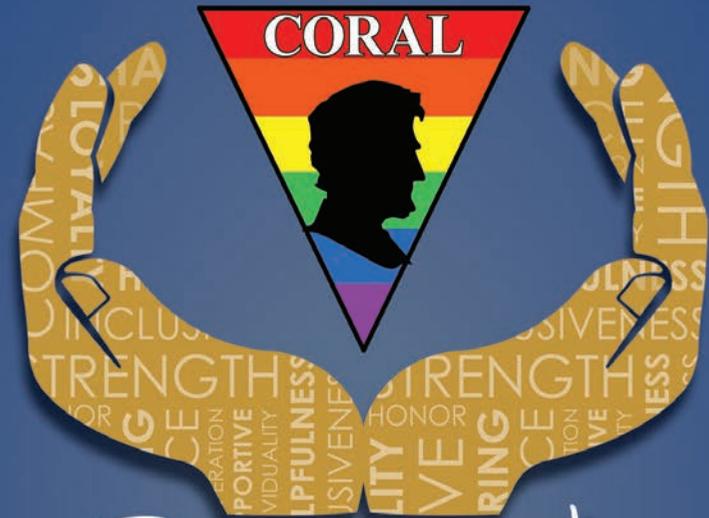
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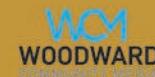


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Illinois goes all-in on more nuclear power

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GUESTWORK | David Kraft, Nuclear Energy Information Service



The Byron nuclear power plant near Rockford. PHOTO BY DAVID KRAFT

The curtain has finally and unequivocally been ripped back: Gov. JB Pritzker is all-in on new nuclear.

Pritzker released Executive Order 2026-01 Executive Order To Accelerate New Safe Nuclear Power Generation In Illinois – the final missing element of a plan for a more nuclear-reliant Illinois, dating back to the two-part repeal of Illinois' nuclear power construction moratorium.

The executive order is well tinselled with the various problems and rationalized solutions to them that a nuclear boom is alleged to address: projected shortfalls in power availability, issues of questionable system reliability, high and growing price of electricity and the ever-elusive legitimate value for data center power requirements.

Many are seriously legitimate. Some are self-fulfilling prophecies. Most can be resolved through non-nuclear means – if the political will and courage were available to implement them.

The text of the executive order makes one thing abundantly clear – it is a fait accompli, a marching order, not a call for reasoned debate or thorough investigation of the pros and cons. It is certainly not a call for any meaningful public input.

This executive order is the Pritzker version of HR1146, the 2014 Michael Madigan “study to show, not know,” designed to demonstrate that nuclear will be made to work – any downsides be damned. Certainly not examined or publicly debated. And

definitely not voted on by the public. The outcome is predetermined – make the nuclear square pegs fit, no matter what.

While the content is alarming, what is absent is of equally grave concern. Since the language ordering the work of state agencies is frequently framed to “make it so,” there is little to no language directly ordering investigation into any unresolved or anticipated downsides of nuclear, such as:

- Radioactive waste, and its permanent disposal (a legally defined term)
- Environmental justice issues, in and outside of Illinois (more uranium mining, radwaste disposal)
- Proactive transition funds and post-closure plans for reactor communities (think: the Zion experience)
- Adverse build-out and market impacts on Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA) and Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA) mandated renewables, efficiency and energy storage coming from a potentially glutted, or nuclear-favored market

The executive order does not explicitly solicit any input or participation from the state environmental community, which played a key role in the development of FEJA, CEJA, and CRGA laws.

No public meetings, hearings or referenda or avenues for direct input are authorized. This is energy policy being done to ratepayers, not with them.

If climate is still an important issue for the state, it is incomprehensible why the governor and legislature would promote the most expensive, slowest to deploy, least cost-effective greenhouse-gas-displacing, most inherently dangerous, and in the case of Small Modular Nuclear Reactors (SMNRs) – nonexistent – method to deal with it.

The world in which the Pritzker administration and legislature intend to grow more nuclear has become far more dangerous than ever before.

In the past year alone, we have seen:

- Concerns about new large reactor costs borne out by the most recent Lazard's leveled costs analysis (June 2025), indicating new reactors as more expensive than new solar, onshore and offshore wind, and energy storage. Projected costs for mythical SMNRs vary wildly, but are following this same trend.
- President Trump's May 2025 Executive Orders cut staff at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) while simultaneously calling for a quadrupling of nuclear capacity. New reactor licensing emphasis has been shifted to speed over safety. The Trump orders allow for higher levels of “allowable” radiation exposure for the public and workers. And they allow DOGE personnel to overrule some Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensing decisions. What could possibly go wrong?
- The Department of Energy in early

February issued a “categorical exclusion” rule exempting advanced nuclear reactors under its jurisdiction from National Environmental Policy Act reviews. NEPA requires federal agencies to consider the environment when undertaking new projects and programs.

- On Jan. 21, Trump offered Silicon Valley an extraordinary deal to build their own nuclear power plants to run AI, and his administration will approve designs in just three weeks.
- Internationally, the threats to reactors in war zones like at Chernobyl and Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine, and in an increasingly climate disrupted world where catastrophic climate events are stronger, more frequent and increasingly difficult to predict call for an entirely new way to evaluate nuclear power.

Pritzker should know, issuing ill-conceived executive orders resembling those of the current president should not be an action worth emulating.

The governor should instead heed the advice of Albert Einstein: “Clever people solve problems. Geniuses avoid them.” □

David Kraft is director of Nuclear Energy Information Service (NEIS), a Chicago-based safe-energy advocacy/anti-nuclear organization formed in 1981 to watchdog the nuclear power industry, and to promote a renewable, non-nuclear energy future.



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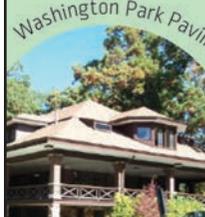
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Springfield Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory, looking south on 12th Street, just north of Carpenter Street, stands in part of an expanded territory in which minority-owned businesses can be based and homeowners can live to qualify for grants from a Springfield program funded with the city's share of taxes from the sale of legal cannabis. The Springfield City Council recently approved expanded boundaries for the grant program, which funds renovations and expansions in areas adversely affected by the "war on drugs." PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

Economic development efforts expand

"I'm going to move my community forward"

ECONOMIC DISPARITIES | Dean Olsen

A Black alderperson called a white alderperson racist, then suggested they settle their differences "outside."

Depending on your point of view, this might have been upsetting or entertaining to those sitting in the audience or watching online during the Springfield City Council's Feb. 3 meeting.

But Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory told *Illinois Times* that his comments to Ward 7 Ald. Brad Carlson and Mayor Misty Buscher were in service to his economically disadvantaged constituents and in opposition to "classic American politics" and efforts to "control the Black community and what they get."

It's uncertain whether the 42-year-old Gregory's rhetoric and emotion, and initiatives by the three-member Black Aldermanic Caucus he leads, are likely to move Abraham Lincoln's hometown forward in reducing some of the nation's biggest economic disparities between Blacks and whites.

But Gregory said the caucus' efforts are

worth a shot, and there are signs that progress is happening, even if some egos are bruised along the way.

"There's so much that I have planned for our community," Gregory told *Illinois Times* in one of several interviews since the tense Feb. 3 council meeting. "I'm still going to be who I am to move my community forward."

Controversy over SSGA contract

The blowup was part of debate over the city's share of annual funding for the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance, a nonprofit economic development organization supported by the city, Sangamon County, businesses and nonprofits. The council eventually approved the funding on a 7-3 vote, with Gregory and two other alderpersons opposing the measure.

Concerned that the alliance should focus more of its energy on the east and north sides of Springfield, Gregory spearheaded an amendment to the SSGA's annual \$250,000 contract with the city last year.

Approved by the council on a 10-0 vote in April 2025, the amendment called for SSGA to create a Minority Business and Community Advancement Working Council and spend \$50,000 of the contract allocation on the council's efforts.

But because the amendment was proposed with little notice, SSGA President and Chief Executive Officer Ryan McCrady told the council he would need to present the changes to his board and get approval before the contract could be finalized and the city money could flow to SSGA.

None of that happened quickly. The revamped contract that the City Council voted on Feb. 3 contained new language, but creation of the minority business council wasn't included. McCrady told the council Jan. 22 that SSGA officials talked with Buscher, who represents the city on the alliance, and SSGA thought the \$50,000 and the specific focus on minority businesses would best be handled by The Springfield Project, another nonprofit economic

development group.

The new \$250,000 contract envisions an additional \$50,000 from the city going to The Springfield Project, which operates a Black business incubator as part of CAP 1908, or the Community Access Project, 1100 South Grand Ave. E.

Dominic Watson is president of The Springfield Project and the Springfield Black Chamber of Commerce, and he is one of two Black members of SSGA's 30-member board of directors.

The SSGA contract contains new language that McCrady said shows the alliance's commitment to disadvantaged neighborhoods.

For example, SSGA agrees in the contract to identify and engage in an ongoing basis with "those groups that have not been traditionally involved in past economic development processes, such as ethnic minorities, women and young people, and create strategies focused on the retention and growth of these populations in order to ensure a diverse and viable regional economy."



Ryan McCrady, president and CEO of the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance.
PHOTO COURTESY SSGA

When Carlson then referred to the April 2025 debate that led to the council adopting Gregory's amendment, Gregory interrupted him and said, "Damn." Gregory later told *Illinois Times* that he felt like Carlson was demeaning efforts to make sure minorities get more attention from the Growth Alliance.

After Gregory interrupted Carlson, Carlson said the loud arguments that play out at council meetings don't make Springfield an attractive place for businesses to locate.

"This is why businesses who regularly call me, and I call others, why we make it so difficult to deal with the city of Springfield. This is the exact reason."

Gregory responded that advocacy by him and others on behalf of minorities doesn't discourage overall economic development. "This ain't got nothing to do with what you are talking about," Gregory told Carlson.

The exchange between Gregory, Carlson and Buscher can be viewed online at

<https://tinyurl.com/GregorySPI>.

The council debate included confusion by council members over the time period covered by the new contract and Gregory's statement that he was upset no one talked with any of the three Black alderpersons ahead of time about plans to appropriate \$50,000 to The Springfield Project.

If such a consultation had occurred, he said he wouldn't have raised that concern at the Feb. 3 meeting or conducted what became an unsuccessful attempt to amend the new contract and re-insert the language requiring SSGA to form a minority business council.

Buscher told *Illinois Times* that she informed Gregory and Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams Jr., another Black alderperson, as early as Feb. 3 about her plans for the new contract with SSGA and a future ordinance benefiting The Springfield Project.

Gregory didn't dispute receiving a call from Buscher but told the newspaper he misunderstood what she told him.

During the council debate, Gregory said he was frustrated with Carlson.

"You don't care how we're included," Gregory said. "That's the problem – people

like you. ... I try to work with everybody, but we continue to be disrespected."

Williams chimed in that difficult discussions at council meetings are good for the city as a whole.

"It's OK to have hard questions. It's OK to have hard dialogue," Williams said. "You guys get mad because we ask hard questions."

Carlson told *Illinois Times* that he's not a racist and didn't intend for Gregory to interpret his comments about a lack of decorum as criticizing Gregory's efforts to assist Black people and other minorities in the city.

"I was upset that he yelled and screamed," Carlson said. "I didn't do anything to warrant that. ... We have to be able to speak freely on the council. ... It is so dysfunctional up there. I want what's best for Springfield."

McCrady drew a rebuke from Gregory when McCrady told the council during the Feb. 3 meeting that there's "obviously a lot of tension on this horseshoe" and that council members need to find a way to diffuse the tension.

"People are nervous about coming before the City Council," McCrady said.

Gregory responded that McCrady should have consulted the Black alderpersons about changes in the contract ahead of time. McCrady told *Illinois Times* that he worked with the mayor on the proposed changes, and it was up to her to communicate the information to the City Council.

McCrady later told the newspaper, "We want to have a city where people feel comfortable reaching out to the city."

In the end, the council voted 7-3 on Feb. 3 to approve the new SSGA contract for a two-year period – \$250,000 for the city fiscal year that ends Feb. 28 and \$250,000 for the fiscal year that runs from March 1, 2026, through Feb. 28, 2027.

Voting "no" were Gregory, Williams and Ward 6 Ald. Jennifer Notariano. Voting "yes" were Carlson, Jeff Cox of Ward 1, Larry Rockford of Ward 4, Lakeisha Purchase (the other Black alderperson) of Ward 5, Erin Conley of Ward 8, Jim Donelan of Ward 9 and Ralph Hanauer of Ward 10.

The three Black alderpersons formalized their alliance by creating the Springfield Aldermanic Black Caucus in 2024. The city never had as many as three Black alderpersons until Williams and Purchase, who were appointed by Langfelder to fill vacancies in 2021 and later were elected, joined Gregory, who was first elected in 2019.

The caucus has focused on economic disparities in a city with stark economic differences among Blacks and whites and history that includes the 1908 Race Riot, which helped to spur creation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"When we are going to make decisions on policies for people of color, those people need to be considered," Gregory said.

Springfield's racial disparities

An analysis of 2023 Census data by *Illinois Times* in 2025 indicated that the Springfield area, which includes all of Sangamon and Menard counties, posted the highest Black poverty rate in Illinois – 40.3% - and the fourth-highest Black poverty rate among more than 240 other metro areas in the United States with 10,000 or more Black residents.

Springfield's Black poverty rate was 4.8 times higher than the white poverty rate of 8.3% in 2023. And the gap between median annual income for Black households (\$33,112) and white households (\$80,191) in the Springfield metro area was the second-largest in the country for areas with 5,000 or more Black households.

Black people make up 12%, or about 24,700, of Sangamon County's population of 195,200 and almost 20%, or 22,500, of Springfield's population of 113,700.

Buscher defended her administration's efforts to promote minority businesses and economic development on the east side and other impoverished parts of town. Among those efforts she listed the recently launched Minority Business Institute Program, administered by Community Relations Director Ethan Posey.

"Economic development takes time and ideas, and then people to invest, so we are definitely working toward all of that," Buscher said.

Buscher, who recites a "civility pledge" at the beginning of each council meeting, is the former elected city treasurer and calls herself a moderate Republican. Elected offices in Springfield city government are officially nonpartisan.

Buscher defeated incumbent mayor Jim Langfelder, a Democrat, in the 2023 mayoral election. Langfelder's supporters included Gregory and Williams. Carlson, a Republican, supported Buscher.

Toning down the rhetoric

Buscher said she believes there are several factors that have led to more tense debates on the council in recent years.

"No. 1 would be, politics in our national rhetoric is making things less easy for folks to respect someone who doesn't think like them," she said. "There's a lot of name-calling, which was going on that Tuesday night – giving someone some sort of label.

"No. 2," she said, "it's up to us to handle ourselves in a professional manner up there. We are elected by the people to conduct the city's business – not to have a personal anger outburst, not to call names, not to cuss at each other, not to pick physical fights like that. I

believe the taxpayers elect us to do right by the community, and so it also is how people conduct themselves personally. You have to hold yourself accountable.”

At the request of a person Carlson declined to name, he and Gregory agreed to sit down for coffee on Feb. 16 and talk through their disagreements. Carlson said the conversation was productive.

“We both committed to work differently from now on,” Carlson said, adding that Gregory “apologized to me privately” about his Feb. 3 comments.

Changes to cannabis business program

Gregory said he was gratified that the council on Feb. 17 unanimously approved changes to the city’s business and homeowner grant program funded with the city’s share of sales tax revenue from cannabis sales.

Even more deserving businesses and homeowners will benefit, he said.

The changes include a doubling in size for the areas of the city where a minority-owned business must be based or a resident must live to qualify for the program, which funds renovations and other improvements.

The area, which used to only be on the east side, was bounded on the west by the 10th Street Corridor and the east by Dirksen Parkway. The new area extends west to Fourth

grant recipients having to pay vendors out of pocket and then being reimbursed. All of the new rules apply to future grants as well as retroactively to grantees or awardees in calendar years 2023 and 2024.

Springfield’s business grant program was unique when it began and resulted from a City Council decision to devote half of the city’s 3% sales-tax revenue from cannabis sales to help pay off the city’s fire and police pension-related debt.

The council devotes the other half to economic development in areas that the council designates as adversely affected by the nation’s failed “war on drugs.”

The first round of grants was awarded in 2022. During the third round, in 2025, the council approved potential allocations totaling \$406,000 to five east side businesses and \$165,073 for home-improvement grants to eight east side homeowners. The application deadline for the latest round is March 31.

Springfield resident Fontaine Krushall, 51, said he plans to apply for a \$100,000 grant on behalf of his five-chair barbershop, Krush-ALL Kuts, formerly known as Major League Barbershop, at 905 S. Ninth St.

Krushall, whose business was a block outside the old boundary, said he wants to attract more customers and employ more barbers by doing interior renovations and

barbershop.”

Krushall and his wife, Jenica Krushall, a registered nurse, have a blended family of nine children. In addition to barbering, he works part time for UPS, where he is a union steward for Teamsters Local 710.

The 1992 Lanphier High School graduate said a cannabis grant would help him attract more customers at a time when inflation has prompted many to space out their haircuts for longer periods of time.

He said the council’s decision to expand the cannabis grant program’s target area is “wonderful.”

“I think the mom-and-pop brick-and-mortar stores need to come back,” Krushall said.

What’s next?

Frustration with the handling of the new SSGA contract led to Gregory setting aside his plans for an ordinance to form a 1908 Race Riot Repair Commission. He first discussed the idea at the Jan. 6 council meeting.

He told *IT* that the commission would hold hearings and come up with a report of recommendations to improve the way the city government conducts business so minorities and other disadvantaged groups face fewer barriers in applying for programs and seeking assistance.

The commission could even consider ways of creating reparations for Black people harmed by the legacy of slavery and institutional racism, Gregory said.

“Some of the things they’ll look at are housing stabilization and different home ownership initiatives that can be better,” he said. “They’ll look at business development, workforce investment and how we’re doing on that. They’ll look at our mental health, cultural preservation, public memorials and education incentives.”

After the Feb. 3 council debate and vote, Gregory said he has put the commission idea on hold.

“They don’t want to break down the barriers,” he said.

On another front, however, Gregory said he’s branching out.

He said he plans to meet one-on-one with Buscher to discuss some new initiatives he would like to tackle. For Gregory, who has tended to approach only his traditional allies on the council for support outside of meetings, this represents a new approach.

“I want to get her thoughts,” he said, declining to be specific about his ideas. “I’m going to give it a chance.” □



Fontaine Krushall, owner of Krush-ALL Kuts, 905 S. Ninth St., Springfield, cuts hair inside his barbershop. He plans to apply for the next round of business-improvement grants funded by a portion of the city’s sales tax revenue from cannabis sales. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

Street. Other changes include moving part of the northern boundary from Carpenter Street farther north, to North Grand Avenue. Parts of the Enos Park and Pillsbury Mills neighborhoods are now included.

The ordinance passed by the council also includes eliminating a requirement for matching funds and allowing vendors to be paid directly by the city rather than

creating more convenient parking.

Before Krushall opened the shop in 2011, the building, which originally opened in 1950, was a TV repair store and then a church, he said.

“Our floors are kind of worn out because of the high traffic from customers,” Krushall said. “Everybody wants to go to a nice

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FOOD | Ashley Meyer

Phyllo dough is one of those incredible back-pocket ingredients that's smart to keep stashed in the freezer, right along with dumplings and peas and good broth. Known by varied names throughout the Eastern Mediterranean (phyllo in Greek, yufka in Turkey, fila in Arabic) these parchment-thin sheets of dough bake up into shatteringly crisp layers of flaky pastry for stunning dishes both savory and sweet. Once a specialty mail-order item, today frozen sheets of this simple flour and water-based dough are readily available in most well-stocked grocery stores.

The rolls of dough should be removed from the freezer and allowed to thaw in the fridge overnight or for at least two hours on the counter. Attempts to unroll the dough while still frozen will result in broken sheets and disappointment. Once unrolled, keep the sheets covered with a barely damp towel or piece of plastic wrap to prevent them from drying out and becoming brittle. From there they are ready to be lightly brushed with butter, olive oil or a combination and rolled, stacked or wrapped into a limitless variety of creations.

An advantage of phyllo compared to other store-bought pastry doughs is that the cook has greater control of the quality and the amount of fat that goes into the dough. Much of the readily available puff pastry and pie doughs are laden with highly processed fats that offer little to no flavor. Recipes made with store-bought phyllo, however, can still offer the rich flavor of butter or the complex notes of good olive oil while still taking advantage of a convenient shortcut. Additional pops of flavor can be added in each flakey layer, perhaps with a dusting of spiced sugar for sweet preparations, while savory iterations can receive a sprinkle of herbs and cheese (be sure to use a hard, dry cheese such as Parmesan).

Once you've assembled at least three or more layers of buttered or oiled dough, the phyllo is ready to wrap or roll. The dough can also be layered into a baking dish and used as a crust for a show-topping pie, quiche or this gorgeous vegetable tart. Layers of phyllo can also be baked in whole sheets and then layered with vanilla infused pastry cream for a deceptively elegant Napoleon pastry.



Carrot and beet tart with pesto and phyllo dough. STOCK IMAGE

Phyllo turnovers

Ingredients:

One roll of 9-inch by 14-inch phyllo sheets, thawed

½ cup melted butter, olive oil or liquid fat of choice

Sprinkle fillings for layers, such as cinnamon sugar or Parmesan, optional

2-3 cups filling of choice (frozen berries or lightly cooked apples, grated cheese, cooked meat such as shredded chicken or ham, lightly roasted or blanched chopped vegetables, minced herbs, sautéed onions, frozen spinach that's been thawed, squeezed dry and mixed with herbs, cheese and a beaten egg).

Unroll the thawed roll of phyllo dough and cover with a towel or plastic wrap. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees or 350 degrees if using the convection setting. Lay one sheet of dough onto a clean, dry cutting board. Lightly brush with butter or oil and sprinkle

with sugar or cheese if using, then repeat twice to make a stack of three dough layers. Using a pizza cutter or sharp knife, cut the dough lengthwise into thirds to make three long strips of dough. Place a heaping tablespoon of filling onto the end of each phyllo strip. Beginning at the end with the filling, fold one corner of the dough over the filling to form a triangle. Continue folding, maintaining the triangle shape. Transfer the turnover to a parchment lined baking sheet and brush with melted butter or oil. Repeat with the remaining dough and filling. At this point the turnovers can be frozen and stored, well wrapped, for several weeks.

To bake, place the turnovers in the preheated 350-degree oven (325 for frozen turnovers) and bake for 15 to 20 minutes (20-35 minutes for frozen turnovers) until golden. They are delicious served warm or at room temperature.

Roasted root vegetable and phyllo tart

Ingredients:

½ pound carrots, peeled and sliced lengthwise into ¼-inch slices

½ pound beets, peeled and sliced ¼-inch thick

1 tablespoon olive oil

Salt and freshly cracked black pepper, to taste

4 ounces goat cheese, at room temperature

2 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature

1-2 cloves garlic, minced

1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves or ½ teaspoon dried thyme

2 tablespoons minced parsley

Zest of one lemon

12 sheets phyllo dough, thawed

6 tablespoons melted butter

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Toss the sliced carrots and beets with olive oil and season generously with salt and pepper, then transfer to a parchment lined baking sheet and roast for 10 to 15 minutes until just tender. Remove the vegetables from the oven and reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees.

While the veggies are roasting, prepare the goat cheese spread by combining the goat cheese, cream cheese, minced garlic, parsley, thyme and lemon zest. Mix well and season to taste with salt and pepper. The mixture should have a spreadable consistency. If the room is cool you may need to microwave the cheeses very briefly to soften them.

Unroll the thawed roll of phyllo dough and cover with a towel or plastic wrap. Place a single sheet of phyllo dough on a parchment lined baking sheet. Brush lightly with butter and top with another sheet. Repeat until all 12 sheets are used up. Use a spatula to carefully spread the filling over the stack of phyllo sheets, leaving about an inch and a half of phyllo exposed to be folded later. Arrange the lightly roasted veggies over the goat cheese mixture then fold the exposed edges of the dough up over the tart to form the edges of the tart. Pinch the corners to ensure a good seal, then brush the edges with butter. Bake until the edges of the tart are golden and the veggies are tender, about 30-35 minutes. □

Ashley Meyer is a chef and freelance writer based in Springfield.

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Chris Camp and his Blues Ambassadors play Lime Street Cafe this Friday and Saturday.

February leaving

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

As we race through our last days of February, there's a range of reactions and actions swirling around as time marches on. So let's go take a twirl to see what's out there for us all right now.

Last Friday, Feb. 20, the Curve Inn caught fire and by now most of you are likely aware of this catastrophe. Not only did we lose one of our most consistent and cool venues, we also lost a homebase and hangout for our music community. We send out care and thoughts to Ami and Ray Merchant, Ric "Skippy" Major, all the employees and everyone who's made the place come alive with the sound of music, love and fellowship through the years. There's another article in *IT* with more news on what happened so we won't go into all that here, but watch for donation spots at local businesses, especially bars. Plus, several bands have already sent hard-earned gig money to help out. From what I know, rebuilding just depends on practical matters of recovery, but we do know with the heart and soul behind the Curve Inn, if at all possible, it will be back.

We now present a couple of announcements from area musicians doing good things outside of our hometown. Local horn player, educator and raconteur David Hoffman documents a decades long stint as a main musician in the Ray Charles Orchestra in his new memoir, *Mostly Improvised*. Interestingly subtitled as, *How I Survived Ray Charles, Reindeer and 3,000 Hotel Rooms and lived a life out of tune, but mostly in time*, the book, just out on Feb. 18, is only available online on Kindle.

Let's send congratulations to Ella Gibson and company for winning the Spring Writers Showcase at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. Gibson, a local native, is making her mark in the big world of Music City USA, so wish her the best, with more success on the

horizon.

Here's one more tidbit of music news and this pertains to Black History Month. At the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum website and Facebook page there's information about a late 60s Springfield group called the Ebonies. So you need to look them up and be amazed at what went on in the Springfield music scene over a half century ago that still continues to fascinate, entertain and educate.

On Saturday night, Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews hosts an all-star debut when Brandon Santini and Joel Gragg become the Salty Bros. With the addition of Eric Tinsley and Andrew Ray, a full on fearsome foursome appears, doing blues and more.

How about a happy birthday shout out to Chris Camp as he celebrates this weekend with His Blues Ambassadors and all of you at Lime Street Cafe. Have too much fun my friend, if that's possible.

A celebration of life is planned on Sunday at Butternut Hut for Ed Stocker, who was also known as "Ed Weed" or "Grateful Ed" and a few other names as well, so appropriately it starts a-smokin' at 4:20. The party musically features stalwarts of the local Penny Lane Deadhead scene, including Thomas J Beverly, Murder of Crowes, acoustic Sunshine Daydream and OAT.

Then head back to the Hut on Wednesday for the debut of ButterJam, presented by ElderBeard MusicWerx, featuring a different weekly host plus invited guests with Mace Hathaway kicking it off March 4 and Travis Ried up next on March 11.

There are so many listings listed in our listings (thanks to our intrepid calendar guy Daron) that I can't even come close to covering them all. Please go look for yourself and we'll see ya next week. □

Community rallies around Curve Inn

MUSIC | Tom Irwin

Despite much speculation on social media, there are no definite answers yet about how a Feb. 20 fire at the Curve Inn started. An official investigation led by the insurance company began Feb. 23.

Ami Merchant, who co-owns the popular bar, restaurant and music venue at 3219 S. Sixth St. in Southern View with her husband, Ray, said in a Facebook post that she and several employees were at the business Friday morning when smoke was seen coming from the beer garden area to the south of the main building around 9 a.m. Everyone got out safely and soon the Springfield Fire Department arrived to battle the blaze. Within a few hours the fire was out, but the damage was extensive. The two-story building, which dates back to the 1930s, suffered smoke damage on both floors and the roof partially collapsed.

Merchant expressed her concern for the 48 employees of the business and thanked the first responders from Springfield Fire Department and CWLP. She concluded by saying, "We will be transparent and let everyone know (the results of the investigation) because this isn't just our home, it's yours, too. We appreciate y'all so much."

Hundreds of comments and tributes on social media show the enduring and caring reach of the Curve Inn, which often reserved Sundays for fundraisers, celebrations of life and other charitable events. Most speak of the place as "a home" and the employees as "family," showing the dedication and commitment from the owners and the crew responsible for making the place a staple and a leader in the community.

Longtime sound engineer Ric Major, who designed and ran the sound and lights for the meticulously kept stage area and guided the

live music direction told *IT*, "People have opened their hearts in the community to help out with the situation. We don't know what will happen until we know more about why."

Major, known to many as "Skip" or "Skippy," has had other house gigs at several prominent venues, but this one, the latest, was really a home. He said he was considering retiring soon, so he's not sure what will happen if the owners decide to rebuild, but you can be sure he will be involved in whatever happens next. His connections, dedication and abilities are embedded in the fabric of the Springfield music scene.

Many local musicians and customers have driven by to take pictures and pay respects to the space. Zach Fedor was there on Saturday afternoon, having traveled from his current home in Chicago to visit family in the area. He spoke fondly of his time at the Curve.

"I played here inside the main building when I was 16, just starting to play out, and I've been back with my band and friends just last year," Fedor said. "This place just means so much to all of us in the music scene. It's heartbreaking to see, but I know if they can, they will get it going again."

In the last week alone, the Curve hosted a Valentine's Day dinner with music, a special live music show showcasing several singers



Springfield firefighters respond to a two-alarm fire at the Curve Inn the morning of Feb. 20. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

and the annual Fat Tuesday party, all featuring dozens of working musicians.

A woman stopped by Saturday afternoon and asked what happened. She was there to meet friends for lunch and hadn't known there had been a fire. She was stunned, and before driving away in disbelief, she said what many are feeling right now: "Well, what will we do now without this place being here?"

Family members of the Curve Inn owners started a GoFundMe for the employees, raising nearly \$60,000, and also opened an account at INB named "Employees of the Curve Inn." Many area bars and businesses have created ways for customers to donate in cash.

The Springfield music community responded with overwhelming support, including plans for a benefit concert (date to be determined) and musicians offering to donate a night's pay, as well as many heartfelt tributes on social media offering condolences and thanks for incredible live music through the years. Other venues are taking on the already scheduled bands since the Curve was fully booked two or three days a week for months.

Merchant's most recent social media posts indicates they will rebuild if at all possible and also asks other businesses needing help to hire the currently out of work folks from the Curve Inn. □

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Oogie and JJ's bar in Glenarm is holding a fundraiser beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 14. Curve Inn employees will be working the event and will keep all tips, along with proceeds from a 50/50 raffle and games. There will be live music by the Tom Beverly band beginning at 6 p.m.

MUSIC

Live music within 40 miles of Springfield. Dates, times and locations are subject to change, so we suggest calling before attending an event.

Attention bands, bars and musicians: submit your shows and photos online at www.illinoistimes.com or by email calendar@illinoistimes.com.

Thursday Feb 26

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

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

Karaoke Night
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

Karaoke
La Fiesta Chatham, Chatham, 6-10pm

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

Dan Grover
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 Topsy Toad, 8pm-12am

Friday Feb 27

Triple Threat
AMVETS Post 100, Jacksonville, 7-11pm

Starlight Karaoke
Area 51 Bar & Grill, Jacksonville, 9pm-1am

it Trenton Fletcher, Kanton Teen & The Penny Pickers
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

Kelly Damann Piano Request Show
Boone's, 5:30-8:30pm

Molly Seaton
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

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

Dailey & Vincent
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Millikin Vocal Jazz
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 7:30pm

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

Joel Honey
Firefighters-Postal Lake Club, 5-7:30pm

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

OAT
George Rank's, 8-11pm

Wowie Zowie
The Grainery, Pleasant Plains, 8pm

Stefan Huffman
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

it Not Petty
Jamie's Route 66, Southern View, 6-9pm

Chris Camp and His Blues Ambassadors
Lime Street Cafe, -28, 7-10:30pm

Revel in Red
Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur, 7-10pm

Devin C. Williams
Legendary Small Town Trading Co., Taylorville, 6-9pm

Midwest Revival
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8-11pm

Karaoke
The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

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

Karaoke
Pier 55 Lounge, 8pm-12am

Josh Holland
Rocco's, Decatur, 7-10pm

Colt Ball
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 8-11pm

Saturday Feb 28

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

J.D. Graham
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

Not Petty
The Backyard, Taylorville, 7-10pm

Thomas J Beverly
Boone's, 6-9pm

Robbie Mitchell
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

Joel Honey
Cafe Amulet, Petersburg, 3-6pm

Pizzazz
Camouflage Bar, VFW Post 99, Decatur, 7:30-10:30pm

Matt Mifflin
Copper and Oak, Lincoln, 6pm

GrungeFest: Hollow with Creep
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Karaoke with Future Entertainment
Daugherty's Pub, Chandlerville, 7pm

Branded
Duke & Joannie's Saloon, Chandlerville, 8pm

Grounded
Goodfellas Pub, 8-11pm

it Salty Bros.
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Chris Camp and His Blues Ambassadors
Lime Street Cafe, Feb. 27-28, 7-10:30pm

Hi-Tek Redneck Karaoke
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 9pm-1am

Didjits, NIL8, Master Bastard
Lock, Stock and Barrel, Decatur, 8pm

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

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

The Tangents
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 3-5pm

The Remedy
Pop's Place, Decatur, 8-11pm

Decade of Decadence
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 8-11pm

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

Hippies of the Heartland
South Fork Pub, Kincaid, 6-9pm



Robert Sampson will play from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Mother Road Diner in the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center.

Downstate
The Stadium Bar & Grill, 6:30pm

Open mic
Stella Coffee & Tea, 10am-12:30pm

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

The Skanqs, Patrick Longmeyer
Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 7pm

Antone DeRocchi
Walby's Place, Ashland, 4pm

Sunday Mar 1

Wes Olson
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Thomas J Beverly, Murder of Crowes, Sunshine Daydream, OAT
Butternut Hut, 4-9pm

Stefan Huffman
Edmo's, Edinburg, 2-5pm

Antone DeRocchi
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 1-4pm

MKDZ
It's All About Wine, 3pm

Michael Charles
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Open blues jam featuring B Douglas and The Travelers for Peace
Sky Lounge, 5-8pm

Casey Cantrall and friends
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3pm

Monday Mar 2

Andrew Duncanson and Take a Ride
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

Tuesday Mar 3

Karaoke Night hosted by Alan Livengood
Fluid Lounge, 7pm

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

Open jam with Casey Cantrall
George Rank's, 8-11pm

Karaoke
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 7-10pm.

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

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

Wednesday Mar 4

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

Karaoke
Cliques, 9pm-1am

HAYWIRE, Prevention, No Guard
Dumb Records, 9:30pm

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

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

Roger & Mandy's Open Mic
Trails End Saloon, Curran, First Wednesday of every month, 7-10pm

THE CALENDAR



Central Illinois Poetry Out Loud regional champion Jillian Garcia, left, and runner-up Ace O'Malley pose with their awards after the regional. PHOTO BY WILLIAM RICHARDS

Statewide Poetry Recitation Contest | Monday, March 2, 10 a.m. | Hoogland Center for the Arts, LRS Theatre | 420 S. Sixth St.

SPOKEN WORD | Poets to compete for trip to national contest

it This Monday, Jillian Garcia and Ace O'Malley will join 12 other students from around Illinois at the state Poetry Out Loud Contest. Garcia, from Decatur Eisenhower High School, and O'Malley, from Springfield Southeast High School, finished first and second, respectively, at the Feb. 12 regional. The state champion will get a trip to the nation's capital in late April to join a field of 54 students vying for a top prize of \$20,000 at the 2026 Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Contest. Special guests at the contest will be Illinois's Poet Laureate Mark Turcotte, who will recite during the competition, and Greg McCormick, director of the Illinois State Library. The Springfield Area Arts Council coordinates this annual Poetry Out Loud competition in partnership with the Illinois Arts Council. For more information, visit springfielddartsco.org. The event is free to attend.

Special Music Events

Brown Bag Concert
Tue., March 3, 12pm. Enjoy this concert featuring UIS music students. uis.edu/music/. Free. UIS Student Union, One William Maxwell Lane, 217-206-5240.

A Journey Through Gospel Music

Sat., Feb. 28, 7pm. Celebrate Black History Month with the Napier Family and friends for "The Good News Experience - A Journey Through Gospel Music." This concert will feature local talents highlighting the progression of Gospel music, as well as cultivate an interactive environment for all. Presented by Ryan Napier and the Hoogland Center for the Arts. \$20-\$22. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Kameron Marlowe

Fri., Feb. 27, 8pm. Country music singer-songwriter Kameron Marlowe was a contestant on season 15 of NBC's *The Voice*. \$30. Boondocks, 2909 N. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-679-0145.

Mother Road Bones Trombone Quartet Concert

Thu., Feb. 26, 7pm. This free, hour long concert will feature music in a wide variety of styles, showcasing the rich and powerful sound of the trombone quartet. Several selections will be accompanied by St. John's organ. stjohns-springfield.org. Free. St. John's Lutheran Church, 2477 W. Washington St., 217-793-3933.

Books & Authors

Book Release & Author Event

Sat., Feb. 28, 6pm. Celebrate with author D. L. Taylor on the release of her newest book, *The Beasts We Raise*. Includes Q&A, book signing and photo ops. RSVP for a seat. Free. The Vault, Jacksonville, 73 East Central Park Plaza, 217-632-8145.

Society of Midwestern Authors

First Tuesday of every month, 6-7:45pm. Love to write? Check out this skilled, supportive group of local writers for critiques of your work, discussion and networking. chathamlib.org. Free. Chatham Area Public Library, Chatham, 600 E. Spruce St., 2174832713.

Theater & Comedy

The Last Five Years

Fri., Feb. 27, 7:30pm, Sat., Feb. 28, 7:30pm and Sun., March 1, 3pm. Jason Robert Brown's drama is an emotionally powerful and intimate musical about two New Yorkers who fall in and out of love over the course of five years. hcfta.org. \$21-\$23. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Boom Boom Johnson

Fri., Feb. 27, 8 p.m. and Sat., Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m. Boom Boom Johnson brings his comedy act to Donnie B's Comedy Club. \$24-\$26. donniebs.com. Knights of Columbus, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-891-4858.

Dance

The Sleeping Beauty

Sat., Feb. 28, 2pm and Sun., March 1, 2pm. Step into a world of magical fairies, royal courts and timeless romance in this classic tale. Tchaikovsky's glorious score will carry audience members through enchanted forests and glittering palaces as the dancers of the Copper Coin Ballet Company bring this classic

to life. coppercoinballet.org. Reserved seating, \$40 advance; \$45 day of show. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 217-528-9760.

The Disco Ball

Sat., Feb. 28, 5pm-12am. This is a 1970s-themed party with dancing, attire contest, trivia, musical chairs, bingo and much more. Entry fee ranges from \$25-\$200. See thediscoball.net where tickets can be purchased in advance. Event will have cash bar. \$25-\$200. Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, Southern View, 625 E. St. Joseph St., 217-487-6534.

Art & Architecture "The Four Elements" Art Exhibit

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., 2175442787.

Night Call

Sun., March 1, 1-3, 4-6pm and Tue., March 3, 7-9pm. This night is like all the others for Mady, student by day, locksmith by night. But Claire, the enigmatic young girl he helps out that night, is not who she claims to be. Mady has only one night to prove his innocence in a city in turmoil. Part of the annual Molly Schlich International and Independent Film Series. Not rated. springfielddart.org. Adults \$10, students \$5. AMC Classic Springfield 12, 3141 Mercantile Dr., 217-523-2631.

Film & Television

The Librarians

Thu., Feb. 26, 7pm. A showing of the award-winning documentary film by Kim A. Snyder. In this film, librarians become first responders in the fight for democracy and First Amendment rights. A community conversation will follow the film. Presented by the Lincoln Library Alliance. Tickets at atthelegacy.com. Free. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 217-528-9760.

Love on Tap

Fri., Feb. 27, 7pm, Sat., Feb. 28, 7pm, Sun., March 1, 2pm and Mon., March 2, 7pm. Brewery owner Amber clashes with slick marketer Samuel over reviving her failing business. An unexpected romance ferments. Open captions on Fridays and Sundays when available. arleetheater.com. \$5. Arlee Theater, Mason City, 139 S. Main St., 217-482-9999.

Food & Drink

Lake Council Chili Challenge Finals

Sun., March 1, 12pm. 17th annual event. Doors open at noon with tasting starting at 2pm. Proceeds will be donated to Springfield Zoological Society. Prop Club, 264 Maple Grove Lane, 529-4901.

Lenten Fish Fry

Fri., Feb. 27, 5-7:30pm. One of six Lake Springfield clubs holding fish fries during Lent. Meal types and prices vary by location. Firefighters-Postal Lake Club, 940 W. Lake Shore Dr., 217-691-6472.

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

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

Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays, 5-7:30pm. Through April 3. One of six Lake Springfield clubs holding fish fries. Meal types and prices vary by location. Contact club for more info. Springfield Elks Lodge #158, 409 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-0158.

Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays, 5:30-7:30pm. Through April 3. One of six Lake Springfield clubs holding fish fries for Lent. Meal types and prices by location. Full meal \$12, half \$6, cash only. TRN Lake Club, Chatham, 25 N. Lakewood Dr., 217-483-9994.

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.

History

"New Philadelphia: Its Connections to Springfield and the 1908 Race Riot"

Sat., Feb. 28, 2-3pm. The presentation is approximately 45 minutes and will take place in Theater 1 inside the Visitor Center. The talk will be followed by a question-and-answer opportunity. nps.gov. Free. Lincoln Home National National Home Site Visitor Center, 426 S. 7th St., 217-391-3201.

Black Leaders History Hike

Sat., Feb. 28, 1pm. Led by the Department of Natural Resources. Presented by Black Lives Matter SPI. blmspi.org. Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site, 1500 Monument Ave., 782-2717.

Peoples National Bank of Springfield Exhibit

Mondays-Saturdays, 10am-8pm. Through Feb. 28. Learn about this bank, the first religious and ethnically-integrated bank in downstate Illinois. See black and white photos from the 1970s, architectural plans, newspaper articles, telephone directory advertisements, oral histories, artifact photos, certificates and correspondence. Located in Sangamon Valley Collection on the third floor. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Woodlawn Farm Museum open house

Sat., Feb. 28, 10am-3pm. Learn the about the pioneers who settled Woodlawn Farm and their efforts in the Underground Railroad movement in the mid-1800s. Adults \$5, students \$3. Woodlawn Farm, Jacksonville, 1463 Geirke Lane, 309-678-7716.

Holiday Happenings

Black History Paint pARTy

Sat., Feb. 28, 2:30-4:30pm. Art and drawing are powerful ways to relieve stress - and that's exactly the heart of the Black History Paint pARTy experience. During this creative evening, Michelle Smith, award-winning international artist, will provide each guest with a pre-drawn image chosen by the attendee and offer personalized guidance throughout the session. Preregistration required. lincolnlbrary.info. Free. Lincoln Public Library, Lincoln, 725 Pekin St., 217-753-4900.

Fairs & Festivals

BE BOLD Vendor Fair

Sat., Feb. 28, 9am-3pm. Shop 20-plus women-owned vendors from around central Illinois. Learn about local non-profit organizations that specialize in assisting women and families in our community and ways you can help. Free. Peace Lutheran Church, 2800 W. Jefferson St., 217-494-8036.

Fundraisers & Galas

Ballet & Blues

Fri., Feb. 27, 6:30-8:30pm. A night of fun and friends featuring music by local band Dr. Dr. Proceeds will support the Springfield Youth Performance Group's nonprofit community programming. Must be 21 years of age or older. syppfoundation.org.

org/. \$25. Grant Conservatory of Music and Dance, 501 W. Elliott Ave.

Lego Build Night for A Cause
Tue., March 3, 6-9pm. This is a Lego build night for a cause. Sixty LEGO sets will be on hand to purchase, build or take home. Proceeds go to Central Illinois Foodbank. All-ages event. Food and drinks available. Whimsy Tea Company, 413 E. Adams St., 217-331-6920.

Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery Trivia Night
Sat., Feb. 28, 6-11:45pm. Trivia starts at 7pm. Ten-person tables. Drink service will be available. Raffle baskets will be available to win and Mulligans can be purchased. Bring packages of diapers or wipes to earn free raffle tickets, limit five per person. All proceeds benefit the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery in Springfield. mocn.org. \$200 table/\$20 person. Firefighters-Postal Lake Club, 940 W. Lake Shore Dr., 217-525-6800 ext 3.

Community Organizing Free Meal
Sat., Feb. 28. Food Not Bombs SPI will provide a free, hot, vegan meal, no questions asked. Bring to-go containers and travel mugs to help reduce waste. Gloves, socks and warm hats will also be available for free to anyone who wants them. Meal Distribution Site, Southwest corner of Seventh Street and Capitol Avenue.

Children's Corner Funshop Kids Club
Fridays, 3:30-6pm. Through April 24. This is a fun and welcoming drop-off program where children ages 6 to 12 explore themes through crafts, STEM projects and interactive play. It includes group games, hands-on stations and active play. Register at bit.ly/Funshop_KidsClub1. Activity #140910. \$30 residents, \$35 non-residents for 1 day only. Lincoln Park Funshop, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-753-6234.

Nature, Science & Environment Maple Syrup Time Demonstrations
Sat., Feb. 28, 1, 2:30pm and Sun., March 1, 1, 2:30pm. Demonstrations will show the entire syrup making process from tree tapping to boiling the sap down into syrup. Dress for the weather as this program is hands-on and involves a trek to one of the garden's many sugar bushes. Demonstrations start at Nature Center lincolnmemorialgarden.org. Free. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301

E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

Spring Star Parties
Fri., Feb. 27, 8-10pm. See the stars at the campus observatory, accessed through the Star Party entrance (exterior door) on the southeast corner of Brookens Library. Walk-ups admitted first come, first-served. Larger groups should call in advance. uis.edu. Free. UIS Observatory, Brookens Library, One University Plaza, 217-206-6589.

Lectures & Meetings "Coffee and the World - A Global Story in Every Cup"
Tue., March 10, 5:30 p.m. This World Affairs Council of Central Illinois program will be a conversation with Blanca Maria Castro, executive director of the International Women's Coffee Alliance (IWCA) and Sharon Riechers, president of the IWCA board of directors. Reception is at 5:30pm followed by dinner at 6pm and program at 7pm. Cost is \$45 for members, \$55 for nonmembers. The program alone is free to attend. Make reservations by March 1 at www.mywacci.org. Illini Country Club, 1601 S. Illini Road.

Contractors and Coffee
Tue., March 3, 9:30-11am. Join the Springfield Housing Authority for this event as it appreciates all of its existing contracting partners, invites new partners to the table and talks about 2026 upcoming projects. RSVP to ligiaa@sha1.org. springfieldhousingauthority.org. Springfield Housing Authority, 200 North 11th St., 217-753-5757, ext. 311.

Summer of Route 66 Centennial Celebrations
Fri., Feb. 27, 8-9am. Route 66 is celebrating 100 years this year. Visit Springfield and the Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway have been preparing for the centennial since 2019. The Citizens Club invites you to learn about all the Route 66 projects completed in the Springfield area, events planned for the Route 66 Centennial in 2026, why the capital city is the heart of Illinois Route 66 and where the Mother Road is heading. Hoogland Center for the Arts Club Room, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Bulletin Board Black Heritage Month Celebration, Career & Resource Fair
Thu., Feb. 26, 10am, 12-2pm. The day begins at 10am with celebratory program and recognition of Black workforce leadership. Career and resource

fair runs from noon to 2pm. Meet representatives from Illinois state agencies and learn about career paths, open positions and application support. No registration required. CMS Regional Complex, 4800 Wabash Ave.

The Boat Show in Springfield
Fri., Feb. 27, 2-8pm, Sat., Feb. 28, 10am-7pm and Sun., March 1, 10am-5pm. See what's new for 2026 at central Illinois' largest boat show. Adults \$5, children 12 and younger free. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-341-1730.

Food and Clothing Distribution
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Youth and Spring Job Fairs
Tue., March 3, 12-2, 4-6pm. The Chamber's Spring Job Fair will feature a special time to focus on a Youth Job Fair which will take place from noon to 2pm. The traditional Job Fair will follow from 4 to 6pm. Both components of the Job Fair will be held at the Crowne Plaza Springfield Convention Center. gsc.org. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-525-1173, ext.216.

Health & Fitness

Dr. Alonzo Kenniebrew Community Forum
Mon., March 2, 8-11pm. The Alonzo Homer Kenniebrew, MD annual community forum sheds light on the history of health disparities. RSVP appreciated - email siumed-edi@siumed.edu. Memorial Learning Center, 228 W. Miller, 217-588-6254.

Sports

Fish Fest
Sat., Feb. 28, 9am-3pm. Learn new techniques from industry vendors and local fishing experts, build your fishing network and more. Scheels, 3801 S. MacArthur Blvd., 217-726-6330.

Springfield Jr. Blues vs. Minnesota Wilderness
Fri., Feb. 27, 7:05pm and Sat., Feb. 28, 6:05pm. The Jr. Blues take on the Wilderness during the last two games of a four-game home stand. jrblues.com. \$10, \$6 children 12 and younger. Nelson Center, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-525-2589.

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Real Estate 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. 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

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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 mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. 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. 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 mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. 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

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: 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 vendue 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 Karen C. Mitch (#6291822) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law 601 East William Street Decatur, IL 62523 Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 8051-961039

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of IN PROBATE JANET STEINHOOR, Deceased. No. 2026-PR-58 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Janet Steinhour, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on February 17, 2026, to Julie Davis, as Executor, whose attorney is Brandon R. Clark, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 9th day of September, 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 19th day of February, 2026. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Brandon R. Clark Registration No. 6329553 205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705-2459 (217) 544-8491 bclark@bhslaw.com

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, 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 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. 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 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 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, Williamsville, 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 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. Alex B. Rabin Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin, & Reinbold, LLP 1119 S. Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR 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 62677, 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 11th day of February, 2026.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF:
CHERYL LEE PACE,
Deceased.
Case No. 2026-PR-48
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of CHERYL LEE PACE. Letters of Administration were issued on February 10, 2026, appointing JAMES SCOTT PACE, 113 East Wineman Street, Auburn, Illinois 62615, as Administrator, whose attorney is Matthew A. Cook of Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C., 900 Community Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703, Phone: (217) 525-1571.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated: February 10, 2026
Clerk of the Circuit Court
200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701

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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. Gerding, 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 this 5th day of February, 2026.
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(217) 789-1200

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 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 6th day of February, 2026.
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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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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 Lingleaf Lane, Madison, AL 35758, and Kimberly Hutmacher, PO Box 464, Iliopolis, 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 HUTMACHER, 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
Telephone: (217) 544-8500
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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
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JEFFREY L. KRUSHALL, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-39
DEATH & 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 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
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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/FAO/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 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)
GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL
Attorneys at Law
1231 South Eighth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62703
Telephone: (217) 522.9010
Facsimile: (217) 522.9020
Email: gordon@gwspc.com

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
Attorney at Law
1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A
Springfield, IL 62704
Telephone: (217) 698-8444
Email: Barry@HinesLaw.net

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
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
Barry O. Hines - 01220918
Attorney at Law
1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A
Springfield, IL 62704
Telephone: (217) 698-8444
Email: Barry@HinesLaw.net

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

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)(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 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.
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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)(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 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 ilinoislegalaid.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
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Robertson Anschutz Schneid Crane & Partners, PLLC
6400 Shafer Court Suite 325
Rosemont, IL 60018
Phone: (561) 241-6901
E-mail: ILmail@raslg.com
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; Arzellus 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 NORTHWEST-ERLY RADIIALLY 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 <http://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. 2026FC000020
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.

- The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: GOODMAN FENCE, INC., an Illinois corporation; 2026FC000020.
- The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois
- The name of the title holder of record is: Kara L. Meyer
- 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.

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

Connor W. Fitch, ARDC # 6345852 Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP

205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459

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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 MORT-

GAGE 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 vendue on March 24, 2026, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Spring-

field, 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/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 Karen C. Mitch (#6291822) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law 601 East William Street Decatur, IL 62523 Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com

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Notice by Publication

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, March 19th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., in the County Board Chambers, Room 222 of the Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, Illinois, to hear the testimony for the petition of Larry Williams, fee owner of property commonly known as 2400 North 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62702 and:

Illinois, 14-15-308-010, 14-15-308-011, 14-15-308-012, and 14-15-308-013.

Petitioner requests pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.28, a rezoning from "R-2" Single-Family and Two-Family Residence District to "I-1" Restricted Industrial District; and, pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.50.060(A) to allow the parking to remain unpaved

(rock) instead of the required bituminous seal coat. Also in attendance to hear the testimony will be the members of the Zoning & Land Use Committee of the Sangamon County Board.

Dated this 19th day of February, 2026 Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals

CHARLES W. CHIMENTO, CHAIRMAN

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Parcel Identification Number: 07-19.0-400-012

Petitioner requests for Proposed Parcels 1 and 2: pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from "A" Agricultural District to "R-1" Single Family Residence District; and, pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the "R-1" Single-Family Residence District. Also in attendance to hear the testimony will be the members of the Zoning & Land Use Committee of the Sangamon County Board.

Dated this 19th day of February, 2026 Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals

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Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, March 19th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., in the County Board Chambers, Room 222 of the Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, Illinois, to hear the testimony for the petition of TJ Heritage LLC and Aamir Banday, M.D., fee owners of property commonly known as the 5,000 Block of Old Salem Lane, Springfield, IL 62707 and:

Parcel Identification Number: 13-34.0-200-047

Petitioner requests for Proposed Parcels 1 and 2: pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.38.030 to allow one (1) parcel less than forty (40) acres (approximately 20 acres). Also in attendance to hear the testimony will be the members of the Zoning & Land Use Committee of the Sangamon County Board.

Dated this 19th day of February, 2026 Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals

CHARLES W. CHIMENTO, CHAIRMAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Parcel Identification Number: 29-28.0-200-025

Petitioner requests for Proposed Parcels 1 and 2: pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from "A" Agricultural District to "R-1" Single-Family Residence District. Also in attendance to hear the testimony will be the members of the Zoning & Land Use Committee of the Sangamon County Board.

Dated this 19th day of February, 2026 Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals

CHARLES W. CHIMENTO, CHAIRMAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

HEIRS AT LAW OR LEGATEES OF MICHAEL CAVE,

UNKNOWN OWNERS; and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.

Case No. 2025-FC-000159 AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of 735 ILCS 5/15 1218 and 15 1502 and Sec. 2 206 that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendants is March 31, 2026.

The Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on August 26, 2025.

(i) The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are as follows: Bank of Springfield, an Illinois banking corporation - Case No. 2025-FC-000159.

(ii) The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon

County, Illinois

(iii) The name of the title holder of record: Michael Cave

(iv) Legal description and common address of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty are as follows:

The East Three Hundred Ninety-Six feet (396') of the South two Hundred Forty Feet (240') of the following described tract:

That part of the Southeast Quarter of Section Thirty-Two (32) bounded as follows:

Beginning at a point in the North line of said Quarter Section Eight (8) Chains West of the Northeast corner thereof, and running thence West Twelve Hundred Eighty-Four feet (1284'), thence South Two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-eight and One-Half feet (2198 1/2') , thence East Eighteen Hundred Twelve Feet (1812') to the East line of said Quarter Section, thence North Sixteen Hundred Seventy and One-Half feet (1670 ½'), thence West Five Hundred Twenty-eight feet (528'), thence North Five Hundred Twenty-eight feet (528') to the place of beginning, all being in Township Sixteen (16) North, Range Four (4) 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 (2) Common address or location of mortgaged premises:

865 S. Oaklane Rd., Springfield IL 62712

(v) Identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

Name of mortgagor: Michael Cave Name of mortgagee: Bank of Springfield, an Illinois banking corporation

Date of mortgage: July 8, 2021 Date of recording: July 21, 2021, with the Recorder of Deeds

County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois

Recording document identification: Document No. 2021R19016

Joseph B. Roesch

Clerk of the Circuit Court

SORLING NORTHRUP, Attorneys

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS Plaintiff,

vs.

2020 Mercedes-Benz A220

VIN #WDD3G4EB3LW040123

Mikyle Burke

No. 25-MX-1094

25-AF-102

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Mihser, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on November 6, 2025. UNLESS YOU file a verified Claim with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this

publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.

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

To enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent a private auction will be held on Saturday March 21, 2026, at 9:00a.m.

Northeast Storage is located at 1907 North Grand East, Springfield, IL 62702 This is a private auction. In order to attend you must call 217-544-4521 a week prior to the auction date.

Please leave your name, telephone number and an email address. Cash is the only form of payment accepted for the auction.

Any individual wanting to retain their unit will need to pay their entire balance on or before Wednesday March 18, 2026. No personal checks will be accepted for storage units that are in lien.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION

Rosemarie Smith Unit 1-7 Rosemarie Smith Unit 1-15 Rosemarie Smith Unit 2-26 Rosemarie Smith Unit B-10

Kyle Rutherford Unit 1-44 Mhynessa Day Unit 4-5 Rosalind Cameron Unit 7-5

Danny Crawford Unit 10-5 Shermita Dixon Unit 10-9 Timothy Willett Unit 3-26

Eva Coleman Unit 4-26 Tabatha Busch Unit 4-37 Terry Broida Unit 9-37

Shermita Dixon Unit 11-11 Todd Pulliam Unit H-9

Teresa Sample Unit I-6 Michael Lusk Unit H-2

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.

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

v. ANTHONY J. ALBANESE, JANE E. ALBANESE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No. 2026FC000033
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is April 3, 2026. Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on February 20, 2026.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; 2026FC000033.

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 holders of record are: Anthony J. Albanese and Jane E. Albanese

4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: Lot Four (4) of the Original Town of New Berlin, also Lot Ninety-seven (97) of Yates' Addition to the Village of New Berlin.

Subject to easements, covenants and restrictions of record.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 106 Birch Street, New Berlin, Illinois 62670

6. The Tax Identification Number for the real estate is as follows: 20-19-496-010

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

Name of Mortgagors: Anthony J. Albanese and Jane E. Albanese
Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank

Date of Mortgage: March 4, 2005
Date of recording: March 17, 2005

County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois
Recording document identification: Document No. 2005R10177

/s/ Joseph B. Roesch
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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

Ann L. Dondanville, Deceased.

IN PROBATE

No. 2026-PR-55

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Ann L. Dondanville, deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on February 17, 2026 to Patricia D. Berman, as Executor, whose attorney is Harvey B. Stephens, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 9th day of September, 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 18th day of February, 2026.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of

GEORGE L. CRIMINGER, Deceased.

NO. 2025-PR-445

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of George L. Criminger, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 21, 2026, to Gerlad Williams, P.O. Box 563, Litchfield, IL 62056 and Chris Criminger, 615 S. Main St., Brownstown, IN 47220 as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney is Erik Hyam of Hyam Law Office, P.C. of 606 N. State Street, Litchfield, IL 62056.

Claims may be filed within six (6) months from the date of publication and any claim not filed within that period is barred as to the estate which is inventoried within that period. Claims must be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois, and copies mailed or delivered to the Co-Administrators and to their attorney.

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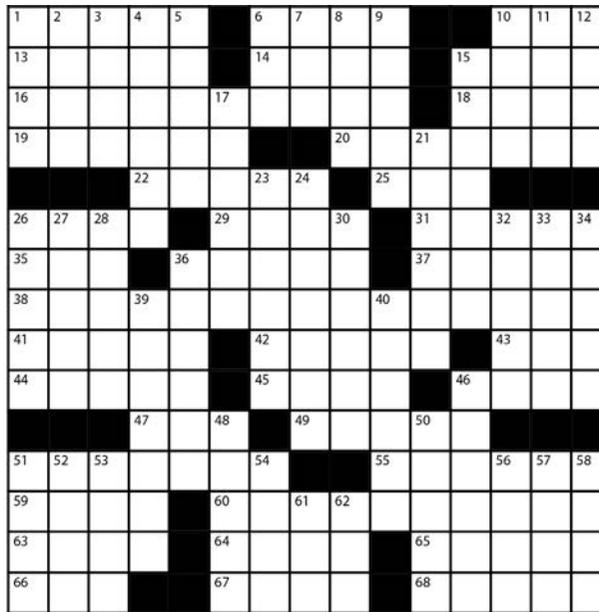
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Pavement

Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 934

Across

1. "You're So Vain" singer Carly
6. Hack (off)
10. Company nicknamed "Big Blue"
13. ___ Gay (W.W. II plane)
14. Back of the neck
15. About, on a memo
16. Coyote outfoxer, in cartoons
18. Ponzi scheme, e.g.
19. Secure
20. Brezhnev, to Khrushchev
22. Fancy dresses
25. Oolong, for one
26. Be an omen of
29. Top dog
31. Ledger entry
35. "...man ___ mouse?"
36. Eric Clapton love song
37. "The L Word" creator Chaiken
38. They're often tipped on sidewalks
41. Where the heart is
42. Pong maker
43. Beyond tipsy
44. "S.N.L." V.I.P.s
45. City near Lake Tahoe
46. Lawyers' charges
47. Agatha Christie's "The ___ Murders"
49. Subsequently
51. Not an expert
55. Common antiseptic
59. Hay bundle
60. Sign before merging
63. Squeaks (by)
64. Boxing stats
65. Like the sea
66. Paul for whom a guitar is named
67. On its way
68. English filmmaker David or Peter



Down

1. Lab liquids
2. Beyond regulation, for short
3. Castle defense
4. Gerontologist's study
5. D.E.A. agent
6. Anderson Cooper's channel
7. ___ Solo of "Star Wars"
8. Major oil cartel, in brief
9. H. Ross ___, candidate of 1992 and 1996
10. Ancient Peruvian
11. Actor Pitt
12. Internet phenomenon
15. Tel Aviv native
17. "Response to unexpected info"
21. House of ___ (old Italian banking family)
23. Brazilian soccer star
24. Private greetings?
26. "The Garden of Earthly Delights" painter
27. Muscle-and-bone doc
28. Challenges
30. Aquafina competitor
32. Memphis street with many jazz clubs
33. Navel type
34. Exams
36. Doesn't bother
39. Residences that may have groundskeepers
40. 1996 hit for Alanis Morissette
46. Indiana Jones trademark
48. Zealous sects
50. Cheese often mixed with Monterey Jack
51. Biblical shepherd
52. Car brand
53. Pub pints
54. Autumn tool
56. "What ___ now?"
57. Hawaiian goose
58. Breyers competitor
61. Oul's opposite
62. Approx.

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #933

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

Sudoku answers from #933

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

JoshJosh answers from #933

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 934

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

1-	6x	6+		2-	13+
		2÷			
11+	10+			5	
			4-		12x
50x		2-		2÷	
		2÷			

Difficulty hard

Sudoku No. 934

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

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

Difficulty medium

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