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New owner and plans for Town & Country

Façade renovations to begin in 30 days, but IDOT work delayed

DEVELOPMENT | Dean Olsen

Town & Country Shopping Center has a new owner, who says he plans to make about \$5 million in renovations at the site on South MacArthur Boulevard and begin the work in the next 30 days.

“I think it has a lot of potential,” Trent Overhue of Springfield, Missouri, told *Illinois Times* on March 9. “It’s a good neighborhood center.”

Overhue, 40, told *Illinois Times* he bought the 260,000-square-foot shopping center in late February from David Bernstein, president of Miami-based Larkspur Properties. *Illinois Times* in December reported that Town & Country Shopping Center failed to sell at an auction that month.

At that time, Bernstein wouldn’t talk about why planned improvements had stalled and the property was put on the auction block. However, auctions are sometimes used by developers to identify potential investors in projects by setting the minimum selling price high and then contacting bidders in the wake of the unsuccessful sale. Overhue told *IT* he was the top bidder at the auction.

Overhue wouldn’t disclose the purchase price, and the price, normally part of documentation filed with Sangamon County government offices, wasn’t available as of March 11.

Larkspur purchased the 65-year-old complex in 2022 for \$5.77 million from bond holders who owned the assets. The property previously was owned by a group that included Springfield developer Corky Joyner and former Springfield corporation counsel Jim Zerke.



Town & Country Shopping Center, built in 1961, was Springfield’s first outlying shopping center. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

Overhue said he owns and operates about 20 other shopping centers and commercial properties in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Nebraska, Texas and Wisconsin. The closest shopping center he owns is in Peoria, he said.

Facade upgrades will be part of the improvements at Town & Country, Overhue said, but his overall scope of work differs from what the previous owner had envisioned.

Overhue isn’t planning to include construction of apartments that were part of Bernstein’s concept. Overhue said residential construction and management aren’t part of his other properties. Bernstein had applied for, and received, a conditional permitted use

from the Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission, to allow apartments to be built on the site along with retail space.

Overhue said he is unsure whether renovations, which will be completed this year, will include preparations for a future tenant offering indoor storage units. Bernstein had said his plans for the biggest empty space at Town & Country – 65,000 square feet that had been occupied by Burlington Coat Factory – included converting that space for potential indoor storage units.

The open-air Town & Country Shopping Center built in the early 1960s was the first outlying shopping center in Springfield as retail outlets across the country began opening in such centers instead of in urban cores of communities. The shopping center was one-third the size of White Oaks Mall, which opened in 1977.

About 65% of the shopping center’s space is vacant. Current tenants include the Illinois State Board of Elections, Dollar Tree, Citi Trends and Underdog Sports & Fanfare.

Paul Layton, the owner of Underdog Sports, said he hopes the planned renovations proceed and that more tenants can be enticed to Town & Country.

Michael Higgins, president of the MacArthur Boulevard Association, which represents residents of the neighborhood, said he had hoped to see Bernstein’s group build the 40 to 50 market-rate apartments in a three-story complex as part of Larkspur’s plans.

But basic improvements at Town & Country would be welcome, too, Higgins said. He said he is frustrated that the Illinois

Department of Transportation hasn’t begun a major improvement project on MacArthur Boulevard. IDOT officials told *Illinois Times* in 2022 that \$28 million in state-funded improvements were expected to begin between 2022 and 2027.

The work would include reconstructing the road, replacing traffic signals and making other changes related to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

IDOT spokesperson Paul Wappel said in an email on March 11: “The reconstruction of MacArthur Boulevard between Wabash Avenue and South Grand Avenue remains in development. The improvement consists of pavement reconstruction, a bi-directional turn lane between Laurel Street and South Grand Avenue, traffic signal replacement, a shared-use path and other improvements.”

Wappel added: “Unfortunately, the Phase I engineering has taken longer than anticipated, and we expect it will be completed in 2026. At that time, the project will advance to Phase II, which includes preparation of construction plans and right-of-way acquisition. The construction timeline is now anticipated to be in the 2029 to 2031 range. Construction funding is included in our fiscal 2026–2031 Multi-Year Highway Improvement Program (MYP). The estimated project cost has been updated to \$34 million, which includes construction, land acquisition and utility relocation.” □

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Editor’s note

Mandy Eaton, the president and CEO of Memorial Health, said Wednesday, March 11, the hospital system is working to increase access to outpatient mental health care, “but there are gaps” in the care system. Those gaps “shift pressure” to the emergency room and law enforcement. Dr. Ted Clark, an emergency room physician and vice president of clinical care at Memorial, said on that very day the ER had seven psychiatric “holds” – patients waiting for an inpatient bed or another place to go – and they can wait there for days or weeks. “The ER needs help,” Clark said, suggesting a community mental health board could help provide a “warm handoff” alternative between the ER and inpatient care. If they don’t go to the ER, those in psychiatric crisis often find themselves in the back of a police car or in jail. John Milhiser, Sangamon County state’s attorney, said a “large percentage” of the inmates in the county’s jail today have a mental illness. “We need to get them on the right track so they don’t come back,” he said. In this week’s cover story by staff writer Dilpreet Raju, “A desert for mental health care,” there is a full explanation of the March 17 referendum to create a community mental health board. I plan to vote yes. – Fletcher Farrar, editor

The end of an era

Parents and teachers react to St. Patrick Catholic School closure announcement

EDUCATION | Scott Reeder

For 116 years, St. Patrick Catholic School has been an educational cornerstone on Springfield's east side – a small school with big ambitions for the children it has served.

At the end of this school year, its classrooms will fall silent.

School leaders announced this month that St. Patrick Catholic School, founded in 1910, will close because of long-term financial challenges. But while the building will close, leaders say the school's mission – providing affordable Catholic education to low-income families – will continue through a new scholarship program for students attending other Catholic schools.

"This decision was made with heavy hearts," said school board president Erik Woehrmann. "St. Pat's has been more than a school – it has been a family."

Today the school serves 52 students, most from working-class families on Springfield's east side. For decades, it has been one of the city's only Catholic schools serving a predominantly minority student population and families living at or near poverty.

Unlike other Springfield Catholic elementary schools, St. Patrick's is run by an independent nonprofit, rather than the diocese, and only educates students through fifth grade rather than eighth grade. The Springfield diocese does own the school building. Andrew Hansen, a spokesman for Bishop Thomas Paprocki, said there are no immediate plans for the building.

Despite its small size, St. Patrick students have consistently performed well academically. Former educators and board members say the school's success was rooted in its intimate atmosphere and sense of mission.

"You walk through the door and there's just a sweet spirit there," said Carolyn Blackwell, a longtime educator and member of the school's board. "The classes are small, the teachers know the students, and the kids feel loved and respected."

Most classrooms had between 10 and 15 students, allowing teachers to give individual attention. But Blackwell said the school's culture mattered just as much as its size.

"It wasn't just a job for people who worked there," she said. "It was their passion."

Parents say that culture made the school feel like an extended family.

"I think it's more so the staff – the relationship between the staff and the students," said Latoya Cole-Williams, whose two daughters attend the school. "They hold the kids accountable and make sure they know right from wrong. That's one thing I just love about the staff."



St. Patrick Catholic School, 1800 South Grand Ave. East, was founded in 1910 but will close at the end of this school year because of financial challenges. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

Cole-Williams' oldest daughter is finishing fifth grade and had planned to continue at another Catholic school next year. Now the family is scrambling to decide where both of their children will attend school.

"It's a big inconvenience," she said. "I knew I had to save for middle school, but now I have two children I have to pay tuition for."

The school's closure comes after years of financial pressure that leaders say finally became unsustainable.

Board members had explored multiple options to keep the school open, including professional fundraising analysis and long-term financial planning. But donations and fundraising events were falling short of what was needed to operate the school.

"Grants were going away, donations were down and some of the regular events weren't meeting their goals," Woehrmann said. "At the end of the day, the board had to make a financially responsible decision."

One of the biggest financial blows came when the Illinois Invest in Kids scholarship program ended, said Sister Marilyn Jean Runkel, a longtime board member who has worked with the school for more than three decades. Every student at St. Patrick's qualified for the program because of family income levels, she said, meaning the loss translated into roughly \$80,000 in annual funding.

The Invest in Kids program provided

scholarships to low-income families seeking alternatives to their assigned public schools. At its peak, more than 15,000 students across Illinois received scholarships through the program.

"The scholarships primarily went to students who were low-income and couldn't otherwise afford schooling options outside of their locally zoned public school," said Hannah Schmid, manager of education policy at the Illinois Policy Institute.

But the program ended in 2023 after lawmakers declined to renew it.

"Unfortunately, the biggest opponents to the program were the teachers' unions in Illinois, and they have a lot of sway over lawmakers and what happens in Springfield," Schmid said.

She said unions argued the program threatened public education funding, although the scholarships were funded through tax credits for private donations rather than direct public spending.

"Their public claim was that it diverts funds from public schools," Schmid said. "But the Invest in Kids program was a tax-credit scholarship. The only cost to the state was foregone income tax revenue."

Cole-Williams said the scholarship program had made it possible for many families to afford Catholic education.

"That blow – losing that scholarship – was huge," Runkel said. "If you're thinking about sending your kids to a private school and there's

already a scholarship available, then yes, families will send their kids there."

Without that support, she said, keeping enrollment strong became much more difficult.

Even so, Runkel said the school remained academically strong and staffed by dedicated teachers.

"We probably have the best teachers and the best principal we've had in years," she said. "The students are doing phenomenally in their subjects. The discipline is good, the parent involvement is good. ... I've always called St. Pat's an icon in Springfield. It's helped many children who might otherwise have fallen through the cracks."

School leaders say their immediate focus is helping students transition to new schools next year.

Parents are meeting with staff to discuss options, including continuing in Catholic education or transferring to public schools.

Cole-Williams said one of her biggest concerns is losing the small classes and close relationships that defined the school.

"With St. Pat's you might have 15 kids in a classroom," she said. "That personal relationship with the teachers is something we're really going to miss."

Although the physical school will close, the nonprofit organization that operates St. Patrick's will continue. Its focus will shift to a St. Patrick Scholarship Program designed to help low-income students afford Catholic education elsewhere.

The program will be funded through remaining school assets, endowment earnings and continued fundraising.

"Our commitment to this mission does not end here," Woehrmann said. "Through our scholarship program, we'll continue investing in students and families."

Blackwell said that while the closing marks the end of a historic institution, she believes the lessons students learned there will endure.

"Those kids know what they got at St. Pat's," she said. "They know how they should be treated and how they should learn."

For Cole-Williams, the news still feels raw.

"It's just a huge blow and a huge disappointment," she said. "I'm literally distraught. I've been in deep prayer hoping the decision we make next for our kids will work for our family."

For many who have been part of St. Patrick's story, the loss will be deeply felt.

"It really is a love story," Blackwell said. "Just a precious little place." □

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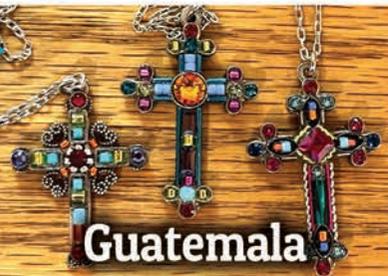
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OPINION

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MY HEART IS DOWNTOWN

I'm encouraged to see the hearts downtown. Let's keep that spirit alive by generating local economic growth versus economic growth for non-local corporations. As a reminder, the rest of the country remembers us for some of our more progressive times in history: freeing slaves during the Underground Railroad, being the home of Abraham Lincoln and Route 66, and more recently, home of Barack Obama's presidential campaign announcement.

While these historic connections draw tourists to Springfield, we do not have an inviting experience to offer them when they arrive, despite Visit Springfield's efforts (it needs more support, based on what I saw in the most recent budget). My loved ones visited Springfield over the recent holidays and expressed their dismay. To summarize, they described our city as "dead" or "grey," and they have zero desire to return. This means I will be spending future holiday money in someone else's local economy.

As someone who has the slightest bit of hope left that we'll realize our city's potential during my lifetime, I hope local leaders are beginning to see the economic devastation caused by prioritizing corporate greed, further segregating our city and the lack of love that persists in the way of broken sidewalks, trash blowing through boulevards all over and boarded-up buildings on three out of four sides of town, to name a few. It's not too late to be more proactive in every way by investing in small and local business owners and bringing real beauty to our community through art, culture and equitable opportunity.

*Kaitlyn Keen
Springfield*



A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place Feb. 27 for My Heart's Downtown, a collaborative effort focused on reconnecting our community with downtown Springfield through events, shared experiences and local partnerships. PHOTO FROM FACEBOOK

FOLLOW THE PLANS

There have been many professional planners at various level of government for years ("A real planner this time," Feb. 19). We never had "a" city planner, but we've had certified planners in various offices, making official recommendations. Many of them are regularly ignored by the elected officials.

I am thrilled with the hiring of "the" city planner in this case, but until councils and others stop ignoring professional planners, little is going to change. I hate being cynical like that, because it makes it sound hopeless. It's not. You just have to elect people who will listen to "the" planner (and the other planners we've had on staff for decades).

*Steven Simpson-Black
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes*

ATA CROSSROADS

I hope *Illinois Times* prints regular updates on the progress of the new city planner. The job is an important one as how Springfield continues to develop will decide what kind of city it truly wants to be.

I left Springfield at the age of 19 and now, decades later, am considering a move back. How the new city planner fares and how she is accepted by the rest of the city will be definitely on my radar.

The observation from Jim Krohe, "It would be nice if they stopped building Springfield without bothering to read the instructions first," was very telling of the past situation with city planning. I, too, wish the new city planner well. The future of Springfield seems to be at a crossroads. She has a big job ahead.

*Colleen Lavin
Ramah, New Mexico*

DEATH OF DOWNTOWNS

The twin gods of Smooth Traffic and Ample Parking have turned our downtowns into places that are easy to get to, but not worth arriving at ("America's Parkopolis," Feb. 5).

*Kurt Kremitzki
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes*

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*David Lee, DSI president
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes*

Chicken S--- Bingo

At a country crossroads pub far far from our fair city the long bar was marked with a pattern of grids. Patrons bet on squares. When all were claimed a chicken was released onto an overhead mesh. She picked her way around until the inevitable happened and a plop fell on the grid below. The winner collected all the cash (the pub owner got his cut) and the game began again, with fresh squares bet upon and a fresh chicken released. Police raided the place of course and the game was forbidden. But it lingers on in the memories of oldsters. No chicken was ever hurt; she was the essential player in the game.

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OPINION

Hallucinatory campaigns

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Unless you've been under a rock, you likely know that former President Bill Clinton seemed to say that he flew on Jeffrey Epstein's private jet with JB Pritzker and his spouse – after saying that it was likely that Epstein as well as his notorious co-conspirator Ghislaine Maxwell were passengers on every flight he took on that plane.

Clinton made his remarks during a deposition taken by the U.S. House Oversight Committee last month. He was asked during the deposition about whether Epstein and Maxwell were on "every flight" he took on the jet. Clinton said "I think he was" about Epstein's presence and "I think she was" about Maxwell's.

The former Democratic POTUS then went on to say, "I think it was on one of these trips, I think that I had my first trip for the man who's now the governor of Illinois, JB Pritzker and his wife, they gave me, they helped me get started." The video snippet was released online by the "rapid response" unit of the Republican National Committee.

The story has no factual support.

Clinton and Epstein went separate ways in the early 2000s and the Clinton flights with the Pritzkers were in 2008 and 2013.

Pritzker has never shown up on flight logs for Epstein's plane.

A top Clinton aide issued a correction to his boss' comments that very night, and the Pritzker campaign issued a flat-out denial.

KSDK TV in St. Louis checked the flight logs for both the 2008 and 2013 Clinton/Pritzker trips and confirmed no Epstein connections whatsoever.

But this is 2026. Reality matters less to more people than possibly ever before in politics. Both major parties have succumbed to fantasy worlds of their own making.

As just one example, a quick glance at Democratic primaries in this state at almost every level shows that some "true blue" Democrats are now regularly accused of being "MAGA supporters" on the flimsiest of pretenses.

Pritzker himself is funding a multi-million-dollar moral panic U.S. Senate campaign on behalf of his lieutenant governor, Juliana Stratton, and against one of her rivals, Democratic U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi, which basically calls an immigrant an ICE cheerleader who literally "sold us out."

State Sen. Willie Preston (D-Chicago) and his congressional campaign have been intensely pushing an insanely false story about how one of his congressional rivals sought out the

support of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. Sen. Robert Peters (D-Chicago) is Jewish so maybe that's why, but there is no way on this planet that the progressive senator wanted AIPAC's support. It's laughable on its face.

Thankfully, no mass media outlets have taken that seriously and neither should you. After we took a pass on the story, Preston's spokesperson accused us of not treating his candidate fairly. In the real world, it ranked right up there as the dumbest story pitch of the campaign season.

Incumbent state Rep. Jaime Andrade (D-Chicago) is trying to fend off a progressive primary challenger who's backed by the Chicago Teachers Union by attempting to paint his leftie Latino activist and community leader rival as a supporter of... wait for it... ICE. Yes, ICE. Miguel Alvelo-Rivera may be a lot of things, but an ICE supporter he most definitely ain't.

And this is how Andrade justified the claims he's made repeatedly in advertising to the Chicago Tribune: "Congresswoman (Delia) Ramirez supports Alvelo-Rivera; Ramirez has received campaign contributions from two California Democrats, U.S. Rep. Robert Garcia

and House Democratic Chair Pete Aguilar; and those California lawmakers voted in 2024 for a resolution that included funding increases for parts of ICE."

Gimme a break.

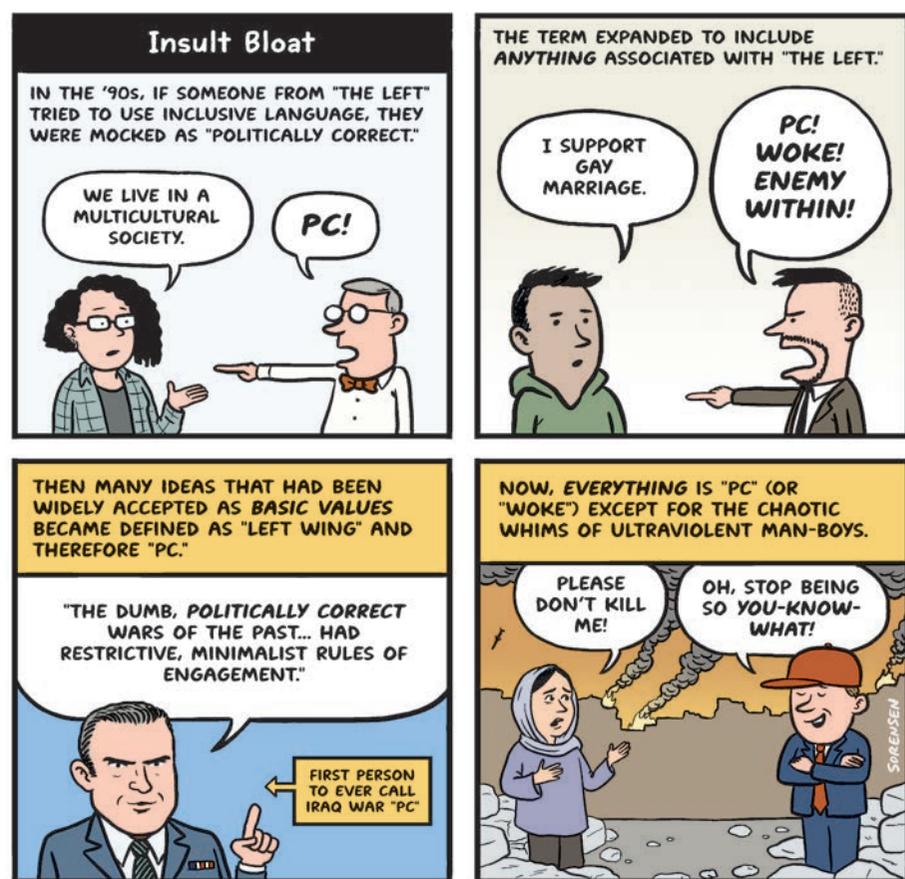
This crud isn't new, of course. We've had a problem in this country and in this state with hallucinatory campaigns that go beyond the normal campaign fibs for a very long time.

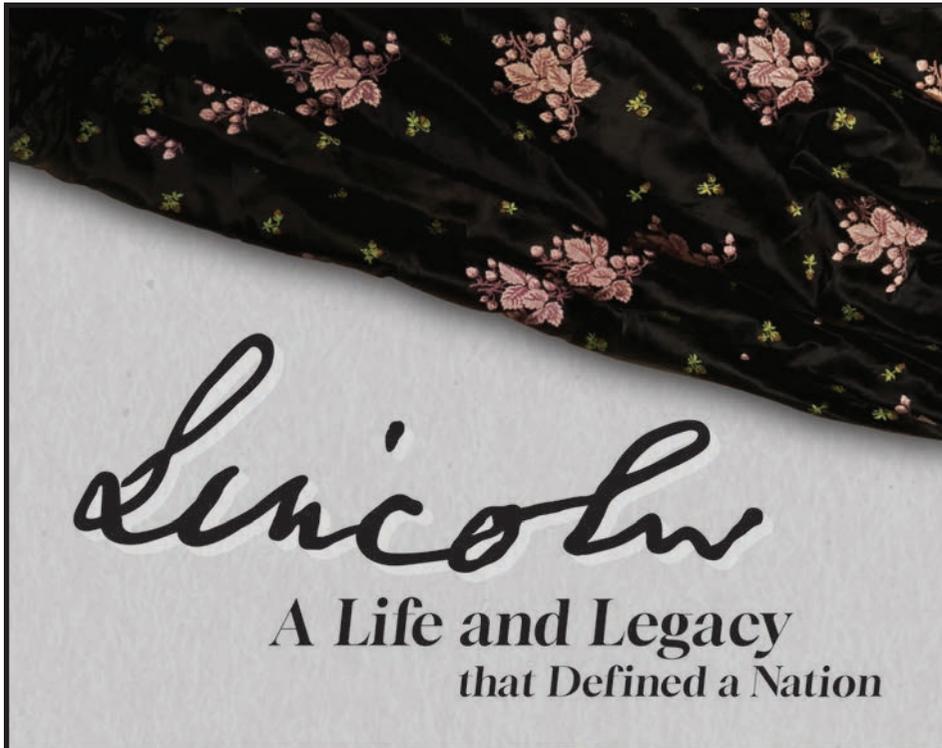
And connecting political rivals with pedophiles is also hardly new at the state level. Republican state legislative candidates who advocated for reducing state government mandates on school districts were regularly accused by Illinois House Democrats of opening the door for pedophiles and other dregs of society into children's classrooms.

But a video of a former president saying he thinks he flew on Epstein's jet with Pritzker and likely Epstein himself? Clinton did say what he said, the video is on the Internet and the Internet is forever and quite strange. The fact that Pritzker's wealthy cousin had close ties to Epstein will likely only fuel the fire.

It is undoubtedly false, but I doubt it'll ever totally go away.

Rich Miller also publishes *Capitol Fax*, a daily political newsletter, and *CapitolFax.com*.





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A desert for mental health care

Central Illinois is one of the few areas in Illinois that lacks a mental health board to help fund services

MENTAL HEALTH | Dilpreet Raju

Long waitlists to obtain mental health care may shorten if supporters of a mental health board are successful during the March 17 primary election.

A wide range of community leaders, along with every hospital and health care organization in Sangamon County, have voiced support for the referendum that would use revenue from a limited sales tax to distribute millions of tax dollars to social service and mental health care providers through a dedicated mental health board. Local taxes as a funding mechanism for mental health services is something two-thirds of counties in Illinois have already approved, although most utilize property taxes.

The 0.5% sales tax increase (an additional 5 cents of tax per \$10 of goods purchased, or 50 cents per \$100) would not apply to certain goods – including groceries and medicine – or services. It would apply mainly to merchandise, restaurant spending and recreational purchases.

Even with those exceptions, county administrator Brian McFadden estimates such a tax would generate about \$14.7 million annually for a mental health board, creating one of the most well-funded mental health boards in the state. Supporters have pointed to

various federal and international cost savings analyses that show how money invested in mental health care saves taxpayers money in the long run through fewer emergency calls, hospital visits, jail bookings and court processes.

Over the past year, mental health care advocates and providers repeatedly stressed how a mental health board could directly benefit patients to a county commission tasked with assessing the viability of placing a referendum on the primary ballot.

Two-thirds of counties in Illinois have these mental health boards – sometimes called 708 boards after the decades-old Illinois bill-turned-law to grant the creation of such boards through a public vote – which approve funding for local social service organizations through some form of tax revenue.

While grants regularly prop up nonprofit organizations, 708 boards can stabilize funding for mental health services and remain more reliable than the typical grant cycle process that nonprofit providers use to obtain funding.

Jodi Dart is the state coordinator for the Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois, a nonprofit organization that coordinates collaboration

and development among publicly funded boards that disburse tax dollars for local social services. She told *Illinois Times* the push for more community health care can be traced back to President John F. Kennedy.

“The (Illinois) act came out of a movement during President Kennedy’s term to move from institutional settings to providing community-based services,” Dart wrote. While some mental health boards have been in place since the 1960s and 70s, she noted that more than a dozen boards in Illinois were formed after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

“Close to 15 new boards have recently been approved by voters,” Dart said. “It shows that communities really value what a 708 board brings to addressing the behavioral health needs of their residents.”

The push for a mental health board

The Sangamon County Mental Health Commission was formed in 2024 after both the Mid-Illinois Medical District and Massey Commission formally recommended the county create a mental health board.

Mike Murphy, president and CEO of The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, chaired the Mental Health Commission,

which met throughout 2025. The group presented its findings to the Sangamon County Board in November.

“The message we heard was consistent and clear: our community is asking for stronger, more coordinated mental health support,” said Murphy, a Republican member of the General Assembly from 2018 through 2021 and former owner of Charlie Parker’s Diner. “A 708 mental health board is a locally governed board that does not provide services directly but instead coordinates, funds and strengthens the network of providers already serving our residents.”

He emphasized that the county’s existing support systems for people in need of mental health care are inadequate and, sometimes, even unknown to community members.

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



Sergio "Satch" Pecori, left, is a prominent Republican and CEO of Hanson Professional Services. He and Ryan Croke, a well-known Democrat who is president of the Mid-Illinois Medical District, have been making joint appearances to support the referendum that would create a mental health board for Sangamon County. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

The commission's final report mentions sharing space with the county's Department of Public Health to save on costs. It also recommends addressing some gaps in care with a mental health board, should it be approved by voters, such as expanding co-response teams that send social service workers to ride with police officers, increasing housing opportunities and creating more capacity to care for psychiatric patients.

Sangamon County Board Chair Andy Van Meter, a Republican, told *Illinois Times* he envisioned little overhead for the mental health board, which would rely on volunteer board members to steward the tax money toward providers rather than a large staff that would decrease the amount of funds available for services.

"We want a very flat organization," he said. "We don't want a lot of bureaucracy on the mental health board. Some staff will be necessary, but very minimal staff so that the money is really getting out into the field to help people."

The board would be comprised of working professionals, according to Van Meter.

"We don't want politicians. We want professionals in the field of mental health."

Memorial Health's 2024 Community Health Needs Assessment, which surveyed almost 850 people through area schools, human service agencies and the Sangamon County Department of Public Health, highlighted the growing need for mental health support. More than three-fourths of all respondents were women, and over half of them reported someone with mental illness in their household.

"That statistic just absolutely shocked me,"

Van Meter said.

Van Meter said he had already submitted his ballot early and voted yes on the referendum. He said should the referendum pass, the county expects to nominate board members within a month or so.

Ryan Croke, president of the Mid-Illinois Medical District, said the referendum is a big opportunity for Sangamon County to possibly inspire other central Illinois counties that are also without such boards.

"We're the biggest county in Illinois that doesn't have a body like this anywhere within it. Whether it's Winnebago, McHenry, Champaign, St. Clair or Jackson County, some of these mental health boards have been doing this for decades – I think if residents of those counties felt like there was not value in continuing them, they would reverse course," Croke said. "None of them have done that, not one."

The Mid-Illinois Medical District was the first group to publicly call for a mental health board in Sangamon County.

Croke, who is well-known in Democratic circles, has been making public appearances to support the referendum alongside Sergio "Satch" Pecori, a prominent Republican and CEO of Hanson Professional Services, a Springfield-based

engineering and consulting firm.

Croke said his personal support for the referendum is "a love-thy-neighbor thing." He said he's never seen a local issue bring together people of such varied political perspectives.

"The local Democrats, the local Republicans, the Farm Bureau, the NAACP, the hospitals are singing with one voice on this topic, and to me, that's the clearest indication that this isn't a throwaway political issue," he said. "It's certainly not a partisan issue. It cuts across all of the economic, social, racial and ethnic divides that are sometimes really hard to overcome."

Comparison to other counties

Only two other county mental health boards, McHenry and Winnebago, are funded through sales taxes and both of those Wisconsin-bordering counties have at least 90,000 more residents than Sangamon County.

Commissioners considered recommending a property tax but ultimately decided on a sales tax funding structure so as to not put the burden of the tax solely on Sangamon County residents, but tourists as well.

"Sales tax, to me, the selling point is the fact that we are going to have tourists and others chip in," said Josh Sabo, executive director of Heartland Housed and a county mental health commissioner, during a September commission hearing.

Jim Birge, manager of Sangamon County Farm Bureau, agreed with Sabo while speaking to commissioners. He said farmers in Sangamon County already pay up to \$30,000 in agricultural and property taxes each year.

"A sales tax, to the Farm Bureau, makes much more sense," Birge said. "We have a very large contingency of tourism as a county, whether it be from the Lincoln sites, whether

it be from the State Fair (or) the new sports facilities."

Winnebago County voters overwhelmingly approved the sales tax referendum during the 2020 primary election with about 62% voting in favor. Winnebago, where Rockford is located, is in its second year of a three-year, almost \$60 million plan to fund more than three dozen social service programs that focus on mental health treatment, case management, crisis response, housing and more. The Sangamon County Mental Health Commission recommended a mental health board adopt a similar strategy of planning three years ahead in addition to current fiscal year budgeting.

In 2024, just about 53% of McHenry County voters approved a switchover from property tax to sales tax to fund their mental health board. Last month, McHenry County, which has had a mental health board since 1967, reported an increase in mental health funding after its first year of funding the board through a sales tax. In its current fiscal year, McHenry County's Mental Health Board committed around \$10 million to more than 30 different organizations.

Champaign County, which is closer in population size to Sangamon County, utilizes a property tax to fund nearly 40 programs with about \$6 million. Among other programs, the Champaign County Mental Health Board is currently funding crisis co-response teams, reentry housing vouchers for people exiting prison, general affordable housing vouchers and programs that hire specialized therapists such as counselors for pregnant women, children or survivors of sexual assault.

Providers want more resources

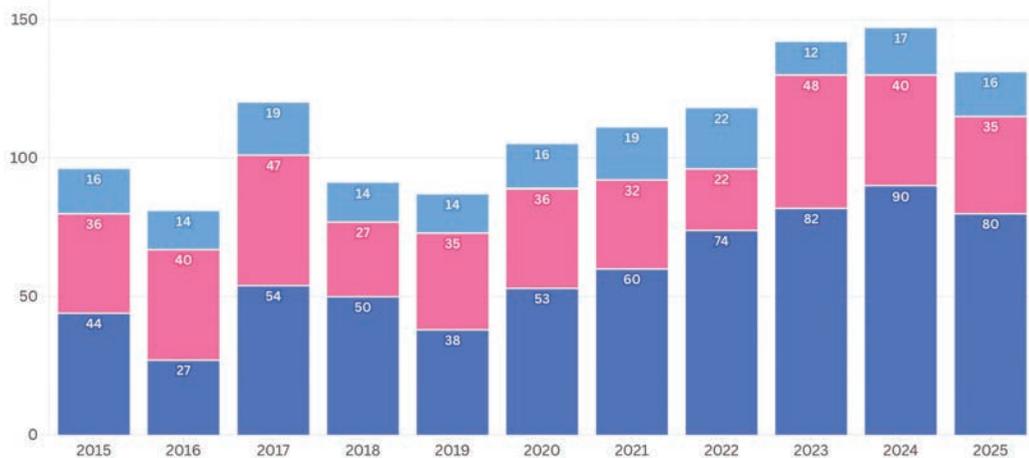
Several providers from Memorial Health told

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Illinois Times this won't be a "silver bullet" for all community health issues but would benefit the least-funded sector of the health industry, mental and behavioral health.

Memorial Health, a five-hospital system with 500-bed Springfield Memorial as its flagship, was affected by significant layoffs in 2023. Federal budgeting plans for Medicaid are expected to hamper the nonprofit's main source of revenue by tens of millions of dollars each year, far beyond what a local mental health board could help cover.

Dr. Ted Clark, senior vice president and chief clinical officer at Memorial Health, said the nonprofit is still continuing to find ways to invest in mental health care despite the closures and cutbacks from 2023.

"Memorial Health is committed to mental health. We're increasing our investment in mental health as we speak," said Clark, who is also a practicing emergency doctor. "Historically, in medicine, mental health hasn't been a profitable enterprise, so to speak, and it doesn't need to be – because it's a community service and there's downstream impact on the health of the community... Mental health care and physical health care are really one and the same, and bringing those two together and coordinating those two is the key priority for us."

He gave the example of substance use disorder as an issue that could be handled better with a mental health board in place to fund more community health workers. Overdose deaths in Sangamon County outpace other kinds of incidental deaths, including homicides and accidents.

"It's very, very different for me to go to a patient and say, 'Hey, here's a list of substance use disorder treatment centers' or 'Here's a list of counseling providers or mental health care providers, good luck.' It's a very different conversation than, 'Yeah, I've got somebody on the phone here' or 'Hey, we've got a liaison with our substance use programs' or 'with our mental health programs, who's going to speak to you and tell you how these programs play out,'" Clark said.

"We know that these patients have better outcomes if we're able to provide a warm handoff and move them into the treatment space for substance use disorder, and it takes resources, it takes human beings to do that. It doesn't just happen magically," Clark said.

Dr. Abigail Galle-Buoy, a psychiatrist at Memorial's Behavioral Health unit, said Springfield has seen a great reduction in psychiatric care capacity since she's moved to town.

"In the 15 years I've been here, I have seen us go from two robust inpatient psychiatric units – the one at St. John's was actually both a geriatric and adult unit – to only one at Memorial," Galle-Buoy said. She said Memorial's inpatient psychiatric unit, the only one in Springfield, has 38 beds.

"Springfield Memorial had to pick up the slack but our inpatient unit is often full, and that creates overflow for psychiatric care and

psychiatric patients being in the ER, which is not the best care for them," she said. "We all do our best, but what we need is actual psychiatric care and having that available before when someone presents in the ER for crisis."

Galle-Buoy stressed that some of the social services that were helpful for patients, including medication management, organized support groups and other wraparound programs, have been cut in recent years.

Alicia Lehman, systems administrator for Behavioral Health and Social Services of Memorial Health, said the nonprofit's key workforces to expand include "peer specialists, community health workers, licensed clinical social workers, counselors, case managers and case coordinators," she said. "The more therapists we have, the more therapy we can provide. The more case managers we have, the more case management we can provide."

She and Clark also stressed the value of a mental health board to help the various mental health care providers around Sangamon County to regularly meet and discuss ideas. Members of the Sangamon County Recovery Oriented Systems of Care Council, which supports individuals in recovery from substance use, agreed that regular interorganizational meetings would be beneficial to help familiarize everyone with the services that Springfield already has.

Austin Dambacher, ROSC coordinator, and Whitney Devine, ROSC program manager, also said a successful mental health board should have multiple people with lived experience on it.

"We can make all of these grand plans and I could come up with what I think utopia should look like on paper," Dambacher said. "However, if that utopia – the planning of it – doesn't involve the people that it serves being all of Sangamon County, then I'm probably going to be doing them a disservice and an injustice."

Devine said it would also signal to people who are in need that their concerns are being taken seriously.

"When community members are seeing that the work is done, there's a certain level of trust there to that to know, 'Oh, there are people on this board who actually lived this,'" she said.

Both said that the people they work with, primarily those who are in recovery from some type of substance use disorder, regularly cite a lack of insurance and long wait times as the main barriers to accessing medical care.

Dambacher emphasized his argument for voting yes on the referendum.

"There is a lot of stuff going on in the world and there's a lot of people struggling, so why would we not try to help people? Because everyone deserves to be healthy and happy," he said. □

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A heated race for Sangamon County sheriff

Timm sends cease and desist letter following ads attacking his record, work history

ELECTION | Dean Olsen

A retired Sangamon County deputy challenging incumbent Paula Crouch to become the Republican candidate in this year's race for sheriff says Crouch and her allies are using lies and distortions to sway voters as the March 17 primary approaches.

David Timm is pushing back against an onslaught of radio, print and video advertisements paid for by Crouch's campaign and the Sangamon County Republican Central Committee, which has endorsed her.

The ads highlight Crouch's 30 years of law-enforcement experience, mostly at the Springfield Police Department. Radio ads vouching for Crouch, 52, feature prominent Republicans, including Coroner Jim Allmon, State's Attorney John Milhiser, Treasurer Joe Aiello, Circuit Clerk Joe Roesch, state Rep. Mike Coffey and former sheriffs Neil Williamson and Jack Campbell.

Various ads also attack Timm, 51, for a misdemeanor conviction 33 years ago, call him "dangerous," say he has a "record of shame," question his trustworthiness and contain a list of alleged acts of misconduct while he was a deputy.

Timm, who retired from the sheriff's office in January 2025 after a 25½-year career there, said he knew his campaign to challenge a candidate backed by the local Republican establishment would be "intense."

"But to come out and tell blatant lies about me – I didn't expect them to go down that road since I am a Republican and it's my own party," he told *Illinois Times*. "What are they so afraid of? What it boils down to is they know that if I win, I'll be the voice – not theirs – and they won't be able to control the outcome anymore."

Retired *State Journal-Register* political reporter Bernard Schoenburg said the type of "full-court press" by the Sangamon County GOP in support of Crouch hasn't happened in a local race since the GOP's successful effort to get Karen Hasara elected Springfield mayor in 1995.

At that time, Hasara defeated Mike Curran, a former Democratic state representative, to become mayor, which is an officially nonpartisan position.

"I do think it is very interesting that the party is sending out so many people to promote their appointed sheriff in her race," Schoenburg said. "It just shows maybe they're scared that their candidate could lose. It shows



Sheriff Paula Crouch. PHOTO COURTESY DEAN OLSEN



David Timm. PHOTO FROM FACEBOOK

a certain level of fear that maybe her opponent is gaining traction."

Timm, whose ads tout his experience and expertise and don't criticize Crouch's record or her tenure at the Springfield department, sent a March 2 "cease and desist" letter to the county Republican Central Committee – with a copy forwarded to Crouch.

Timm's letter said the committee's ads are "filled with half-truths and lies." The letter demanded that the ads be stopped and that inaccuracies be acknowledged.

Sangamon County Republican chairperson Dianne Barghouti Hardwick sent *Illinois Times* 10 pages of documentation on March 10 backing up statements in the committee's ads. Hardwick said nothing will be retracted and added, "We have serious concerns about David Timm's record, temperament, complete lack of leadership experience and his ability to win in the general election in November. If voters are not fully informed about his record now, Democrats will certainly highlight it this fall."

Crouch, whose own campaign ads repeat some information in the GOP committee's ads, said she, too, stands behind the content of all the ads. She said everything can be backed up by court records or information in Timm's personnel file.

"I wouldn't necessarily say it's a negative campaign," Crouch said. "When you're posting factual information, it's not mudslinging. ... The community has the right to know the background as far as the work history of their sheriff."

The winner of the Republican primary will have a good chance of being elected sheriff in November. Sangamon County voters haven't elected a Democratic sheriff since 1974, and the only sheriff candidate in the Democratic primary this year, Marc Bell, dropped out of the race in February.

The local Democratic Party, through a vote of precinct committeepersons, still can select a Democratic nominee for the Nov. 3 general election by June 1.

Crouch's proposed appointment by County Board Chair Andy Van Meter to head the sheriff's office was ratified by the GOP-controlled board in September after Campbell's sudden retirement in the middle of his four-year term. Critics of the sheriff's office had called for Campbell's resignation in the wake of the fatal 2024 shooting of Sonya Massey by former sheriff's deputy Sean Grayson, who was hired by Campbell.

Crouch and Timm are running for the GOP nomination in advance of the November general election, for a four-year term in a job that pays \$175,460 per year.

Campaign contributions to Timm were outpacing Crouch's campaign at the end of 2025, with Timm's campaign reporting \$84,039 in receipts to Crouch's \$50,063. But as of March 10, Crouch has received \$43,000 in contributions, while Timm has received \$12,000, according to the Illinois State Board of Elections.

Disagreements about claims made in the ads about David Timm

– Timm acknowledged he was arrested in Mason County in 1993, when he was 18, for felony burglary and theft. But he said the ads fail to note that the felony charges didn't stick and that he pleaded guilty to an amended charge of criminal trespass to a motor vehicle – a misdemeanor.

When asked about the wording on the ad, Crouch, who said she has never been charged with a crime and never suspended from work, said, "Just because he pled doesn't mean that he didn't commit the felony, right? ... because that was the crime that was committed, allegedly."

– The ads say he was "fired" in 2008 by former sheriff Williamson, but many of the ads don't say the firing was overturned in 2009 after an appeal by the FOP Labor Council.

– Timm said he never was suspended for filing false police reports, though the ads said he was suspended for two days in 2023. The documentation provided by Hardwick made it appear that the suspension happened, but an email supplied by Timm quoted his union representative as saying the allegation would be dropped after negotiations with management.

The email also said Timm would receive a written reprimand for deficient work performance in connection with a patrol situation in Illiopolis and that the false-police-reports allegation would be considered "unfounded."

– Ads say Timm was "counseled for making sexual derogatory remarks" in 2007. But Timm said he never made the alleged derogatory remarks, and the sheriff's office never initiated any disciplinary proceedings. The GOP documentation says Timm was counseled by a lieutenant based on a complaint filed by a woman. Timm said he never was counseled.

– The ads said Timm was "reported" for a "road rage incident" in 2002. Timm noted that even the GOP documentation said the allegation was based on a complaint filed by a member of the public involving an off-duty exchange. The complaint, which he denied, never was substantiated or part of any disciplinary proceeding, he said.

– The ads said Timm was "cited" in 2000 for "abuse of department equipment." But Timm said the so-called abuse – making \$60 worth of long-distance calls that he later paid for – never was part of any disciplinary action. □

Primaries for contested County Board seats

Sixteen of the 29 Sangamon County Board seats are up for election

ELECTIONS | David Blanchette

There are two contested races for the Sangamon County Board in the March 17 primary election, one each on the Republican and Democratic ballots.

Incumbent Republican David Mendenhall faces challenger Samantha Auby in District 3, while Democratic incumbent Sam Cahnman is opposed by Miguel Valente in District 18.

Mendenhall vs. Auby

Both Republican candidates for Sangamon County Board District 3 work in the agricultural industry, feel that data centers and renewable energy projects shouldn't be located on prime farmland, and think the sheriff's department needs more support to prevent a recurrence of the Sonya Massey tragedy.

So what sets them apart? In a nutshell, experience versus a fresh perspective. Plus, there's a constituent service issue that has been simmering beneath the surface.

David Mendenhall has been the District 3 Board member since 2002. He filled the unexpired term of the previous incumbent and has been reelected ever since. His challenger, Samantha Auby, is a political newcomer who decided to run based on what she contends has been the non-response to an issue that she tried to address with Mendenhall.

"We have a terrible intersection in our area – people fly through it all the time, don't look up from their phones, typical rural community intersection," Auby said. "I had enough of it, being pregnant, not wanting to get hit or not wanting to get hit with my son in the car."

Auby said she tried to address the issue with Mendenhall.

"I emailed my current county board representative and still haven't gotten a response back on it," Auby said. "So I thought if my voice isn't being heard, others probably aren't either. I want to be a voice for my generation and generations to come."

Mendenhall said he does not recall receiving any communication from Auby about the issue and apologized if he missed something.

"I'm retired, I'm pretty much always available, and I feel terrible about that (missing Auby's email)," the 70-year-old Mendenhall said. "But the particular road project that she was concerned about is on the list to be repaired and upgraded because we've had other people call about it."

That single issue is what caused 34-year-old Auby to make a run for the District 3 seat.

"I appreciate the apology, but it's

important, working for the taxpayers, that you're transparent and accessible at all times," Auby said. "What would happen if me and my son would have gotten hit? That's a tragedy. To be ignored is unacceptable when you work for the taxpayers."

Board District 3 covers roughly one-fourth of Sangamon County and encompasses the largely rural eastern portion of the county, including the communities of Buffalo, Buffalo Hart, Buckhart, Dawson, Illiopolis and Mechanicsburg. Both candidates feel a major County Board concern continues to be land use in the predominantly agricultural district.

"There are many places that data centers and solar farms could be built that don't take prime farmland out of production. The solar project they built near Lowder took 4,200 acres of prime farmland out of production," Mendenhall said. "That could have been built up by Illiopolis where the old munitions plant is and you can't farm."

With some of the world's best soil in Sangamon County, Mendenhall said the data center and solar farm issue continues to be about location.

"If nothing else, they could pick a location and build a solar project and a data center in the same spot," Mendenhall said. "I believe they built a solar farm out behind the airport, and they could build the data center out there."

Auby agreed that the data center issue is something that will continue to require the board's attention.

"All of this is on some of the best dirt in the state and it not only takes away from the individuals that own the land, but more importantly, it can drive cash rent prices up for those who cash rent," Auby said. "It can also take away business and money from full-service retail ag companies and all the people that they employ. Some of the best jobs around here outside of state employment and in the medical fields are ag jobs."

Auby has a master's degree in environmental studies "so I can kind of see it from both sides. As Illinois moves to clean energy by 2050 and technology changes, we're going to see a lot more discussion about

renewable resources and data centers being put in," she said.

Auby works for the agricultural company Brandt, grew up on a farm in northwest Illinois and lives in eastern Sangamon County with her husband and son.

Mendenhall has been a farmer and agricultural landowner and is part of a family seed company. He helped to kick off the County Board's Farm to Table project, with Pawnee School on board and several other institutions poised to take part in the locally produced food program.

Besides the Farm to Table project, Mendenhall, the former assistant fire chief in Mechanicsburg, was able to work with fellow County Board members to upgrade that community's radio dispatch system to address communication dead spots in the area.

Both candidates consider the killing of Sonya Massey by a Sangamon County Sheriff's deputy to be "a terrible tragedy," and they advocate for additional resources for the department to address some of the findings of the Massey Commission.

"More training needs to be done, and I think the current sheriff is doing that," Mendenhall said. "I don't think the past or current sheriffs have dropped the ball, I just think vital information was not passed along by the deputy's previous employer as it should have been. In the future, I hope more information can be shared to address this issue."

Auby feels that more mental health assistance services are needed in the county, particularly when those services overlap with law enforcement, and that the sheriff's department needs more funding to address the Massey Commission's recommendations.

"I think moving forward that better pay, as in all jobs, brings better qualified candidates for those (sheriff's department) positions," Auby said. "It's really important that we look at mental health and community involvement and work with the Massey Commission to listen, learn and act appropriately."

Auby declined to comment when asked if she faulted the previous or current sheriffs for the Massey tragedy.



Samantha Auby is challenging David Mendenhall in the Republican primary for Sangamon County Board District 3.



Incumbent Sam Cahnman, left, is being challenged in the Democratic primary for Sangamon County Board District 18 by Miguel Valente.

Mendenhall is a lifelong Sangamon County resident who lives near Buffalo just three-and-a-half miles from where he was born and raised. Mendenhall and his wife, Susan, have had five children, three of whom are deceased, and several grandchildren.

“The majority of people in the district live in the ag community. There are several small towns and many farmland owners, farmers, seed companies and so forth that want someone that will continue to represent the ag industry,” Mendenhall said. “The ag industry is the economic driver for Sangamon County and we need to continue that.”

Auby respects Mendenhall’s years of service but feels it’s time for a change.

“We need a fresh new perspective, and I don’t fault anybody when I say that. The current County Board member for District 3 has been there 20-plus years, and I think with that comes a wealth of knowledge and knowledge of the history of the County Board,” Auby said. “But I think at some point it’s important for future generations to be involved in those sort of things so we have fresh perspectives.”

Cahnman vs. Valente

As reported in the Feb. 5 edition of *Illinois Times*, 25-year-old Illinois Governor’s Office of Management and Budget analyst Miguel Valente faces 71-year-old incumbent Sam Cahnman on the March 17 Democratic ballot for County Board District 18. The district includes portions of north and west-central Springfield.

Valente considers himself a fiscally minded candidate focused on affordability, transparency and government efficiency. Valente lives on Springfield’s north side and said his decision to run grew out of both his professional background in public finance and his desire to represent the district that has high poverty rates and aging housing stock.

Cahnman, a private attorney, was first elected to the Sangamon County Board in 2002 and later served on the Springfield City Council as the Ward 5 alderman from 2007-2015 before being defeated by Republican Andrew Proctor. Cahnman returned to the County Board in 2022.

Valente supports making Sangamon County a home-rule county, a change that would require voter approval. Home-rule status would allow the county to pass certain ordinances without seeking approval from the General Assembly. Cahnman countered that home rule would make it easier for the Republican-controlled County Board to raise taxes.

Valente also proposes the creation of a county budget office to improve long-term financial projections, cost controls and policy compliance. In addition, he wants to establish two advisory commissions, one focused on economic development and another on homelessness.

A total of 16 Sangamon County Board seats are up for election. Three districts currently have candidates from each party who will face each other in the Nov. 3 general election: Democrat Angela Griffin and Republican Dan Rourke in District 5, Democrat Tara Bergschneider and Republican Richard King in District 7, and Democrat Kimberly Estes and Republican Paul Truax in District 10.

In addition, a special election will be held in District 21 where Democrat Reginald “Reggie” Guyton, who was appointed last year to fill the term of the late Clyde Bunch, is unopposed.

Republicans Casey Constant in District 2, Jeffrey A. Thomas in District 4, Pam Deppe in District 5, Craig Hall in District 7 and Cathy Scaife in District 29 have all decided not to seek reelection. □

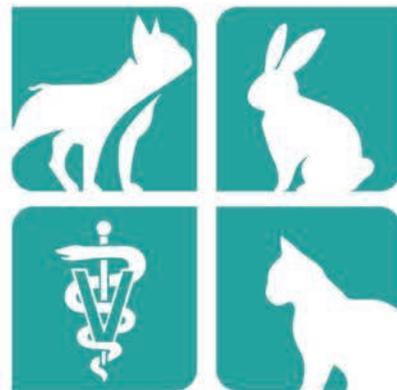
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A popular St. Patrick's Day treat in the U.S., this bread is eaten year-round in Ireland

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

The sweet, raisin-studded soda bread that many of us Americans know and love is about as authentically Irish as corned beef and cabbage, which is to say, not really authentic at all. Real Irish soda bread, is generally simple and wholesome, a true hearth bread as opposed to an American-style soda bread which is closer to a glorified muffin stuffed with sugar, butter, eggs and fruit. The first loaves were created in the late 1800s when baking soda began making its debut in kitchens throughout the U.S. and Europe. Home bakers were thrilled to discover that the combination of alkaline baking soda and acidic buttermilk resulted in a volatile reaction that acted as a leavener in baked goods, providing a quick, convenient and reliable alternative to yeast. The combination of baking soda and buttermilk that gave rise to biscuits and cornbread in the U.S. found its way into scones and soda bread in the United Kingdom.

Today, soda bread is enjoyed around the world and, while it's become a popular St. Patrick's Day treat in the U.S., in Ireland it's eaten year-round. Best enjoyed fresh from the oven and slathered with salted butter, it's a fine partner for Guinness stew or boiled ham but is also at home on the breakfast table with fruit preserves or served with artisanal cheeses for a light midday meal. Thanks to its humble provenance, the ingredient list is simple and the preparation is uncomplicated, resulting in a true quick bread that's ready to eat in less than an hour. A generous proportion of buttermilk is combined with just enough flour to create a soft dough, along with plenty of baking soda to give it a good rise and the characteristic, slightly alkaline flavor reminiscent of freshly baked pretzels.

Like most quick breads, the dough for soda bread doesn't require much kneading and instead moves effortlessly from the mixing bowl to the baking sheet. Because the dough contains so much moisture, the way the dough is mixed has a huge impact on the final texture. Minimal mixing will result in a rustic loaf with a crunchy, craggy crust, while more vigorous stirring and kneading of the dough will activate the gluten in the flour, resulting in a slightly higher rise with a more delicate crumb. The ideal loaf falls somewhere in the



Traditional Irish soda bread. STOCK IMAGE

middle and can be tailored to the taste of each individual baker.

Once the dough has come together and it's on the baking sheet, it's traditionally marked with a cross, supposedly to "let the devil out" as it bakes. Practically, scoring the dough with a deep cut creates a vent that lets steam escape and allows the dough to expand and bake evenly. Once out of the oven, it's critical to let the bread rest for 30 minutes before cutting to let it finish baking for the crumb to set. Cutting it too soon after it comes out of the oven will yield a gummy, crumbly mess. Soda bread is best the day it's made. However, it will keep for a day or two in an airtight container. Any leftovers can be easily transformed into scrumptious croutons, breadcrumbs or the base for both sweet and savory bread puddings.

Irish soda bread

Ingredients:

2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
1 cup whole wheat flour
½ teaspoon salt
¾ teaspoon baking soda
1 ½ cups buttermilk

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment or coat it lightly with butter. Sift together the flours, salt and baking soda in a large bowl and make a well in the center and stir in the buttermilk to create a soft dough. Knead the dough very lightly for a few seconds to create a round and transfer it to the prepared baking sheet. Use a wooden spoon handle or knife to make a deep cross in the

center of the dough almost all the way down to the baking sheet.

Bake for 15 minutes at 425 degrees then reduce the temperature to 400 degrees and bake an additional 30 minutes until the top is deep golden brown and sounds hollow when tapped. You can confirm that it's baked through by checking the temperature with an instant read thermometer, which should read 200 degrees. Once out of the oven, wrap the bread in a tea towel and allow it to cool for at least 30 minutes before slicing. While this bread is best enjoyed the day it's made, any leftovers make delicious toast. □

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

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St. Pat's parties on

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

As we continue to march along through the times, the time has come to celebrate the Irish connection with another St. Patrick's Day parade and party. With the big green show on Saturday, our entertainment scene gets in on the "ceilidh" (just say KAY-lee and don't look at the spelling), along with plenty of other things going on to keep things hopping along.

For a quick Curve Inn post-fire update, we know the main building is being cleaned up, the beer garden area is still being checked out and several fundraisers are on the books at various venues over the next few weeks. Please go to the Curve's official Facebook page for complete news. Stay Curve Strong!

We have a few dandy Thursday shows to get the week going with Robert "Lefty Preacher" Sampson rocking out on all kinds of music in the Mother Road Diner and Julie Jules & Co. going samba-plus joined by acoustic duo NOVA at the monthly Art of Jazz show held in The Pharmacy Gallery. Thursdays are also a good night for karaoke and open mics, in case you're feeling like being the entertainer rather than the entertained or just being entertained by those feeling like being the entertainer for the evening.

Friday the 13th comes in with a craic (Irish for having fun and a lively time, pronounced "crack") with Skibbereen taking the Celtic bull by the horns at Boone's as Black Velvet lilt their way into The Railyard, while over in the Soy City, Celtic Whistle slides into the Decatur Brew Works and Broken Brogue rules the famed stage at Lincoln Square Theater. Go for the gusto with a full rock on when the Rick Mari Band hits hard at Goodfellas, Brandy Kristin Band brings it back to Weebles and Deja Voodoo does what they do at KooKoo's 2.

For ticketed events, Southern Accents talks Petty to you at Danenberger Family Vineyards, while Sunny Sweeney and Kayla

Ray roll into Twisted Tree in Jacksonville and our old friends Dreaming in Colour play the prestigious City Winery in St. Louis.

Moving on to Saturday and parade day, we have a real feis (Irish for a festival/gathering thing) for ya, starting with all the music in the parade proper, including bagpipes and drums, school marching bands and who knows what hanging on the floats, plus nearly 50 other area performances in the listings.

For Irish/Celtic songs right after the parade, George Rank's sports McKinney & Hennessey getting their grog on (McK & Hen do an evening show at Harvest Market, too). Downtown, right in the thick of it, parade grand marshals Court and Karen Conn will host an after-party at Obed & Isaac's with family-friendly and pet-friendly fun in the beer garden and Dave Littrell playing from 3-5 p.m., while Whiskey Jack's presents the amazing Dr. Noodles and the World's Tallest Leprechauns in action.

Other post-parade shenanigans include 3's Company at Harry's Adult Care (2-5 p.m.), then starting at 6 p.m. there's Preston Searl and friends at the Blue Grouch, Angel Brown's Smooth 'N Blue Duo at Mother Road Diner and the Tom Beverly Band at Oogie & JJ's near Glenarm.

We're heading for Sunday while we still can with Funday acts in the towns around town including Not Petty at Vixen Hill by Palmyra, Ole Stogie at Hill Prairie near Oakford, JackAsh at AJ's Corner in Chatham, Mississippi Leghound at Trails End in Curran, Dreamers and Doers at Buckhart Tavern, John Drake at Golden Fox Brewing in Decatur and Kortney Leatherwood at Whiskey Ridge in Breckenridge.

Here's a very merry slainte (Irish toast for health, so just say slan-chay) as you do the hoolie up right for good old St. Pat, one more time. □

ISO concert evokes beauty

MUSIC | Scott Faingold



World-renowned guest soprano Madison Leonard performed during the fourth and final movement of Mahler's Symphony No. 4. PHOTO BY JAVED RASSI

Illinois Symphony Orchestra's "Vision and Vitality" concert on March 6 was a feast for the ears, as well as an impressive showcase for the versatility of the orchestra itself. As programmed and conducted by music director Taichi Fukumura, the evening provided both delicacy and bombast along with a striking contrast in mood and intent compared with last month's largely light and frothy Valentine's Day performance. This weekend's concert was both soaring and contemplative, leaving the crowd rapt and exhilarated.

The very brief first portion of the evening (just over 20 minutes) began with "Vitality" by contemporary composer Gala Flagello. The piece was a fitting opening for the concert, inspired as it was by a poem by Martha Graham. Maestro Fukumura described it during remarks at the start of the evening as "a celebration of life as well as a warning not to take it for granted." It was a theme that would resonate throughout the evening.

Next on the program was "Rainbow Body"

(2013) by Christopher Theofanidis. The title refers to a Tibetan Buddhist concept. "When the physical body reaches enlightenment," explained Fukumura, "it passes away into the cosmos and becomes light, becomes energy." Indeed, the musicians of the orchestra brought the audience through a symbolic lifetime worth of changes in a compact framework arriving at a soaring, sonic climax in just under 15 minutes.

Mahler's Symphony No. 4 (1901) happens to be more than twice as long as the evening's first two compositions combined, and in fact took up the entirety of the second section of the evening's program. Described by Fukumura as "a journey from childhood to the heavenly light," the dense and emotionally stirring symphony evoked philosophical themes of life, death and transcendence parallel to the two earlier pieces. Mahler's beautiful melodies and sometimes surprising juxtapositions were performed by the musicians with great

strength and delicacy, eventually climaxing in the fourth and final movement with a transcendent vocal performance by world-renowned guest soprano Madison Leonard. The words, from "Das Himmlische Leben" ("The Heavenly Life") bring the perspective of a child to a vision of Heaven. "The angelic voices / Delight the senses, / For all things awake to joy" – the English translations of the movement's final stanza – act as a fitting description of the evening's musical bounty.

"Simple Gifts," the next ISO concert, is scheduled for April 10 at First Presbyterian Church in Springfield and will feature Aaron Copland's "Appalachian Spring."

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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

Robert Sampson

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

The Art of Jazz - Julie Jules & Co.

The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 7-9pm

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 Tippy Toad, 8pm-12am

Friday Mar 13

Hippies of the Heartland

48 Inn Sports Bar & Grill, Decatur, 8-11pm

Alex Williams

The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

Skibbereen

Boone's, 5:30-8:30pm

Mic Drop Showdown Karaoke Contest Finals

Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 8-11pm

Dreaming in Colour

City Winery, St. Louis, 7:30pm

Southern Accents

Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Celtic Whistle

Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 6:30pm

Molly Seaton

Edmo's, Edinburg, 7-10pm

Boots, Hats and Pearl Snaps Band

El Campesino Mexican Restaurant, Girard, 5:30-7:30pm

Not Petty

Firefighters-Postal Lake Club, 7-10pm

Karaoke

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

it The Rick Mari Band

Goodfellas Pub, 7-10pm

Silas Tockey

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Deja Voodoo

Koo Koo's 2, 5-8pm

Carl Bopp and Ed Smith - Sound Decision

Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

Broken Brogue

Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur, 7:30pm

Karaoke

The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

Meetup 7

Main Gate Bar & Grill, 7pm

Karaoke

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

Black Velvet

The Railyard, 6-9pm

Sunny Sweeney with Kayla Ray

Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 7-10pm

Brandy Kristin Band

Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30pm

Thomas J Beverly

Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 6-9pm

Saturday Mar 14

Double H Karaoke

American Legion Post 32, 7-11pm

Satellite

AMVETS Post 100, Jacksonville, 8-11pm

Molly Seaton

The Backyard, Taylorville, 7-10pm

Bugz Benson

Boone's, 6-9pm

Silas Tockey

Brentford Distillers, Decatur, 6-9pm

Branded

Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7pm

99 Proof

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

Marty Ryan

Copper and Oak, Lincoln, 12pm

Pizzazz

Da Burg Bar & Grill, Warrensburg, 3-6pm

Disciple of the Garden

Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Jason McKenzie

The Filling Station, Rochester, 7-10pm

McKinney & Hennessey

George Rank's, 1-4pm

Michael Burnett and Joe Dawkins

George Rank's, 6-9pm

Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters, Tim Hart

The Hangout Bar & Grill, Jacksonville, 7pm

3's Company

Harry's Adult Day Care, 2-5pm

McKinney & Hennessey

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Hat Trick

The Hideout, Mason City, 8pm-12am

Rooster

Kuhl Tyme Korner, Jacksonville, 8pm-12am

Hunter Kivlehan

LargeCar Lounge, Lincoln, 7-10pm

Chris Camp and His Blues Ambassadors

Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

Matthew Adermann

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

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo

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

Scratching the Surface

Mowie's Cue, 8pm

Renegade Karaoke

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

it Dave Littrell

Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery, 3-5pm

Tom Beverly Band

Oogie and JJ's Bar, Glenarm, 6-9pm

Andrew Bell

Patriots Pub, Waverly, 8-11pm

Jake & Mikayla

Rocco's, Decatur, 2-5pm

Lick Creek

Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 8pm

Karaoke

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

Springfield Uketopians

Stella Coffee & Tea, 12-2pm

Preston Searl and Friends

The Blue Grouch, 6pm

Karaoke

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

Wreckless Whiskey

The Topp Hat, Girard, 7-10pm

Karaoke

Town Hall Pub, Loami, 8pm-12am

Robert Sampson

Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

Broken Stone

Weebles Bar & Grill, 6pm

Devin Clemons Band

West Morgan Depot, Jacksonville, 2-5pm

The Speakeasy Trio

West of Wise Winery, Petersburg, 1-4pm

Dr. Noodles and the World's Tallest Leprechauns

Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 1-4pm

Open mic hosted by Robbie Mitchell and Cody Lee

Y-Zoe's Bar, Taylorville, 6-11pm

Sunday Mar 15

it JackAsh

AJ's Corner, Chatham, 1-4pm

Dreamers and Doers

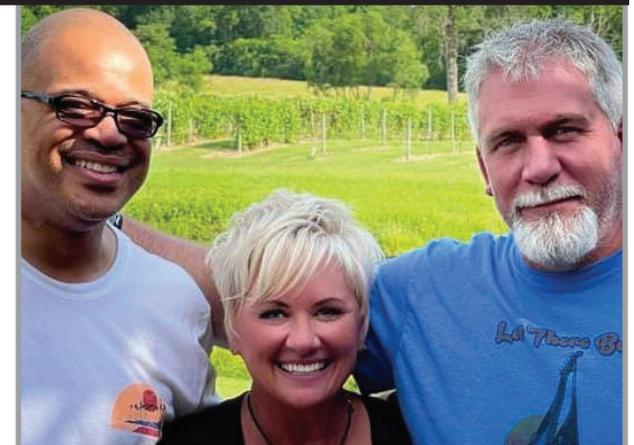
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

John Drake at Golden Fox Brewing

Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 4-7pm

Ole Stogie

Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 1-4pm



3's Company will play from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at Harry's Adult Day Care.

The Red Ribbon Revue

It's All About Wine, 3pm

Hipbone Sam's Open Jam

Koo Koo's 2, 2-6pm

Antone DeRocchi and Jaigh Lowder

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

Bluesmattic

Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Open blues jam featuring B Douglas and The Travelers for Peace

Sky Lounge, 5-8pm

Alan Harris

Sunset Inn Pub, 2-5pm

Mississippi Leghound

Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3pm

Kortney Leatherwood

Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 1-4pm

Monday Mar 16

Brother Jefferson

The Alamo, 7pm

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Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6-9pm

Rockin' Robin Karaoke

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

Tuesday Mar 17

Nicholas Brown

Crazy Dog Saloon, Cantrall, 4-5pm

Karaoke Night hosted by Alan Livengood

Fluid Lounge, 7pm

Allan Harris

Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6-9pm

Open jam

George Rank's, 8pm

2nd Street Harmony

Goodfellas Pub, 6-9pm

McKinney & Hennessey

It's All About Wine, 6-8:30pm

Karaoke with Debbie Cakes

The Library Pizza and Sports Bar, 7-11pm

Karaoke

Main Gate Bar & Grill, 7-10pm.

Karaoke

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

St. Patrick's Day Bagpipes & Drums

Pier 55 Lounge, 7:30pm

Karaoke with Suzi

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

Wednesday Mar 18

Open mic with Joel Honey and Silas Tockey

Boone's, 7-10pm

Butter Jam Wednesday

Butternut Hut, 7-10pm

Karaoke

Clique, 9pm-1am

Al Kitchen and Tricia Giacomini

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

Thomas J Beverly

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

THE CALENDAR



St. Patrick's Day Parade | Sat., March 14, noon | Downtown Springfield | stpatsdayparade.com

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS | Conns to lead 42nd annual parade

it This weekend, thousands of green-clad revelers are expected to turn out for this popular event to celebrate everything Irish. Court and Karen Conn are the grand marshals. This year's theme is "A Bridge Across the Centuries." The parade starts at Jefferson and Sixth streets, heads west to Fifth Street, south on Fifth to Capitol Avenue where it turns east, turns north on Sixth to the Reviewing Stand (family-friendly area) then to Washington heading east back to the beginning at the Horace Mann parking lot. Proceeds from the parade, after minimal expenses, have contributed more than \$40,000 to local charities in the past five years. Last year, a total of \$10,000 was donated to St. John's Breadline and Rutledge Youth Foundation.

Special Music Events

The Art of Jazz

Second Thursday of every month, 7-9pm. Through Dec. 17. Spend a Thursday evening at the Pharmacy Gallery's Art of Jazz monthly concerts. Light snacks and refreshments available. Donation at the door. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 217-523-0653.

Brown Bag Concert

Wed., March 18, 12:15-12:45pm. This week features Jazz by Jade Kastel (saxophone) and David McEathron (piano). Brown bag lunch available for purchase or bring your own lunch. lincolnschurch.org. Free. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

Candlebox

Wed., March 18, 8pm. Candlebox, a Seattle rock band, has released eight studio albums and several charting singles. \$35 in advance, \$40 day of show. Boondocks, 2909 N. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-679-0145.

Casey Donahew

Sat., March 14, 7pm. Country

music singer Casey Donahew's last four albums have charted on the Billboard U.S. Country top 10 chart. \$35-\$40. Boondocks, 2909 N. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-679-0145.

Music to Feed the Soul

Wed., March 18, 12-1pm. Dr. Sharon Graf and fellow duet musicians will explore the theme of Rita Grendze's "Belly" Exhibition: Nourishment and Scarcity. Presented by the UIS Sociology/Anthropology and Art, Music and Theatre departments. uis.edu. Free. UIS Visual Arts Gallery, HSB 201, One University Plaza, 217-206-6570.

Theater & Comedy

Comedy open mic

Thu., March 12, 7:30pm. Bradley Scroggins is headlining the event. Reed Davis will host. Event by Cryptid Comix. KJB's Pint Haus, Jacksonville, 222 E. State St., 217-320-8137.

Comedy open mic

Wed., March 18, 7pm. Presented by Some Kinda Comedy. Goodfellas Pub, 518 N. Bruns Lane, 217-679-2119.

Disaster! A 70's Disaster Movie... Musical!

Fri., March 13, 7:30pm, Sat., March 14, 7:30pm and Sun., March 15, 2pm. It's 1979 and New York's hottest A-listers are on a floating casino and discotheque. What begins as a night of boogie fever changes to panic as the ship succumbs to multiple hysterical disasters. hcfta.org. \$21-\$23. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Larry Smith and Jessie Tuttle

Fri., March 13, 8pm and Sat., March 14, 7:30pm. See two hometown comedians who moved to Chicago and are taking the world by storm. \$23-\$25. Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-891-4858.

Art & Architecture "Awakening" featuring Joan Burmeister

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-5pm. Through March 25. The Underground gallery to the SAA Collective presents mixed media works by juried artist Joan

Turner Burmeister. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

6x6 Art Raffle

Wednesdays-Fridays, 11am-5pm. Through March 19. Adult and youth artists were invited to create 6"x6" artworks in support of the operations and programming for the SAA Collective gallery. This year, 150 entries were received. This raffle is an opportunity to acquire local artwork for a collection, as a gift, or simply to support the artists. Free to view. \$3 per raffle ticket. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

Art Nights at Dana-Thomas House

Wednesdays, 5:30-7pm. Through March 25. Evenings of art and creativity at the Dana-Thomas House each Wednesday in March. Reservations are required and can be made on Eventbrite. March 18 and 25 events TBA. Art supplies provided. eventbrite.com. Free. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-785-5030.

Color, Craft and Create Night

Wed., March 18, 5:30-7:30pm. Bring your own materials and spend some time working on a creative project at this historic house. Whether your interest is coloring, sketching, knitting, crochet, embroidery, origami, diamond art, watercolors or another type of project, we will provide you with space to work and engage in conversation with other community members who share your interest. Reservations recommended. Wi-fi and electrical outlets not provided. eventbrite.com. Free. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

Illinois Prairie Pastel Society Annual Exhibition

Mondays-Fridays, 9am-5pm and Saturdays, 10am-3pm. Through March 28. Members of the IPPS will have over 70 works on display in this annual exhibition. springfieldart.org. Free. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Wooden It Be Lovely Exhibit

Through March 24, 9:30am-5pm. See this collection of chairs thoughtfully refurbished by the women of Wooden It Be Lovely. View the pieces and read short biographies of the artists. Free. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

Film & Television

Jane Austen Wrecked My Life Sun., March 15, 1-3, 4-6pm and Tue., March 17, 7-9pm. First film in this year's annual

Molly Schlich International and Independent Film Series. This movie is a French romantic comedy about a desperately single bookseller who, lost in a fantasy world, must pursue her dreams of becoming a writer to improve her love life. springfieldart.org. Adults \$10, Students \$5. AMC Classic Springfield 12, 3141 Mercantile Dr., 217-523-2631.

The Lobby-USA, Episode 1 The Cover War

Mon., March 16, 5-7pm. Free screening in the Carnegie Room. *The Lobby* is a series of documentaries produced by Al Jazeera that investigate the influence of the Zionist lobby in the United Kingdom and in the U.S. and their relationship to the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement. An open discussion will follow. Light snacks provided. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Wicked: For Good

Mon., March 16, 4-7pm. Attend this screening of the newest "Wicked" film and enjoy popcorn and refreshments. This modern retelling highlights themes of resilience, friendship and women forging their own paths. Free. Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

History

Edwards Place Historic Home Guided Tours

Tuesdays-Saturdays, 1-2, 2-3pm. Take this guided tour through the newly-restored first and second floor. The home, interpreted to 1857, is furnished with examples of Victorian furniture including many pieces that belonged to the Edwards family. edwardsplace.org. \$12 adults/ \$10 SAA members, military and seniors.; children younger than 10 free. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Game Nights at Dana-Thomas House

Thursdays, 5:30-7pm. Through March 26. Bring a favorite board game and some family and friends for an evening of fun at one of the tables in a historic room. Non-alcoholic drinks and/or light snacks are allowed. Reservations are required due to limited space. eventbrite.com. Free. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-785-5030.

Historic Landscaping for Beginners

Thu., March 12, 6pm. Sarah

Adams will speak about her experience as a Harrison Fellow of the Historic Landscape Institute through the University of Virginia and Jefferson's Monticello. Experienced gardeners may be interested in a different perspective and beginning gardeners will use this information to develop a plan for their own gardens. edwardsplace.org. Free. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Sangamon County Historical Society Program: Sangamo Town

Tue., March 17, 5:30-7pm. Curtis Mann will discuss the history of Sangamo Town, a settlement on the Sangamon River north of Springfield in the early 1830s. Sangamo Town was once a river community with residents, businesses and ambitions of its own. Mann will examine its origins, daily life, economic activity and the circumstances that ultimately led to its decline and disappearance. sancoh.org. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-525-1961.

Politics

Forum: U.S. Foreign Policy Needed for a Tumultuous World

Fri., March 13, 7pm. A talk and discussion led by Dr. Roy Wehrle. After 70 years during which the U.S. was the lynchpin for global stability, prosperity and decolonization, Russia ended the era by invading Ukraine. What new U.S. global policy is needed to navigate through the perils of open-range nationalism, environmental risk and decay and new deadly technologies? wpcspi.org. Free. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 S. Walnut St., 217-522-4415.

Holiday Happenings

Jacksonville St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sat., March 14, 11 a.m.-noon. See the 37th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade hosted by WJIL/WJVO and Don's Place. Lineup begins at 10am. Downtown Jacksonville, 217-245-5119.

Fairs & Festivals

Capitol City Volunteer Expo

Tue., March 17, 1-4pm and Wed., March 18, 10am-2pm. Learn about volunteering opportunities in Springfield and have fun in the process at this multi-day inaugural event. For more info, contact Lauren at lauren.gleason@illinois.gov or 217-720-7509. Free. Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-5030.

Obed & Isaac's St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Sat., March 14, 2-5pm. Keep the parade day fun going with this family-friendly, dog-friendly street festival. Enjoy local vendors (2-5pm), balloon creations for free (2-4pm), and live music from Dave Littrell (3-5pm). Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery, 500 S. Sixth St., 217-670-0627.

Community Organizing Free St. Patrick's Day Meal

Sat., March 14, 4-6pm. Food Not Bombs SPI is providing a free, hot, vegan, St. Patrick's Day-inspired meal. All are welcome; no questions asked. Bring to-go containers and travel mugs if able 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.

How to Start A Community Garden in Your Neighborhood

Sat., March 14, 10am. Carey Smith will present this informational session on starting a community garden. There will be time after the session to ask site specific questions or to network with other attendees. enosparkgardens.org. Free. Sherman Public Library District, Sherman, 2100 E. Andrew Road, 217-610-0720.

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. 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.

Funshop: Tiny Tumblers

Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30pm. Through March 24. This playful movement-based, four-week program is designed to help young children build coordination, strength and confidence through age-appropriate tumbling and gross motor activities on mats, tunnels and balance beams. All classes blended ages 2 to 5 years Activity #150969 Register at bit.ly/Funshop_Tiny-Tumblers1. Residents \$60, Non-residents \$70. Lincoln Park Funshop, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-753-6234.

Weekend Play & Stay

Sat., March 14, 9:30-11:30am. At Weekend Play & Stay, little ones and their caregivers can

dive into two hours of playful discovery. For children ages 16 months to 5 years with caregiver. \$10 per child when registered online, \$10 per child day-of when bringing a friend, or \$20 per child for drop-ins. Lincoln Park Funshop, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-753-6234.

Nature, Science & Environment Fascinating Hummingbirds

Thu., March 12, 7-8pm. Wade Kammin, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited and Springfield bird enthusiast, will talk in the Nature Center about the fascinating and entertaining hummingbirds we love to feed and watch. lincolnmemorialgarden.org. Free. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

Maple Syrup Time Demonstrations

Sat., March 14, 1, 2:30pm and Sun., March 15, 1, 2:30pm. Demonstrations will show the entire syrup making process from tree tapping to boiling the sap down into syrup. Demonstrations start at Nature Center lincolnmemorialgarden.org. Free. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

Spring Migration Bird Hikes

Tuesdays, 8-9am. Through May 12. Join Illinois Audubon Society's assistant director, Matt Hayes, on weekly hikes through Adams Wildlife Sanctuary. springfieldaudubon.org. Free. Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 2315 E. Clear Lake Ave., 217-544-2473.

Lectures & Meetings Discover Your Superpower: Identity, Agency, and Purpose in the Age of AI

Wed., March 18, 6-7:30pm. This session, presented by Gina Grant and Dr. Pam Hoff, blends personal storytelling, reflective activities and accessible tech concepts to help participants explore their role as engaged citizens in the AI era by discovering their unique superpowers to identify their unique strengths, lived experiences and leadership assets. UIS Brookens Auditorium, One University Plaza, 217-206-6245.

Dominican Sisters Brown Bag Series

Thu., March 12, 12pm. Join the Dominican sisters for lunch and discussion. March 12: Approaching AI ethically. For more details and to register, visit springfieldop.org/events. Bring your lunch. springfieldop.org/

events. Sacred Heart Convent, 1237 W. Monroe St., 217-787-0481.

Beekeeping 101

Sat., April 4, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Wed., April 8, 7 p.m. and Sat., April 11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Beginner course. \$95. Make check payable to Lincoln Land Beekeepers (care of Honey Creek Farm) with application mailed to 101 Trillium Lane, Springfield IL 62702, or by email to tressa.hoffman@yahoo.com. Sangamon County Farm Bureau Building, 2631 Beechler Ct., Springfield, 217-652-6517.

Bulletin Board

2026 Springfield Train Fair
Sun., March 15, 10am-4pm. The largest train show in downstate Illinois featuring 35,000 square feet of trains and other railroad-related items. Several layouts will also be on display. springfieldtrainfair.com. \$10 before 10am, \$5 after 10am. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-529-6939.

Food and Clothing Distribution

Second Saturday of every month, 9am-12pm. Through Dec. 26. Need free clothing or food? Bring an ID and plan to fill out a little paperwork. Free. The Frank and Linda Vala Dream Center of Sangamon County, 1480 N. Fifth St., 217-685-9375.

Luck of the Irish Green Garb Contest

Tue., March 17, 11:30am-12pm. Enjoy shamrock punch and all of your favorite Irish tunes. Attendees should impress in their best green garb for a chance to win cash prizes. centralIllseniors.org. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-503-4643.

Skating Social Hour

Sun., March 15, 2-4pm. Try something new and roller skate with and get to know the Land of Lincoln Democratic Socialists of America during this open skate. \$9. Skateland South, 1500 Recreation Dr., 546-4543.

Freedom in Holiness Mission

Easter basket distribution
Sat., March 28, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Drinks at the Cross/Robes to Fit. Fifty Easter baskets filled with assorted drinks and house robes for men, women and children will be distributed. Robe donations needed as well as volunteers for the event. Volunteers should arrive before the event. Freedom in Holiness Mission, 1430 Loveland Ave., 217-522-2527.

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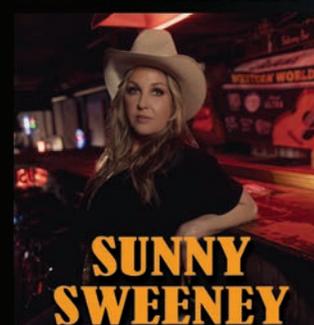
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Illinois Building
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www.springfieldfleamarket.net

Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS COMMUNITY LOAN SERVICING, LLC F/K/A BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff,

-v- KALL RESTAURANTS, LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, KEITH EUGENE LOUKINEN (GUARANTOR), LAURIE ANN LOUKINEN (GUARANTOR), ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, WARREN STISKA, UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant
2025 FC 000094

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 25, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on April 6, 2026, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 517 S. 4TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701
Property Index No. 14-34.0-156-023
The real estate is improved with a commercial property.
The judgment amount was \$182,828.92. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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

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

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, contact NOONAN & LIEBERMAN Plaintiff's Attorneys, 33 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 431-1455. Please refer to file number 1353-455-3. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

NOONAN & LIEBERMAN
33 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1150
Chicago IL, 60602
312-431-1455
E-Mail: intake@noonanandlieberman.com
Attorney File No. 1353-455-3
Case Number: 2025 FC 000094
TJSC#: 46-473

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 2025 FC 000094
8051-962648

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association,

Plaintiff, v. MIKAYLA OBERREITER, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No.: 2025-FC-136

NOTICE OF COURT SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. The sale shall be subject to Court approval. Buyer will be entitled to possession 30 days after the sale is confirmed by the Court. (A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is:

Timothy J. Rigby
Hart, Southworth & Witsman
Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Telephone: (217) 753-0055
(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 2845 Hoover Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703
(C) Tax ID Number: 22-10-430-028
(D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is:

Approximately 720 square foot, single story 4 room residence with a detached one car garage, 2 bedrooms, and 1 bathroom.

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

(F) The time and place of the sale are:
Time: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2026.
Place: Sangamon County Courthouse

200 South Ninth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701

(G) The terms of the sale are:
Twenty-five percent (25%) of sale price at time of sale and balance within twenty-four (24) hours.

(H) Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances prior to the mortgage of INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, all general real estate taxes, special assessments if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all encroachments, if any.

INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, Plaintiff

Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930)
Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535)
Hart, Southworth & Witsman
Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Telephone: (217) 753-0055
trigby@hsw.net
aprillaman@hsw.net

NOTE: This communication is made for the purpose of collecting a debt. Any information obtained in response to this communication may be used for that purpose.
8051-962648

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS MidFirst Bank Plaintiff,

vs. Nora I. Parrish; The United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants.

Case No. 2025FC000124
2316 Richards Lane, Springfield, IL 62702
Judge Adam Giganti

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on November 12, 2025, Paula Crouch will on April 21, 2026, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, in person only at 200 S. 9th St, 2nd Floor Room 223, Springfield, Illinois 62701, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
Commonly known as 2316 Richards Lane, Springfield, IL 62702
Parcel Number(s): 14-11.0-403-033

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.
Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further

subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (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 call Plaintiff's Attorney, MDK Legal, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 25-015034.
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8051-962894

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

-SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RONALD J. GARRETT; VINCENT FLAMMINI A/K/A VINCE FLAMMINI; THOMAS C. KELLY A/K/A TOM C. KELLY A/K/A TOM KELLY; IRENE KELLY-PASLEY A/K/A IRENE E. KELLY; GERALD NORDGREN AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR RONALD J. GARRETT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 2025FC000144
Property Address: 2921 Sutherland Rd
Springfield, IL 62702
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on January 14, 2026, I, Sheriff Paula Crouch of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on April 21, 2026, commencing at 9:00AM, Sangamon County Building, Sangamon South Auditorium, 1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit:

Commonly known as: 2921 Sutherland Rd, Springfield, IL 62702
P.I.N.: 14-24.0-178-035
1st Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$103,513.77
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1) (H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT.

Terms of Sale: CASH - 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County.
If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale may be entitled at most only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the court appointed selling officer. The person to contact for information regarding this property is:

Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale.

This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC
1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120
Naperville, IL 60563
(630) 453-6960
midwestpleadings@dallegal.com
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Death Claim

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ARLENE E. FLURY, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-84

DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of ARLENE E. FLURY. Letters of Office have been issued to LANCE A. FLURY, 168 Lakeview Drive, Williamsville, IL 62693, 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 September 21, 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 5th day of March, 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 MARGARET N. TATAREK, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-88

DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of MARGARET N. TATAREK. Letters of Office have been issued to KIMBERLY A. ECK, 3913 Brandonshire Drive, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before September 21, 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 5th day of March, 2026.

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

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA M. KEYES, DECEASED.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of VIRGINIA M. KEYES, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 4, 2026, to KIMBERLY D. HERGETT of 2909 Biscayne Drive, Springfield, IL 62707, whose attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; P.O. Box 52; Springfield, IL 62705

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 12th day of March, 2026, being the date

of 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 10 days after it has been filed.

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

Dated March 4, 2026.
KIMBERLY D. HERGETT, Independent Executor of the Estate of VIRGINIA M. KEYES, Deceased

BY: DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney
Attorneys for Estate:
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM A. HEYWORTH, DECEASED.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE DEATH OF WILLIAM A. HEYWORTH, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on March 4, 2026, to Kathleen A. Heyworth of 2044 North 5th Street, Springfield, IL 62702, whose attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; P.O. Box 52, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th St, Springfield, IL 62701 or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 12th day of March, 2026, being the date of 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 10 days after it has been filed. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN to the unknown heirs of the decedent, if any, as the names or addresses of one or more heirs may be unknown or cannot be ascertained after diligent inquiry; and that, unless you file an appearance in this proceeding or otherwise make your interest known to the Court within six months from the date of the order appointing the administrator of the estate, you may be defaulted and bound by any orders of court entered in this estate, including any order declaring heirship and orders approving accountings and distributions, as provided by the Illinois Probate Act of 1975.

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

You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) and pursuant to Section 6-11 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-11) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate.
Dated this 4th day of March, 2026.

KATHLEEN A. HEYWORTH, Independent Executor of the Estate of WILLIAM A. HEYWORTH, Deceased

BY: DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney
Attorneys for Estate:
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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
VIVIAN L. NAJIM, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-83
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of VIVIAN L.
NAJIM. Letters of Office have been issued to
SUANNE MARIE TUTTLE, 1701 S. Park Ave.,
Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Execu-
tor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan,
Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Spring-
field, 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 September 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 Indepen-
dent Executor and to the attorney within 10
days after it has been filed.
Dated this 3rd day of March, 2026.
Patrick J. Sheehan, III
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701

IN THE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of DONALD E.
BEYERS, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
NO. 2026-PR-79
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of
DONALD E. BEYERS, deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on February 26,
2026, to KATHRYN L. KIRCHER and JANE M.
MCMILLEN, Co-Administrators With Will An-
nexed, 147 N. 2200 East Road, Pana, Illinois,
62557, whose attorney is Robert A. Stuart,
Jr., Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th
St., Ste. 1000, Springfield, IL 62701.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the
Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court,
Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth
Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the rep-
resentative, or both, on or before September
15, 2026, or three months from the date the
representative mailed or delivered a Notice
to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not
filed within that period is barred.
Dated this 3rd day of March, 2026.
Robert A. Stuart, Jr. (ARDC 2761122)
Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP
205 S. 5th St., Ste. 1000
P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62701
(217) 544-8491

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of:
Leland L. Legg Sr., Deceased
Case No. 2025-PR-000473
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Leland L. Legg
Sr. Letters of Office were issued on Dec. 4,
2025 to Elizabeth Schwartzkopf, 921 N. Hill
St., Springfield, IL 62702, and Bonnie Pipkin,
18 Skyview Drive, Springfield, IL 62702,
as co-executors. 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 co-executors, on or before Sept.
12, 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 executors within 10 days after it has
been filed.
Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CHRISTIAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS – IN PROBATE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
CARL R. REED, Deceased.
No. 2026-PR-18
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of CARL R.
REED of Taylorville, Illinois. Letters of Office
were issued on February 24, 2026 to Rusty
Ray Reed as Independent Executor whose
attorney is Monroe D. McWard of McWard
Law Office, 107 South Washington Street,
Taylorville, Illinois 62568.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the
Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Chris-
tian County Courthouse, 101 South Main
Street, Taylorville, Illinois 62568, or with the
representative, or both, on or before August
24, 2026, which date is not less than six
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 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 2nd day of March, 2026
Rusty Ray Reed,
as Independent Executor of the Estate of Carl
R. Reed, Deceased.
By: /s/ Monroe D. McWard
Monroe D. McWard, His Attorney
Monroe D. McWard
MCWARD LAW OFFICE
107 South Washington Street
Taylorville, IL 62568
mdmward@mcwardlaw.com
(217) 824-2900
Reg. No. 06190799

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF
JOSEPH A. DIRKSEN, DECEASED.
2026PRO00066
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS
Notice is given of the death of JOSEPH A.
DIRKSEN, of Springfield, Sangamon County,
Illinois. Letters of office were issued on Feb-
ruary 24, 2026, to JILL A. SCOTT, 1257 North
7th Street, Riverton, Illinois 62561, whose
attorney is Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C., 232
West State Street, P.O. Box 550, Jacksonville,
Illinois 62651.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the
Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon
County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street,
Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the rep-
resentative, or both, within 6 months from the
12th day of March 2026, being the date of
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 is filed.
The estate will be administered without
court supervision, unless under Section 28-4
of the Probate Act any interested person
terminates independent administration at
any time by mailing or delivering a petition to
terminate to the clerk of the court.
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in
civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file,
you must first create an account with an
e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm>
to learn more and to select a service provider.
If you need additional help or have trouble e-
filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>
or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.
Dated this 2nd day of March, 2026.
JILL A. SCOTT, Independent Executor of the
Estate of JOSEPH A. DIRKSEN, Deceased,

BY: RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C.
By: Jenna L. Tucker, Attorney
Attorneys for Estate:
Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C.
Jenna L. Tucker #6325907
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Jacksonville, IL 62650
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COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF
CARL R. REED, Deceased,
DECEASED
No. 2026 PR 69
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CLAIMS
NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Judith A.
Armes. Notice is given to all heirs and
creditors of Judith A. Armes, that Letters
Testamentary of the Estate of Judith A.
Armes, Deceased, were issued on March 2,
2026, to Gary Spencer, 1809 South Pasfield
Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704, appointing
him as Executor of this Estate.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the
Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division,
Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth
Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, 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 Adminis-
trator within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 2nd day of March, 2026.
Kevin N. McDermott
Attorney for the Estate of Judith A. Armes
109 South Seventh Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 753-4070
Ill. Reg. No. 6196497
Kevin@KevinNMcDermott.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of
ROSE E. CESSNA, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
No. 2026-PR-72
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of
Rose E. Cessna, Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on February
26, 2026, to John H. Cessna, as Independent
Executor, whose attorney is Brandon R.
Clark, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205
South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield,
IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be
filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit
Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200
S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or
with the representative, or both, on or before
the 19th 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 27th day of February, 2026.
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
Brandon R. Clark
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P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62705-2459
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bclark@bhsllaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JOHN E. JONES SR., Deceased
NO. 2026PRO00067
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of
JOHN E. JONES SR., Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on Febru-
ary 26th, 2026, to Stacy Griffin, 2533
Portsmouth Cir, Springfield, IL 62703 as
Independent Executor, whose attorney is Alex

B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Rein-
bold, 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
7th 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 26th 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 OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DONNA SWINEY, Deceased
NO. 2026PRO00074
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of
DONNA SWINEY, Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on February
26th, 2026, to Karen Redenbaugh, 822 S.
MacArthur Blvd, Springfield, IL 62704 as
Independent Executor, whose attorney is Alex
B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Rein-
bold, 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
7th 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 26th day of February 2026.
Alex B. Rabin
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217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
NANCY HELEN BATES,
Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-75
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Nancy Helen
Bates of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters
of Office were issued on February 26, 2026,
to Susan Marie Anders, 917 N. 6th Street,
Riverton, Illinois 62561, 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
September 2, 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 at-
torney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 26th day of February, 2026.
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705
(217) 544-4868
bsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
ELAINE E. BIRTC,

Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-68
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Elaine E.
Birch of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters
of Office were issued on February 26, 2026,
to Eric Birch, 7921 S. Madison Street, Burr
Ridge, Illinois 60527, 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
September 2, 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 at-
torney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 26th day of February, 2026.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of:
Claudia Marie Kieffer, Deceased
Case No. 2026-PR-000049
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Claudia Marie
Kieffer. Letters of Administration were issued
on Feb. 14, 2026 to Claudia Marie Kirby as
Executor, 3961 Mill Stone Drive, Springfield
IL 62711. 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 Sept. 5,
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
STEPHEN P. ROMER,
Deceased
Case No. 2025-PR-112
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of STEPHEN P.
ROMER on October 9, 2024. Letter of office
were issued on July 29, 2025 to RICHARD F.
ROMER, as Independent Administrator of the
STEPHEN P. ROMER Estate, whose attorney is
James Alexander Pappas, 915 S. Second
Street, Springfield, IL 62702. Claims against
the Estate may be filed in the Office of the
Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Court-
house, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield,
Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or
both within six 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 at-
torney within ten (10) days after it has been
filed. To e-file, you must create an account
with an e-filing service provider.
Dated Jan. 29, 2026
Independent Administrator
Richard F. Romer
2119 Briarcliff Drive
Springfield, IL 62704
James Alexander Pappas
Attorney at Law
915 S. Second Street
Springfield, IL 62704
japlaw@comcast.net
Dated: January 30, 2026
Respectfully Submitted:
ESTATE OF STEPHEN P. ROMER
Deceased
By: James Alexander Pappas
Attorney at Law

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In Re the Estate of:
RHONDA KAY SKAGGS,
Deceased.
Case No.: 2026PRO00026
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,
Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South
9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or
with the representative, or both, on or before
September 7, 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 25th 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

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 pe-
riod. 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.
Erik Hyam
IL Bar No. 6311090
Attorney for Co-Administrators
Hyam Law Office, P.C.
606 N. State St.
Litchfield, IL 62056
Phone: (217)324-4001
erik@hyamlaw.com
8051-962324

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. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
Harvey B. Stephens
Registration No. 2724170
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000
Springfield, IL 62705-2459
Telephone: (217) 544-8491
Facsimile: (217) 544-9609
hbstephens@bhsllaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of JANET STEINHOUB, Deceased. IN PROBATE 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
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Springfield, IL 62705-2459
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Name Change

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Bennett Archer Ealey For change of name to Bennett Archer DeSalle Case No. 2026-MR-000040 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on May 5, 2026 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Bennett Archer Ealey to Bennett Archer DeSalle pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: March 12, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Mikylee Jo Willett For change of name to Mikylee Jo DeSalle Case No. 2026-MR-000039 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on May 5, 2026 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Mikylee Jo Willett to Mikylee Jo DeSalle pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: March 12, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Shy Denim Edmonson-Boswell

For change of name to Shy Denim Edmonson Case No. 2026-MR-000042 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on May 5, 2026 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Shy Denim Edmonson-Boswell to Shy Denim Edmonson pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: March 12, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Jayara Cheri Green For change of name to Jayara Cheri Hickman Case No. 2026-MR-000061 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on May 5, 2026 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Jayara Cheri Green to Jayara Cheri Hickman pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: March 12, 2026

Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY - CHANCERY DIVISION UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE Plaintiff, vs. REBECCA J BURKE, MATTHEW M UTINSKE, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, ILLINOIS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s). Case Number: 2025FC000245 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Matthew M Utinske Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that this case has been commenced in this Court, against you and other Defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT SEVEN IN BLOCK TWO OF THE ASSESSOR'S SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER, THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER AND THE WEST HALF TO THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION SEVEN IN TOWNSHIP THIRTEEN NORTH, RAGE FOUR WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN THE VILLAGE OF PAWNEE, AS PER PLAT FILED IN THE SANGAMON COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE, IN ILLINOIS, ON NOVEMBER 11, 1868 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 34 OF DEEDS, PAGE 614, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, EXCEPT THE EAST EIGHTY FEET THEREOF. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 312 WASHINGTON ST, PAWNEE, IL 62558 And which said Mortgage was made by: Rebecca J Burke, Matthew M Utinske, the Mortgagor, to UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE OR SUCCESSOR AGENCY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, as a Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois as Document No. 2007R23894; and for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending. NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk 200 S. 9th Street #405 Springfield, IL 62701 On or before April 13, 2026, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT. Marinosci Law Group, P.C. 2215 Enterprise Drive, Suite 1512 Westchester, IL 60154 Telephone: (312) 940-8580

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that this law firm is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I3283019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff(s), vs. DONALD ANDERSON A/K/A DONALD W. ANDERSON, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF ILLINOIS, CHRISTINA MARIE ANDERSON, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s). Case No. 26 FC 21 PUBLICATION NOTICE The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: CHRISTINA MARIE ANDERSON, NONRECORD CLAIMANTS and UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Chancery Division, by the said Plaintiff, against you and other Defendants, praying for foreclosure of a certain Real Estate Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOTS 88, 89 AND 90 IN SPAULDING'S SECOND ILLINOIS WATCH FACTORY ADDITION EXCEPT THE SOUTH 67 FEET THEREOF. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LANDS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Tax Number: 14-23.0-377-001 commonly known as 2002 KEYS AVE SPRINGFIELD IL 62702; and which said Real Estate Mortgage was made by DONALD ANDERSON A/K/A DONALD W. ANDERSON, and recorded in the Office of the Sangamon County Recorder as Document Number 2014R06567 UNDER LOAN MODIFICATION AGREEMENTS RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBERS 2022R21414 AND 2024R01493; that Summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. Now, therefore, unless you, the said named Defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, located at 200 SOUTH NINTH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, on or before April 13, 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. LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808 Timothy R. Yuell - ARDC #6192172 Greg Elsnic - ARDC #6242847 Aaron Nevel - ARDC #6322724 Andrew Chu - ARDC #6285924 175 North Franklin St. Suite 201 Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 357-1125 Pleadings@nevellaw.com KP # 26-00166 I3282952

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS GREENSTATE CREDIT UNION, a state chartered credit union, Plaintiff, v. SCOTTSDALE MHP, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, MR PROPERTY GROUP, LTD, n/k/a PATCH PLACE MHC, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company, BRITTANY COURT MHP, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, TOPPOS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, NEIL CARMICHAEL BENDER, II, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 2026FC000044 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 13, 2026. Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on March 2, 2026.

- The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: GreenState Credit Union, an Iowa state chartered credit union; 2026FC000044.
- 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 holders of record are: SCOTTSDALE MHP, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, MR PROPERTY GROUP, LTD, n/k/a PATCH PLACE MHC, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company, BRITTANY COURT MHP, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company
- A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: Parcel I: Lot 1, except the East 40 feet thereof, in Strother G. Jones' Subdivision of Lands of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 16 North Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed or reserved of record. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Parcel II: Tract I: Lot 8 of Harvard Park, Third Plat, EXCEPT the South 380 feet and the North 10 feet thereof; Part of Lots 9 and 10 in Harvard Park, Third Plat, described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot 9; running thence South 203.63 feet to an iron stake; running thence East parallel with the South line of said Lots 9 and 10 to a point which is 30 feet East of the dividing line between said Lots 9 and 10; running thence North parallel with the said dividing line to the South line of the Illinois Traction Railroad; and running thence Northwesterly along said right-of-way line to the place of beginning, EXCEPTING the North 10 feet thereof; The South 40 feet of that part of Lots 9 and 10 in Harvard Park, Third Plat, described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot 9; running thence South 243.63 feet to an iron stake; running thence East parallel with the South line of said Lots 9 and 10 to a point which is 30 feet East of the dividing line between said Lots 9 and 10; running thence North parallel with the said dividing line to the South line of the Illinois Traction Railroad; and running thence Northwesterly along said right-of-way line to the place of beginning, EXCEPTING the North 10 feet thereof; Part of Lots 9 and 10 in Harvard Park, Third Plat, bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point in the West-line of said Lot 9, 303.63 feet South of the Northwest corner thereof; thence South 149.53 feet; more or less, to the Southwest corner of said Lot 9; thence East 380 feet along the South line of said Lots 9 and 10 to a point 20 feet West of the Southeast corner of said Lot 10; thence North parallel with the East line of said Lot 10, 149.53 feet; thence West 380 feet to the place of beginning; and Part of Lots 9 and 10 in Harvard Park, Third Plat, bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point 243.63 feet South of the Northwest corner of Lot 9, running thence South 60 feet; thence East 380 feet; thence North 60 feet; thence West 380 feet to the place of beginning. Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed or reserved of record. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Parcel II: Tract I: Lot 8 of Harvard Park, Third Plat, EXCEPT the South 380 feet and the North 10 feet thereof; Part of Lots 9 and 10 in Harvard Park, Third Plat, described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot 9; running thence South 203.63 feet to an iron stake; running thence East parallel with the South line of said Lots 9 and 10 to a point which is 30 feet East of the dividing line between said Lots 9 and 10; running thence North parallel with the said dividing line to the South line of the Illinois Traction Railroad; and running thence Northwesterly along said right-of-way line to the place of beginning, EXCEPTING the North 10 feet thereof; The South 40 feet of that part of Lots 9 and 10 in Harvard Park, Third Plat, described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot 9; running thence South 243.63 feet to an iron stake; running thence East parallel with the South line of said Lots 9 and 10 to a point which is 30 feet East of the dividing line between said Lots 9 and 10; running thence North parallel with the said dividing line to the South line of the Illinois Traction Railroad; and running thence Northwesterly along said right-of-way line to the place of beginning, EXCEPTING AND RESERVING the North 10 feet thereof; Part of Lots 9 and 10 in Harvard Park, Third Plat, bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point in the West-line of said Lot 9, 303.63 feet South of the Northwest corner thereof; thence South 149.53 feet; more or less, to the Southwest corner of said Lot 9; thence East 380 feet along the South line of said Lots 9 and 10 to a point 20 feet West of the Southeast corner of said Lot 10; thence North parallel with the East line of said Lot 10, 149.53 feet; thence West 380 feet to the place of beginning; and Part of Lots 9 and 10 in Harvard Park, Third Plat, bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point 243.63 feet South of the Northwest corner of Lot 9, running thence South 60 feet; thence East 380 feet; thence North 60 feet; thence West 380 feet to the place of beginning. Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed or reserved of record. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Tract II: A part of Lot 19 of Harvard Park Third Plat to the City of Springfield, Illinois, Described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin at the Southwest corner of Lot 9 of Harvard Park Third Plat; thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 15 seconds East along the South line of Lot 9 and Lot 10 of Harvard Park Third Plat, a distance of 380.05 feet to an iron pin on the existing West right of way line of Fourteenth Street; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along the existing West right of way line of Fourteenth Street, a distance of 10.13 feet to a railroad spike; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 08 seconds West, a distance of 380.04 feet to an iron pin set on the Southerly extension of the West line of said Lot 9; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West along the Southerly extension of the West line of said Lot 9, a distance of 8.85 feet to the point of beginning, containing 3607 square feet; more or less.

Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Parcel III:

The East 100 feet of the North 150 feet of Lot 84 in Wanless' Capital Heights Addition to the City of Springfield, Illinois, except the West 50 feet of the North 120.50 feet of the East 100 feet thereof. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. 5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: Parcel I: 720 Forrest Ave., Springfield, IL 62702 Parcel II: 2735 S. 14th St., Springfield, IL 62703 Parcel III: 3206 E. Elm St., Springfield, IL 62702

6. The Tax Identification Numbers for the real estate are as follows: Parcel I: 14-26.0-477-001 Parcel II: 22-10.0-253-021 Parcel III: 14-25.0-252-007 7. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Name of Mortgagors: Brittany Court MHP, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, Scottsdale MHP, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, MR Property Group, LTD, n/k/a Patch Place MHC, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company, and Toppos LLC, a Delaware limited liability company Name of Mortgagee: GreenState Credit Union

Date of Mortgage: May 19, 2021 Date of recording: May 25, 2021 County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois Recording document identification: Document No. 2021R14294 /s/ Joseph B. Roesch CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Emmet A. Fairfield, Registration No. 6180505 Maureen M. Faller, Registration No. 6308975 205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, Illinois 62705 (217) 544-8491 efairfield@bhsllaw.com mfaller@bhsllaw.com 8051-962712

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS COMMUNITY LOAN SERVICING, LLC F/K/A BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff, -v.- KALL RESTAURANTS, LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, KEITH EUGENE LOUKINEN (GUARANTOR), LAURIE ANN LOUKINEN (GUARANTOR), ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, WARREN STISKA, UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant 2025 FC 000094 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and

Sale entered in the above cause on February 25, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on April 6, 2026, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: LOT FOUR (4) OF CHARLES S. RIDGELY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. ALSO, THE NORTH 35 FEET OF THE EAST 184.90 FEET OF LOT FIFTY-FIVE (55) OF ASSESSOR'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 33 AND PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 517 S. 4TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701

Property Index No. 14-34.0-156-023 The real estate is improved with a commercial property. The judgment amount was \$182,828.92. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, contact NOONAN & LIEBERMAN Plaintiff's Attorneys, 33 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 431-1455. Please refer to file number 1353-455-3. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. NOONAN & LIEBERMAN 33 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1150 Chicago IL, 60602 312-431-1455 E-Mail: intake@noonanandlieberman.com Attorney File No. 1353-455-3 Case Number: 2025 FC 000094 TJS# 46-473 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector

attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2025 FC 000094 8051-962648

IN 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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Notice by Publication

Advertisement for Bids

Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) invites qualified Contractors to submit sealed bids to furnish all labor & material to complete requirements of bidding for Lincoln Land Community College – Surgical Tech & Sonography Lab Upgrades which includes the following:

Project consists of renovations of existing medical education spaces located on the LLCC Main Campus, located at 5250 Shepherd Road in Springfield, IL as follows:

Surgical Tech & Sonography Lab Upgrades LLCC Project Number: 78986

Sealed bids must be delivered to the attention of Mr. Tim Ervin, Director of Construction & EHS, Lincoln Land Community College,

Construction & EHS Office – Mason Hall, 5250 Shepherd Road, Springfield, IL 62794-9256 (Southeast corner of the LLCC Main Campus), on or before Tuesday, 3/31/26 at 2:00 PM Central Standard Time (CST), at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Faxed or e-mailed bids will not be accepted. Vendors are responsible for ensuring that bids are received by the above office prior to the deadline. Bids received after the deadline will not be considered. Contractors who have submitted a bid are invited, but not required, to attend the bid opening.

All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/) and the Drug Free Workplace Act (30 ILCS 580/).

All contractors and subcontractors shall demonstrate experience on projects of similar size and type.

All contractors bidding as prime bidders for this project will become subcontractors of O'Shea Builders as Construction Manager at Risk.

Lincoln Land Community College encourages the award of construction-project contracts, subcontracts and purchase orders to minority-owned, female-owned, veteran-owned and disabled persons-owned businesses. For this Project, there is a goal of awarding, in the aggregate, subcontracts and/or purchase orders in the amount representing at least five percent (5%) of the contracts, subcontracts and/or purchase orders to minority-owned, female-owned, veteran-owned and/or disabled person-owned businesses.

Lincoln Land Community College encourages those to whom construction or service contracts are awarded to develop and maintain apprenticeship and training programs in order to provide a pool of qualified and skilled workers within the College District.

All contractor questions regarding any matter concerning this Advertisement for Bid must be submitted in writing to O'Shea Builders by Tuesday, 3/24/26. Submittals of questions may be emailed to questions@osheabuilders.com , please put "LLCC – Surgical Tech & Sonography Lab Upgrades" in the subject line. No questions will be addressed after 2:00PM (CST), on Friday, 3/27/26.

Other questions regarding the bid documents will be addressed at a pre-bid meeting/site visit for contractors, which shall begin promptly at 2:00 PM (CST), Thursday, 3/19/26, in Logan Hall Room 1132. Any subcontractors that wish to view the site should be present at the pre-bid meeting. Further information concerning the specifications of this advertisement for bid resulting from questions submitted, either in writing or resulting from the pre-bid meeting/site visit, will be communicated in the form of an addendum. E-mail or verbal responses to questions are not a part of the bid documents and only formal addendum will govern.

Bidding Documents for the Project may be downloaded or viewed electronically by contacting Tara Cox at O'Shea Builders: tarac@osheabuilders.com, 217-522-2826.

Performance and Payment bonds are required for all Subcontracts over \$150,000 in value. The bidder shall furnish a bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the amount bid in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond, made payable to Lincoln Land Community College.

All LLCC Campuses are SMOKE FREE.

The Lincoln Land Community College, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, all contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of the owner's race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, income-level, or LEP in consideration for an award.

LLCC reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids

received, or to permit timely correction of minor deficiencies in bids whenever such rejection or waiver is in the interest of LLCC and to accept the bid or bids being most favorable to LLCC after all bids have been examined and evaluated.

ADOPTION NOTICE – STATE OF ILLINOIS, County of Sangamon, Seventh Judicial Circuit Court of Sangamon County. In the matter of the Petition for the Adoption of Parker Cray Rice, a male child. No. 2026-AD-23 To: Darren Buege, Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern: Take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, for the adoption of minor child named Parker Cray Rice. Now, therefore, unless you Darren Buege, Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Room 405, in the City of Springfield, Illinois, on or before the 13th day of April, 2026, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service_providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAO/gethelp.asp> /s/Joseph Roesch, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk Dan E. Way, Attorney for Petitioners 1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703

ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE Wishing to avail themselves of the provisions under the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, the below storage facility gives notice of the sale under said act; Monday the 30th day of March, 2026 at 10:00 AM, on that day will conduct a sale to the highest bidder, with bidding to take place on lockerfox.com, and payment to seller via credit/debit card, the contents of spaces 10 Federal Storage, 2225 J David Jones Pkwy, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 600-2778 Kaylee Mcguire 67. Lindsay Twyford 642. Weimack Eskew 343. Danielle Barkley 335. Madiynn Petty 617/596. Fuoad Siddique 798. Mackenzia Jackson 391. Tori Cisco 715. Andy Hale 197/186. Ann Phelps 309/296. HEATHER Worful Smith 339/340/341. Natika Stevenson 533. Isabella Schmidt 616/597. Moad Altareb 771. Dustin Lewis 620/593. Shannon Griffin 248. George Seagle 46; 10 Federal Storage, 3500 South 6th Street, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 387-3951 Mary Kavanagh B202. Tierra Long P48. Sharon Hall A79. Jarod Fagan P31; 10 Federal Storage, 900 E Straight St, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 286-1550 Cassie Smith E292/E327. Sandra Nicole 38. Christina Gray 221. Dean Williams E268. Nancy Alexander 139. Ashlyn Roof 227. Kenneth Williams E298. Julia F Storage Warehouse 1. Monay Jones 249. Randall Welch 220. April Rush 194. Rachel Rowden 212. Stephon groves 211. Sarah Watson E321. Tyler Lester 36. Ryan Kulp 189. Willie Lucas E290. Kelly Ruddy 65; 10 Federal Storage, 500 W Browning Rd, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 339-3865 Erica Moore 203D. Dale Abeln 22A. Brian White 28A. MIRANDA MILLER 234E. Georgeanne Adelman 245E. Timothy Beckham 63B. Joe Bart 105B

Ed Cole, last known address: 2048 S 5th St., Springfield, IL Unit # 13, contents; household items, personal items and tools. The above-named occupant is hereby notified that the contents of said storage units; Grace Church Mini Storage 3401 S 6th St., Springfield, IL 62703, will be sold or disposed of if the payment is not received in full by 1:30 pm, March 13. Cash, Cashier's Check or Money Order will be accepted.

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF Amanda L. Furrell, Minor Child No. 2026-GR-000011 To: Keyra Grover and All Persons Having A Right To Notice: Please be notified that Victoria Schrock has filed a Petition for the Guardianship of the Estate and Person of Amanda L. Furrell a minor child. You are required to answer said Petition before April 5, 2025 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter. Dated: March 12, 2026

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') 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 NORTHROP, Attorneys Brian D. Jones, of counsel – ARDC #6286510 Attorneys for Plaintiff 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200 P.O. Box 5131 Springfield, Illinois 62705 Telephone: (217) 544 1144 E-Mail: bdjones@sorlinglaw.com

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. Milhiser, 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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, Plaintiff,

v.

MIKAYLA OBERREITER, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No. : 2025-FC-136

NOTICE OF COURT SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

The sale shall be subject to Court approval. Buyer will be entitled to possession 30 days after the sale is confirmed by the Court.

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

Timothy J. Rigby

Hart, Southworth & Witsman

Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza

Springfield, Illinois 62701

Telephone: (217) 753-0055

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

2845 Hoover Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703

(C) The legal description of the real estate is:

The North 60 feet of Lot 6, Block 5 in Belmont Park Gardens Subdivision, Sangamon County, Illinois.

Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Tax ID Number: 22-10-430-028

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

Approximately 720 square foot, single story 4 room residence with a detached one car

garage, 2 bedrooms, and 1 bathroom.

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

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

Time: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2026.

Place: Sangamon County Courthouse

200 South Ninth Street

Springfield, Illinois 62701

(G) The terms of the sale are:

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

(H) Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances prior to the mortgage of INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, all general real estate taxes, special assessments if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all encroachments, if any.

INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association,

Plaintiff

Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930)

Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535)

Hart, Southworth & Witsman

Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza

Springfield, Illinois 62701

Telephone: (217) 753-0055

trigby@hswmnet.com

aprilaman@hswmnet.com

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

8051-962845

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

U.S. Bank National Association

PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Robert Young; Unknown Heirs and Legatees

of Samuel J. Young a/k/a Samuel Joseph

Young; Repair Masters' Construction-Spring-

field Company; Ernie Young a/k/a Ernest

Young; Tami Jean Young; Paul E. Young;

Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants;

Dan Way, as Special Representative for

Samuel J. Young a/k/a Samuel Joseph Young

(deceased)

DEFENDANTS

No. 2025FC000240

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Samuel J.

Young a/k/a Samuel Joseph Young

Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

That this case has been commenced in this

Court against you and other defendants,

praying for the foreclosure of a certain

Mortgage conveying the premises described

as follows, to-wit:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

3536 E Hooker St

Springfield, IL 62703

and which said Mortgage was made by:

Samuel J. Young a/k/a Samuel Joseph Young

the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic

Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as

nominee for Diamond Residential Mortgage

Corporation, as Mortgagee, and recorded in

the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of

Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No.

2015R25440 re-recorded as 2016R31849;

and for other relief; that summons was

duly issued out of said Court against you

as provided by law and that the said suit is

now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your

answer or otherwise file your appearance

in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this

Court,

Joseph B. Roesch

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Sangamon County Courthouse

200 South Ninth Street, Room 405

Springfield, IL 62701

on or before April 13, 2026, A DEFAULT MAY

BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME

AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY

BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE

PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Attorneys for Plaintiff

15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100
Burr Ridge, IL 60527
(630) 794-5300
DuPage # 15170
Winnebago # 531
Our File No. 14-25-07158
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS
MidFirst Bank
Plaintiff,
vs.
Nora I. Parrish; The United States of America,
Secretary of Housing and Urban Develop-
ment; Unknown Owners and Non-Record
Claimants
Defendants.

Case No. 2025FC000124
2316 Richards Lane, Springfield, IL 62702
Judge Adam Giganti
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant
to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale
entered in the above entitled cause on
November 12, 2025, Paula Crouch will on
April 21, 2026, at the hour of 9:00AM at the
Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, in person
only at 200 S. 9th St, 2nd Floor Room 223,
Springfield, Illinois 62701, sell to the highest
bidder for cash, the following described
mortgaged real estate:

The East 32.50 feet of the West 65 feet of Lot
8 of JAMES F. BROOK'S SUBDIVISION.
Except all coal, minerals and mining rights
heretofore conveyed or reserved of record.
Sited in SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as 2316 Richards Lane,
Springfield, IL 62702
Parcel Number(s): 14-11.0-403-033
The real estate is improved with a Single
Family Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time
of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10%
of the successful bid amount. The balance
of the successful bid shall be paid within 24
hours, by similar funds. The subject property
is offered for sale without any representation
as to quality or quantity of title and without
recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.
The sale is further subject to confirmation by
the Court. The property will NOT be open for
inspection.

If this property is a condominium unit, the
purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure
sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the
assessments and the legal fees required by
the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS
605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER),
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POS-
SESSION 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 call Plaintiff's Attorney, MDK
Legal, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago,
IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700.
Attorney file number: 25-015034.
Michael N. Varak
MDK LEGAL
Attorneys for Plaintiff
One East Wacker, Suite 1250
Chicago, IL 60601
Telephone: 312-651-6700
Fax: 614-220-5613
Attorney. No.: 6290959
Email: statee-file@mdklegal.com
8051-962894

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
-SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RON-
ALD J. GARRETT; VINCENT FLAMMINI A/K/A
VINCE FLAMMINI; THOMAS C. KELLY A/K/A
TOM C. KELLY A/K/A TOM KELLY; IRENE
KELLY-PASLEY A/K/A IRENE E. KELLY;
GERALD NORDGREN AS SPECIAL REP-
RESENTATIVE FOR RONALD J. GARRETT;
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS;

Defendant(s).
CASE NO. 2025FC000144
Property Address: 2921 Sutherland Rd
Springfield, IL 62702
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
Public notice is hereby given that in pursu-
ance of a judgment of said Court entered
in the above-entitled cause on January
14, 2026, I, Sheriff Paula Crouch of
Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale
on April 21, 2026, commencing at 9:00AM,
Sangamon County Building, Sangamon
South Auditorium, 1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR
Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701,
to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the
following described real estate, or so much
thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said
decree, to wit:
LOT 1059 OF RESURVEY OF LOTS 1009,
1028 THRU 1032, 1049 THRU 1053, AND
1057 THRU 1092 OF CHARLES S. WAN-
LESS' NORTHGATE ADDITION, 15TH PLAT,
AS PER PLAT RECORDED DECEMBER 13,
1988 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 88-24977.
EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL,
GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING
THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETO-
FORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR
CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND
EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF
SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINER-
ALS, IF ANY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON
COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 2921 Sutherland Rd
, Springfield, IL 62702
P.I.N.: 14-24.0-178-035
1st Lien Position; Single Family Residence;
Judgment Amount \$103,513.77
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-
1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS
605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1),
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE
PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER
THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE AS-
SESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED
BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF
SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND
COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION
(g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS
CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT.

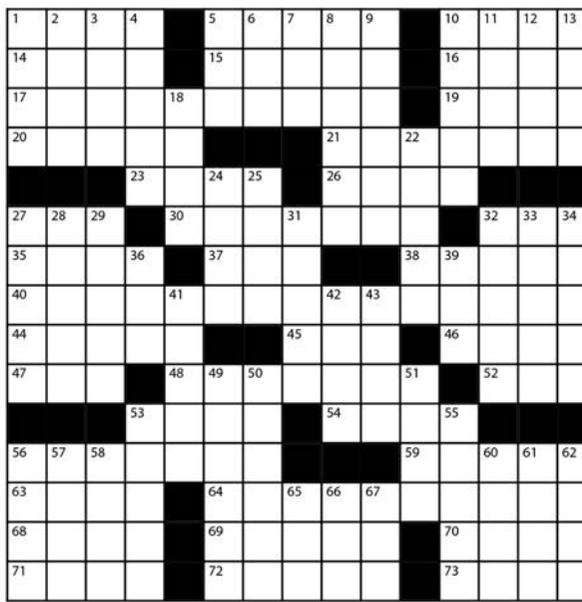
Terms of Sale: CASH - 10% down at the
time of sale and the balance due within
24 hours of the sale. All payments for the
amount bid shall be in certified funds pay-
able to the Sheriff of Sangamon County.
If the sale is not confirmed for any reason,
the Purchaser at the sale may be entitled
at most only to a return of the purchase
price paid. The Purchaser shall have no
further recourse against the Mortgagee,
the Mortgagee's attorney, or the court
appointed selling officer.

The person to contact for information
regarding this property is:
Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo &
Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road,
Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-
6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.
dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale.
This communication is an attempt to col-
lect a debt and any information obtained
will be used for that purpose.
Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC
1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120
Naperville, IL 60563
(630) 453-6960
midwestpleadings@dallegal.com
8051-962907

House components Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 936

Across

1. "Planet of the _____"
5. _____ decent living
10. High-five, e.g.
14. Mardi Gras follower
15. De Mille of dance
16. Mrs. Dithers in "Blondie"
17. ** The easy life
19. Aid and _____
20. For all to hear
21. Bring down
23. Familia members
26. Warner _____
27. Bud
30. Storage places
32. Ryan of "Top Gun"
35. Bullfight cheers
37. The Buckeyes, briefly
38. Sling mud at
40. ** Acting riskily
44. "West Side Story" role
45. "The Matrix" hero
46. _____ knot
47. Hi-_____ monitor
48. Pipsqueaks
52. It may be framed
53. Suit to _____
54. Lowly laborer
56. Some saints
59. Puts into piles
63. Cousin of a bassoon
64. ** Soapy leftovers
68. "Return of the Jedi" dancing girl



69. Accused's need
70. Pour
71. Word that could follow the start of the starred answers
72. Sprite flavor
73. Omar of "Scream 2"
10. Lasting impressions
11. Par of 5-down
12. Greek war god
13. Taps
18. Money guarantor, for short
22. Sheriff's group
24. "...bump on _____"
25. "Eh"
27. Arctic or Antarctic
28. Skirt style
29. Some casual wear
31. Certain Muslim
32. News outlets
33. Avid
34. Terrific
36. Dog command
39. Assembled
41. Foul
42. Office fill-in
43. Bill Clinton's birthplace
49. Kind of tea
50. Flea market deal
51. McGwire's friendly home-run rival
53. Mr. T's group
55. _____ Dame
56. Drop anchor
57. Peek-_____
58. Caramel candy brand
60. Cut the crop
61. Make a misstep
62. Identity theft targets: Abbr.
65. Comic Conway
66. "Oz" network
67. Take the gold

Down

1. Jessica of "Dark Angel"
2. Drink garnish
3. Opposite of ecto-
4. Hearty pint
5. Listening device
6. Before now
7. "ER" extras
8. Required
9. Declare with confidence

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 936

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.

12x	7+		2-	10x	3÷
	5+	10+			
			2-	3-	
2-	30x	5-			
			10x	1-	
2-		3		5-	

Difficulty hard

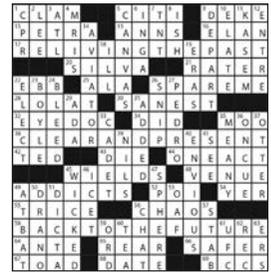
Sudoku No. 936

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

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

Difficulty medium

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #935

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

Sudoku answers from #935

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

JoshJosh answers from #935

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217-572-1996

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[finleystaphouse.com](https://www.finleystaphouse.com)

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1130 Legacy Pointe Drive On the north side of Scheels

217-670-1217

[legacypointeeatery.com](https://www.legacypointeeatery.com)

Kitchen hours: Closed Mon., Tues.-Sat. 11am-9pm,

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217-793-1840

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Kitchen hours: Mon.-Thu. 11am-3pm, 5-9pm; Fri.-Sun. 11am-9pm.

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217-525-4952

<http://brehelspringfield.com/>

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217-679-3482

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Southern View

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1821 S. 15th Street

217-544-7445

<https://www.facebook.com/HumphreysMarket>

Monday - Friday: 10:30a - 2:00p,

Saturday: 10:30a - 1:00p, Sunday: (CLOSED)

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\$9.99 for the sandwich with fries and a drink

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2143 N. 11th St.

(across from Illinois State Fair Main Gate) -

217-528-8940

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[maingatebar.com](https://www.maingatebar.com)

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While you're enjoying all the chef-inspired burgers, don't forget your 217 Burger Week passport to plan your food journey and for a chance to win gift cards from local restaurants! Download your passport at [217foodweek.com](https://www.217foodweek.com) or get one from inside the Illinois Times March 16-25. Be sure to send it to the IT office by Monday, March 30.

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