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Sangamon County Board still considering data center proposal

Aurora recently enacted new restrictions following citizen complaints

DATA CENTERS | Dilpreet Raju

One day after the Sangamon County Board voted March 23 to table a data center proposal, the city of Aurora, about 175 miles northeast of Springfield, enacted some of the nation's tightest restrictions on future data center developments after years of citizen complaints.

The next Sangamon County Board meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, and has been moved to the BOS Center to accommodate public turnout. However, it remains to be seen whether a County Board member will call forward the tabled zoning resolution that would allow CyrusOne to establish a \$500 million data center in Sangamon County. *Illinois Times* reached out to four different Board members prior to publication – two Democrats and two Republicans – and did not receive responses from any of them.

Aurora has five operational data centers – two owned by CyrusOne – and another five that were in development prior to the passage of the city's latest regulations. The densely populated city is about three-fourths the geographical size of Springfield with nearly the same number of residents as all of Sangamon County, and residents have complained about noise, lighting and other issues stemming from the close proximity of the various data centers.

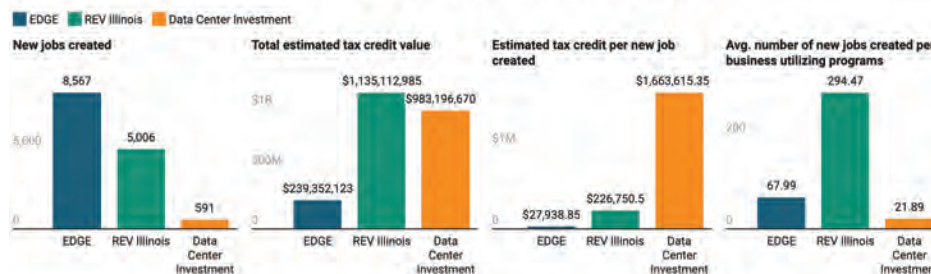
One regulation that will affect current data centers in Aurora is that unless “generators are supplying backup electrical supply during a power outage, testing of generators... may only occur between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and not on holidays. No more than two generators may be tested simultaneously.”

The Sangamon County data center plans include 420 diesel-powered backup generators that are “tested for 10-15 hours per year for maintenance purposes” and to be used in case of emergencies. In comparison, Springfield Memorial Hospital utilizes six backup generators for its main hospital in case of an outage.

Trinity Consultants, an international environmental consultancy firm, was hired by CyrusOne to conduct a noise study that considered “projected sound levels from data center cooling equipment, backup generators and other auxiliary equipment” that would be used for the Sangamon County site.

“As there are no adjacent residential districts or properties, the project is expected to be compliant with the Sangamon County Noise Code... tuning will be addressed with the attenuation manufacturers as design progresses,”

From 2020 through 2024, three major state programs meant to stimulate job growth and capital investment have provided more than \$2.3 billion in tax breaks to 170 businesses



REV Illinois, fully known as the Reimagining Energy and Vehicles in Illinois program, was signed into law in 2021 while the Data Center Investment Program began in 2019; both programs were signed into law by Gov. JB Pritzker. EDGE numbers only account for businesses newly signing up for the EDGE program, excluding businesses that previously signed up for the program and continued to utilize it.

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the study reads. “We assume sound produced from generators during a power-outage scenario is exempt from noise code requirements.”

Kathleen Campbell, a retired professor at SIU School of Medicine who focused on audiology, spoke in opposition to the data center during the March 23 County Board meeting. She estimated, through multiple decibel recordings of a CyrusOne data center in Aurora provided to her by several Aurora residents, that the proposed project would near or exceed the threshold for exceeding county noise standards.

“There’s no compliance in Aurora (regarding noise standards), why would there be any compliance here?” she said.

Another concern frequently expressed by citizens who addressed the County Board was how the increased electrical usage required by the data center would affect utility rates. Representatives from CyrusOne have sought to reassure the public that there will be no impact stemming from the project.

However, a recent federal emergency order allowing the temporary operation of two Indiana coal plants might impact ratepayers across some of the country’s electrical grids, including the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) that covers a large portion of Illinois.

Last year’s congressional testimony from Jennifer Curran, vice president for planning and operations at MISO, is referenced in the Department of Energy’s recent order. She cited “an unexpected demand for energy-hungry data centers to support artificial intelligence.”

“A growing reliability risk is that the rapid retirement of existing coal and gas power plants threatens to outpace the ability of new resources with the necessary operational characteristics to

replace them,” Curran said.

Illinois Times reached out to RECC, the local utility company that would be connecting the data center to the grid, for comment but did not receive a response.

Economic incentives

During the March County Board meeting, Bradd Hout, CyrusOne’s location and power strategy director, said that CyrusOne, a company operating in nearly 10 countries, has about 700 employees.

“We’re regular people doing a job and doing a job to serve the digital economy that we all operate within,” Hout said.

That means a Sangamon data center with 100 full-time employees would account for more than 12% of the company’s total workforce, not accounting for other projects in development. That many full-time employees would also far outpace the rate of hiring for other data center projects in the state, which create an average of about 20 new jobs per data center.

While the private-equity backed company has said it’s not pursuing local tax abatements or contesting property valuation in order to pay less in property taxes, CyrusOne has taken advantage of state tax breaks for other projects in Illinois. The company received more than \$147 million in tax breaks from three data centers in DuPage County and one in Kendall County.

From 2020 through 2024, more than 14,000 new jobs can be attributed to businesses that began to utilize three separate state programs.

Economic Development for a Growing Economy, or EDGE, is a tax credit program first authorized in 1999 under Republican Gov.

George Ryan to encourage a wide variety of businesses to take root in Illinois. Walgreens and Hershey Chocolate are examples of companies that have utilized the EDGE tax credits.

Gov. JB Pritzker signed two new programs into law, starting with the Data Center Investment Program in 2019, followed by REV Illinois, or the Reimagining Energy and Vehicles in Illinois program, in 2021.

Companies that took part in the state’s Data Center Investment Program from 2020 to 2024 created anywhere from an estimated 4,000 to 8,000 temporary (potentially ongoing) construction jobs and just under 600 new permanent jobs.

Some key requirements to qualify for the state’s data center tax incentives are:

- Capital investment of at least \$250 million
- The project must result in at least 20 new full-time or full-time equivalent jobs associated with the operation or maintenance of the data center. Jobs must have total compensation that matches or exceeds “120% of the average wage paid to full-time employees in the county where the data center is located.”
- “Within two years of the project being placed in service, demonstrate that the data center is carbon-neutral” or attain a specific green building standard.
- Data center “must require its contractor to enter into a project labor agreement” approved by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Most of the land for the proposed site, which Hout previously told *IT* would be purchased if zoning approval is granted, is owned by various entities related to Dowson Farms of Divernon. Dowson Farms is also the landowner for the vast majority of the Double Black Diamond Solar farm, adjacent to the proposed data center site.

Through its various entities, Dowson Farms paid \$7.6 million total for four separate parcels of farmland in 2023 and 2025, according to county property records, that CyrusOne now plans to purchase. The contract to purchase is not public, so it is not known how much CyrusOne plans to pay for the land.

In 2024, CyrusOne paid nearly \$61 million for about 230 acres in Kendall County to develop a data center in Yorkville. It was previously owned by Green Door Capital, a private equity company based in Chicago, which purchased the land in 2023 from a farm based in nearby Oswego for \$8.5 million. That farm operator, NGH Farms, purchased the land from ComEd in 2003 for \$3.8 million. □

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A collaborative effort for downtown

City, county and state officials push legislation to help expand BOS Center, construct new hotel

DOWNTOWN | Dilpreet Raju

City, county and state elected officials are offering bipartisan support for a bill in the Statehouse that would help facilitate an expansion of the BOS Center in downtown Springfield, along with construction of a new hotel. The bill would also create a new governing board to promote business development and tourism in Springfield and Sangamon County.

Elected officials said Senate Bill 3499, introduced by state Sen. Doris Turner, D-Springfield, would grant mechanisms for a nearly \$200 million expansion of the BOS Center and construction of a new hotel just south of the city-owned convention center where the Sangamon County Complex parking lot currently sits.

If the bill becomes law, a new governing body dubbed the Capital Area Tourism Authority would be created to be responsible for developing and owning the new hotel. The authority's board would consist of five members, with three members appointed by the Sangamon County Board, one member appointed by the Springfield City Council and one member appointed by the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority.

At a March 31 press conference held at the BOS Center, Turner emphasized that the project, which is contingent on her bill passing the Senate and House, would add no new taxes to local residents.

"The goal is to provide economic tools that will finance and fund the development of a new full-service hotel and the expansion of the Bank of Springfield Center," Turner said. "Without a doubt, this is true economic development that will bring jobs and tourism dollars to downtown without Springfield residents having to pay any new taxes."

Sangamon County Board Chair Andy Van Meter said that Turner "has packed this bill with a number of levers for revenue: the building (of) the hotel itself, revenue from a potential additional hotel/motel tax, revenue from the incremental sales tax that will be generated by the hotel and expanded convention center."

"This project is not an overnight sensation," Turner said. "We have been working on this in a very deliberate and methodical manner for several years."

Last year, the county, city and Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority (SMEAA) fielded proposals for bidders to fulfill those plans. It's unclear if



State Rep. Mike Coffey speaks at a March 31 press conference to announce support for state legislation that would help expand the BOS Center and construct a new hotel in downtown Springfield. PHOTO BY STEVE HINRICHS

another request for proposals will be posted or if elected officials have identified companies that can fulfill their requests.

Van Meter acknowledged behind-the-scenes support from Gov. JB Pritzker over the years.

"Thank you to the governor who, through every conversation over the past four years has said, 'Look, I want to be supportive of this,'" he said.

The bill, in Van Meter's words, is "incredibly creative" and "assures us that there is adequate money here to get the job done – and she (Turner) also crafted a program that has assured us that we will not be raising taxes on local citizens of our community. This will be paid for by the people who use these facilities."

He added that expanding the city's major convention site to allow for more events, including potentially simultaneous conferences, is key to generating more revenue for the county and city.

"We need to focus and become a convention-oriented community that will bring more revenue into our community," Van Meter said.

SMEAA Chair and state Rep. Mike

Coffey, R-Springfield, praised the utilization of Sales Tax and Revenue (STAR) bonds as a community reinvestment tool. It's a funding mechanism the Pritzker administration has been pushing across the state for communities to encourage economic growth.

"I want to thank the governor's office for reinvesting tax dollars back into the capital city. This is exactly the kind of partnership we need, recognizing that when Springfield succeeds, Illinois succeeds," Coffey said. "The highlight of this is the fact that we have four bodies of government: the state, the county, the city and SMEAA all working together across party lines to make life better for our constituents."

Mayor Misty Buscher likened the idea to the ongoing construction for the new Sangamon County Transportation Hub. She also said the idea of revitalizing downtown isn't a problem solely facing Springfield.

"That is a project of collaboration of four units of government; that (the Hub) was federal, state, county and city. This is going to be your next project that's going to have collaboration of four units of government," she said. "Our downtown has changed, but our downtown is not unique or different. This is happening all across our country because

working from home has become so prevalent. It is time for a new focus for downtown – it is time to combine work, living and entertainment in one space. That is what this project does, it creates a vibrant space for entertainment."

Buscher also mentioned her support for Senate Bill 3436, also introduced by Turner, that would create a new zone for the city of Springfield to designate areas of redevelopment where developers could access grants from a state fund in addition to construction job tax credits, sales tax breaks and other tax deductions.

"It is important that we repurpose old buildings for that living part of our new downtown – work, livability, and entertainment," Buscher said. Senate Bill 3436 would "help with revitalizing those old buildings."

Jay Shanle, the newly appointed executive director of Downtown Springfield, Inc., endorsed the expansion of the convention center and construction of a new hotel.

"Oftentimes Springfield is thought of as a government town, but we do realize and appreciate that tourism is such a vital economic driver for not just downtown, but our city," Shanle said.

Monica Zanetti, owner of Wild Rose Artisans Gallery & Boutique downtown, said Springfield will benefit from the expansion.

"We just need to expand, and this is a wonderful step. I cannot tell you how amazing this is going to be for the downtown," said Zanetti, who is also on the Springfield Cultural Arts Foundation. "We can't wait to see people walking around, bigger conventions."

Coffey added that a city-owned hotel and convention center will generate significant revenue.

"If we look at the Wyndham and we look down the street at the boarded-up buildings, I think as a group we decided that having the Authority own the hotel and the convention center, what that's going to do, that is government spending money so that the private sector will then fill these up," he said.

Both Senate Bill 3499 and 3436 will be heard in a Senate Revenue committee hearing on April 2.

A third bill, Senate Bill 2829, which would expand the powers of the Mid-Illinois Medical District and is also part of what Turner called "the downtown reinvestment package," is awaiting assignment. □

A contentious call for police reforms

City Council members and residents decry use of force by Springfield police officer

POLICE | Dilpreet Raju

Residents packed the Springfield City Council chamber on March 31 to demand an independent investigation, and even reforms, of the Springfield Police Department following its response to a contentious arrest last Friday of a Black female teenager.

Bodycam footage and bystander video show Officer Jacob Walter, in an attempt to execute a warrant for arrest, chasing 19-year-old Promyss Davis before sitting on her and punching her in the head as she struggles before finally being handcuffed. The incident occurred near the intersection of 15th Street and Cornell Avenue following a traffic stop March 27.

Council members, including the Black caucus, pressed SPD Chief Joseph Behl about the department's press release issued a day before the Committee of the Whole meeting.

"This is not my first time speaking on a situation (like this) that has happened in our community, and it won't be the last," said Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory. "I just think that situation can be handled without striking the young lady."

'Followed his training and established policy'

Springfield police officials defended Walter's actions as "the lowest level of force necessary" in a March 30 press release that also claims the teenager accidentally shut off Walter's bodycam when the struggle began. While the bodycam footage shows Davis running from the officer after he initially questions her, it cuts off before the main portion of the altercation. A bystander began recording once Walter had her pinned to the ground and that video began circulating on social media, prompting SPD to later release a statement and bodycam footage several days later.

"Officer Walter followed his training and established policy in effecting this arrest," the release states. "A comprehensive review of this use-of-force incident was conducted by the Springfield Police Department. The incident and associated evidence was also evaluated by use of force trainers and experts. While videos of police interactions with criminal suspects can sometimes be jarring to watch, the Springfield Police Department supports Officer Walter and all men and women of the Springfield Police Department who put their safety at risk every shift to make our community a safe place to live."

Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams asked Behl to answer the council's questions about the arrest.



Police Chief Joe Behl addresses the Springfield City Council March 31 to answer questions regarding a recent arrest. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

"Your statement told me what you thought of the incident, but I have problems with the statement," Williams said. "I have a genuine disagreement with you on putting something out like this that this is our established training and this is our established policy – this is the way that we operate as police officers."

Williams said that while the young woman was running from the officer, "nothing justifies getting hit in the head and choking (and putting) pressure against her throat like that... we need to take action and reform your department, because this is not the first time. I guess if she was dead, you'd probably say, 'Oh well, it was in the training and within our policy.' We need to look at the policy," he said.

Ward 5 Ald. Lakeisha Purchase told the chief that it wasn't a good look for the department.

"The optics just suck for you guys right now, for the cameras to turn off when innocent bystanders are driving by and (they) picked up what we should've picked up," she said. "Imagine that somebody didn't have that camera there."

Behl said, "I agree with you; I wish the camera worked the entire time."

However, he defended his officer's actions. "He could have tased her, but he didn't, and I'm glad he didn't, because that's another level of force up from hard empty-hand control."

Purchase said there needs to be further discussions between SPD and the Aldermanic Black Caucus.

"The three of us at the Springfield Aldermanic Black Caucus, we're going to request for you all to come and we're going to do a meeting so that we can have open dialogue," she said. The Faith Coalition for the Common Good and Springfield NAACP have also formally requested meetings with SPD regarding the arrest.

Community reaction

In addition to statements issued by Faith Coalition for the Common Good and Springfield NAACP, various community groups including The Purple Coalition and Black Lives Matter SPI asked citizens to attend the March 31 council meeting and sign up to speak. Many criticized not only SPD's handling of the incident but the department's recent request to purchase a new armored vehicle as examples of over-policing.

Sontae Massey, a cousin of Sonya Massey who served on the Massey Commission, said "the fear that that I saw in this young lady's eyes is familiar to me."

Reggie Guyton, a community activist and District 21 Sangamon County Board member, admonished Walter's use of force and SPD's response.

"We now see how easy it is for SPD to justify any kind of force against any and everybody," Guyton said. "You may say that she was detained and she resists arrest, etc., etc. But if you're restrained and a person is on your back, why do you have to hit them while they're down?"

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He also criticized the City Council for approving the SPD's recent \$445,000 purchase of an armored truck. Only Ward 3 Ald. Williams and Ward 6 Ald. Jennifer Notariano voted against the ordinance.

"Spending \$400,000 for a vehicle that resembles a tank is the lowest form of intimidation I can think of," Guyton said. "The people of Springfield are dealing with real-life issues that are more common than SPD, or even City Council, cares to acknowledge. Decatur (City Council) just (approved) a 24-hour daycare center with \$400,000. Do you know what something like that could do for the city of Springfield? Do you know what that could do for my people?"

Michelle Cruz Hine, an area teacher, also lamented the recent armored truck purchase as a "giant weapon" and told the council to stop increasing SPD's budget without scrutiny.

"This council needs to stop approving money, weapons and equipment, and mandate all police officers to go to" various mandated trainings, she said. "There should be no budgetary increases, no more funding. This training needs to be ongoing. Police officers need to understand how their biases show up in their policing. Priorities need to be made clear. De-escalation over physical intervention, always."

Council members and public commenters referenced how the Police Community Review Commission continues to face issues. Multiple speakers, including those not involved with the commission's work, also invoked the Massey Commission's calls to action published in full nearly four months ago that remain largely unaddressed by county and city governing bodies.

Ethan Posey, Springfield's director of community relations, said the next PCRC meeting is scheduled for May 21 and multiple candidates to fill vacancies are going through a background check.

Kelly Hurst, former managing director of the Massey Commission, criticized the tactics of the arrest and reminded the council members of the Commission's 26 separate calls to action. "This is not abstract, this is actionable, and it is already written," she said. "A young Black girl punched in the face by a police officer — she did not deserve that. There is no version of public safety that makes that acceptable."

Hurst also criticized the PCRC for a lack of transparency.

"The May 21 meeting that Mr. Posey mentioned is not even on the website for the city — it's not listed. There's no communication. How would anyone have known that there were even things being done for that?" □



WICS, 2680 E. Cook St., is one of the Rincon Broadcasting Group stations under contract to be purchased by Community News Media, pending FCC approval. CREDIT: ILLINOIS TIMES FILE PHOTO

WICS slated to be sold again

NEWS | Adrian Dater

Springfield's main television station, NewsChannel 20 WICS, will soon be under new ownership for the second time in a little more than a year if the Federal Communications Commission approves a sale from Rincon Broadcasting to Community News Media LLC.

In March of last year, Rincon Broadcasting bought WICS as part of a \$29.5 million purchase from Sinclair Broadcasting Group, a dominant player nationwide in regional TV stations. But, according to an application for sale to the FCC filed March 24, Rincon plans to sell WICS, along with a number of other stations it owns throughout the country, to Community News Media as part of a \$116.5 million deal. The filing to the FCC was made by Rincon Broadcasting Group president Todd Parkin.

The world of the local television station business, once a lucrative enterprise that rarely changed hands, has been turbulent in recent years. A proposed \$6.2 billion merger between regional broadcast entities Tegna and NextStar remains in limbo, a transaction that, if approved, could have wide-ranging implications in industry consolidation.

The pending transaction, according to an FCC document, would also include the sale of a satellite station affiliated with WICS — WICD of Champaign-Decatur.

Robert Richardson, the general manager for WICS, declined to comment when contacted by *Illinois Times*. □

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SLOW DOWN

The coverage of the March 23 Sangamon County Board meeting by Dilpreet Raju was thorough and thoughtful (“County Board votes to table data center proposal,” March 26). Given how complex and extensive this issue is, both locally and nationally, it is understandable that it did miss one key issue.

The electric cooperative RECC and CyrusOne continually state that our utility rates will not be increased with a 600-megawatt data center in Sangamon County. However, areas saturated with data centers do show a dramatic increase in utility rates. The PJM utility grid, which is saturated with them, is considering requiring them to provide their own energy. It also needs to be explained how the MISO grid, or any grid, is required to respond when it is faced with multiple companies applying to install multiple hyperscale data centers.

To give a rough comparison, if someone goes to several car dealerships and has their credit run at each dealership, it skews their credit capacity. Corporations such as Amazon, Meta and Blackrock (40% owner of CyrusOne) are in a race to build as many data centers as they can. This means multiple speculative applications to see what will stick. It is a scattershot approach that confuses and distorts energy-demand



Approximately 700 people packed into the BOS Center for the March 23 Sangamon County Board meeting, with most of the public speakers expressing opposition to the proposed CyrusOne data center.

planning.

The MISO grid is required to treat these potential builds as actual builds, creating a picture of excessive energy demand coming online with not enough energy on hand to supply it. A door opens for ratepayers to cover the expense to bring expensive fossil fuel plants back online to meet the hyperscaler’s needs.

It is up to us to slow down this rush. We need to look to other ways to build out solar by using non-agricultural areas such as rooftops, highway medians and parking lots as untapped resource. And why are we sacrificing what ground we have gained in clean energy? These companies are more than able to carve out responsible ways to grow, but only if we stand up to them. No amount of money is worth desecrating a peaceful existence or this beautiful ecosystem that is gasping for breath from our abuse. Let’s work together to keep them accountable.

Anne Logue
Springfield

PEOPLE OVER PROFIT

It takes a strong leader to have the courage to protect their constituents from long-term impact rather than settling for short-term profits. Putting peoples’ well-being at risk for non-binding promises is reckless, just as developers like CyrusOne are recklessly flooding the country with data centers, heedless of the damage they leave behind.

It’s easy to say yes to promised tax revenues and jobs. It takes insight and strength to vote against irresponsible development. Sangamon County Board members must provide strong leadership to protect their constituents by ensuring they aren’t negatively impacted by the economic development the board promotes.

It’s difficult to balance economic development and protecting constituents, but the benefits of tax revenues aren’t always what they seem to be. While North Mac School District, a recipient of the tax revenues from the CyrusOne project, serves students in Sangamon County, its offices and schools are in Macoupin County. Virden

Fire Protection District, also a recipient, is also based in Macoupin County while a portion of its service area is in our county. In both cases, the money will not stay in the control of Sangamon County. The benefits to Sangamon County are negligible compared to the permanent negative impact to our communities.

The residents of Lowder and the landowners near the data center will carry the direct impact of noise, lights, impacts to quality of life and decreased property values. People who live in the Talkington Township area live there by choice, often because their families have lived there for generations. These people are the most vulnerable to the impact of this project. They have only one elected representative, one vote to protect them. They are at a disadvantage unless the majority of the County Board chooses these constituents over short-term revenues.

County Board members can make the choice to protect the community, deny this permit application and demand that the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance recruit responsible economic development that brings more jobs where the tax revenues remain in Sangamon County – projects that provide more benefit than harm, and projects that give more value per square foot than a data center. Sangamon County needs strong leaders who can make the difficult decision to put people over profit.

Lori McKiernan
Springfield

NO NOISE?

Cyrus One says they’ve “evolved” since their facility in Aurora was built in 2017, and now they’ve got noise under control. Too bad nobody fact-checked. Cyrus didn’t build the third phase of Aurora until 2024, and according to the folks up there, that’s the noisy one everyone is complaining about. If true, chalk up another lie from the Texas billionaire tech bros.

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Voter turnout analysis

POLITICS | Rich Miller

The trend in special elections around the country for the past several months has shown spiking Democratic voter turnout and tanking Republican turnout. And some preliminary primary election results from earlier this month show the same trend here.

What follows is a quick look at governor's race turnout in the state's five most populous counties. Not all votes were counted when I wrote this, so the numbers are accurate as of early March 27. But the final count will be very close to what I have here.

Also, I'm not saying that these results are necessarily predictive of the November election. Things change in politics, and sometimes folks cross over to cast votes in competitive local elections and go back to where they were in the general. But the primary turnout numbers have been a broad sign of things to come for quite a while, particularly in the suburbs, where we are looking today. The Republican Party has moved far to the other side of social issues important to suburban voters and President Donald Trump's unpopularity has been further driving that point home.

In DuPage County, the preliminary number of Republicans casting ballots for governor fell almost 32 percent compared to four years ago.

The DuPage Republican drop-off has been steady for years, coinciding with the party's ever-shrinking success in the general election. Last week's preliminary primary turnout in the former Republican bastion is about 49 percent below 2014 – the last year the state elected a Republican governor.

Democratic turnout in DuPage, on the other hand, is so far up a whopping 45 percent compared to four years ago. Democratic primary turnout has greatly increased in the county since 2014, which was a horrible year for Democratic turnout throughout the state. That year was President Barack Obama's second midterm and Gov. Pat Quinn went on to lose to Bruce Rauner in the general. DuPage Democratic turnout in the governor's race this year is up 586 percent (that's not a typo) from 2014. And unlike some other jurisdictions, DuPage Democratic turnout was significantly higher this spring (25 percent) than in the primary held during Trump's first midterm election.

Needless to say, those numbers cannot be providing any comfort to the shrinking number of GOP legislators and local officials who represent part or all of that county.

The same goes for Lake County, where Republican primary gubernatorial turnout has collapsed by more than 48 percent compared to four years ago, while Democratic turnout

has risen by more than 27 percent. Lake is another suburban county with a disappearing general election GOP.

Republican primary turnout in Lake has dropped every four years since 2010, and the preliminary numbers show that 59 percent fewer Republicans cast ballots for governor last week than in '10.

Lake County Democratic primary turnout so far is slightly above the previous record number recorded in 2018. And it's up 501 percent compared to the party's very bad year in 2014.

Will County's Republican primary vote for governor has so far dropped more than 33 percent compared to four years ago, while Democratic turnout has increased by about 33 percent.

This year's Democratic primary turnout in Will County is slightly down from Trump's second midterm in 2018, but it's up 282 percent from Obama's miserable second midterm. Will's Republican turnout, as measured here by votes for governor, is down 31 percent from 2014.

Kane County has been trending Democratic ever since Trump's first midterm

in 2018. And even though about 4,000 more people voted for Republican gubernatorial candidates in 2022 than those who voted Democratic, Gov. JB Pritzker went on to win that county in November by 10 points.

This year, preliminary numbers show that more than twice as many Democrats voted for an unopposed governor versus those who voted in the contested Republican gubernatorial race (46,000 to not quite 23,000). Kane Republican votes fell by 26 percent versus 2022. Democratic votes rose by a gigantic 71 percent.

Suburban Cook County long ago slipped away from significant Republican influence. Republican primary votes for governor are so far 33 percent below 2022, while Democratic turnout is up 41 percent.

The suburban Cook Republican primary gubernatorial vote is down 48 percent from its most recent high-water mark in 2014.

Again, this is not a prediction. But legislative Republicans are right to be afraid of another suburban wipeout. □

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Don't let perception become the narrative

Define downtown by the people who continue to invest in it

GUESTWORK | Karen Conn

The My Heart's Downtown campaign has been in the news recently, and while I am grateful to see attention focused on our city center, I want to clarify how this effort began. It was not created by a single organization or person. It came from a small group of individuals who care deeply about downtown Springfield and who, after many conversations, decided to stop talking about what was missing and start building what was possible: Business owners. Nonprofit leaders. Community advocates. People who walk these sidewalks every day and feel both the strain and the promise that has settled over our downtown since the pandemic.

We have all watched the changes. Offices shifted to remote work. Foot traffic declined. Empty storefronts began shaping perception. If we are not careful, perception becomes the narrative. But those of us who are here every day know downtown is not defined by empty spaces or the hard seasons. It is defined by the people who continue to invest in it.

Downtown is not just a business district; it is a neighborhood. It is where memories are preserved and where conversations that begin on a sidewalk turn into collaboration and new ideas.

My Heart's Downtown grew from that understanding. A group of us, from different professional backgrounds and organizations, sat at the same table with a shared goal: improve the perception of downtown by uplifting the good that already exists and inviting more people into it. No one person or group controls the campaign. It is



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. CREDIT: PHOTO FROM FACEBOOK

intentionally community oriented because downtown belongs to the community.

It's important to recognize the people who have quietly done the work behind this movement. Leah Wilson, Elisa Fox, Cainan Barnett, Jay Shanle and Scott Troehler each brought something different to the table, but all shared the same belief that downtown Springfield is worth the effort. This is what gives My Heart's Downtown its strength.

What moves me most about how this

came together is the spirit behind it. We recognized that downtown is about people, about connection, about community, about feeling like you belong somewhere. And if we want that feeling to be strong again, we cannot wait for someone else to create it. We had to step into it ourselves. So, we did.

Grassroots efforts carry a different kind of energy because they are relational, neighbor to neighbor. They are built on shared belief rather than hierarchy. When

people volunteer their time and ideas to something larger than themselves, it creates a tone others want to be part of. Downtown Springfield does not need more division; it needs alignment. It needs business owners, nonprofits, city leaders, organizations and residents moving in the same direction, even if we arrived from different places.

The recent coverage hopefully brings attention to the initiative – that is the first step. Attention sparks curiosity, and curiosity brings people downtown. And when people experience it for themselves, they reconnect with why it matters.

This initiative is not about credit. It is about connection to experiences, to small businesses, to history and to each other. When someone stands on the plaza, takes a photo at the heart sculpture, walks to dinner, attends a show or lingers a little longer than planned, pride begins to grow and positive momentum builds.

Downtown will become what we choose to make it. If we want it to feel vibrant, welcoming and full of life again, that responsibility belongs to all of us. And when people choose to show up together, good things happen. □

Karen Conn is the co-owner of Conn's Hospitality Group, which owns and operates multiple businesses based in historic properties in central Illinois. She has long been active in efforts to revitalize downtown Springfield and received the Wally Henderson Lifetime Achievement Award at the Downtown Springfield, Inc. annual gala held last month.

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OPINION



Image shows a section cut view of the completed Armory building improvements. Notable improvements are the new sixth floor, board rooms overlooking the auditorium and historically preserved tiered seating on the fourth floor. CREDIT: COURTESY CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Armory 2.0

Intelligent reuse? In the Capitol complex?

KROHE | James Krohe Jr.

How nice to see construction cranes instead of wrecking balls around the Illinois State Armory. Having kvetched for years about its neglect by the owners, I feel obligated to say a few words in praise of the project that is restoring it to health.

As alert citizens know from these pages, the Armory, now in its 80s, is leaving the circuses and rock bands and trade shows behind and soon will be settling into much more sedate old age as a State of Illinois office building. Armory 2.0 will house as many as 700 employees left homeless by the renovation of the Capitol's north wing across the street and the planned demolition of the Stratton Office Building.

Stabilization work having been completed in 2024, workers are now doing the fun part — raising the roof to add a full sixth floor with skylights that will allow in natural light and turn that gloomy old auditorium into an atrium. (Start your betting pools now for when the first leak is reported.) There's even talk of including a "satellite" visitors center to go with the one that opened in 1988 on Spring Street across from the Capitol. Pretty soon every public building in Springfield will have a visitors center; look for a proposal to build a visitors center to direct visitors to the visitor center they want to go to.

But they don't have one of those in Madison.

The new Armory should emerge from its cocoon by early 2028, maybe sooner. Of course, every time a janitor replaces a toilet paper roll in a Stratton Building restroom

complaints of "extravagance!" fill the air. So we Serious People of the press must at least ask about the project's larger public benefits. A new office building might be what the state wants, but is it the best use of that particular building? Various experts saw in it a potential visitors center or a new Illinois State Museum; nervous sorts will ask if it is prudent for state government to rid itself of an armory when we have an insurrectionist in the White House who already has targeted Illinois as enemy territory. In these pages I suggested it might make a food court and commons for visitors and state workers, maybe even a museum of state government featuring a Hall of Smoke and Mirrors. Alas, columnists carry as little weight around the Statehouse as Luxembourg at the UN.

Is a new office building really needed? It wasn't that long ago that local landlords were weeping because state workforce cuts had all but emptied Springfield's fine collection of leftover furniture stores and assembly plants and strip mall emporia of tenants. Today however we have a governor who is trying to restore to health a state workforce crippled since the start of the millennium by cheapskates and ideologues. And power-adjacent office space for staff for the gov and lawmakers is always in short supply.

Is it wise for the state to build space for more humans when more and more future work seems likely to be done at home, if indeed it will be done by humans at all? Probably. State workers have been put out of business several times already by cutting-edge

technologies such as typewriters and copy machines and desktop PCs; my guess is that in the 1950s one stenographer was laid off for every gallon of Liquid Paper purchased by the state. But it will take decades for state government to catch up with the AI revolution, if it actually happens. Until then, state government's version of Parkinson's Law will always pertain: "Work expands so as to fill the office space available for it."

Wouldn't it be cheaper to just build new? Not in terms of energy expended. As for the cost in money, the new Armory will be an "executive" office building. The new penthouse level will have skyboxes, in effect, where agency boards can think lofty thoughts while looking down on everybody else, as boards like to do. Building them will add to the expected cost of \$160 million. That's roughly \$640 per foot, which is on the high end of the average cost of new Class A office buildings in downtown Chicago. But low-cost buildings are seldom bargains, as the Stratton Building reminds us. Reuse also will spare the state having to demolish a nearly square-block building that's built like a bunker. Best of all, we'uns will get a handsome old building to look at that will remain handsome for another half-century plus the pleasure of not having to look at the unhandsome building that probably would have replaced it. Worth \$166 mill right there. □

Mr. Krohe grew up in Springfield, and a lot of the best parts of his growing up were done in the Armory.

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A chance to invest in Springfield's future, while honoring the past

PRESERVATION | Cinda Ackerman Klickna



Right, Court and Karen Conn acquired Vinegar Hill Mall in 2021. The property is scheduled to be auctioned April 13-16. PHOTO FROM CREXL.COM

Top, the Edwards and Chapman Laundry is pictured in 1910. PHOTO COURTESY SANGAMON VALLEY COLLECTION



Historic buildings in downtown Springfield have been put on the market. Several properties along South Second, as well as on Capitol Avenue and Seventh Street, are ready for new owners, while two others have recently changed hands.

Court and Karen Conn of Conn's Hospitality Group are known for their outstanding historic preservation work, owning many historic sites in Springfield: Obed and Isaac's, the Inn at 835, Vinegar Hill Mall and the Dewitt Smith mansion at 625 S. Second St. Karen Conn received the Wally Henderson Lifetime Achievement Award at the Downtown Springfield, Inc. annual gala, held March 26. The presentation noted her extraordinary leadership in historic preservation, downtown revitalization and community-driven hospitality.

"Each of these buildings is more than just real estate," Karen said, which is also true of the other sites. "They are chapters of Springfield's living history, and we've put a lot of care into preserving their character and community value. While there may be fewer traditional buyers in the market right now, that opens up an opportunity for new visionaries – people who care about heritage and community – to step

in and shape the next chapter. In short, these properties are not just old buildings. They're a chance to invest in Springfield's future while honoring our city's past."

All the Conn properties are for sale. Karen said, "We are not throwing in the towel; we are still actively running our business. We have decided, though, that it is time to prioritize our lives and have quality time to do other things."

Inn at 835, 835 S. Second St.

Now a boutique hotel, the building is the former luxury apartment building built by Bell Miller in 1909 at the cost of \$30,000. Designed by Springfield architect George Helmle, it had six flats with oak woodwork and mantels and wainscot paneling in the dining room. It offered steam heat, telephone service, gas/electrical lighting, and indoor plumbing. Ads in the *Illinois State Register* read: "To Lease: High-class, 6 rooms, janitor service, most desirable neighborhood in the city."

In 1892, at the age of 22, Miller had started a small floral business with one greenhouse that soon grew to seven, covering the area of First and Canedy streets. She grew 20 varieties of carnations, plus ferns, palms and many varieties

of cut flowers. For over 30 years she contributed altar flowers for each Sunday's service at First Presbyterian Church. She ran the business until 1913.

The building was purchased by Court and Karen Conn in 1994. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1995 and in 1997 opened as an inn. A large venue in the back was added in 2005.

Vinegar Hill Mall, 107 W. Cook St.

In 2021 the Conns acquired the Vinegar Hill Mall complex, a nearly three-acre site just south of the Capitol. At the time, Pawn King was the only operating business.

Two years later, the former Julia's Kitchen area was converted into Trish and Mary's Pub, and the following year Wm. Van's relocated into Vinegar Hill from its previous space at 503 S. Seventh St. The two businesses were briefly merged into one eating venue earlier this year before the Conns announced last month that Wm. Van's was permanently closed and Trish and Mary's would no longer offer a full menu. The English-themed pub still serves drinks and appetizers and there is also a large venue for receptions. This site was once the Chapman and

Edwards Laundry, started in 1909 by Alvin W. Chapman and Harvey C. Edwards. The first laundry was a small two-story structure on the northeast corner. It had an assembly line track on the ceiling for pulling laundry tubs. Across the street on First Street was the laundry's horse barn in what had been the carriage house of the Dewitt Wickliffe Smith mansion. It, too, is now owned by the Conns.

In 1927 Edwards sold out to Chapman. There were 300 employees – it was the largest laundry in downstate Illinois, with 51,518 square feet, six motor vehicle delivery trucks and nine horses and wagons. They offered special services: detachable collars cleaned for 2 cents, starched dress shirts for 12 cents, shoes cleaned inside and polished for 25 cents, wool blankets cleaned in coconut soap, 35 cents. In 1935 Chapman said, "We clean the man's hat, suits, and neckties and wash his shirts, socks and underwear; why shouldn't we clean his shoes?" Shoes were shined, even the shoelaces were pressed. Furs were cleaned also. The laundry operated until 1954.

The horse barn was converted into Baur's Opera House Restaurant in 1976 by chef George Baur. This was an upscale restaurant



Top, the Dewitt Wickliffe Smith mansion as it appeared in 1936. PHOTO COURTESY SANGAMON VALLEY COLLECTION

Right, the mansion will be up for auction April 13-16 with a starting bid of \$50,000. PHOTO COURTESY CREXL.COM.



that drew legislators and lobbyists due to its proximity to the Capitol. It closed in 1999. In 1979, the upstairs area of the old laundry became Baur's Opera House, a place to go dancing. The mall was purchased by Bud Hunter in 1982 to house shops and restaurants. Some of the first stores included a tanning salon, Chapter One bookstore, Blue Monday restaurant, and Itty Bitty Mercantile. Over the years many other businesses have come and gone.

The Conns have listed Vinegar Hill Mall with Springfield-based commercial broker Dan Sperry for an auction that will open April 13

and close April 16. If the Vinegar Hill property sells, Karen Conn said they will transition Trish and Mary's to the portion of the Obed and Isaac's downtown Springfield complex that currently houses a cidery.

Dewitt Wickliffe Smith mansion, 625 S. Second St.

This 5,000-square-foot building has housed various groups over the years. The house used to sit closer to Cook Street and was built in 1866 by John H. Johnson, a printer and stationer who had a shop on the square called Burchell and Johnson. The house changed

owners from 1873-1890 when Dewitt Wickliffe Smith (1844-1929) purchased the house and moved it over from the corner lot. Smith raised cattle on a large farm near the community of Bates in New Berlin Township and served in many key roles. He was president of Illinois National Bank, served two terms in the Illinois legislature, commissioner of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, and president of the State Board of Agriculture. He owned an office building, constructed in 1896 on the southeast corner of Fourth and Monroe, which had eight floors and a roof garden. The building suffered a major fire in 1918.

During the 1940s the Dewitt Smith home became the American Legion building. In 1982 Bud Hunter purchased the building, which housed various offices. The Conns purchased the property in 2021 along with Vinegar Hill Mall and moved their administrative headquarters into the building.

The mansion, which has been converted into office space, will be offered in a separate auction during the same time frame as the Vinegar Hill Mall auction.

Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery and Eatery, 500 S. Sixth St. The Cidery, 503 S. Seventh St.

Since Court Conn is the great-great grandson of Obed Lewis and Cordelia Iles Lewis, in 2007 the Conns decided to acquire the Lewis home that stood on the corner of Seventh and Jackson, with the hope of restoring it. When they realized it would be impossible to restore the home, it was torn down.

It was also in 2007 that Springfield Clinic purchased Maisenbacher Antiques at 1028 S. Seventh St. There was concern from preservationists and others that the clinic planned to tear down the house to make room

for additional parking. This house was built around 1855 by Isaac Lindsay, with the help of a \$650 loan from Abraham Lincoln.

The Conns purchased the house and plans were made to move it to their site at Seventh and Jackson, just to the east of what is now Obed and Isaac's. A request to the Springfield City Council for tax increment financing (TIF) funds for a new foundation met with some resistance, yet many supported the idea. The house was moved in 2008. Although it was only a five-block move, it required placing 60 wheels under the 300-ton house and trimming trees along Seventh Street as the house was a foot wider than the street. As the city continued to debate allocating money for the foundation, the house sat in the middle of Jackson Street for over a month. In 2009 the City Council approved \$280,000 from the downtown TIF district to build the foundation.

The Conns also acquired the mansion of the Booth-Grunendike family at 500 S. Sixth Street. The home was built around 1870 and purchased by Amasa Booth. He owned a wagon and carriage business. Later his daughter, Mary Booth Grunendike, lived in the home until her death in 1967 at age 102. The house, along with the original carriage house of the Lewis home where the microbrewery is now housed, became Obed and Isaac's in 2012. It is a popular dining spot.

AFSCME Building, 615 S. Second St.

AFSCME has moved into new headquarters on Churchill Road. According to Roberta Lynch, executive director of AFSCME Council 31, the group needed a bigger conference room and felt renovation wouldn't result in enough space.

The 17,200-square-foot Tudor Revival-style office building is now listed for sale at an asking price of \$900,000. Listing agent Blake Pryor of

Illinois Times partners with podcast

Karen Conn was recently interviewed on Tony Stang's podcast, The Mosaic Project. Stang is the pastor of Central Baptist Church, located at 501 S. Fourth St. in downtown Springfield, and created the podcast as a means of "archiving moments of humanity."

The conversation with Conn reflects the wider vision of The Mosaic Project, which seeks to capture the texture of life in Springfield through meaningful conversations and place-based reflection. Rather than focusing on headlines, achievements and platforms, the podcast draws out the meaning found in everyday, ordinary experiences, inviting listeners to hear the city through the voices of those who live and shaped it.

Expanding beyond the podcast, The Mosaic Project now includes other creative ventures such as A Liturgy for the City, a series that pairs local architecture with brief prayers offered by various ecclesiastic leaders and the Ampersand Concert Series – their version of the Tiny Desk Concert Series but meant for musicians in Springfield. Fittingly, the church has the honor of being the green room for the Levitt AMP Springfield Music Series.

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Top, a historic photo of Norb Andy's restaurant. PHOTO COURTESY SANGAMON VALLEY COLLECTION.

Right, the property has been boarded since a Feb. 28 fire. The owner has temporarily taken it off the market while assessing damage and working through the insurance claim. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS



Coldwell Banker Commercial said the building is well-suited for another large office user and has dedicated parking across the street.

"The seller has kept up the maintenance over the years; the next owner will be getting a great building at a great price," Pryor said. "Also, the current zoning allows for residential if there is a developer interested in converting it to that use."

The building at 615 S. Second was built in 1926 at a cost of \$129,500 and opened in April 1927 as the Capitol View Apartments. This was the first efficiency apartment building in the city and offered one- and two-room apartments completely furnished including furniture, appliances, dishes, silverware, and linens – basically, a move-in place. Rent was \$65-\$115 a month. The sunken lobby offered a place for residents to gather with friends. It was decorated with a plush, mulberry-colored carpet, gold walls, black velvet drapes, sofas, chairs and ornamental mirrors. The ads read, "Modern in every respect... representative of the finest modern hotel."

After World War II the name changed to the Ann Rutledge Apartments. By 1980 the complex had become a shabby rooming house. Plans were to totally rebuild, but costs prohibited that. Renovations started around 1985. AFSCME moved into the building in 1992.

Christian Science Reading Room, 116 E. Edwards St.

Next door to the north of AFSCME at Second and Edwards is the Christian Science Reading

Room. The various buildings of First Church of Christ Scientist, the official name of Christian Science, have been located on this corner since 1914. In that year, the group purchased the William Edward Shutt home and remodeled the ground floor for \$800 to add an area with seating for 175.

Shutt (1842-1908) was an attorney and was elected mayor of Springfield in 1868 when

he was only 26. He was elected three times to the Illinois Senate and served as president of the Democratic Senate caucus. In 1893 he was appointed U.S. District Attorney for the southern region by President Grover Cleveland.

The First Church of Christ Scientist had been organized on Jan. 6, 1899, in the art studio of Etta Ackerman at 528 ½ Adams Street, the site where Abraham Lincoln had written his First

Inaugural Address.

The church on Second and Edwards was razed, and a new church was built in 1962 and held its first service Jan. 6, 1963. The modern structure included an auditorium that seated 300, plus meeting rooms and offices built at a cost of \$160,000. The Christian Science Reading Room remained in downtown Springfield at 609 E. Monroe St. until 1984 when it was moved to the Second and Edwards site.

The Christian Science building was purchased by area residents Mark and Crystal Commean in February for \$160,000. The site will become Gracie Humaita Springfield JiuJitsu, which offers group classes and private lessons for self-defense, JiuJitsu, boxing/striking, wrestling, and classes for military/police training.

Norb Andy's and the Hickox House, 518 E. Capitol Ave.

The mansion built by Virgil Hickox in 1839 at 518 E. Capitol Ave. is also for sale. It once housed the Sangamo Club, as well as the famous legislators' hangout, Norb Andy's Tabarin, known for its horseshoes, and later Anchors Away restaurant.

The Hickox family history in Springfield began in 1834 when Virgil Hickox (1806-1880) arrived here from New York. He and his descendants, Harris Hickox (1858-1931) and Harris Virgil Hickox (1889-1972) left their mark on Springfield through their work in mercantile, coal and autos. All served as leaders



Left, the Capitol View Apartments opened in 1927, offering furnished efficiency apartments. It was later converted into office space, and AFSCME moved into the building in 1992. COURTESY SANGAMON VALLEY COLLECTION

The Christian Science Reading Room, just to the north, has recently changed hands and is being converted into a martial arts studio. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

of Springfield and held prominent positions.

David Ridenour has owned the property since 2010 and oversaw the restaurant off and on in between other operators. In 2023, shortly after Anchors Away closed, he announced plans to bring back the name Norb Andy's and the traditional menu, but that did not materialize.

Crystal Commean, one of the new owners of the Christian Science property, is a Realtor with Re/Max Professionals and had the home and adjacent restaurant space listed for \$295,000 until a fire the morning of Feb. 28. Commean said it damaged the third level rear area, an unfinished add-on to the building.

"The lower-level restaurant remains intact, as does the first level of the home," she said. "But it's temporarily off the market while we assess the damage. It's boarded up, so I can't show it right now. We're going to have to adjust the price or see what happens with the insurance claim."

Commean said she still hopes that potential buyers see the value of the historic property. "It desperately needs someone to save it. It needs to be brought back to life."

Former Iris and Ivy, 926 S. Seventh St.

The building at 926 S. Seventh St. that housed Iris and Ivy boutique for many years was sold by owner Betty Sullivan during the summer of 2025. Sullivan had bought the house in 2000 and says, "I miss running Iris and Ivy. I loved it so much. The name Iris and Ivy is just what I made up; I liked how it sounded."

This property has also been listed as an historic site. Built in 1877, it became the home of John Cranmer Cook, a prominent citizen who raised cattle and thoroughbred horses. His father was John Cook, mayor of Springfield and a Civil War general. Cook Street is named after him. John Cranmer, on his mother's side, was the grandson of Governor Ninian Edwards. (General Cook's mother was the governor's daughter.) Cranmer's grandfather, on his father's side, was Daniel Pope Cook, an Illinois congressman from Edwardsville; Cook County is named after him.

Over the years the property changed hands; at one time it was the office of Dr. Henry Berchtold and was purchased in 1996 by Gene and Betty Gerber, who also owned other historic properties such as the Bunn House (1001 S. Sixth St.) and Weber House (925 S. Seventh St. – now home of Incredibly Delicious).

Lisa Plumb has purchased the property to relocate her office, Plumb Family Allstate Insurance, from Sangamon Avenue to the house. The insurance company has been in existence for 40 years. In addition to the office, the first floor will become Elderberry and Plumb Bookstore, operated by her brother. The bookstore is planning a soft opening over Memorial Day and an official opening in mid-June. □

Cinda Ackerman Klickna loves to find out about the historic sites in Springfield. She has written about the Hickox family and Dr. Wohlgemuth in addition to a recent article on the Condell family.



Iris & Ivy closed last year after 25 years at 926 S. Seventh St. and the property was sold to Lisa Plumb. She plans to relocate her insurance agency and have space for her brother's bookstore. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

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Descendants of failed Bunn bank repaid depositors and their heirs 48 years later

HISTORY | Ed Wojcicki

The news last month about the sale of BUNN brings to mind stories about the Bunn family’s influence on Springfield’s development, dating back to since Abraham Lincoln lived here. It is only coincidental that 100 years ago, in 1926, four children of Jacob Bunn Sr. followed what he believed to be a moral obligation to send thousands of dollars to nearly 5,000 people they had no legal obligation to repay.

This story has such an incredible twist it could be a case study in a leadership book.

In the 1840s, banking was not regulated as it is today. Jacob Bunn Sr. opened his private J. Bunn Bank at Fifth and Adams streets to help businesspeople with credit, loans and deposits. But by 1878, following the Panic of 1873, the bank had debts of \$800,000 and only \$572,000 in available cash. The bank voluntarily liquidated.

Bunn could return only 71.5 cents on the dollar to his 1,400 depositors, and that satisfied his legal obligation to them. But he felt a moral obligation to repay the remainder and spent the next two decades hoping to fully repay all customers or their descendants. He did not get it done before he died in 1897, and a family document says he was “doomed to disappointment.”

His four children knew of his wishes and did not let the matter

drop. Bunn’s children – Alice Bunn, George W. Bunn, Henry Bunn and Jacob Bunn, Jr. – eventually formed the Bunn Memorial Trust, with B.L. Catron as their attorney. They shouldered their father’s commitment to make full repayment, a process that became more complicated as the years went on.

By 1925, only about 10% of the original depositors were still alive. Catron and his assistants located as many of them as they could. They also painstakingly scoured obituaries and wills in mortuary and court records in an attempt to decipher the depositors’ beneficiaries.

The family kept their plans quiet and private. Nearly 48 years after the bank closed, Catron issued a statement on Dec. 27, 1925, that surprised the Springfield community. He told the *Illinois State Register* that the day before, checks totaling \$200,000 had been mailed by the Bunn Memorial Trust to 325 depositors or their heirs. He explained why: Bunn’s children “were in complete sympathy” with their father’s wishes. The amount of those checks covered not only the remaining 28.5 cents on the dollar, but also 5% interest per year for 50 years, which Catron calculated as 240% simple interest for every depositor. Those initial checks ranged from 62 cents to \$9,000. Recipients had no clue the money



George Bunn Sr. PHOTO COURTESY SANGAMON VALLEY COLLECTION

was coming.

But there was more work to be done before sending more checks. Catron found an average of 3.5 heirs for each of the 1,400 depositors, which meant a total of nearly 5,000 unsuspecting people would receive checks. The trust said it would move quickly to pay everyone “as soon as the great tangle of details in tracing many of the heirs through the third and fourth generations has been unraveled,” according to an *Illinois*

State Register article. Managing editor Vincent Young “V. Y.” Dallman described the initial checks as an astonishing Christmas gift for hundreds of unsuspecting people.

Catron also estimated the total amount to be repaid by the family at between \$800,000 and \$1 million. The process moved into the early months of 1926 as they resolved confusion and drafted thousands more checks for the heirs – the brother and sister of a deceased child

who had a \$23 savings account, for example, and a group of five heirs who shared \$5,600.

Dallman, who also used the newspaper to successfully lead a crusade for Springfield to establish its own electric utility, quotes an unnamed businessman who called the Bunn’s repayment “the finest thing ever done in Springfield.”

The Bunn’s initially wanted no publicity for their generosity, but they couldn’t avoid it given the buzz their big-heartedness created. They relented and allowed Catron to issue a statement and talk to the Springfield newspaper. The story spread nationwide, including the front page of the *Washington Post*. But they never revealed the names of people receiving the checks.

“It was a singular gesture that gave the family an almost Lincoln-esque reputation for honesty,” John Hoffman wrote in the summer 2003 edition of the *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association*, according to the Sangamon County Historical Society. “The Bunn’s were such a prominent and respected family in Springfield that the press across the country reported the story as an act of noblesse oblige.” □

Ed Wojcicki has degrees in journalism and political studies and worked for print publications for 26 years. He freelances from Springfield.

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The French Connection

Confit involves salting duck or chicken meat overnight and cooking it slowly for many hours

FOOD | Peter Glatz

One of the most rewarding aspects of travel is discovering local culinary traditions – those storied techniques and heritage dishes that I would love to weave into my own kitchen repertoire. Every trip is a research and development project. This past autumn, a winning bid at a school fundraiser bought us a week in a rustic farmhouse in Gascony, a pastoral agricultural region in southwest France. We arrived with little prior knowledge of the area, but we discovered we were in the epicenter of duck and goose farming. Gascony is world famous for its production of foie gras, and during our stay, these prized fatty livers were just beginning to appear in local village markets.

I know ... foie gras conjures up controversial imagery of the force-feeding practice called gavage.

In Gascony, early autumn marks a two-week period where farmers feed their ducks and geese a corn mixture multiple times daily. This practice of force-feeding, though controversial and often viewed as cruel, is a foundational element of the region's culinary traditions, producing the signature oversized, fatty livers. During my own visit to a local duck farm, the birds flocked toward me with what seemed like enthusiasm – perhaps in anticipation that I'd gavage them with another round of corn.

The Gascon farmer explained that gavage essentially replicates a natural biological phenomenon. As winter approaches, migratory birds start gorging on grains, grasses, insects and fish to build up fat reserves necessary for their arduous travels. They can double their body weight in a mere 15 days. This rapid accumulation of fat provides necessary insulation against high-altitude cold.

In the era before refrigeration, the high demand for foie gras' fatty livers raised a practical dilemma: how to utilize the remainder of the bird. Confit emerged as the solution for preservation. This technique involves salting the meat overnight and cooking it slowly for many hours, which allows it to be safely stored while submerged in its own rendered fat. Prior to the development of vacuum sealing, duck and goose parts were kept in jars or crockery beneath a protective, airtight seal of fat – frequently a blend of duck or goose and pork fats – which ensured the meat remained shelf-stable in cool cellars through the winter and spring. While originally a strategy for long-term storage, the method is now appreciated for the superior



Crispy skinned duck leg confit. PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

texture and depth of flavor it produces, resulting in meat that is exceptionally rich and tender. Though any part of the bird can be prepared this way, I find duck legs to be the ideal choice for confit.

Upon my return to the U.S., I was eager to recreate the dishes I enjoyed in Gascony, so I ordered Moulard duck legs and duck fat from D'Artagnan, a high-end specialty food purveyor that my previous restaurants utilized. I dry-brined them overnight, and then slow-cooked them in duck fat with fresh thyme sprigs and garlic. After spending the winter buried in duck fat in the back of my fridge, I decided to give them a try. I gently warmed the fat so I could remove two of the legs. I crisped the skin in a hot skillet, then finished warming the meat in the oven. The resulting meat was

meltingly soft and tender, and the skin was wonderfully crispy. It was so damn good!

While Moulard ducks are celebrated for their substantial legs and deep, red meat, sourcing them from D'Artagnan comes at a premium. Though I highly recommend attempting your own duck confit for special occasions if your budget allows, the same method works beautifully with more affordable, accessible chicken parts as well. Using olive oil as a substitute for duck fat also yields excellent results.

For a chicken-based alternative, salt the thighs or leg quarters overnight, then place them in an ovenproof dish with several cloves of garlic and sprigs of fresh thyme. Fully submerge the meat in olive oil and slow-roast at 200 degrees for roughly six hours. The

process is complete once the oil clarifies and the chicken pieces sink to the bottom of the pan.

Chicken confit

Slow-cooking chicken in olive oil yields an incredibly succulent and tender result. These pieces can be stored in the refrigerator for a few months as long as they remain completely submerged in the oil. To serve, a quick sear is all that is needed to produce perfectly crispy skin. Serve with potatoes cooked in the same oil.

Ingredients:

4 chicken leg quarters or bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs.
Kosher salt
4 cups olive oil (you don't need to use expensive extra-virgin), or more as needed
Fresh thyme sprigs
1 head of garlic, cut in half

Preparation:

Generously salt the chicken and refrigerate it uncovered for 24 hours.

Heat the oven to 200 degrees. Put the chicken in an ovenproof pan large enough to fit it comfortably and deep enough to completely cover it with oil. Add the thyme sprigs and garlic.

Place the pan on the stovetop over medium-high heat and cook only until tiny bubbles form.

Transfer the pan to the oven, uncovered. The oil should barely form bubbles. Cook for six to eight hours. When done, the meat should be easily pierced with a thin-bladed knife.

To serve now, remove the chicken pieces and sear skin-side down in a skillet over medium-high heat for five to 10 minutes.

To serve later, cool the chicken and store it in the refrigerator, fully submerged in the olive oil, for up to three months. You could freeze chicken confit for longer storage, but the meat's texture will suffer, as small ice crystals will form around it.

After you've eaten the chicken, strain the oil, store it in the refrigerator for a month or so, and use it for other recipes. □

After retiring from a 40-year career in dentistry at age 66, Dr. Peter Glatz embraced his lifelong dream of becoming a professional chef. His transition from the exacting world of dentistry to the inventive world of culinary arts is a testament to the possibility of self-reinvention at any age.



Proposed CyrusOne Data Center Part Two Staff Report

County Board Meeting: April 7th 6:00PM



Sangamon County professional staff compiled and reviewed additional questions raised by residents and stakeholders regarding the proposed data center development. In response, staff prepared a supplemental memo addressing these questions and summarizing the information gathered during the review process. The full report is available at sangamonil.gov/proposed-cyrusone-data-center

Have any County Board members signed non-disclosure agreements (NDAs), and if so, do those relationships require recusal from voting?

Absolutely not. We know of no reason for any member of the county board or county staff to recuse themselves from consideration of this zoning matter.

Could the facility become a potential target for terrorist activity or other intentional attacks as a part of geopolitical conflicts?

These are considerations that fall outside of the scope of the county's zoning authority. It is a matter of opinion beyond the scope of professional staff to provide answers.

Is the proposed use property classified as a conditional permitted use in an area zoned Agricultural?

Yes. The property in question is currently zoned agricultural. A landowner always has the right to seek a different zoning classification for his/her property. It is the professional staff's opinion that the proposed use can be analogized to the operation of a large grain elevator and granting a conditional permitted use within the Agricultural zoning classification best protects the surrounding area which is agricultural.

Could perceived environmental risks affect property values or community perception of the area?

These are considerations that fall outside the scope of the county's zoning authority. Valuation is subjective. Some people might see this development as enhancing the sales value of surrounding property by attracting more sales opportunities others might feel it diminishes the value of surrounding property.

Could long-term exposure to operational noise impact nearby residents' health and quality of life?

County zoning requirements do restrict the noise level as measured at the property line to 50 decibels. This restriction is enforced at the county level by requiring a demonstration of compliance before issuing an occupancy permit, by subsequent staff observations, and by acting on reports of citizens. In addition all businesses must comply with state and federal EPA regulations. The county does not have any specific authority over the health effects of long term noise exposure. That issue would be subject to state and federal safeguards, regulations and enforcement and by private causes of action.

Could the presence of a data center contribute to a broader police state surveillance system?

These are considerations that fall outside the scope of the county's zoning authority. It is a matter of opinion beyond the scope of the professional staff to provide answers.

Does Sangamon County have the administrative capacity and legal resources necessary to enforce compliance and hold the developer accountable over time?

Yes. Sangamon County enforces development standards through its zoning ordinance, permitting processes, and applicable state and federal regulations. Compliance is monitored through inspections, reporting requirements, and coordination with relevant agencies. Enforcement mechanisms include conditions of approval, permit requirements, and legal remedies available under county and state law.

What are the expected operational noise levels at the data center campus measured in decibels?

Noise generated by a data center campus varies by equipment type. Cooling systems and electrical infrastructure operate continuously at a consistent noise level. Backup generators, which operate only during power outages and periodic testing, represent the highest short-duration noise source.

As a baseline, normal conversation within 3 feet is generally measured at about 60 decibels (dBA). Under normal operations, sound levels in the immediate vicinity of major equipment such as cooling units and transformers are typically in the range of approximately 85 to 90 dBA at close distance to the source, comparable to heavy traffic or a lawnmower. Through setbacks, equipment layout, and standard noise mitigation measures, those levels are reduced before reaching the property line. At the property line, operational noise is expected to meet the county standard of 50 dBA or less, comparable to moderate rainfall or a quiet household background sound.

Outdoor sound generally decreases as distance increases. Based on standard sound attenuation, estimated sound levels would be approximately:

- 50 dBA at the property line, comparable to moderate rainfall
- 48 dBA at 500 feet, comparable to light rainfall or a refrigerator hum
- 42 dBA at 1,000 feet, comparable to a quiet suburban setting
- 40 dBA at 1 mile, comparable to a very quiet room
- 35 dBA at 1.5 miles, comparable to faint background or whisper-level sound

The county requires that data centers be located at least 600 feet from a residence. The currently proposed site is approximately 1.5 miles from the nearest residence.

During backup generator testing, sound levels at the source are higher, with individual generators typically around 85 dBA at close range and multiple units operating together reaching into the low-to-mid 90 dBA range, comparable to power tools or a motorcycle. However, generators are housed in sound-attenuated enclosures with exhaust silencers, and testing is limited in duration. As a result, even during generator testing, sound levels at the property line are expected to remain at or below approximately 50 dBA, meaning the off-site sound experience at surrounding distances would remain consistent with the levels described above.

Could this facility be used as part of a broader surveillance network by fascist governments or capitalist corporations?

These are considerations that fall outside of the scope of the county's zoning authority. It is a matter of opinion beyond the scope of the professional staff to provide answers.

Can the County Board decide this matter based on board member's views of the best course for public health, safety, and welfare rather than following state zoning statutes and case law?

No. Zoning rests on the fundamental principle that a property owner is entitled to know with certainty his/her rights to use and enjoy his/her property. Any changes must follow strict procedural review, including testimony given under oath. If a county board could vote any change to any property based on its collective view of the broad terms "health, safety and welfare" a property owner would effectively have no protection of his private property rights. This is not the current state of the law in Illinois.

Should the potential for labor and construction jobs be considered a benefit if those jobs are temporary?

These are considerations that fall outside the scope of the county's zoning authority. However staff notes the extensive testimony on the record of labor leaders and members of the building trades that construction work is, by its nature temporary and project-based and should be considered of equal dignity and worth to any consideration of "permanent" jobs whose future, also, can never be certain.

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Al and Kathy Kitchen play Fulgenzi's this and every Monday night.

Midweek music muster

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Hello everyone to the month of April and all the music therein. We missed making an April Fool's Day issue by one day, so no fooling, we're going to stick to the truth as we see it and report on the happenings going on this Easter weekend and beyond.

Oh boy, do I remember a *Now Playing* column from several years ago when *Illinois Times* did come out on the first of April so I was able to romp through tomfoolery such as announcing Recycled Records was moving to White Oaks Mall and other numbskull nonsense. Mark Kessler said he received many calls that day in disbelief. All I could do was be in disbelief that anyone thought it was anything but an April Fool's prank. Now we have no Recycled Records and no Mark, but we do have a Dumb Records downtown and at the mall.

With a busy Easter weekend looming ahead, our calendar listings are down with only 20 shows Friday (30-some last week) and 27 on Saturday (50-plus last week) and clocking in at just four gigs for a possibly, not so Funday, on Sunday. With that in mind I'm thinking we can dig deep and give some love to the barrel full of midweek shows that don't generally get attention. Lurking in the shadow of weekend excitement lies a world of open mics and karaoke nights plus individual shows, often at restaurants, that give you another whole avenue of entertainment possibilities.

We can surely start on Monday and where else to begin but those long-running Blue Mondays (over three decades) with the current location at The Alamo holding the record of dates by far. Here you can see local, regional and national blues acts up close and personal in a showcase atmosphere with good sound in a classic bar. This week it's the Greg Glick Band, a known and respected group in central

Illinois for over 25 years, with Jeff Williams (the other one) featured on keyboards.

Also, Al and Kathy Kitchen continue a great fun run at Fulgenzi's, packing the place week after week, while Rockin' Robin hosts karaoke at Mother Road Diner.

Tuesdays hit with the good feeling, well-attended JB (for John Brillhart) Open Jam at George Rank's including a full band setup and varying hosts with Casey Cantrall on call this week. In addition, Allan Harris does it up right at Fulgenzi's and Big Mo, an award-winning singer, songwriter and musician, plays at Grace Southern Baptist Church, while a slew of karaoke spots appear all around town. In a special one-off night, Pease's at BUNN Gourmet presents an *In the Round* songwriter night with local, upcoming newcomer Grant Barnett joined by traveling troubadours Jay Gavin and Denver Venoit.

Moving on down the line, Wednesday kicks in hard with a weekly event at The Cidery near Obed & Isaac's with Not Petty on tap this week and Harris Trio, featuring those real life, bro-brothers at Mother Road Diner, along with a fun karaoke singing time at Clique. Next, we have the long-running and ever-popular Open Mic with Joel Honey and Silas Tockey at Boone's along with the newest open mic, the Midweek Music Meetup, at Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews with me as your host. Plus, the Butter Jams, presented by Elderbeard Musicwrx, takes place at Butternut Hut featuring a different host and lineup making for a "super group jam session" each week.

Thursday's up now, but let's keep that news for next week. I sure hope you enjoyed this "excursion" into the alternative entertainment part of the week and that you'll visit some events. Here's to a hoppy Easter and beyond. □

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Open mic with Bob the Brewer
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Open mic with Devin Clemons
East Side Inc., Virginia, 7-10pm

Karaoke Night
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

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

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

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

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

Karaoke
The Topsy Toad, 8pm-12am

Friday Apr 3

Thomas J Beverly
Bar Bella, 5-8pm

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

First Friday
Butternut Hut, 4pm.

West End Boogie Project
Camouflage Bar, VFW Post 99, Decatur, 7-10pm

Nakeisha, Benjo Hanrahan, Emile Poirot, Cameron Dean
Dumb Records, 7pm

Downstate
Firefighters-Postal Lake Club, 5-7:30pm

Smokestacks
George Rank's, 8pm

Artificial Light, The Truth Council 2.0, Dysfunctional Family
Goodfellas Pub, 7-10pm

Micah Walk
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

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

Hippies of the Heartland
LargeCar Lounge, Lincoln, 7pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm and April 4, 7-10:30pm

Brushville
Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur, 7pm

Karaoke
The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

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

Doug Brant
The Railyard, 6-9pm

DreamCatchers
Rocco's, Decatur, 7:30-10:30pm

The Damn Quails with special guest Duke Oursler
Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 7pm

The Collective
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-10pm

Saturday Apr 4

Mike Anderson - the Dulcimer Guy
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 10am-1pm

Karaoke
AJ's Corner, Chatham, 8pm-1am

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

Broken Stone
AMVETS Post 100, Jacksonville, 8pm

DreamCatchers
Brentford Distillers, Decatur, 6-9pm

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

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The Hangout Bar & Grill, Jacksonville, 8pm

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Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Rikki Marvel
Illinois State Capitol, 12-2pm

FlashBang
Kuhl Tyme Korner, Jacksonville, 8pm

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

Neon Rodeo, Decade of Decadence
Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur, 7pm

Avery Kern
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8-11pm

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

Renegade Karaoke
Northern Lights Lounge, 8:30pm-1am

Thomas J Beverly
The Railyard, 6-9pm

Keith Dunlap
The Range Bourbon & Brew, Chatham, 7-10pm

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

Kevin Aldrich
Stella Coffee & Tea, 10am-12:30pm

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

Grand Theft Audio
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7:30-11pm

Sunday Apr 5

Avery Kern
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Tom Irwin and Amy Battles
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

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

Monday Apr 6

Greg Glick Band
The Alamo, 7pm

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

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

Tuesday Apr 7

Mike Anderson - the Dulcimer Guy
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 10am-1pm

Karaoke Night hosted by Alan Livengood

Fluid Lounge, 7pm

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

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

In the Round Songwriters with Jay Gavin, Grant Burnett and Denver Benoit
Pease's at Bunn Gourmet, 6-8pm

Karaoke with Debbie Cakes
The Library Pizza and Sports Bar, 7-11pm

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

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

Wednesday Apr 8

Mike Anderson - the Dulcimer Guy
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 10am-1pm

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

Butter Jam Wednesday
Butternut Hut, 7-10pm

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

Midweek Music Meetup open mic with Tom Irwin
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

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

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



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THE CALENDAR



Dana-Thomas House Foundation

Growing Up in A Frank Lloyd Wright House
Fri., April 17, 6-9 p.m.
The Inn at 835
835 S. Second St.
217-788-9452

HISTORY | Author to talk about living in a Wright house in New York

it Ever wonder what it would be like to live in a home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright? Here's a chance to find out. Kim Bixler, the author of *Growing Up in a Frank Lloyd Wright House*, will speak at the April 17 annual dinner of the Dana-Thomas House Foundation. Bixler's family owned Wright's 1908 Edward E. Boynton House in Rochester, New York, from 1977 to 1994. According to a press release from the foundation, "Bixler will recount the pitfalls of owning and living in a Wright-designed home. Living with the public's curiosity, playing hide-and-seek, coping with the habitually leaky roof and managing constant renovations make this an unforgettable story." Bixler was featured in the PBS documentary *Frank Lloyd Wright's Boynton House: The Next Hundred Years* and appeared on NPR's *Here & Now* in conjunction with Wright's 150th birthday celebration. Tickets are \$90 for foundation members and \$100 for non-members. Tickets include appetizers, wine, four-course dinner, dessert and the presentation. A cash bar will be available. Gotta hurry – reservations are due Saturday, April 4, and can be made online at dana-thomas.org, by calling the DTHF office at 217-788-9452, by emailing leeann@dana-thomas.org or by mailing the reservation with payment to P.O. Box 2727, Springfield, IL 62708.

environmental legislation, including bills that phase out the worst of the worst single-use plastic in the state, enact state-level wetlands protections and protect water, energy and communities from the effects of data centers. Learn more and register at bit.ly/2026EnviroDay. Free. Illinois State Capitol Building, 401 S. 2nd St., 860-634-0225.

Transgender Day of Visibility Rally

Sat., April 4, 12-2pm. A day of fun, celebration and joy as a form of resistance. Musician Ricki Marvel will perform with her band. Includes a selection of speakers and local poets and performers. See the Facebook page for more info. Illinois State Capitol, Capitol and Second St.

Local Government

District 186 Board of Education
Tue., April 7, 6:30pm. Regular bimonthly meeting of the board. Open to the public. District 186 School Administrative Office, 3063 Fiat Ave., 217-525-4206.

Sangamon County Board
Tue., April 7, 6pm. Monthly meeting of the Sangamon County board. BOS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 217-753-6650.

Springfield City Council
Tue., April 7, 5:30-9pm. Regular meeting in City Council chamber. Municipal Center West, 300 S. Seventh St., 217-789-2151.

Nature, Science & Environment

9th Annual Central Illinois STEM Fair

Wed., April 8, 5:30-8pm. With 80 exhibits from area schools and STEM organizations, this fair is the best event for anyone interested in science, technology, engineering and math. New exhibits this year include the Air Force Academy, Prairie Rivers Network with information on data centers, and SIU Med School's Multidisciplinary Biomedical and Biological Sciences graduate program. High school students can see the best STEM programs and scholarships from all area colleges and there are plenty of fun exhibits for K-8 students. Come out and support our area schools and teachers. Free. Rochester High School, Rochester, 3 Rocket Dr., 217-498-9761.

Fundraisers and Galas

Fashionetta Debutante Cotillion

Sat., April 4, 6-10pm. An elegant evening celebrating the confidence, growth and brilliance of young ladies in our community. Includes meal. Presented by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Springfield Alumnae Chapter. Adults \$75, children \$50. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-529-7777.

Community Organizing

Environmental Lobby Day
Wed., April 8, 10:30am-2:30pm. This Earth Month, join the Illinois Environmental Council at the State Capitol to advocate for key

comprehensive oak reference collection in North America began along with the history of the arboretum's growth and development. After the program, interested individuals are invited to follow Sternberg to the southern edge of Menard County for a tour of the arboretum. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 S. Walnut St., 217-899-3283.

Washington Park Botanical Garden Spring Floral Show

Thu., April 2, 12-4pm, Fri., April 3, 12-4pm, Sat., April 4, 12-5pm, Sun., April 5, 12-5pm, Mon., April 6, 12-4pm, Tue., April 7, 12-4pm and Wed., April 8, 12-4pm. From March 21 through April 12. Step into a world of beauty at the Spring Floral Show and experience the breathtaking display of Easter lilies and lush tropical foliage in the Exhibit Hall and Conservatory. Call for more information. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

Lectures & Meetings

Beekeeping 101

Sat., April 4, 9am-4pm and Wed., April 8, 7pm. Beginner course. 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. \$95. Sangamon County Farm Bureau Building, 2631 Beechler Ct., 217-652-6517.

UIS Chancellor's Thinkers Series - A Call to Think: Authentic Leadership

Tue., April 7, 5:30-7:15pm. Chancellor Janet Gooch and former U.S. Rep. Cheri Callahan Bustos will explore what it means to lead with authenticity, purpose and integrity. Drawing on Bustos' experience in public service, journalism and community advocacy, the conversation will highlight how genuine leadership builds trust and influence. The evening includes a moderated discussion and audience Q&A. RSVP is encouraged. uis.edu. Free. UIS Student Union Ballroom, 2251 Richard Wright Dr., 217-206-4782.

Faith & Philosophy

Good Friday Way of the Cross

Fri., April 3, 12 p.m. A one-hour prayerful ecumenical walk recalling Jesus' passion and its connection with the injustices experienced by God's people in our world today. Supreme Court of Illinois Building, 200 E. Capitol Ave., text 217-652-8086 or email smkoch@spdom.org.

Special Music Events

Big Mo

Tue., April 7, 6:30pm. Big Mo is an award winning singer, songwriter and musician. Donations accepted. Grace Southern Baptist Church, Virden, 302 W. Wright St., 217-965-5692.

Art & Architecture

Ben Bedford – Ink & Watercolor on Paper opening reception

Sat., April 4, 6-8pm. Opening reception for Ben Bedford's exhibit with the artist's "Gallery Talk" at 6:30pm. Exhibit runs through April 26. Gallery hours April 4-26: Sundays 1-3pm. Tuesday-Saturday 4-6pm. Free. David Strawn Art Gallery, Jacksonville, 331 W. College Ave., 217-243-9390.

Of Glass and Wood: A Dana-Thomas House Specialty Tour

Sat., April 4, 1-4pm. Expert volunteer Frank Marchant will lead this in-depth tour featuring an extremely extensive consideration of what is the largest collection of Frank Lloyd Wright furniture and art glass anywhere in the world. Tour

lasts approximately two hours. Tour recommended for teens and adults with an interest in Frank Lloyd Wright architecture, and guests who have toured the house before. Free. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

Film & Television

Seeds for Liberation screening

Wed., April 8, 5-7:30pm. This new documentary highlights the Free Palestine movement and its connections to Black, Chicano and collective liberation. A virtual Q&A with director Matthew Solomon follows. eventbrite.com. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Super Mario Galaxy Movie, Reminders of Him

Fri., April 3, 8:10, 10pm and Sat., April 4, 8:10, 10pm. On Screen 1. *Super Mario Galaxy Movie* is rated PG while *Reminders of Him* is rated PG-13. \$10, \$6 children 4-12. Route 66 Twin Drive-In, 1700 Recreation Dr., 217-698-0066.

Cinema & Culture: Peace by Chocolate

Tue., April 7, 6pm. A movie night in celebration of Arab American Heritage Month. *Peace by Chocolate* is based on a true story about a Syrian refugee. Chathamlib.org. Chatham Area Public Library, 600 E. Spruce St., 217-483-2713.

Project Hail Mary, Mercy

Fri., April 3, 7:55, 10:45pm and Sat, April 4, 7:55, 10:45pm. On Screen 2. Both are rated PG-13. \$10, \$6 for children 4-12. Route 66 Twin Drive-In, 1700 Recreation Dr., 217-698-0066.

Auditions

Theatre in the Park Auditions

Sat., April 4, 9, 10, 11am. Try out for a Theatre in the Park production. The 2026 Season: *I Remember Mama*, *Pollyanna*, *Rumble Fish*, and *Hands on a Hard Body*. Concordia Lutheran Church, 2300 Wilshire Road, 217-725-0239.

History

History Night at the Old State Capitol

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Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF Sangamon - Springfield,
ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT
SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2
ACQUISITION TRUST
Plaintiff
vs.
PATRICK G. O'DONNELL; VERA M.
O'DONNELL; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF
REVENUE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-
RECORD CLAIMANTS

Defendant
25 FC 188
CALENDAR
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on May 6, 2026, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Harvatin Law Office, 1100 South 5th Street, Springfield, IL 62703, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 14-23.0-201-016.
Commonly known as 2029 NORTH 23RD STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702.

The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection(g-1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgment of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 25-333594
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD,
ILLINOIS
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2005-OPT4, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-OPT4, PLAINTIFF
VS.

JOHN E BEDOLLI, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC.,
DEFENDANTS
Case No.: 2025FC000168
Property Address:

1837 Reed Ave
Springfield, IL 62704
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is given that pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 12, 2025, the Sangamon County Sheriff will on April 28, 2026, at 9:00 am, at the Sangamon South, 1 Copley Place, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 22-08.0-105-005
COMMON ADDRESS: 1837 Reed Ave, Springfield, IL 62704

Terms of all sales are ten percent (10%) of the opening bid.
Failure to pay the remaining balance within the twenty-four (24) hours shall result in

the forfeiture of the ten percent (10%) down payment.

No Refunds.

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

The improvement on the property consists of: Owner-Occupied Single Family
The entered judgment amount was \$117,605.55.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever Law Group, LLC, 200 N. LaSalle St., Suite 1880, Chicago, IL 60601. 312-236-0077. KLG: SMS001574-25FC1 SMS001574
8051-963161

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
WEST CENTRAL BANK, an Illinois
banking corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs.

RYAN E. LOUIS, a/k/a Ryan Louis, GROW PROPERTIES, LTD., an Illinois corporation, HRL PROPERTIES & MANAGEMENT, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, KARA VERCHOTA, MICHAEL VERCHOTA, JUDITH LOUIS, a/k/a Judith L. Louis, FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, STATE BANK OF BEMENT, LONGVIEW BANK, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a municipal corporation, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.

Case No. 2020CH000134
NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

West Central Bank, 3600 Wabash Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62711; Phone: (217) 726-9600; Attn: Todd Threnn.

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

Parcel 1: 2167 East Adams, Springfield, Illinois; and
Parcel 2: 1828 S. 16th Street, Springfield, Illinois

(C) A description of the improvements on the real estate is:
Single family residences.

(D) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times:
Not applicable.

(E) The time and place of the sale are:
9:00 AM on Tuesday, April 28, 2026;

Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, 2nd Floor, Committee Room 223, Springfield, Illinois 62701

(F) The terms of the sale are:

10% cash or certified funds at the time of sale; balance within twenty-four (24) hours of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid at the sale. The successful bidder will receive a Certificate of Purchase following the sale and a Sheriff's Deed upon confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois.

(G) Title will be conveyed subject to real estate taxes for 2025 and subsequent years and special assessments, if any; to building restrictions and restrictive cov-

enants of record; to easements of record or in place; to rights of way for roads, streets, and highways; to rights of tenants in possession, if any. Sale is subject to approval of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois. Any real estate transfer tax which may be due as a result of the sale shall be paid by the purchaser.
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Springfield, IL 62705
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
WEST CENTRAL BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
RYAN E. LOUIS, a/k/a Ryan Louis, GROW PROPERTIES, LTD., an Illinois corporation, HRL PROPERTIES & MANAGEMENT, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, KARA VERCHOTA, MICHAEL VERCHOTA, JUDITH LOUIS, a/k/a Judith L. Louis, FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, STATE BANK OF BEMENT, LONGVIEW BANK, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a municipal corporation, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No. 2020CH000134
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court on Count V of the Complaint for Foreclosure in the above-entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is:
West Central Bank, 3600 Wabash Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62711; Phone: (217) 726-9600; Attn: Todd Threnn.

(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is:
833 N. Walnut, Springfield, Illinois 62702

(C) A description of the improvements on the real estate is:
Single family residence.

(D) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times:
Not applicable.

(E) The time and place of the sale are:
9:00 AM on Tuesday, April 28, 2026; Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, 2nd Floor, Committee Room 223, Springfield, Illinois 62701

(F) The terms of the sale are:
10% cash or certified funds at the time of sale; balance within twenty-four (24) hours of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid at the sale. The successful bidder will receive a Certificate of Purchase following the sale and a Sheriff's Deed upon confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois.

(G) Title will be conveyed subject to real estate taxes for 2025 and subsequent years and special assessments, if any; to building restrictions and restrictive covenants of record; to easements of record or in place; to rights of way for roads, streets, and highways; to rights of tenants in possession, if any. Sale is subject to approval of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois. Any real estate transfer tax which may be due as a result of the sale shall be paid by the purchaser.
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24-102286
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. PLAINTIFF,

-vs-
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF SHIRLEY A. LEONARD A/K/A SHIRLEY ANN LEONARD A/K/A SHIRLEY ANN CARTER A/K/A SHIRLEY CARTER, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF KELLY CARTER, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND OR LEGATEES OF MICHELE LOSEMAN A/K/A MICHELE L. LOSEMAN, DECEASED; JUSTIN LOSEMAN; JAMES R. CARTER; KIEM A. CARTER; GOODLEAP, LLC.; MICHAEL J. DIAZ, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SHIRLEY A. LEONARD A/K/A SHIRLEY ANN LEONARD A/K/A SHIRLEY ANN CARTER A/K/A SHIRLEY CARTER, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
DEFENDANTS

NO. 24 FC 188
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on February 11, 2026; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on April 28, 2026 at 9:30 AM, at Sangamon South, 1 Copley Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

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

Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court. Commonly known as 2043 Scarbrough Road, Springfield, IL 62702
Permanent Index No.: 14-24-126-020
Improvements: Single Family Residential

The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.

The judgment amount was \$73,218.54. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For Bid Amount contact:
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8051-963057

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS
Bank of America, N.A. Plaintiff,

vs.
Lyna E Frazier, AKA Lyna Frazier; The United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; City of Springfield, Illinois; Mazal Ventures, LLC; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Note Tracker Defendants.

Case No. 2025FC000050
1100 North 3rd Street, 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 January 14, 2026, Paula Crouch will on April 28, 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 1100 North 3rd Street, Springfield, IL 62702
Parcel Number(s): 14-27.0-103-023
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: 25-004880.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, PLAINTIFF,

vs.
SEAN TYUS, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF KING E TYUS A/K/A KING EDWARD TYUS; SHEENA TYUS; QUANTA TYUS; MARCUS TYUS; SEAN TYUS, NEXT FRIEND OF N.T., A MINOR; SEAN TYUS, NEXT FRIEND OF B.T., A MINOR; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KING E TYUS A/K/A KING EDWARD TYUS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2025FC000093
2109 SOUTH DOUGLAS AVENUE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE
UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on March 11, 2026, will on April 28, 2026, in Sangamon County Buildings, 200 S. 9th St., Second floor, Room 223, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 22-05.0-430-016
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2109 South Douglas Avenue
Springfield, IL 62704

Description of Improvements: Brown brick, single family home with attached two car garage
The Judgment amount was \$122,276.34.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

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

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

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

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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 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.

SURE LAW.
For Information: Visit our website at <http://iforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 333 W Wacker Drive, Suite 1820, Chicago, IL 60606-1220. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 25-21095IL PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. 13283638

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF,

vs.
REGINA S BOSIE A/K/A REGINA SUE BOSIE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2025FC000169
1828 SOUTH 2ND STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE
UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on December 17, 2025, will on April 28, 2026, in Sangamon County Building, 200 S. 9th St., Second floor, Room 223, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00am, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 22-04.0-279-002
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1828 South 2nd Street
Springfield, IL 62704

Description of Improvements: White vinyl, single family home
The Judgment amount was \$48,994.56.
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

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

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

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

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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 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: Visit our website at <http://iforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 333 W Wacker Drive, Suite 1820, Chicago, IL 60606-1220. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 25-22587IL PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. 13278845

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS

New American Funding, LLC Plaintiff,
vs.

Mark G. Maddox, III; Carol E. Herren; City of Springfield; Illinois Department of Revenue Defendants.

Case No. 2025FC000146
625 East Wood Avenue, 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 January 14, 2026, Paula Crouch will on May 12, 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 625 East Wood Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702

Parcel Number(s): 14-22.0-180-041
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: 25-016531.

Edward R. Peterka
MDK LEGAL
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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 DONALD W. HOAGLAND, DECEASED Case #2026-PR-113

DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of DONALD W. HOAGLAND. Letters of Office have been issued to JENNIFER FERNANDES, 8 Pine Cone Dr., Jacksonville, IL 62650, and RACHEL HOAGLAND, 969 E. College Ave., Jacksonville, IL 62650, as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Co-Administrators, or both, on or before October 9, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Co-Administrators and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 26th day of March, 2026. William P. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF ELIZABETH ZALAR, Deceased.

Case No. 2026 PR 000111 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Elizabeth Zalar. Letters of Office were issued to Amy Heaton, as Independent Executor, whose address is 1025 Red Clover Drive, Aurora, IL 60504. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 2, 2026, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To efile, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> 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 24, 2026 Attorneys for Independent Executor: Sorling Northrup Aaron D. Evans, Attorney (6305883)

1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200 P.O. Box 5131 Springfield, IL 62705 Telephone: 217-544-1144; Fax: 217-522-3173 E-Mail: adevans@sorlinglaw.com

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

RITA A. ISRAEL, Deceased

NO. 2024PRO00189

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Rita A. Israel, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on May 2, 2024, to Ryan David Israel, 2001 15th Street N, Apt 719, Arlington, VA 22201, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 5th day of October, 2026, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 24th day of March, 2026. Gregory P. Sgro Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP 1119 S. Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 789-1200

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

DEBORAH BELLE POHL, Deceased

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

NO. 2026PRO00109

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Deborah Belle Pohl, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on March 23, 2026, to Ashley M. Harris, 19 Skyview Drive, Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. 6th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 5th day of October, 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 23rd day of March, 2026. Gregory P. Sgro Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP 1119 S. 6th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 789-1200

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:

JAMES L. MONTGOMERY,

Deceased.

Case No.: 2026-PR-108

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of JAMES

L. MONTGOMERY of Chatham, Illinois, and that Letters Testamentary were issued on March 18 2026, to CINDY A. HILL, as Executor, of 27 Highland Lane, Chatham, IL 62629, whose attorney is Duane D. Young of Young Law Partners, P.C., 1300 South 8th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62703.

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

CINDY A. HILL, Executor of the Estate of

JAMES L. MONTGOMERY, Deceased

Attorneys' Address:

Duane D. Young

Registration No.: 3091457

YOUNG LAW PARTNERS, P.C.

1300 South Eighth Street

Springfield, Illinois 62703

Telephone: (217) 544-8500

Facsimile: (217) 544-6200

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

ESTATE OF:

DONALD M. BEATTIE III,

Deceased.

Case No. 2026-PR-70

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of DONALD M. BEATTIE III. Letters of Office were issued on March 18, 2026, to Cresswell A. Hizer, whose address is 5246 North Delaware, Indianapolis, Indiana 46220, as Independent Executor, and whose attorney is JAMES R. POTTER, P.C., 300 East Ash Street, Suite 1, Springfield, Illinois 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

DATED this 20th day of March, 2026.

JAMES R. POTTER, P.C.

300 East Ash Street, Suite 1

Springfield, IL 62703

Telephone: (217)544-9823

Fax: (217)544-9826

Email: bud@jrpotterlaw.com

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

ESTATE OF

SANDRA MCAVOY,

Deceased.

2026-PR-107

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Sandra McAvoy. Letters of Office were issued to Richard Hiatt, as Independent Executor, whose address is P.O. Box 198, Pontiac, Illinois 62764. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before September 26, 2026, or if mailing or

delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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Attorneys for Independent Executor:

Sorling Northrup

Lisa A. Petrilli, Attorney (#6280865)

1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200

P.O. Box 5131

Springfield, IL 62705

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

In the matter of the estate of:

Dorothy Cohn, Deceased

Case No. 2026-PR-000080

Claim Notice

Notice is given of the death of Dorothy Cohn Letters of Administration were issued on March 4, 2026 to David Cohn as Executor, 9 Barbara Court, Springfield IL 62704. 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. 26, 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 Executor 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

JACQUELINE D. HARMON, Deceased.

NO. 2026PRO00097

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Jacqueline D. Harmon, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on March 17, 2026, to Kamrya Day, 1628 Toronto Road, Apt. 20, Springfield, IL 62712, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Benjamin M. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. 6th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 28th day of September, 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 17th day of March, 2026.

Benjamin M. Sgro

Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold,

LLP

1119 S. 6th Street

Springfield, IL 62703

(217) 789-1200

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

Estate of:

CAROLINE A. BACHARZ,

Deceased.

NO. 2026-PR-106

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Caroline A. Bacharz of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 16, 2026, to Debra Bacharz, 827 Nettles Boulevard, Jensen Beach, Florida 34957, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Bernard G. Segatto, III, 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 24, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2026.

Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753

Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP

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Springfield, IL 62705-0079

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

GARETH L. GOLAY, Deceased.

NO. 2026PRO00092

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Gareth L. Golay, Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on March 10, 2026, to L. Gary Brown, 7288 Brown Road, Cantrall, IL 62625, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. 6th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 21st 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 17th day of March, 2026.

Gregory P. Sgro

Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold,

LLP

1119 S. 6th Street

Springfield, IL 62703

(217) 789-1200

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

PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

GEORGE J. ENDRES, DECEASED

Case #2026-PR-103

DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of GEORGE J. ENDRES. Letters of Office have been issued to DIANA PICKEL, 1944 S. Pasfield St., 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 30, 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 16th 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

MARK GREGORY O'CONNOR, DECEASED

Case #2026-PR-94

DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of MARK GREGORY O'CONNOR. Letters of Office have been issued to TORRIE KARHLIKER, 4040 Tuxhorn Road, Springfield, IL 62712, and KENNEDY GRACE O'CONNOR, 211 N. Fairway Ave., Decatur, IL 62522, as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Co-Administrators, or both, on or before September 30, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Co-Administrators and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2026.

Patrick J. Sheehan, III

SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.

1215 South 4th Street

Springfield, IL 62703

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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

JAMES B. LANGFORD, DECEASED

Case #2026-PR-101

DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of JAMES B. LANGFORD. Letters of Office have been issued to CYNTHIA KLASING, 3816 Bluestem Court, Springfield, IL 62712, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before September 30, 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 16th 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 SCOTT A. KUNTZ, DECEASED Case #2026-PR-104 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of SCOTT A. KUNTZ. Letters of Office have been issued to CHRISTINE R. KUNTZ, 905 E. Spruce Street, Chatham, IL 62629 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 30, 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 16th 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 JACQUELINE B. WRIGHT, DECEASED Case #2026-PR-100 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of JACQUELINE B. WRIGHT. Letters of Office have been issued to LINDA W. EARP, 3617 N. Grand Ave. East, Lot 224, Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before September 30, 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 16th day of March, 2026. Patrick J. Sheehan 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 JANET C. MCKINNEY, DECEASED. NO. 2026-PR-105 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES Notice is given of the death of JANET C. MCKINNEY, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 16, 2026 to MARTHA J. EYMAN of 720 N. Milton Ave., 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 Street, Springfield, Illinois or with the representative, or both, within 6 months

from the 26th 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. 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 16th day of March 2026. MARTHA J. EYMAN, Administrator of the Estate of JANET C. MCKINNEY, Deceased BY: DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney Attorneys for Estate: Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney IARDC No. 6277358 DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC P.O. Box 52 Springfield, IL 62705 Tel. 217-773-5337 Fax. 855-461-3250 Email: tony@delgiornolawoffice.com Service: service@delgiornolawoffice.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of MATTHEW R. SUCHOMSKI, Deceased. IN PROBATE NO. 2026-PR-31 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of MATTHEW R. SUCHOMSKI, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on March 4, 2026, to MARY LISABETH GRANZEAU, Administrator, 1608 S. Willemore Ave., Springfield, Illinois 62704, whose attorney is Robert A. Stuart, Jr., Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th St., Ste. 1000, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before September 1, 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 16th 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 62705 (217) 544-8491

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SANDRA RAE SENKUS, DECEASED. NO. 2026-PR-86 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS Notice is given of the death of SANDRA RAE SENKUS, of Mableton, Cobb County, Georgia. Letters of Office were issued on March 4, 2026, to JEAN KORNELUK of 8425 Adagio Circle, Wake Forest, NC 27587 whose attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; 2160 South Sixth Street, Suite

D-1, Springfield, IL 62703 to administer the ancillary estate for asset situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. 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., Room 405, Springfield, IL 62701 or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 19th 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 this 13th day of March, 2026. JEAN KORNELUK, Executor of the Estate of SANDRA RAE SENKUS, Deceased BY: DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney Attorneys for Estate: Anthony J. DelGiorno (IRDC 6277358) DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC 2160 South Sixth Street, Suite D-1 Springfield, IL 62703 Tel: (217) 773-5337 Service: service@delgiornolawoffice.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF: JAMES KEVIN PATTON, Deceased CASE NO. 2026PR73 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of James Kevin Patton, Letters of Office were issued on March 2, 2026 to James Ryan Patton, 3824 Bergamot, Springfield, IL as Independent Executive whose attorney is Donald M. Craven, 1005 N. 7th Street, Springfield, IL 62702. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first Publication of this Notice. Any Claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a Claim filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. /s/ Donald M. Craven Donald M. Craven (#6180492) Joseph A. Craven (#6340231) Attorney for Independent Executor Craven & Craven, P.C. 1005 North Seventh Street Springfield, IL 62702 Telephone: (217) 544-1777 Facsimile: (217) 544-0713 don@cravenlawoffice.com joe@cravenlawoffice.com maralee@cravenlawoffice.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES P. WALSH, Deceased. IN PROBATE No. 2026-PR-99 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of JAMES P. WALSH, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on March 12, 2026, to Ann M. Moore, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Maureen M. Faller, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205

South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 21st 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 12th day of March, 2026. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Maureen M. Faller (Registration No. 6308975) 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705-2459 (217) 544-8491

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL L. SLATER SR., Deceased. Case No. 2026-PR-087 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of MICHAEL L. SLATER, SR., Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on March 11, 2026, to Janice Slater, 1524 W. Jackson, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before September 12, 2026 or six (6) months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 11th day of March, 2026. Alex B. Rabin Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin, & Reinbold, LLP 1119 S. Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: KAREN SHANLE, Deceased. NO. 2026-PR-95 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Karen Shanle of Rochester, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 11, 2026, to Erin Shanle, 8050 Little Eagle Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62712, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Bernard G. Segatto, III, 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 18, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2026. Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 (217) 544-4868 bsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: JAMES M. BERGEN, Deceased. NO. 2026-PR-91 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of James M. Bergen of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 9, 2026, to Michael R. Hudspeth, 3112 E. Carpenter, Springfield, Illinois 62702, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before September 16, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 10th day of March, 2026. Randall W. Segatto - 06193211 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 rsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: JAMES M. BERGEN, Deceased. NO. 2026-PR-91 NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES To: Robert Bergen and Marygrace P. Secuya, whose address is unknown: Notice is given to the above who is an heir or legatee in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose name or address is not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, that an order was entered by the Court on the 9th day of March, 2026, admitting the will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission any heir or legatee may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in 755 ILCS 5/6-21 of the Probate Act. You also have the right under 755 ILCS 5/8-1 of the Probate Act to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within six months after admission of the will to probate. Michael R. Hudspeth Independent Representative Filings are to be made with: Sangamon County Circuit Clerk Sangamon County Courthouse 200 S 9th Street Springfield, Illinois 62701 Randall W. Segatto - 06193211 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 rsegatto@barberlaw.com

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF:

Harold Lee Payne, deceased. NO. 2026PR000090 Claim Notice Notice is given of the death of Harold Lee Payne. Letters of office were issued on March 9, 2026, to Chad R. Payne, 3501 Old Waterworks Road, Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Steven C. Mills, P.O. Box 382, Springfield, IL 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Steven C. Mills #3123500 Clark R. Mills #6299521 Attorneys for Executor P.O. Box 382 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 753-2444

Divorce STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FAYETTE COUNTY Re: the marriage of Michelle Lynn Davis, Petitioner And Michael Adam Davis, Respondent Case No. 2025-DN-000034 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you, Michael Adam Davis, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Fayette County, in Vandalia, Illinois on or before the 26th day of April, 2026, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition. Kathy Emerick Circuit Clerk

Name Change IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Fred Jaydin Lee Simpson V For change of name to Jaydin Lee Simpson Case No. 2026-MR-000041 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on May 19, 2026 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Fred Jaydin Lee Simpson V to Jaydin Lee Simpson pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: April 2, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Liam Jacari Wade For change of name to Liam Luka Lewis and Grayson Reese Wade For change of name to Grayson Reese Lewis Case No. 2026-MR-000089 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on June 2, 2026 we will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Liam Jacari Wade to Liam Luka Lewis and from

Grayson Reese Wade to Grayson Reese Lewis pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: April 2, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Damaría TaLeeah Stowers
For change of name to Damaría TaLeeah Stowers Austin
Case No. 2026-MR-000055
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 Damaría TaLeeah Stowers to TaLeeah Stowers Austin pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: March 26, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Jason Wayne Winburn
For change of name to Jason Wayne Sebens
Case No. 2026-MR-000053
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 Jason Wayne Winburn to Jason Wayne Sebens pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: March 19, 2026

Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF Sangamon - Springfield, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST
Plaintiff
vs.
PATRICK G. O'DONNELL; VERA M. O'DONNELL; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant
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NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on May 6, 2026, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Harvatin Law Office, 1100 South 5th Street, Springfield, IL 62703, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
THE SOUTH 33 FEET OF LOT 151 AND THE NORTH 22 FEET OF LOT 152 IN FRED W. WANLESS' EAST VIEW ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, SECOND PLAT; EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS SAID COAL AND MINERALS.
P.I.N. 14-23.0-201-016.
Commonly known as 2029 NORTH 23RD STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702.
The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection(g-1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgement of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The

property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 25-333594
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2005-OPT4, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-OPT4,
PLAINTIFF
VS.
JOHN E BEDOLLI, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC.,
DEFENDANTS
Case No.: 2025FC000168
Property Address:
1837 Reed Ave
Springfield, IL 62704
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is given that pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 12, 2025, the Sangamon County Sheriff will on April 28, 2026, at 9:00 am, at the Sangamon South, 1 Copley Place, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
THE EAST 65 FEET OF LOT 10 AND THE WEST 15 FEET OF LOT 9 OF LELAND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND MINERALS TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT OF MINE AND REMOVE SAME.
P.I.N. 22-08.0-105-005
COMMON ADDRESS: 1837 Reed Ave, Springfield, IL 62704
Terms of all sales are ten percent (10%) of the opening bid.
Failure to pay the remaining balance within the twenty-four (24) hours shall result in the forfeiture of the ten percent (10%) down payment.
No Refunds.
The property offered for sale is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
The improvement on the property consists of: Owner-Occupied Single Family
The entered judgment amount was \$117,605.55.
The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever Law Group, LLC, 200 N. LaSalle St., Suite 1880, Chicago, IL 60601. 312-236-0077. KLG: SMS001574-25FC1 SMS001574
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
WEST CENTRAL BANK, an Illinois banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
RYAN E. LOUIS, a/k/a Ryan Louis, GROW PROPERTIES, LTD., an Illinois corporation, HRL PROPERTIES & MANAGEMENT, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, KARA VERCHOTA, MICHAEL VERCHOTA, JUDITH LOUIS, a/k/a Judith L. Louis, FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, STATE BANK OF BEMENT, LONGVIEW BANK, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a municipal corporation, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No. 2020CH000134
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court on Count IV of the Complaint for Foreclosure in the above-entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.
(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: West Central Bank, 3600 Wabash Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62711; Phone: (217) 726-9600; Attn: Todd Threnn.
(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is:
Parcel 1: 2167 East Adams, Springfield, Illinois; and
Parcel 2: 1828 S. 16th Street, Springfield, Illinois
(C) The legal description of the real estate is:
Parcel 1:
Lot 3 of Charles S. Wanless' East Adams Street Subdivision to the City of Springfield, as platted by plat recorded in Book 15 of Plats at Page 17 in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Illinois. Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed or reserved of record.
Parcel 2:
Lot Thirteen (13) in Block Three (3) in Spaulding's South Park Addition. Except all coal and other minerals underlying said lands, together with the right to mine and remove same.
(D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is:
Single family residences.
(E) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times:
Not applicable.
(F) The time and place of the sale are:
9:00 AM on Tuesday, April 28, 2026; Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, 2nd Floor, Committee Room 223, Springfield, Illinois 62701
(G) The terms of the sale are:
10% cash or certified funds at the time of sale; balance within twenty-four (24) hours of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid at the sale. The successful bidder will receive a Certificate of Purchase following the sale and a Sheriff's Deed upon confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois.
(H) Title will be conveyed subject to real estate taxes for 2025 and subsequent years and special assessments, if any; to building restrictions and restrictive covenants of record; to easements of record or in place; to rights of way for roads, streets, and highways; to rights of tenants in possession, if any. Sale is subject to approval of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois. Any real estate transfer tax which may be due as a result of the sale shall be paid by the purchaser.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
WEST CENTRAL BANK, an Illinois banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
RYAN E. LOUIS, a/k/a Ryan Louis, GROW PROPERTIES, LTD., an Illinois corporation, HRL PROPERTIES & MANAGEMENT, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, KARA VERCHOTA, MICHAEL VERCHOTA, JUDITH LOUIS, a/k/a Judith L. Louis, FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, STATE BANK OF BEMENT, LONGVIEW BANK, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a municipal corporation, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No. 2020CH000134
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court on Count V of the Complaint for Foreclosure in the above-entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.
(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: West Central Bank, 3600 Wabash Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62711; Phone: (217) 726-9600; Attn: Todd Threnn.
(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is:
833 N. Walnut, Springfield, Illinois 62702
(C) The legal description of the real estate is:
Lot Six (6) and the South 1½ feet of Lot Five (5) in Block Five (5) of Frank Osburn's Addition to the City of Springfield. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois
(D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is:
Single family residence.
(E) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times:
Not applicable.
(F) The time and place of the sale are:
9:00 AM on Tuesday, April 28, 2026; Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, 2nd Floor, Committee Room 223, Springfield, Illinois 62701
(G) The terms of the sale are:
10% cash or certified funds at the time of sale; balance within twenty-four (24) hours of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid at the sale. The successful bidder will receive a Certificate of Purchase following the sale and a Sheriff's Deed upon confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois.
(H) Title will be conveyed subject to real estate taxes for 2025 and subsequent years and special assessments, if any; to building restrictions and restrictive covenants of record; to easements of record or in place; to rights of way for roads, streets, and highways; to rights of tenants in possession, if any. Sale is subject to approval of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois. Any real estate transfer tax which may be due as a result of the sale shall be paid by the purchaser.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
PLAINTIFF,
-vs-
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF SHIRLEY A. LEONARD A/K/A SHIRLEY ANN LEONARD A/K/A SHIRLEY ANN CARTER A/K/A SHIRLEY CARTER, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND OR LEGATEES OF MICHELE LOSEMAN A/K/A MICHELE L. LOSEMAN, DECEASED; JUSTIN LOSEMAN; JAMES R. CARTER; KIEM A. CARTER; GOODLEAP, LLC.; MICHAEL J. DIAZ, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SHIRLEY A. LEONARD A/K/A SHIRLEY ANN LEONARD A/K/A SHIRLEY ANN CARTER A/K/A SHIRLEY CARTER, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
DEFENDANTS
NO. 24 FC 188
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on February 11, 2026; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on April 28, 2026 at 9:30 AM, at Sangamon South, 1 Copley Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.
Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court. Said property is legally described as follows:
LOT 919 OF CHARLES S. WANLESS' NORTHGATE ADDITION FOURTEENTH PLAT A PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 8, 1977 IN BOOK 23 OF PLATS AT PAGE 18 AS DOCUMENT NO. 390811.
EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS.
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as 2043 Scarbrough Road, Springfield, IL 62702
Permanent Index No.: 14-24-126-020
Improvements: Single Family Residential
The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.
The judgment amount was \$73,218.54. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH

SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For Bid Amount contact:
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THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.
8051-963057

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS
Bank of America, N.A.
Plaintiff,
vs.
Lyna E Frazier, AKA Lyna Frazier; The United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; City of Springfield, Illinois; Mazal Ventures, LLC; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Note Tracker
Defendants.
Case No. 2025FC000050
1100 North 3rd Street, 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 January 14, 2026, Paula Crouch will on April 28, 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 South 49 feet and 8-3/4 inches of Lot Nineteen (19) of Rafter's Subdivision of Lot One (1) of the Assessors Subdivision of part of the West Half of Section 27 and part of the East Half of Section 28, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
Commonly known as 1100 North 3rd Street, Springfield, IL 62702
Parcel Number(s): 14-27.0-103-023
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 (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, MDK Legal, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 25-004880.

Michael N. Varak

MDK LEGAL

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8051-963053

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS THE FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL

BANK OF NASHVILLE, a chartered bank, Plaintiff,

v.

C.A. JONES, INC., an Illinois corporation, R.P. LUMBER CO., INC., an Illinois corporation,

JAIGOVINDA SHARMA, PHALITA SHARMA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No. 2026FC000058

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 24, 2026.

Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on March 13, 2026.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Nashville, a chartered bank; 2026FC000058.

2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois

3. The name of the title holder of record is: C.A. Jones, Inc.

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

Lot 30 in Spartan Estates, First Addition, as per plat thereof recorded November 16, 2016 as Document No. 2016R32008. 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.

5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 1916 Athens Court, Chatham, Illinois 62629

6. The Tax Identification Number for the real estate is as follows: 29-05.0-201-035

7. An identification of the mortgage sought

to be foreclosed is as follows:

Name of Mortgagor: C.A. Jones, Inc.

Name of Mortgagee: The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Nashville

Date of Mortgage: May 3, 2024

Date of recording: May 7, 2024

County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois

Recording document identification: Document No. 2024R07159

/s/ Joseph B. Roesch

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8051-963046

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, PLAINTIFF,

VS.

SEAN TYUS, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF KING E TYUS A/K/A KING EDWARD TYUS; SHEENA TYUS; QUANITA TYUS; MARCUS TYUS; SEAN TYUS, NEXT FRIEND OF N.T., A MINOR; SEAN TYUS, NEXT FRIEND OF B.T., A MINOR; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KING E TYUS A/K/A KING EDWARD TYUS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2025FC000093

2109 SOUTH DOUGLAS AVENUE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on March 11, 2026, will on April 28, 2026, in Sangamon County Building, 200 S. 9th St., Second floor, Room 223, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

LOT 2 OF JOLEN'S CHERRY HILLS ADDITION, PART OF THE EAST HALF SOUTH-EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. THE SOUTH TEN (10) FEET OF LOT 1 OF JOLEN'S CHERRY HILLS ADDITION, PART OF THE EAST HALF SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.

EXCEPT ALL COAL, OIL, GAS, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OF RECORD.

LESS AND EXCEPT THE OUTSALÉ: THE NORTH HALF (5 FEET) OF THE SOUTH (10 FEET) OF JOLEN'S CHERRY HILLS ADDN LOT ONE (1), SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 6, RANGE 5.

TAX NO. 22-05.0-430-016 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2109 South Douglas Avenue Springfield, IL 62704

Description of Improvements: Brown brick, single family home with attached two car garage

The Judgment amount was \$122,276.34. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

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

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

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

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

For information: Visit our website at <http://iforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 333 W Wacker Drive, Suite 1820, Chicago, IL 60606-1220. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 25-210951L

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF,

VS.

REGINA S BOSIE A/K/A REGINA SUE BOSIE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2025FC000169

1828 SOUTH 2ND STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on December 17, 2025, will on April 28, 2026, in Sangamon County Building, 200 S. 9th St., Second floor, Room 223, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00am, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

LOT 2 IN BLOCK 2 IN SHAUGHNESSY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TAX NO. 22-04.0-279-002 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1828 South 2nd

Street

Springfield, IL 62704

Description of Improvements: White vinyl, single family home

The Judgment amount was \$48,994.56.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

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

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

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

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

For information: Visit our website at <http://iforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 333 W Wacker Drive, Suite 1820, Chicago, IL 60606-1220. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 25-225871L

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

13278845

Notice by Publication

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, April 16th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., in the County Board Chambers, Room 222, 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, Illinois, to hear the testimony for the petition of Macy Morrison, fee owner of property commonly known as 6136 Basse Road, New Berlin, IL 62670 and: Parcel Identification Number: 20-34.0-200-007

Petitioner requests pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.22, a rezoning from "A" Agricultural District to "B-1" Neighborhood Business District; pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (lot) to allow two (2) principal uses on one (1) parcel: (1) a single-family residence and (2) a farm stand; a variance to allow a single-family residence in the "B-1" Neighborhood Business District; and, a variance of Section 17.50.060(A) to allow the parking to remain unpaved (rock/grass) instead of the required bituminous seal coat. Also in attendance to hear the testimony will be the members of the

Zoning & Land Use Committee of the Sangamon County Board.

Dated this 26th day of March, 2026

Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals

CHARLES W. CHIMENTO, CHAIRMAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, April 16th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., in the County Board Chambers, Room 222, 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, Illinois, to hear the testimony for the petition of Whisper Walk Dr, LLC, lessee of property commonly known as 1300-1500 Block of Lenhart Road, Springfield, IL 62704 and: Parcel Identification Number: 21-03.0-100-007

Petitioner requests pursuant to Chapter 17.37, a Commercial Solar Energy Conversion Facility Siting Approval Permit. Also in attendance to hear the testimony will be the members of the Zoning & Land Use Committee of the Sangamon County Board.

Dated this 26th day of March, 2026

Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals

CHARLES W. CHIMENTO, CHAIRMAN

SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

United States District Court

Central District of Illinois

Springfield Division

Case No. 3:26-cv-03061

Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP

v. Shaw Family Holdings, LLC, et al.

NOTICE OF SUIT

To: Unknown Owners having any interest in the following parcel in Sangamon County, Illinois

A Complaint for condemnation of real estate by eminent domain has been filed and is pending against you. You claim or may claim an interest in the following property located in Sangamon County, IL, which is the subject of this suit:

Beginning at a point on the West right-of-way line of a public road 1953.9 feet South and 14 feet West of the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of Section 19, Township 14 North, Range 5 West, Sangamon County, Illinois; thence South along said right-of-way line a distance of 150 feet; thence West a distance of 150 feet; thence North a distance of 150 feet; thence East a distance of 150 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.52 acres, more or less ("Property").

Said Property being entirely located within parcel 29-24.0-400-003, Sangamon County, Illinois.

The nature of the action filed against you is an action to condemn an easement interest in the Property (See Complaint). The authority for the taking is 15 U.S.C. § 717(f). The use for which the property is to be taken is the continued operation and maintenance of a measurement and regulation station on the Property. You may serve an answer to the Complaint in writing within twenty-one (21) days after being served with this notice; failure to do so constitutes consent to the taking and to the Court's authority to proceed with the action and to fix the compensation, if any, to be paid to you for the taking. A defendant who does not serve an answer may file a Notice of Appearance.

Plaintiff's attorney may be served at the following address:

Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP, Attn: Frank Ierulli, Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen, P.C., 300 Hamilton Blvd., 2nd Floor, Peoria, IL 61602.

/s/ Frank Ierulli

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PHH Mortgage Corporation,

Plaintiff,

Vs.

Todd Wright, et al.

Defendants.

Re: Estate of Terrance Wright,

Deceased.

No. 2025-FC-230

NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF TERRANCE WRIGHT:

Notice is given of the death of Terrance Wright. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Terrance Wright, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 29 Glenwood Ln., Chatham, IL 62629.

The address of the Special Representative is: Way Law Offices, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing.

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 e-file.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.

/s/ Dan E. Way

Special Representative for Terrance Wright, deceased.

Dan E. Way, #6204735

WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC

1100 S. Fifth Street

Springfield, IL 62703

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dan@danwaylaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL R. SNEED, DISCOVER BANK,

and UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.

IN CHANCERY

Case No. 2026-FC-19

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 April 19, 2026.

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

(i) The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are as follows: Bank of Springfield, an Illinois banking corpora-

tion; Case No. 2026-FC-19.

(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 R. Sneed.
 (iv) Legal description and common address of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty are as follows: Lot Five (5) of Canfield's Subdivision of the South part of the West Half of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Thirty-three (33), Township Sixteen (16) North, Range Five (5) West of the Third Principal Meridian. Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois
 Common address or location of mortgaged premises:
 326 S. Douglas Ave., Springfield, IL 62704
 Parcel Number:
 14-33.0-107-008

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

Name of mortgagor: Michael R. Sneed
 Name of mortgagee: Bank of Springfield
 Date of mortgage: November 16, 2017 (mortgage) / April 11, 2022 (modification) / February 25, 2025 (modification)
 Date of recording: October 24, 2012 (mortgage) / December 23, 2014 (modification) / August 27, 2025 (modification)
 County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois
 Recording document identification: Document No. 2017R29730 (mortgage) / Document No. 2022R08451 (modification) / Document No. 2025R15031 (modification)
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 SORLING NORTHROP
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 bdjones@sorlinglaw.com

To enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent a private auction will be held on
 Saturday April 18, 2026, at 9:00a.m.
 Northend Storage is located at 1907 North Grand East, Springfield, IL 62702
 This is a private auction. In order to attend you must call 217-544-4521 a week prior to the auction date.
 Please leave your name, telephone number and an email address.
 Cash is the only form of payment accepted for the auction.
 Any individual wanting to retain their unit will need to pay their entire balance on or before Wednesday April 15, 2026.
 No personal checks will be accepted for storage units that are in lien.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION
 Khalib Williamson Unit#9-6
 Keyona White Unit#1-24
 Dakota Willis Unit#6-29
 Michael Weller Unit#11-42
 Todd Pulliam Unit#H-9
 Rosalind Cameron Unit#7-5
 Linda Byrd Unit#9-3
 Linda Byrd Unit#1-10
 Linda Byrd Unit#10-34
 Linda Byrd Unit#11-43
 Linda Byrd Unit#11-45

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD
 ILLINOIS

New American Funding, LLC
 Plaintiff,
 vs.

Mark G. Maddox, III; Carol E. Herren;
 City of Springfield; Illinois Department of Revenue
 Defendants.
 Case No. 2025FC000146
 625 East Wood Avenue, 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 January 14, 2026, Paula Crouch will on May 12, 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: Lot Four (4) in Block Four (4) of Samuel Carpenter's Subdivision.
 Except all coal and other minerals underlying said lands, together with the right to mine and remove same.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Commonly known as 625 East Wood Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702
 Parcel Number(s): 14-22.0-180-041
 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.
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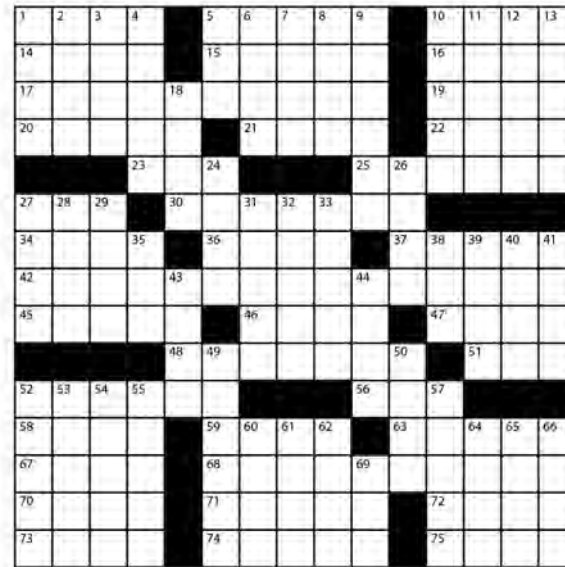
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For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, MDK Legal, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 25-016531.
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42. Certain battle participant
45. Taste, e.g.
46. Jared of "Panic Room"
47. ___ knot
48. Cut short
51. Mag. team
52. Royal home
56. Cry loudly
58. Anger, with "up"
59. Male turkeys
63. Jolt and RC, for two
67. Pub pints
68. Hot stuff
70. Convene
71. Great white ___
72. Cheers



73. Attention-getters
74. Expert
75. Takes to court
18. Founded: Abbr.
24. "Schindler's ___"
26. Model Banks
27. FDR opponent
28. Yawner
29. "Fargo" director
31. Pen, to Pierre
32. Edmonton skater
33. Three-time A.L. batting champ
35. ___ amis
38. Pick, with "for"
39. "... blackbirds baked in ___"
40. Doing
41. Ladies of Spain: Abbr.
43. Envelope closer
44. Some deer
49. "You ___!"
50. Some HMO personnel
52. Writer's woe
53. Media whiz Roger
54. Winter hazard
55. Lab work
57. Swine
60. Expressed surprise
61. Goopy ground
62. Hogwash
64. Island feast
65. Advil target
66. Meeting: Abbr.
69. Bad result for a QB

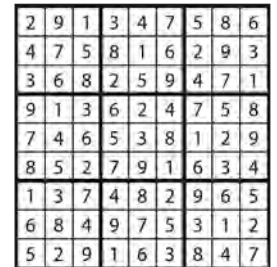
Down

1. Dosage abbr.
2. "Funny!"
3. Itinerary info
4. Some hook shapes
5. N.Y.C. subway syst.
6. Simpson sounds
7. Lady's man
8. Fishing, perhaps
9. Singer Nicks
10. Pair of lenses
11. To whom a Muslim prays
12. ___ Laredo, Mexico
13. "Save me ___"

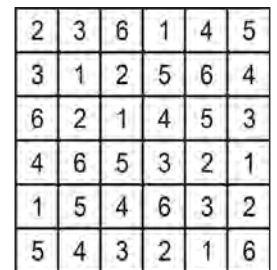
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Crossword answers from #938



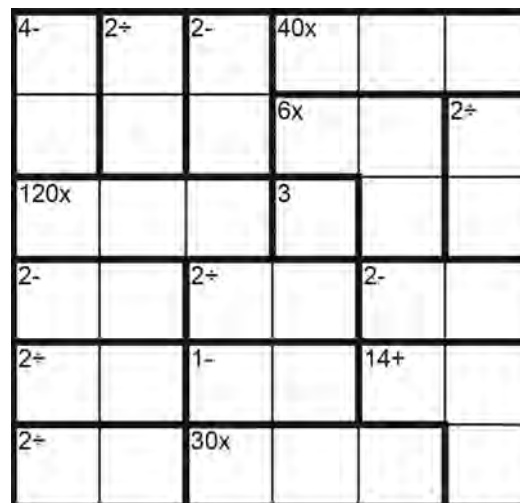
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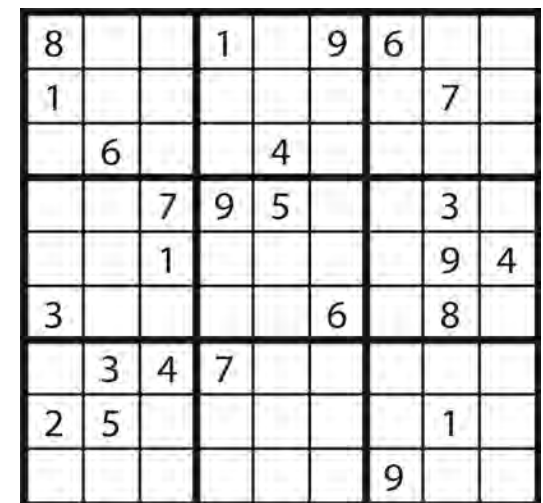
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



Difficulty hard

Sudoku No. 939

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



Difficulty medium



HEROES AT HOME PLATE

ROBIN ROBERTS STADIUM

MAY 2ND, 2026

6:30: GATES OPEN 5:30

TICKET OPTIONS

VIP MEET &
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