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Chief addresses use-of-force policy

POLICING | Dean Olsen

The Springfield Police Department's chief sees calls for changes in the department's use-of-force policy as opportunities to educate the public on how officers make split-second decisions that may result in viral posts on social media and accusations of police brutality.

"Let's sit down and talk about what law enforcement use of force is – what governs it, whether it's a state law, whether it's case law, whether it's policy – and talk about what that looks like," Chief Joseph Behl said. "We have a lack of understanding in our community outside of law enforcement about when and where and why officers can use force and how much."

When speaking with *Illinois Times* about the 15-page use-of-force policy and training program, Behl said police must weigh the "totality of the circumstances" when deciding whether to use everything from their mere presence and simple verbal direction all the way to a punch, a Taser strike or deadly force.

Springfield is a city with a history of racial tension, including tension between Black residents and the mostly white police force, as well as reverberations from the 2024 fatal shooting of Sonya Massey by a former Sangamon County sheriff's deputy. With those factors as a backdrop, Behl has faced criticism for defending the actions of Officer Jacob Walter in the March 27 arrest of 19-year-old Promyss Davis of Springfield amid accusations of excessive force.

Walter, who is white, received no discipline in connection with the incident, in which Davis, who is Black, was arrested after a traffic stop near 15th Street and Cornell Avenue after trying to flee. Davis had felony warrants and was awaiting trial for cases that included aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, aggravated battery to a police officer and resisting police.

Behl said officers also were justified in using pepper spray and "empty-hand" striking techniques to arrest K'Shawn Lamar Rush, a 32-year-old Black man from Springfield, on Sept. 6 in the 2200 block of Yale Boulevard.

Rush was on pretrial release for alleged aggravated battery and aggravated assault, and police said he was observed striking and choking a dog and that Rush tried to use the dog to threaten people. Some commenters on social-media videos of the incident complained that Rush shouldn't have been punched on the shoulders when he wouldn't cooperate.

In Davis' case in particular, Springfield Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory and the two other members of the Springfield Aldermanic Black Caucus, Ward 5 Ald. Lakeisha Purchase and



Springfield Police Department officers participate in instruction on the use of Tasers April 17 at the department's police training academy at 3501 Color Plant Road as part of 50 hours of in-service training each experienced officer receives annually. PHOTO COURTESY OF SPD CHIEF JOSEPH BEHL.

Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams Jr., said the officer shouldn't have hit the teen, who is considered an adult in the criminal-justice system.

"Nothing justifies getting hit in the head" and putting pressure against her throat, Williams told Behl at the March 31 Springfield City Council meeting.

Williams later told *Illinois Times*, "There's many reasons why people run. I'm not saying the citizens are always right," he said, "but we don't need to be as aggressive as we're being."

Williams added: "Both sides need to change. Our kids don't trust the police. ... The solution is better community relations."

Community activist Teresa Haley, past president of the Springfield branch of the NAACP, told *Illinois Times* the police chief should use the Davis case "as a training about what not to do. I don't think officers should go around punching people."

Haley said she is "afraid for our young Black men and women" and that it would have been "more acceptable to the Black community" if Walter would have used a Taser to subdue Davis.

However, Behl said the use of a Taser, which is designed to deliver a temporarily debilitating electrical shock, comes with more potential risk than a blow with the hands and can, in rare circumstances, lead to cardiac arrest.

Behl, 45, a 20-year-veteran of the force, is former police trainer who was promoted to chief of the 250-member department in May 2025. He said he welcomes questions and criticism about police conduct.

But Behl, who is white, said he doesn't relish the often-personal attacks leveled at him during council meetings by people who don't know him other than by his title.

The chief said he knows punching and

hitting someone "looks terrible," but it is acceptable when justified and can be wiser than using a Taser or a gun.

"Anytime we use force, it's not pretty," he said. "It's not something that we seek to do when we come to work. It's not something that's enjoyable, but it is sometimes a necessary part of our job, and so it's ugly, and we recognize that."

Behl said SPD and police departments around the country train their officers to respond with the theories outlined in the landmark 1989 U.S. Supreme Court case of *Graham v. Connor*, which involved a 1984 arrest in Charlotte, North Carolina.

"What that generally says an officer is authorized to use the amount of force necessary to effect an arrest, but it has to be reasonable," he said.

"And it's really a totality of the circumstances," Behl said, "and you have to take into consideration a lot of things, and that comes from the perspective of the police officer at the time. We cannot use hindsight. We cannot slow videos down and take a look ... because these things happen in a stressful environment, under extreme circumstances, in a compressed timeline. Police officers are human. Are they going to make mistakes? Sure, they're going to make mistakes. But that's why we train as much as we do now."

During Davis' arrest, the officer had reason to suspect Davis would resist, and he didn't know whether the witnesses Davis asked to help get the officer off of her would jump in and interfere, according to Behl.

The chief disagreed with those who said the officer should have let Davis run and then tried to catch her later when backup officers arrived.

"The community has an expectation of public safety," he said. "They expect us to take

people off the street that are violating laws. ... We could retreat and not arrest bank robbers. ... Now, if we're dealing with somebody who's got a suspended driver's license, maybe that's a different approach, depending on the circumstances."

To those who said Davis shouldn't have been treated differently because of her relatively young age, Behl said many adolescents and young adults have the capacity for violence.

"We've seen kids 13, 14, 15 years old carrying guns, shooting people," he said. "What we have seen is the criminal element is a shift from, let's say late teens-early 20s to younger kids. ... At what point does the community say (Davis) needs to be taken off the street, she is a dangerous person and this is a public-safety concern? Where do you draw the line at? You know, people pay us good money to keep them safe, and that's what we have to do."

Behl said he is aware that research shows that Blacks and Latinos encounter more use of force than white people, and he has no data to show that it's any different in Springfield. The fact that Black drivers are more likely than white drivers to be stopped by police for a variety of reasons is well documented in Illinois Department of Transportation data.

The police department has denied racial bias in police stops, and Behl said ongoing training attempts to reduce implicit bias in all areas of police work.

The department has "doubled-down" on cultural sensitivity training since the 2022 discipline and subsequent resignation of former officer Aaron Paul Nichols, he said. Nichols, a white patrol officer with almost 18 years on the force, didn't deny posting racist and anti-Semitic social media posts using an online profile.

When asked to describe current police relations with the community, Behl responded this way: "I think we have a group of people, a small contingent of people out there, being disruptors. ... We've had a ton of people reach out to us, not just me, but other officers in our department, and they are in support of us."

"Now, do we need to work on community relations? Yes. That'll be something that every police department does throughout this entire nation every single day because of historic reasons of marginalized communities being over-policed, being discriminated against and then the historical challenges that come with policing particular communities." □

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Healthcare leaders convene

“There are solutions out there,” HSHS CEO tells Citizens Club

HEALTH | Dilpreet Raju

Citizens Club of Springfield hosted Springfield's healthcare leaders April 24 to discuss the industry's future in the capital city and central Illinois at large.

CEOs from four major pillars of Springfield's economy who are responsible for more than 10,000 employees – Memorial Health, Springfield Clinic and HSHS Central Illinois, in addition to the executive associate dean of SIU Medicine – joined Citizens Club president Joyce Nardulli and a full room of attendees. The leaders talked about collaboration among healthcare organizations and the impact of federal budget changes brought on by the second Trump administration.

Rebecca Birenbaum, Springfield Clinic's recently appointed CEO, told the crowd she was focused on keeping the for-profit business independently owned by physicians and avoiding private equity buyout. In recent years, Springfield Clinic has rapidly expanded its footprint.

“One of the biggest challenges facing Springfield Clinic is for us to remain a fiercely independent, physician-owned and multi-specialty clinic,” Birenbaum said. “We are going to do everything we can to ensure that we remain as an independent physician group because I do truly believe that we provide such a huge unique level of care that is different from other physician groups throughout the country that have been bought by private equity. We've seen the results of that and they are not good. That is not what we want in this community.”

Brian Brennan, president and CEO of nonprofit HSHS St. John's Hospital, said minimal federal reimbursements trouble him, and many others in the healthcare industry, daily.

“We're always trying to be as efficient as possible because inflation keeps going up, salaries keep going up and we, at best, are going to get the same pay that we got (last year) as far as reimbursement – but in reality, it's actually less every year,” he said. “This shrinking of margins that we have to deal with every single day, it's what keeps us awake probably every night trying to figure out how to solve for that equation.”

Mandy Eaton, president and CEO of nonprofit Memorial Health, mentioned how the organization is routinely trying to seek efficient ways to provide healthcare services.

“Health systems like HSHS and Memorial



Citizens Club president Joyce Nardulli, at podium, moderates a panel discussion with, from left to right, Mandy Eaton, president and CEO of Memorial Health; Springfield Clinic CEO Rebecca Birenbaum; president and CEO of HSHS St. John's Hospital Brian Brennan and Dr. Chris McDowell, executive associate dean at SIU Medicine on April 24. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

run on extremely razor thin margins – one and two percent margins – so we are constantly looking for the most efficient way to do things,” Eaton said.

Dr. Chris McDowell, executive associate dean at SIU Medicine, said fewer people insured by Medicaid could end up costing local taxpayers if people removed from federal coverage eventually enter the emergency department or need to call for medical help.

“If there's less Medicaid resources, it is less likely that somebody will get the care they need before they end up in the emergency department. In the end, the fear is that will actually add cost to this entire system, and those costs really come to everybody in this room as a society,” McDowell said. “It's really hard for us to measure beyond the actual dollar cost, the impact of lost economic productivity, the impact on someone's quality of life – which has a big impact on why people choose to live in our communities.”

One attendee, Julio Barrenzuela, mentioned how his veteran status allows him to get free care through the Veterans Affairs Clinic and asked whether a similar system for others in the country is possible.

“As a veteran in Springfield, I have the VA clinic where I don't have to pay co-pays; where they ask me which hospital I want to go to; where the question about money... is removed so there is access,” Barrenzuela said. “I get

stuck between having served and having that as an option for me, but then seeing everybody around me not even be entertained with that option.”

The U.S. has long had the most expensive healthcare system in the world, which some argue is only getting more expensive due to the explosion of costly weight loss drugs.

For people under the age of 65, most rely on an employer to provide health insurance plans. For those with special circumstances or the inability to work, government-funded Medicaid becomes an option. The marketplace established by the Affordable Care Act provides another avenue to health care for those who work jobs without the benefit of insurance but make too much money to qualify for Medicaid.

Brennan, of HSHS, said the country's healthcare system could be better and solutions are not intangible.

“We're working in a healthcare system that was designed in the 1950s and 60s,” he said. “There are new ways to do this. There are better ways to do this. There is enough money that is being given to the healthcare systems as a whole by the federal government, which really does set the vast majority of our pricing – there are solutions out there. We just have to work and push the folks that make these decisions to be able to provide better answers to that.” □

EMT takes plea deal

“Families feel they have to accept something rather than risk getting nothing”

COURTS | Scott Reeder

A plea deal in the death of Earl L. Moore Jr. is drawing mixed reactions from family members and civil rights advocates, who say it delivers a measure of accountability but falls short of full justice.

Peter J. Cadigan, 53, a former emergency medical technician with LifeStar Ambulance, pleaded guilty April 24 to involuntary manslaughter in Sangamon County court, just weeks before his scheduled trial. He had originally been charged with first-degree murder in connection with Moore's Dec. 18, 2022 death. Cadigan now faces a sentence ranging from probation to five years in prison, with sentencing set for June 23 before Judge Robin Schmidt.

Moore died after being transported face down on a gurney — a position medical experts say can restrict breathing. A forensic pathologist ruled the cause of death as compression and positional asphyxia.

In an interview with *Illinois Times*, Springfield civil rights leader Teresa Haley said the plea reflects the difficult balance between pursuing the most serious charge and ensuring a conviction.

“I believe both of them should have been charged and held to first-degree murder,” she said. “But when you look at the climate, the time that has passed, and the uncertainty of a jury, sometimes families feel they have to accept something rather than risk getting nothing.”

Haley who is a confidant of Moore's family, including his mother, Rose Washington, said they agreed to the plea only after extensive discussions and “lots of prayer,”

recognizing the possibility that a jury trial could result in an acquittal.

The legal path to the plea deal was shaped in part by an earlier ruling to split the cases against Cadigan and his co-defendant, paramedic Peggy Jill Finley. In December 2023, Schmidt granted defense requests for separate trials, with attorneys arguing a joint trial would create conflicts as each defendant sought to blame the other.

“Each of the defendants will be pointing the finger at each other,” Cadigan's attorney told the court at the time.

Haley said that decision ultimately weakened the pursuit of the most serious charges.

“When you separate them, they can point fingers at each other,” she told *IT*. “That made it harder to pursue the strongest possible case.”

Authorities said Moore, 35, was in a distressed and altered mental state when first responders were called to his Springfield home in the early morning hours of Dec. 18, 2022. After police arrived, Cadigan placed Moore face down on a stretcher and secured him with straps, despite training that calls for patients to be transported on their backs.

The ambulance ride to HSHS St. John's Hospital lasted only a few minutes. Moore was unresponsive upon arrival and was pronounced dead shortly thereafter.

An autopsy determined Moore died from “compressional and positional asphyxia,” with tight restraints and the prone position contributing to his death. Charging documents alleged the EMS workers acted without lawful justification and should have



Caption. CREDIT: SANGAMON COUNTY JAIL

known their actions posed a substantial risk of great bodily harm or death.

Defense attorneys have maintained the case was overcharged and had planned to present expert testimony disputing the cause of death.

Haley said the family's decision-making was also influenced by other high-profile cases, including the fatal shooting of Sonya Massey, who was shot by a Sangamon County deputy sheriff. In that case, the deputy was initially charged with first-degree murder, but a jury

ultimately convicted him of second-degree murder.

“That weighs on people,” Haley said. “You start to ask, what will happen here if we take the risk?”

Despite deep frustration, the family is now focused on sentencing. Haley said they are urging the court to impose the maximum penalty allowed under the plea agreement, noting that even a five-year sentence could be reduced significantly.

“We want the maximum,” she said. “Even then, it may only amount to a few years. But it's something.”

Haley emphasized that the plea does not bring closure for Moore's loved ones, who continue to grieve more than three years after his death.

“This is some form of justice,” she said. “But it's not the justice that we wanted. His family still doesn't have peace.”

Moore, a former McDonald's shift manager, is remembered by relatives as a devoted uncle known for his humor and care for younger family members.


“They think about him every day,” Haley said. “Every gathering, every plan — they still say, ‘If Earl was here.’ That doesn't go away.”


Sangamon County State's Attorney John Milhiser declined to publicly discuss the case while sentencing is pending.

Finley's case remains pending, with a court appearance scheduled the day before Cadigan's sentencing. □

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It sounded fishy, so I looked it up. The law was passed years ago and the credit card companies have kept it tied up in court until

now, and they lost.

The law doesn’t allow credit card companies to charge fees on tips or tax. Not that you can’t put your tips and tax on the card, just that the bank can’t charge the business owners those fees. Leave it to the modern corporations to be completely dishonest about everything.

*Stephen McGrew
Springfield*

NOT PURE MOTIVES

Jerry Nowicki has once again delivered an insightful piece on the ongoing credit card chaos. When I see major banks and credit card companies investing heavily in television ads, I can’t help but suspect their motives aren’t entirely pure. It’s frustrating to watch these ads suggest that restaurant servers are the ones bearing the brunt of the situation, when, as Jerry’s article points out, it’s actually the big banks that stand to lose. Frankly, I find it hard to believe these companies would ever abandon a state that’s home to the nation’s third-largest city.

*Bob Immel
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DELGIORNO DISAPPOINTS

Sangamon County Board member Tony DelGiorno’s defense of the CyrusOne data center (“A case for data center growth,” April 23) is more than a policy disagreement; it is a betrayal to constituents. By prioritizing a billionaire tech corporation over the long-term health of our community, DelGiorno has proven he values corporate expansion over genuine sustainability.

DelGiorno touts job creation, yet 500 construction jobs are temporary roles that vanish once the concrete dries. For a county of nearly 200,000 people, the projected 100 permanent positions are a pittance. We are sacrificing 280 acres of farmland for a facility that provides fewer long-term jobs than a single local grocery store.

Furthermore, this supposed tax windfall



Ben Jackson of the Illinois Bankers Association urges lawmakers to repeal a state law that prohibits financial institutions from charging fees on the tax and tip portion of debit card transactions. The Electronic Payments Coalition of banks, credit unions and card companies have argued that Illinois lawmakers must repeal the state’s first-in-the-nation Interchange Fee Prohibition Act, slated to take effect July 1. CREDIT: CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS PHOTO BY JERRY NOWICKI

is a fiscal illusion. These deals often require massive tax abatements and public subsidies, effectively forcing residents to subsidize a multi-billion-dollar corporation. We aren’t gaining a partner; we are hosting a resource extractive tenant that leaves behind a massive carbon footprint and a handful of security guards once the tax breaks expire.

DelGiorno dismisses our environmental concerns as “internet-driven misinformation,” but the laws of thermodynamics are not debatable. A closed-loop system is not a zero-pollution system. High-density AI servers generate immense heat; during peak temperatures, these facilities must often ‘bleed the lines’ or switch to evaporative cooling, straining local water tables. Even more alarming is the data heat island effect. Research shows AI data centers can raise local land surface temperatures by an average of 3.6F, with spikes up to 16F radiating six miles away. This creates a microclimate that damages

cropland, increases residential cooling costs and worsens air quality. Combined with the 400 diesel-powered backup generators proposed for this site (known emitters of toxic PM2.5 and NOx), this project is an environmental ticking time bomb.

We are told we need this for the internet of the future. This is false. The internet functioned before the current AI arms race, which is driven by corporate and military greed rather than human necessity. This project represents a big tech land grab that offers no benefit to the citizens who will live in its shadow.

We need leaders who serve the people. Sangamon County should lead the charge for sustainability, not sell its future to CyrusOne. It is time to halt this project and support and model efforts like Bernie Sanders’s AI Data Center Moratorium Act to protect the public from environmental degradation.

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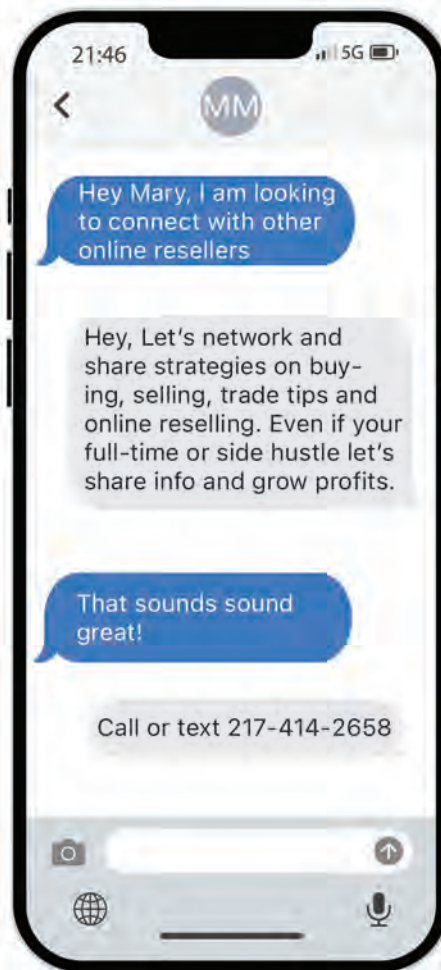


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OPINION

Bears stadium bill advances

POLITICS | Rich Miller

"We're almost there" on a Bears stadium bill, Rep. Kam Buckner (D-Chicago) told some sports radio hosts on a Friday morning before the House returned to Springfield for three days of session last week. "We're very close."

Asked if the rumor spread by sports business pundit Marc Ganis earlier that week was true about House Speaker Chris Welch holding up the Bears bill, Buckner, the House's point person on the state megaprojects bill that includes the Arlington Heights Bears stadium complex, flatly denied it.

"I want to be very unequivocal and clear about this: Nothing can be further from the truth," Buckner said on WSCR Radio. Speaker Welch, he said, "has given me the green light as his representative in these conversations to bring this home, and we're doing that."

Buckner accused Ganis, who is widely quoted in sports media on NFL stadium plans, of "a willful mischaracterization. It's a bad faith interpretation of the facts. It's not analysis. It's fabrication with confidence ... It's a convenient fiction dressed up as expertise. It's not helpful, and it's not true."

Ouch.

A few days later, Buckner told the *Chicago Sun-Times* that he was working on a property tax relief mechanism within the megaprojects bill but wasn't sure what form it would take.

Gov. JB Pritzker's top staff seemed taken by surprise. An agreement had been made not to alter the deal that had already been cut with the Bears. The object was to figure out a way to attract enough votes to get it to the Senate and reassure the Bears that things were on track.

The next day, I was able to obtain an advance copy of Buckner's bill and posted it on my website, CapitolFax.com. While Buckner had told reporters that he'd been working "lockstep" with the governor's top staff, Pritzker's office released a terse statement saying, "The Governor's Office is currently reviewing the draft amendment provided by Capitol Fax and does not have comment at this time."

The new property tax component would take half of the money that the Bears or other megaproject developers would pay in lieu of property taxes give some to area local governments for property tax rebates and then give the rest to the state's property tax relief fund.

But that would mean the Bears' payment might have to be doubled, because Arlington Heights-area schools and other local governments would see their negotiated payment cut in half. A top source close to Arlington Heights schools said if the Bears had to pay \$400 million instead of \$200 million, "That's a Bears problem," not theirs.

And, despite some comments made last week, it really wouldn't produce significant statewide property tax relief. Two years ago, Illinoisans paid \$40 billion in property taxes.

A proposed state constitutional amendment to levy a 3 percent surcharge on annual personal income over a million dollars, would've thrown big bucks at schools and provided a significant amount for property tax relief. But moderate Democrats and some others refused to support it and the proposal went nowhere.

The Senate Democrats were also not made aware of the House's changes in advance, and they weren't happy about it.

And then there was another problem. The House bill would impose a 9 percent entertainment tax on the area surrounding the future stadium. Everything from pickleball to pinball to zip line courses and music venues would be taxed.

Pritzker told reporters this past Friday that the amusement tax was something the Bears "were hoping not to see in a bill like this" from the very outset. The Bears would only say that "essential" changes needed to be made to the bill in the Senate.

Whatever the case, Buckner was able to do what he set out to do: Find enough votes to pass a bill through the House.

Buckner's proposal (House Bill 910) received 78 votes, including nine Republicans. Speaker Welch was downright jubilant during a resulting press conference, perhaps relishing his ability to prove doubters and others like Ganis wrong.

"It's a good night for people all over the state of Illinois because House Democrats deliver," Welch said. "House Democrats did the work. They believed in the mantra, 'Winners do the work.' And I want to tell you, we did the work."

But there's still a lot of work to do in the Senate. And then it has to come back to the House after changes are made. □

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Dr. Turner prescribes

A cure for what ails downtown?

KROHE | James Krohe Jr.

Downtown Springfield has been slowly bleeding retailers, office tenants and cobblers-to-kitchen installers since 1951 when Sears, Roebuck & Co. moved its store from Adams Street downtown to South Grand Avenue. Weakened but tenacious, downtown has been “revitalized” more times than the *Batman* movie franchise thanks to tourists, state workers, apartment dwellers and visiting urbanism experts here to prescribe a cure. We cannot say these investments failed to “save” downtown – one shudders to imagine how desolate the city center would be like without them. But the city center still is not the thriving place it was even 10 years ago although it remains Sangamon County’s government, tourism and medical center.

State Sen. Doris Turner has sponsored three bills intended to invigorate the downtown economy. The details are complex and subject to legislative tinkering but two would result in creation of a new tourism authority that would build a cavernous addition to Springfield’s convention center and a new 200-300-room hotel next door. (We discussed the convention center/hotel scheme in “Something for nothin,” April 16.)

The third of Dr. Turner’s magical elixirs is an expanded and buffed Mid-Illinois Medical District, which, if approved, will be called the Capital City Downtown Medical District. In its new form this special purpose district would encompass not only the north end territories occupied by the two big hospitals and SIU School of Medicine but those of Springfield Clinic, the barony whose lands in the old Aristocracy Hill neighborhood stretch

to South Grand Avenue. The new version of the district would be allowed to acquire land and build its own housing, educational buildings and research facilities to support its existing facilities devoted to care, all in accordance with its own binding land use plan based on accepted urbanist principles.

How fitting that the healthcare industry should be the cure for what ails downtown. As far as I can figure it, the hope is that, by spurring investment in these wellness factories on the northern and southern fringes of downtown, the new district will stimulate service and residential investment within downtown itself. Certainly the district’s coordinated planning can act as a brake on speculative land dealing, which is good. (If you’re not sure it is, drive around the Illinois Department of Revenue complex to see what happens to a neighborhood without such constraints.)

Has the old medical district made a difference in development since its master plan was adopted in 2004? The SIU Center for Family Medicine building at Fourth and Carpenter stands proudly on the street as does the new YMCA across the street and (a little less so) St. John’s Prairie Diagnostic Center. This is good. Buildings so sited are easily seen from the street and tell you where you are. In contrast, the nearby Memorial Wellness Center sits on its parking lot like a cake-on-a-plate and a landmark that can’t be seen from the car tells you nothing. And Carpenter Street in this stretch so far remains an address, not a city street as the plan envisions; nowhere are the coffeeshops and lunch places



and dry cleaners that make for a lively city neighborhood.

While the Turner-fied Capital City Downtown Medical District may well make Springfield safe for the local branch of the U.S. medical-industrial complex, it is less clear whether it will much help the capital city or downtown. As introduced, the scheme intended to revitalize downtown would carve out the heart of old downtown from the new downtown medical district boundaries. (Those squeals that were heard during the drafting was the sound of toes being stepped on.) The big property owners in that center of the old city center don’t need some expert’s plan; they have their own plan – wait until they find a

sucker, sell and move to Florida.

Worse, the redevelopment of property within the district that is in private hands remains subject to Springfield’s own zoning and building codes. The result can be seen at Second and Carpenter. The County Market supermarket chain had built a more urban version of its supermarket in Champaign that would have fit perfectly in the neighborhood envisioned by the medical district planners, no doubt at some extra cost. But the city allowed the firm to build another cookie-cutter version of its stores that deadens two sides of a crucial intersection with empty asphalt “screened” by knee-high shrubs, a presence that is not green or urban or anything except bare and bland. (I complained of this in 2012 in “A double shot of urban-type feel.”)

In the end a plan is only a plan. Making a city real takes vision plus money, patience and time. I interviewed the president of the commission that oversaw the original Illinois Medical District, who told me that some local officials expected the district to be the economic salvation not only of that part of town but of the entire city, indeed of central Illinois. “Expectations,” he said, “are unrealistically high.”

That interview was done 20 years ago - 20 years during which decision-makers should have learned to temper their enthusiasm for miracle cures. We will see. □

Mr. Krohe is a graduate of Springfield High School (Class of '66) and is gratified to learn that recent boundary changes now mean SHS is a downtown institution.



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Sending the wrong message?

Some council members, community activists question SPD's plans to purchase new armored vehicle

POLICING | Dilpreet Raju

A sharp cough came from the BearCat's engine as it struggled to start. After another try, the massive bulletproof vehicle outfitted with a turret booth and remote battering ram for bashing in doors and windows came to life.

The driver, who asked not to be identified or photographed because he is "working in an undercover capacity," pulled the armored vehicle around the Springfield Police Academy parking lot and found a spot to park it closer to reporters and other officers. The April 21 demonstration at the training facility on Color Plant Road occurred after *Illinois Times* reached out to the Springfield Police Department with questions about the agency's use of the armored vehicle following tense exchanges at several recent Springfield City Council meetings.

In March, the Springfield Police Department needed three City Council meetings to get approval for a new BearCat vehicle to replace the department's 20-year-old one that has become unreliable. However, this would be the first armored vehicle paid for directly by Springfield tax dollars, rather than being purchased with grant funds or donated through military surplus channels.

SPD Police Chief Joseph Behl told the City Council, "This is the first time we've actually asked to purchase a new one outright."

Police officials, then and in meeting with reporters more than a month later, argue the vehicle keeps police and residents safe in dangerous situations.

"It's a pretty high priority, considering it saves lives not only of our police officers but our civilians as well," Behl said. "It became a priority two Thursdays ago when we went to get it and use it – and it wouldn't start – so it was needed right then and there."

Behl told the City Council the \$445,000 price tag is small when the cost is averaged across 20 years of use.

SPD's current BearCat was obtained with Department of Homeland Security grant funds that were dispersed to the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System, which then granted the vehicle to SPD more than 20 years ago. ILEAS was formed in 2002 as a response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks to coordinate mutual aid among Illinois law enforcement agencies.

Behl told the City Council on March 16 that SPD asked for a new BearCat from ILEAS but the request was denied.

"There was (sic) BearCats purchased through federal grants recently; unfortunately,



The Springfield Police Department's current BearCat is 20 years old and was acquired through a military surplus program. Officials say it has become unreliable and asked the Springfield City Council for \$445,000 to purchase a new one. PHOTO BY STEVE HINRICH

Springfield was not able to be a part of those grants," Cmdr. Jarod Maddox told *Illinois Times*. "Even though we are a part of ILEAS and we do get some assets from grant funding – a BearCat's a bigger-ticket item and there's not enough assets to go around."

A controversial purchase

The City Council ultimately voted 7-2 on March 17 to approve funding for the purchase of a new BearCat, with Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams Jr. and Ward 6 Ald. Jennifer Notariano voting against it. Both said they believed it would further harm the relationship between SPD and the community, citing concerns about militarization of police departments.

The proposal to purchase a new BearCat was initially made by Maddox at the March 3 council meeting.

"It allows (officers) to stay safely behind cover to not make split-second decisions in the blink of an eye at a front door, for say, a hostage situation or whatever it may be," Maddox said. "It gives them time to think, it gives them time to de-escalate and it protects them – it protects the people they're called to serve."

He told the council that the BearCat is never a first choice, but will be brought out

when officers are conducting dangerous search warrants or under fire.

Williams contended that the BearCat's presence in high-intensity situations could lead to escalation by people who feel intimidated.

"Well, of course it shows up, and that's why (police) get shot at. Because sometimes it isn't just de-escalating, sometimes it's escalating," Williams said. "A BearCat's not going to stop shots from being fired and de-escalate like you're saying. Sometimes it's going to escalate the situation, and I'll leave it at that."

While Behl has said that 47% of the calls for service in the city come from Ward 2 and Ward 3, those two council members – who are both members of the Springfield Aldermanic Black Caucus – were divided when it came to the BearCat. The third caucus member, Ward 5 Ald. Lakeisha Purchase, was absent for the vote.

Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory, who voted to purchase the vehicle, said, "...it's about trying to reduce this violence we have in our community.

"If they got to take that and hide behind it and coax people out who've been shooting and all of this craziness that we got in our community, it is serious," Gregory said during the council's second meeting on the matter.

But some community groups questioned whether the nearly half a million-dollar expense

was the best use of taxpayer funds.

Sunshine Clemons, the founder of Black Lives Matter – Springfield, regularly meets with SPD as a community organizer. She said she would rather see funding allocated toward programs such as the BEACON project that was announced last fall.

"I'd rather our tax dollars go toward the services that are benefiting those in the community that are paying those taxes," she told *Illinois Times*.

Sangamon County's armored vehicles

During the City Council discussions, Behl cited other police departments with BearCats, including Decatur and Illinois State Police. At the March 10 meeting, Behl and Williams seemed to believe Sangamon County is without an armored vehicle, but the Sheriff's Office informed *Illinois Times* it needed to use its armored vehicles four times in 2025, including once in September to assist SPD with arresting someone who had fired shots and barricaded himself.

The current mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicle was acquired by former Sheriff Jack Campbell, who managed to get another in 2021 through the Department of Defense. The Sheriff's Office paid close to

\$38,000 to transport, paint and accessorize the military surplus vehicle, a fraction of the cost of purchasing a new one.

The sheriff's department has had an on-again, off-again relationship with MRAPs, although it has had a former Brinks armored truck since 2004 when it was acquired for \$1 through a federal surplus program.

During Sheriff Neil Williamson's tenure in 2014, the Department of Defense donated an MRAP with a \$733,000 price tag and the sheriff's department used \$6,400 from a drug forfeiture fund to transport it from Texas to Springfield. However, it became a campaign issue that year, with Democratic candidate Jeff Regan arguing that the sheriff's department should not be militarized and the MRAP was too hard to operate and maintain. His opponent, Wes Barr, initially argued that the 27-ton vehicle was an asset, but after being elected sheriff Barr decided to give it up. The MRAP made its way to the LaSalle County Sheriff's Department instead.

At the time, chief deputy Joseph Roesch told *Illinois Times* that the paperwork required for the MRAP was excessive. He said the federal government wanted the sheriff's department to write a policy stating the conditions under which the MRAP would be used as well as submit reports documenting each time the vehicle was deployed, even if it appeared in a parade.

Of the four times the Sheriff's Office used its armored vehicles last year, two instances, in July and November, were to carry out firearm restraining orders and search warrants. Another call was for a hostage situation, also in July, and one was to help SPD with the barricaded individual in September. Crouch reported one use of an armored vehicle so far in 2026 – one was used in February to conduct a search warrant for child pornography.

In contrast, while Maddox told the City Council March 3 there was an "internal matrix" in place to limit the BearCat's use to high-threat incidents, the city does not appear to formally track when it is used. *Illinois Times*



The Sangamon County Sheriff's Office has two armored vehicles, both acquired through military surplus programs. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

submitted two FOIA requests to the Springfield Police Department requesting documents, training policies and utilization logs for the department's armored vehicle but the city's FOIA officers wrote "no such documents exist within the city of Springfield."

It's unclear how often SPD's BearCat, often displayed at community events, was deployed in recent years, but Behl told the City Council that SPD uses its armored vehicle anywhere from 12 to 30 times a year.

Behl did not respond to questions emailed on April 23 about whether he recalled the September 2025 incident where Sangamon County's MRAP assisted SPD or why SPD does not utilize the Sheriff's Office's armored vehicles, or several follow ups.

Militarization of police departments

Surplus military equipment is commonly used by law enforcement agencies and found in nearly every county across the country.

The Marshall Project reported in 2014 the Department of Defense donated more than \$50,000 worth of equipment, including

weapon scopes and more than a dozen rifles, to the Sangamon Sheriff's Office – the same year the first MRAP was donated.

Meanwhile, the DOD also donated around \$132,000 worth of equipment to the Springfield Police Department, including more than 50 rifles and a thermal range viewer. The Springfield Park District Police also received more than 10 rifles and a "riot type" shotgun.

Illinois State Police received 375 rifles from the DOD, valued at nearly \$180,000. Vastly smaller police departments, such as Chatham, Leland Grove, Riverton and Sherman, also received rifles donated by the DOD.

The debate around police equipment and militarization is far from new. It's been more than a decade since even some conservative think tanks such as the American Enterprise Institute published reports claiming the U.S. is over-militarizing its community police departments.

"This is not to say that police officers do not have a difficult job. They certainly do," Daniel Bier wrote in the Foundation for Economic Education in 2014. "But it just isn't unusually

deadly or dangerous – and it's safer today than ever before. The data do not justify the kinds of armor, weapons, insecurity and paranoia being displayed by police across the country."

Officer and civilian deaths

Policing is considered a dangerous profession and carries a high risk of being assaulted on the job, but the narrative of a life-or-death profession isn't corroborated by the numbers. National data from 2020 through 2025 show police officers were more than nine times as likely to kill a civilian than to be killed in the line of duty.

Police killed nearly 7,700 people in the U.S. between 2020 and 2025, while about 820 police officers died in the line of duty from non-COVID causes during that same time frame.

With fewer deaths than other categories such as agricultural work, management operations and grounds maintenance, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics found law enforcement was the 17th most fatal job category in 2024, the most recent year figures

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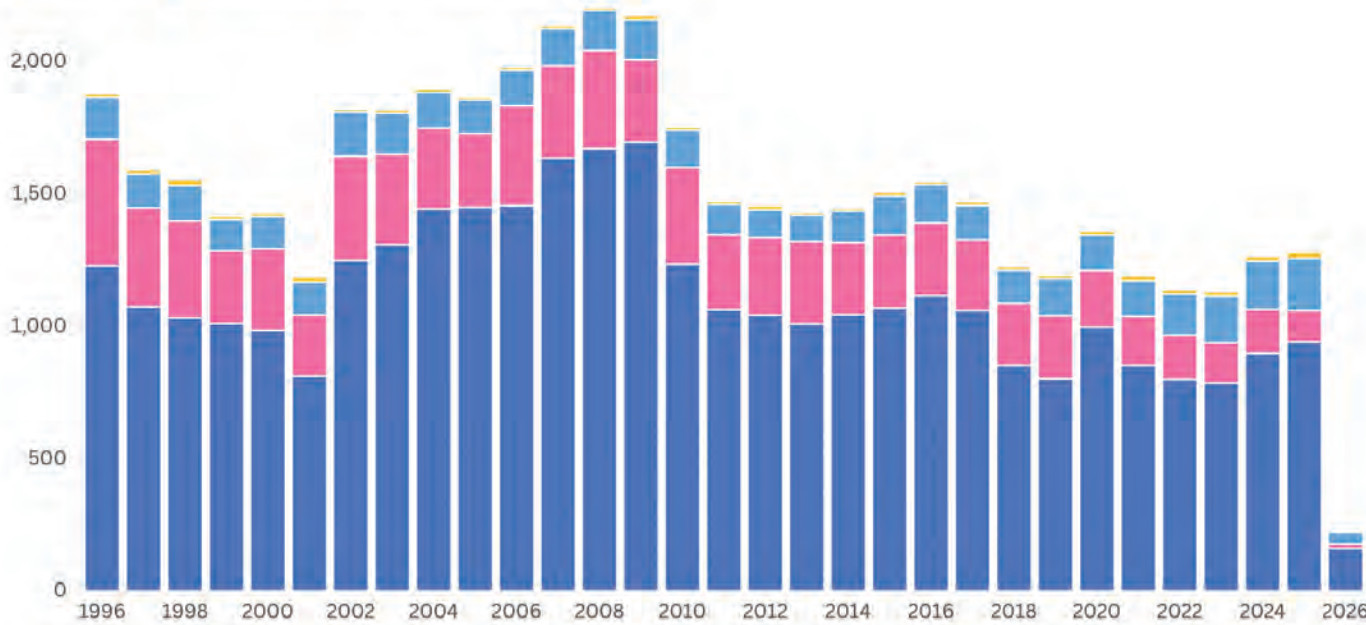
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Violent crime in Sangamon County has generally decreased over the past 30 years, in line with national trends

Reports of sexual assault and homicides reached a 30-year high in 2025, while reports of assault and battery were down nearly 50% from a 2009 high.

■ Assault count ■ Robbery count ■ Sexual offense count ■ Homicides



Source: Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting Program, Illinois State Police, Crime in Illinois Annual Uniform Crime Reports 1997 - 2021 • Note: Homicides reported by ISP slightly differ from Sangamon County Coroner reports.

Cody, an inmate at the Sangamon County Jail who died from asphyxiation after an altercation with guards in 2021, remains ongoing. The county paid just \$40,000 to the estate of Patrick Burns to settle a lawsuit brought by the family after he died in January 2010. Deputies deployed Tasers more than 20 times and hogtied him while arresting Burns after he broke into a home. A few years prior, the county paid \$5.3 million to settle a lawsuit brought by the widow of Paul Carlock, a jail inmate who died in 2007 after struggling with guards who then sat on him and shocked him with Tasers.

The last time a Sangamon County sheriff's deputy died in the line of duty was March 1975.

Compared to this time last year, violent crime in Sangamon County is down tremendously in 2026, according to the Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting database. There are significantly more deaths from accidental overdoses and suicides than homicides. Also similar to national trends, reports of assault and battery have generally decreased in the past 30 years.

Another controversy, another study

The same month the City Council granted approval for the BearCat purchase, Springfield police officer Jacob Walter was recorded punching a 19-year-old female in the head while arresting her for outstanding judicial warrants. Springfield Police defended Walter's actions as by the book, though Williams, the Ward 3 council member, took issue with that playbook altogether.

Rhys Moyar, a citizen who saw video of the arrest online, claimed SPD was standing behind Walter, who was paid more than \$96,000 in the most recent fiscal year, as a way to avoid any chance of legal liability.

"Legally, (excessive force) refers to 'use of force beyond what a reasonable officer uses to question or apprehend the person.' In layman's terms, unnecessary violence a police officer

are available.

The most recent death of a civilian at the hands of a Springfield police officer was in 2023, and prior to that, 2017.

In September 2023, a 17-year-old being held at the Sangamon County Juvenile Detention Center who obtained a gun and took another juvenile hostage while attempting to flee was shot and killed by SPD officer Brian Riebeling. In January 2017, SPD officer John Shea shot and killed a 27-year-old man with bipolar disorder who was resisting arrest and

assaulting Shea, who ended up shooting the man eight times.

Riebeling is still with SPD. Shea left SPD in 2021 but has worked for other local police departments since, most recently joining the Divernon Police Department in December 2025, according to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board database.

The last time a Springfield Police Department officer died in the line of duty was December 1979. In 2017, a half-mile section

of North Ninth Street was designated as "Officer David Tapscott Memorial Street," in honor of the SPD officer who died nearly 47 years ago following injuries from a car crash.

The killing of Sonya Massey in 2024 by a Sangamon County sheriff's deputy resulted in a national spotlight on Springfield and a second-degree murder conviction for the officer, Sean Grayson. The county also paid \$10 million in a wrongful death lawsuit, the largest settlement to date, but not the first.

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Former Sangamon County Sheriff Jack Campbell in 2014 with an armored vehicle that now belongs to the LaSalle County sheriff's office. Sangamon County gave up its MRAP later that year but has since acquired another one. ILLINOIS TIMES FILE PHOTO

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commits is unlawful. That's why our police chief claims, vehemently, it was necessary. They may be held liable while using excessive force while making an arrest," Moyar said at the March 31 City Council meeting.

Gregory, the Ward 2 council member, also expressed concerns about the incident. Without being more specific, Gregory told *Illinois Times* that he is looking into whether use-of-force policies can be changed through negotiation with the police union or through state law.

Gregory said he plans to propose an ordinance that would make more complaints about police conduct subject to discussion by the city's Police Community Review Commission.

The Police Community Review Commission, formed in 2005, allows anyone to file complaints with the city, though the process involves SPD investigating any complaints first and then allowing the PCRC to review its findings. The PCRC has received and reviewed three complaints about SPD since 2020, Ethan Posey, the city's director of community relations, told *IT* in November. The last review was in March 2023.

Over the years, the PCRC has been plagued with vacancies, often resulting in canceled or rescheduled meetings due to lack of a quorum. The seven-member board had three vacancies from November until April 21 when two new members, Kamau Kemayo and William Matson, were approved by the City Council. Kemayo, a retired associate professor of African American Studies at University of Illinois Springfield, previously served as the interim executive director of the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum. No information was immediately available regarding Matson's professional background.

Weeks after the punching incident and resulting backlash from a variety of

community groups, Behl requested nearly \$55,000 for University of Illinois Springfield to study, develop and run its own advisory entity to get "community voices and perspectives to address identified problems within the community."

After extensive debate on April 21, the council amended the contract to require that half of any such body be made up of people living in areas of Springfield with the highest rates of crime.

Gail Simpson, a former City Council member who represented Ward 2, told the council that the idea was a product of a 2022 Community Health Roundtable study that "did not emanate from any specific crisis, but the knowledge that police and community relations across the country are broken and there needs to be a method to repair, rebuild and sustain healthy police community relations."

Clemons, of Black Lives Matter – Springfield, said any study collecting valuable community insights is welcomed but was unsure if a study is necessary to establish an oversight entity.

"The Police Community Review Commission, in my opinion, is not able to accomplish anything significant with the way that it is formatted, which is why I stepped down," Clemons told *IT*. She resigned from the commission in November after five years of service.

"You did this Community Health Roundtable report several years ago. They're just now getting to the point where somebody wants to actually move on it, and now they want to do another study about how to create an advisory council," Clemons said. "I don't know, to me, that another study is needed for how to create an advisory council." □

Dean Olsen contributed to this reporting.



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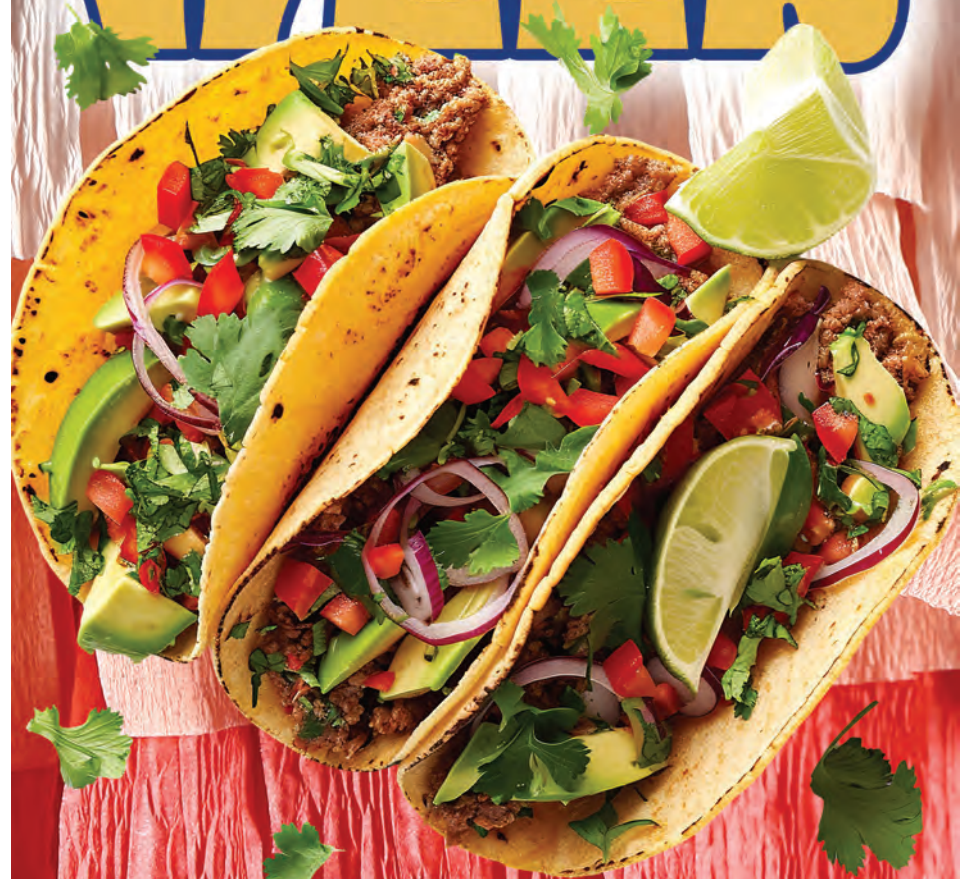
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The verdant resurrection

How to craft asparagus soup from trimmings

FOOD | Peter Glatz

The onset of spring brings with it a shift in what we do in restaurant kitchens. The season marks our departure from the heavy root vegetables of winter to fresh, vibrant produce. Following months of quiet dormancy, the emergence of foraged treasures like morel mushrooms and ramps, followed by locally grown asparagus, changes our menu planning from “What ingredients do we need for this recipe?” to “What recipe can we make from these ingredients?”

In a restaurant, the visual appeal of a dish is important. At Caprae Restaurant at Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery in Champaign, our current spring menu features a halibut entrée that illustrates this point. For this dish, we plate broiled halibut atop asparagus spears. To ensure everything fits precisely within the plate’s well, we peel and trim our asparagus spears to a uniform, exact length. While this creates an appealing presentation, it results in a substantial amount of each stalk ending up in the compost bucket.

To me, throwing away the woody ends and fibrous peelings – which often make up nearly a third of an asparagus bunch – is a quiet tragedy. I strive to embrace a “no-waste philosophy,” and view these trimmings as a source of hidden flavor rather than trash, or at best, compost. Repurposing scraps into something both healthful and appetizing is at the heart of sustainable cooking. My co-workers chuckle as they watch me “dumpster-dive” into the compost to retrieve discarded trimmings. While the woody cores of asparagus are far too fibrous for direct consumption, they possess the same essential chlorophyll and sugars found in the delicate tips. The trick is to use techniques designed to extract that flavor while effectively improving the difficult, fibrous consistency.

As a fast-growing perennial, asparagus produces lignin at its base to support its maturing stalks. This results in the fibrous “woodiness” that is hard to chew. Yet, much like the inedible bones used to make a savory meat stock, these woody stalks are rich in minerals and flavorful aromatic compounds. And when you peel the stalks of larger asparagus, the peelings themselves are intensely flavorful, though their texture is also problematic.

When faced with a pile of rescued asparagus bottoms and peelings, I immediately visualize a soup – warm or cold, depending on the weather. The first step is to cut the asparagus bottoms into smaller pieces, discarding any that are hopelessly dried out. To intensify the flavor



Asparagus scrap soup. CREDIT: PETER GLATZ

of these scraps, I like to trigger the Maillard reaction by roasting them, which converts complex carbohydrates into sugars. Roast until the bottoms develop brown spots, then add the peelings and roast a bit longer. To further enhance the flavor, I employ two traditionally Japanese components: miso, an umami-rich koji-fermented soybean paste, and dashi, a broth (also umami-rich) prepared from kombu (dried kelp) and katsuobushi (dried tuna). Dashi, though not particularly flavorful on its own, enhances the flavor of everything else.

When making a soup from trimmings, it’s important to maintain a gentle simmer to preserve delicate aromas and avoid bitterness. The liquid should never reach a harsh boil, which will extract off-flavors. Once the woody ends have released their flavor and nutrients, they need to be puréed and strained through a fine-mesh sieve to remove any indigestible fibers. The goal is a silky smooth, flavorful broth that honors the value of every scrap.

Sustainability in the kitchen is not just about ethics; it is about flavor. By reclaiming the “woody” parts of the asparagus, we honor

the farmers’ hard work and the season’s natural cycle. As the days grow longer and the central Illinois landscape turns green, there is no better way to celebrate the arrival of spring than with a bowl of soup that is as resourceful as it is delicious.

Asparagus scrap soup

The weather in May can be hot, and for those warm days, I like to serve this asparagus soup chilled. To finish the dish, I recommend garnishing with blanched asparagus tips, chives or fresh herbs such as mint, basil, parsley or tarragon.

Ingredients:

1 lb asparagus woody ends and peelings, roughly chopped
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 2 medium shallots, finely diced
 3 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
 1 tablespoon white miso
 4 cups dashi, homemade or substitute vegetable stock (see note below)

½ cup crème fraîche or sour cream thinned with a splash of heavy cream
 Zest and juice of 1 lemon
 Kosher salt and black pepper, to taste

Note:

Dashi will elevate this soup and is worth the extra effort. It is super easy to make, but Hondashi Instant Dashi isn’t a bad alternative. You can find instructions for making homemade dashi at <https://www.illinoistimes.com/food-drink/stock-recommendation-16586733/>

Preparation:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

In a heavy-bottomed pot, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the diced shallots and sauté until translucent and tender, about 10 minutes. Add the sliced garlic and cook for a few minutes more but avoid burning.

Meanwhile, toss the woody asparagus ends and peelings in a bowl with a little olive oil, season with salt, and spread out on a parchment-lined sheet tray. Roast in the oven until they begin to brown.

Add the roasted asparagus to the pot with the shallots. Increase the heat slightly and sauté, stirring until everything is warmed through and fragrant.

Add the white miso paste and stir until well-combined. Pour in the dashi. Bring the mixture to a bare simmer – avoid a hard boil to maintain the vibrant green color and delicate aroma. Gently simmer for 20–25 minutes, until the woody ends are soft enough to pierce easily with a knife.

Allow the soup to cool slightly. Working in batches, transfer the mixture to a high-speed blender. Purée until as smooth as possible.

Pour the puréed soup through a fine-mesh strainer into a clean pot. Use the back of a ladle to push the liquid through, discarding the fibrous solids that remain in the strainer.

Return the strained soup to a gentle heat. Whisk in the crème fraîche and lemon zest and juice. Adjust the seasoning with salt and freshly ground black pepper.

Ladle into warm bowls. Garnish with a drizzle of extra-virgin olive oil and reserved asparagus tips or chives. Or serve cold, with a dollop of yogurt and fresh herbs.

TIP: Though roasting intensifies the flavor, it dulls the color. To brighten the color, dip a bunch of parsley into boiling water for 10 seconds, then plunge it into ice water. Add this to the blender before puréeing. □

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Into May music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Join me in saying so long to anxious and unusual April and hello to the very, merry month of May. We're certainly hoping and expecting more consistency as the weather turns toward the summer season, but as we know – who knows? So let's go take a walk down music lane and see what we see.

First, we can announce some recent creative works by local musicians in the hope that you'll take the time to check out the pieces and partake in the offerings. Dennis Maberry, longtime local and well-studied percussionist, released his latest instructional and inspirational book in his *Hands-On Rhythm Practice* series, titled *Practice Makes Perfect: Clave and Bell Pattern Exercises* for intermediate and advanced percussionists or those aspiring to be. Visit Dennis' website at rhythmspirit.com for more information on all his books, instructional videos and backing tracks.

The Pleiades, a Springfield-based band of Carter Kelso, Eli Trimpe, Josh Schuler, Koke Rutter and Jack Kelso, released their latest album, *Second of Silence*, last February on digital platforms. Watch as the band hits the ground running this summer with their first show at DH Brown's this Saturday night.

Next up comes Grant Barnett, a currently local, singer-songwriter with a powerfully stark, self-produced version of Woody's *This Land is Your Land* coming out on the platforms May 8.

Now it's Mark Bott, aka Big Guy, with a single called *Kiss My Bad American Ass* that hit No. 95 on the Cashbox Country Music charts last March. MB/BG followed that with several other original releases such as *My Satan in Satin*, *Simple Plan* and *So Red White and Blue*. The BGJ Music Group artist plans a late summer Midwest tour with his full band, Big Guy and the Mob.

And with that I'll put out the call for anyone releasing music or music-related work to send me info and we can let the world know as best we can.

For some live *Now Playing* action, let's go to Butternut Hut's monthly First Friday event of an "evening of house beats, DJs and good energy" supplied by area music creators. On Saturday the Hutsters bring in the amazing, one-man traveling band, Jaik Willis. On Friday, the Railyard gives us Bugz Benson from Geneseo on his Rock 'n' Roll Maniac Tour doing a "One Man Band. Live Looping. Dance Rock" show, while Saturday delivers Hard Drive, a four-piece rocking band from Hillsboro that promises to "get you out of your seat and on your feet" on



Jaik Willis tears it up all by his lonesome at Butternut Hut this Saturday night.

their Facebook page.

Saturday keeps the ball rolling with some 50 listings including Nickipalooza at Danenberger Family Vineyards, an annual charity show organized by Nicole Florence. The 2026 event benefits Mobile Crisis Response at Memorial Behavioral Health with Sunshine Daydream and Positively 4th Street as the live entertainment. So be kind and get yourself out there for a good time and a good cause.

Dumb Records has a busy weekend of live music ahead with an all-ages show of Totaled, Cause of Pain, Passion, KEEP, Petrikhor on Friday night and an ECHO Party on Saturday with Art Edmaiston, Chad Fowler, Alex Greene and Steve Hirsh, plus a bonus performance from Fowler, Adam Larison and Richard Gilman-Opalsky all as part of the UIS Get Free Music Series.

Sunday is the usual all-around Funday, including a special show by Al and Kathy Kitchen at the Backroom Lounge in Riverton featuring the songs and stories of Patsy Cline and Willie Nelson with a backing band of Max Harris, Allan Harris and Ann Bova.

So long until next week. Please visit our listings for many more May shows. □



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Thursday Apr 30

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

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

Thursday Night Karaoke
Harry's Adult Day Care, 10pm-1am.

JCB Entertainment Karaoke
La Fiesta Chatham, Chatham, 6-10pm

Salmon Creek
Legendary Small Town Trading Co., Taylorville, 5-8pm

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

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

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

Friday May 1

Justin Jeanson Band
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

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

Karaoke Night with Party Time DJ
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 8-11:30pm

First Friday
Butternut Hut, 4pm.

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

Totaled, Cause of Pain, Passion, KEEP, Petrikhor
Dumb Records, 7pm

James Crosby
The Filling Station, Rochester, 7-10pm

Cody Lee Moomey
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Wowie Zowie
Mowie's Cue, 8-11pm

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

Bugz Benson
The Railyard, 6-9pm

Keith Dunlap
South Fork Pub, Kincaid, 5-8pm

Saturday May 2

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

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

Tony Logue & The 184 and Colten Jesse
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

Me, Myself & Schy
Boone's, 5-8pm

The Killer Riffs
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7pm

Jaik Willis
Butternut Hut, 7-10pm

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

Jaden Decker
Copper and Oak, Lincoln, 6pm

Dreamers and Doers
Curveside Bar & Grill, Athens, 2-4pm

Sunshine Daydream, Positively 4th Street
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 6-10pm

The Pleiades
DH Brown's, 7pm

Chris Camp and John Drake, David Berchtold, Reverend Robert, Devin C. Williams
Downtown Jacksonville, Jacksonville, 12-5pm

The Remedy
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

OAT
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Smokestacks with special guest Zach Eymann
Kuhl Tyme Korner, Jacksonville, 8pm-12am

Freebyrd
Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur, 7pm

Jaigh Lowder and Antone DeRocchi
Lucky's on the Square, Petersburg, 4pm

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

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

Hard Drive
The Railyard, 6-9pm

2nd Street Harmony
The Range Bourbon & Brew, Chatham, 8pm

Grant Barnett
Stella Coffee & Tea, 10am-12:30pm

SERA MONSTERA
The Bird Tavern, 7pm

3's Company
The Blue Grouch, 7-10pm

The Get Down
The Topsy Toad, 7-10pm

Scratching The Surface
Town Hall Pub, Loami, 7-10pm

Menace to Sobriety
Weebles Bar & Grill, 5:30pm

Cody Moomey and Brother Smith
Y-Zoe's Bar, Taylorville, 7pm

Sunday May 3

Patsy Cline and Willie Nelson Tribute
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 6-8:30pm

Rich Hogan
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 4-7pm

Antone DeRocchi
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

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

Satellite
The Library Pizza and Sports Bar, 3-6pm

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

Hippies of the Heartland
Oak Hills Country Club and Winery, Girard, 1-4pm

Devin C. Williams
Oogie and JJ's Bar, Glenarm, 1pm

Chris Camp and His Blues Ambassadors
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

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

Keith Dunlap
The Shed, Pawnee, 2-5pm

Tom Irwin and Amy Battles
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3pm

Monday May 4

NGK Band
The Alamo, 7pm

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

TOAST
Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur, 7pm

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

Music Monday's Open Mic Night
The Bird Tavern, 6:30-9pm.

Tuesday May 5

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 Conrall
George Rank's, 8-11pm

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

Wednesday May 6

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

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

Al Kitchen and Tricia Giacomini
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 6-9pm

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Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery, 6-8pm

Roger & Mandy's Open Mic
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 7-10pm

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Special Music Events

Concert by UIS, LLCC Choruses
Fri., May 1, 7pm. This combined concert will feature both the UIS and LLCC choirs. uis.edu/music/. Grace Lutheran Church, 714 E. Capitol Ave., 217-206-6240.

ECHO Party
Sat., May 2, 7pm. ECHO Party features Art Edmaiston, Chad Fowler, Alex Greene and Steve Hirsh. The show also will feature a trio of Fowler, Adam Larison and Richard Gilman-Opalsky. Part of the UIS Get Free Music Series. \$5 suggested donation. Dumb Records, 418 E. Monroe St., 217-691-8991.

Fabulous "Finnish" - Illinois Symphony Orchestra
Fri., May 1, 7:30pm. Celebrate the 100th anniversary of Route 66 with a commissioned World Premiere by Michelle Isaac. ilsymphony.org. \$30-65. Springfield First United Methodist Church, 2941 S. Koke Mill Road, 217-206-6160.

"Fly and Shine"
Fri., May 1, 1pm. Joint concert by the LLCC Choir and Band. This concert, directed by Dr. See Tsai Chan, adjunct professor of music, will feature music in various styles, including gospel, spirituals, musical theater, classical works

and more. ilcc.edu. Free. A. Lincoln Commons, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

LLCC Jazz Concert
Mon., May 4, 7pm. The LLCC Jazz Band, directed by Jason Waddell, professor of music, will present this concert featuring vocalist Piper Chase, of Springfield on several jazz standards. Jazz soloists will include Matthew Wood, Kelly Wells, Mira Ivy, Brook Ladage, Jae Delgado, Cole Boatman and Clay Higginson. ilcc.edu. Free. A. Lincoln Commons, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

Make A Noise Ensemble concert
Thu., April 30, 7pm. See UIS students and faculty along with members of the Springfield community perform contemporary and experimental music including a world premiere of a piece composed collaboratively by all the members of the ensemble. uis.edu/music/. Free. Polly Roesch Music Room, Visual and Performing Arts Building, UIS, One William Maxwell Lane, 217-206-6240.

Nickipalooza
Sat., May 2, 6-10pm. Nickipalooza is an annual live music event presented by Nicole Florence. This year's event will benefit Mobile Crisis Response at Memorial

Behavioral Health. Sunshine Daydream (Grateful Dead and more) will play 7:30-10pm followed by Positively 4th Street (rock/country/blues) 6-7pm. Free, donations accepted. Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 12341 Irish Road, 217-488-6321.

Rock for Mental Health Awareness Month Concert
Sun., May 3, 5-9pm. Live music with UNCHAINED, Park and Dead Sugar. Merchandise available, 50/50 drawing and more supporting nonprofit Rock for Mental Health. Partial proceeds will go to providing free counseling sessions to uninsured and to those in need. \$10. Boondocks, 2909 N. Dirksen Pkwy.

UIS Band Concert
Sat., May 2, 7pm. Hear the UIS Band in action. uis.edu/music/. Free. Grant Conservatory of Music and Dance, 501 W. Elliott Ave., 217-206-6240.

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Sun., May 3, 1-2:15 p.m. Audience members will be inside the music when 21 performers ring the UIS Colonnade, surrounding the audience. The performers will play Terry Riley's experimental masterpiece "In C." Audience members are encouraged to shape their own unforgettable experience by moving throughout

the space. Rain location is UIS Student Union. Presented by New Music Springfield. Free. UIS, 1 University Plaza.

Books & Authors

Book Adoption and Plant Sale
Sat., May 2, 8am-2pm. Help All items are free but donations will be accepted for the Friends of WPLM to help support WPLM programming and provide new, free books to children at holiday events. Bags available while supplies last. The event will continue through May 9 during regular WPLM hours. FFA plant sale only on Saturday, May 2. Free. Williamsville Public Library and Museum, Williamsville, 217 N. Elm St., 217-566-3520.

Theater & Comedy

Comedy Night
Sat., May 2, 8pm. Laugh along with featured act Larry Smith and Ryne Thorson, Reed Davis, Richard Bailey, Mike Adrales and Chunky. \$20. American Legion Post 279, Jacksonville, 903 W. Superior Ave., 217-243-6144.

Art & Architecture

"Centennials: The Main Streets of America"

Fri., May 1, 6-9pm and Sat., May 2, 6-9pm. This exhibit focuses on America's 250th birthday and Route 66's centennial. Along with local artist members' work in various media, there is more to see. View Route 66 photography by David Schwartz and work by the late Bob Waldmire, whose art, maps, drawings and collections relate to the famed and celebrated Mother Road. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Free. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 720-447-4548, 217-801-1466.

Sacred Rhythm, Sacred Pattern Art Exhibition

Saturdays, 10am-3pm and Mondays-Fridays, 9am-5pm. Through May 29. In cooperation with the Liturgical Arts Festival of Springfield, the SAA hosts a juried exhibition of sacred and liturgical art as part of the biennial, interfaith Liturgical Arts Festival: Come Creative Spirit. Free. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Sacred Rhythm, Sacred Pattern Opening Reception

Sat., May 2, 5-7pm. Celebrate the opening of the Sacred and Liturgical Art Exhibition, an exciting part of the Liturgical Arts Festival. This exhibition showcases artworks that demonstrate the diverse ways in which individuals connect with the divine across various spiritual interpretations. Refreshments served. Free. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Tour of Sacred & Liturgical Art Exhibition and Children's Art Workshop

Wed., May 6, 4:30-6pm. Children in kindergarten through high school can see the "Sacred and Liturgical Art Exhibition: Sacred Rhythm, Sacred Pattern," share their thoughts and then participate in an art project. Program open to children of all faiths or none. This event is part of the Liturgical Arts Festival of Springfield and a collaboration with the Children of Abraham. Free. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Unity in Multiplicity: The Sacred Patterns of Islamic Geometry

Mon., May 4, 7pm. Part of the Liturgical Arts Festival of Springfield. Join the LAFS for this brief introduction and workshop on Islamic geometric patterns. Geometric patterns make up one of the three non-figural types of decoration in Islamic art, which includes calligraphy and arabesque floral pattern. In the Islamic world, they symbolize the infinite; convey spirituality

without the figurative iconography. Free. Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 745 Woodside Rd, Springfield, IL 62711, 217-585-9550.

History

Hammer-Inn & Chuckwagon
Sat., May 2, 9am-4pm and Sun., May 3, 9am-4pm. The blacksmiths will be working and all of the buildings will be open for this popular annual event. Also enjoy a taste of history this year. clayville.org. Clayville Historic Site, Pleasant Plains, Route 125, 217-481-4430.

More Than a Color: The Marginalization of African American Beauty

Sat., May 2, 3-4pm. Illinois Humanities Road Scholar Karen Anderson tells the stories of women of color in 1760 French America who legally freed themselves from slavery only to be bound by government laws. Anderson will reflect on a recent development: our society sees women of color as beautiful. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-698-6090.

Politics

Sangamon County Republicans Lincoln Day Dinner
Thu., April 30, 6pm. Featuring keynote speaker Joe Concha, Fox News contributor. \$150. BOS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, Seventh and Adams streets, 217-528-6267.

Faith & Philosophy

Dances Of Universal Peace
Wed., May 6, 7pm. The Liturgical Arts Festival of Springfield presents interfaith circle dances with Dances of Universal Peace. The Dances of Universal Peace are participatory spiritual meditation in motion. Drawing upon the sacred scripture and poetry of the many spiritual traditions, the dances blend chant, live music and evocative movements into a living experience of unity, peace and integration. Free. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 S. Walnut St., 217-522-4415.

Las Posadas; No Room at the Inn

Sun., May 3, 7pm. Las Posadas is a meaningful Christmas tradition in Spain and many Latin American countries. The term literally translates to "the inns" but figuratively refers to the shelter that Mary and Joseph sought on their way to Bethlehem. During the nine evenings preceding Christmas

Eve, groups of family and friends will gather to re-enact Mary and Joseph's journey and each night a house designated as the "inn" that will allow them inside. Presented by Monica Zanetti of Wild Rose. Part of the Liturgical Arts Festival of Springfield. Free. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

Sacred & Liturgical Art Exhibition & Reception

Sat., May 2, 5:30-7:30pm. This juried exhibition, "Sacred and Liturgical Art, Sacred Rhythm, Sacred Pattern" is part of the biennial, interfaith Liturgical Arts Festival of Springfield. LAFS programs are accessible to those of any faith or none. Exhibit runs May 2-30. Presented by LAFS and Springfield Art Association. Free. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-525-1360.

Tour of Art Collection and Judaica

Sun., May 3, 2-4pm. Part of the Liturgical Arts Festival of Springfield. An introduction and docent led tours of the Judaica art collection. Free. Temple B'rith Shalom, 1004 S. Fourth St., 217-525-1360.

Vipassana Meditation Retreat, Vipassana Monks

Tue., May 5, 7pm. Part of the Liturgical Arts Festival of Springfield (LAFS) and LAFS is conducting this Vipassana meditation retreat. Theravada Buddhist practice follows the Mahasi Tradition from Myanmar. There is no requirement to be a Buddhist, all are welcome to join and benefit from this mindfulness practice. All that is required are good intentions, adequate motivation and a commitment to follow the instructions of Sayadaw, the teacher monk. Free. Chanmyay Satipatthana Vihara, 525 N. Bruns Lane, 217-726-9601.

Fairs & Festivals

Blues & Brews Festival

Sat., May 2, 12-4pm. Event features live blues music, food trucks, beer wagon and more. Music lineup: Chris Camp and John Drake, noon; David Berchtold, 1pm; Reverend Robert, 2pm; and Devin C. Williams, 3pm. Bring lawn chairs. Presented by Jacksonville Main Street. Free. Downtown Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Central Park, 217.473.5081.

May Day Strong Haymarket Day Festival

Fri., May 1, 5-7pm. Celebrate the workers of America at this event. Event includes food, art, music,

speakers and chance to learn about community organizations. Free. Duncan Park, 500 N. MacArthur, 217-741-8453.

Scottville Spring Fling

Sat., May 2, 12-8pm. This fun-filled day in Scottville features food, bags tournament (2-4pm), bingo (2-4pm), children's activities and music at 5pm by the Outlaw Opry Band. Scottville Park, Scottville, Park Ave, 217-473-3109.

Fundraisers and Galas

Junior League of Springfield Kentucky Derby Fundraiser

Sat., May 2, 4-8pm. Enjoy an afternoon of community, style and fun while supporting the Junior League's mission and local initiatives. Includes horse auction, bourbon pull, hat contest, dinner and drinks. Don your best Derby attire. \$80. The View at Jane Hay Sales & Staging Showroom, 2937 W. White Oaks Dr., 309-740-4087.

Women's Power Lunch Against Cancer

Fri., May 1, 11am-1pm. Celebrate strength, hope and power of women coming together to make a difference in this event to benefit the Simmons Cancer Institute at SIU Medicine. Heather Land, a comedian, storyteller and author, is the guest speaker. Event includes networking, raffle and door prizes. \$65, \$650 for table of 10. President Abraham Lincoln Hotel & Conference Center, 701 E. Adams, 217-545-7337.

Children's Corner

Fishing Event for Youth with Disabilities

Sat., May 2, 9am-12pm. Fifth Annual Fishing Event for Youth with Disabilities ages 6 and up. A fishing buddy, equipment, T-shirt, hat and award will be provided for every participant. Register online. Space is limited. capitalcityfhn.org. \$10. Knight's Action Park, 1700 Knights Recreation Dr., 217-341-5747.

Nature, Science & Environment

Prairie State Orchid Society Sale and Talk

Sat., May 2, 1-4pm. Guest speaker Bill Udziela from Dr. Bill's Orchids will present "How Not to Kill Your Orchid." Orchids will be on sale while supplies last. In the Washington Park Botanical Garden Exhibition Hall and Conservatory. Free. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W.

Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

Spring into Science at LLC

Fri., May 1, 5:30-8pm. Celebrate science by exploring stations focused on flowers and plants and will have the opportunity to plant a flower to take home. Students can "learn to be a bander" at a bird banding demonstration. Marine biology activities will include a touch tank and a saltwater scavenger hunt. On the second floor of Sangamon Hall. llcc.edu. Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

"How to Prepare Your Garden Iris for Arboretum Show on May 9"

A presentation by Debra Miller. Hosted by Sangamon Valley Iris Society. Free. Rochester Community Room, 1 Community Dr., 217-529-8014.

Lectures & Meetings

"Ask Me Anything" with Jay Shanle

Thu., April 30, 5:30-7:30pm. This session will feature a Q&A with the new Downtown Springfield Inc. director focused on new ideas and current issues. Shanle will outline his vision for DSI, discuss the organization's role in the community and highlight future opportunities for downtown. Free. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-544-1723.

Bulletin Board

Dirksen Goodwill Bridal Show

Sat., May 2, 10am-4pm. Event offers an incredible selection of new and gently used wedding dresses in various styles and sizes - all at unbeatable prices. www.llgi.org/bridal-gown-shows/. Goodwill, 2531 N. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-391-7604.

Prairie Stampers Spring Craft Crop

Sat., May 2, 9am-6pm. Spring into creativity at this event hosted by Prairie Stampers Club. Lunch included. Email prairieStampers@gmail.com for registration information. \$30. Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church, 501 S. Douglas Ave., 2178913206.

Rummage/Plant/Bake Sale

Fri., May 1, 8am-6pm and Sat., May 2, 8am-1pm. Features rummage items, homemade baked goods, assorted potted flowers, vegetables and herbs. See the Facebook Page for list of plants. Parkway Christian Church, 2700 Lindbergh Blvd., 217-787-3445.

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Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC Plaintiff, -v- JOSEPH M. EILERS et al Defendant 2025FC000241 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 25, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on May 27, 2026, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1533 W ADAMS ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704 Property Index No. 14-32.0-202-022 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The

balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-25-07530 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2025FC000241 T.JSC#: 46-950 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collec-

tion Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2025FC000241 I3286014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST Plaintiff,

-v- LINDA KUNKLE et al Defendant 2025FC000202 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 28, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on May 27, 2026, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 2554 LINDSAY RD, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704 Property Index No. 22-06.0-303-006 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Death Claim

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAULA S. BELL, Deceased NO. 2026-PR-155 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of PAULA S. BELL, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on April 23RD, 2026, to Austin Bell, 55 Bonniebrook Rd., Chatham, IL 62629 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 the 2nd day of November, 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 April 2026. Alex B. Rabin Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP 1119 S. Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF Donald Raymond Rosentreter, Jr., Deceased. No. 2026PR000093 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to creditors of the death of Donald Raymond Rosentreter, Jr., Letters of Office were issued on April 7, 2026, to Karen K. Martin, 420 Sandpiper Ct., Chatham, IL 62629, as Independent Executor, and whose attorney of record is the Law Office of Paul

Whitcombe, Chtd., 223 W. 1st Street, Dixon, Illinois, 61021. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's office, Sangamon County Courthouse, 3200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 30, 2026, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Karen K. Martin Independent Executor for the Estate LAW OFFICE OF PAUL WHITCOMBE, CHTD. Attorneys for the Independent Executor 223 W. 1st Street Dixon, IL 61021 (815) 288-7209

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JAMES PETER DEVINE, Deceased. Case No. 2026-PR-147 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE DEATH OF JAMES PETER DEVINE, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on March 9, 2026. Letters of Testamentary were issued on the 20th day of April, A.D., 2026, to TIMOTHY J. DEVINE, 217 N. Vine Street, Mt. Pulaski, Illinois 62548, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Sangamon County Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed. DATED this 20th day of April, A.D., 2025. ESTATE OF JAMES PETER DEVINE, Deceased, BY: /s/Pamela E. Hart Pamela E. Hart, one of his Attorneys. PREPARED BY: Pamela E. Hart (6299974) SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C. Attorneys at Law 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200 Springfield, IL 62701 Telephone: (217)753-8200 peh@scottscottlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BROCK ANTHONY WORKMAN, DECEASED Case #2026-PR-152 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of BROCK ANTHONY WORKMAN. Letters of Office have been issued to PATRICIA M. KING, P.O. Box 241, New Berlin, IL 62670, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Administrator, or

both, on or before November 4, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 20th day of April, 2026. Patrick J. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: ALECIA BUTLER, Deceased. NO. 2026-PR-142 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Alecia Butler of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 16, 2026, to Michael Butler, 35 Glenwood Lane, Chatham, Illinois 62629, and Shelley Tulipana, 2308 S. Lowell Ave., Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Co-Executors, 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 representatives or both, on or before October 23, 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 representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 16th day of April, 2026. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com 368414

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: CAROLE WALTON, Deceased. NO. 2026-PR-148 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Carole Walton of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 16, 2026, to Kristin Cavanagh, 401 N. Durkin Drive, 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 October 23, 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 16th day of April, 2026. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com 367847

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of:

Jacob Quick, Deceased
Case No. 2026-PR-000134
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Jacob Quick. Letters of Administration were issued on April 15, 2026 to Cindy Ealey as Administrator, 2597 N 800 E Road, Edinburg, IL 62531. 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 Administrator, on or before Oct. 30, 2026. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Administrator within 10 days after it has been filed.
Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of KEVIN HAAS, Deceased.
IN PROBATE NO. 2026-PR-143
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Kevin Haas, Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on April 16, 2026, to Shelley Haas, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Brandon R. Clark, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 6th day of November, 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 16th day of April, 2026.
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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 BARBARA J. ARCHER, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-145
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of BARBARA J. ARCHER. Letters of Office have been issued to DAVID W. ARCHER, 27605 SW 170th Ave., Sherwood, OR 97140, 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 October 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 April, 2026.
Patrick J. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF LILLIE F. PRINDLE, Deceased.
2026 PR 000131
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of LILLIE F. PRINDLE. Letters of Office were issued to Tina Williams, as Independent Administrator, whose address is 41 Parkway Drive, Sherman, IL 62684. 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 23, 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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Dated: April 26, 2026.
Attorneys for Independent Administrator:
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Jeremy D. McAfee, Attorney (6349611)
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Claims against the Estate of Hattie O. Boston, Probate case: 25-PR-283 opened July 3, 2025 by Attorney Samuel J. Cahnman in the court of Judge Adam Giganti, 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 Primary Representative: Norma J. Jordan, Co-Executor of the Estate of Hattie O. Boston, at 6105 Spindell Dr. Springfield, IL 62711; and to the Estate's Attorney, Samuel J. Cahnman, Esq. with Samuel Cahnman Law Offices located at 915 S. 2nd, Springfield, IL 62703; within 10 days after it has been filed.
Mrs. Boston's obituary posted online on June 02, 2025. Published in The State Journal-Register.
<https://www.sj-r.com/obituaries/pils1194036>
Note: Norma J. Jordan, Co-Executor with Cathy A. Boston, Co-Executor personally notified all creditors of Hattie O. Boston's death as we had knowledge of, starting in June 2025.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY LOU McCLELLAND, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-137
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of MARY LOU McCLELLAND. Letters of Office have been issued to FORREST McCLELLAND, 21026 Indian Point Ave., Petersburg, IL 62675, and JOELLYN VONDEBUR, 2300 Parkview Drive, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Co-Executors, or both, on or before October 28, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Co-Executors and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 14th day of April, 2026.
Patrick J. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT J. McCRAY
Deceased.
No. 2026-PR-129
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS
Notice is given of the death of ROBERT J. McCRAY. Letters of office were issued on April 9, 2026, to DAWN OSBORNE, 76 Gavin St., Lincoln, IL 62656
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before the 29th day of October, 2026, being at least six months from the first publication of this notice. Any claim not filed within that six-month 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 14th day of April, 2026.
DAWN OSBORNE,
Independent Executor
By: ROBERT V. BONJEAN III
Bonjean Law Office
309 West State Street
Jacksonville, IL 62650
217/243-4814
bobbybonjean@bonjeanlawoffice.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
JOYCE LYNN BERTONI,
Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-136
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Joyce Lynn Bertoni of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 14, 2026, to Brian E. Bertoni, 5308 Cromwell Place, Springfield, Illinois 62711, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or

with the representative or both, on or before October 21, 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 14th day of April, 2026.
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753
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bsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: SARILDA B. MORRISON
Deceased.
Case No. 2026-PR-127
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE DEATH OF SARILDA B. MORRISON of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on February 28, 2026. Letters of Testamentary were issued on the 3rd day of April, A.D., 2026, to KATHLEEN A. DENNISON, 1402 Franklin-Alexander Road, Alexander, Illinois 62601, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Sangamon County Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.
DATED this 10th day of April, A.D., 2026.
ESTATE OF SARILDA B. MORRISON, Deceased,
BY: /s/Pamela E. Hart
Pamela E. Hart, one of his Attorneys.
PREPARED BY:
Pamela E. Hart (6299974)
SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.
Attorneys at Law
611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200
Springfield, IL 62701
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peh@scottscottlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of MECHELLE MEYER, Deceased.
2024PR386
NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS AND UNKNOWN HEIRS / LEGATEES. Notice is given of the death of MECHELLE MEYER, from 1135 North Ninth Street, Springfield, in Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Independent Administration were issued on December 4, 2024 to Jamie Howie, from 313 South Bogardus Street, Elkhart, Illinois 62634 and Justin Meyer, from 506 E. Wesley St., Springfield, IL 62702 as Co-Independent Administrators whose attorneys are the Noll Law Office, 930 E. Monroe St., Springfield, IL 62701. Claimants' claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 60701, or with the representative or both, on or before November 1, 2026 or three months after date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later, 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 representatives

and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. A copy of an order granting executorship and probating of will can be obtained from the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless an interested person asks the court to become involved. Notice is given to unknown heirs / legatees, who are heirs or legatees 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 within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in section 6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under section 8-1 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/81) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/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 10th day of April 2026
Sarah Noll
Noll Law Office, LLC
930 E. Monroe St.
Springfield, IL 62701
Phone: (217) 544-8441
noll@noll-law.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL GARVIN SR., Deceased
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
NO. 2026PRO00067
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of MICHAEL GARVIN SR., Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on April 9th, 2026, to Michael Garvin Jr., 2976 State Highway, 104, Franklin, IL 62638 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 the 19th 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 10th day of April 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
IN THE MATTER OF: CURT H. NAVE, Deceased.
No. 2026 PR 130
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of CURT H. NAVE of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Administration were

issued on April 9, 2026, to BENJAMIN W. "BEN" TUXHORN, whose address is 3609 Hoylake Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62712, as Administrator, and whose attorney is JAMES R. ENLOW of GATES, WISE & SCHLOSSER, P.C., 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL, 62703.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
DATED this 9th day of April, 2026.
James R. Enlow(#6199891)
GATES, WISE & SCHLOSSER P.C.
Attorneys at Law
1231 South Eighth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62703
Telephone: (217) 522.9010
Facsimile: (217) 522.9020
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of BETTY RUTH HART, Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-115
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Betty Ruth Hart of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 26, 2026, to Michael Haii,2432 S. Holmes Ave., Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Schuyler E. Frashier, 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 26, 22026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 8th day of April, 2026.
Schuyler E. Frashier - 06342113
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Springfield, IL 62705-0079 217/544-4868
sfrashier@barberlaw.com
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF ROSA A. STANLEY, Deceased.
Case No. 2026 PR 000126
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of ROSA A. STANLEY. Letters of Office were issued to Timothy A. Stanley, as Independent Executor, whose address is 7899 S. Timber Cliff Lane, Trafalgar, IN 46181. 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 16, 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 April 8, 2026
Attorneys for Independent Executor:
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Ross D. Stone (6349880)
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In Re the Estate of:
PAULA L. BUSSMANN, A/K/A PAULA L.
BALAKAS,
Deceased.

Case No.: 2026PR000006
CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Paula L. Bussmann, A/K/A Paula L. Balakas, of Rocky Mount, Missouri. Letters of Office were issued on February 2, 2026, to Kristin Bussmann, as Independent Executor, whose address is c/o her attorney of record, Barry O. Hines, 1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A, Springfield, Illinois 62704. The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration, at any time, by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 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 ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2026.
Kristin Bussmann
Independent Executor
Barry O. Hines - 01220918
Attorney at Law
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Springfield, IL 62704
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Email: Barry@HinesLaw.net

Divorce

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Lamont Ervin, Petitioner
And
Julian Diaz, Respondent
Case No. 2026-DC-000061
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Julian Diaz, 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 Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 30th day of May, 2026, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

Name Change

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Amelia Paulette Ruth-Renee Roberson
For change of name to
Amelia Paulette Ruth-Renee Wilson-
Clayborn
and
Jacob Andrew Stanley-Todd Roberson
For change of name to
Jacob Andrew Stanley-Todd Wilson-Clayborn
Case No. 2026-MR-000128
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on May 19, 2026 we will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Amelia Paulette Ruth-Renee Roberson to Amelia Paulette Ruth-Renee Wilson-Clayborn and from Jacob Andrew Stanley-Todd Roberson to Jacob Andrew Stanley-Todd Wilson-Clayborn pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: April 30, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Hadlee Jo Manka
For change of name to
Hadlee Jo Ryherd
Case No. 2026-MR-000136
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on June 16, 2026 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Hadlee Jo Manka to Hadlee Jo Ryherd pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: April 30, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Cameron Michael Romero
For change of name to
Cameron Lee Schleyhahn
Case No. 2026-MR-000121
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on June 2, 2026 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Cameron Michael Romero to Cameron Lee Schleyhahn pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: April 16, 2026

Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC
Plaintiff,
-v.-
JOSEPH M. EILERS et al
Defendant
2025FC000241
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 25, 2026, an agent for The Judicial

Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on May 27, 2026, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS: LOT 22 OF WANLESS GOVERNOR STREET ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF Commonly known as 1533 W ADAMS ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704
Property Index No. 14-32.0-202-022
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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

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

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630)

794-9876
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100
BURR RIDGE IL, 60527
630-794-5300
E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com
Attorney File No. 14-25-07530
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Case Number: 2025FC000241
TJSC#: 46-950
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 2025FC000241
I3286014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST
Plaintiff,
-v.-
LINDA KUNKLE et al
Defendant
2025FC000202
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 28, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on May 27, 2026, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 17, COLONY WEST ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN BOOK 21 OF PLATS, PAGE 58, AND RE-RECORDED SITUATED IN BOOK 21 OF PLATS, PAGE 63.
Commonly known as 2554 LINDSAY RD, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704
Property Index No. 22-06.0-303-006
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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

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

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

is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100
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630-794-5300
E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com
Attorney File No. 14-25-05928
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Case Number: 2025FC000202
TJSC#: 46-708
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 2025FC000202
I3285932

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
Heartland Bank and Trust Company
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Ivana May Green a/k/a Ivana M. Green; Fast Home Cash Offers LLC; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
DEFENDANTS
No. 2026FC000027
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
20961 Center Staff Rd
Illioopolis, IL 62539
and which said Mortgage was made by: Ivana May Green a/k/a Ivana M. Green the Mortgagor(s), to Heartland Bank and Trust Company, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2020R01962; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.
NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court,
Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Sangamon County Courthouse

200 South Ninth Street, Room 405
Springfield, IL 62701
on or before May 26, 2026. A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100
Burr Ridge, IL 60527
(630) 794-5300
DuPage # 15170
Winnebago # 531
Our File No. 14-26-00874
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
I3285513

Notice by Publication

NOTICE
In the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, PRAIRIE STATE BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff vs. PHILIP BLANKENSHIP, UNKNOWN OWNERS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Foreclosure, Case No. 2026-FC-78.

NOTICE is hereby given you, UNKNOWN OWNERS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, that suit entitled as above has been commenced and is now pending wherein Plaintiff seeks to foreclose a mortgage affecting the following described property, to-wit:

The West 53 feet 4 inches of Lot 2 of J. Cook Wilson's Addition of Out Lots to the Town of Illiopolis, formerly Wilson, Illinois. Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas, and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Commonly known as: 608 Elizabeth Street
Illioopolis, Illinois 62539
Tax I.D. #: 18-07.0-276-001
And you are further notified that unless you appear on or before June 8, 2026, and defend in said suit, default judgment may be entered against you on the day following or thereafter.

Joe Roesch
Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois
Attorneys for Plaintiff:
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
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Springfield, IL 62705-0079
217/544-4868

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, May 21st, 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 MR Lawn Care and More Incorporated, contract purchaser of property commonly known as 3750 and 3754 East Cook Street, Springfield, IL 62703 and legally described as follows:
Parcel Identification Number: 14-36.0-427-006 & 14-36.0-427-007
Petitioner requests pursuant to Chapter 17.58 and Section 17.10.020, a Conditional Permitted Use for a landscaping company; and, a variance of Section 17.50.060(A) to allow the parking to remain unpaved (rock) instead of the required bituminous seal coat. Also in attendance to hear the testimony will be the members of the Zoning & Land Use Committee of the Sangamon County Board. Dated this 22nd day of April, 2026
Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals
CHARLES W. CHIMENTO, CHAIRMAN=

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Parcel Identification Number: 13-35.0-426-052

Petitioners request for Proposed Parcels 1 and 2: pursuant to Chapter 17.68 and 17.12 a rezoning from "B-2" Retail Business District to "R-1" Single-Family Residence District; pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.38.030 to allow the lot width to be approximately forty (40) feet instead of the required eighty (80) feet; and, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width. Also in attendance to hear the testimony will be the members of the Zoning & Land Use Committee of the Sangamon County Board.
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Parcel Identification Number: 25-06.0-300-001

Petitioner requests for Proposed Parcel 1: pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from "A" Agricultural District to "R-1" Single-Family Residence District; and, pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the "R-1" Single-Family Residence District; and, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width. Also in attendance to hear the testimony will be the members of the Zoning & Land Use Committee of the Sangamon County Board.
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Also in attendance to hear the testimony will be the members of the Zoning & Land Use Committee of the Sangamon County Board.
Dated this 22nd day of April, 2026
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LEGAL NOTICE

The Land Subdivision Committee of the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission will hold a public

hearing on the following subdivision at 1:30 PM in the Carnegie Room North of the Lincoln Library, Thursday, May 7, 2026: Finura Ridge - Location and Sketch Map and Variance Section 153.158(b)(2) - Pt. of the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Sec. 35, T16N, R6W – 3.5 Acres located near the intersection of Old Jacksonville Road and Meadowbrook Road.

To enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent a private auction will be held on Saturday May 23, 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 May 20, 2026.

No personal checks will be accepted for storage units that are in lien.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION

- James Martin Unit C-19
- Derek Rompot Unit J-6
- Ashley Cambron Unit 4-3
- Maniza Holt Unit 4-8
- Zaire Hughes Unit 7-3
- Vernon Devers Unit 1-22
- Saveon Green Unit 2-34
- Grayling Johnson Unit 3-19
- Laura Snyder Unit 3-23
- Jennifer Staff Unit 5-23
- John Kemp Unit 6-16
- Karla Taber Unit 7-30
- Susan Grant Unit 10-12
- Mark Grier Unit 10-13
- Timothy Nyari Unit 11-24
- Robert Miller Unit C-17
- Hannah Walker Unit H-3

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DEADLINE: April 30, 2026 at 5:00 pm CDT
For specific questions, please contact Cherril Graff, Business Manager at 217/546-3981 or cgraff@currangardner.com

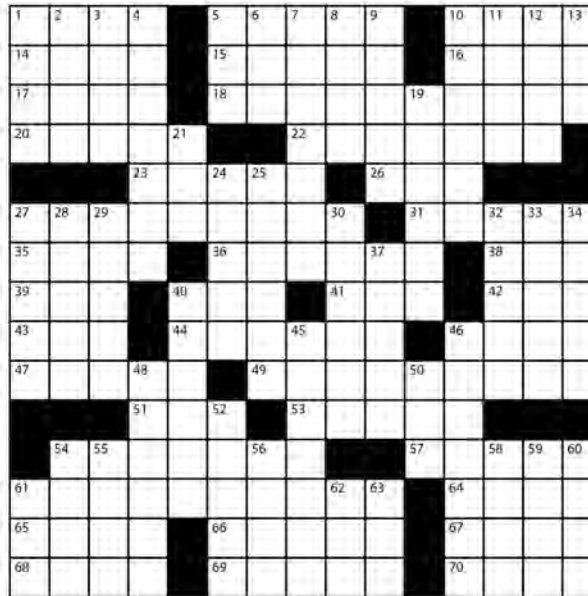
CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF Julian Patino No. 2026-GR-55
To: Giovanni Patino & Claire Anderson at addresses unknown: Please be notified that Tabatha Szkutnik has filed a Petition for Guardianship of Julian Patino, minor child. You are required to answer said Petition By June 8, 2026 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

Stumble?

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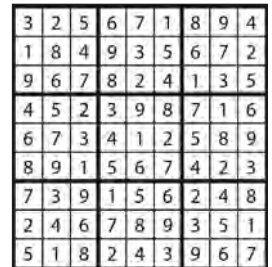
- Across**
- 1. Extend credit
- 5. Luxury Toyota make
- 10. Support
- 14. "Take ___ leave..."
- 15. Lead and tin alloy
- 16. Bounce back
- 17. Beige
- 18. ** Cartoon beeper
- 20. Big name at SeaWorld
- 22. Junior
- 23. "Here's to you!"
- 26. "Give ___ break!"
- 27. ** Hockey advantage
- 31. Top dog
- 35. Zwei cubed
- 36. Men of steel?
- 38. Charge carrier
- 39. "Give ___ rest!"
- 40. Bran source
- 41. Marshal at Waterloo
- 42. Fit ___ fiddle
- 43. On Soc. Sec.
- 44. Triads
- 46. Voting "no"
- 47. Affirm
- 49. ** Certain three-pointer
- 51. St. Louis pro
- 53. Persona non ___
- 54. Popeye's muscled builder
- 57. Greek letter
- 61. ** Praise giver
- 64. NPR Host ___ Conan
- 65. European erupter
- 66. ___ Janeiro
- 67. "Roots," c.g.
- 68. German donkey
- 69. "So what else ___?"
- 70. Word that could follow the first word of the starred clues
- Down**
- 1. "Hogwash!"
- 2. Carve in stone
- 3. Writer Ephron
- 4. It's used to make rolls
- 5. Paper size: Abbr.
- 6. Fair-hiring inits.
- 7. Where inside info is revealed?
- 8. Annual
- 9. Truth ___
- 10. Bay of ___
- 11. Clearasil target
- 12. "Moonstruck" actress
- 13. It was split in 1948: Abbr.
- 19. Restless
- 21. Kiev's land: Abbr.
- 24. Book club name
- 25. Many
- 27. Couples
- 28. Santa's reindeer, c.g.
- 29. "___ way to go!"
- 30. Over there
- 32. Baby grand, c.g.
- 33. Plantain lily
- 34. "For want of ___,"
- 37. Electrical pioneer Nikola
- 40. El Atlantico, por ejemplo
- 45. "Amen!"
- 46. Con
- 48. Like some lore
- 50. Cause of some shaking
- 52. Native New Zealander
- 54. Certain NCO's
- 55. Corn bread
- 56. A couple CBS spinoffs
- 58. Clothing
- 59. "The Gift of the ___"
- 60. Gain ___ on
- 61. Shoebox letters
- 62. Dutch city
- 63. Opposite of FF



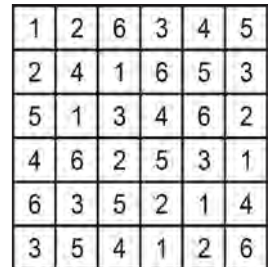
Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #942



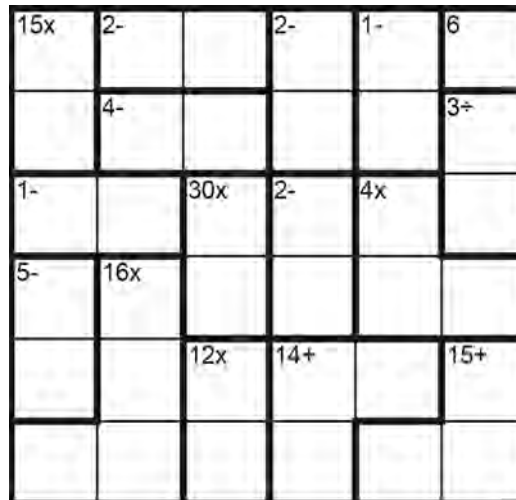
Sudoku answers from #942



JoshJosh answers from #942

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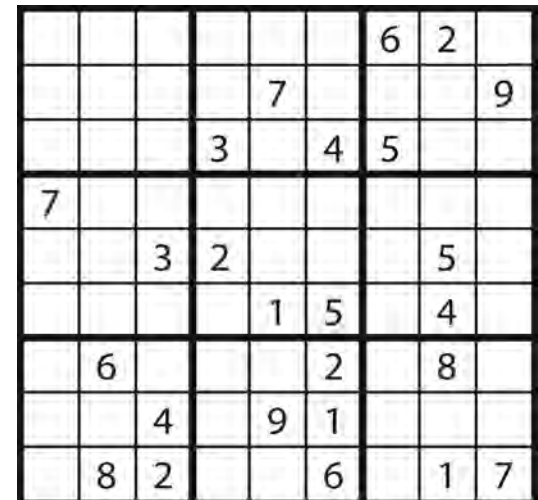
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



Difficulty medium

Sudoku No. 943

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



Difficulty hard

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