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Sangamon County appoints Mental Health Board

Seven members approved at May 12 County Board meeting

MENTAL HEALTH | Dilpreet Raju

The Sangamon County Board appointed seven members to the county's newly formed Mental Health Board during a May 12 board meeting.

Members will decide which programs the county's upcoming limited 0.5% sales tax levy will fund. The levy goes into effect July 1 but funding is not expected to be disbursed until October, giving the mental health board time to establish procedures, consider initial program applications and decide if it wants to hire administrative staff. The board is expected to hold its initial meeting within the next 30 days.

The county's inaugural Mental Health Board includes: Jennifer Douglas, a re-entry coordinator for the Illinois Department of Corrections; Janice Gambach, former CEO of Memorial Behavioral Health; William Moredock, president of Sacred Heart-Griffin High School; Steve Nardulli, a retired central Illinois judge; Margaret Seymour, a psychiatric clinician; Leigh Steiner, former CEO of then-Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center; and Brian Wojcicki, a lobbyist and lawyer.

Gambach and Wojcicki both served on county commissions that met throughout most of last year, the Mental Health Commission and the Massey Commission, respectively. The Mental Health Commission formally endorsed the county's March referendum language and recommended ways to manage the board late last year.

Once seated, the seven-member board is expected to appoint two additional members: Michael Gaines, corrections coordinator for the Illinois Department of Public Health, and David Racine, former executive director of the Center for State Policy and Leadership at University of Illinois Springfield. That will bring the board to a maximum of nine members.

The county received more than 100 applications from potential board members, resulting in a 9% acceptance rate for the Sangamon County Mental Health Board, which is in line with some of the country's top universities. The review committee was comprised of seven individuals, five of whom served on last year's Mental Health Commission.

The full review committee consisted of Deborah Grant, vice president of the Sangamon County Board of Health; Chris Jones, a Springfield police officer who led the inaugural homeless outreach team; Gina Lathan, District 22 board member; Mike Murphy, president and CEO of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce; James Schackmann, District 11



At the May 12 Sangamon County Board meeting, seven members were appointed to the newly formed Mental Health Board. The board will decide which programs the sales tax levy will fund. PHOTO BY DILPREET RAJU

board member; Melissa Warwick, an Auburn school social worker; and Dr. Kari Wolf, chair of psychiatry at SIU School of Medicine. Only Grant and Warwick weren't on the county's 2025 Mental Health Commission.

Sangamon County Board Chair Andy Van Meter told the County Board in November, "It won't be allocation by politicians. This will be allocation by professionals in the field."

However, only two of the board's nine appointees currently work in mental health-focused fields, although some have previously worked in the mental health field. A majority have executive-level experience.

In March, members of the Sangamon County Recovery Oriented Systems of Care Council, which supports individuals in recovery from substance use, told *Illinois Times* there should be multiple people with lived experience on the Mental Health Board.

"We can make all of these grand plans and I could come up with what I think utopia should look like on paper," said Austin Dambacher, a ROSC coordinator. "However, if that utopia – the planning of it – doesn't involve the people that it serves being all of Sangamon County,

then (we are) probably going to be doing them a disservice and an injustice."

Whitney Devine, another ROSC coordinator, said such a move would also signal to people who are in need that their concerns are being taken seriously.

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

Comparison

Sangamon is the latest county in Illinois to adopt a mental health board, something similar-sized counties such as Champaign County have used for decades. Sangamon County administrator Brian McFadden said the new sales tax levy, which will not apply to groceries or medication, should bring in around \$14.7 million annually.

Champaign County, which is close in population size to Sangamon County, utilizes a property tax to fund nearly 40 programs with about \$6 million. Among other programs, the Champaign County Mental Health Board is currently funding crisis co-response teams,

reentry housing vouchers for people exiting prison, general affordable housing vouchers and programs that hire specialized therapists such as counselors for pregnant women, children or survivors of sexual assault.

In 2024, McHenry County voters approved switching from a property tax to a sales tax to fund local mental health services. That resulted in an increase in mental health funding and allowed the county's mental health board to commit around \$10 million to more than 30 different organizations.

In 2020, Winnebago County voters overwhelmingly approved a sales tax referendum to fund local mental health services. Winnebago, where Rockford is located, is in its second year of a three-year, almost \$60 million plan to fund more than three dozen social service programs that focus on mental health treatment, case management, crisis response, housing and more.

Last year's Sangamon County Mental Health Commission recommended that a mental health board adopt a similar strategy of planning three years ahead along with current fiscal year budgeting. □

A losing proposition

Capitol Teletrack and other off-track betting facilities can't compete with smartphone apps

SPORTS | Adrian Dater

When customers came to Capitol Teletrack on May 2 for the Kentucky Derby, a yearly event that once packed them in at 1776 Wabash Ave., a real estate broker's phone number on a sign was the only proof that anyone has been inside of late.

Sandwiched between a Salvation Army store and a plasma donation center, the former Capitol Teletrack now sits vacant, frozen in the same fossilized, yesteryear amber that coats old Blockbuster video stores or photo hut kiosks. With its recent closing, the last off-track brick-and-mortar betting facility still available in Springfield is no more.

It's true, kids, people really did once go to off-track betting parlors to put real greenbacks down on horse races broadcast on closed-circuit televisions. A real person took your money and, if you were lucky, a real person would give it back if your horse came in. Capitol Teletrack lasted longer than most people thought it would, nearly four decades.

The only place within 50 miles to see live horse racing anymore is the Fairmount Race Track and Casino in Collinsville, which hosts horse racing every Tuesday and Saturday. The only place Springfieldians with a passion for the ponies can still see live racing is at the Illinois State Fair, where harness racing has been held since the early 1900s. That will be the case again at this year's fair.

When sports betting first became legal in Illinois in 2019 and fully functional by 2020, hope soared that the large venue in the Chatham Square Shopping Center would get a big boost. For a while, the sportsbook FanDuel had interest in taking over Capitol's operations and making



Following the closure of Capitol Teletrack at 1776 Wabash Ave., Springfield no longer has an off-track betting facility. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

it an all-encompassing sports-betting venue. But, then came the COVID-19 pandemic. Then, about a year later, the killer app: sportsbooks that could take bets right on your smartphone. Brick-and-mortar betting operators were on the same kind of notice once served to 8-track tape companies.

Greg Harrell, a former manager of Capitol Teletrack, was surprised it held on as long as it did. Especially, Harrell said, with the roughly \$13,000 rent Capitol's owner, Accel Entertainment, had to come up with every month.

"It was just too much physical building for the business that came through the doors," said Harrell, who today works in the IT department at Fairmount Race Track. "The typical customer was pretty well up there in age. Every year, some

would die off and we couldn't fill their seats. When the online (betting) came, even the old guys figured out how to use it and they never came back in."

When Capitol Teletrack first opened, it was a "proper-dopper place," Harrell said.

"It had fine dining, and you needed to wear a sport coat to get in," he said.

Tara Rogers, who worked at Capitol Teletrack for more than 25 years and was its last manager, remembers former Illinois Gov. Jim Thompson being the first customer when it opened in 1988.

"It had a great atmosphere, a lot of fun and kind of a family atmosphere among the regulars," Rogers said, "but gradually, it only had one big, busy day, (Kentucky) Derby day."

Horse racing, along with the bets it took

in, was once one of the most popular forms of entertainment in America, with hundreds of tracks throughout. Newspapers employed daily handicappers, whose columns were among the best read in the sports section. But, other than the Kentucky Derby and the other Triple Crown races, the horse racing industry has fallen steeply. Greyhound dog racing, its cousin sport, is banned throughout the country except for West Virginia – although several states still allow off-track betting on West Virginia dog races.

"Many sports betting operators are closing retail betting sites or canceling plans to open them. The operating costs for in-person betting facilities often don't justify the return. This is even more true with horse racing," said Bill Speros, senior betting and predictions market analyst with Bookies.com. "Overall, the (horse racing betting) handle has fallen each year since 2021. It's slipped from \$12.2 billion to \$11 billion in 2025. Meanwhile, Americans legally bet \$166.94 billion on sports last year. That was up 11% from 2024."

Rogers said Accel Entertainment "was good to us" when Capitol Teletrack closed and harbors no bad feelings. It was one of her two jobs, the other as a waitress, but she hopes off-track betting on horses can find another outlet in Springfield. It will have to be much smaller than Capitol, though.

"I think it will have to be at places like gas stations," Rogers said. □

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

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Early intervention

New mentoring program aims to turn around juvenile offenders

COURTS | Scott Reeder

One by one, boys walked to the front of the courtroom May 5 to receive certificates marking the completion of Sangamon County's new youth mentoring and diversion program. Mentors stood beside them for photographs while judges, prosecutors and community leaders applauded from the audience.

But before the ceremony began, Associate Judge Karen Tharp told the graduates that the adults seated around them – judges, probation officers and prosecutors – were not simply authority figures waiting to punish them.

"We're not just here to punish," Tharp said. "We're here to ensure that you guys have access to resources and that you have access to the people and the things that you need to know so that you can be successful."

The ceremony marked the first graduating class of a pilot mentoring program created through a partnership among the Sangamon County State's Attorney's Office, juvenile court officials, probation services and The Outlet youth center in Springfield. The initiative targets children – many as young as 10 to 12 years old – who have begun getting into trouble but are still early enough in life to redirect.

In an interview with *Illinois Times*, Tharp said the program grew out of discussions among judges, prosecutors, probation officials and community organizations searching for alternatives to formal juvenile prosecution.

"What can we do to divert them from court?" Tharp said. "The earlier we can catch them, I think the better."

The formal atmosphere of the ceremony softened as organizers introduced graduates by reading comments from their mentors,



Left to right: Associate Judge Karen Tharp, Associate Judge Sierra Senior-Moore, Sangamon County State's Attorney John Milhiser and The Outlet executive director Michael Phelon took part in a May 5 graduation ceremony for the first group of young people who completed a new youth mentoring and diversion program.

PHOTO BY STEVE HINRICHS

who described the boys as creative, caring, disciplined and increasingly self-aware.

One graduate said the program helped him "build leadership" and "take ownership" of mistakes while moving "in the right direction." Another said the program helped him "get away from all the bad stuff."

For many of the youths, mentors became trusted adults they could rely on when trouble surfaced at school or at home.

One participant said his favorite part of the program was "the mentors," explaining that "they guide me through my ways when I get in trouble sometimes." Another praised

mentors because they "actually paid attention to all the mentees and actually helped them with all their problems and helped them get out of bad legal trouble."

Mentors highlighted improvements in grades, emotional maturity, athletics and family relationships. Several graduates spoke about accountability, friendships and simply having supportive adults in their lives.

"Building friendships and making connections," one graduate said when asked what he valued most about the program.

Another described the best part as "always having somebody to call on when I needed

help."

There were lighter moments as well. When one graduate was asked his favorite part of the program, he answered simply, "The gym," drawing laughter from the audience.

Sangamon County State's Attorney John Milhiser said the program focuses primarily on younger juveniles accused of relatively minor, nonviolent offenses – children who are "making poor decisions" but still have time to change direction before entering deeper involvement with the justice system.

"It's hard to be a kid," Milhiser said in an interview. "Maybe you have some negative influences on you. Where are they going to go? We hope to help them make those good decisions."

Program organizers say the initiative combines mentoring, anger management, emotional development and career guidance. Mentors also maintain contact with schools and families to intervene early when problems arise.

Michael Phelon, executive director of The Outlet, said the long-term goal is preventing children from entering a cycle of repeated incarceration later in life.

"If we could do preventative programs and prevent them from making those decisions and making those choices, I think that's how you make your community better," Phelon said. "That's how you stop crime."

As the ceremony concluded, organizers urged graduates and their families to view the event not as an ending, but as the beginning of an ongoing support system. □

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“A lot of things are getting confused”

Van Meter addresses city, county roles in legislation meant to spur downtown development

DOWNTOWN | Dean Olsen

The only revenue Springfield city government might forfeit to help pay for the proposed BOS Center expansion and new hotel next door would be the city's share of hotel taxes on room rates at the site and part of the expected increase in city sales taxes.

Those were guarantees that Sangamon County Board Chair Andy Van Meter made in recent interviews with *Illinois Times* about the effects of pending state legislation in which Van Meter has been intimately involved. And he said the Springfield City Council would have to vote to agree with those diversions of revenue before the changes could take place.

Van Meter's assurances referred to the Springfield project tucked inside a “megaprojects” bill – a bill also containing plans for a new Chicago Bears stadium – that passed the Illinois House on April 22 and may be considered by the Senate before the General Assembly's scheduled adjournment later this month.

His comments contradicted statements from several City Council members amid those members' complaints about a lack of clarity in the bill and the city's potential loss of control over downtown development.

“A lot of things are getting confused,” Van Meter said. “I think the city misunderstands the city's role in this project. The city is only being asked to do the things that it would do with any developer who came to town.”

Van Meter, a Springfield Republican, acknowledged that some sections of House Bill 910 may be misleading when it comes to the impact on the capital city. Those sections, he said, likely will be clarified before the legislation is passed by both chambers and sent to Gov. JB Pritzker for his signature.

The skeptical council members, during hours of city council debate in recent weeks, said they feared the measure would hand more development power to the Republican-controlled county government. The alderpersons failed to be dissuaded by Mayor Misty Buscher, who disagreed with their interpretations.

The bill would create a five-member board that would own the future 200- to 300-room hotel and BOS Center expansion, oversee the expansion and finance the \$200 million project with state and local tax dollars generated in the heart of downtown's 62701 ZIP code and repay the borrowing.

Under the legislation, three of the board



Springfield Mayor Misty Buscher, shown at the entrance to the BOS Center, the city's publicly owned convention center. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

members would be selected by the Sangamon County Board, one would be selected by the City Council and the remaining member would be chosen by the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority that owns and operates the 47-year-old BOS Center.

Several City Council members who are critics of the plan say they support the proposed BOS Center expansion – a doubling of space that is designed to retain and lure more conventions and entertainment to the capital city – but they want a majority of the members to be appointed by the council. They said the current plan would march the Democratic-leaning city ever closer to a metropolitan government in which even more city and county functions are combined.

Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams Jr., the leading critic, said at the May 5 council meeting that county officials back the bill because it's “designed to weaken us” and “they have plans for things beyond that two-block radius.” What Williams alleges isn't true, according to Van Meter.

Williams suggested that Buscher's desire to help Republicans took precedence over her loyalties to the city. “She's giving away the farm,” he said in April.

Buscher denied the allegations, saying the success of the proposed legislation depends on various governmental bodies working together to pool resources.

Buscher and Van Meter said the proposed Capital Area Tourism Authority Board wouldn't have taxing authority. However, Ward 6 Ald. Jennifer Notariano, another frequent critic of the mayor, said the proposal would create an unelected board and “give our authority away to another municipal authority.”

One of the mayor's allies, Ward 10 Ald. Ralph Hanauer, dismissed the criticisms as conspiracy theories. Hanauer, a Republican on the officially nonpartisan council, said council members should be thanking Pritzker, a Democrat, state Sen. Doris Turner, D-Springfield, who is the key sponsor, and state Rep. Michael Coffey, R-Springfield, chair of the SMEAA board, for supporting a plan

that could help rejuvenate the downtown.

The legislation doesn't spell out all the details and does refer to “all of the tax receipts generated from local sales taxes” in the area to be governed by the new CATA Board.

Coffey referred questions from *Illinois Times* about the legislation's wording to Turner, who didn't respond to several requests for comment and clarification.

But according to Van Meter, the legislation, once passed and signed into law, would depend on written agreements approved by the County Board, City Council and SMEAA Board that would set aside the following revenues over a 30-year period to come up with potentially \$14 million a year to pay off bonds:

- The state's share of the sales tax in the 62701 ZIP code.
- The state's share of hotel taxes paid in the 62701 ZIP code.
- All payments on the hotel lease paid by the operator of the hotel. These payments would be the largest contributions to repay the bonds.

• The county's share of current sales taxes from the 62701 ZIP code.

• All proceeds from a new countywide hotel tax authorized by state legislation passed in 2024, up to a maximum of 3% of the room rate.

• An annual, still-to-be-determined contribution from SMEAA.

• The city of Springfield's share of hotel taxes generated by the new hotel.

• The incremental increase in the county's and city's share of 62701 sales taxes attributed to economic activity spurred by the project, based on a percentage to be estimated by consultants.

Van Meter said it is possible but "highly unlikely" that the slice of 62701 city sales tax revenue he described will be needed.

"In contrast to the contributions asked from the county, the city will not be asked to pledge anything from its current revenue streams," Van Meter said. He noted that another major contribution of the county would be the county-owned land on which the new hotel and BOS Center expansion would sit. That land, on the west side of Ninth Street, is currently used as a county-operated parking lot.

Van Meter added, "The request for the city hotel tax generated by the new hotel is the typical request that any developer proposing a new flagship hotel would ask of any city in any community."

The people and organizations that purchase the bonds to be used in the project's financing – and not taxpayers or taxing bodies – will be at risk if the project fails, Van Meter said. So if the hotel is built and later fails, bondholders could seize the hotel, he said.

When told of the limited contribution from the city envisioned by county officials, Williams at first said he didn't believe it and then said he wanted to see the details in writing.

"I might not be totally right," Williams said. "I want to know the fiscal impact on the city of Springfield. ... I want all of this broken down publicly."

Williams called for a special meeting May 12 to push for City Council passage of his previously unsuccessful resolution calling for three of the five future CATA Board members to represent the city. The special meeting, which took place prior to the regular May 12 council meeting, lasted nearly two-and-a-half hours and included extensive public comments. Former Mayor Jim Langfelder and former Ward 7 Ald. Joe McMenamin both questioned the county's involvement in the proposal.

Ultimately, the City Council voted 6-4 to support the proposed expansion of the BOS Center. But at the beginning of the special meeting, Hanauer proposed an amendment that removed almost all of the language

from Williams' resolution, other than the first paragraph supporting the proposed Statehouse legislation. It struck references calling for the city to have more participation in the board overseeing the project.

Buscher broke a 5-5 tie on the amendment, which then passed.

Ward 8 Ald. Erin Conley said the city "wasn't losing control of downtown" and noted the potential for this to be a transformational project.

"I think the message has been heard that we as a city want to be engaged, we want to be involved, and we want to be part of the process," she said.

Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory, whose ward encompasses part of the downtown, saw Buscher veto an ordinance the council passed April 21 that called for a study to potentially expand the BOS Center expansion project to fund the east side's "History Across the Tracks" historical sites.

Gregory previously voted for Williams' resolution and said that if an increase in the hotel tax is a part of the financing, it's important to note that almost all of the hotels in the county are in Springfield.

"We're not the little brother, we're the big brother of Sangamon County," Gregory said during the May 12 special meeting.

He also noted that other significant projects, such as the Springfield Rail Improvements Project, have been accomplished through city, county and state collaboration but without a separate governing board.

Van Meter said he supports the current proposed makeup of the CATA Board.

"The county entered into this process with the understanding that for all the county is being asked to do, that the county would have the major responsibility for the project," he said. "But we want to proceed collaboratively, and we welcome the city and SMEAA as partners."

The Dallas-based consulting group hired by the county for \$400,000 to guide the project, Garfield Public/Private LLC, has received "letters of interest" from the corporate officers of Marriott International, Hilton and Hyatt to operate the new hotel, Van Meter said.

"Government has no business operating the hotel," he said.

If the legislation passes and the city and county agree to terms of their commitments in the next six to eight months, Van Meter said construction of the BOS Center expansion and hotel could begin in spring 2027 and be finished by mid-2029. □

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GREAT MAIL CARRIER

I remember being a teenager and always curious about what (mail carrier) OJ Crowder did back then ("OJ Crowder interview," April 20). Then I went to work for the post office. OJ is right, you have to be in the right headspace to do that job. Congrats, OJ, on your tenure. You are an awesome carrier.

William Skaggs

Via [Facebook.com/illinoistimes](https://www.facebook.com/illinoistimes)

Editor's note: OJ was recently featured in a weekly podcast that is a partnership between The Mosaic Project and Illinois Times. Watch his podcast and other episodes at illinoistimes.com/the-mosaic-project/.

SEE JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

For those who believe, and those who want to believe, *Jesus Christ Superstar* portrays the man who became God or the God who became a man. It's an interpretation of modern reality as a rock opera.

Belief is the cornerstone of the Christian message to the world, yet in *JCS*, written by Andrew Lloyd Webber (music) and Tim Rice (lyrics), love becomes romance, fear becomes betrayal and doubt becomes death as human emotions rewrite biblical gospel as we know it, live on stage at the Hoogland Center for the Arts.

Beat by beat you're led across the stage for a narrative song through the defying eyes of Judas Iscariot (Kinsey Poetter). Poetter laments her defiance against a would-be king with the song "Heaven on Their Minds" and sets the tone for betrayal of the master deemed lost in and of himself. It reveals the cowardice of a misunderstood gospel in the making.

Jesus Christ (Joe Hardy) stumbles his way through a maze of bewilderment and spiritual bombardments, portraying a broken Christ

Omission

I have visited the Bronte homestead in Haworth England many times, with classes and with my daughters and have seen the portrait on the landing of the famous Bronte sisters who surround a painted-out blob in the middle of the circular frame. Did Branwell Bronte paint himself out? Or a sister? Or someone later? I wonder how many family histories, not so well known have painted someone out?

2026 Jacqueline Jackson



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before he even reaches the cross. Hardy highlights his confusion in "I Only Want to Say" against the stargaze backdrops that draws you into a space scenic world that left Earth behind.

King Herod (Jarde Lamkey) is an earthly king who washes his hands from the innocence of betrayal. Lamkey's ballad, "Try It and See," edges the storyline as a test to prove the man is a god.

With a cast of apostles, priests, soul girls and ensemble, the good news is delivered and pranced across the stage of choreography mixed and mingled with the ancient of old and a modern rock ballet. The message is clear, and it's on beat.

Douglas Yul Holt
Springfield

Editor's note: Jesus Christ Superstar continues at the Hoogland Center for the Arts May 15-17. Read the full review on p. 27.

FUND HIGHER EDUCATION

As a graduate of University of Illinois Springfield, I believe strongly in the role public universities play in expanding opportunity for students across our state. That's why I'm very concerned about legislation – HB 1581 and SB 13 – now under consideration by the Illinois General Assembly that would significantly change how Illinois funds higher education.

Illinois should absolutely work to strengthen and achieve equitable funding for our state's public universities. But any proposal should be carefully evaluated to ensure it does not create unintended consequences for University of Illinois students at its three campuses in Urbana-Champaign, Springfield and Chicago.

Collectively, U of I educates 53% of all undergraduate students at Illinois public universities. Nearly 80% of undergraduate

students enrolled at a University of Illinois campus are in-state residents. In FY 2025 alone, the University of Illinois provided \$318 million of financial aid to help keep college costs affordable. The three University of Illinois campuses drive groundbreaking research, innovation and economic development, generating a multi-billion impact for communities across the state.

Yet, as currently written, this legislation would reduce the U of I's share of future state funding, while forcing it to absorb the lion's share of any future funding cuts, if required. That outcome seems neither equitable nor adequate.

There is no question that Illinois would benefit from a thoughtful, data-driven approach to public higher education funding – one that is informed by careful analysis and not rushed through in the final weeks of an already-packed legislative session.

I am respectfully asking the members of the Illinois General Assembly to fully consider how the proposed funding changes would affect U of I students, affordability and the state's economy. Please step back from this legislation as currently drafted and commit to achieving equitable and adequate funding that strengthens opportunity for students across Illinois and lifts up all public universities and colleges in our state – equally.

Joyce A. Nardulli
Springfield

CORREX

A photo caption in "Prison or treatment" (May 7) incorrectly stated that Sangamon County does not have a mental health court. The Sangamon County Mental Health Recovery Court began in 2015 and is overseen by Judge John 'Mo' Madonia. Fourteen people have graduated in the past three years and about 25 are currently enrolled.

Little state tax relief for homeowners

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Before the House passed the megaprojects bill last month, we were told that the drafters didn't want to just do some symbolic or "token" property tax relief. After the chamber passed the bill, we were told the property tax component will provide meaningful statewide relief for homeowners.

Well, the governor's office ran the numbers on the statewide tax relief aspect of the bill and shared the results with Senate Democrats, which I obtained.

It ain't good.

The tax relief component is built into the PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) part of the legislation. Megaprojects developers would negotiate with local governments what "special payments" they'll pay on top of property taxes based on frozen assessments.

The House proposal would take half that "special payment" money from local governments and divert it to property tax relief, with 60 percent of the annual special payments going to local residential taxpayers in the megaprojects area. The other 40 percent would go to statewide property tax rebates for homeowners in their primary residences.

Illinois has 3.1 million "homestead owners," according to the governor's office analysis. A \$20 million special payment for a "Large-Sized/Industrial Development" would result in a statewide pot of \$4 million (40 percent of \$10 million, which is half of \$20 million) split 3.1 million ways, for a total of about \$1.29 per homeowner.

A "mid-sized" \$3 million special payment would net Illinois homeowners a whopping 24 cents.

And a "small" \$1 million special payment would get you... wait for it... 6 cents.

In other words, that's not even worth the mailing costs to send the checks. And even if the program is wildly successful beyond anyone's imagination and produces a billion dollars in special payments, that's about \$60 per homestead.

According to the governor's office analysis, "Requiring a company to negotiate and pay for property tax relief would also be an added complication to negotiating a PILOT agreement. PILOT is a tool utilized by 35 states today, so this could risk the loss of projects and the revenue they would generate."

Again, kudos to the House for passing a Bears/megaprojects bill. It wasn't easy by any means. As with the Senate's mass transit bill last year, it was one of those "whatever it takes" tasks. And it was a good time for House Speaker Chris Welch to start conditioning his members to vote for some tough bills as the session progresses. On all that, Welch

succeeded.

But there have been consequences. As I told you last week, Senate progressives are up in arms about how the House took the time to pass a Bears stadium bill, but didn't pass a constitutional amendment (or anything else) to tax the wealthy.

And this property tax relief analysis from the governor's office won't help matters with the progressives or pretty much anyone else. Turning this ship around will not be easy without the political cover of property tax "relief."

The House's brief burst of frenetic activity last month has also created another rift with the Senate.

The Senate, you will recall, refused to take up the House's proposed constitutional amendment adding to the remap requirements, "to ensure that no citizen is denied an equal opportunity to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of his or her choice on account of race," and "to create, where practical, racial coalition or influence Districts."

The Senate's refusal to move the proposal

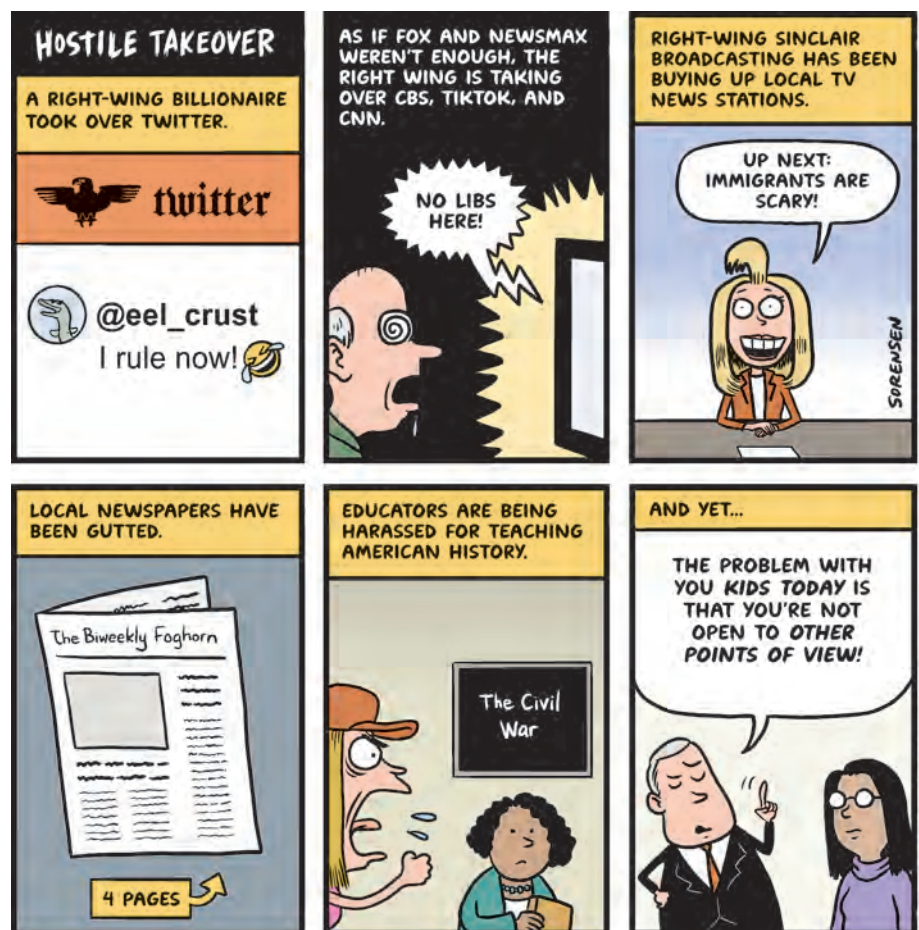
has led to some new problems.

Welch's chief of staff, Clayton Harris, III, wrote on his Facebook account: "I'm proud the House stepped up to strengthen voting rights through a constitutional amendment. That mattered. It showed who we are and who we aspire to be." And then Harris added: "But seeing that effort stall ... I'm not disappointed. I'm hurt."

Harris went on to say, "As a Howard Law grad, as someone who teaches policing and race at the University of Chicago, and as a Black man fully engaged in this state's political landscape, voting rights aren't abstract to me. They're about history, access, power and who gets a voice."

That could've been an allusion to Senate President Don Harmon's statement about why his chamber decided not to proceed: "I would ask for patience and time for our state's top legal experts to work through this. The last thing we want is to act in haste and risk unintended consequences down the road. Too much is at stake for too many."

A spokesperson for Harmon declined comment about Harris' statement. □



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The St. Nicholas Hotel at the corner of Fourth and Washington streets is pictured in 1922. It was converted to apartments in 1983, shortly after being added to the National Register of Historic Places. Right, The Leland Hotel, on the northwest corner of Sixth Street and Capitol Avenue, is pictured in the 1950s. It hosted travelers, politicians and celebrities for more than 100 years before closing its doors in 1970. PHOTOS COURTESY SANGAMON VALLEY COLLECTION

Reopening soon

Can a grand downtown hotel thrive without a downtown?

KROHE | James Krohe Jr.

Springfield was a grand hotel town in the '20s. It was the state capital, a tourist mecca and a “good convention town” too, meaning it offered gambling, booze, women and a police force under orders to leave the customers alone as long as they didn’t do it in any of the churches or public parks. No wonder conventioners piled off trains like schoolkids tumbling out of the yellow school buses in the spring at New Salem.

It was the heyday of full-service commercial hotels such as the Abraham Lincoln, the Leland and the St. Nicholas. Expositions and trade shows used rented space in the state armories, old and new, but for meetings each big convention hotel functioned as a mini-convention center. But while downtown Springfield was a good town to hold a convention in, it was not always a good town to run a convention hotel in.

The Abraham Lincoln – aka “the Lincoln” or “the Abe,” which I once compared in these pages to a grand old ocean liner that had somehow been docked at Fifth and Capitol – closed its doors for good in 1964 after only 39 years. The Leland closed in 1970 and the St. Nick (finally) closed for good in 1977. When I listened to the Modern Jazz Quartet perform here in 1972 I imagined myself in the old Palm

Room of the Lincoln or even the old Leland ballroom of my youth but I was, in fact, in the Holiday Inn East, which was as close as the city could come to the Hotel Abraham Lincoln in that day.

Boosters hope to double the size of the capital city’s downtown convention center but the only surviving big downtown hotel is the President Abraham Lincoln, which opened in 1985 and was built as the headquarters hotel for the old Prairie Capital Convention Center. (The Forum 30 was never a hotel, only a big building with a motel in it.) Even the President Lincoln’s 300 top-quality rooms are not enough to accommodate visitors to events such as this year’s Illinois Comic Con, which will take place in Peoria. Thus the new tourism authority, if approved, would build a new 200-300-room “headquarters hotel” that will make Seventh Street great again and put Springfield back on the downstate convention map (See “Something for nothin,” April 16).

Will it work? Convention centers make business for hotels, and are not expected to make money themselves. But a new convention center hotel will be expected to make money. In judging its prospect, it is important to remember that the city’s grand old hotels did not go out of business just because they were old. Well into

the 1960s, 3,000 delegates to the Illinois AFL-CIO convention piled into Springfield for their annual schmooze and they were piled deepest at the Lincoln. No, their decrepitude owed to a dozen other ailments.

By 1971 the traveling public no longer traveled to Springfield by trains that deposited them within blocks of the downtown hotels. Local boosters pressed the state legislature for a new law that created the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority in 1972 to save a moribund downtown but failed to consider that in an automobile age downtown might not be the place to put it.

A bigger factor was not how people came downtown but who came. While the old hotels might have made their profit for the year on big conventions, their bread and butter was earned lodging business travelers and people in town on state business, including lawmakers and lobbyists. The legislature’s switch to annual sessions in 1971 meant a lot of lawmakers ceased to be visitors and became part-time residents who live in Airbnbs or apartments instead of hotel rooms. Lawmakers on a lark indulged themselves in clubs like the Lake Club or the Opera House instead of hotel lounges. State workers don’t travel as much as they used

to, thanks to the internet. Ditto the traveling salesmen who for decades were to convention hotels what college student were to cheap bars. (The first official guest at the old Abraham Lincoln in 1925 was a traveling salesman.) Family tourists still visited downtown but increasingly they slept in one of the city’s many convenient roadside parking lots with accessory hotels.

Imagine a department store having to rely only on shoppers looking for socks.

I’ve been wrong before. I loved the old downtown hotels and hope this one succeeds while rowing against the currents. In fact, I’d like to help by offering it a name, free of charge – the Talisman. That was the name of the steamboat that dodged and dragged its way up the Sangamon River in 1832, exciting boosters to dream (as they still do) about Springfield becoming a new Peoria. Alas, the river dropped before the champagne bottles were empty and the boat had to back up all the way to Beardstown and the Illinois River, never to come back. True, the boat didn’t sink. But it didn’t make Springfield a bustling river port, either. □

Mr. Krohe likes to think he is old enough to know better. For his account of the demolition of the old Abraham Lincoln Hotel, see “Adieu to the Abe.”

Rewriting history?

Historians dispute accuracy of new video at the ALPLM

HISTORY | David Blanchette

An exciting tale is told in a new \$73,000 state-funded video presentation at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. The animated production brings to life the story of Robert Smalls, an enslaved man who piloted a Confederate boat, picked up other enslaved people, and piloted the boat to freedom as they reached the Union naval blockade outside of Charleston, South Carolina, in 1862. The drama is intense, especially the part in the video where Fort Sumter's cannons fire on the fleeing boat.

The video has most of the elements that bring this dramatic and inspiring story to life. What it doesn't have, according to historians, including at least one from the Presidential Museum, is historical accuracy – especially the part about cannons being fired at the freedom-seekers on the boat.

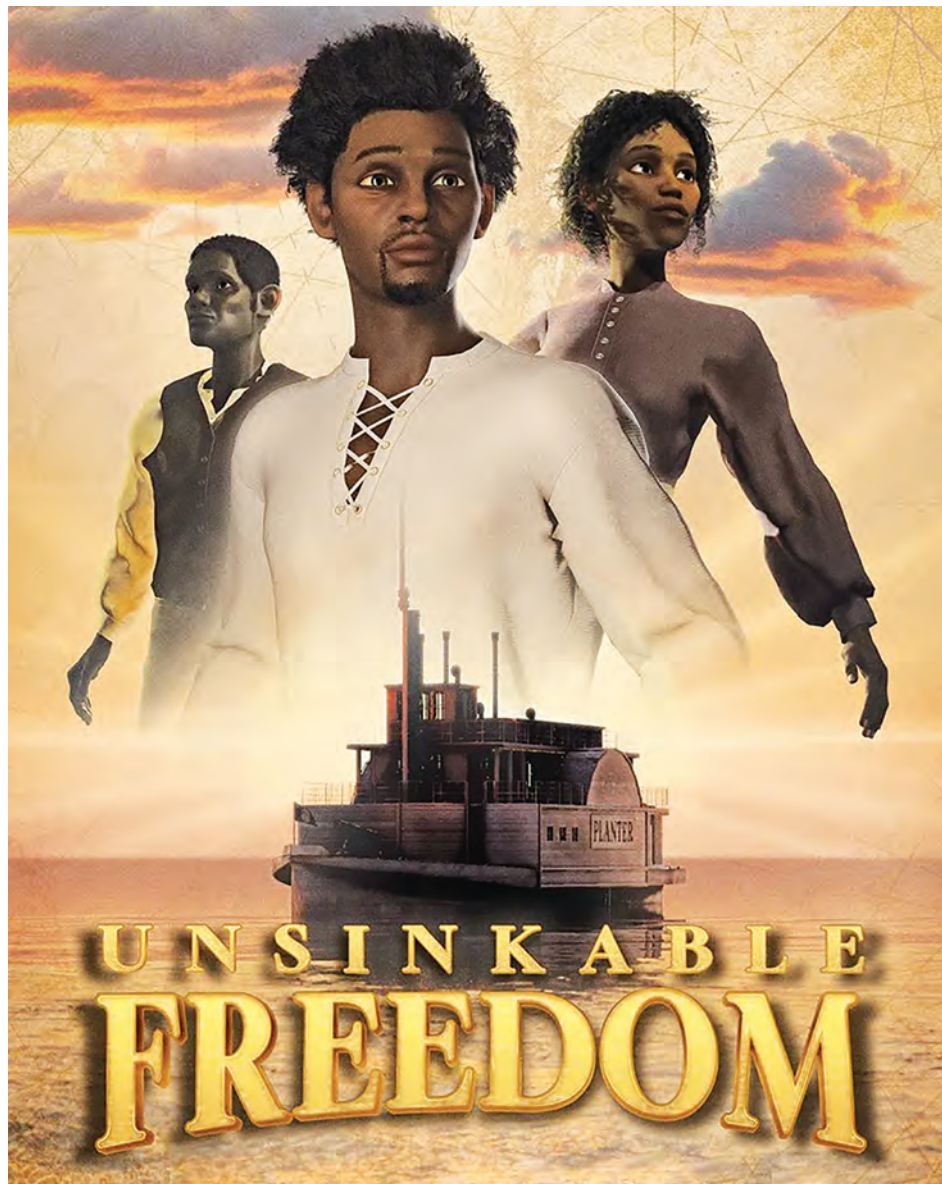
"In regard to Fort Sumter firing on the *Planter* as she escaped, there is no evidence that Southern authorities attempted to stop the *Planter* with artillery fire," reads a line from a report titled "Historical inaccuracies in Robert Smalls Video" written by Ian Hunt, the head of acquisitions and Lincoln historian at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM). "Though dramatic in its recreation, the video actually takes away from the intelligence and heroism that Robert Smalls displayed that night that he and the others were able to fool highly trained military officers," the report adds.

Hunt's report, which also mentions other inaccuracies in the video, was submitted to ALPLM administrators on Jan. 26. During March, the video, titled *Unsinkable Freedom: The Self-Emancipation of Robert Smalls*, debuted in the museum's Mr. Lincoln Theater and has been playing for visitors ever since. None of the alleged inaccuracies in the video have been corrected.

The Smalls story is well-known and well-documented. The 1862 incident received wide newspaper coverage at the time, the National Park Service interprets the story at Fort Sumter National Monument, and at least two books have been written about Smalls' audacious journey to freedom. All of these accounts have Smalls leaving Charleston Harbor undetected, and unfired upon, by Confederate forces.

When asked about the difference between the historical record and what is presented in the video, ALPLM spokesperson Chris Wills provided this statement:

"*Unsinkable Freedom* is a dramatization



An electronic screen in the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum's entry hallway promotes the new video about Robert Smalls, although its historical accuracy is disputed.

of historical events, and has been described as such in the press release, the website and posters outside the theater. Ultimately, this animated film is designed to engage and capture the imagination of the general public and visitors to the ALPLM. As it is a dramatization, creative decisions were made to ensure the audience could fully grasp who the main players and characters were and how much danger and risk Robert Smalls undertook during his daring feat. Out of an abundance of clear communication, ALPLM will add an additional disclaimer at

the beginning of the film, noting that it is a dramatization, in addition to the language featured on the website and the press release."

"They steamed past the unsuspecting rebels."

The official National Park Service history of Smalls, included in the Fort Sumter National Monument website, tells the story of a man who hatched a bold plan to gain freedom for himself and others. After that plan succeeded, he spent the rest of his life in activism and elected offices working to secure rights for

formerly enslaved people.

According to the history on the website, Smalls was an enslaved crew member on a ship called the *Planter* that operated in Charleston Harbor. The ship's owners contracted the vessel to the Confederate army as a transport ship, and Smalls was made a pilot on the ship. It was during this time that Smalls devised a plan to use the boat as a means to secure freedom for himself and other enslaved persons.

The National Park Service history describes the actions that Smalls took on that fateful journey to freedom:

"On the night of May 12, 1862, the white crew members of the *Planter* went ashore in Charleston, leaving Smalls and the enslaved crew members unattended. Around 3 a.m., Smalls and his fellow freedom seekers fired up the ship's boilers and sailed to a wharf to pick up their waiting family members. From there, the 16 enslaved people passed the Confederate forces at Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie. Being a pilot, Smalls knew the proper signals to give, and even donned a captain's hat to help disguise his identity as they steamed past the unsuspecting rebels. Smalls sailed the group out to the naval blockade squadron and turned the *Planter* over to the United States Navy."

Newspapers at the time indicated that Smalls' group left the harbor undetected. The *Charleston Daily Courier* reported on May 14, 1862, that "The news, at first was not credited; and it was not until, by the aid of glasses, she [*Planter*] was discovered, lying between two Federal frigates, that all doubt on the subject was dispelled."

On May 23, 1862, *The Liberator* newspaper quoted the Port Royal, South Carolina *Commercial Advertiser* that "When off Fort Sumter, the sentry on the ramparts hailed the boat, and Small sounded the countersign with the whistle, three shrill sounds and one hissing sound. The vessel being known to the officer of the day, no objection was raised, the sentry only singing out: 'Blow the d---d Yankees to hell, or bring one of them in.' 'Aye, Aye,' was the answer, and every possible effort was made to get below. Hardly was the vessel out of range when Small ran up a white flag, and went to the United States fleet, where he surrendered the vessel." Some period accounts, like this one, list Robert's last name as "Small" rather than "Smalls."

Author Cate Lineberry used numerous

historical sources while researching her book, *Be free or die: The amazing story of Robert Smalls' escape from slavery to Union hero*. Regarding the *Planter's* passage by Fort Sumter, Lineberry writes:

“What Smalls and the others on board the *Planter* did not know then was that, just as they were passing Fort Sumter, Relyea (the ship's Confederate captain) had appeared at the wharf and found his steamer was missing. He had immediately suspected what was going on, but rather than sound an alarm right away, he started asking questions. Had he notified the guards immediately, the Confederate soldiers at Sumter probably would have fired on the *Planter*. Instead, the ship passed the imposing fort without any trouble.”

A children's book researched and written by Louise Meriwether, *The freedom ship of Robert Smalls*, also has the *Planter* leaving Charleston Harbor undetected by Confederate forces:

“Finally he heard the sentry yell: ‘Pass the *Planter!*’ They were not going to be blown out of the water! They were saved. Robert piloted the ship past the fort's huge guns and out to the open sea.”

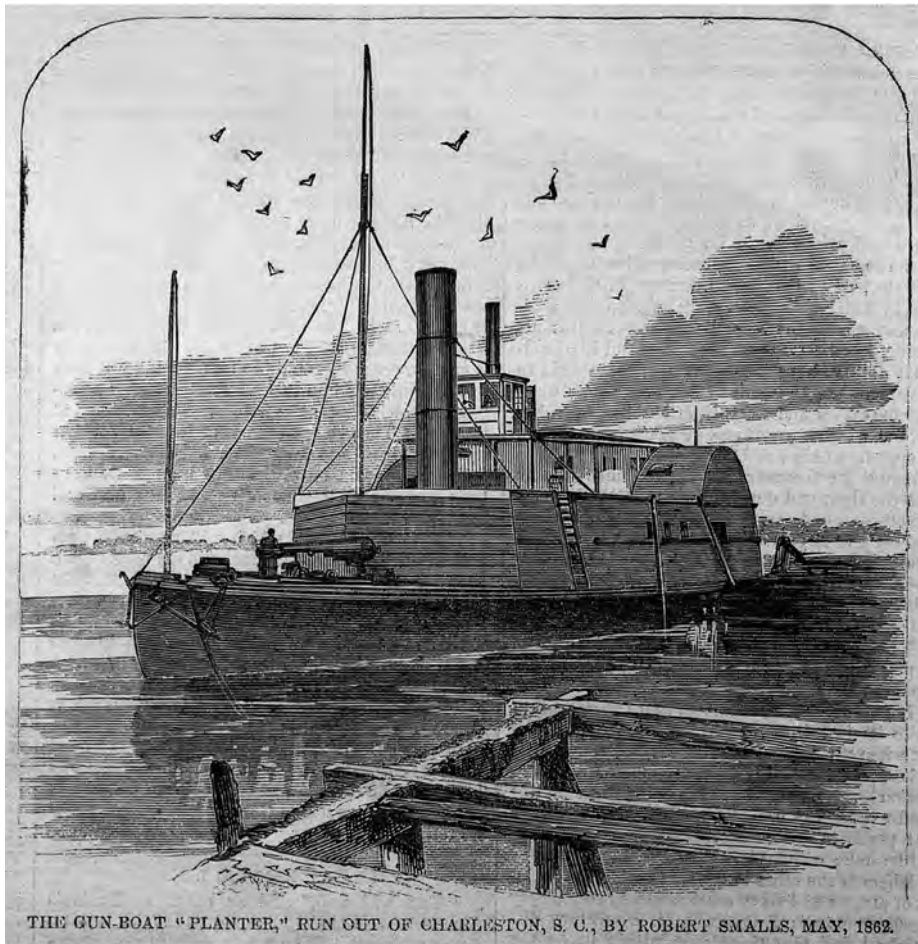
With all of the available sources and research on Smalls indicating that no cannons were fired while the *Planter* passed Fort Sumter, why did the ALPLM decide to add that extra element to the story? The institution's chief operating officer Christen Stanley, who had just reviewed Hunt's “Historical inaccuracies” memo on Jan. 26, wrote a memo the same day to ALPLM executive director Christina Shutt:

“When considering the telling of the story of Smalls as to whether shots were fired, I am inclined to retell the story from the family rather than the story from newspapers at the time. I feel there are equal chances that either story was embellished or diminished, each side with their own reasons for doing so. As we are telling the story of a man and his remarkable achievements, I prefer to use the sources closest to him (his descendants) as the final say.”

According to an electronic link in the memo, the definitive reference for the ALPLM's version of the story was a video from an Oct. 3, 2015, talk by Smalls' great-great-grandson, Michael B. Moore, who told an audience at his former Massachusetts prep school:

“It's a story that I've grown up with.... As they passed by Fort Sumter...they waited until the last moment and then they veered toward the blockade. At that time the sentries at Fort Sumter realized that ‘Hey, something's going on here,’ and directed their cannons toward the *Planter*. Thankfully, they were outside the range of the cannons.”

When asked, the ALPLM did not provide



THE GUN-BOAT “PLANTER,” RUN OUT OF CHARLESTON, S. C., BY ROBERT SMALLS, MAY, 1862.
Robert Smalls was an enslaved crew member on a ship called the *Planter* that operated in Charleston Harbor.
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any other source material for their version of the Smalls story. Spokesperson Wills added:

“*Unsinkable Freedom* is an animated dramatization designed to illuminate the heroic story of Robert Smalls. Released during Black History Month and designed to elevate one of the lesser-known stories of the Civil War to the general public, *Unsinkable Freedom* was meant to be enjoyed and understood by people of all ages and walks of life, especially children. Inspiring the next generation of history lovers requires innovative storytelling using engaging content and that was achieved by the animation.”

“History is based on evidence.”

Fort Sumter National Monument stands by its interpretation of the Smalls story.

“From our research and what we tell visitors, the *Planter* was not fired upon by Confederate forces,” said park ranger Brett Spaulding. “We tell the people that they provided the passwords that they needed to and they were allowed to steam on their way. This is the result of extensive research by National Park Service historians.”

ALPLM historian Hunt's report also points out two other historical inaccuracies

where the video does not agree with the historical record. The video shows Smalls delivering the “passwords” to get by the two Confederate forts by blowing a penny whistle, which would have been nearly impossible for the forts' sentries to hear: “The blowing of the ship's whistle would have been a steam whistle likely mounted on or near the bridge, not a penny whistle blown by Smalls himself.” Hunt also noted that the flag flown in the video on the *Planter* is incorrect.

Stanley, the institution's COO, considered the flag faux pas to be the most egregious error, as she related in her memo to executive director Shutt: “I feel like the liberty taken with the flag at the center of the ship is the most egregious. I have consulted with Virginia Ellison, COO and head of collections at the South Carolina Historical Society. She sent me an image and quote that confirms what Ian shared...My recommendation is to ask for the flag to be corrected, pay the fee for this revision, and try to have the final cut of the film done by the end of February.”

A recent review of the video shows that the flag error was not corrected as Stanley recommended to Shutt. Stanley

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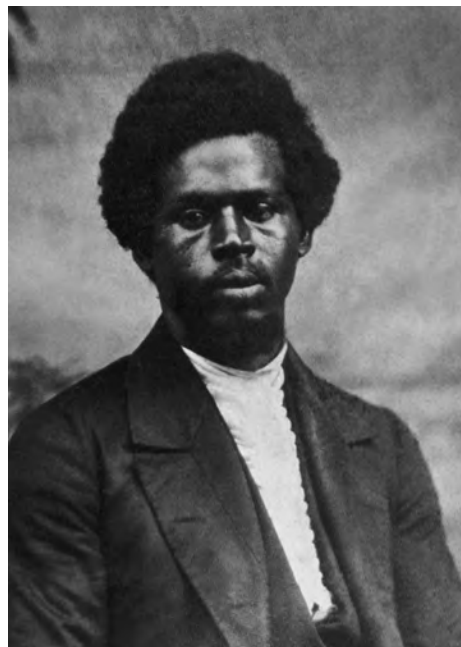
left the ALPLM on April 15 and former Springfield Ward 6 Ald. Kristin DiCenso, who has held administrative positions at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, is the new ALPLM chief operating officer. DiCenso was not involved in the decisions regarding the video's development or release.

Brian Mitchell was the director of research and interpretation at ALPLM from 2022-2024 and is now the Center for Lincoln Studies Public Humanities Fellow at University of Illinois Springfield. He is a well-known African American historian and had this to say after viewing *Unsinkable Freedom*:

"I believe that it is important to note that we are living in a time where histories, particularly those of marginalized communities, are being erased and suppressed. We are unfortunately witnessing unparalleled attacks on academic institutions, museums, libraries and the people who work within them," Mitchell said. "What differentiates history from storytelling is that history is based on evidence, what we can prove using historical sources, and storytelling relies heavily on the plot, creativity and imagination of storytellers. By introducing false narratives into museums, we risk losing the trust of our visitors, who are relying on accurate interpretations of historical events."

"To ensure that future exhibits are not plagued by inaccuracies, administrators must rely on the research of historians and museum professionals, which means they must trust the interpretations of those scholars and resist the temptation to embellish our histories to make them more exciting," added Mitchell, whose former position remains vacant.

According to the ALPLM, current historians on staff with doctorate credentials include Hunt, 19th century scholar Raquel Henry, papers of Abraham Lincoln historian Daniel Worthington, oral historian Scott Lloyd, and manuscripts librarian Chris Schnell. The state historian position, based at



Robert Small is pictured in 1862, left, the same year he piloted a ship of enslaved people to freedom, and later in life. PHOTO COURTESY SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY.



the ALPLM, has been vacant since 2021. The ALPLM gave no indication to *Illinois Times* that any historian besides Hunt was asked for an opinion on *Unsinkable Freedom*, and his input was only sought after the video had been produced.

"Without the exaggeration that takes it into the realm of fiction rather than fact."

The developers of the ALPLM took great pains to present the story of Lincoln and his times as accurately as possible. Tom Schwartz was the Illinois state historian from 1993 to 2011 and was extensively involved in the ALPLM's planning process. Schwartz, who is currently executive director of the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum in West Branch, Iowa, said the ALPLM design team assembled a blue-ribbon panel of historians and educators to make sure that the

interpretation of Lincoln's legacy was accurate and appropriate.

"Obviously Illinois is the Land of Lincoln and you've got to be able to represent your state motto accurately, especially a story that is so large and broad and kind of encrusted in mythology," Schwartz said. "You must get down to the basic historical core without the exaggeration that takes it into the realm of fiction rather than fact."

The members of the initial ALPLM Historical Content Team included Lincoln site managers and researchers from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, the one-time state agency that initially administered the ALPLM; Lincoln-era biographers and historians; master teachers in the elementary, middle and high school levels from throughout Illinois; and Lincoln Home National Historic Site staff.

BRC Imagination Arts, the Presidential

Museum's designers, held several sessions with the Historical Content Team, plus other educators and the general public, to gauge "what people thought about when Lincoln's name was evoked and the things that they thought should be covered in a museum dedicated to Abraham Lincoln," Schwartz recalled.

"From those initial charrettes and design sessions, the folks at BRC distilled it down into themes and galleries, then from that there was a smaller group of historians that talked about content for each of those galleries," Schwartz said. "When the final narrative was created, a final group of historians came in who hadn't been involved with the process prior to this, they had no particular vested interest in seeing a particular story or idea in the museum, and they looked at the narrative and offered corrections."

"There was an entire process of obtaining input from a wide variety of disciplines, not only leading scholars in the field but also educators," Schwartz added. "We had master teachers because we knew that school groups were going to come through and we needed to know how a fifth or eighth-grader would be able to understand things."

But even the experts back then missed a few things. The *Chicago Tribune* ran a story entitled "What would Honest Abe say?" that was later published in newspapers nationwide the week before the Presidential Museum opened to the public in April 2005. Reporter Ray Long, who was among the *Tribune* reporters nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for another, unrelated story, went through the museum's exhibits and interpretation word-for-word and pointed out several apparent discrepancies between the interpretation and the historical record.

Schwartz said ALPLM officials read the story, reviewed the interpretation in the museum, and made corrections.

"That's why museums have soft openings; you can never have enough people looking at things," Schwartz said. "The Ken Burns *Civil*

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War series got Lincoln's death date wrong after having been vetted by all of those leading historians. You sometimes look at something over a long period of time and you quit seeing it. So when fresh eyes come and look at it, it allows you to tweak things."

Long was contacted recently about the Smalls' video and the apparent discrepancy between what the video shows versus the historical record.

"If the library is intentionally adding fiction to spice up a story, that means it failed to learn from its own history," Long said. "That the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum would make a mistake is forgivable if the wrong information is corrected. If the library knowingly hyped a story with incorrect information, it would be unforgivable."

Long thinks the ALPLM should adhere more closely to the legacy of "Honest Abe."

"The library is a crown jewel in Springfield that honors its greatest citizen. Any intentional deviation from the known facts would be a stain on the institution," Long added. "The Great Emancipator's story and the events of his era need no

hype. Any decision driven by a desire to add sizzle instead of telling the truth should be discarded immediately. The people at the library should follow the 16th President's challenge to follow the 'better angels of our nature.'"

"Purchase the Beaufort mansion of the man who had previously enslaved him."

The Smalls story goes far beyond his 1862 freedom boat adventure. The official National Park Service history adds that Smalls provided intelligence to Union officials on Confederate operations around Charleston Harbor. He served as a pilot aboard several naval vessels operating against Confederate forces there, including the *USS Keokuk*, an ironclad which was sunk by enemy fire in April 1863, injuring Smalls in the process. Smalls was promoted to captain and given command of the *Planter*, the boat on which he made his journey to freedom, and the vessel saw service for the duration of the Civil War.

By early 1864 Smalls used the prize money he received for the capture of the *Planter* to purchase the Beaufort mansion of the man who had previously enslaved him.

Smalls began his political activism later in 1864 when he served as a delegate to the Republican National Convention, which nominated Abraham Lincoln for re-election as president. Also that year he was arrested in Philadelphia for riding in a segregated streetcar. Smalls organized a boycott in response that ultimately led to the desegregation of Philadelphia's transit system



Robert Smalls is pictured during his time in the U.S. Congress, where he served five terms from 1875 to 1887. PHOTO COURTESY SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

in 1867.

Shortly after the Civil War ended, Smalls and another man opened a store for Freedmen. Smalls served as a delegate to the 1868 South Carolina state convention and lobbied for universal public education, regardless of race, as a key component of the new state constitution. That same year he was elected to the state House of Representatives, then to the state Senate in 1872. In 1874, the citizens of Beaufort elected Smalls to the U.S. Congress, where he served five terms from 1875 to 1887.

In the 2000s, citizens in Beaufort lobbied for the creation of a national park site to tell the story of Smalls and the importance of Reconstruction. President Barack Obama issued an executive order in January 2017 establishing the Reconstruction Era National Monument in Beaufort County, noting the significance of Smalls to the nation's story. The park was renamed the Reconstruction Era National Historical Park in 2018, and it includes a visitor center a few blocks away from Smalls' home and final resting place. □

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Celebrating women with “kids”

“Goat Ladies of the Eighties” laid groundwork for artisanal goat cheese industry

FOOD | Peter Glatz

This week’s column is dedicated to a deeply caring connection: women and their “kids” (a pun very much intended).

The late 1970s marked a period of two parallel cultural movements in the U.S. This intensely creative era fundamentally changed the way America works and what America eats. While the personal computer was being invented in a California garage by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak, a parallel revolution was taking place with artisanal foods. As these tech icons redefined the modern workplace, a group of pioneering women – dubbed the “Goat Ladies of the Eighties” – were laying the groundwork for the American artisanal goat cheese industry.

While goat cheese was common throughout Europe in the 1970s and 1980s, domestic chèvre (a French term meaning “goat” that refers to cheese made from goat’s milk) was essentially nonexistent in America. This landscape was transformed by a generation of young and unanimously female cheesemakers. These pioneers, motivated by hippie ideals and the return-to-the-land movement, introduced artisanal goat cheese to the American public.

In contrast to the rivalry among men in the burgeoning technology sector, the Goat Ladies took a more collaborative path. They shared information, asked each other questions and learned and grew through trial and error. Their shared commitment ultimately altered the culinary landscape of America, turning a once-unfamiliar product into a grocery-store staple.

Movement leaders such as Laura Chenel and Mary Keene (founder of Cypress Grove in California) were joined by key figures, including Vermont Creamery co-founder Allison Hooper and Judy Schad of Capriole Goat Cheese. During the late 20th century, these women educated Americans about goat cheese, eventually bringing chèvre into the mainstream with support from chefs like Alice Waters and Wolfgang Puck.

One might wonder, “Why women?” and “Why goats?” In her influential 1971 counterculture manual, *Living on the Earth*, Alicia Bay Laurel wrote: “Many people find goat milk more digestible than cow’s milk. Goats are more efficient to raise than cows; you get more milk for the amount of food they eat, and goats are less fussy in their food choices. I personally prefer goat cheeses for their flavor, and I think goats are loaded with personality.”



Chez Panisse baked goat cheese with garden salad. PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

Their back-to-the-land journey often began with a few goats, which were easier to manage than cattle. As their herds grew, the women faced a surplus of milk and no established market. This prompted them to turn to the age-old practice of cheesemaking. Because they were introducing a new product to Americans, their businesses grew slowly, allowing them time to master artisanal skills and even study with experts in France.

Without a demand for their products and lacking a distribution network, these early cheeses were mainly sold at farmers markets and to restaurants. Alice Waters of Chez Panisse and Wolfgang Puck of Spago became early customers of Chenel and brought chèvre into the mainstream by featuring it prominently on their menus. Hooper would drive from Vermont to New York City in an old Subaru station wagon, carrying a cooler full of cheese, to deliver to the likes of Eric Ripert of La Bernardin and Daniel Boulud of restaurant Daniel.

The “Goat Ladies” left a lasting legacy; their industry saw U.S. sales hit \$8.36 billion last year. The influence of these pioneers sparked a journey in my own life, reflected in my deep passion for chèvre – it truly is

the heart of my world. Today, I am deeply involved in the chèvre community through two roles: as a chef at Caprae in Champaign and a sales clerk for Springfield’s Salt Fork Food Works Food Hub. Through these positions, I have the privilege of sharing the rich history and diverse flavors of artisanal chèvre with our local community. I often meet people who claim they don’t like goat cheese, often because of a past experience with a product that was too “goaty” or improperly handled. If you are one, I would love the chance to change your opinion by introducing you to the delicate, creamy and complex varieties being produced today!

Chez Panisse baked goat cheese with garden salad

(adapted from *Chèvre! The Goat Cheese Cookbook* by Laura Chenel)

During a visit to Berkeley in 1993, I dined at the legendary Chez Panisse. This is the salad that sparked my lifelong passion for fresh chèvre!

Makes 4 salads

Ingredients:

6 ounces fresh chèvre
4 sprigs fresh thyme

Extra virgin olive oil, divided
1 cup of bread crumbs or panko, pulsed briefly in a food processor
1 teaspoon dry thyme
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
Salt and pepper, to taste
4 handfuls of mesclun or spring mix lettuces
Day-old baguette
4 tablespoons butter
2 cloves of garlic

Preparation:

Shape the chèvre into four one-inch discs or balls. Refrigerate them uncovered on a tray for three to 24 hours until the surface is dry. This firming process prevents the cheese from breaking down and clouding the oil.

Pour olive oil into a clean, wide-mouth mason jar until it is halfway full. Gently add the goat cheese rounds one at a time, adding a little olive oil between each one so they are fully immersed. Tuck the fresh thyme sprigs into the jar, then add enough olive oil to cover. Seal the jars and refrigerate for at least 3 hours. The marinated cheese tastes best after two days.

When ready to assemble the salad, mix together the breadcrumbs and dried thyme in a bowl.

Prepare the vinaigrette: In a small jar with a lid, combine the mustard, ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil and red wine vinegar, then shake the jar vigorously to emulsify. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Wash and dry the lettuce.

To make the croutons, slice the baguette into 1/4-inch rounds. Melt the butter in a microwave or a skillet, then brush it onto each slice. Place them in a 350-degree oven for approximately five-seven minutes, baking until they reach a light, golden-brown color.

Peel and cut the garlic cloves in half. While still warm, rub each crouton with the garlic.

Increase the oven temperature to 400 degrees. Coat the marinated chèvre rounds thoroughly with the bread crumb mixture and arrange them in a lightly oiled baking dish. Bake the rounds for approximately 6 minutes, or until golden brown and just beginning to bubble.

Toss the salad greens with a light coating of vinaigrette and portion them onto four salad plates. Place a goat cheese round in the middle of each plate and arrange the toasted baguette croutons around the cheese to finish.

Note: The marinated goat cheese can be kept refrigerated for up to one week. □

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A talent-studded odyssey of love, power and protest, Springfield Theatre Centre's gender-bending production, co-directed by Preston Dodd and Roy Lowery, highlights the show's enduring moral ambiguity. It invites the audience to recognize the modern parallels of the struggle between authority and justice within the fractured relationships of Jesus, Judas and their followers. Dodd and Lowery's vision includes shout-outs to the original movie and album, and to celebrities and musicians of the 1970s.

"We wanted to portray a stark contrast between the two parties of the time; Jesus being the counter-culture and the priests and the authority figures as the mainstream," Lowery said.

The pillared, industrial-infused set and surreal lighting, masterfully designed by David Hecht, illuminates a world both futuristic and eerily familiar – like a fallen dystopian society from another realm.

"When people come to see this, they're expecting the story of Jesus – which is true, but it's told in an original way," Dodd said.

Original indeed. The directors added a beginning and ending dream sequence, anchoring the show into the time period in which it was written; like a *Wizard of Oz* moment but with marijuana and fringe.

Kinsey Peotter opens the show as the often scene-stealing character of Judas – and this production is no different. Peotter's phenomenal rendition avoids the typical villain tropes, instead offering a deeply human portrait of a woman torn between devotion and doubt. It doesn't hurt she obliterates the vocal demands of the score and can belt her way right through a 400-seat theater.

Jesus, played exquisitely by Joseph Hardy, enters looking like a replica of John Lennon and wearing a bracelet that reads, "Jesus loves strippers." Hardy's vocal range and tone cascades from Jean Valjean to Aerosmith, proving that to play a musical theater martyr, one must be a tenor in the rafters. Apparently, the higher the notes, the closer to God. Hardy delivers the thundering rock ballad "Gethsemane" with staggering beauty, and his gut-wrenching moments feel authentically painful for the audience.

"I did a lot of research into interpreting Jesus'

story; he has to be perfect and sinless, but he also has to be human and he has to feel," Hardy said.

Mary Magdalene is played with graceful simplicity by Betsy Buttell. She performs the hit "I Don't Know How to Love Him" with equal parts vocal precision and heartbreaking soul. The same can be said for Robert Napier's portrayal of Simon Zealots, as his buttery vocals warm up any number.

Clad in ballooned, white satin clown pants, the priestly quintet of Erica Metzger, Sophie Carpenter, Alan Livengood, Benjamin Klisit and John O'Connor emerge above the stage as retro-glam murder prophets. Their wielding of sparkly billy clubs to cause chaos feels like a fever dream; as if Sonny and Cher were beating up hippies at Woodstock. All were deliciously despicable in their portrayal, as was Cal Piland as Pontius Pilate. If the priests brought the disco ball, Piland brought the martini. They easily commanded the stage with a lush, sophisticated rendition of "Pilates Dream."

Jared J'Lavender Lamkey's Herod is a glitter-flecked drag queen providing comic relief with a bouncy ragtime number. His look perfectly serves flamboyant vanity, thanks to hair and makeup duo Alayna Currie and Kelly Mohler-Wood. Lamkey, who will also perform drag at Springfield's PrideFest this year, impressively performs a tap dance in six-inch-heeled boots.

Another standout is Ryan Cour as Peter, who draws one's eye even when part of the large ensemble. His Peter was delivered with a pure vulnerability that could easily be lost with a lesser actor and vocalist.

The ensemble itself is hard-working, well-costumed in a cohesive palette and gives off a primal, cult vibe. There were instances where members looked a little lost without choreography, but it didn't detract from the overall vision. Lottie Verdell, Lisa Mayes, Evelyn Vinzant and Brigitte Rolens shined.

Between the soaring vocals and the holy spectacle of it all, this production still allows the ache of tragedy to seep through. *Jesus Christ Superstar* is a visceral reminder of the cost of challenging the status quo, and the even more haunting consequences of remaining silent. It is a powerful show not to be missed.

Jesus Christ Superstar continues its run at the Hoogland Center for the Arts in the LRS Theatre May 15-17. Friday and Saturday performances start at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday matinee begins at 2 p.m. Tickets are available by calling 217-523-2787 or visiting HCFTA.org. □



Joseph Hardy as Jesus surrounded by his followers. PHOTOS BY EMILY NOEL



Betsy Buttell as Mary Magdalene and Joseph Hardy as Jesus. Right, Kinsey Peotter as Judas.



Robert Napier as Simon Zealots. PHOTO BY EMILY NOEL

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NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Hello and welcome to another edition of *Now Playing*, your weekly *Illinois Times* excursion into the music scene surrounding us. The month of May is definitely not a “maybe” this year, as we warm up in a big way to the summer season. Let’s take a walk in the garden and see what’s popping this week for our listening pleasure.

Thursday night spots with different performers weekly include Casey’s Pub at the K of C Hall on Meadowbrook presenting Curt Smith on the patio, Illinois Product Farmers Market at The Shed on the state fairgrounds hosting Jason McKenzie, Mother Road Diner serving up Hippies of the Heartland and Vine & Rind sprucing up their space with me and Amy Battles.

Motorheads again has the monthly showcase of Thursday Night Live featuring the talents of Weakly-Atwood, Ricarda Rosalina and the 66 South Band (featuring Ricarda Rosalina, Roger Carr, Brad Blankenship, Lee Steitz and Preston Gary) and the Glenwood High School Jazz Ensemble, plus Chris Noonan, Roger Wainwright, Eric Tinsley and Bill Richards. Top that off with the monthly Art of Jazz show at the downtown Pharmacy Gallery delivering the fabulous Mark Tonelli Trio and we are blooming, baby.

With Friday popping out nearly 40 shows and Saturday not stopping at all with more than 50 on the books, I’m just stepping out of the way and letting you folks have at it on that decision-making process. Just to make things more interesting, exciting, challenging and enticing, we have the big deal downtown twin events of the Old Capitol Art Fair with entertainment on Saturday and Sunday afternoons near Fifth and Jefferson streets in combo with PrideFest going strong on the Y-block space (why not?) with the annual parade, drag shows, bands, vendors and more all day long on Saturday.

Also included in this wild and wooly weekend, the Hoogland Center for the Arts presents the final weekend of *Jesus Christ Superstar* (bonus: the cast will perform at 3 p.m. as part of PrideFest fun) in the LRS theater on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

With me bailing on you for the Friday and Saturday overflow of entertainment, let’s give some love to Sunday, the very busy Funday we’ve neglected lately. At the small towns around the city I see solo shows by Kortney Leatherwood at Whiskey Ridge in Breckenridge, then he’s at the Buckhart Tavern, Keith Dunlap at Town Hall in Loami, Brandon Elliott at Vixen Hill



Mark Tonelli brings his jazz trio to the Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space this Thursday for the monthly Art of Jazz show.

Winery in Palmyra and Eric Vaughn Hagen at Hill Prairie Winery near Oakford, while inside the city limits action gives us Devin C. Williams at Butternut Hut and Thomas J. Beverly at It’s All About Wine. Then come the duos of After School Special at Dockside Grill on Lake Springfield (the waterside venue’s kickoff gig) and Angel Brown’s Smooth ‘N Blue Duo at Pease’s at BUNN Gourmet, as Hipbone and Hawkeye man their posts at the Stockyards VFW, while Chad and Russell land at the Thirsty Barrel in Mason City.

Bands on the run include Deep Lunar Blue jamming at Trails End in Curran, John Corabi and friends bringing it to Danenberger Family Vineyards, Okaw Valley Ramblers rolling into Barga in Argenta and White Lightnin’ country-fy-ing Brookhills Golf Club, while Barbed Rose hits the country at The Tipsy Toad and B Douglas with The Travelers for Peace host an open blues jam at Sky Lounge and the Harris Family Band gathers at Mother Road Diner.

Wow. It sure is wonderful to be part of a community so full of talent and venues, along with all the fine folks that make it happen. Until our next busy weekend, have fun and be safe. □

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Thursday May 14

Mike Anderson - the Dulcimer Guy

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 10am-1pm

Curt Smith

Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 5-8pm

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

Jason McKenzie

Illinois State Fairgrounds, The Shed, 5-7pm

Hippies of the Heartland

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

Thursday Night Live

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

Amy Battles & Tom Irwin

Vine & Rind, 6-8:30pm

Friday May 15

Mike Anderson - the Dulcimer Guy

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 10am-1pm

Dallas Moore with Jarret Forrester, Stevie Lee

The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

Joel Honey

Boone's, 5:30pm

Downstate

Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

OAT

Butternut Hut, 7-10pm

TyJon Charlie

Copper and Oak, Lincoln, 6pm

Android Paranoid

Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Thomas J Beverly

Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 7-9pm

Silas Tockey

Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 6-9pm

Dreamers and Doers

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Chris Camp and His Blues Ambassadors

Lime Street Cafe, -16, 7-10:30pm

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas

Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30-10:30pm

Sarah Stone

Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery, 6-8pm

David Leatherwood

Pier 55 Lounge, 8-11pm

Not Petty

The Range Bourbon & Brew, Chatham, 6-9pm

Kurt Allen Band

Shepp's Bar and Grill, New Berlin, 8:30pm

Stealin' Copper

The Stadium Bar & Grill, 6:30pm

Rod Grant

The Bird Tavern, 7-10pm

Dysfunctional Family with The Lovelorn, Lavisher, Unthynck

The Blue Grouch, 5:30pm

Sly Dog Acoustics, Morgan Peterson

The Thirsty Barrel, Mason City, 5-9pm

Storm Front

The Topsy Toad, 7-10pm

Brandy Kristin Band

Weebles Bar & Grill, 5:30pm

Devin C. Williams

Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 7-10pm

Saturday May 16

Mike Anderson - the Dulcimer Guy

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 10am-1pm

Exit 52

AMVETS Post 100, Jacksonville, 8pm

Satellite

The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-10pm

Grant Barnett

Boone's, 5:30pm

Courtney and the Meeks

Brentford Distillers, Decatur, 6-9pm

Rezzin8

Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7pm

99 Proof

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

Big Something

Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Devin C. Williams

Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 1-4pm

LowPhatt

Downtown Springfield, 11-12:30pm

Travis Ried Band

Downtown Springfield, 1-2:30pm

Avery Kern Band

Downtown Springfield, 3-5pm

Stefan Huffman Band

Edmo's, Edinburg, 6-9pm

Kortney Leatherwood

The Filling Station, Rochester, 8-11pm

Peaches and Bacon

First Presbyterian Church, 7-9pm

Jax Dion

Future Champions Sports Complex, Jacksonville, 8pm

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George Rank's, 8-11pm

Jim Hollis

Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 7-10pm

Karaoke

Goodfellas Pub, 8pm-2am

The Red Ribbon Revue

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

3rd Street Strays

LargeCar Lounge, Lincoln, 6-9pm

Powerage, Drop Dead Legs, Electric Longhead

The Library Pizza and Sports Bar, 6pm

Chris Camp and His Blues Ambassadors

Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

Rod Grant

Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8pm

Robert Sampson

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

Renegade Karaoke

Northern Lights Lounge, 8:30pm-1am

2nd Street Harmony

Pier 55 Lounge, 7:30pm

Greg Bickers

Pop's Place, Decatur, 2-5pm

Salmon Creek

Pub 116, Taylorville, 3-6pm

Silas Tockey

The Railyard, 9-11am

Living Bratz

The Railyard, 6-9pm

Karaoke by JCB Entertainment

The Range Bourbon & Brew, Chatham, 8pm-12am

Karaoke

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

Craig Gerdes

The Stadium Bar & Grill, 6pm

Cherry & Jerry

Stella Coffee & Tea, 10am

Heavy Delight

The Bird Tavern, 7-10pm

Dyllan Martin

The Shed, Pawnee, 8-11pm

Rooster

The Topsy Toad, 8pm-12am

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Broken Stone

Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30pm

Jason Milligan

Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 3-6pm

Sunday May 17

Pickin' & Grinnin' Open Jam

BB's BFE, Latham, 1-5pm

White Lightnin'

Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

Kortney Leatherwood

Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Devin C. Williams

Butternut Hut, 2-5pm

John Corabi and friends

Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7pm

After School Special

Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 1-4pm

Ace Estranged

Door 4 Brewing Co., Decatur, 12pm

Griffin Fenoglio

Downtown Springfield, 10-10:30am

Derrick Streibig

Downtown Springfield, 10:45-11:45am

Eric Vaughn Hagen

Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

Thomas J Beverly

It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Canyon Choir

Old State Capitol, 12-1:30pm

Kapital Sound

Old State Capitol, 2-4pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo

Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 12-2pm

Bustin' Loose - The Harris Family Band

Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, Southern View, 12-3pm

Open blues jam featuring B Douglas and The Travelers for Peace

Sky Lounge, 5-8pm

Chad & Russel

The Thirsty Barrel, Mason City, 2pm

Barbed Rose

The Topsy Toad, 2-5pm

Keith Dunlap

Town Hall Pub, Loami, 1-4pm

Deep Lunar Blue

Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

Hipbone & Hawkeye

VFW Post 10302, 1-4pm

Kortney Leatherwood

Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 1-4pm

Monday May 18

Matt & Nikki Hill

The Alamo, 7pm

Al and Kathy Kitchen

Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6-9pm

Rockin' Robin Karaoke

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

Music Mondays

Open Mic Night

The Bird Tavern, 6:30-9pm.

Tuesday May 19

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

George Rank's, 8pm

Karaoke

Main Gate Bar & Grill, 7-10pm.

Wednesday May 20

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

Robert Sampson

Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 5-9pm

Midweek Music Meetup

open mic with Tom Irwin

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Rick Mari Band

KC Lake Club, Chatham, 6-9pm

Micah Walk

Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery, 6-8pm

Dave Littrell

Sangamo Brewing, Chatham, 5:30pm

THE CALENDAR



PILLARS OF DEMOCRACY: UNITE & RISE TOUR

with artist and advocate Niki Johnson

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ART I Meet artist Niki Johnson as exhibit opens and participate in activities

it This powerful mixed-media portrait series of first-time women voters created by artist Niki Johnson will be on display weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the library's atrium from May 15 to May 29. And get this: At 10 a.m. May 15, Johnson will be at the library's atrium for a combined artist talk and hands-on writing activity. She will share insights into her creative process and the themes behind the exhibition, followed by guided discussion and creative reflection around democracy, equity and civic participation. Also, on Saturday, May 16, Johnson will present a special, free artist workshop on the lawn of the Old State Capitol from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (during the Old Capitol Art Fair). Just drop by to participate. During the Saturday workshop, designed for teens and adults, participants can explore identity, voice and civic engagement through art-making and conversation.

Special Music Events

Springfield Municipal Band
Sat., May 16, 10am, 12:30pm.
Catch the Springfield Municipal Band as it plays first at the Old Capitol Art Fair and then later on the Y Block during Springfield Pridefest. Downtown Springfield, Downtown.

The Art of Jazz - Mark Tonelli Trio
Thu., May 14, 7-9pm. Known for music that varies from classic jazz standards to their own unique variations on contemporary music, the Mark Tonelli Trio provides entertainment at its finest. While listening, take in the various exhibits including AJ Fyfe's "Art of Illusion," an adaptation of the original 1960's illusion chair by psychologist Jean Bouchet. pharmacygallery.com. \$10 donation at the door. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 720-447-4548 and 217- 622-7903.

Singing for Tomorrow: A Legacy of Love
Fri., May 22, 7 p.m. Emmanuel Di Villarosa and other Springfield

musicians will perform a variety of styles of music in this benefit concert and evening of joy, remembrance and celebration of life. Besides Di Villarosa, performers will include Amanda Gottrich, Frank Powell, Timothy Duggan, Kristy Sims, Dan Shryock and many others. \$25, \$100 suggested donation. givebutler.com/singing-for-tomorrow-a-benefit-for-michael-adrians-children-xwlv4c. The Conservatory Reception & Event Center, 1450 N. Fifth St.

Books & Authors

Amateur Writers Guild
Mon., May 18, 6-7pm. Writers can meet with others for feedback on anything they have written, or answers to questions they might have. In the Multipurpose Room. Register online. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Book Signing with author Bill Clutter
Sat., May 16 and Sun., May 17. Meet local veteran investigator and author Bill Clutter at a book signing of his book, *Coal Tar: How*

Corrupt Politics and Corporate Greed Are Killing America's Children, during the Old State Capitol Art Fair. Free. Prairie Archives, 522 E. Adams St., 217-522-9742.

Summer Book Sale

Sat., May 16, 9am-3pm. More than 15,000 books will be available in a variety of categories including adult and children's books during this outdoor sale. Also, for sale will be audiobooks, CDs, DVDs and library-branded merchandise. Cash, credit and debit cards accepted. Free admission. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Theater & Comedy

Jesus Christ Superstar
Fri., May 15, 7:30pm, Sat., May 16, 7:30pm and Sun., May 17, 2pm. Jesus Christ Superstar is the first musical by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber to be produced for the professional stage. A timeless work, the rock opera is set against the backdrop of an extraordinary and universally known series

of events. Presented by the Springfield Theatre Centre. hcfta.org. \$20-22. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Open Podcast

Wednesdays, 6-7pm. This is an open mic, "late-night TV"-style podcast Pizza Records records and posts on YouTube and other platforms each week. will feature comedy, original music and interviews. Pizza Records will turn the camera off on request. See the Facebook page for more info. Free. Pizza Records, Jacksonville, 59 E. Central Park Plaza, 217-200-0896.

Dance

Capital City Contra Dance
Third Saturday of every month, 7-9pm. Through June 20. Family-friendly traditional barn, group and contra dances to live music, performed by Peaches and Bacon. All dances taught and called. No partner, costume or experience required, casual dress. Dances suitable for ages 9 up. Water and refreshments provided. Enter at back of church.

Free admission, donations encouraged. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

Art & Architecture

3 Exhibits PLUS

Fridays-Sundays, 12-6pm. Through May 17. See Pharmacy Gallery artists' new exhibit - "Centennials: The Main Street of America," the art and collectables of Route 66 icon Bob Waldmire and photographs by noted Route 66 photographer David Schwartz. All of these celebrate, in some way, the historic 2,400-mile highway that stretches from Chicago to Santa Monica, California. Open regular Friday and Saturday hours and extended hours during Old Capitol Art Fair weekend. Free. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 720-447-4548 and 217- 622-7903.

Art Class at the Dana-Thomas House

Thu., May 14, 5:30-7:30pm. Create a monarch butterfly masterpiece in this art event led by Monica Zanetti. \$25. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

Color, Craft and Create Night

Mondays, 5:30-7:30pm. Through May 18. Artists can bring their own materials and spend some time working on a creative project in the inspiring Dana-Thomas House. Engage in conversation with other community members who share your interest. Individuals, families and small groups are all welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Reservations recommended. Free. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

History

"The Day the Petticoats Swarmed the Capitol"

Tue., May 19, 5:30pm. In this Sangamon County Historical Society program, Cinda Klickna will discuss the day thousands of women from all over the state came to Springfield to lobby for women's rights. sancohis.org. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-525-1961.

Elijah Iles House Tours

Saturdays, 12-4pm. Through Nov. 14. Tour the oldest house in Springfield. Groups wishing to tour Springfield's oldest home at other times can call for an appointment. The house was

built in 1837 by Iles, one of the city's earliest settlers. Free. Elijah Iles House, 628 S. Seventh St., 217-494-0640.

History Nights

Saturdays, 5-7pm. Through May 30. The Old State Capitol will be open for self-guided tours with short 20-minute presentations on weekly Civil War themes at 5, 5:45 and 6:30 pm. Presentations will vary week to week and may include discussions with interpretive staff, interpreters in historic clothing, historic photography, props, artifacts and/or hands-on activities. Reservations optional. eventbrite.com. Free. Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-5030.

The Life and Times of James Millikin

Sat., May 16, 2pm. Learn about visionary businessman James Millikin, the man who shaped Decatur and founded Millikin University. See the cinematic journey *The Original Big Blue: The Life and Times of James Millikin*. Earlier in the day, from 11am to 1pm, there will be an open house of the theater to take in the architecture, the stories and the spirit of this theater that has stood the test of time. \$15. Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur, 141 N. Main St., 217-454-4583.

Film & Television

The Last Man on Earth, Night of the Living Dead

Sun., May 17, 4-8pm. Catch a screening of classic horror films on the Pizza Records stage for this undead double feature. Meet the cast and crew of *Holler*, the independent horror film shot in central Illinois. Includes a *Holler* merchandise sale and silent auction. \$5. Pizza Records, Jacksonville, 59 E. Central Park Plaza, 217-200-0896.

Superman

Mon., May 18, 5-7pm. Teen Movie Night. For ages 11-18. Enjoy a movie with digital surround sound. Movie rated PG-13. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Fairs & Festivals

Old Capitol Art Fair

Sat., May 16, 10am-5pm and Sun., May 17, 10am-4pm. Set against the backdrop of the Old State Capitol, the art fair is the jewel of the Midwest. Free. Old State Capitol, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-553-5564.

Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center Car Show

Sun., May 17, 12-4pm. Registration starts at 10am. Bustin' Loose will play from noon to 3pm. Food and drinks will be available at 66 Mother Road Diner. \$15 car entry fee. Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, Southern View, 625 E. St. Joseph St., 217-381-3958.

Springfield PrideFest

Sat., May 16, 11am-10pm. The most beautiful of days embracing diversity and celebrating the local LGBTQ+ community. Great entertainment, drag show, 11:30am parade, food and drinks, a fun-filled family area, youth and teen talent shows, live music, vendors and pride merchandise. Organized by the Phoenix Center. springfieldpride.org. Free. Downtown Springfield, Downtown, 217-528-5253.

Open House and Community Resource Fair

Sat., May 16, 9-11am. Tour the garden, meet community partners and enjoy free giveaways which include produce by BCBSIL, lead soil

testing by IDPH, seedlings by Grow Springfield, children's activities, full service pop-up library, harm reduction supplies, live comedy and more. Free. Enos Park Neighborhood Garden, 1022 N. Fifth St., 217-610-0720.

Fundraisers and Galas

APL Spring "This is the Way - Star Wars" Trivia Night

Fri., May 15, 7-10pm. This fundraiser for APL features nine rounds of trivia with a special prize round of *Star Wars*. Cash prizes to the top two teams. Includes table decorating contest, 50-50 raffle, silent auction, door prizes and more. apl-shelter.org. Regular Table \$150. VIP Table \$250. Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-361-6212.

Fundraiser for Military Families Together

Sat., May 16, 12pm. Join friends and military personnel for fun, food, live music by 2nd Street Harmony and prize giveaways at this benefit for Military Families

Together, a local non-profit group dedicated to helping military personnel and their families. Donation tickets can be bought at Pier 55 Lounge and Goodfellas Pub. \$5 suggested donation. Pier 55 Lounge, 1225 Toronto Road, 217-585-0241.

Comedy for a Cause

Sat., May 16, 6-9pm. This second annual fundraiser for the FIRM Family Foundation will feature local, up and coming comedians in a family-friendly environment. Learn more about the organization, get a good laugh, and enjoy great food. Food will be provided. All-ages event. Adults \$50, children 13-17 \$25, 12 years old and younger free. The Salvation Army of Springfield, 1600 Clear Lake Ave., 217-707-8850.

Vintage Gala and Fashion Show-Off

Fri., May 15, 6-9pm. Wear cool vintage and repurposed outfits and win prizes in multiple categories at this event to benefit the Springfield Center for Independent Living. Limited to 125 people. All participants will

be entered to win prizes in one of 10 unique clothing categories. Includes food trucks and cash bar. See Facebook page for info. \$25 in advance/\$35 day of event. Ace Sign Museum, 2540 S. First St., 217-522-8417.

Local Government

District 186 Board of Education

Mon., May 18, 6:30pm. Regular bimonthly meeting of the board. Open to the public. District 186 School Administrative Office, 3063 Fiat Ave., 217-525-4206.

SMTD Board of Trustees

Mon., May 18, 4:30pm. Monthly meeting of the Sangamon Mass Transit District Board of Directors. SMTD Board Room, 928 S. Ninth St., 217-522-8069.

Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority

Mon., May 18, 12pm. Regular monthly meeting of the board of directors in the Administrative Office Boardroom at the Bank of Springfield Center. theboscenter.com. BOS Center, 1 Convention

Center Plaza, Seventh and Adams streets, 217-788-8800.

Bulletin Board

Community Pet Remembrance Ceremony

Sun., May 17, 1-2:30pm. Join with others who are mourning the loss of a pet at this nondenominational ceremony. Guest speaker is Leigh Steiner, pet doula. Participants can bring a small memento of their pet. Reservations suggested but not required. Free. Hope Presbyterian Church, 2211 Wabash Ave., 217-546-6951.

Public Meeting on Solar Energy Facility

Thu., May 14, 6pm. This meeting, hosted by Summit Ridge Energy, will discuss a proposed solar energy facility on Lenhart Road. The meeting, open to community members, is intended to inform the public about the project, answer questions and address any concerns ahead of a Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals hearing. Free. Gardner Town Hall, 1266 N. Bradfordton

Road, 740-398-8424.

Springfield ICON May Meeting

Mon., May 18, 5:30-6:30pm. Monthly meeting of Independent Coalition for Our Neighborhoods. Topic: Abandoned property in your neighborhood. Mitch Flynn, building code official with Springfield, walks through the process and timeline a neighbor should expect as it relates to abandoned or uninhabitable properties. South Side Christian Church, 2600 S. MacArthur, 217-525-0304.

Health & Fitness

Walk With a Doc

Sat., May 16, 10am. This month's walk with Dr. Kathleen Kay highlights Arthritic Awareness Month. Enjoy light physical activity while engaging with a physician in a relaxed, informal setting. Starts at south playground shelter. Preregistration encouraged at <https://walkwithadoc.org/rsvp/?id=208299>. Free. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-528-7541.

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Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,

-v.-
MARY JO ANTHONY AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK E. ANTHONY et al
Defendant
2025FC000228

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 22, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on June 9, 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 2437 HUNTINGTON RD, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703
Property Index No. 22-14.0-252-040
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/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).

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Case Number: 2025FC000228
TJSC#: 46-1037

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 # 2025FC000228
I3286618

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
PLAINTIFF,

VS.
JOHN LYDON, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF
KARAN F STAPLES, DECEASED; UNKNOWN
HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KARAN F STAPLES;
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS; MICHAEL L STAPLES; DONNA S
VONLANKEN, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2025FC000137
2316 EAST KEYS AVENUE SPRINGFIELD, IL
62702
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT
OF FORECLOSURE
UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on March 11, 2026, will on June 23, 2026, in Sangamon County Building, 200 S. 9th St., Second floor, Room 223, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 14-23.0-479-005
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2316 East Keys Avenue
Springfield, IL 62702
Description of Improvements: Blue vinyl siding, single family home with detached garage
The Judgment amount was \$34,672.95.
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

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

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at <http://iforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 333 W Wacker Drive, Suite 1820, Chicago, IL 60606-1220. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 25-21989IL
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
I3283642

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).

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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
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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:
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).

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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

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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 SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD
ILLINOIS
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation,
as Trustee for Freddie Mac SLST 2022-2
Participation Interest Trust
Plaintiff,

vs.
Eliane A. Bekoin; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Isaiah Minor; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Mildred Hill; Jeannette Cradtieth; Thelma Crudup; Thomas Larry Minor; Norris Thompson; Joel Knosher as Special Representative of Isaiah Minor, deceased; Rodney Wallace; Antonette Cleveland; DeAndre Mayfield; Keauna Minor; Gianna Hill
Defendants.

Case No. 2025FC000085
1000 Lori Lane, Springfield, IL 62712
Judge Adam Giganti
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on March 11, 2026, Paula Crouch will on June 23, 2026, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, in person only at 200 S. 9th St, 2nd Floor Room 223, Springfield, Illinois 62701, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
Commonly known as 1000 Lori Lane, Springfield, IL 62712
Parcel Number(s): 22-34.0-178-038
The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
SENECA MORTGAGE SERVICING LLC
Plaintiff,
-v-
VICTORIA S ZIGAS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND

NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant
2025 FC 000091
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 15, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on June 16, 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 2690 SUNNY VIEW DRIVE, ILLIOPOLIS, IL 62539
Property Index No. 17-13.0-277-012
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$164,282.63. 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.

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For information, contact Andrew Weiss, QUINTAIROS, PRIETO, WOOD & BOYER, P.A. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 141 W. JACKSON BOULEVARD SUITE 1575, CHICAGO, IL, 60604 (904) 354-5500. Please refer to file number IL-009616.
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Case Number: 2025 FC 000091
TJSC#: 46-1098

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 2025 FC 000091
8051-964872

PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of:
James Michael Berry,
Deceased.
No. 2026-PR-175
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE
Notice is given of the death of James Michael Berry of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on May 7, 2026, to Shawn M. Berry, 3961 Guilford Drive, Springfield, Illinois, 62711, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Delano Law Offices, LLC, PO Box 1948, Springfield, Illinois, 62705.

Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of James Michael Berry of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Shawn M. Berry as the only heir of James Michael Berry.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 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, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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

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Clerk of the Circuit Court
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
LYNNA JEAN THORNHILL
Deceased.

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Case No. 2026-PR-173
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of LYNNA JEAN THORNHILL, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on February 21, 2026. Letters of Office were issued on the 7th day of May, A.D., 2026, to TINA THORNHILL, of 1921 Cardinal Drive, Springfield, Illinois, 62704, and NIKKI BAKER, of 1921 Cardinal Drive, Springfield, Illinois, 62704, as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois, 62701. 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, 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 7th day of May, A.D., 2026. Estate of LYNNA JEAN THORNHILL, Deceased,

BY: /s/ Pamela E. Hart
Pamela E. Hart, one of its Attorneys.
PREPARED BY:

Pamela E. Hart (6299974)
SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.
Attorneys at Law
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of:
Georgeann Madison, Deceased
Case No. 2026-PR-000146
Claim Notice

Notice is given of the death of Georgeann Madison. Letters of Administration were issued on April 20, 2026 to Michael S. Madison Jr. as Executor, 345 W. Quail Roost Court, Sherman, IL 62684. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Executor, on or before Nov. 14, 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
MARK S. MURPHY, Deceased.
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Mark S. Murphy, deceased.

IN PROBATE
No. 2026-PR-164

Letters of Office were issued on May 4, 2026, to Crystal Cadwell, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Brandon R. Clark, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 28th 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 6th day of May, 2026. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of
RICHARD T. BILINSKY, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
NO. 2026-PR-157
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of RICHARD T. BILINSKY, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on April 23, 2026, to ELIZABETH J. BILINSKY, Executor, 4101 W. Iles, # 3101, Springfield, IL 62711, whose attorney is Robert A. Stuart, Jr. Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th Street, Ste. 1000, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 15, 2026, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Dated this 5th day of May, 2026.
Robert A. Stuart, Jr.
ARDC # 2761122
Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP
205 S. 5th St., Ste. 1000
P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62705
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rsutart@bhslaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
Vs.
DAMEAN STICKEL
a/k.a DAMEAN BOON STICKEL, et. al.,
Defendants.
Re: ESTATE OF: SHIRLEY J. STICKEL,
Deceased.
2026-FC-40
NOTICE
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF
SHIRLEY J. STICKEL:
Notice is given of the death of Shirley J. Stickel. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Shirley J. Stickel, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 2412 S. 6th St., Springfield, IL 62703.
The address of the Special Representative is Way Law Offices, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing.
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit e-file.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinois-courts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.
/s/ Dan E. Way
Special Representative for
Shirley J. Stickel, deceased
Dan E. Way #6204735
WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC
1100 S. Fifth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
Ph.: 217-525-7003
dan@danwaylaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
VICTOR M. WURTZLER, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-169
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of VICTOR M. WURTZLER. Letters of Office have been

issued to REBECCA E. FRITCHMAN, 38 Wind Cave Drive, Springfield, IL 62712, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before November 18, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 4th day of May, 2026.
Patrick J. Sheehan, III
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARILYN SUE DOZIER, Deceased
NO. 2026PR000165
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Marilyn Sue Dozier, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on April 30, 2026, to J. Garret Dozier, 5521 Chizmar Road, Auburn, IL 62615, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. 6th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Court-house, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 9th 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 1st day of May, 2026.
Gregory P. Sgro
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP
1119 S. 6th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
DONALD DIGIORGI,
Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-161
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Donald DiGiorgi of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 28, 2026, to Douglas George, 4300 Lavender Lane, 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 November 4, 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 28th day of April, 2026.
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705
(217) 544-4868
bsegatto@barberlaw.com

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF JOHN M. ECKERT, DECEASED
2026PR000122
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of JOHN M. ECKERT, Springfield, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on April 16, 2026, to MARTHA J. ECKERT as Executor, and whose attorney is Russell E. DePew of DePew & Dehn, 201 West Olive Street, Bloomington, Illinois 61701. Claims may be filed on or before November 14, 2026 which is not less than six months from the first date of publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Claims must be e-filed with the Sangamon County Circuit Court, Springfield, Illinois. After Claims are e-filed with the Clerk, within 10 days mail or deliver a copy of the Claim to the Executor and to her Attorney and e-file with the Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.
Dated: April 28, 2026
Martha J. Eckert, Executor
100 Argenta Drive
Springfield IL 62703
by: Russell E. DePew
Russell E. DePew, Her Attorney
Russell E. DePew
DePew & Dehn
Attorney for Estate
201 West Olive Street
Bloomington IL 61701
(309) 829-7002
depewlaw@aol.com
ARDC# 6181853

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
BRUCE HELTON, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-160
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of BRUCE HELTON. Letters of Office have been issued to CHARLES ROBERT HELTON, 1558 N. 1600th East Road, Taylorville, IL 62568, 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 November 12, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 28th day of April, 2026.
William P. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF 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 32701, 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
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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
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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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Aleigha Jean Pinkley
For change of name to
Aleigha Jean Taft
Case No. 2026-MR-000143
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 Aleigha Jean Pinkley to Aleigha Jean Taft pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: May 7, 2026

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

HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff,

v.

BRUCE BLEDSAW A/K/A BRUCE ALLEN BLEDSAW; SUNSTRONG MANAGEMENT LLC as assignee of SUNNOVA TE MANAGEMENT LLC; "UNKNOWN OWNERS" and "NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS"; Defendants.

No. 2026FC000089

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

451 4th Street

Illioopolis, Illinois 62539

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to BRUCE BLEDSAW A/K/A BRUCE ALLEN BLEDSAW; SUNSTRONG MANAGEMENT LLC as assignee of SUNNOVA TE MANAGEMENT LLC; "UNKNOWN OWNERS" and "NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS," Defendants in the above-entitled suit, that said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, by Plaintiff, HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, against you and other defendants praying for foreclosure of a Mortgage covering the premises described as follows to wit: LOT FIVE (5) IN BLOCK FOUR (4) IN THE TOWN OF WILSON, NOW VILLAGE OF ILLIOPOLIS. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. COMMON ADDRESS: 451 4TH STREET ILLIOPOLIS, ILLINOIS 62539 PERMANENT INDEX NO: 18-07.0-254-013.

which Mortgage was made by Bruce Allen Bledsaw, as Mortgagor, in favor of Heartland Bank and Trust Company, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, on March 20, 2024, as Document No. 2024R04211.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the above-named Defendants, file your answer to the Complaint in said suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, on or before June 15,

2026, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

DATED at Chicago, Illinois, this 7th day of May, 2026.

HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, By: JACOBS & PINTA

One of its Attorneys

Tina M. Jacobs, Esq. - ARDC 6190255

Joy Pinta, Esq. - ARDC 6278250

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Plaintiff,

-v-

MARY JO ANTHONY AS INDEPENDENT

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF

FREDERICK E. ANTHONY et al

Defendant

2025FC000228

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 22, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on June 9, 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:

THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOT SIX (6) OF CHARLES S. WANLESS' LAKEAWN, THIRD PLAT.

EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SAME, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE THE SAME; TO EXTEND AND MAINTAIN WAYS AND ENTRIES THEREUNDER FOR THE PURPOSE OF MINING AND REMOVING COAL FROM OTHER LANDS.

Commonly known as 2437 HUNTINGTON RD, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703

Property Index No. 22-14.0-252-040

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

BURR RIDGE IL, 60527

630-794-5300

E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com

Attorney File No. 14-25-07378

Attorney ARDC No. 00468002

Case Number: 2025FC000228

TJSC#: 46-1037

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 # 2025FC000228

I3286618

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF,

VS.

JOHN LYDON, SPECIAL REPRESENTA-

TIVE OF KARAN F STAPLES, DECEASED;

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF

KARAN F STAPLES; UNKNOWN OWNERS

AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; MICHAEL

L STAPLES; DONNA S VONLANKEN,

DEFENDANTS.

No. 2025FC000137

2316 EAST KEYS AVENUE SPRINGFIELD,

IL 62702

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDG-

MENT OF FORECLOSURE

UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLO-

SURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure

and Sale entered by the Court in the

above entitled cause on March 11, 2026,

will on June 23, 2026, in Sangamon

County Building, 200 S. 9th St., Second

floor, Room 223, Springfield, IL 62701, at

9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale

to the highest bidder for cash, all and sin-

gular, the following described real estate

mentioned in said Judgment, situated in

the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois,

or so much thereof as shall be sufficient

to satisfy said Judgment:

THE EAST 40 FEET OF THE WEST 80 FEET

OF LOT 91 IN WANLESS' SPRINGFIELD

HEIGHTS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF

SPRINGFIELD, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT

THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 4 OF

PLATS, PAGE 37 IN THE OFFICE OF THE

RECORDER OF DEEDS OF SANGAMON

COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MIN-

ING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR

RESERVED OF RECORD.

SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY,

ILLINOIS.

TAX NO. 14-23.0-479-005

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2316 East Keys

Avenue

Springfield, IL 62702

Description of Improvements: Blue vinyl siding, single family home with detached garage

The Judgment amount was \$34,672.95.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for

"CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; bal-

ance, by certified funds, within 24 hours.

NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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

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

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure

sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765

ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-

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Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's

Attorneys, 333 W Wacker Drive, Suite

1820, Chicago, IL 60606-1220. Tel. No.

(312) 346-9088. Please refer to file#

25-21989IL

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLEC-

TION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S

ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT

COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT

A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE

USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to

provide additional information other than

that set forth in this notice of sale.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 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 assess-

ments, 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 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.

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Attorneys, 333 W Wacker Drive, Suite 1820, Chicago, IL 60606-1220. Tel. No.

(312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 25-21989IL

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S

ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

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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 assess-

ments, 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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AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.</

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. 14-25-05928
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
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PUBLIC NOTICE – COMMUNITY MEETING
Summit Ridge Energy will host a public community meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at the Gardner Township Building (1266 N Bradfordton Rd, Springfield, IL 62711) at 6:00pm to discuss a proposed solar energy facility located on Parcel ID 21-03.0-100-007 on Lenhart Road. The meeting is open to all community members and is intended to inform the public about the project, answer questions, and address any concerns ahead of the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals hearing. All are welcome to attend. For questions in advance of the meeting, contact Brendan Urban at 740-398-8424 or community@srenergy.com.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
The Plaza Partners, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. Zoller LLC and John F. Zoller, (And any 'unknown occupants') Defendants. 2026EV000480
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE is hereby given to you, Zoller LLC and John F. Zoller and any 'unknown occupants' pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/9-107.5, Defendants in the above-entitled case, that a lawsuit has been commenced in the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Springfield, Illinois, by the Plaintiff against you, for possession the real estate located in Sangamon County, Illinois, commonly known as 466 (a/k/a 464) North Main Street, Chatham, a distress for rent warrant for attachment and disposition of certain personal property located therein and/or other relief allowed by law. NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/9-304, unless you, Defendants, file your Answer to the Complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance herein, the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Seventh Judicial Circuit, held in the Court-house in the City of Springfield, Illinois, on or before June 8, 2026, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment in favor of the Plaintiff may be entered in accordance with the prayer in said distress for rent warrant. Dated this 4th day of May, 2026
Prepared By: Michael M. Durr (Reg. No. 06210512) Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
1119 South 6th Street
Springfield, Illinois 62703
Telephone: (217) 525-3528

ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE Wishing to avail themselves of the provisions under the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, the below storage facility gives notice of the sale under said act; Tuesday the 26th day of May, 2026 at 10:00 AM, on that day will conduct a sale to the highest bidder, with bidding to take place on lockerfo.com, and payment to seller via credit/debit card, the contents of spaces 10 Federal Storage, 2225 J David Jones Pkwy, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 600-2778 Billy Chance 67. Charisma Jimison 175. Derek James P18. Kelsey Gephart 663/680. Fred Britz 358/427. Kloei Lee 570. Mike Wargo 36. Ray Loftan P73. Rachel Patterson 94. Dale Abeln P13. Natika Stevenson 533. Sean Welker P37. april valtillie 3. Evonne Batey 220. Isabella Schmidt 616/597. Abby Bitner 230. BRANDON REICHERT 37; 10 Federal Storage, 3500 South 6th Street, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 387-3951 Kiersten Herron B179. Tyrone Wilson A109. Breashia Bell A112. Gregory Hagen A50. Melissa Taylor B220/B221. Patricia Jones A60. Sharon Hall A79. Dominic Stewart A23; 10 Federal Storage, 900 E Straight St, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 286-1550 Samuel Felton 166. Adam Blaine 66. Gregory Hagen 8/63. Joseph Smith 203/253. Carla Sheppard Danler 15. Amber Young-Phillips E306. Lashonda Frazier 216. Kenneth Williams E298. Tyler Lester 36. Van Converse 160; 10 Federal Storage, 500 W Browning Rd, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 339-3865 Jennifer Lowe 139 C. Howard Hurt 144C. Devin Richardson 237E. Isaiah Evans 3A. Angela Loveless 233E. Erica Moore 203D. Wanda Conrad 1A. Krystin Townsend 280E. Landon Wey 197D. Austin Ludwig 284E

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs. HUGH DAY, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 26-MR-149
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to Hugh Day, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that a Complaint for Demolition was filed in the abovenamed Court on April 29th 2026, and is now pending.

The common address of the structure which is subject to demolition is 1012 S. 23rd Street, Springfield, Illinois, and said real estate is legally described as: Lot 12 in Block 3 of Eastgate, a Subdivision of Lots 14, 18, and 19 and part of Lot 22 Key's and Matheny's Subdivision PIN: 14-35.0-407-009
The name(s) of the title holder(s) of record of said real estate is: Hugh Day
NOW THEREFORE, unless Hugh Day, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants file an answer to the Complaint for Demolition in this cause or otherwise file an appearance therein in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before May 29, 2026, a default judgment may be entered at any time after that day and an Order for Demolition may be entered in accordance with the relief requested in the Complaint for Demolition. /s/ Joe Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County
Prepared by: Gregory Moredock
Corporation Counsel
Charles E. Munson, ARDC #6305854
Assistant Corporation Counsel
Attorneys for Plaintiff
800 E. Monroe, Room 327

Springfield, IL 62701-1653
(217) 789-0375
Charles.Munson@springfield.il.us

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs. SCARLET OAK, LLC – SWEET BASIL SERIES, Defendants. Case No. 25 –MR-207
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to SCARLET OAK, LLC – SWEET BASIL SERIES that a Complaint for Demolition was filed in the above-named Court on April 25, 2025, and is now pending. The common address of the structure which is subject of the Complaint is 4241 Conestoga Dr, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, and said real estate is legally described as: Parcel 1
The South 81.98 feet of Lot #6, Lot #5 and the North 0.84 feet of Lot #4, Prairie Crossing, Plat 1, Springfield Illinois, as per recorded plat thereof, recorded as document number 96-11209, being a part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 15 North, Range 5 West, of the Third Principal Meridian, Sangamon County, and being the same property described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the herein described tract, at a set 5/8" rebar with the LS Cap 2999, said point being on the West right of way of Illinois State Rout 4, and being 0.84 feet South of the Northwest corner of Lot 4 of the aforementioned Prairie Crossing; thence along said right of way, and the West line if said Prairie Crossing, North 00 degrees 34 minutes, 13 seconds West, a distance of 215.22 feet (R)(M), to a set 5/8" rebar with LS Cap 2999; thence 89 degrees 25 minutes 47 seconds East, and parallel to the North line of Lot 6 of Said Prairie Crossing, a distance of 325.00 feet (R)(M), to a set 5/8" rebar with LS Cap 2999, on the West right of way of Conestoga Drive; thence along said right of way, South 00 degrees, 34 minutes 26 seconds East, a distance of 177.88 feet (M)(South 00 degrees 34 minutes 13 seconds East, 177.99 feet (R)), to a found rebar; thence along a curve to the left, with a radius of 400.00 feet, an arc length of 37.53 feet (C) (M), to a set 5/8" rebar with LS Cap 2999; thence South 89 degrees 25 minutes 47 seconds East, and parallel with the North line of Lot 4 of said Prairie Crossing, a distance of 326.82 feet (C) (M), to the place of beginning; and containing 1.607 acres more or less.

Except that part conveyed by Quit Claim Deed dated September 11, 2000 and recorded October 11, 2000 as Document No. 2000R39968, made by O'Charleys Inc. to Bob Evans Farms, Inc, being the South 13.81 feet of the North 64.33 feet of Lot 6, Prairie Crossing Plat 1, as per plat ther recorded March 22, 1996 as Document No. 96-11209 in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Illinois. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Parcel 2
That tract of land conveyed by Quit Claim Deed dated August 29, 2000 and recorded October 11, 2000 as Document No. 2000R39969, made by Prairie Crossing Limited Partnership to O'Charleys Inc. being the south 13.81 feet of the North 14.65 feet of Lot #4, Prairie Crossing Plat 1, Springfield, Illinois, as per plat thereof, recorded as Document No. 96-11209, in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Illinois. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Commonly known as 4241 Conestoga Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62711

PIN: 22-19-0102-016 (also known as 22-19.0-102-016)
The name(s) of the title holder(s) of record of said real estate is/are: SCARLET OAK, LLC – SWEET BASIL.
NOW THEREFORE, unless SCARLET OAK, LLC – SWEET BASIL file an answer to the Complaint in this cause or otherwise file an appearance therein in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before June 15, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.
/s/ Joe Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County
Prepared by: Gregory E. Moredock
Corporation Counsel
Bradley B. Wilson, ARDC #6238373
Assistant Corporation Counsel
Attorneys for Plaintiff
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Springfield, IL 62701-1653
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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 Illiopolis, 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
P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705-0079
217/544-4868

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF Diego Alejandro Duarte Rivas, aged 18-21 years
No. 2026-GR-93
To: Derli Morena Rivas Medina and Ángel Maria Duarte Alcedo and All Persons Having A Right To Notice:
Please be notified that on April 29, 2026 Edwin Francisco Duarte Rueda filed a Petition to Establish Guardianship for a Person Aged 18-21 Years and Request for Judicial Determinations, concerning Diego Alejandro Duarte Rivas, aged 18-21 years. You are required to answer said Petition before June 18, 2026 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.
Dated: May 14, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – SANGAMON COUNTY, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, Plaintiff,
v. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JACOB EDWARD MARTIN, Deceased, CATHERINE ANNE ZIELINSKI, ALLISON BRAASCH, VILLAGE OF GRANDVIEW, ILLINOIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 2026FC000092
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JACOB EDWARD MARTIN, Deceased, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is June 18, 2026.
Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on May 7, 2026.
1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: Habitat for Humanity – Sangamon County, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation; 2026FC000092.
2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois
3. The name of the title holder of record is: Heirs and Legatees of Jacob Edward Martin, deceased
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:
PART OF LOT 114 IN WANLESS'S NORTH GRAND PLACE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FOUND IN THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
THE WEST 70.00 FEET OF THE EAST 350.00 FEET OF THE NORTH 100 FEET OF LOT 114 IN SAID WANLESS'S NORTH GRAND PLACE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.
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.
5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 2216 Enterprise Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702
6. The Tax Identification Number for the real estate is as follows: 14-26.0-252-021
7. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
Name of Mortgagor: Jacob Martin
Name of Mortgagee: Habitat for Humanity – Sangamon County
Date of Mortgage: July 24, 2008
Date of recording: August 1, 2008
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois
Recording document identification: Document No. 2008R29655
/s/ Joseph B. Roesch
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BROWN, HAY + STEPHENS, LLP
Emmet A. Fairfield, Reg. No. 6180505
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for Freddie Mac SLST 2022-2 Participation Interest Trust Plaintiff, vs. Eliane A. Bekoin; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Isaiah Minor; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Mildred Hill; Jeanette Craddieth; Thelma Crudup; Thomas Larry Minor; Norris Thompson; Joel Knosher as Special Representative of Isaiah Minor, deceased; Rodney Wallace; Antonette Cleveland; DeAndre Mayfield; Keauna Minor; Gianna Hill Defendants. Case No. 2025FC000085
1000 Lori Lane, Springfield, IL 62712
Judge Adam Giganti
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on March 11, 2026, Paula Crouch will on June 23, 2026, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, in person only at 200 S. 9th St, 2nd Floor Room 223, Springfield, Illinois 62701, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Lot 6 and the North 8 feet of Lot 3 of Cheryl Estates, an Addition to the City of Springfield, Illinois being part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian according to the Plat thereof recorded in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Illinois August 25, 1977 in Book 23 of Plats, page 14, as Document No. 390392. Commonly known as 1000 Lori Lane, Springfield, IL 62712
Parcel Number(s): 22-34.0-178-038
The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.
Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, MDK Legal, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 25-007425.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In re Marriage of
JASON SMITH,
 Petitioner, and
MICHELLE LEE LARA,
 Respondent.
 Case No. 2026-DN-27
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
 TAKE NOTICE, MICHELLE LEE LARA, that the requisite Affidavit of Service by Publication having been filed, notice is given to you, MICHELLE LEE LARA, Respondent, that a petition has been filed in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, by Petitioner for Dissolution of Marriage and for other relief; and that action is now pending.
 Therefore, unless you, MICHELLE LEE LARA, Respondent, file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois 62701 on or before the 29th day of June, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE PETITION.
 Date May 07 2026
 Joseph B. Roesch
 Clerk of the Court
 Scott A. Sabin (6209921)
 FRAZIER & SABIN, L-P
 1 West Old State Capitol Plaza, Ste 800
 Springfield, IL 62701
 Telephone: (217)7534242
 Fax: (217)7534642
 email: sabin@springfieldlawfirm.com

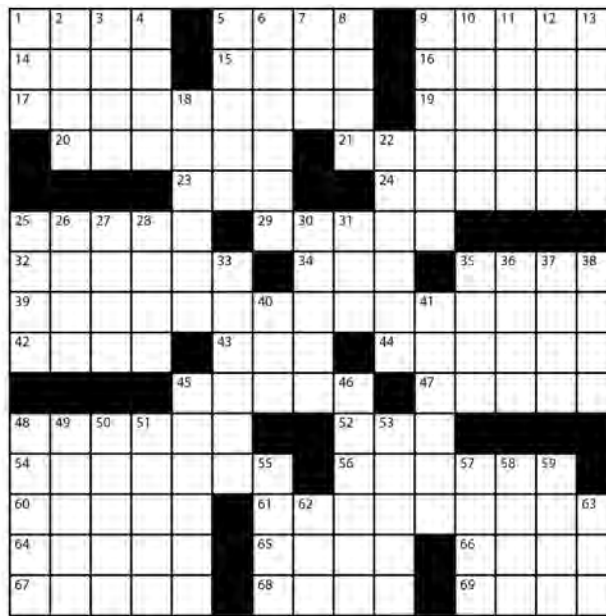
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 SENECA MORTGAGE SERVICING LLC
 Plaintiff,
 -v.-
 VICTORIA S ZIGAS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
 Defendant
 2025 FC 000091
NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 15, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on June 16, 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:
 A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS LOT EIGHT S (8S) ON A PLAT OF SURVEY OF THE STAFF HOUSE AREA, SOUTH, SANGAMON ORDINANCE WORKS, ILLIOPOLIS, ILLINOIS. PREPARED IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1949 BY WILLIAM E. DAWSON, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR OF ILLINOIS (NO. 578), SAID TRACT BEING SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE QUARTER CORNER ON THE EAST SIDE OF SECTION THIRTEEN (13), TOWNSHIP SIXTEEN (16) NORTH, RANGE TWO (2) WEST OF THE 3RD P. M.; THENCE NORTH 0° 42' 00" WEST 987.63 FEET TO A POINT IN THE SECTION LINE, THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE 30 FEET WEST TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE WEST 465.8 FEET TO A RAILROAD SPIKE; THENCE NORTH 0° 25' 00" WEST 99 FEET TO A RAILROAD SPIKE; THENCE EAST 464.9 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE EAST 30 FEET TO A POINT IN THE SECTION LINE; AND THENCE SOUTH 0° 42' 00" EAST 99 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE EAST 200 FEET OF SAID TRACT MEASURING WEST FROM THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE COUNTY HIGHWAY AS NOW LOCATED ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF SAID PROPERTY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
 Commonly known as 2690 SUNNY VIEW DRIVE, ILLIOPOLIS, IL 62539
 Property Index No. 17-13.0-277-012
 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$164,282.63. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
 The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
 IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
 You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
 For information, contact Andrew Weiss, QUINTAIROS, PRIETO, WOOD & BOYER, P.A. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 141 W. JACKSON BOULEVARD SUITE 1575, CHICAGO, IL, 60604 (904) 354-5500. Please refer to file number IL-009616.
 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.
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 Case Number: 2025 FC 000091
 T.JSC#: 46-1098
 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
 Case # 2025 FC 000091
 8051-964872

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Across

- 1. Volvo rival
- 5. Baseball's Hershiser
- 9. Reef material
- 14. ___ Vista
- 15. Irene of "Fame"
- 16. "La Bohème," e.g.
- 17. Kind of contest
- 19. Support person
- 20. Bad looks
- 21. Bringing in
- 23. Itsy-bitsy
- 24. Comfortable with
- 25. Figure skater Cohen
- 29. Caravan maker
- 32. Daniel of Nicaragua
- 34. Debtor's note
- 35. "___ Karenina"
- 39. Stepped in for another
- 42. Each
- 43. 0000001 joule
- 44. English assignments
- 45. "___ the Beat" (Go-Go's hit)
- 47. Beautify
- 48. Certain fir
- 52. Inquire
- 54. Common parental "explanation"
- 56. Clippers
- 60. French pen filler
- 61. No end of 17-across, No end of 39-across, ___
- 64. Critic
- 65. Bleacher feature

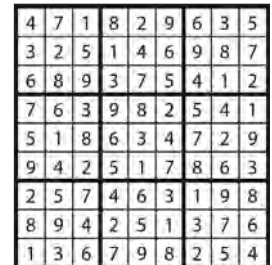


- 66. And others: Abbr.
- 67. Spooks
- 68. Earthen pot
- 69. ___ Club
- Down**
- 1. Cut through
- 2. Brews
- 3. Env. notation
- 4. Diminish
- 5. Autumn color
- 6. Brought up
- 7. "To ___ is human ..."
- 8. Overdue
- 9. Not polished
- 10. Express a thought
- 11. Made over
- 12. "You ___ kidding!"
- 13. Florida's Key ___ attachment
- 18. Waste
- 22. Majestic
- 25. Comfy spot
- 26. Give ___ (care)
- 27. WWII battle site
- 28. "S.O.S.!"
- 30. Rock ensemble ___ Boingo
- 31. Buck's mate
- 33. Revokes, as a legacy, at law
- 35. Expressed wonder
- 36. Pitcher Hideo
- 37. Not e'en once
- 38. PGA part
- 40. Dot follower
- 41. Salt dispenser
- 45. Fishing gear
- 46. Mortarboard
- 48. Coffin stands
- 49. "It's ___!" ("Easy!")
- 50. Milk: Prefix
- 51. Yes or no follower
- 53. He-Man's twin sister
- 55. "I'm ___ you!"
- 57. 1st and 2nd in N.Y.C.
- 58. Actress Hayworth
- 59. Ponzi scheme, e.g.
- 62. Black gold
- 63. 1997 U.S. Open champ

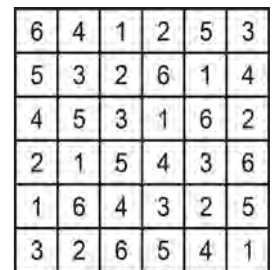
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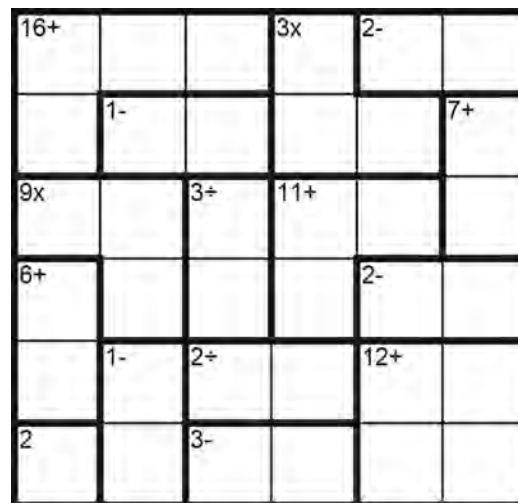
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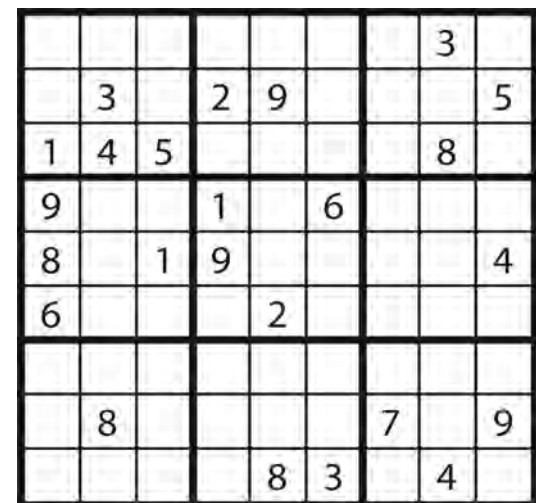
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



Difficulty medium

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



Difficulty hot

