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He wants his backhoe back

Man convicted of driving equipment with a revoked license fights Morgan County seizure

COURTS | Adrian Dater

Mike Eyer has a beautiful spread in Jacksonville at the intersection of Poor Farm and Sugar Hollow Roads. A little dirt road off of Sugar Hollow leads to Eyer's cute little farmhouse, replete with a trailer and mini-excavator, swirling gnats, a massive pasture out back and a backhoe parked off to the side of the house.

"This is God's country right here," Eyer says to a visitor, and immediately offers a spray pump of special DEET insect repellent to keep the relentless gnats at bay.

That backhoe? It's the second one he's owned, with the first a central character to a crazy story that has made some of the last nine years "a living hell" for the 60-year-old Eyer.

It goes something like this: In 2017, as detailed in an *Illinois Times* story two years later, Eyer was convicted of driving his backhoe on city roads with a revoked driver's license, the result of three previous DUI convictions. Eyer, who owns a construction company, was not intoxicated while driving his backhoe, but police charged him with driving with a revoked license. While it is not illegal to drive a backhoe on town roads without a driver's license, Morgan County threw the book at him anyway, with the DUIs as an aggravating factor.

Eyer did 45 days in jail and had his \$65,000 backhoe taken from him by Morgan County under state forfeiture of property laws. For nearly a decade, Eyer has run through four attorneys at a cost he pegs "close to \$100,000" not only to reverse the revoked license conviction on appeal, but to get his original backhoe back. So far, the answer from every judge has been: no on the backhoe.

"In open court, the judge would belittle me, always accusing me of lying. I was the only honest person there," Eyer says. "I had a local state trooper write a letter on my behalf to give me a work release so I could work at his house, but the judge refused. I served my time, for a charge that really was never actually breaking a law."

About three years ago, Eyer was finally given some good news. A Sangamon County Seventh Circuit Court judge, Robin Schmidt, vacated the revoked-license charge, saying Eyer had been given "ineffective assistance of trial counsel." Partially, this was because his lawyers had "screwed up" on his appeals, including one time where Eyer had to miss a hearing



Mike Eyer is pictured at his home in Jacksonville with his current backhoe. His first one was seized nine years ago by Morgan County after he was convicted of driving his backhoe on city roads with a revoked driver's license. PHOTO BY ADRIAN DATER

because of a shoulder surgery, but the attorney hadn't bothered to notify the court. Eyer said he'd been told, falsely, by the attorney that it had been done.

To Eyer, who said he wept with joy on the courthouse steps after Schmidt's March 16, 2023, ruling, he was fully vindicated of the revoked-license charge, and that, he believed, would provide solid grounds to get the backhoe back.

But, after more than \$20,000 Eyer said he spent on a new attorney in the Fourth Circuit appellate case of *The People of the State of Illinois vs. John Deere 410G Backhoe Loader*, the people prevailed. The court ruled that "claimants had not established any error with respect to the trial court's denial of their motion to vacate after an evidentiary hearing" in a Dec. 29, 2025, decision.

The backhoe would stay in the possession of Morgan County, where it remains today. Eyer said he has had to drive past it many times over the years. "I get riled up every time," he said.

While Eyer believes the 2023 vacate

motion on the revoked-license conviction exonerated him, Morgan County State's Attorney Chad Turner told *Illinois Times* it isn't so. Not technically, anyway.

"He was not exonerated in any way, shape or form, on appeal," Turner said. "I'm not sure he would know what he would have meant by 'exoneration.' But there was no situation where he was found innocent or that he didn't do the crime. He was convicted, served his sentence and later claimed he received ineffective assistance of counsel. The judge, based on what I think was a mistaken ruling on the procedures that were used, vacated his conviction."

Turner said he had the option to try Eyer again on the revoked-license case, but "he had already served his time for that" and another attempted prosecution would be a "waste of time and taxpayer money."

Turner does admit the state civil forfeiture laws are a mixed bag.

"Listen, there are a lot of things about the state civil forfeiture laws that are good and there are some that are bad," he said. "I've

seen cases where a \$100,000 late-model Cadillac Escalade gets taken away. Is that a disproportionate penalty? I mean, there's a lot of arguments for that."

Jacksonville Police Chief Doug Thompson told *Illinois Times*, "The courts ruled that the backhoe was to be seized, with us. Once the court rules, we don't mess with anything. It's not up to us to interpret."

Eyer said his construction business was greatly harmed by the rulings, which he acknowledges were not helped by his DUI convictions. Eyer said he has been sober for "several years" now, however, and just wants back what he believes what was taken by a "Fahrenheit 451"-style of state oppression.

"I was convicted of driving a backhoe harmlessly for a few miles, when the law says you don't need a license to do that," Eyer said. "I wasn't drinking at the time. But I got pretty much my whole livelihood and reputation taken away from me."

Eyer paused for a couple of seconds and said:

"It's bullshit." □

LifeStar Ambulance fights suspension

Files lawsuit against Memorial Hospital, offers \$10K reward for information regarding “the unjust suspension”

EMERGENCY SERVICES | Dean Olsen

LifeStar Ambulance Service officials say they will continue to press their case in court after failing to convince a judge May 22 that the company shouldn't be kicked out of Springfield and Sangamon County's 911 emergency response system.

“We will continue to contest it until hell freezes over,” LifeStar owner Roger Campbell told *Illinois Times* on May 25.

The company's legal right to respond to medical emergencies with its Springfield-based ambulances, emergency medical technicians and paramedics ended at 12:01 a.m. May 26 after Springfield Memorial Hospital permanently suspended LifeStar from the emergency medical services network it oversees.

LifeStar filed a civil lawsuit against Springfield Memorial on May 18 to reverse the suspension. Sangamon County Circuit Court Judge Ryan Cadigan on May 22 denied LifeStar's request for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction to temporarily halt the suspension from taking effect while the case continues in court.

Local laws adopted by the Springfield City Council and Sangamon County Board prevent an ambulance provider from responding to calls to the local 911 system if they are not part of a hospital-administered EMS system.

As an alternative, LifeStar Chief Executive Officer John Wright said LifeStar asked that its Springfield site, at 404 N. Second St., be added to the EMS network overseen by HSHS St. John's Hospital. But Wright said HSHS officials have told the company that the Catholic health system, which supervises ambulance providers in mostly rural parts of central Illinois, doesn't have the capacity to add LifeStar.

Campbell said Springfield Memorial unfairly “targeted” LifeStar but wouldn't provide details. He said the company has hired a private investigator and received several responses to its recent post on Facebook offering a \$10,000 reward “for information leading to evidence regarding the unjust suspension and removal efforts” by Springfield Memorial.

LifeStar officials said the company is dispatched to an average of 827 calls throughout Sangamon County each month, almost all of them 911 calls, and those calls generate an average of \$368,828 in monthly revenues for the company.

Campbell said Springfield Memorial's



Springfield employees of LifeStar Ambulance Service Inc., who gathered May 25 on the last day before the company's suspension from Springfield Memorial Hospital's EMS system took effect, included (from left) Mike Szamocki, Shane Hiser, Jonathan Wood, Rachel Compardo, Mason Hendricks, Judi Elmer, Layla Rodgers, Cody Jackson, Brandon Schroeder, Sophie Mohr and Robert Kelly Sr. PHOTO COURTESY LIFESTAR AMBULANCE SERVICE.

suspension was too harsh and more severe than for other companies involving similar infractions.

A hospital spokesperson said the hospital won't comment on pending litigation. The hospital's attorney, William Davis of Brown, Hay and Stephens, said in his successful motion to dismiss LifeStar's request for a temporary reprieve that LifeStar “failed to state any legally recognized cause of action” and “failed to exhaust its administrative remedies.”

LifeStar officials said the suspension could lead to the layoff of 26 employees, and Campbell said a reduction from three to two ambulance providers in Springfield will lengthen response times, and, in doing so, threaten patients' lives.

“The sad thing is nobody's thought this through,” Campbell said. “I hope nobody dies, but it's not going to be good. It's going to be a mess.”

However, Springfield Fire Chief Nicholas Zummo said he is “cautiously optimistic” that the city's other two ambulance providers, for-profit America Ambulance and nonprofit Medics First, will be able to pick up the slack.

According to Zummo, when there are three ambulance providers, city code requires that each one maintain at least two ambulance crews on the street during off-peak hours, for

a total of six crews, and three crews during peak hours, for a total of nine crews.

If the number of providers drops to two, Zummo said, the ordinance requires each provider to put at least three crews on the street during non-peak hours, for a total of six, and five crews during peak hours, for a total of 10 crews.

Zummo said officials from America and Medics First told him they are “confident they won't have a problem meeting those numbers.”

Centralia-based LifeStar was founded in 1973. It operates sites in Centralia, Jacksonville and Springfield, and has served Springfield since 1988. The company's reputation took a hit after the nationally publicized December 2022 death of Springfield resident Earl Moore Jr., a 35-year-old Black man.

Two white LifeStar employees who were later fired, paramedic Peggy Finley and EMT Peter Cadigan, responded to a medical call that culminated with Cadigan placing and strapping Moore face-down onto an ambulance gurney before Moore's transport to St. John's.

County Coroner Jim Allmon ruled Moore's eventual death a homicide from “compressional and positional asphyxia.”

Cadigan, 53, and Finley, 47, initially were

charged with first-degree murder. Cadigan on April 24 pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of involuntary manslaughter in a plea deal with prosecutors. He is scheduled to be sentenced June 23. The next hearing in Finley's case is set for June 22.

It's unknown whether Moore's treatment by former LifeStar workers and that publicity played a role in Springfield Memorial's suspension of LifeStar. Wright said the hospital's Aug. 18, 2025, performance improvement plan for LifeStar faulted the company for maintaining supplies of expired medicines and errors in documenting patient conditions.

He said both situations were remedied, patients never received any expired medicines, and a software glitch that caused documentation errors but didn't compromise patient care has been fixed.

However, Dr. Matthew Johnston, medical director of Springfield Memorial's EMS system from March 2014 to Feb. 1, 2026, said in an affidavit filed in court that in the 90 days after the performance improvement plan for LifeStar's Springfield site was issued, he “received information of continuing failure to comply with the PIP, including founded complaints regarding deviations from the standard of care.”

LifeStar said in court documents that Springfield Memorial “cherry-picked” issues in support of the suspension at a Dec. 18 meeting of the hospital EMS system's local review board.

The local review board affirmed the suspension, which originally was set to take effect Jan. 5. LifeStar then appealed to the State Emergency Medical Services Disciplinary Review Board, which declined to overturn the suspension but gave LifeStar until May 25 to find another supervising hospital.

The state board said in its Feb. 11 written ruling that there is “no clear guidance regarding how a resource hospital can terminate a relationship with an EMS provider agency.” The board also said LifeStar “did not fully comply with” the expectations of the performance improvement plan – in particular the part that required “zero founded complaints about standard of care.” □

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Bill would stop eminent domain for carbon dioxide pipelines in Illinois

Central Illinois coalition seeks to halt multiple pipeline projects, use of eminent domain

ENVIRONMENT | Ilana Newman and Julia Tilton, The Daily Yonder

When central Illinois farmer Steve Hess found out that his community had won a fight against Navigator CO₂ Ventures, a Dallas, Texas-based company building a pipeline to transport carbon dioxide across the region for storage underground, he threw a party.

“It was exhilarating,” he said, about the 2023 win against the Black Rock-backed pipeline where local opposition “knocked down Goliath.”

At the time, Navigator was calling for eminent domain, the right of a company to purchase private land for public good, to route the Heartland Greenway pipeline through farmland across the region. The pipeline would carry liquified carbon dioxide (CO₂) across the Midwest to be sequestered underground in rural Christian County. Hess, along with other local residents and landowners, was adamantly against it. They worried about the risks if the pipeline broke.

Now, the Illinois legislature is considering a bill that would ban companies from using eminent domain to seize land for CO₂ pipelines. The bill was brought to the state legislature by Hess, Sangamon County resident Kathleen Campbell, and other members of the Coalition to Stop CO₂ Pipelines, the group that formed in 2022 to fight Navigator and other CO₂ pipelines in Illinois.

Hess is a fifth-generation farmer growing corn and soybeans in rural McDonough County. The land he farms was homesteaded by his wife’s family in 1869. “Roots run deep

here,” Hess said.

He first heard about the Heartland Greenway pipeline in December 2021, when he received a letter in the mail from Navigator. The following year, land agents came out to his property to look at the land they wanted for an easement in order to build the 1,300-mile pipeline.

They were standing in the barnyard when Hess asked the agent what he could do to negotiate with Navigator. “He says, ‘If we get approval and you don’t like it, we can just use eminent domain and put the pipe in anyhow.’ And that really struck me the wrong way,” Hess said.

When exercising the right of eminent domain, an entity can purchase private land, without the permission of the landowner, for the public good. While it’s often used to build public infrastructure like roads, sewage, and water and electrical lines, there’s a long history of using eminent domain to discriminate against Black communities. Eminent domain has also been used by oil and gas companies to build pipelines.

In Illinois, the Midwest’s many miles of cornfields produce large amounts of corn ethanol, making the region a destination for carbon capture and sequestration. Ethanol is one of the easiest industries to decarbonize because the emissions from ethanol production contain only CO₂ and water. That means storing the carbon only involves dehydrating the emissions before transporting or sequestering them underground. If there

aren’t sequestration opportunities on site, for either geologic or economic reasons, then a pipeline needs to be built to transport the CO₂ from the capture site to the storage location.

Some states have additional regulations around eminent domain. After opposition to the Heartland Greenway pipeline in Iowa, the state passed a bill in January banning the use of eminent domain for CO₂ pipelines.

Kathleen Campbell remembers when she got her own letter from Navigator in the mail. It was December 2021 when she and her husband opened the mailer, which detailed the pipeline plans and sought an easement across their one acre of property in Glenarm. The letter informed Campbell and her husband that if they were unable to come to a voluntary agreement with Navigator, the company could request eminent domain from the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Soon after this, Campbell, Hess, and other local landowners formed the Coalition to Stop CO₂ Pipelines, which eventually succeeded in stopping Navigator in 2023 and later, the proposed Iowa-Illinois Wolf pipeline in 2024.

The Coalition helped with the Safe CCS Act, a piece of state legislation to regulate carbon capture, before its passage in 2024. But during the negotiations, the final bill lost all mention of eminent domain. Hess and Campbell knew that they needed to continue the pressure to take eminent domain for CO₂ pipelines off the table.

First, Hess got policy passed in the Illinois

Farm Bureau to adopt an official stance against eminent domain for CO₂ pipelines. Then, in 2025, he went to his legislator, Democratic state Sen. Michael Halpin, and asked if he would help with eminent domain legislation. Halpin went on to introduce SB2842 in this year’s legislative session, the bill that, if passed, would ban CO₂ pipelines from using eminent domain.

Campbell reached out to her own representative, Republican state Sen. Steve McClure, to get him on the case, too. He agreed to co-sponsor SB2842. “Landowner rights and public safety should override monetary profit,” McClure said. “I’m going to always err on the side of landowner rights and public safety.”

McClure said there’s a chance that the bill will be rolled into an omnibus package before the state legislative session ends on May 31. If that doesn’t happen, McClure said, the bill could get taken up again in the fall.

The bill is a bipartisan effort with 22 cosponsors as of May 18, and endorsements from across industries. “We’ve got the Sierra Club, Illinois Environmental Council, Farm Bureau and the Soybean (Association). How many bills do you know that have that combination?” Campbell said. □

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County wrestles with land use

Sangamon weighs circumventing state solar, wind laws but won't revisit data center ordinance

ZONING | Dilpreet Raju

A proposal to amend Sangamon County's data center ordinance remained tabled following the county's May 21 Zoning and Land Use Committee meeting.

The two-page ordinance, Chapter 17.39 of Sangamon County Code, was quietly introduced last spring and passed the County Board without issue in July.

Since then, board members and proponents of the area's first data center have said the proposal from CyrusOne introduced in November is in accordance with the July 2025 ordinance passed to formally allow data centers in Sangamon County.

The Zoning and Land Use Committee also did not take any action on a recent proposal by District 7 board member Craig Hall, who represents the area where the Double Black Diamond Solar Farm opened last year and where the CyrusOne project is slated to be built. Hall's proposal would attempt to circumvent the state's latest laws that prevent local governments from having stricter authority on zoning for renewable energy projects.

A 2023 law specifically "requires counties to allow commercial, utility-scale solar and wind energy conversion systems to be sited in areas zoned for agricultural or industrial use," according to a University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign fact page. "A county can have more lax requirements than called for in state law, but it cannot have more restrictive requirements," though no mention of rezoning land so its not sited for agricultural or industrial use is outlined.

Don Craven, a lawyer who represents some of the almost two dozen townships and villages that have expressed support for Hall's proposal, said it would be legally feasible to rezone 1.5 miles of buffer real estate that municipalities say would allow them to grow residential subdivisions as local leaders see fit.

"If you rezone it so that agricultural and industrial uses are not part of the zoning process, the solar bill of rights doesn't apply," Craven said. "What we want to do is rezone these residential, which will allow this committee (Zoning and Land Use) and the villages — through this committee — to have a say in how that land around those villages is used."

However, the board's legal adviser, assistant state's attorney Joel Benoit, said he was unsure of the proposal's legality and



Sangamon County's Zoning and Land Use Committee met May 21 but a proposal to amend the county's data center ordinance remained tabled. PHOTO BY DILPREET RAJU

has sought outside counsel from Daniel Hamilton, a partner at the Springfield-based law firm Brown, Hay and Stephens.

"(Hall) got the ball rolling on something that people are interested in, and we're going to look at it," Benoit said.

The same evening, the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals heard complaints from residents on Lenhart Road about a proposed 20-acre solar farm adjacent to a residential subdivision, which ultimately received approval.

Summit Ridge Energy, a Virginia-based company, has more than 100 solar farms in Illinois, and Moira Cronin, director of project development, said "it's very common that you have mixed-use zoning and, at some point, they need to intersect."

Cronin also stressed to residents in attendance that they could speak to her after the meeting in case they had additional questions and referenced Summit Ridge Energy being open to community meetings so landowners can share their thoughts.

Although Cronin said a residential solar farm would provide the opportunity for home owners to potentially lower their

electricity bills by switching to solar power, Lenhart Road residents mentioned concerns around construction, traffic, vandalism and what may happen to property values.

Public commentators frequently referenced the Double Black Diamond Solar Farm that opened last year in southwest Sangamon County, although at 4,000 acres that project dwarfs the 20 acres planned for Lenhart Road. Cronin said Summit Ridge would install a seven-foot fence to guard the panels from any vandalism.

Craven, who attended both meetings, told the Zoning and Land Use Committee that municipalities are wanting some assurances when it comes to managing their limited real estate, especially as Gov. JB Pritzker's high-priority BUILD plan looms.

"There's a whole lot more land out there outside the mile-and-a-half limits that would still be subject to the solar bill of rights and, if the solar companies want to take advantage of the bill of rights, go there. But let our villages grow the way we can grow," he said.

The Lenhart Road solar project is slated to be voted on at the June 9 Sangamon County Board meeting. □

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Wyndham owner settles lawsuits

Insurance settlement details have not been made public, ownership group filed bankruptcy in March

COURTS | Angela Mueller

Legal proceedings between the owner of the vacant Wyndham Springfield City Centre Hotel and the hotel's insurance company may be nearing resolution, but no details about what that resolution may look like have been made public.

The lawsuit between plaintiffs Full Service Hospitality LLC and Tower Capital Group – entities both associated with Wyndham owner Al Rajabi – and defendant Affiliated FM Insurance Co. has been reported as settled by the involved parties, according to an April 15 court filing with the Central District of Illinois.

The parties have until June 15 to file an official dismissal agreement, according to the filing. No details of the settlement were included with the filing.

The 370-room, 30-story Wyndham at 700 E. Adams St. in downtown Springfield was damaged by internal flooding on March 27 and has been closed since then. A string of allegations and lawsuits followed the closing. Tower Capital Group and Full Service Hospitality filed a lawsuit in June in Springfield's U.S. District Court alleging Affiliated breached their contract by refusing to reimburse them for the damage to the hotel under the terms of their property policy.

In August, Affiliated filed a countersuit, alleging the vandalism that resulted in the water damage at the hotel was intentionally caused by Rajabi or that he colluded with others to cause the damage. In addition, the insurance company alleged that Rajabi filed a fraudulent claim for damages related to a purported March



The Wyndham Springfield City Centre Hotel has been closed since March 27, 2025, when it was damaged by internal flooding. PHOTO BY JAMES BENGFORT

14, 2024, lightning strike at the Wyndham. The countersuit alleged that the majority of the damage claimed by the hotel was not caused by a lightning strike but intentionally caused by Rajabi or by others with Rajabi's knowledge. Tower Capital and Full Service Hospitality denied these claims in a subsequent court filing.

The report of the settlement of the lawsuit comes after Tower Capital filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in the Western District of Texas

in March. Tower Capital stated in the filing it had liabilities of \$7.68 million and total assets of \$8.08 million, of which the Wyndham Springfield property accounted for the vast majority.

The city of Springfield is listed as a creditor in the bankruptcy, although the amount of the city's claim is listed as "unknown."

Rajabi, who bought the Wyndham Springfield in a foreclosure sale in 2019, is general manager

of San Antonio, Texas-based Tower Capital. According to the bankruptcy filing, Tower Capital reported business revenue of \$6.16 million in 2024, then \$1.65 million in 2025 after the hotel's closure. It reported no business revenue for the first part of 2026.

Attorneys representing Affiliated and the attorney representing Tower Capital in the bankruptcy did return a request for comment on the legal proceedings. □



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NEED MORATORIUM

I wish Sangamon County would do the same thing ("Logan County enacts 12-month data center moratorium," May 22). This mindset of growing the tax base needs to be slapped down. Our local elected politicians only see more taxes collected; I see more stupid government programs being created for the new revenue. The government needs to look for ways to cut taxes, not expand its tax base.

Johnny Mac

Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

DONE DEAL

Do you think the Logan County Board is going to listen to anyone? They've already made up their mind; it's going to happen. They're just giving you the illusion that your vote matters.

Tommy Angel

Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes



Lincoln resident Allison Isely, who is collecting signatures to run as an independent for a District 5 seat on the Logan County Board in November, voices her opposition to a proposed Hut 8 Corp. data center near Latham during an April 29 meeting of the board. Logan County officials approved a one-year moratorium on data center projects with a 6-4 vote May 19. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

By An Anonymous Student

All my life I've wanted someone to care about me, someone to understand. I never realized until lately that the most obvious person to do this and the most important is myself! I am the only person who can truly know my thoughts, actions, and intentions. This makes me the logical one to understand myself at the many stages of my life. That's why it is important to turn the light on reality and the present, grant myself some slack and some compassion. I am not an angel I am not shameless – but I have worth and a great deal going for me that only I know. So perhaps today I will say "Hooray for me!"

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IT CAN BE DONE

And a Sangamon County lawyer said a moratorium wasn't possible or wouldn't do any good. Thanks for selling us out, Sangamon County.

Steve Maynerich

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TOO MANY TAXES

We already have many people, businesses and corporations leaving Illinois because of our ridiculously high tax rates on almost everything ("Growing financial strain," May 21). So what is the Democrats solution? Raise taxes more and drive more people away.

Reg Davis

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NOT ENOUGH TAXPAYERS

The fact is, there are not enough private sector

taxpayers in the state to fund the public sector unions' demands.

Marty Crews

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FOLLOWING THE LAW

Your reporter's otherwise excellent article "Sangamon County appoints Mental Health Board" (May 14) contains within it a fateful "however." The story correctly recounts that as board chair I promised the public a board that "won't be allocation by politicians (but instead) will be allocation by professionals." Then, the fateful "However, only two of the board's appointments currently work in the mental health field," although some have previous experience.

The article fails to inform the reader that under state law, if the board appointed anyone currently working in the field of mental

health, we would disqualify their organization from receiving funds. To make certain that the many excellent organizations that were already doing good work could receive additional assistance, we needed to populate the board with mental health experts who formerly worked in the field.

I write not out of concern that your reporter's fateful "however" paints one more politician as a liar and a fool. The public has long ago concluded that, but tolerates the incompetence for its entertainment value. My concern is that the public should have confidence that the new Mental Health Board they recently authorized consists of leaders who, by virtue of their current – or former – employment, are deeply knowledgeable about and dedicated to mental health issues in our community.

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Through the looking glass

On voting rights, the Supreme Court declares what was right is wrong

KROHE | James Krohe Jr.

What follows is a fun story about a city, a court and a cause. I am moved to write about it because it's important and few Springfieldians younger than 35 will have heard of it. I was tempted to quote Faulkner about how the past isn't dead, it isn't even past – until I realized that young folks haven't heard of Faulkner, either. So you'll have to trust me.

The dead part goes back to 1908. Much of white Springfield concluded that the ultimate motive of the white mobs that burned and lynched their ways through the Black neighborhoods that year was not race hatred but outrage about corrupt city hall politics. The remedy was to purge the body politic of the corrupt white aldermen who ran Black wards by throwing out the wards the aldermen served. For the next 70 years the capital city was run by five commissioners picked in nonpartisan elections in which candidates ran at-large. Black voters, sufficiently numerous to carry a ward or two, were too few to affect most citywide races. They thus became invisible in political terms.

"OK by us," said white Springfield. (I'm paraphrasing.)

At-large voting of this kind was a popular progressive-era prescription for sick municipalities trying to digest unpalatable racial and ethnic populations. It became popular again in the 1960s in the socially regressive South. The Civil Rights Act in 1964 had prevented Jim Crow from denying Black citizens access to the polls so white folks down there switched to at-large voting systems that drowned Black ballots in a sea of white ones.

Until 1982. That year Congress amended the 1965 Voting Rights Act so plaintiffs alleging discrimination only had to prove that a suspect voting system had discriminatory results even



From left to right: Incumbent city commissioners Ossie Langfelder, Frank Madonia, Mayor Michael Houston, Jim Norris and Pat Ward are pictured in the July 11, 1985, issue of *Illinois Times* with an article titled "If the city council loses the lawsuit, will anybody win?" FILE PHOTO

if they couldn't prove discriminatory intent. Thus, it happened that in 1985 attorney James Craven filed suit on behalf of five Black persons in federal court alleging that municipal elections Springfield-style resulted in "a denial or abridgement of the plaintiffs' right to vote on account of race or color" under the VRA.

That suit, *McNeil v. City of Springfield*, was the first such challenge to an at-large election system in a northern city. That this was necessary in Lincoln's home town sparked the same kinds of comments about the city heard in 1980, but we were used to it by 1985.

Speaking for myself, I thought the principle and the premises of case were dubious. However, the test in such cases was not rightness or efficacy but legality, and in 1987 the presiding judge ruled that Craven had proved his contention that Springfield's commission

government was illegal. A consent decree worked out the details, the voters approved the resulting plan and in 1991 Springfield abandoned its by-then venerable commission government and handed over the running of the city to alderpeople elected from 10 city wards. That didn't improve city government but it made it more democratic – please note the lower-case "d" – and in politics you take what you can get.

Now for the "past" part that won't stay dead. Having been told by the federal courts in 1987 that its commission government did bad things to good Black people, Springfield in April was told, in effect, that its now-35-year-old aldermanic system with its majority-Black gerrymander did bad things to good white people. In *Louisiana v. Callais*, the six GOP appointees on the nation's top federal court traded their black robes for Confederate gray

and ruled that taking race into consideration in undoing the effects of racial discrimination constitutes racial discrimination.

You just can't please some people.

Springfield's system would seem to be vulnerable to legal challenge under the new rules but it's too early to begin remodeling the city council chamber. Black voters tend to be Democratic voters, and the Ward 2 gerrymander thus created a safe seat for that party. Under this court, gerrymandering with the intent to privilege one race or another – white or Black – is still illegal but privileging one party over another is not. Chief Justice John Roberts in a 2023 ruling was sad that extreme partisan gerrymandering was "unjust" and "incompatible with democratic principles" but explained – don't try to read this if you're about to sip your morning coffee – that federal courts have nothing to do with party politics.

Today's Democratic-controlled council thus can simply draw up a Ward 2 map in 2030 that will guarantee that Democrats enjoy the full exercise of their right to a safe seat. Of course, any party that gains a majority of seats in future councils – the GOP or the Socialists or the Atheists (I should live so long) or the Free Parkers Party – could redraw all the ward boundaries to favor their guys, however unjust it might be, because, well, "democracy." Which puts us back where we started in 1987.

Told you it was fun. □

James Krohe has written often about the 1980s' change of government. See "One's Own Sort" [https://www.jameskrohejr.com/voting-rights-issues-it] and "Form over function." [https://www.illinoistimes.com/news-opinion/form-over-function-11452892/]



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List of proposed budget cuts circulates

POLITICS | Rich Miller

In response to a question last week from my associate Isabel Miller, Gov. JB Pritzker said he didn't think a group of progressive legislators could pass their progressive revenue bills through both chambers by the end of the spring session.

"They've been working very hard on getting something done," Pritzker said of the bicameral progressive effort to at least raise enough money to prevent the governor's proposed budget cuts to a host of state programs.

However, Pritzker continued, "It doesn't appear that they're able to get something done through the House or the Senate right now," adding that sometimes it takes time to accomplish "big things." The session is scheduled to end on May 31.

A list of the governor's proposed budget cuts was circulating among state legislators last week. Many of those legislators oppose those budget cuts and want to raise "progressive revenues" to make sure they don't happen.

The total cuts they came up with is a bit more than \$384 million, although they warn that their list of cuts is "non-exhaustive" and "subject to additions."

The cuts range from zeroing out a \$118 million enacted appropriation in this year's proposed budget for safety net hospitals; to an \$11.4 million proposed reduction in homeless funding; to halving a student loan relief program for people employed at community-based human service organizations; to cutting the percentage of state income tax revenues received by local governments, resulting in a \$60 million reduction.

The current state budget funded a pilot program in five counties to bolster pretrial services. That \$3.5 million wasn't included in the governor's proposed budget for next year. Ben & Jerry's brought ice cream to the Statehouse last week to support the Illinois Network for Pretrial Justice's funding push to save the program.

I sent the list of cuts to the governor's office, which disputed whether some of those cuts are actually cuts.

Several spending programs, including the \$118 million for safety net hospitals, were added last year by legislators (as is always the case with that money).

In other words, the governor doesn't want a direct comparison of the currently enacted state budget to his proposed budget for next fiscal year. Instead, Pritzker prefers a comparison between his proposed budget last year and the new spending plan he unveiled in February.

Eight of the 19 proposed cuts the

governor's office annotated fell into that "legislative initiative" category for about \$157 million.

"What some are calling 'cuts' are often temporary legislative add-ons returning to normal levels or adjustments that better reflect demand," the governor's office claimed via statement.

Actually, many of those add-ons are put back every year. The safety net hospital funding is a prime example. Legislators who represent low-income areas with financially insecure hospitals fight every single year to make sure they get some money.

"The state will continue to protect critical services and drive responsible fiscal decisions that preserve stability and support the people who rely on them most," Pritzker's office statement continued.

But the governor's office also claims that homeless spending was cut because of "lower demand," even though homelessness has increased, many programs constantly run out of money and the wait time for single adults in the Cook County suburbs to access shelter is a whopping 122 days.

A couple of education programs were reduced because the Illinois State Board of Education asked for the reductions, the governor's office claimed.

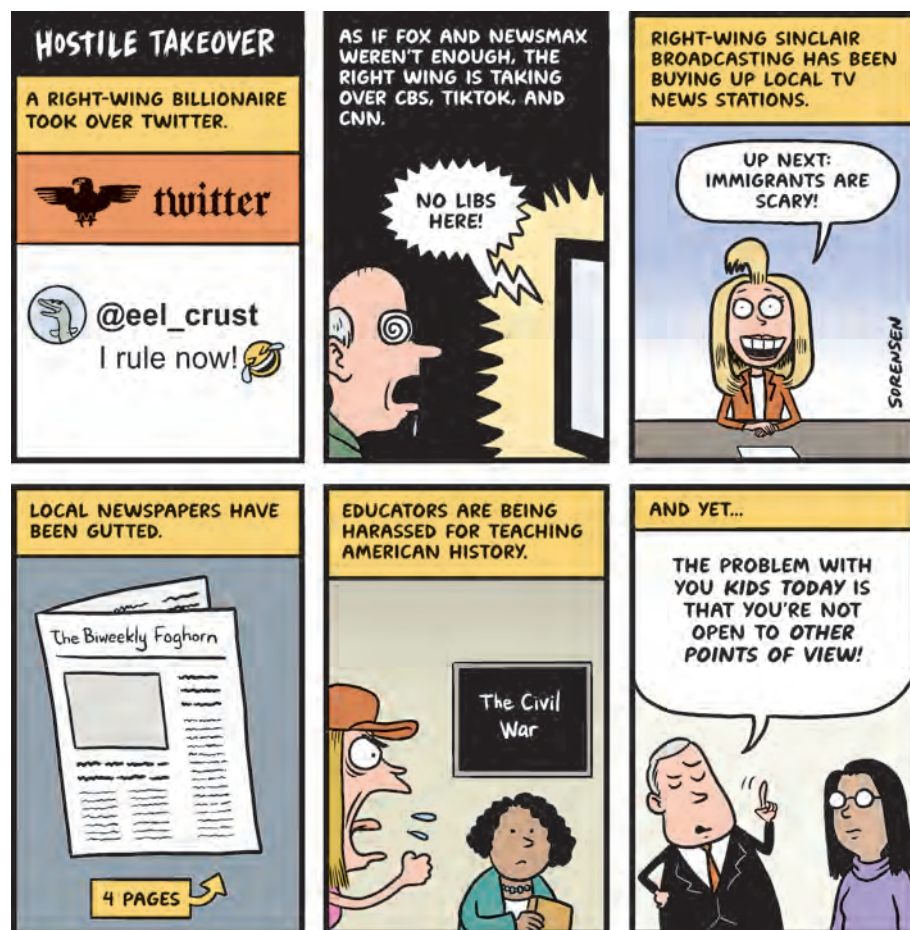
The progressives also tallied a \$45 million property tax relief program connected to education when, in fact, it was not funded in the current budget. So, at least that one item is indisputably incorrect.

The governor's office also claimed some capital program cuts were not cuts, but those numbers weren't included in the total bottom line on the list circulating among legislators.

And, the governor's office again pointed out that even though municipal governments are seeing a decrease in their percentage rake, he's proposing they receive the same amount of money next fiscal year. But with inflation being what it is, no increase equals a cut.

Pritzker's statement also pointed out the "growing budget cuts from the Trump administration all state budgets are facing across the country."

But the Affordability and Tax Justice Coalition issued a statement in reply that addressed this point:



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A “Survival Revival”

Springfield group takes part in national training to help build a poor people’s movement

ACTIVISM | Tamara Browning

Community activist Reggie Guyton has lived life increasingly aware of the inequities aimed at people due to their skin tones and inability to pay for things that bring them joy.

Guyton, a historic actor at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum in Springfield, grew up in University Park, a village in the south suburbs of Chicago.

“All my life I’ve been around people who were disenfranchised, and if not lower middle class, certainly poor, and I have seen us try to make the best out of situations,” Guyton says. “It’s incredibly hard to dig out of trenches when you don’t really have a ladder or a way of escape.”

Guyton said he couldn’t participate in school activities that mattered to him because of the expenses.

As a college student, Guyton observed racial commentary around the fatal shooting in 2012 of the Black teenager Trayvon Martin by a man in Sanford, Florida, and the U.S.’ first black president, Barack Obama, that helped him “to be hyperaware of the reality of my skin tone.”

“It became very apparent that something was wrong, and I didn’t know how to fix it, but I knew that I wanted to have conversation around it, so I just kind of dove in,” Guyton says.

Guyton, a District 21 Sangamon County Board member, was among a group of 10 people from the Springfield area who took more steps to “fix it” in April when they attended training in Texas that was hosted by the Kairos Center for Religions, Rights & Social Justice.

The Kairos Center is a national organization with a goal to build a movement, led by the poor, to end poverty.

The Kairos training at the Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly in Hunt, Texas, spurred a local “Survival Revival” movement, an event which will take place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at Comer Cox Park, 301 Martin Luther King Drive, Springfield.

The focus of the family-friendly Survival Revival will be on housing insecurity, reforming qualified immunity – which shields law enforcement officers from individual civil liability in lawsuits -- and working to preserve democracy through voter education, registration and mobilization.

Survival Revival will have free food, speakers, information booths, live music, performances and activities for children.

Tiara Standage – founder, executive director and harm reduction specialist at Intricate Minds community center who attended the Kairos training – says Survival Revival’s “overarching”



From left to right: Renee Bell, Tiara Standage, Susan Phillips, Zach Adams, Reggie Guyton (back), Karen Broquet (front), JB George, Boris Bernardino (front), Danielle Webster and Candice Trees were part of a group of artists and activists from around the country who attended an April 18-22 training session in Texas hosted by the Kairos center for Religions, Rights & Social Justice. PHOTO COURTESY OF SUSAN PHILLIPS

purpose is to bring the community together.

“We’re trying to remove the barriers from people getting services,” says Standage, who also is president and founder of The Purple Coalition (People United for Reform, Power, Liberation & Equity), a community activist group. “Bring the kids. There’ll be free food. It’ll be starting right at lunchtime, so come hungry and just with an open mind, ready to learn, ready to meet new people.”

Survival Revival will bring organizations together for the mutual benefit of the community.

“(There are) so many people doing so much good work in this community. One of the things where we could do better if we were more coordinated,” says the Rev. Susan Phillips, pastor at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Springfield, who led the group to the Kairos training.

“We oftentimes miss what someone else is doing, and then I know I find out the day after something fabulous happened and wished I could have been there, so if there are ways that we can coordinate our efforts more, we might achieve our goals more quickly or more broadly or more effectively.”

A Kairos base

The recent Kairos training in Texas was an organizing training centered around summer Survival Revival projects, Standage says.

“It was basically breaking down what that looks like through a Kairos lens and then how we can translate that to benefit Springfield,” Standage says.

The Kairos Center developed a clearer view of what a model for organizing looks like through publication of its report “A Matter of Survival: Organizing to Meet Unmet Needs and Build Power in Times of Crisis.”

The report studies the “survival strategies” organizations employed during and since the coronavirus pandemic, which was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization in March 2020 and declared by WHO in May 2023 at an end as a public health emergency of international concern.

The report looked at how communities took care of each other.

“More than a review of what was accomplished through these ‘survival strategies,’ this report is an appeal to organizers, clergy, cultural workers and other community leaders to engage in these activities more deliberately and

strategically, turning collective acts of survival into organized programs of protest, resistance and power-building,” the report says.

“It is also an instruction manual for those communities on the frontlines of the attacks coming from an authoritarian movement that has seized even greater power in the 2024 election cycle and a road map for what it will take to provide for marginalized communities through these crises to create a society where everybody can thrive, not merely survive.”

The report offers an organizing model for projects of survival that “focuses on the concrete activity of meeting unmet needs” and “develops a process of political formation connected to that activity.”

“In April, we brought delegations from five regions together to prepare for a ‘Season of Survival Revivals’ this summer,” the Kairos Center’s May 12 Facebook post says.

“Through art, song, study and action, and powered by our diverse histories and traditions, we began to envision an organizing model that could meet our daily needs, withstand this moment and inspire our political imaginations. More than a series of events, the Survival Revivals will lay claim to the society we deserve

and know is possible.”

Presbyterian minister Phillips first met Kairos Center executive director the Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis in 2019 at an anti-racism conference in North Carolina through the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

“The way she talked about collaborative organizing and community building felt so right to me about how we can make the most difference and also described ways of collaborating that I thought would be really beneficial in Springfield,” says Phillips, who is co-chair for the Illinois Poor People’s Campaign, a worship designer and who has served as a member of the Massey Commission, a citizens’ commission established in response to the killing of a Black woman from Springfield, Sonya Massey.

By 2026, Phillips led a team to Texas to learn more.

“In April, we took a team of 10 to Texas so that we could train together and then come back and share what we learned with a wider group of activists and artists and musicians in preparation for a July Survival Revival event for the whole community,” Phillips says.

“Originally, it was supposed to be a smaller team. We were asked to bring two artists and two musicians and three activists and then later they expanded it and said we could bring six activists.”

What more training can do

Tiara Standage didn’t call herself an activist until after the Sonya Massey murder propelled her to action on behalf of that case.

Massey, 36, was an unarmed Black woman shot on July 6, 2024, by Sean Grayson, who is white and was a deputy of the Sangamon County Sheriff’s Office. Grayson is serving a 20-year prison sentence for second-degree murder.

“I was the first person to kind of go on the news and ask questions about that,” says Standage, who is 36. “I organized 12 peaceful protests, demanding accountability and answers with the Sonya Massey case, as well as several other marches and peace events. Really, just kind of my activism and advocacy for Sonya Massey is what made people start calling me an activist.”

Standage founded Intricate Minds, a no-barrier community resources entity, in 2023, after forming a heart toward harm reduction that stems from her background of overcoming challenges.

Born in Springfield, Standage and her family lived in Chicago from the time she was in kindergarten through seventh grade. Then she moved back to Springfield.

“I, myself, was a homeless youth. I also lost my mother four years ago to a fentanyl overdose, and I lost my father 11 years ago to gun violence,” Standage says.

“That’s all very tied into the community work I do in harm reduction, just lessen the harm that is enforced onto our community by

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FEATURE



Tiara Standage outside an ICE facility in San Antonio, Texas. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

various systems and making sure that our most vulnerable neighbors have access to basic public health and some of their basic needs being met without barriers.”

Standage’s work already aligns with the Kairos mission, she says. However, the Kairos training in Texas was an opportunity for her to meet people who are “very like-minded, aligned to the work that I already do.”

“People can’t organize if their basic needs aren’t met. That’s kind of what I do. That’s my job as a harm reduction specialist,” says Standage, a former certified nursing assistant, nurse and dental assistant.

Boris Bernardoni, a recent Lincoln Land Community College graduate who hopes to go into grant management and organizing, also attended the Kairos training.

Bernardoni’s mother, Shatriya Smith, executive director of the Garvey Tubman Cultural Arts & Research Center in Springfield, shaped Bernardoni’s activism from infancy.

“I would ride around with her, and we would go to these protests and marches,” says Bernardoni, 22, who is affiliated with the center. “My first time speaking was at a women’s march, and I recited a poem there...Through my mother, I definitely got my voice a lot easier than a lot of people and a lot quicker than a lot of people, and it kind of just pushed me in that direction.”

Go forth and teach

Kairos training participants learned to create artwork for use at the July 18 Survival Revival in Springfield as well as learning music. There were two areas of training: one for organizational participants and one called “SKOR” (Songs in

the Key of Resistance) for artists and singers.

An artist, Bernardoni learned about materials needed to make organized art builds and facilitate community in an artistic way so that unified protest signs and banners could present a unified message.

Standage participated in a “Black Joy Circle” during the Kairos Center training.

“The purpose of it was to bring more Black songs and things from Black liberation

movements into the Kairos program because a big part of it is resistance through song,” Standage says. “It was received very well. We did an action the next day at a San Antonio ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement) building, and a lot of those songs came into play at that action, and it was a beautiful thing to see.”

Kairos training participants stood outside the ICE building. They sang, prayed, stood in



Reggie Guyton, center, speaks with other participants during the training held at the Kairos Center for Religions, Rights & Social Justice. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

support and solidarity of families going into the ICE building – some who had immigration appointments; some who had appointments for deportation.

“I know there was one man whose lawyer spoke with one of the representatives from Kairos at the beginning and asked us to stay out there a little longer and be out there while his client was in there,” Standage says. “He did let us know that his client was not deported that day. That made me feel really good about the action.”

The action also made an impression on volunteers who offered mutual aid in the form of food, snacks and water to people waiting to see their families.

“I noticed, like me, one of the volunteers had a ‘he/him’ pin. I noticed they were also a trans man like me, so I came out to them and started talking,” Bernardoni says. “I told them that everyone at the Kairos Center action who were at the detention center that day were from all across the country, and they had no idea.”

The volunteer looked around the large crowd and told Bernardoni that while protests take place at the detention center, it had never been that size.

“They had no idea that it was from so many people just across the country,” Bernardoni

says. “I could actively see in that moment, the impact of knowing that this is from all these different kinds of people from all across the country (the) impact that had on someone who lives there and works there just trying to help out the community in need around them.”

Reggie Guyton says he’s new to activism and learning about activist etiquette and organizing.

“There are a lot of people that want better and just don’t know how to get it, and I think we all need to advocate for each other,” Guyton says. “What better way for me to be of service than to learn how to be of service?”

Community activism is specific for Phillips. “For me, being a community activist is acting with the community in ways that hold me accountable and center the community people’s needs and greatest wisdom,” Phillips says.

“There is wisdom in the gathered community that benefits all of us, if we’re willing to learn.” □

Tamara “Tammie” Browning is a freelance writer and reporter from Petersburg, Illinois. She has a weekly newsletter “Mother Road Moves” on Substack that chronicles the people, places, things and happenings on Route 66 – from Illinois to California.



Boris Bernardino (standing, right) and other artists work on a banner. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

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FOOD | Peter Glatz

I just picked up my first bunch of local asparagus at the farmers' market. In anticipation of grilling outside, I made a batch of romesco sauce. A staple of Spanish cuisine, romesco sauce is a traditional condiment from Catalonia in the northeast. Although it is now famously associated with calçots – tender spring onions roasted over open flames – it was originally crafted by local fishermen to complement their daily catch. Today, this versatile sauce serves as a rich dip for seafood and raw or grilled vegetables, or as a savory topping for various roasted meats.

I first encountered romesco at a calçotada, a festive culinary tradition. Held in early spring, this ritual centers on harvesting calçots and roasting them over an open fire, traditionally fueled by vineyard prunings. After they are charred, the onions are wrapped in newspaper and kept in a cooler to tenderize further in their own steam. The eating experience involves peeling back the blackened skins to reach the sweet, soft heart, which is then dipped into a thick, nutty romesco sauce. Diners eat by tilting their heads back and lowering the onion directly into their mouths. This is chased by taking a swig of wine from a porrón, a glass vessel with a slender spout. The goal is to pour a steady stream of wine from a height into your mouth without splashing your garments or face. It is a joyful, albeit messy, occasion.

Traditional romesco recipes rely on dried ñora peppers, which can be challenging to locate outside of online specialty shops. This simplified version utilizes common pantry items to replicate that classic smoky, savory, and nutty profile. By using jarred roasted red peppers and smoked paprika, the sauce becomes far more accessible for home kitchens without losing its essential complexity. To begin, roasted tomatoes and garlic are combined with toasted hazelnuts and almonds, then pulsed until a textured base forms. The paste is then seasoned with sherry vinegar, smoked paprika and cayenne. The sauce is then formed through emulsification as extra-virgin olive oil is gradually added, creating a robust, rustic consistency. This adaptation offers a lighter, simpler preparation that remains every bit as delicious as the traditional version.

Romesco sauce

This easy method produces a technically sound romesco sauce. I love to serve it with grilled vegetables. Makes about 2 cups



Grilled asparagus with Romesco sauce. PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

Ingredients:
 2 medium Roma tomatoes
 4 to 5 cloves of garlic, peeled but left whole
 ¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil (plus extra for pan-frying)
 ¼ cup blanched almonds
 ¼ cup hazelnuts
 1 slice crusty white bread (sourdough or French, about ½-inch thick, crusts removed)
 1 jar (12 oz) roasted red peppers, drained and

thoroughly patted dry
 2 tablespoons sherry vinegar
 ½ teaspoon kosher salt (plus more to taste)
 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
 A pinch of cayenne pepper

Preparation:

Preheat the broiler to high and line a small sheet tray with foil.
 Cut the Roma tomatoes in half lengthwise.

Place them skin-side up on the sheet tray along with the whole garlic cloves. Drizzle them with a teaspoon of olive oil. Broil for six to eight minutes, keeping a close eye on them. You want the tomato skins to char and blacken slightly, and the garlic to become fragrant and blonde (don't let the garlic turn black, or it will become bitter). Remove and let cool slightly.

In a small skillet set over medium heat, warm a splash of olive oil. Begin by toasting the almonds, stirring continuously for about three minutes until they become fragrant and golden brown. Immediately move them into a food processor. Using the same skillet, toast the hazelnuts, stirring constantly, for another three minutes until golden. To skin the hazelnuts, transfer them to a large kitchen towel, gather the corners to create a bundle, and rub them together vigorously. Once the skins are removed, add the cleaned hazelnuts to the food processor with the almonds.

In that same skillet, add another splash of olive oil. Fry the slice of bread until it is golden brown and crisp on both sides. Remove, let it cool slightly, and tear it into a few smaller pieces. Add the fried bread to the roasted nuts in the food processor. Pulse until they form a coarse, sandy texture.

Add the drained roasted red peppers, the broiled tomatoes (including any juices on the foil), the broiled garlic, sherry vinegar, salt, smoked paprika and cayenne to the food processor. Pulse until the mixture is combined but still retains some texture. (Note: Blending the dry ingredients first prevents the sauce from turning into an oily paste later, ensuring an emulsified, slightly rustic texture.)

With the motor running on low, slowly stream in the ¼ cup of extra virgin olive oil until the sauce thickens and emulsifies into a rich orange-red paste.

Taste the sauce. Adjust with an extra splash of sherry vinegar for more brightness, or a pinch of salt.

The sauce can be used cold, at room temperature or gently warmed. (If it's too hot, the oil will separate.)

For the best flavor, let the romesco sit at room temperature for at least 30 minutes before serving to let the flavors meld. Romesco sauce can be made ahead of time and stored in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to a week. The flavor will improve after a day or two in the fridge. This is also a freezer-friendly sauce. Place in an airtight container or a plastic bag with the air removed, then freeze for up to six months.

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Go! Tsunami hosts a LP/CD release party at George Rank's this Saturday night with musical guests Crash Planet.

Movin' on from May music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

As the merry month of May comes to a close this weekend, we can look back on a fast-moving, extraordinary time of live music experiences. Heading into June and the summer season next week, our regular outdoor venues are in full swing while festivals, fairs, fish fries, homecomings, burgoos, farmers markets and various celebrations of all kinds begin in earnest. Now let's step back and see what's in store for this last weekend in May, before getting too far ahead of ourselves.

Thursday nights in Springfield during the summer means it's time to go downtown for the Levitt AMP concert series held at the Y-block just north of the Governor's Mansion from 6 to 9:15 p.m. Americana artist Chloe Kimes with opener Chaos in Red kicks off the 2026 season of the popular weekly event that runs until July 30 featuring national touring acts with mostly local openers. The poster lists under "what to bring" cute pictures to match the words, "chairs, dogs, blankets, kids, friends, drinks, dancing shoes, food" so follow the instructions knowing food trucks and libations stations are there as well. Congratulations to us and thanks to all who put in the work to make it happen for another year of Levitt AMP fun in the sun (this week's weather is ideal). Let's do this.

Friday arrives with a long list of locals playing regular venues including acoustic solo/duo acts Dave Littrell at Dockside Grill on Lake Springfield, Not Petty at Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, Niko Boeker with Elijah Settles at Boone's, Thomas J Beverly and Geoff Ryan at Butternut Hut, Angel Brown's Smooth 'N Blues duo at Lime Street Cafe and Johnny T-Bird at The Railyard.

Bands out and about are looking fine with Cocktails rockin' Mowie's Cue, Blue Note Quintet jazzin' Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, Jameson Freeway drivin' across Long Bridge

Golf Course, Midwest Avenue parkin' it in Weebles, Phat Kitti meowin' down The Tippy Toad and Devil's Daughter and the Black Water Band goin' good at Goodfellas.

For festivals these days, Little Flower Church hosts Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters at its 21st annual Heritage Days, Grounded lands in Farmersville for the always fun Irish Days and Lick Creek covers Pawnee's Prairie Days.

If you want to buy a ticket, the Hoogland delivers Satisfaction, a top Rolling Stones tribute band, and Danenberger Family Vineyards gives us those ever-popular Here Come the Mummies with our pal Colt Ball opening.

Saturday serves up extra action, including more music performances at all those above-mentioned festivals, so let's slow down for a few special events. WQNA, our community radio station, is staging a comeback and you can help by attending the fundraiser at 5th Street Gem from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. featuring live music by Black Queen and Last Heart. Plans are to go live over the airwaves very soon from a street level studio in the Myers Building downtown at 95.7 FM on your radio dial. Meantime be sure to find station info on the station's website and listen online, plus get to the fundraiser to help out this terrific and important community experience.

George Rank's (congrats on the new outdoor signage) brings in Go! Tsunami as they unveil a brand-new LP (that's a real vinyl record, folks and they'll have those CD things, too) full of crazy good surf rock gone wild and wooly called *I Was a Teenage Sea Monkey* with special guests Crash Planet joining in the celebration. That's all the time and space for this week, friends. Please look at the music listings for all the other skinny and I'll see you in June. □

MUSIC

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

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

Thursday May 28

Randy Erwin
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 10am-4pm and May 29, 10am-4pm

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

Ed Clark
Illinois State Fairgrounds, The Shed, 5-7pm

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

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

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

John Drake
Vine & Rind, 6-8:30pm

Friday May 29

Randy Erwin
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 10am-4pm

Belles
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

Wreckless Whiskey
BB's BFE, Latham, 6-9pm

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

Stumpy Joe and Levi Herman
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

Thomas J Beverly and Geoff Ryan
Butternut Hut, 6pm

Here Come the Mummies, Colt Ball
Danenberger Family

Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Dave Littrell
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 6-9pm

Molly Seaton
Edmo's, Edinburg, 7-10pm

Branded
Farmersville City Park, Farmersville, 8pm

Billy Strums
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 7-10pm

Devil's Daughter & The Black Water Band
Goodfellas Pub, 8-11pm

Not Petty
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

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

Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters
Little Flower School, 7pm

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

Kenny Feidler with Daisy Ann
Midway Bar & Grill, Harvel, 5-9pm

The Cocktails
Mowie's Cue, 8-11pm

Derrick Streibig
Oak Hills Country Club and Winery, Girard, 6-8pm

Lick Creek
Pawnee Prairie Days, Pawnee, 8:30-11:30pm

Blue Note Quintet
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 6-8pm

Johnny T-Bird
The Railyard, 6-9pm

Bugz Benson
Rocco's, Decatur, 7-10pm

Phat Kitt
The Topsy Toad, 7-10pm

Jaxon Dion
Walby's Place, Ashland, 7pm

Midwest Avenue
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30-9:30pm

Saturday May 30

Black Queen with Last Heart
5th Street GEM, 5:30-7:30pm

The Whiskey Killers
Boone's, 5:30pm

Speakeasy Trio
Brentford Distillers, Decatur, 6-9pm

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

Decade of Decadence
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Afternoon Delight
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 1-4pm

Grand Theft Audio
Farmersville City Park, Farmersville, 8pm

Go! Tsunami with Crash Planet
George Rank's, 7pm

Blue Country Revue
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Mackville
Henson Robinson Zoo, 10am

Sunshine Daydream
KC Lake Club, Chatham, 6-10pm

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

JackAsh
Little Flower School, 12-3pm

Neon Rodeo
Little Flower School, 3:30pm

The Pleiades
Little Flower School, 6-7pm

Lick Creek
Little Flower School, 8-11pm

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

Stealin' Copper
Patriots Pub, Waverly, 8pm

Brandy Kristin Band
Pawnee Prairie Days, Pawnee, 9pm-12am

Samba Llamas
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 6-8pm

Bullets & Boxcars
Pop's Place, Decatur, 8pm

Frank Powell
The Railyard, 6-9pm

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

Rezzin8
The Stag Tap, Havana, 8-11pm

BüK
The Bird Tavern, 7-10pm

Broken Stone
The Topsy Toad, 8pm

Unbroken
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7pm

OAT
West of Wise Winery, Petersburg, 1-4pm

Sunday May 31

Pat Jones
American Legion Post 279, Jacksonville, 3-6pm

Aubrey Reed and The Undecideds
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

Rod Grant
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Greg Hoy and The Boys with The Ex-Bombers
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 5-8pm

Dallas Whittaker
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 1-4pm

Curt Smith
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

Jazz Night with B. Douglas and The Travelers for Peace
Hunan Restaurant, 5-8pm

Colin Helton
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Hat Trick
The Library Pizza and Sports Bar, 2pm

Stefan Huffman Band
Little Flower School, 1-3:45pm

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

Keith Dunlap
The Shed, Pawnee, 2-5pm

Silas Tockey
The Thirsty Barrel, Mason City, 2pm

Dreamers and Doers
The Topsy Toad, 2-5pm

Triple Threat
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-7pm

Molly Seaton
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 2-5pm

Monday Jun 1

Rich McDonough
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 Jun 2

Karaoke Night hosted by Alan Livengood
Fluid Lounge, 7pm

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

Open jam with Casey Cantrall
George Rank's, First Tuesday of every month, 8-11pm

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

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

Wednesday Jun 3

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

Butter Jam Wednesday
Butternut Hut, 7-10pm

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

Robert Sampson
Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 5-9pm

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

Mother Road Bones
Sangamo Brewing, Chatham, 5:30pm

Devin C. Williams
Sangamo Surf Club, 6-9pm

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



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Springfield Cultural Arts Festival
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FAIRS & FESTIVALS | A new downtown festival is born

it This inaugural, family-friendly event is a celebration of art, culture and community. It will feature more than 20 local artisans displaying their creations, musical and dance performances, children's activities, craft areas, food and more. The event begins with a performance by the Springfield Youth Performance Group at 11 a.m. followed by a presentation by the Asian Indian Women's Association at 11:30 a.m. Mariachi Gabriel and singer Ayelen take the stage at noon and there will be salsa dancing with Julio. The rest of the schedule includes the Springfield International Folk Dancers at 1 p.m.; Springfield Drum Circle, 2 p.m.; Salsa dancing with Jeff and Jacqueline, 3 p.m.; Koto performance by Sue Alexander, 3:30 p.m.; Express Your Seoul KPOP Dancers, 4 p.m.; and Springfield Choral Society, 4 p.m. Event presented by Springfield Cultural Arts Foundation.

encouraged but not required. \$25. Ticket purchase ends June 1. Call or visit historic-marbold-farmstead.org for tickets. Historic Marbold Farmstead, 21722 State Highway 29, Greenview, 309-204-6781.

History

America 250 at the Homestead Quilt Show
Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10am-5pm. Through June 30. Quilts displayed throughout the fully-furnished Victorian mansion will be red, white, and/or blue; have patriotic, Colonial Era, or Americana themes. \$10 adults, \$5 ages 6-18 and children 5 and younger free. C.H. Moore Homestead DeWitt County Museum, Clinton, 219 E. Woodlawn St., 217-935-6066.

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.

Faith & Philosophy

Vacation Bible School
June 2-4, 5:30-7pm. Get ready to shine! The theme of this VBS experience this year is "Shine Brightly With Jesus" and there's something for every age group. Register online today- visit the website for all the information. Free. Fresh Visions Community Church, 1551 J. David Jones Pkwy., 217-726-5988.

Fairs & Festivals

Heritage Days Summerfest
Fri., May 29, 5pm, Sat., May 30, 12pm and Sun., May 31, 10am. Annual event featuring food, beer, kids' activities including a carnival, and tons of live music. Sunday features an outdoor Mass at 10:30am. There's a \$25,000 drawing at 4pm. Little Flower School, 900 Stevenson Dr., 217-553-5223.

Irish Days Celebration
Thu., May 28, Fri., May 29 and Sat., May 30. Features a carnival, pageants, parade on Saturday, truck and tractor show and more. This is the event's 115th year. Farmersville City Park, Farmersville, Downtown.

Military Appreciation Night
Fri., May 29, 6-8pm. Honor the brave men and women who have served and are serving our country

as well as their families who stand beside them. Includes refreshments, games, guest speakers, children's crafts and an opportunity to help prepare donations for care packages. freshvisionschurch.com. Free. Fresh Visions Community Church, 1551 J. David Jones Pkwy., 217-726-5988.

Pawnee Prairie Days
Thu., May 28, 5pm, Fri., May 29, 5pm and Sat., May 30, 7am. Three days of fun including a carnival rides and games, pageants, barbecue contest, tractor pull, car show, live music and much more. Pawnee Square, Pawnee, 617 Seventh St., 622-4661.

Fundraisers and Galas

Local Journalism Matters open house, ribbon cutting ceremony
Thu., May 28, 4-6pm. Local Journalism Matters is the new nonprofit organization for Illinois Times and Springfield Business Journal. As Local Journalism Matters starts this new endeavor that, with the community's support, will create the daily news source the community deserves, it invites readers to an open house to say thank you to Fletcher Farrar for his 48 years of dedicated service to community journalism. Meet new Local Journalism Matters CEO Kate McKenzie and hear about the vision for the future of news in the region. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and brief remarks at 4:30 p.m. RSVP by May 25 to kmckenzie@illinoistimes.com. Free. Illinois Times, 1240 S. Sixth St., 217-753-2226.

WQNA 95.7 FM Fundraiser
Sat., May 30, 5-10pm. Event will feature music by Black Queen and opener Last Heart. Includes food. Free, donations accepted. 5th Street GEM, 221 S. 5th St., (618) 506-0176.

Community Organizing

Black Lives Matter Solidarity Day Car Procession and BBQ
Sun., May 31, 1-4pm. Celebrate the anniversary of Black Lives Matter Solidarity Day with Black Lives Matter SPI with this annual car procession. Lineup begins at 1pm in the BOS/County Parking lot at Ninth and Adams streets. Procession will travel at 1:30pm to Comer Cox Park for a free barbecue. Free. BOS/Sangamon County Parking Lot, 9th & Adams.

Local Government

District 186 Board of Education
Mon., June 1, 6pm. Regular

Special Music Events

Almost Elton John
Fri., May 29, 6-9pm. Almost Elton John is an Elton John tribute band. Part of the Jacksonville Main Street Concert Series. jacksonvillemainstreet.org. Free. Central Park Plaza, Jacksonville, 32 N. Central Park, 217-245-6884.

Artist in the Park
Fridays, 12-1pm. Through July 31. Artist in the Park is a free, outdoor performance series in downtown Springfield. For 10 weeks, enjoy live music, dance, poetry. Includes food trucks serving lunch for Food Truck Fridays. Presented by Springfield Area Arts Council presented in partnership with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Free. Union Square Park, 500 E. Madison St., 217-753-3519.

Chloe Kimes, Chaos in Red
Thu., May 28, 6-9:15pm. Chloe Kimes brings her brand of folk and Americana music to Springfield for the first night of the 2026 Levitt Amp Springfield Music Series. Opening act Chaos in Red will play at 6:45pm followed by Kimes at 7:45pm. Event includes kids kickoff event at 6:15pm, food trucks, makers row and family activities. Free. Y Block, north of the Governor's Mansion,

217-753-3519.

Satisfaction
Fri., May 29, 7:30pm. Celebrating more than 25 years on the road and over 4,000 performances worldwide, Satisfaction has earned its reputation as the premier Rolling Stones tribute band. hcfta.org. \$34-\$36. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Springfield Municipal Band
First Tuesday of every month, 7:30pm. Through Aug. 4. At the bandshell. Free. Duncan Park, 200 N. MacArthur Blvd.

Stella Cole
Wed., June 3, 8pm. Springfield native and rising jazz sensation Stella Cole returns to the capital city for a one-night-only concert blending timeless classics, jazz standards and some surprise musical selections. hcfta.org. \$34-\$37. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Theater & Comedy

"I Remember Mama"
Thu., May 28, 7:30pm, Fri., May 29, 7:30pm and Sat., May 30, 7:30pm. This play is a heartwarming study

of American family life recounts the daily goings-on of the Hansons, a Norwegian family living on Steiner Street in San Francisco at the beginning of the 20th century. This production is partially funded by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council. Theatre in the Park, Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-725-0239.

Mamma Mia!
Fri., May 29, 8:30pm, Sat., May 30, 8:30pm, Sun., May 31, 8:30pm and Wed., June 3, 8:30pm. *Mamma Mia!*, the ABBA hit that debuted in 1999 and hit Broadway in 2001, is set on a Greek island and follows a young-bride-to-be determined to uncover the identity of her birth father. The journey is filled with surprises, laughter and romance. Directed by Morgan Kaplan and Andrew Maynerich. Rated PG-13. themuni.org. \$12-\$30. The Muni, 815 E. Lake Dr., 217-793-6864.

Food & Drink

Free Meal and Produce
Sat., May 30, 4-6pm. Food Not Bombs Springfield, IL will provide a free meal and produce for those who want it. Bring reusable containers or bags if possible to

help reduce plastic waste. Meal Distribution Site, Southwest corner of Seventh Street and Capitol Avenue.

The LMH Market
Saturdays, 8am-12pm. Through Sep. 19. This farmers market in the Expo Building features fruits, vegetables, eggs, poultry, baked goods, honey vendor grown or produced by locally owned operations. Includes children's activities and free health screenings on second and fourth Saturdays of month. Sponsored by Lincoln Memorial Foundation. Free parking and admission. Logan County Fairgrounds, Lincoln, 1408 Short 11th St., 447-784-3211.

Wine & Wonder
Sat., May 30, 12-5:30pm. An outdoor market featuring boutique vendors, live music by OAT) and food. Free. West of Wise Winery, Petersburg, 14096 State Highway 97, 217-632-6003.

Spring Tea at Elmwood
Sat., June 13, 1-4 p.m. Along with finger sandwiches and sweet treats, this year's tea is less formal, offering bunco in the parlor, a scavenger hunt of the grounds and fancy work demonstrations spiced up with door prizes. Period or Victorian dress is

bimonthly meeting of the board. Open to the public. District 186 School Administrative Office, 3063 Fiat Ave., 217-525-4206.

Lincoln Library Open House
Wed., June 3, 4-7pm. Tour the facility, meet staff members, ask questions and learn more about the services and programs that help keep the city running. Part of the Community Connections Open House series. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-789-2200.

Springfield City Council
Tue., June 2, 5:30-9pm. Regular meeting in City Council chamber. Municipal Center West, 300 S. Seventh St., 217-789-2151.

Springfield Fire Department Open House
Sat., May 30, 9am-12pm. Tour the facility, meet staff members, ask questions and learn more about the services and programs that help keep the city running. Part of the Community Connections Open House series. Springfield Fire Department Station 2, 2810 Stevenson Dr., 217-780-2200.

Springfield Police Department Open House

Wed., June 3, 4-7pm. Tour the facility, meet staff members, ask questions and learn more about the services and programs that help keep the city running. Part of the Community Connections Open House series. Free. Springfield Police Department, 800 E. Monroe, 217-789-2200.

■ Children's Corner

Dr. Dolittle Day
Sat., May 30, 10am-5pm. Enjoy this day of fun, discovery and animal adventures at the zoo. Activities include a zoo-wide scavenger hunt, family-friendly games, educational stations and biofact boxes, giveaways and live music by Mackville. Free. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-585-1821.

Early Childhood Summer Fun Camp
Tue., June 2. This camp is specially designed for children ages 3-5, offering a fun and engaging environment where creativity, movement and social development take center stage. Each session includes age-appropriate activities

that encourage children to explore, learn and grow in a supportive setting. Morning session: 9-11:30am. Afternoon session: 12:45-3:15pm. springfieldparks.org. Washington Park Pavilion, 1400 Williams Blvd., 217-544-1751.

Summer Kick-off
Thu., May 28, 4:30-7pm. Children can burn off energy with a bounce house, giant Lego building blocks, dinosaur building, games and more. The first 50 children to attend will get to build their own Lego minifigure to take home. Parents can pick up the first reading log of the season, which will earn children prizes for every hour they read this summer. Free. Williamsville Public Library and Museum, Williamsville, 217 N. Elm St., 217-566-3520.

■ Lectures & Meetings

Antiracism Workshop
Sat., May 30, 9am-4:30pm. "Advancing the Calls to Action: From Community Insight to Accountability and Implementation." This workshop is aimed at empowering justice-oriented organizations and individuals

interested in understanding systemic racism. It will focus on the use of antiracism principles and methods in support of the Sonya Massey Commission's, 26 "Calls to Action." The commission has established a clear, research-based, and community-informed framework for change. The event is sponsored by the Springfield Coalition on Dismantling Racism and Crossroads Antiracism Organizing & Training. Free. BOS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, Seventh and Adams streets, 715-853-3284.

Canvas and Conversations
Sat., May 30, 12:30-3:30pm. This is a mental health event designed for young adults to slow down, express themselves and connect in a safe, judgment-free environment. Through creative activities and guided conversations, this group creates space so participants can care for their mental and emotional well-being. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

■ Bulletin Board

Clayville Classic Car Cruise Inn

Sat., May 30, 12-5pm. All roads for classic cars lead to Clayville. Event includes live music, concessions and bar service. Inn tours start at noon. Free. Clayville Historic Site, Pleasant Plains, Route 125, 217-481-4430.

Free Meal and Fresh Produce
Sat., May 30, 4pm. Food Not Bombs Springfield, IL will provide a free meal and fresh produce for those who want it. Bring reusable containers or grocery bags to help reduce plastic waste if possible. Free plants, clothes and harm reduction supplies will be available. Meal Distribution Site, Southwest corner of Seventh Street and Capitol Avenue.

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■ Health & Fitness

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Springfield Lucky Horseshoes vs. Illinois Valley Pistol Shrimp
Sat., May 30, 6:30pm. Memorial Health Night at the ballpark. Arrive early and get a rally towel. Stick around after the game for fireworks. \$11-\$13. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-679-3511.

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Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff(s), vs. ANGELA GOOCH, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s). Case No. 25 FC 209 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on July 7, 2026, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit: Common Address: 2037 N. 19TH ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 P.I.N. 14-23.0-108-003 AND 14-23.0-108-004

Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.

The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.

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.

LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff

Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808

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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 Cradith; 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.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, MDK Legal, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 25-007425.

Michael N. Varak

MDK LEGAL

Attorneys for Plaintiff

One East Wacker, Suite 1250

Chicago, IL 60601

Telephone: 312-651-6700

Fax: 614-220-5613

Attorney. No.: 6290959

Email: statee-file@mdklegal.com

8051-964920

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.

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

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

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

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

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

For information, contact 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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Attorney File No. IL-009616

Attorney ARDC No. 6284233

Case Number: 2025 FC 000091

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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

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

For Information: Visit our website at http://iiforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Rayer 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. 13283642

NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SS SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS REGIONS BANK DBA REGIONS MORTGAGE, Plaintiff,

vs. CHARLES CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS AND LINCOLN DOUGLAS ESTATES, INC. D/B/A LINCOLN-DOUGLAS CONDOMINIUMS, Defendants.

CASE NO. 25-FC-201 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1309 S DOUGLAS AVE. UNIT H SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on March 11, 2026, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Permanent Index Number: 22-05.0-226-025 aka 22-05-226-025

Commonly known as: 1309 S Douglas Ave. Unit H, Springfield, IL 62704 will be offered for sale and sold at public venue on June 16, 2026, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$77,285.95. The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted.

The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

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

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

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihalr, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than

a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1). If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. REGIONS BANK DBA REGIONS MORTGAGE, Plaintiff, Sarah M. Stack (#6291347), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC Sarah M. Stack (#6291347) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law 601 East William Street Decatur, IL 62523 Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 8051-963119



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Death Claim

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HARRIETTE ANN LEWIS, DECEASED.
NO. 2026-PR-203
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS
Notice is given of the death of HARRIETTE ANN LEWIS, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 21, 2026, to CHRISTOPHER A. PERKINS, 203 Monarch Lane, Montreal, MO 65591. The attorney for the Independent Administrator is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC, P.O. Box 52, Springfield, IL 62705.
The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of the Court. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Building Complex, 200 S 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701 or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from May 28, 2026, being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.html> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Dated this 22nd day of May, 2026
CHRISTOPHER A. PERKINS, Independent Administrator of the Estate of HARRIETTE ANN LEWIS, Deceased
BY: DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
By: /s/Anthony J. DelGiorno, of Counsel
Attorneys for Estate of HARRIETTE ANN LEWIS:
Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONNA JANE CALL, Deceased.
NO. 2026PRO00197
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Donna Jane Call, Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on May 21, 2026, to Karen L. Graff, 1928 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. 6th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 1st day of December, 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 21st 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 SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: GARY K NELSON, Deceased.
Case No. 2026PRO00149
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of GARY K NELSON, of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois, on March 23, 2026. Letters of Testamentary were issued on the 23rd day of April, A.D., 2026, to PHYLLIS L NELSON, 825 E Walnut St Apt 8, Chatham, IL 62629 as Executor of the Will of GARY K NELSON. 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 within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed. DATED this 20th day of May A.D., 2025 by PHYLLIS L NELSON

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of LENA SCHERBA, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
NO. 2026PR170
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of LENA SCHERBA, deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on April 30, 2026, to ALEXANDRA ETHEL SCHERBA, Executor, 200 Bourbon St., Springfield, Illinois 62707, whose attorney is Robert A. Stuart, Jr., Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 200 S. 5th St., Ste. 1000, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before 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 20th day of May, 2026.
Robert A. Stuart, Jr.
Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP
205 S. 5th St., Ste. 1000
P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62705
(217) 544-8491
rstuart@bhsllaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In Re the Estate of:
CHARLES EDWARD ROBERTS, Deceased.
Case No.: 2026PRO00198
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Charles Edward Roberts, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 20, 2026, to Charles Eugene Roberts, as Independent Executor, whose address is c/o his attorney of record, Barry O. Hines, 1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A, Springfield, Illinois 62704.

The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration, at any time, by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 30, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
Dated this 20th day of May 2026.
Charles Eugene Roberts
Independent Executor
Barry O. Hines - 01220918
Attorney at Law
1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A
Springfield, IL 62704
Telephone: (217) 698-8444
Email: Barry@HinesLaw.net

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of:
Sandra Mae Sims, Deceased
Case No. 2026-PR-000159
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Sandra Mae Sims Letters of Administration were issued on April 28, 2026 to April Lee Phillips as Executor, 615 S. Eighth St., Springfield IL 62703. 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. 28, 2026. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor within 10 days after it has been filed.
Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
MOLLIE COLLEEN CONNOR, Deceased.
Case No. 2026-PR-191
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of MOLLIE COLLEEN CONNOR, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on May 2, 2026. Letters of Office were issued on the 19th day of May, A.D., 2026, to JOHN HARVEY CONNOR, of 8 Country Club Lane, Arcola, Illinois, as Independent Administrator, 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 19th day of May, A.D., 2026.
Estate of MOLLIE COLLEEN CONNOR, Deceased,
By: /s/ Pamela E. Hart
Pamela E. Hart, one of its Attorneys.
PREPARED BY:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In Re the Estate of:
DANNY LYNN COOK, Deceased.
Case No.: 2026-PR-192
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of DANNY LYNN COOK, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 19, 2026, to DENISE LINDSEY REED COOK, as Independent Administrator and whose attorney of record is William D. Reid, Elmore & Reid, 808 South 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704.
The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of issuance of Letters, and any claim not filed within that period is barred.
DENISE LINDSEY REED COOK
Independent Administrator
William D. Reid
ELMORE & REID
808 South Second Street
Springfield, IL 62704
217/523-2340

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JEAN F. NAUMOVICH, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-196
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of JEAN F. NAUMOVICH. Letters of Office have been issued to PATRICIA CAROL NAUMOVICH SANCHEZ, 2328 Chesapeake Landing, 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 December 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 Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 19th day of May, 2026.
William P. Sheehan
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
MARY JANE DAVIDSON, Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-195
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Mary Jane Davidson of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 19, 2026, to Elizabeth Alta Davidson, 2004 Old Iron-bridge, Chatham, Illinois 62629, 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 26, 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 19th day of May, 2026.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
LISA ANN PARKS, Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-194
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Lisa Ann Parks of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 19, 2026, to Connie L. Small, 6910 Brown Road, Galatia, Illinois 62935, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Randall W. Segatto, 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 26, 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 19th day of May, 2026.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
JOHN MARK SMITH, Deceased.
CASE NO. 2026-PR-174
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of John Mark Smith. Letters of Office were issued to Kathryn L. Spain, as Independent Executor, whose address is 1601 W. Iles Ave., Springfield, IL 62704. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 21, 2026, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
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illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.
Dated: May 14, 2026
Attorneys for Independent Executor:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
WALTER D. HODDE,
Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-185
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Walter D. Hodde of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 14, 2026, to Joan Hodde, 21 Wildwood Road, Springfield, Illinois 62704, 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 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 14th day of May, 2026.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HARVEY S. ROTHSCCHILD, Deceased.
Case No. 2026-PR-181
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of HARVEY S. ROTHSCCHILD, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on May 12, 2026, to Brent J. Rothschild, 1880 W. Laurel St., Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before November 13, 2026 or six (6) months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 13th day of May, 2026.
Alex B. Rabin
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin, & Reinbold, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of:
Sherry N. Rump, Deceased
Case No. 2026-PR-000163

Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Sherry N. Rump. Letters of Administration were issued on May 11, 2026 to Richard L. Rump as Executor, 517 Linden Lane, Williamsville IL 62693. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Executor, on or before Nov. 21, 2026. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor within 10 days after it has been filed.
Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN ROY SQUIBB, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-179
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of JOHN ROY SQUIBB. Letters of Office have been issued to BRADLEY TODD SQUIBB, 4635 Hamptons Club Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30004, 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 30, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 12th day of May, 2026.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S Bank National Association, Plaintiff,
Vs.
Robert Young, et. al.,
Defendants.
Re: Estate of Samuel Young,
Deceased.
No. 2025FC000240
NOTICE
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SAMUEL YOUNG:
Notice is given of the death of Samuel Young. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Samuel Young, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 3536 E Hooker St., Springfield, Illinois, 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 www.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.
/s/ Dan E. Way
Special Representative for Samuel Young, deceased.
Dan E. Way, #6204735
WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
JIMMY RENOUD,
Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-182
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Jimmy Renoud of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 12, 2026, to Sherry Stout, 53 Greencastle Circle, Springfield, Illinois 62712, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Randall W. Segatto, 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 19, 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 12th day of May, 2026.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
WILLIAM WOODRUM,
Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-183
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of William Woodrum of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 12, 2026, to Sandra Redshaw, 121 Dante Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703, 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 19, 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 12th day of May, 2026.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM F. BRETZ, III, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-43
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of WILLIAM F. BRETZ, III. Letters of Office have been issued to PATRICK J. SHEEHAN, 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703, 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 23, 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 8th day of May, 2026.
Patrick J. Sheehan
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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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 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

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:
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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.
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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.
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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 www.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.
/s/ Dan E. Way
Special Representative for Shirley J. Stickel, deceased
Dan E. Way #6204735
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF 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
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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 Courthouse, 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
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Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 789-1200

Divorce

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

Re: the marriage of
Shephanie Moseka, Petitioner
And

Jonathan Ngoy, Respondent
Case No. 2026-DN-000068
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Jonathan Ngoy, 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 28th day of June, 2026, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of

Monica Billops, Petitioner
And
Benjamin Gross, Respondent
Case No. 2026-DN-000082
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Benjamin Gross, 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 28th day of June, 2026, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Megan Blackman, Petitioner
And
Britney Y. Moyer-Lloyd, Respondent
Case No. 2025-DN-000074
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Britney Y. Moyer-Lloyd, 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 28th day of June, 2026, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff(s),

vs.
ANGELA GOOCH, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).
Case No. 25 FC 209
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on July 7, 2026, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit:
LOTS THREE (3) AND FOUR (4) IN BLOCK SIX (6) IN SAUNDER'S SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SECTION TWENTY-THREE (23) TOWNSHIP SIXTEEN (16) NORTH RANGE FIVE (5) WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SAME WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE THE SAME. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Common Address: 2037 N. 19TH ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
P.I.N. 14-23.0-108-003 AND 14-23.0-108-004
Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.

The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within

24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale. 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).
LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808
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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 CATHERINE ANNE ZIELINSKI, Defendant 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 said Defendant is June 22, 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
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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 Cradlieth; 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.
Michael N. Varak
MDK LEGAL
Attorneys for Plaintiff
One East Wacker, Suite 1250
Chicago, IL 60601
Telephone: 312-651-6700
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Attorney. No.: 6290959
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8051-964920

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
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County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois
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/s/ Joseph B. Roesch
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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:
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.

Andrew Weiss
QUINTAIROS, PRIETO, WOOD & BOYER, P.A.
141 W. JACKSON BOULEVARD SUITE 1575
CHICAGO IL, 60604
904-354-5500
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Attorney File No. IL-009616
Attorney ARDC No. 6284233
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

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
Illioipolis, 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 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:

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 MINING 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; 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 Packer, 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.
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NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SS SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
REGIONS BANK DBA REGIONS MORTGAGE,
Plaintiff,
vs.

CHARLES CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS AND LINCOLN DOUGLAS ESTATES, INC. D/B/A LINCOLN-DOUGLAS CONDOMINIUMS, Defendants.

CASE NO. 25-FC-201
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
1309 S DOUGLAS AVE. UNIT H
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on March 11, 2026, the following described real estate, to-wit:

UNIT "H" IN BUILDING 1309 IN LINCOLN-DOUGLAS ESTATES, INC. DBA LINCOLN-DOUGLAS CONDOMINIUMS, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF MODIFIED CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP AND EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS, RECORDED MAY 17, 1965 N THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN BOOK 967 OF MORTGAGES AT PAGE 544, AS DOCUMENT NO.

462524, AND AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OWNER-SHIP RECORDED AUGUST 4, 2015 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2015R21953, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID PARCEL 3; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID PARCEL, 148.15 FEET; THENCE WEST AT RIGHT ANGLE TO SAID EAST LINE 118.84 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR SAID UNIT "H" THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH INTERIOR WALL FOR SAID UNIT, 56.05 FEET; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST INTERIOR WALL OF SAID UNIT, 11.58 FEET; THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH INTERIOR WALL OF SAID UNIT, 5.05 FEET; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST INTERIOR WALL OF SAID UNIT, 4.41 FEET; THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH INTERIOR WALL OF SAID UNIT, 8.90 FEET; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST INTERIOR WALL OF SAID UNIT, 13.45 FEET; THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH INTERNAL WALL OF SAID UNIT, 42.08 FEET; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST INTERIOR WALL OF SAID UNIT, 29.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALONG WITH CARPORT NO. 5 AS ASSIGNED TO SAID UNIT IN INSTRUMENT RECORDED AUGUST 4, 2015 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2015R21953.
Permanent Index Number: 22-05.0-226-025 aka 22-05-226-025

Commonly known as: 1309 S Douglas Ave.
Unit H, Springfield, IL 62704
will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on June 16, 2026, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.
The Judgment amount is \$77,285.95.
The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments are paid at any time during any action to

enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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Notice by Publication

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, June 18th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., in the County Board Chambers, Room 222, 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, Illinois, to hear the testimony for the petition of Thomas and Patricia Scott, fee owners of property commonly known as 4476 San Terra Road, Pawnee, IL 62558 and:
Parcel Identification Number: 36-08.0-300-023

Petitioner requests for Proposed Parcels 1 and 2: pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from "A" Agricultural District to "R-1" Single Family Residence District; and, pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the "R-1" Single-Family Residence District. Also in attendance to hear the testimony will be the members of the Zoning & Land Use Committee of the Sangamon County Board. Dated this 21st day of May, 2026
Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals
CHARLES W. CHIMENTO, CHAIRMAN

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Parcel Identification Number #: 30-10.0-300-029

Petitioners request for Proposed Parcel 1: pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.38.030 to allow one (1) parcel less than forty (40) acres (approximately 1 acre); and, for Proposed Parcel 2: pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section

17.38.030 to allow one (1) parcel less than forty (40) acres (approximately 2 acres). Also in attendance to hear the testimony will be the members of the Zoning & Land Use Committee of the Sangamon County Board. Dated this 21st day of May, 2026
Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals
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Parcel Identification Number #:06-27.4-276-004

Petitioner requests for Proposed Parcels 1 and 3: pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from "A" Agricultural District to "R-1" Single Family Residence District; and, for Proposed Parcel 2: pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.38.030 to allow one (1) parcel less than forty (40) acres (approximately 8 acres); and, a variance of Section 17.50.060(A) to allow the parking to remain unpaved (rock) instead of the required bituminous seal coat. Also in attendance to hear the testimony will be the members of the Zoning & Land Use Committee of the Sangamon County Board. Dated this 21st day of May, 2026
Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals
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Parcel Identification Number: 24-12.0-400-014

Petitioner requests for Proposed Parcels 1 and 2: pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.38.030 to allow one (1) parcel less than forty (40) acres (approximately 34.497 acres); and, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width. Also in attendance to hear the testimony will be the members of the Zoning & Land Use Committee of the Sangamon County Board. Dated this 21st day of May, 2026
Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals
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LEGAL NOTICE

Request for Proposals
The Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority request proposals for Auditing Services at the BOS Center. Complete information, including specifications may be obtained in person or via email info@theboscenter.com. Proposals will be accepted no later than 4PM on June 12, 2026.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Land Subdivision Committee of the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the following subdivision at 1:30 PM in the Carnegie Room North of the Lincoln Library, Thursday, June 4, 2026: Gateway - Location and Sketch Map and Variances Sec 153.157(l), 153.157(n), and 153.158(b)(2) - Pt. of the SW ¼ of Sec. 27, T15N, R5W - 9.1 acres located on South 6th Street Frontage Road East, north of

Toronto Road.

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 IN THE MATTER OF Legend Edwards
 No. 2026-GR-99
 To: Tonessa Edwards and unknown fathers at addresses unknown. Please be notified that Ronda Jones has filed a Petition for Guardianship of Legend Edwards, minor child. You are required to answer said Petition By June 29, 2026 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

To enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent a private auction will be held on
 Saturday June 27, 2026, at 9:00a.m.
 Northend Storage is located at 1907 North Grand East, Springfield, IL. 62702
 This is a private auction. In order to attend you must call 217-544-4521 a week prior to the auction date.
 Please leave your name, telephone number and an email address.
 Cash is the only form of payment accepted for the auction.
 Any individual wanting to retain their unit will need to pay their entire balance on or before Wednesday June 24, 2026.
 No personal checks will be accepted for storage units that are in lien.
 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION
 Toni Hunt Unit #8-2
 Sondra Owens Unit #1-18
 Charles Jones Unit #1-41
 Isadore Bacon Unit #2-32
 Terrell Griggs Unit #3-18
 Tiso Watts Unit #4-28
 Jane Richard Unit #7-27
 Shalik Rhynes Unit #9-34
 Lakaisa Tucker Unit #10-41
 Shawn Tomlin Unit #H-25
 Shawn Spencer Unit #I-7
 Shawn Spencer Unit #I-9

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT
 Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of May, 2026, a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that:
 William Shaffer intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit:
 William Shaffer Attorney
 and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principle place of said business is located at: 1039 Wabash Ave LL#10, Springfield IL 62704

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

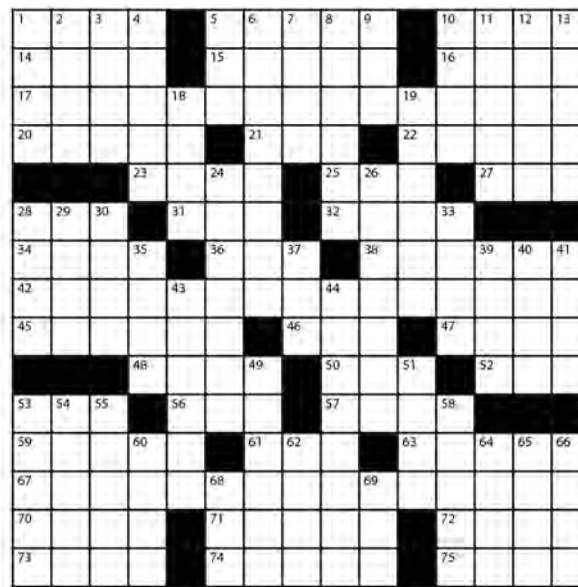
on or before the 29th day of June, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE PETITION.
 Date May 07 2026
 Joseph B. Roesch
 Clerk of the Court
 Scott A. Sabin (6209921)
 FRAZIER & SABIN, L-LP
 1 West Old State Capitol Plaza, Ste 800
 Springfield, IL 62701
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 Fax: (217)7534642
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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 of 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 Courthouse 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

Juvenile Division
 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: Derri 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

It can be thrown Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 947

- Across**
 1. Chemical endings
 5. Lug
 10. Soccer icon Mia
 14. The "C" in U.P.C.
 15. Shades of blue
 16. Jai
 17. *** Benefit of a steady job
 20. _____ hammer on (pound)
 21. AOL, e.g.
 22. Sandwich order
 23. Parking place
 25. Walmart's Walton
 27. CIA forerunner
 28. Invoice fig.
 31. Kind of fingerprint
 32. Annual athletic award
 34. Swabs
 36. Freudian topic
 38. Piled up
 42. *** Store something away, in a way
 45. Boxing combo
 46. Resistance unit
 47. Bingo relative
 48. Gather on a surface
 50. Sales pro
 52. "Gee whiz!"
 53. Meadow
 56. Mauna _____ (Hawaiian volcano)
 57. Cut, maybe
 59. "Well, ___!"
 61. Casual attire
 63. Rhino relative
 67. *** "Bye Bye Birdie" song



70. "Am _____ early?"
 71. Electrical pioneer Nikola
 72. Disaster
 73. Work station
 74. Emulates raptors
 75. Cravings
- Down**
 1. Brown shade
 2. Some votes
 3. Barely beat
 4. Children's doctor?
 5. Amtrak stop: Abbr.
 6. Birthright
 7. Pool exercise
 8. Pass, as time
 9. Freud subj.
 10. Chemistry
 11. Recent Olds
12. Big Parade organizer
 13. Karaoke equipment
 18. "Dragnet" org.
 19. Drive
 24. "Encore!"
 26. Red-faced
 28. Bullets, e.g.
 29. Complain
 30. Toll rd.
 33. A-Rod, for one
 35. Tennis units
 37. Lennon's lady
 39. Ode or haiku
 40. It's active in Sicily
 41. "The Cosby Show" actor
 43. Gotten up
44. Like some facial tissue
 49. One in a pool
 51. Feel sorry for
 53. Fat compound
 54. Remove by dissolving
 55. Choir voices
 58. It may be pulled
 60. Word that can follow the last word of the starred clues
 62. Lighten
 64. Not too bright
 65. Computer image
 66. Gym set
 68. Muscle contraction chem.
 69. Faux _____

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #946

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

Sudoku answers from #946

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

JoshJosh answers from #946

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 947

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

1-	54x	8+			3-
			2÷		
2-	12+	2-		17+	180x
3÷	24x			30x	

Difficulty hard

Sudoku No. 947

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

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

Difficulty hard



HALF-WAY *to* HALLOWEEN *Night!*

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