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Downtown dilemma in Taylorville

Businesses push back on city's plan for improvements, cite potential disruptions

DEVELOPMENT | Dean Olsen

The Taylorville City Council is pushing forward with a planned \$5 million renovation project downtown despite organized opposition and fears that disruptions caused by the work could decimate many businesses on the square.

The project is scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 2027. It is to be funded with a \$3 million state grant first awarded in 2022 and from additional sales taxes collected in a business development district.

Even though a group calling itself the Taylorville Coalition for Responsible Revitalization says almost all owners of the affected properties want the project drastically changed to minimize the potential negative impact, the mayor and council remain behind the outline and so far have shown unanimous support.

"I am very shocked and surprised at the pushback," Mayor Bruce Barry told *Illinois Times*.

Barry, 68, is in his third four-year term leading Taylorville, a city of 10,500 people that serves as the Christian County seat.

"The last thing we want to do is negatively affect the businesses, but I think they need to give us a chance," he said.

Downtown business owner Cindy Frisina, president of Heartland Development Partners Inc., said there's frustration in the local business community with the City Council's lack of openness about its plans, unwillingness to consider alternatives and lack of justification for the extent of economic damage the project would cause.

She said downtown business owners formed the coalition, made up of more than a dozen participants, after securing support from 69 building and business owner signatures on a petition.

As currently designed, the project could "destroy a downtown economy" and potentially endanger dozens of jobs, she said.

"There has been no consideration so far for the irreversible financial harm to businesses as a result of this project undertaken with no business consideration or collaboration," Frisina said. "Nor does there seem to even be consideration about the negative impact to city and state tax revenue, license fees, property values and property taxes."

A critique of the project by Frisina's company, which owns six buildings and three businesses on and around the square affected by the project, says downtown Taylorville's economy is "materially different" from the one that existed when Taylorville applied for the



From left, Gary Spurling, Tony Roth and Gary Spurling's wife, Brenda Spurling, shown here on the Taylorville square in front of Legendary Small Town Trading Co., are members of the Taylorville Coalition for Responsible Revitalization, which is opposing the current scope of a \$5 million downtown renovation project in the Christian County seat. CREDIT: PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

grant in 2021.

Many new businesses that have opened since then, including Legendary Small Town Trading Co., depend on discretionary spending by customers who would be discouraged from coming to the square by the construction work, Heartland Development Partners' report said.

There could be a 10% to 30% decline in city sales taxes during the 18-month construction period envisioned by the city for the project, or between \$7 million and \$21 million less in business activity and a loss of \$194,000 to \$582,000 in city sales taxes, according to coalition businesses.

A longer construction period, which business owners fear is possible, would only increase the losses and make further operations impossible for some businesses, the report said.

Tony Roth, 62, general manager of Legendary, which has 12 employees and operates as a restaurant, lounge and entertainment venue, said Legendary is "profitable with very little room to survive a 30% to 50% drop in consumer traffic" as it grows its customer base.

"It probably won't survive 18 months or more of disruptions from the project," he said.

Barry, who runs a city government with an annual budget of about \$12 million, disputed the report's forecasts and naysayers' comments. "My goal is for everyone to thrive and prosper after this," he said.

Frisina said members of the coalition met

several weeks ago with officials from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to call for more "collaboration" with the city "and a course correction."

DCEO spokesperson Eliza Glezer said: "DCEO remains committed to transparency, accountability and responsible stewardship of public funds. While community concerns are important, they fall within the jurisdiction of the city of Taylorville's local governance and project-management responsibilities."

To ease concerns, Barry recently formed an 11-member committee of citizens to serve on an advisory committee for the project.

The mayor said he doesn't expect to see any major changes in the proposed work but believes the committee, whose members include Frisina and other building owners, including Gary Spurling and The Lock-Up Gym owner John Mollet, will help improve communication with the public and promote trust.

The project's most controversial aspects include the replacement of "paver" sidewalks composed of different colors of brown brick that resemble puzzle pieces on the square surrounding the Christian County Courthouse. The sidewalks cost about \$470,000 at the time, and half of the cost was covered by businesses on the square.

City officials say the sidewalks have become uneven over time, creating difficulties for pedestrians and accessibility issues connected with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

Many downtown business owners say the sidewalks are quaint and a draw for customers. They may require spot repairs but not a wholesale replacement with plain concrete sidewalks, coalition members say.

Critics of the project say the sidewalk replacement, coupled with the replacement of all water lines from businesses on the square to water mains on the street, is unnecessary. They say there's been no study to justify the extent of work proposed and investigate other options. State officials didn't require studies for the grant.

The coalition noted that findings from the city's fiscal 2024 and 2025 audits cited weaknesses and deficiencies in the city's ability to administer grants and keep track of finances, which increase the likelihood of future waste and abuse going undetected.

Barry said the audit findings are being addressed. And as for the water line issue, he said there's been some leakage already from the 80-year-old lines on the square that had to be repaired.

He said a Jacksonville-based firm, Benton & Associates, which Taylorville uses exclusively for engineering advice, believes it would be most efficient to replace the water lines in their entirety. The same goes for the sidewalks, Barry said.

Critics have suggested Benton & Associates have a financial incentive to propose the most expansive renovations available. But Reginald Benton, chairperson of Benton's board, said the firm has negotiated with the city a set fee for the work and not a percentage.

Mollet, 53, the gym owner, said the project "is going to be a disaster" for his 20,000-square-foot gym, which he said he operates "on a shoestring budget."

Marilyn Spillman, a coalition member and owner of Emporium on Main Street, which sells antiques and collectibles, said her shop "can't afford to be shut down" by construction. She said city officials "ignore us."

City Council member Jim Olive, whose Ward 1 covers three sides of the square, said the criticisms are "a little bit blown out of proportion. There's a small group of people making a lot of noise. Some store owners are for it."

Roth said, however, "The coalition would argue that 69 of 71 identified building and property owners have signed in protest." □

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NEWS

Local surgeon inspires new law

McClure says prescription accessibility law will help solve real-world problems

STATE | Dilpreet Raju

A Chatham native decided to be the change he wanted to see in the world when he reached out to his state representatives in an attempt to better healthcare in Illinois. One year later, Dr. Brandt Whitehurst's conversation with state Sen. Steve McClure, R-Springfield, has brought about a new law allowing easier transfer of prescriptions – Whitehurst described the idea as “common sense.”

With a few exceptions, Senate Bill 3213 requires that pharmacies transfer sub-Schedule I drugs to another pharmacy once the bill-turned-law goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2027.

“Upon a patient's request, a pharmacy must transfer the prescription to another pharmacy, including Schedule II controlled substances, if the prescription has been received but not yet filled,” the bill reads, “and a licensed pharmacy technician may perform the transfer if delegated by a pharmacist.”

Whitehurst, a surgeon at SIU Medicine, said Illinois's past decision to require providers to prescribe medication electronically led to some unintended consequences.

“The state passed an electronic prescribing law several years ago... what we've seen in practice with this is a lot of inconvenience that adds stress to the patients and to the practitioners,” Whitehurst said. “In the old days, you would go with your paper script (and) if they didn't have it, the script was in your hand, you just went wherever. The patient didn't have to try to track down the doctor.”

In addition to the routine hurdles a patient might face when in need of a prescription after hours, prescribing laws were crafted, in part, to reduce the chances of doctors overprescribing medication – something prompted by the onset of the U.S. opioid epidemic. Ultimately, that became more work for nurses and other medical personnel, Whitehurst said.

“Illinois (state law does) not allow trainees who are on temporary medical licenses to have prescribing power and get a (Drug Enforcement Agency) number for the state, so they can't prescribe, even though federally they could,” he said, “Many nurses have to make calls, get medication sent and have to track me down – and if I'm operating but we need this script to send



State Sen. Steve McClure, R-Springfield, speaks on the Senate floor on Oct. 30.

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the patient home, the patient's waiting two hours to leave the hospital, and that's not good for the hospital.”

He applauded the latest law, which attempts to rectify some of those challenges created by the state's electronic prescribing laws. “This seems to be common sense stuff,” Whitehurst said.

The legislature agreed. Senate Bill 3213 was unanimously approved by the House and Senate, after committees in each chamber signed off without opposition.

Last year, Whitehurst tried contacting his elected representatives but said McClure was the only one who responded to his inquiries.

“I sent an email to several of my elected officials and requested meetings. He's the only one who even responded to me, and I was impressed with him because he actually took the time to meet with me face-to-face and gave me 30 minutes of time,” he said. “Regardless of your politics or your party, our elected officials – that's what they're supposed to be doing.”

“Then lo and behold, a year later his office is like, ‘By the way, he put this bill on the floor and then later it got passed,’ so they even kept up with the progress,” Whitehurst said.

McClure, who went from being senator of District 50 to District 54 after the 2021 state redistricting, told *Illinois Times* his

office gets calls every day from constituents and other Illinoisans. District 54 sprawls across parts of 10 different counties.

“Really anybody that calls us, if they're a constituent and they want to meet with me, we always schedule a meeting,” McClure said, crediting staff members with their attentiveness toward communication. “I have to give credit to my great staff to follow up with emails, to help me with research, to answer the phones and to get back to people and to be open in three offices, five days a week” in Effingham, Litchfield and Springfield.

“Constituent services have to be the No. 1 priority for any elected official,” he said. “This most recent session I got four bills passed; all four of those bills were ideas from constituents.”

The other bills focused on increasing local oversight of cemeteries, modifying service credit payments for teachers at private schools, and loosening the requirements for people with permanent disabilities to renew handicap parking placards. All received bipartisan support in both Statehouse chambers.

“The most powerful thing that a senator can do if they're presenting a bill or trying to get a bill passed is to demonstrate with a real-world example – and that's what these bills are doing, they are trying to solve real-world problems,” he said. □

Breathing life back into Lincoln

Philanthropist buys former college campus to offer space for business startups and nonprofits

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | Dean Olsen

The desire of a Peoria businessman and his wife to live out their Christian faith by helping a central Illinois community in need led to their recent purchase of the shuttered Lincoln College campus for a job-creating lease program.

“We want life back on that campus,” John Wieland told *Illinois Times* in describing the \$1 lease program for nonprofits and for-profit businesses that will offer space on the more than 50-acre campus in the heart of Lincoln.

John Wieland, 68, the owner and chief executive officer of Peoria-based MH Equipment, which sells and rents materials handling equipment and operates at 40 locations in 12 states, said he and his wife, Julie, 67, bought the campus for \$2.6 million for the program.

He said their decision followed an ultimately unsuccessful effort by officials associated with the 157-year-old nonprofit private college to attract another higher education institution to occupy the space. If that scenario had worked out, John Wieland said he and his wife still would have bought the land, which includes about 25 buildings covering a total of 426,000 square feet, and then donated the campus to the new occupant.

Neither John Wieland, who earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Western Illinois University in 1980, nor his wife has any direct connection to Lincoln College. The couple live in rural Peoria County near Kickapoo.

John Wieland said he did commute to Lincoln every day when he worked as the chief financial officer for Lincoln Office in the year before the company moved its headquarters to Peoria in 1990.

Wieland, who grew up in Jerseyville, said he began thinking about ways of helping Lincoln College when talking with some central Illinois friends after the 630-student college closed in 2022.

The shuttering of the predominantly Black institution in a predominantly white community was blamed on financial turmoil connected with the COVID-19 pandemic and a ransomware attack in December 2021.

Hard times in Lincoln – and the loss of hundreds of jobs – also included the 2024 closure of 79-year-old Lincoln Christian University, the 2019 closure of the Ardagh



The Johnston Center for Performing Arts, with 18,200 square feet and built in 1970, is among the first five buildings at Lincoln College in Lincoln that will be considered for space to be leased for \$1 per year to nonprofits and for-profit businesses. Credit: Lincoln Economic Advancement & Development.

Group's glass container production plant and the 2002 closure of Lincoln Developmental Center.

Those losses in Lincoln, a city of 13,000 people and the Logan County seat, don't include the expected exit in the next five years of Logan Correctional Center, an all-women prison employing 400 people that the state plans to rebuild in one of Chicago's south suburbs.

John Wieland said he and his wife, both members of Grace Presbyterian Church in Peoria, wanted to use their finances the way their faith leads them to help others. “Jesus did say it's more blessed to give than to receive,” he said.

The new campus owner's generosity “is something you dream of” in promoting economic development, according to Uriah Kilgallin, CEO of nonprofit Lincoln Economic Advancement & Development (LEAD).

“That type of benevolence is uncommon,” he said. “This is an incredible opportunity for organizations to grow in a community that has so much to offer.”

LEAD, which is similar to the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance in Springfield,

will act as administrator of the lease program, Kilgallin said.

He described the venture as a “once-in-a-lifetime opportunity” for applicants. Nonprofits seeking to expand and grow in Lincoln can lease space on the campus for \$1 per year, and for-profit businesses can apply for similar \$1 leases.

Nonprofits that meet agreed-upon “growth metrics” will have the option to eventually acquire property at no cost, while for-profit businesses, in similar fashion, will be able to purchase property at rates expected to be \$40 to \$50 per square foot.

Proposals for space in five of the buildings will be considered first, with the application deadline for the first round set for Oct. 30. Space in more buildings will be available in future rounds.

Kilgallin said he hopes employers can begin moving into the campus sometime in 2027.

“We've received quite a bit of interest,” he told *Illinois Times* on Sept. 17, a few days after the program was announced.

Interested organizations can review the application and supporting materials at leadlincoln.com. A walkthrough of the

buildings with space available in the first round of applications will take place at 1 p.m. Sept. 29 on campus at 300 Keokuk St., Lincoln.

Kilgallin said the application process is designed to ensure that organizations wanting some of the low-cost space will bring “new to Lincoln” jobs and are not just trying to reduce their overhead expenses.

“We're excited to help connect the right organizations with this opportunity and just as excited to introduce them to everything that makes Lincoln such a special place to grow,” he said.

Kilgallin said the campus property is zoned residential, which means rezoning likely will be needed before employers can move in. But he said city officials have indicated they are willing to consider rezoning proposals so the program can succeed.

Lincoln resident Patrick Doolin, chairperson of the Lincoln College Board of Trustees, said the \$2.6 million paid by the Wielands will help pay off the college's debts and other expenses. What remains of the college's assets eventually will be donated for charitable causes after final disposition of assets is approved by a Logan County Circuit Court judge and the Illinois Attorney General's Office, he said.

John Wieland said he and his wife hope to sell off or transfer ownership of all of the campus in the next five years. “This is definitely not a harebrained idea to make money,” he said.

Weiland said the couple came up with the name for the limited liability corporation that purchased the campus to signify their long-term goal. The LLC is EZ 37:4-5, which refers to a section in the Old Testament book of Ezekiel. In the passage, God commands Ezekiel, a prophet, to command a valley of dry bones to hear the word of the Lord and come back to life.

“We want to breathe life into those dead bones,” Wieland said. “We'd like jobs, and we'd like good jobs, to come to Lincoln. All me and my wife want to see when we go by there is to see a whole bunch of cars there all over the place.” □

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The Outlet Academy launches to work with expelled students

Replaces the NAACP's longtime Back to School/Stay in School program

EDUCATION | Maria Gardner Lara

A program that allows expelled students to continue their education is now being hosted by The Outlet after many years of being offered by the NAACP.

This is the inaugural school year for The Outlet Academy, replacing NAACP's Back-to-School/Stay-in-School Academy. There are 22 students, who are not eligible to attend a Springfield District 186 alternative school, enrolled in the community program. It operates under the umbrella of The Outlet, a nonprofit and mentoring program for boys and young men started in 2005 by Michael Phelon.

Four weeks in and 17-year-old Camreyal said she appreciates her surroundings and the time to reflect her thoughts by putting pen to paper. The program is housed on The Outlet's campus at 3306 S. Sixth St., which is surrounded by 14 acres in the former retirement and nursing home run by the Sisters of St. Francis of the Immaculate Conception.

"It's a fun place to write at," she said, of the space called the The Outlet Pen.

The Outlet purchased the building in 2022 and renovations were completed nearly two months ago. Inside, it's been transformed to serve youth with spaces dedicated for music, design work and games. One room has a set of hand power tools for young people to learn about basic construction and repair skills.

NAACP Springfield Chapter President Austin Randolph said because of the resources available at The Outlet, the organization decided to "transition" its community program, Back to School/ Stay in School, to Phelon's organization. NAACP ran the program for more than 25 years, Randolph said.

He and Phelon announced the handoff during Springfield District 186 School Board's June meeting.

"We believe this is the right time and the right partner for the future of this program," Randolph said. However, he pledged the NAACP will remain engaged with the district.

"We will continue our work with the consent decree, and we'll monitor, advocate and collaborate with the district on ways to increase the number of minority teachers and administrators," he said.

District 186 Superintendent Dr. Terrance Jordan told *Illinois Times* the transition from the NAACP to The Outlet was "just a natural progression, because (Phelon) already had all



Monica Walls-Butler is The Outlet Academy's program director and a 22-year veteran of District 186 as a family and community engagement liaison.

the things that the NAACP felt they needed to improve the program."

Jordan said a community-led program for expelled students is unusual.

"Typically when a student is expelled, we're not obligated to provide somewhere for them to go," he said. "But we don't want our kids out in the streets."

"We think it's a great return on investment for us to make sure that even though we can't have those students in our schools, they have somewhere they can go and continue to learn and be successful," Jordan said.

Marshawn, 17, said he feels the staff at the Academy cares more about the students than the teachers at his former school.

"They feed into us more," he said. "They also feed us with a lot of good life skills and not just throwing a book at us."

The students attending the community program have chosen to carry on with their education despite being expelled. The alternative would be dropping out and adding to the district's dropout rate of 6.1%, compared to the state's 2.4% rate.

Marshawn said he owes his motivation for sticking to school to his "OG," his mom.

"My mom is really just the center of my life, for real," he said. "She really pushed me to go to school."

Erick, 17, said he, too, counts on the support of his mom and family for motivation, but also said he taps into an inner drive and what he owes to himself.

"I see something in myself," he said. "I know I can be something greater than my surroundings."

Phelon said he's afforded flexibility by being a community program that can approach education in a different way.

While traditional support services at a mainstream school may be siloed, "We're trying to merge all those pieces together, where wellness and mental health is just like a regular part of your day," he said. "Where you don't even know that you are receiving help or you are getting those skills that you need to grow and develop."

Phelon said that happens when the students are greeted in the morning and asked how they are doing later in the afternoon, interactions

that are possible because of the program's small enrollment. He said educators in the district may not be afforded the time with students due to larger class sizes.

The Academy follows district mandates such as giving out grades and midterms and reporting scores to the head office. It teaches the core classes, "but we can do it in a more creative way, and we can do it in a way where we can meet the kids where they're at," Phelon said.

For instance, students may receive more time to take a test or receive more one-on-one learning from a teacher or support staff to grasp new material.

Phelon said one of the focuses of the Academy is preparing students to choose a career path. So far, the groups has had a field trip to learn about different career options in the trades. He said the staff also puts emphasis on helping the students lean on their strengths and not a "deficit mindset."

"Let's build you up and not tear you down," Phelon said.

Monica Walls-Butler is the Academy's program director and a 22-year veteran of District 186 as a family and community engagement liaison.

Walls-Butler said the Academy has had a steady attendance record with one or two students absent a day. She reminds students that whatever issue they are facing, the important thing is to show up to school.

"And once you're here, we'll deal with them," she said.

Walls-Butler said the staff gives the space for students to process what they are feeling, but also help them identify what they need and advocate for themselves.

"They're starting to learn that," she said. "They'll come and say, 'Hey, I'm feeling this way,' or 'I need this today,' and we can help them with that."

District 186 helps fund the program. The Outlet hires its own staff, including a clinical director, develops programming and provides the space. The Academy prepares students to either return to their home school or complete their education and graduate through the Academy.

The program is one of six The Outlet hosts in the building, which also includes an after-school youth development program and a violence prevention program. □

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NEWS

County Board defends data center approval in court

Lawyers seek to dismiss lawsuit filed by nearby residents

DATA CENTERS | Dilpreet Raju

The Sangamon County Board defended its April zoning approval of the county's first hyperscale data center in court on Sept. 11, as Circuit Judge Adam Giganti set the stage for an Oct. 9 hearing about a motion to dismiss.

Several Waverly residents who live approximately a mile or less from the site filed a lawsuit July 6 against Sangamon County and the County Board, seeking to overturn the county's April 7 approval of the project. The Sangamon County Board approved a conditional permitted use for a data center to be constructed on 280 acres of farmland by a vote of 17-10, with one board member abstaining.

Chloe Russell, a Plainfield lawyer, filed the case on behalf of members of the Caruthers family, who have farmed land in southwest Sangamon County for close to two centuries, and Cathy Bettis, owner of Joette Kennel. The initial filings claim the county's approved resolution from April 7 is misdated as March 23, the prior month's meeting, when the proposal was actually tabled after hours of public comment. It also claims allowing a data center on agricultural land without knowing all the impacts could be detrimental to nearby farms, residences and Bettis' nearly 20-year-old dog kennel business.

Lawyers hired by the county argued the complaint filed by residents should be dismissed with prejudice.

Lawyers from Champaign law firm Webber & Thies argued the decision was sound as "the county proactively researched potential issues and engaged in a careful process prior to reaching the result that it did." The county also said the complaint's claims of "alleged oversight or procedural violation in the county's consideration of the conditional use permit... is (not) sufficient, individually or collectively, to call into question the rationality of the County Board's decision."

The filing claims the project would have little environmental impact but positively impact real estate values and provide enough tax revenue to "strongly

impact the county's general welfare."

Tax codes (Y06 and Y08) for the proposed parcels of land the project would be built on show a vast majority of property tax receipts, near 70%, would go to North Mac School District, which has schools located in Macoupin County. Sangamon County would be second in the pecking order, and could expect to see about 9% of the property tax revenue from the project.

However, no local sales tax will apply to any of the "minimum \$500 million investment," since CyrusOne secured a tax break before Gov. JB Pritzker used executive authority to pause a state program providing deals to developers.

"The proposed data center project would have minimal environmental impacts on surrounding land while generating substantial job opportunities and economic investment, as well as nearly \$100 million in tax revenue," the filing states. "Once construction is complete, the data center is expected to employ 100 permanent full-time employees on campus."

The filing also cites a 2024 decision from the state's Fourth District Appellate Court, which includes Sangamon County. That ruling found that a wind farm in Knox County would have "limited impact" on nearby areas – even though this lawsuit is about a hyperscale data center that would pull power, not generate electricity like a solar or wind farm does.

Specifically, it states CyrusOne "is taking environmentally-conscious measures to have a limited impact on the surrounding area's use and enjoyment. This evidence also contributes to a rational basis for the decision, just as did similar evidence in *Erickson (v. Knox County)*, where the zoning board found that a wind farm project would have 'limited impact to the use and enjoyment of the surrounding land.'"

Plaintiffs have until Sept. 25 to file a response, then the county will have until Oct. 2 to respond to any plaintiff filings.

Read the full article online at illinoistimes.com.

LETTERS

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POOR CONDITIONS

The open letter in the Sept. 3 *Illinois Times* concerning conditions at the Lincoln Tomb followed just two weeks after arborist Guy Sternberg called attention to the sudden death of the historic oak tree at the Vietnam Memorial site. Sternberg maintained that the tree died of poisoning at the hands of poorly supervised Illinois Department of Natural Resources maintenance personnel, an opinion shared by other arborists. While the destruction of this irreplaceable tree is only the latest example of the incompetence of IDNR management, conditions at the Lincoln Tomb go beyond incompetence and can only be explained by a general indifference to our precious historic sites by both the Pritzker administration and by our local city government.

The Lincoln Tomb site is arguably the most historically significant and prestigious state-owned site in Springfield, and a draw for tourists from all over the U.S. and the world. It should receive the highest possible level of maintenance. However, the grass is typically in need of mowing and the entire site is in a state of obvious decay. I have visited the site frequently over the last year and found the restrooms to be dirty, ill-smelling and with inoperable faucets at some wash basins. The paving stones on the patio in front of the Tomb have heaved, sunk or become misaligned, creating an unsightly and potentially hazardous condition. Staff, if present, were rarely, if ever, uniformed as they were in past administrations, and were difficult to distinguish from tourists.

The worst conditions were in the Tomb itself. The palladium leaf covering the ceiling of the rotunda, which was fully restored less than 20 years ago, was hanging from



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the ceiling like so many sheets of fly paper. I strongly suspect that this failure is largely due to the inability of poorly trained staff to regulate climate within the structure. At the American Legion Pilgrimage event on Lincoln's Birthday this past February the heat in the Tomb was so oppressive that a number of participants felt ill and had to leave the building. The staff, not having any idea how to regulate the thermostat, merely propped open the door. The blast of cold air coming into the rotunda merely caused the furnace to work all the harder. Very similar conditions existed the following April at the Lincoln Death Day wreath laying, causing some participants to exit in the midst of the event.

People visiting this site cannot help but form lasting opinions about the state of governance of both Illinois and Springfield. I doubt that those opinions are entirely favorable. What they see is a decayed, neglected, mismanaged state historic site of

international significance located in a state capital increasingly characterized by derelict commercial buildings, trash blowing in the streets and unenforced traffic laws. It wasn't this way through most of my 80 years in Springfield and should never have been allowed to reach this embarrassingly sorry state.

*James Leinicke
Springfield*

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Deb Martin is a wonderful advocate ("Helping people to heal," Sept 3. She's a great lady, and I admire her work and passion. In honor of her son, many families are helped and supported.

*Julie DeBrun Stinnett
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes*

IT CAN BE DONE

CWLP as well as bid contractors will get the lead line removal done ("Lead-aches," Sept.

3). Our company is one assisting in removing lead and installing copper lines to services – 9,000 services divided by 10 years is 900 each year. Divide that by 260 working days each year, that equals 3.4 services each working day to achieve that goal (which doesn't include weekends).

We can do two or three a day, depending on how difficult each service is – each one varies from four to eight hours, depending on different variables. With two or three companies doing bids and each company doing two to three a day, that's six to nine each day. And there is federal grant funding to assist these lead projects.

Please have patience, as CWLP also has to attend to emergency water breaks alongside these lead replacement projects. That's why other contractors are doing them, too, not just CWLP.

*Corey Bolt
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes*

JUST THE START

We've seen that the city will replace (the water lines) up to the sidewalk – then we have to pay for the rest of it. Not a lot of people have that kind of money.

*Rob Van Meter
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes*

Mistake

My grandpa shipped my goat to market along with a group of heifers. He confessed later, "I didn't know she was a pet, I just thought she was a useless animal." To add insult to injury, my dad told me the goat brought only 47 cents! She was worth more than 47 cents to me!

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OPINION

Democrats differ in funding flap

POLITICS | Rich Miller

My associate Isabel Miller and I told subscribers earlier this month that Democrats for the Illinois House had been suddenly cut off from the Democratic Party of Illinois' lucrative postage discount program, which can save as much as a third to a half of campaign postage costs.

Afterward, an extraordinary interaction occurred between the executive director of the House Democrats' caucus campaign committee and the chair of the Democratic Party of Illinois.

Let's first break down a few of the differences in the two stories offered in separate explanatory emails sent to House Democratic members.

Democrats for the Illinois House's TaQuoya McConico sent this to House Democrats on why they decided to walk away from the state party: "The financial structure proposed for participation in the coordinated campaign called for a \$750,000 investment followed by an adjusted \$500,000 investment that demanded a payment from each individual House member – YOU. Speaker declined to commit to payment from each House member."

This unprecedented action to split from the Democratic Party of Illinois was taken less than two months before election day without Welch ever once consulting members of his House Democratic Caucus. Welch has been under fire for months for the way he has run the chamber, to the point where it's no longer a slam dunk that he'll be reelected by his members in January. Cutting out your members before taking such a large, late in the game step probably isn't helping his cause.

State Democratic Party Chair Lisa Hernandez told House Democrats hours later that the party had reduced its ask twice, finally requesting just \$400,000, which would be "the same contribution as the Senate," which has about half the number of members as the House and far fewer targeted races on the ballot. That's a pretty good deal.

But the offer was still a no-go, and for some questionable reasons. "The proposed DPI-coordinated campaign structure called for Welch to demand \$10,000 in contributions from every single House member – even in cases where members don't have a race and don't have that amount of cash on hand," McConico wrote, giving the above-mentioned total of \$500,000.

Hernandez told a much different story: "We did not demand that individual members personally write \$10,000 checks to DPI. I asked members to help raise

those funds, and I offered to make those fundraising calls myself. The \$10,000 amount reflects federal limits on Levin funds, which help fund voter registration, voter contact, and get-out-the-vote work through the Coordinated Campaign. Because those funds are limited to \$10,000 from any one source, funding an operation of this size requires support from multiple contributors. I wanted to do whatever I could to help us reach an agreement."

There's a school of thought that Welch didn't want to ask some of his members to pony up \$10K each (even with state party help) to buy them into the party's coordinated campaign when, as mentioned above, several of his members are refusing to vote to give him another term with the gavel. And the Welch people may somehow see the hand of Gov. JB Pritzker in all this because Pritzker has not explicitly defended Welch during successive scandals this summer.

Tellingly, a House Democratic official told another publication last week that Welch is also more concerned that a coordinated campaign would benefit the top of the ticket

far more than legislative candidates.

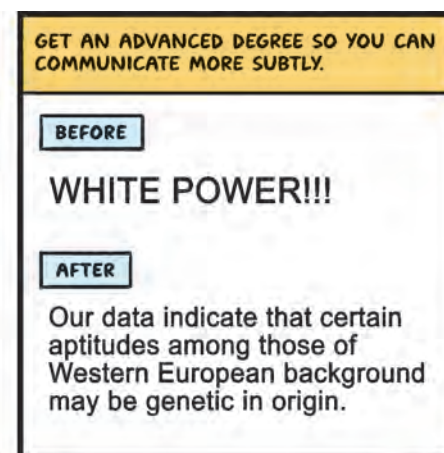
But the object of some past coordinated campaign mailers has been to use the popularity of the top of the ticket to boost legislative and down-ballot candidates.

Welch also demanded a \$2.1 million refund from the state party, which the party, in a spirit of cooperation, complied with immediately. The money hadn't yet been spent on direct mail.

Welch also demanded that the party comb through its files to see if he was owed any refund on another \$2 million already given to DPI and mostly spent on mail. So, the state party spent last week working with its campaign vendors to look for any possible Welch money when it should've been working on its fall campaign operation.

McConico said in her letter to members that it was possible that Welch would push for a special meeting of the state party to discuss the rift. But sources said Welch didn't have enough weighted vote to get the meeting called, especially with the clock ticking toward November.

This is no way to run a rodeo. □



Healthy trees enrich communities

Fall is an opportune time to develop and maintain healthy trees

GARDEN | Karen Ackerman Witter

Fall is an excellent time to assess and care for existing trees in your yard and plant new trees. Too often homeowners don't pay enough attention to the structure and health of their trees and only discover problems after a storm when trees or limbs fall to the ground (or on the house). Healthy trees with a strong structure are more resilient to storms. Proper maintenance while trees are young can help develop well-formed and structurally sound trees.

Planting trees and letting nature take its course is not the best approach for urban environments. Steve Green, a master arborist in Springfield, explains that trees achieve their best health and structure when they grow together in forests.

"Open grown trees, which is the norm in the urban landscape, do not have the advantage of neighboring trees shading out lower limbs, which most shade trees will eventually self-prune," said Green. "Consequently, responsible tree owners should assume responsibility for helping them achieve good form and structure."

Late fall or early winter after leaves have fallen is an ideal time for structural pruning because the architecture of the tree is visible. However, some species, especially oaks and elms, should only be pruned when they are dormant in order to avoid insect infestation. Live wood should not be pruned during the growing season.

Guy Sternberg is an internationally known oak expert who has operated Starhill Forest Arboretum in Petersburg for 50 years. He is the author of *Pruning Oaks: Training the Young to Achieve Grandeur*.

"Training young trees may be one of the most important, yet most neglected, procedures in growing oaks," writes Sternberg. "These trees need to be pruned correctly when they are young in order to develop into the long-lived patriarchs that are their potential."

He says careful, proper pruning (small, timely cuts) spread over time during the early years results in a superior tree.

Addressing structural development involves eliminating codominant leaders, parallel branches, whorls, water sprouts, inward-directed growth, girdling roots and damage. For biological health, it is as important to know what and when *not* to prune to avoid diminishing the tree's vital resistance to pests.

This can be challenging for non-experts. Consulting a certified arborist can be extremely worthwhile. Find a certified arborist in your area at <https://illinoisarborist.org/>.



Strong structure - dominant central leader
One dominant central leader with smaller lateral branches makes this tree structurally strong.

Weaker structure - several upright leaders
Several to many upright stems and branches makes this tree weaker than the one shown on the left.

Prevention can be the best medicine. Pruning is far cheaper than tree removal and can expand the tree's life span. Anyone who has hired tree companies to remove large trees, clean up sizable branches and address damage knows how expensive that can be. Certified arborists trained in tree health can identify issues that need addressing and evaluate potential risks.

Pay attention to changes in trees over time. By taking pictures seasonally, it's possible to track changes which may be a warning sign. Alterations to sidewalks, driveways or

landscaping can impact trees, and results may not be seen immediately. Most homeowners don't look high up into the canopy and lack a trained eye to see potential problems.

Healthy roots help whole trees thrive. Green says fall is a good time to consider organic matter supplement, biochar addition, vertical mulching and other things that benefit the area where tree roots proliferate. Apply mulch around trees leaving a two-inch gap between the mulch and the trunk. Avoid piling mulch higher onto the trunk.

Watering is also critical. The Morton

Arboretum website provides extensive guidance. Highlights include watering trees and shrubs based on soil and weather conditions, not on a specific schedule. To check the soil's moisture, insert a hand trowel into the soil and tip out an inch or two of soil. If the soil is dry, it's time to water. Deep watering is important to allow water to penetrate the soil at least five or six inches. Watering thoroughly and less frequently is better than frequent, light watering.

Watering trees around the drip line (under the ends of the branches) is the location of the roots most able to take up water effectively. Trees and shrubs, especially those newly planted, need ample water in their root systems as they prepare for winter. There is no specific cutoff date to stop watering in the fall. Watering should continue as long as the soil is not frozen, depending on weather and soil conditions.

Fall is also an excellent time to plant deciduous trees. Sternberg says trees, such as oaks, that don't root well in the fall are best planted in spring. Trees planted in the fall need at least six weeks before freezing in order to become established. Sternberg says trees should be planted at the exact recommended depth with a properly prepared soil opening that is very wide and no deeper than the trees' roots. When taking trees out of pots, straighten or prune circling roots; otherwise, the tree may girdle itself.

Buy from reputable companies, and look for any indication of damage or disease before purchasing. Avoid planting what everyone else is planting in your neighborhood. Tree diversity is critical to avoid problems in the future if one species comes under attack. Emerald ash borer destruction of vast numbers of ash trees throughout communities is an example of a problem when too many trees of one species dominate the landscape. Consider planting native species, contemplate how the tree will grow over time and avoid planting too close to structures and sidewalks. Make sure there is enough space and appropriate soil for the root system to develop.

Trees provide numerous environmental and economic benefits and enhance communities. Take time in the fall to do your part to care for trees in our urban environment. □

Karen Ackerman Witter has a background in natural resources and has consulted both Guy Sternberg and Steve Green about large and small trees in her yard.

There are numerous online resources to help guide homeowners. The Urban Tree Foundation is one <https://urbantree.org/prunehome.shtml>. The Morton Arboretum provides a wealth of information about selecting and planting trees, watering and mulching, pruning trees and more <https://mortonarb.org/plant-and-protect/chicago-region-trees-initiative/how-to-care-for-trees/>.

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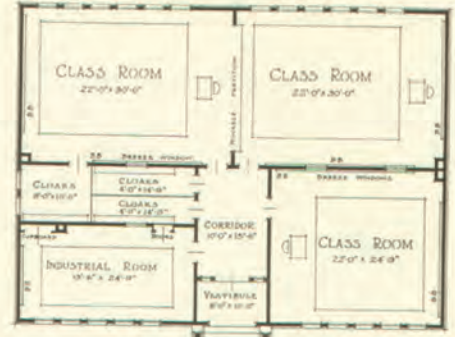
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Fall maintenance for your yard and garden

Cardboard plus mulch in the fall equals a great site for planting in the spring

GARDEN | Karen Ackerman Witter

Whether planting a vegetable garden, flower garden or pollinator garden, “site preparation is paramount,” says master gardener Susan Helm. “I can’t stress enough how important this is.”

There are thriving pollinator gardens all over Springfield, thanks to Helm and a cadre of dedicated volunteers. Examples are the Monarch Flyway native plantings at the Route 66 Experience at the Illinois State Fairgrounds and a new pollinator garden at Rotary Park. Helm and her colleagues have planted more than 30 pollinator gardens throughout the Springfield Park District and other locations. These plantings of native species beautify the community and provide important habitat for pollinators.

Helm has learned a lot over the many years she has been a master gardener and master naturalist. She has perfected a technique for site preparation in the fall using cardboard and mulch to prepare an area for planting during the following spring. This environmentally friendly and economical technique can be used for areas currently covered in grass or weeds.

The first step is to mow or use a weed whip to cut vegetation as close to the ground as possible. Do not till the soil, to avoid stirring up seeds. Collect enough cardboard to cover the area. Clean cardboard with no ink is ideal, but any cardboard can be used after removing all tape and labels. Cardboard with less dye is preferable.

Lay the pieces of cardboard on the ground, overlapping the pieces by about six inches. Secure the pieces with landscaping pins. Biodegradable landscape pins are available on Amazon. Helm says metal landscaping pins can also be used and will disintegrate in three to five years.

Helm advises watering the cardboard before applying a two-to-three-inch layer of mulch. Then let winter do its thing. The cardboard smothers everything, attracts earthworms and feeds the soil. In contrast, using black plastic as a barrier destroys the soil and is not advised.

The cardboard will degrade over a couple of months. In the spring when you are ready to plant, simply pull back the mulch to insert the plants, which is simpler than digging holes in dirt. The cardboard, which should be left in place, will likely have a mushy consistency.

The larger the sheets of cardboard, the less labor-intensive the process. Stores selling large appliances can be a resource for obtaining larger pieces of cardboard.

Helm has other tips for fall landscaping and maintenance. If you already have a well-prepared site for planting, fall can be a good time to plant. The soil is warmer in September than in May. There is a shorter time to water in the fall before the soil won’t accept more water. Plants can become established September through November before dormancy.

There are numerous benefits of leaving perennial plants in place through the winter and not cutting them back to the ground. Many pollinator insects overwinter on the ground and in stems of plants. Dried seed heads provide food for birds. If appearance is a compelling factor, avoid cutting plants all the way to the ground and leave six to eight inches standing.

Leaves also provide many benefits, and there is a national “leave the leaves” campaign. Leaf layers benefit many species of wildlife and decaying leaves are a natural fertilizer for plants and soil microbes. Use fallen leaves as a mulch for garden beds, which will help suppress weeds and return nutrients to the soil. Leaves under native trees provide prime wildlife habitat. Find a spot to make a pile of leaves to break down over winter into compost that can be used during the next growing season.

Planting native species – whether in the fall or in the spring – is highly recommended. Plants that attract insect pollinators are especially important for healthy ecosystems. Pollinator populations have been declining dramatically. Fortunately, there is increased public interest in planting native species that attract bees and butterflies, and homeowners can make a meaningful contribution in their own yard and garden. For more information about Illinois pollinators, why they are important, what to plant and more, visit <https://illinoispollinators.org/>. □

Karen Ackerman Witter has enjoyed seeing Monarch caterpillars and butterflies on her property after following advice from Susan Helm. She plans to use the sheets of cardboard from her recent kitchen remodeling project to prepare a currently weedy site for spring planting.



Above, site preparation using cardboard and mulch for a pollinator garden along the shoreline of the Washington Park lagoon. Volunteer Francy Cobern pictured. PHOTO BY SUSAN HELM

Right, Susan Helm guided the Rotary Club of Springfield Sunrise to create a pollinator garden at Rotary Park. Sunrise Rotary installed a Rotary Peace Pole at the area which is a designated Monarch Waystation on the Route 66 Monarch Flyway. Kerasotes YMCA is in the background. PHOTO BY KAREN WITTER





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An autumn glow-up for your home

HOME | Pamela Savage

With the autumn season here and winter not far behind, many of us are busily preparing our homes for time indoors due to dark evenings and cooler weather. While we may feel the urge to go all-in on a renovation, budgets and time constraints are realistic impediments to going through with an all-out redo. So why not consider a few easy home improvements that don't require an entire renovation's worth of time or money? Read on for some ways that you can achieve an autumn home "glow-up" feeling without blowing your budget or living through a tedious home project.

First of all, sit down with a pen and paper and think about the areas in your home. Which areas bother you? What rooms or underused spaces would you like to spend more time in during the cooler months ahead? Chances are you can easily identify the spaces in your home that could use some TLC, and this could be the best time of year to get to some of those places you've been meaning to tackle.

One way to find space in your own home is to simply declutter one area or room that has gotten out of hand (and we all have at least one). Rearranging your items into storage or donating them to someone who can use them not only frees up a lot of physical space, it makes your entire home (and mood) feel lighter and brighter due to the absence of clutter.

While you are decluttering, you might feel the urge to break out a vacuum to get to those dusty corners. Small deep-cleaning projects such as carpet cleaning, washing windows, washing upholstery or even cleaning scuffs on your walls with a magic eraser can make your home feel fresh and new without spending any money. And while you are at it, consider dusting off fan blades and reversing the



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direction of your ceiling fans for better energy efficiency. Setting fans to spin clockwise in the autumn and winter months gently pushes warm air down without causing a draft.

Next up, think about swapping out your artwork for a more autumnal theme. To keep this inexpensive, move around pieces you already own, put frames around kids' art, or check out consignment shops or yard sales for new pieces that have an autumnal mood. When you have finished rearranging or reorganizing your art, consider your decor as well. Easy additions such as throw pillows or blankets in a new hue or fabric, like flannel, velvet or corduroy, can give you the cozy vibe you are looking for with a price tag that is much less than a renovation.

Though it requires a little bit more work and measurement, rearranging furniture can be another way to make your home feel refreshed this fall. Try floating a big piece of furniture by moving it off of a wall, angling a chair or setting up a reading nook with a lamp and a bookshelf.

A great, inexpensive way to access a cozy autumnal feeling is to change your lighting. Rather than relying on harsher overhead lighting, think about using lamps with warm-toned bulbs to give you the autumnal refresh that you may be craving in the days ahead. And don't forget seasonal or decorative light choices such as string lights or candles.

Lastly, autumn is a great time of year to decorate with nature. Fill trays or bowls with

apples, pears, pine cones, pomegranates, or small pumpkins or squashes in order to achieve a look that is both seasonal and functional. You can also add small pine cones or acorns to candle jars to get a natural look, or you could clip eucalyptus or other greenery or branches from outdoors to bring inside for a fresh look.

Whatever you decide, there are many ways to simply revamp your home in a short amount of time (and without spending money). Enjoy your living space this autumn, and be sure to appreciate the moments with friends and family at home. □

Pamela Savage is a freelance writer in Springfield who loves autumn.



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Fall Home & Garden Calendar

EVENTS | Daron Walker

Illinois Product Farmers Fall Market

Sat., Oct. 10, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Features Illinois meats, produce, baked goods and wine. Includes children's events and live music. illinoisproductsfarmersmarket.com. State Fairgrounds, The Shed, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-524-9129.

Old Capitol Farmers Market

Wednesdays and Saturdays. Continues through Oct. 31. Springfield's longest-running and most popular Farmers Market in downtown Springfield. Largest producer-only market in Illinois outside of Chicago. Old Capitol Farmers Market, Fourth and Adams streets, market@downtownspringfield.org.

Prairie Hikes

Last Wednesday of every month, 9-10:30 a.m. Continues through Oct. 28. Jamie Arntzen, Illinois Audubon Society director of land stewardship, will share her expertise about the plants and species communities during guided monthly walks along the trails of the AWS prairie as it transitions throughout the seasons. See something new every month in this evolving, dynamic landscape. Free. Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 2315 E. Clear Lake Ave., 217-899-6150.

Edwards Place Historic Home Guided Tours

Tuesdays-Saturdays, 1-2 & 2-3 p.m. Take this guided tour through the restored first and second floors. The home, interpreted to 1857, is furnished with examples of Victorian furniture including many pieces that belonged to the Edwards family. Visitors will also see the authentic "Lincoln Courting Couch" from the parlor of the Ninian Edwards home, where Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd were married and a piano that was likely played at their wedding. \$12 adults/ \$10 SAA members, military and seniors; children younger than



Elijah Iles House Tours

10 free. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Elijah Iles House Tours

Saturdays, 12-4 p.m. Continues 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. Elijah Iles House, 628 S. Seventh St., 217-494-0640.

Springfield Civic Garden Club meeting

Mon., Oct. 5, 9am. Meeting and program. Members and guests will participate in the second annual "Fabulous Floral Fun Fest" presented by co-presidents Janet Keistler and Maria Robinson. The morning will feature a light brunch, floral designing and a game. At the end of the event, the floral arrangements will be delivered to local assisted living facilities. Guests welcome. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533, S. Walnut St., 217-899-3283.

Fall Harvest Festival

Sat., Oct. 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sun.,

Oct. 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The garden's highly popular Fall Harvest Festival returns to Cawley Meadow. Event features children's activities, live music, artisan demonstrations, exhibits, food and more. lincolnmemorialgarden.org. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

Central Illinois Mobile Home Residents Alliance

Mon., Oct. 19, 6-7:30 p.m. and Mon., Nov. 30, 6-7:30 p.m. Monthly meeting. Mobile home park residents can attend to get informed about relevant issues. Meeting will include information on actions the alliance has taken and what is next such as a tenant union. Contact: 2girlsandme@msn.com. Lincoln Library, Carnegie Room, 326 S. Seventh St.

Prairie State Orchid Society Plant Sale and Talk

Sat., Nov. 7, 1-4 p.m. There will be an intermission from the sale between 2 and 3pm, during which guest speaker Dr. Lawrence Zettler will give a presentation on orchids. Zettler is the Hitchcock professor of biology at Illinois College in Jacksonville and is active in orchid conservation throughout the world. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

Garden Spa

Sat., Nov. 14, 10-11:30 a.m. Children ages 7-10 can participate in a fun, hands-on class where they'll make their own spa products using all-natural ingredients. Participants will create bath bombs, lip balms, sugar scrubs and a face mask to take home and enjoy. Visit bit.ly/SPD_Garden_Spa. Activity #361132. Residents \$25, non-residents \$30. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

Dispose of hazardous waste properly

The city of Springfield's Public Works Department, in collaboration with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, will host a voucher-only residential Household Hazardous Waste Collection event on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Chamberlain Park, 319 McCreery Ave.

Because the event is being held in partnership with the IEPA, it is open to all Illinois residents. Residents must obtain a voucher from the city of Springfield's Public Works Department prior to participating. Vouchers will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

Residents must have their voucher available either in print or on a mobile device when arriving at the collection site. Participants must be Illinois residents, and the program is limited to residential households. Businesses and organizations are not eligible to participate.

Residents are encouraged to reserve their spot as soon as possible, as vouchers are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Vouchers can be reserved through the Public Works website at springfield.il.us/Departments/PublicWorks.

On the day of the event, residents should arrive only during their predetermined collection time.

Participants should enter from Adams Street and follow posted signs and directions from traffic wardens to the parking lot. Vehicles will exit onto McCreery Avenue. Residents will not be permitted to drop off materials without a valid voucher.

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Glorious gratins

Gratins transform odds and ends from the refrigerator into an elegant meal

FOOD | Ashley Meyer



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A gratin, according to the late chef Julia Child, is simply a preparation in which the top of a sauced dish is browned, usually under a hot broiler. In the first volume of her iconic cookbook, *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, she describes a gratin as having “a sprinkling of breadcrumbs and grated cheese, and dots of butter, help to form a light brown crust, or gratin, over the sauce.” Undoubtedly one of the ancestors to our hearty, midwestern casseroles, these gratins rely on simple yet flavorful ingredients rather than processed canned soup. Perfect for sweater weather, gratins are also an ideal back-pocket technique to turn to in tricky economic times, elegantly transforming odds and ends from the refrigerator into a satisfying and elegant meal.

Generally, meats and vegetables should be cooked first before being doused in sauce, which can either be anything from super simple combinations of butter and wine or eggs and cream or slightly more involved sauces such as béchamel, made from milk thickened with roux and egg yolks. Delicate proteins like shrimp and scallops are often handled more delicately and do not require prior cooking.

Ham and cauliflower gratin

This is an ideal recipe for using up whatever is

on hand (it also happens to be very low carb for anyone who’s counting). Any number of roasted veggies like broccoli, mushrooms, carrots, squash and peppers work beautifully in addition to or in lieu of the cauliflower, even if they’re looking a little tired in the fridge. Serve it with a crisp salad and crusty bread.

Ingredients:

- 1 medium head cauliflower, about 2 pounds
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Salt and Black Pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, minced, or ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- 3 eggs
- 1 ½ cups cream
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- A pinch of cayenne, to taste
- 8 thin slices of ham (you can also use 1 ½ cups leftover cooked chicken or canned salmon/tuna)
- ¼ cup green onions
- ½ cup grated Swiss-type cheese, such as Gruyère
- Freshly grated nutmeg
- 1 tablespoon butter, plus more for buttering the dish

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Cut the cauliflower into florets and slice the stems into

½-inch thick pieces. Toss the cauliflower with the olive oil and a sprinkle of salt and pepper, then arrange the cauliflower on a baking sheet in a single layer and transfer to the preheated oven. Bake until just tender, about 10 minutes, then remove from the oven and set aside.

While the cauliflower is roasting, butter a three-quart glass baking dish. In a small mixing bowl, combine the minced garlic, eggs, cream, salt, pepper and cayenne and whisk well to combine.

When the cauliflower is done roasting, remove it from the oven and transfer it to the buttered baking dish. Reduce the oven temperature to 375 degrees.

Tuck the sliced ham in around the cauliflower, then sprinkle with the green onions. Pour the egg and cream mixture over the ham and cauliflower and sprinkle with the grated cheese. Top with a light dusting of nutmeg and dot the butter over the top. Bake for 30-40 minutes until well browned and bubbly. Let it rest for 10 minutes before serving.

Seafood gratin

Ingredients:

- 1 pound peeled and deveined shrimp or scallops, or a combination

- Salt, black pepper and cayenne, to taste
- 1 stick softened butter
- 1 tablespoon minced shallot or green onion
- 4 tablespoons minced parsley
- 3 cloves minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest, optional
- 5 tablespoons white wine, divided
- ¾ cup fresh breadcrumbs
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Butter a shallow baking dish and arrange the shrimp attractively in the dish. Combine the butter, shallot or green onion, parsley, minced garlic, lemon zest if using and one tablespoon of the wine in a small mixing bowl. Mix well to combine and season to taste with salt and pepper and cayenne.

Spread the butter mixture over the shrimp in the baking dish. Add the breadcrumbs to the now-empty mixing bowl and drizzle in the olive oil along with a sprinkle of salt and pepper. Drizzle the remaining four tablespoons of wine over the shrimp then top with the breadcrumb mixture. Place in the baking dish in the preheated oven and bake for 10-15 minutes, until the shrimp is cooked through and the breadcrumbs are golden.

Tomato and white bean gratin

A traditional accompaniment to roast lamb or chicken, this hearty gratin also makes an excellent vegetarian main dish.

Ingredients:

- 1 28 ounce can whole peeled tomatoes
- 2 cans cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
- 3-4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh rosemary
- A pinch of red chili flakes, to taste
- ¾ cup grated Parmesan, divided
- ¼ cup dry bread crumbs
- ¼ cup olive oil, divided
- Chopped parsley, to serve

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Lightly coat the inside of a baking dish with olive oil. Add the tomatoes to the baking dish and use your hands to crush the tomatoes. Add the drained and rinsed beans, minced garlic, rosemary, chili flakes to taste, ½ cup of the Parmesan and 3 tablespoons of the olive oil. Mix lightly to combine and season to taste with salt and pepper. In a small bowl, combine the remaining olive oil, Parmesan and breadcrumbs. Spread this over the bean mixture, then place the baking dish in the oven. Bake for 30 minutes until the beans are bubbly and the top is golden brown. □

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MUSIC



Mississippi Leghound plays Sky Lounge this Friday night.

September music ending

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

As our September comes to a close for weekend doings, fall is in the air and October rises to say howdy very soon. Shall we sneak a peek at this week to see what music we should seek? Okey dokey, if you say so.

Understandably, one of my least favorite tasks in writing *Now Playing* is relating the passing of members in our music community. Recently we lost two stalwarts of the scene, John Crisp and Sam Crain. John was a musician, keyboardist, band leader, visual artist, community organizer and many other things to many people. He played with folks like Ike and Tina Turner and Albert King back in the day and hosted lots of jams at Robbies and other spots around town. Plus, he founded and ran the Garvey Tubman Cultural Arts and Research Center and his life and oral history are archived with the Springfield African-American History Foundation. John will long be remembered for all he did in teaching, inspiring, encouraging and lifting up folks. His memorial tribute happens at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25 at Ruby Funeral Home (1520 E. Washington St.). Sam was a jazz guitarist and composer who played with about everyone in town and released many works of original compositions during his 60 some years of making music. Posts on the Springfield Illinois' Music History Facebook page say it all in tributes from dozens of friends and fellow musicians. I found nothing about an upcoming celebration of life, but surely there will be one where music will be made, jokes will be told and Sam will be remembered for all the good work accomplished through playing his art.

Now on to Thursdays, as we proceed to the route with a cool free show at Motorheads called Richrath Project REO featuring REO Speedwagon songs in the rocking, Gary Richrath era as a kickoff for the downtown Route 66 fest. Regular shows include the dandy duo of Robert Sampson

and Donnie Hinkle at Mother Road Diner, while Ed Clark tickles the ivories at Illinois Product Farmers Market on the State Fairgrounds.

Friday comes a-rocking with over 30 entertainment options along with the International Mother Road Route 66 Festival cruise as an added attraction with Revel in Red playing downtown after the cars have settled in. For music along the cruise route, OAT Band gets it at George Rank's when the smoke has cleared, as other spots light up with Jay Larson Band at The Bird Tavern, Mississippi Leghound at Sky Lounge, Elvis Himself at Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, Chris Camp & His Blues Ambassadors at Lime Street and Deja Voodoo at Blue Grouch for a tiny taste of the town.

Saturday continues the Route 66 car show with more music downtown at the Isringhausen Main Stage including Sugar Davis Band (2 p.m.), Red Hot Rubber Biscuit Band (4:30 p.m., appropriately renamed for right after the burnout competition), Route 66 Rockabilly Jam with Union Avenue (6 p.m.) and Rockhouse (8 p.m.), along with several local acts playing at various locations around the festival. If you want to get out of the city, Daniel Cavanagh hits it at Whiskey Ridge Saloon near Breckenridge (1-4 p.m.) and Grant Barnett slides into Curveside Bar & Grill near Athens (2-5 p.m.) as Rich Hogan rolls up at The Backyard in Taylorville (6-9 p.m.).

Hurrying on to Sunday Funday, there's a ton to do starting with Jeff Newman settling into Peases at BUNN Gourmet, Hippies of the Heartland handling Buckhart Tavern, Naughty & Nice doing Brookhills Golf Club, Red Ribbon Revue riling up It's All About Wine and The Cocktails rocking out at The Library Pizza and Sports Bar.

And, yes, please check our listings for lots more music. See you in October. □

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Thursday Sep 24

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

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

Open mic with Bob the Brewer
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 7:30-10pm

Karaoke
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm.

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

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

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

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

Richrath Project REO
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 7pm

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

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

Karaoke
The Topsy Toad, 8pm-12am

Good Times Karaoke
VFW Lafore Lock Post 755, 7-11pm

Friday Sep 25

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

Jack Daniel with David Woolridge and John David Daily
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 6-10pm

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

Joey Tenuto
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

Karaoke Night with Party Time DJ
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 8pm

Around the Bend
Curveside Bar & Grill, Athens, 7-10pm

Electric Avenue
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Karaoke with Hi-Tek Redneck Entertainment
Dockers Tavern, Spaulding, 8:30pm-12:30am.

Karaoke
Fluid Lounge, 8pm

OAT
George Rank's, 8pm

Elvis Himself
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Revel in Red
International Route 66 Mother Road Festival, 7pm

Karaoke Night
JB's Hideout, Blue Mound, 8pm-12am

Chris Camp and His Blues Ambassadors
Lime Street Cafe, -26, 7-10:30pm

The Sweet with special guest Tommy's Rocktrip
Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur, 7pm

Hat Trick
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 6-10pm

Karaoke
The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

Karaoke
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm.

Hippies of the Heartland
Oak Hills Country Club and Winery, Girard, 6-9pm

Taylor June
Patriots Pub, Waverly, 8-11pm

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

Karaoke with Toxick & Chad
Pier 55 Lounge, 8pm-12am

Sunshine Daydream
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 8-11pm

Mississippi Leghound
Sky Lounge, 7-10pm

Jay Larson Band
The Bird Tavern, 7-10pm

Deja Voodoo
The Blue Grouch, 7pm

Saturday Sep 26

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

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

Rich Hogan
The Backyard, Taylorville, 6-9pm

The Down Homies
The Bird Tavern, 7-9:30pm

Cloven Peacock
Boone's, 6-9pm

Silas Tockey
Brentford Distillers, Decatur, 7-10pm

Big Guns
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7-10pm

Joey Tenuto
Butternut Hut, 7-10pm

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

Joel Honey
Casey's Pub, 7-10pm

Grant Barnett
Curveside Bar & Grill, Athens, 2-5pm

The Greg Glick Band
Curveside Bar & Grill, Athens, 7-10pm

Slippery When Wet
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Jack Daniel
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 12-1pm

Jim Hollis
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 7-10pm

Devin C. Williams
International Route 66 Mother Road Festival, 11am-1:30pm

Afternoon Delight
International Route 66 Mother Road Festival, 11:30am-2pm

Sugar Davis Band
International Route 66 Mother Road Festival, 2-3pm

Molly Seaton
International Route 66 Mother Road Festival, 2:30-5pm

Curt Smith
International Route 66 Mother Road Festival, 3-5:30pm

Rubber Biscuit
International Route 66 Mother Road Festival, 4-5:30pm

Union Avenue
International Route 66 Mother Road Festival, 6-7:30pm

Robert Sampson
International Route 66 Mother Road Festival, 6-8:30pm

Hippies of the Heartland
International Route 66 Mother Road Festival, 6:30-9pm

Chicago's Rockhouse
International Route 66 Mother Road Festival, 8-10pm

Satellite
Kuhl Tyme Korner, Jacksonville, 7-10pm

Chris Camp and His Blues Ambassadors
Lime Street Cafe, Sep. 25-26, 7-10:30pm

Lick Creek
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 6pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Band
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 6-9pm

Rod Grant
Mowie's Cue, 8-11pm

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

The Tangents
Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 10am-12pm

Me, Myself and Schy
Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 12:30-3:30pm

Greg Bickers Band
Pop's Place, Decatur, 2-5pm

Sunbeam & Moonlight
Rocco's, Decatur, 7pm

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

Open mic
Stella Coffee & Tea, 10am-12:30pm

Daniel Cavanagh
The Bean, Mechanicsburg, 8-11pm

Stereo Typical
The Shed, Pawnee, 7-10pm

Jake & Mikayla
Warrensburg Oktoburg Fest, Warrensburg, 6-9pm

Daniel Cavanagh
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 1-4pm

Sunday Sep 27

Wolf Crick Boys with Emily Perkins
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 3-6pm

Naughty & Nice
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

Hippies of the Heartland
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Matt Combs
Curveside Bar & Grill, Athens, 2-5pm

Billy Strums
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 4-7pm

The Outlaw Opry
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

The Red Ribbon Revue
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

The Cocktails
The Library Pizza and Sports Bar, 4-7pm

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

Jeff Newman
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 12-2pm

Kilborn Alley
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Gary Williams
Rocco's, Decatur, 2-5pm

Keith Dunlap
The Shed, Pawnee, 3-6pm

Rod Grant
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 2-5pm

Monday Sep 28

Devin C. Williams
The Alamo, 7pm

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

Acoustic Open Mic hosted by Kristi White
Northern Lights Lounge, Every other Monday, 6:30-9:30pm.

Music Mondays Open Mic Night
The Bird Tavern, 6:30-9pm.

Tuesday Sep 29

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

Karaoke Night hosted by Alan Livengood
Fluid Lounge, 7pm

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

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

Karaoke hosted by Danny Suter
The Topsy Toad, 6pm-12am

Open Mic with Thomas J Beverly
Trading Post Saloon, 6-9pm

Wednesday Sep 30

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

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

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

Open Mic - Open Band Showcase
Coyote Den, Salisbury, 7-10pm

Wasted Wednesday Karaoke
Door 4 Brewing Co., Decatur, 9pm

Robert Sampson
Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6pm

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

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

JCB Entertainment Karaoke
Puerto Vallarta, 12pm

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International Route 66 Mother Road Festival
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p.m. and Sun., Sept. 27,
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■ Special Music Events

Date Night With Jazz ... By Location

Fri., Sept. 25, 6:30pm. Hear saxophonist Jade Kastel and pianist David McEathron share a vibrant collection of music in the intimate UIS Studio Theatre. In Partnership with UIS Music. \$18-\$22. UIS Studio Theatre, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Jesse Powers

Sun., Sept. 27, 1-2:30pm. An afternoon of inspiration, laughter and connection with Jesse Powers. With her vocal stylings, powerhouse melodies, clever lyricism and energy, Jesse invites us to drop into the profoundness of the here and now. unityofspringfieldil.org. \$25. Unity of Springfield, 417 Cordelia, 217-523-5897.

KC and The Sunshine Band

Fri., Sept. 25, 7:30pm. For more than 40 years, this iconic group has brought instant happiness through a signature blend of funk, R&B and the legendary "Miami sound." uis.edu. \$49.50-\$149.50. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

■ Books & Authors

Abandoned Pillsbury: Book

Signing and Film Screening
Thu., Sept. 24, 6:30pm. Robert Mazrim will sign copies of his book, *Pillsbury Abandoned: Art & Ruin in the Industrial Midwest*, a collection of photographs of the factory and art made at the site between 2022 and 2025. A screening of Matthew Konicek's documentary, *Ruined*, will follow at 7:30pm. Event presented by Moving Pillsbury Forward. Free admission. The Abbey at Historic Ursuline Campus, 1400 North Fifth St., 217-741-2489.

■ Theater & Comedy

JB Buchanan and Mychael Anthony
Fri., Sept. 25, 7-8:45pm. JB Buchanan is one of the nation's fastest-rising comedy stars. Mychael Anthony is a former TMZ co-host and Funny Bone headliner. Presented by Comic Invasion. \$20-\$25. Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 3025 Kandy Lane, 217-330-9993.

■ Dance

Latin Night Party
Sat., Sept. 26, 8:30pm-12:30am. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with this event hosted by the Hispanic Women of Springfield. Music by DJ. \$12. Los Altos Cocina y Cantina, 3266 W. Iles Ave., 217-679-1434.

Learn to Line Dance
Mondays, 7-8pm. Through Nov. 17. Line dance series or drop-in class with Moriah (10-week session, sign-up now to reserve a spot.). \$10 per class. Springfield Social Dance Club, 501 W. Elliott Ave., 217-416-5597.

■ Art & Architecture

"Into the Mystic"
Sat., Sept. 26, 6-9pm. "Into the Mystic" features the work of artists Wendy Allen and Monica Suzanne Hohimer. Co-hosted by Dim Art House and Staley Studios. Free. Dim Art House and Staley Studios, 1401 E. Cottonwood Steet, 217-341-7133.

Date Night and Evening Tours
Fridays, 5:30-7pm. Through Sep. 25. Bring snacks and non-alcoholic drinks to enjoy followed by a tour of the house. Reservations strongly recommended. eventbrite.com. Free. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

■ Film & Television

America 250 Movie Series: On the Basis of Sex
Fri., Sept. 25, 6:30-8:30pm. The America 250 Movies

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Elliot Fights Dravet Outdoor Movie Night

Sat., Sep. 26, 5:30-9pm. This family-friendly outdoor movie night brings the community together for an evening of fun, connection and awareness in honor of Elliot. Movie TBA. Night includes children's art station, family outdoor games, access to park playground and treats. Elliot Fights Dravet carries Elliot's legacy forward by raising awareness of Dravet Syndrome and epilepsy. Free. Athens Community Park, Athens, 210 Dottie Bednarko Dr., 217-820-0188.

Teen Movie Event

Mon., Sep. 28, 5-7:30pm. This program is for teens ages 13-18. *The Fantastic Four: First Steps* will be shown. It's PG-13. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

■ Food & Drink

Free Produce

Sat., Sep. 26, 4-6pm. Food Not Bombs Springfield, IL will share free produce and other basic supplies with the community. Bring reusable bags or use bags provided. No documentation required. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

Route 66 Java Fest

Fri., Sep. 25, 5:30-9:30pm. Parking lot party. Grab-A-Java, 1702 S. Sixth St., 217-523-5282.

■ History

"Lincoln: A Life and Legacy that Defined a Nation"

Sep. 26-April 26. This exhibit gives visitors a close-up look at dozens of the artifacts and documents in the forthcoming ALPLM-created book *Lincoln: A Life and Legacy that Defined a Nation in 100 objects* published by Rizzoli. Free with admission. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Brown Bag Lunch Series - Once Students, Now Sisters: An Ursuline Story

Tue., Sep. 29, 12-1:30pm. In this Brown Bag Lunch event,

Sister Brendan Jacoby and Sister Kevin Ritterbusch, along with others, will share stories of growing up in Springfield, attending Ursuline Academy as students and later becoming Ursuline sisters. Bring a lunch and enjoy an informal hour of memories, humor, history and conversation. No charge. The Abbey at Historic Ursuline Campus, 1400 North Fifth St., 217-741-2489.

■ Politics

Meet the Candidates

Sun., Sep. 27, 3-5pm. Meet your local candidates at this forum and get those questions answered. Event will feature candidates for the 48th District state Senate seat and Sangamon County sheriff. The Senate debate will begin at 3pm with the sheriff's debate following at 4pm. Hosted by Committee of Springfield IL. Free, RSVP. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

■ Fairs & Festivals

58th Annual Apple 'n' Pork Festival

Sat., Sep. 26, 9am-5pm and Sun., Sep. 27, 9am-5pm. The festival offers more than 25 booths featuring old-fashioned, apple and pork foods, home tours, a juried fine art show, flea market with more than 300 booths, demonstrating craftsmen, antique tractor and farm equipment exhibits, presentations by "Abraham Lincoln," meal grinding, rope making, chair caning, blacksmithing demonstrations, live music and more. Free. C.H. Moore Homestead DeWitt County Museum, Clinton, 219 E. Woodlawn St., 217-935-6066.

Annual Artisan Market

Sat., Sep. 26, 9am-4pm. This annual curated event hosts regional artisans chosen based on their original and handcrafted works. Skilled craftspeople and creators attend to sell their handmade, one-of-a-kind items directly to the public. Free, nonperishable items requested. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-306-3394.

Parkway Christian Church Fall Fest

Sat., Sep. 26, 11am-3pm. This fun-filled fall day will include vendors, face painting, games, children's craft table (including

pumpkin painting), sidewalk chalk fun, a balloon artist and more. Free. Parkway Christian Church, 2700 Lindbergh Blvd., 217-787-3445.

■ Fundraisers and Galas

Bourbon Done Right

Wed., Sep. 30, 5:30-8pm. Experience the sweet, smooth flavors of bourbon (Frank Lloyd Wright's favorite drink) while learning more about it. Sample fine foods, visit with fellow bourbon aficionados and support the Dana-Thomas House. Route 66 Motorheads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 600 Toronto Road, 217-788-9452.

Springfield Area Arts Council Trivia Night

Fri., Sep. 25, 5:30pm. Proceeds from this annual event will support the council's free programs and services. The night will feature 10 rounds of art-themed general trivia, a silent auction and more. Tables seat up to 10. Trivia begins at 6:30pm. \$20. Pole Barn Chic, 4491 Old Chatham Road, 217-753-3519.

■ Community Organizing

Food Drive for Central Illinois Foodbank

Sat., Sep. 26, 9am-4pm. The Girl Scouts of Central Illinois will collect non-perishable food, toiletries and monetary donations. The donation wish list includes canned fruit, low sodium canned soup, pasta and sauce, peanut butter, laundry soap, toilet paper, toothpaste and more. Free. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-306-3394.

■ Children's Corner

Pedal the Parks Family Bike Series

Thu., Sep. 24, 6pm. Intro to Cyclocross. Family Evening Ride. Event designed to give families a safe, beginner-friendly biking opportunity. Ride begins at 6 pm at the BMX Track. Helmets required for all riders. Riverside Park, 4105 Sand Hill Road, 217-753-2800 ext. 2003.

■ Nature, Science & Environment

Environmental Summit Watch Party

Tue., Sep. 29, 5:30-8pm. Bill McKibben, founder of Third Act and 350.org, speaks via Zoom to audiences across the Midwest on environmental advocacy. Includes light refreshments. Free. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-303-1646.

Fall Star Parties

Fri., Sep. 25, 8-10pm. Friday night Star Parties are held at the Campus Observatory on the roof of Brookens Library. Free. UIS Observatory, Brookens Library, One University Plaza, 217-206-6589.

Leaf Identification Hikes

Sat., Sep. 26, 10am-12pm, 1-3pm. Help get that school leaf collection project done with this two-hour hike covering around 50 leaves. Bring something to collect the leaves. Parent/adult chaperones required. Only the leaf collectors need to pay. Pre-registration required by Sept. 24. [Bit.ly/Leaf_ID-Tracks](http://bit.ly/Leaf_ID-Tracks). Residents \$7, non-residents \$10. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

Prairie Hikes

Last Wednesday of every month, 9-10:30am. Through Oct. 28. Jamie Arntzen of the Illinois Audubon Society will share her expertise about the plants and species communities during guided monthly walks along the trails of the AWS prairie as it transitions through the seasons. Free. Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 2315 E. Clear Lake Ave., 217-899-6150.

Lectures & Meetings

Illinois Elections: Myth and Reality - How Open, Honest, Secure and Accurate are Illinois Elections

Fri., Sep. 25, 8-9am. A battle has been raging at the national and state levels about maintaining election integrity and security while encouraging full participation in elections. This Springfield Citizens Club Policy Forum will address these concerns. Panelists Don Gray, Sangamon County clerk, and Matt Dietrich, spokesman for the Illinois State Board of Elections, will field questions. Kent Redfield will moderate. Free coffee and networking at 7:30 am. before program starts at 8am. Free, open to public. Hoogland Center for the Arts Club Room, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Land of Stories: Hecho en

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Thu., Sep. 24, 5:30pm. Step into Land of Stories, the Illinois State Museum's America 250 exhibition, and join the after-hours storytelling series celebrating the stories, experiences and traditions that connect us. This month, the museum welcomes friends from the Beardstown Project, Mi Casa es Tu Casa, for an evening exploring what it means to find home in Illinois. illinoisstatemuseum.org. Free. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-5955.

Bulletin Board

Ask a Library Techie

Thu., Sep. 24, 10:30-11:30am. Sharpen those computer skills by dropping in for "Ask a Library Techie," the library's one-on-one tech help session. Bring a device (like a smartphone, e-reader, tablet, or laptop) or borrow one of the computers in the Nancy Huntley Computer Classroom. Two tech-savvy staff members will be on hand to answer tech questions or help with any kind of computer or device. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Critter Crafts

Wed., Sep. 30, 5-6pm. Those 18 and older can craft in a cool place during "adult craft night out" at the zoo. Participants will get to meet an animal and have a short lesson on the night's topic, followed by time to craft and relax. Registration required 24 hours before each class. Visit bit.ly/CritterCrafts. Activity #320501. Residents \$20, non-residents \$25. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-585-1821.

The Listening Advantage: An Active Guide to Active Listening

Thu., Sep. 24, 9:30-11am. This comprehensive session is designed to help participants learn the power of active listening in both personal and professional settings. Free. 1908 Innovation & Coworking Center, 1100 South Grand Ave. East, 217-753-3551.

Night Glow Festival

Tue., Sep. 29, 5:30-8pm. Watch the sky come alive with this breathtaking hot air balloon glow. Arrive early to see the balloons inflate, enjoy food from local vendors and find the perfect viewing spot. The glow begins at dusk with peak illumination from approximately

6:20-7:30pm. Parking available at Capital Area Career Center with complimentary shuttle service. \$5 cash only admission. Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-585-2941.

Rochester Farmers Market

Fourth Sunday of every month, 12-3pm. Through Sep. 27. Local produce and products. Rochester Public Library District, Rochester, 1 Community Dr., 217-498-8454.

Sports

Lewis Park & Trails Full Moon Trail Run

Sat., Sep. 26, 5:30-10pm. Gather under the glow of the Full Harvest Moon for a unique, laid-back nighttime adventure. Grab a flashlight and take in the crisp autumn air while running or walking the tiki-torch-lit trails, tucked away on Springfield's west side. Visit the Facebook page for more info and to sign up. Free, donation suggested. Lewis Park and Trails, 399 S. Koke Mill Road, 847-767-2426.

World Championship Cozy Dog Eating Championship

Sat., Sep. 26, 1pm. Major League Eating is hosting this contest. Part of the 25th International Route 66 Mother Road Festival. Event is sponsored by Reisch Beer and Cozy Dog Drive In. Route 66 Mother Road Festival, Downtown Springfield.

UIS Volleyball

Fri., Sept. 25, 6 p.m. The Prairie Stars open conference play against McKendree College. Fans urged to wear blue. Adults \$8, youths \$5. University of Illinois at Springfield - TRAC basketball court, 2171 University Dr., University of Illinois Springfield.

UIS Volleyball

Sat., Sept. 26, 3 p.m. The University of Missouri-St. Louis Tritons face the Prairie Stars. Youth Night. Adults \$8, youths \$5. University of Illinois at Springfield - TRAC basketball court, 2171 University Dr., University of Illinois.

UIS Soccer doubleheader

Wed., Sept. 30, 2 p.m. Both the men and women's UIS Prairie Stars soccer teams take on Upper Iowa in this conference doubleheader. Adults \$8, youths \$5. Kiwanis Stadium, University of Illinois Springfield, One University Plaza.



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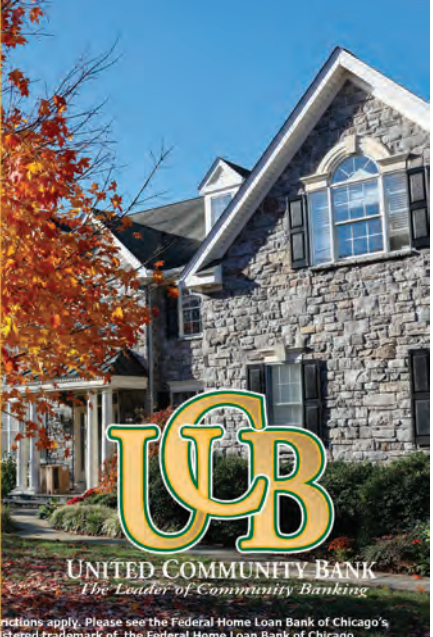
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Before joining *Illinois Times*, Dilpreet Raju reported on disparity through public health, wrongful convictions and the state's burgeoning marijuana industry for Capitol News Illinois, a nonprofit news service, as a reporting fellow.

Raju, a Schaumburg native, has a master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. He pursued the Report for America program because of the nonprofit's dedication toward preparing journalists for a life of reporting news that matters.

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U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,

-v.-
MICHELLE L. HERMAN AKA MICHELLE
SABATH, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
Defendant

2024 FC 000160

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 23, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on October 27, 2026, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 1208 OAKMONT DRIVE, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704
Property Index No. 14-31.0-456-003
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$131,360.85.

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

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For information, contact RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES Plaintiff's Attorneys, 120 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1140, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 239-3432. Please refer to file number 24IL00461-1. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

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Case Number: 2024 FC 000160

TJSC#: 46-1835

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Case # 2024 FC 000160

8051-969505

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF Sangamon - Springfield,
ILLINOIS
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Plaintiff

vs.

CHUCK KLUGE; LORI-LYNN STANCL; COLLEEN STULTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF THOMAS E. DALEY, DECEASED; DAMON RITTENHOUSE, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THOMAS E. DALEY, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant

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NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on October 21, 2026, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Harvatin & Goebel, P.C., 1100 South Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 29-03.0-453-039.

Commonly known as 7911 HUNT RD.,
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The real estate is: single family residence.

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COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
TINA L BRYAN AND CAPITAL ONE, N.A.,
Defendants.
CASE NO. 26-FC-41
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
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RIVERTON, IL 62561
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on July 22, 2026, the following described real estate, to-wit:
Permanent Index Number: 15-09.0-230-001
Commonly known as: 2 Jamestown Cir., Riverton, IL 62561
will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on October 27, 2026, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$103,042.18. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
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 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. PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
Faiq Mihlar (#6274089), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC
Faiq Mihlar (#6274089)
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC
Attorneys at Law
601 East William Street
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Faiq Mihlar (#6274089), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC
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NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HEARTLAND CREDIT UNION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SHAWN M. KUHLMANN AND CHANDA R. KUHLMANN,
Defendants.
CASE NO. 25-FC-148
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
589 BONANZA PASS
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62707
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on July 22, 2026, the following described real estate, to-wit:
Permanent Index Number: 06-21.0-127-010
Commonly known as: 589 Bonanza Pass, Springfield, IL 62707
will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on October 27, 2026, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$116,506.26. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
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.
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For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719
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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. HEARTLAND CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,
Karen C. Mitch (#6291822), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC
Karen C. Mitch (#6291822)
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PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
Donald C. Kirby,
Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-353
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Donald C. Kirby of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 17, 2026, to Jacquelyn Kirby, 515 S. Main Street, Buffalo, Illinois 62515, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Randy S. Paswater, 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 March 24, 2027, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 17th day of September, 2026.
Randy S. Paswater - 06283705
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705-0079
(217) 544-4868
paswater@barberlaw.com
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
JULIE ANN BAKER DIXON,
Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-342
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Julie Ann Baker Dixon of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 14, 2026, to Stephen Dixon, 200 Gadwall Court, McKinney, Texas 75072, 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 March 23, 2027, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 16th day of September, 2026.
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705
(217) 544-4868
bsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of:
Donald E. Hindes, Deceased
Case No. 2026PR000341
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Donald E. Hindes. Letters of Office were issued on Sept. 14, 2026 to Gregory J. Curran

as Executor, 7612 Southport Lane, Springfield, IL 62711. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Executor, on or before March 24, 2027. 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
MARILYN F. PIGNON, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
No. 2026-PR-343
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Marilyn F. Pignon, Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on September 15, 2026, to Philip Jon Pignon, 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 7th day of April, 2027, 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 15th day of September, 2026.
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
Brandon R. Clark
Registration No. 6329553
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Springfield, IL 62705-2459
(217) 544-8491
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:
MELBA R. KRUEGER,
Deceased.
No. 2026-PR-346
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Melba R. Krueger. Letters Testamentary were issued on September 15, 2026, to Wayne R. Krueger of 805 N. Archer Ave., Norton, KS 67654, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Dan E. Way, WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before March 25, 2027, which is not less than six months from the date of first publication of this notice, 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. 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 contact your local Circuit Clerk's office. Dated this 15th day of September 2026
Dan E. Way #6204735
WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC
1100 S. Fifth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 525-7003

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
RONALD D. FUNK, Deceased.
NO. 2026PR000337
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Ronald D. Funk, Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on September 10, 2026, to Stacey L. Funk, 208 N. Milton Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. 6th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 19th day of March, 2027, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 10th day of September, 2026.
Gregory P. Sgro
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP
1119 S. 6th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of:
Della Valerie Ewing, Deceased
Case No. 2026PR000121
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Della Valerie Ewing. Letters of Administration were issued on June 15, 2026 to Christian Simpson as Administrator, 1900 E. Brown 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 Administrator, on or before March 17, 2027. 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 FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:

SALAH KHAYYAT, Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-335
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Salah Khayyat of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 3, 2026, to Adnan Khayyat, 2813 Rutherford Trek, Springfield, Illinois 62711, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before March 15, 2027, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 8th day of September, 2026. Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 bsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: LARRY N. GREEN, Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-332
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Larry N. Green of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 3, 2026, to Joseph J. Green, 15257 Green Road, Waverly, Illinois 62692, 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 March 15, 2027, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 8th day of September, 2026 Randall W. Segatto - 06193211 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 rsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: JOE B. CARTER, Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-333
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Joe B. Carter of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 3, 2026, to Jeff B. Carter, #2 Carter Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62707, 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 March 15, 2027, and any

claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 8th day of September, 2026. Randall W. Segatto - 06193211 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 rsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BILLIE JOAN KRAMER, Deceased.
NO. 2026PR000323
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of BILLIE JOAN KRAMER, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on September 3, 2026, to Michelle Peters, 19 Craig Drive, Springfield, IL 62711, as Special Administrator, 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 15th day of March, 2027, 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 3rd day of September, 2026. Gregory P. Sgro Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP 1119 S. 6th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of DOUGLAS L. WOODLEY, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
No. 2026-PR-326
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Douglas L. Woodley, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on September 1, 2026 to Rochelle Coriell as Executor, whose attorney is Brandon R. Clark, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 24th day of March, 2027, 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 2nd day of September, 2026. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Brandon R. Clark Registration No. 6329553 205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705-2459 (217) 544-8491 bclark@bhslaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD J. STRODE, DECEASED.
Case #2026-PR-320
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of RICHARD J. STRODE. Letters of Office have been issued to CATHY GRIFFIN, 2018 N. 8th Street, Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before February 10, 2027, 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 1st day of September 2026. William P. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 544-0701

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF LEE A. WOODDELL, Deceased.
No. 2026-PR-000325
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Lee A. Wooddell, who died on July 24, 2026 in Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on September 1, 2026 to Mary Kay Wooddell, as Independent Executor, whose attorneys are Bellatti, Barton, Cochran & White, LLC, 944 Clock Tower Drive, Suite A, Springfield, IL 62704. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Complex, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representatives, or both, on or before March 15, 2027 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 representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 2nd day of September, 2026. Michael G. Barton (6185163) Bellatti, Barton, Cochran & White, LLC Attorneys for Independent Executor, Mary Kay Wooddell 944 Clock Tower Drive, Suite A Springfield, IL 62704 (217) 793-9300 Email: mbarton@bellatti-barton.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF LYLE E. HUNSLEY, Deceased
CASE NO. 2026PR324
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of LYLE E. HUNSLEY, Letters of Office were issued on August 31, 2026 to Mark A. Clemens, 509 Parkview Drive, Rochester, IL as Independent Executor whose attorney is Donald M. Craven, 1005 N. 7th Street, Springfield, IL, 62702. Claims against the Estate may be filed

in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first Publication of this Notice. Any Claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a Claim filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. /s/ Donald M. Craven Donald M. Craven (#6180492) Attorney for Independent Executor Donald M. Craven, P.C. 1005 North Seventh Street Springfield, IL 62702 Telephone: (217) 544-1777 Facsimile: (217) 544-0713

Divorce
STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of Trang H. Nguyen, Petitioner And Vo Lon Ta, Respondent
Case No. 2026-DN-000123
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Vo Lon Ta, 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 10th day of October, 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 Kate Abitogun, Petitioner And Michael S. Abitogun, Respondent
Case No. 2026-DN-000134
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Michael S. Abitogun, 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 10th day of October, 2026, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition. Joseph B. Roesch Circuit Clerk

Adoption
ADOPTION NOTICE – STATE OF ILLINOIS, County of Sangamon, Seventh Judicial Circuit Court of Sangamon County. In the matter of the Petition for the Adoption of Scarlett Rose Fish, a female child. Adoption No. 2026-AD-93. To Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern: Take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, for the adoption of a child named Scarlett Rose Fish. Now, therefore, unless you Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit

Court of Sangamon County, Room 405, in the City of Springfield, Illinois, on or before the 17th day of October 2026, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAO/gethelp.asp /s/Joseph Roesch, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk Dan E. Way, Attorney for Petitioner 1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703

Name Change
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Wynter Rose Baker For change of name to Wynter Rose Turner and Christian Reign Baker For change of name to Christian Reign Turner
Case No. 2026-MR-000336
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Nov. 17, 2026 we will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Wynter Rose Baker to Wynter Rose Turner and from Christian Reign Baker to Christian Reign Turner pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: Sept. 24, 2026

Foreclosure
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v.- MICHELLE L. HERMAN AKA MICHELLE SABATH, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT Defendant
2024 FC 000160
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 23, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on October 27, 2026, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: LOT 5 IN SIXTH PASFIELD PARK PLACE SUBDIVISION. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LANDS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 1208 OAKMONT DRIVE, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704 Property Index No. 14-31.0-456-003 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$131,360.85. 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 as-

sessments, 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 RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES Plaintiff's Attorneys, 120 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1140, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 239-3432. Please refer to file number 24IL00461-1. 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. RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES 120 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1140 Chicago IL, 60602 312-239-3432 E-Mail: ilpleadings@rsmalaw.com Attorney File No. 24IL00461-1 Case Number: 2024 FC 000160 TJSC#: 46-1835 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 # 2024 FC 000160 8051-969505

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF Sangamon - Springfield, ILLINOIS FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff vs. CHUCK KLUGE; LORI-LYNN STANCIL; COLLEEN STULTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF THOMAS E. DALEY, DECEASED; DAMON RITENHOUSE, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THOMAS E. DALEY, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

Defendant
22 FC 85
CALENDAR
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on October 21, 2026, at the hour 9:00 a.m., Harvatin & Goebel, P.C., 1100 South Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703, sell, in person, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS, TO WIT: LOT 61 HUNTING MEADOWS SECOND PLAT, BEING PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER AND PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 3 AND PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 811036. EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 29-03.0-453-039.
Commonly known as 7911 HUNT RD., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62712.
The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection(g-1) of Section 189.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% (or 25% if so ordered in the Judgement of Foreclosure) down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property is sold AS IS subject to all liens or encumbrances. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the circuit court case record, property tax record and the title record to verify all information before bidding. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER THE ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, Georgia 30004. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. 22-023463
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
TINA L BRYAN AND CAPITAL ONE, N.A.,
Defendants.
CASE NO. 26-FC-41
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
2 JAMESTOWN CIR.
RIVERTON, IL 62561
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause

on July 22, 2026, the following described real estate, to-wit:
Lot Thirty-one (31) of Jamestown Estates, Plat 1. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
Permanent Index Number: 15-09.0-230-001
Commonly known as: 2 Jamestown Cir., Riverton, IL 62561
will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on October 27, 2026, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.
The Judgment amount is \$103,042.18. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
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 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 Mort-

gagee 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.
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
Faiq Mihlar (#6274089), Its Attorney
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NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HEARTLAND CREDIT UNION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SHAWN M. KUHLMANN AND CHANDA R. KUHLMANN,
Defendants.
CASE NO. 25-FC-148
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
589 BONANZA PASS
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62707
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on July 22, 2026, the following described real estate, to-wit:
LOT 42 OF PLAT 2 OF WALNUT HILLS SUBDIVISION, EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Permanent Index Number: 06-21.0-127-010
Commonly known as: 589 Bonanza Pass, Springfield, IL 62707
will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on October 27, 2026, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.
The Judgment amount is \$116,506.26. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
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 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.
HEARTLAND CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,
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Notice by Publication
LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT — PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of
JUAN SEBASTIAN ESCOBAR PEÑA,
A Person Under Guardianship
Case No. 2026GR000146
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given to JOSE DAVID CAMACHO, whose address is unknown, that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of Person and Motion for Special Findings has been filed in the above-entitled case. The Petitioner, Nadia Mileidy Escobar Pena, seeks the appointment as Guardian of the Person of Juan Sebastian Escobar Pena, born July 12, 2008, and requests that the Court enter findings pursuant to 755 ILCS 5/11-5.5.
JOSE DAVID CAMACHO is hereby notified that unless he files an answer or otherwise files an appearance in this case in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois 62701, on or before 30 days after the date of the last publication of this notice, a judgment by default may be taken against him and the relief requested in the Petition may be granted.
Nadia Mileidy Escobar Pena
Petitioner, Pro Se
Case No. 2026GR000146

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF Christopher J. Violet
No. 2026-GR-131
To: Christopher L. Violet at address unknown. Please be notified that Frederick Moss has filed a Petition for Guardianship of Christopher J. Violet, minor child. You are required to answer said Petition By November 9, 2026 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

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, October 15th, 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 Guy R. Taylor, contract purchaser of property commonly known as 100 Block of N. Griffith Creek Rd., Mechanicsburg, IL 62545, and: PIN: 16-27.0-300-006
Petitioner requests for Proposed Parcel 1: pursuant to Chapter 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 Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width; 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 29 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 17th day of September, 2026
Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals
CHARLES W. CHIMENTO, CHAIRMAN

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 5:30p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.
A petition for reclassification of property from S-2, Community Shopping and Office District, Section 155.031, to B-1, Highway Business Service District, Section 155.033, reclassification of prop-

erty from R-2, Single Family and Duplex Residence District, Section 155.017 to B-1, Highway Business Service District, Section 155.033, and a Conditional Permitted Uses pursuant to Sections 155.033(c)(6), Restaurants and banquet halls with service of alcoholic beverages, exclusive of drive-in or drive-up windows for the sale of alcohol, located on zoning lots adjoining the R-1, R-2 or R-3 zoning districts or equivalent planned unit development designation, or otherwise adjoining those districts but for an alley, and 155.211, Restaurants with Service of Alcoholic Beverages, and a variance of Sections: 155.211(b), Restaurants with Service of Alcoholic Beverages, and 155.187 (c)(3), General Conditions, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioners are the owners of subject property which parcels are zoned R-2, S-2 and B-1. Petitioners desire to operate a restaurant with the service of alcohol by the drink for consumption on the premises during the hours of 10 AM until no later than 2 AM, seven (7) days a week. This will be consistent with the City liquor license that the Petitioner will seek for use on the Subject Properties. To be in compliance with the zoning ordinance, petitioners respectfully request reclassification of Lot 11 (1409 E. Cook St) from R-2 to B-1, and reclassification of Lots 12-14 (1413 E. Cook St, 1417 E. Cook St., and 1423 E. Cook St) from S-2 to B-1. Petitioners additionally request for Lots 11 thru 16 (1409, 1413, 1417, 1423, 1425 & 1429 E. Cook St.) for a Conditional Permitted Use pursuant to 155.033 (C)(6) and 155.211 allowing for an Restaurant with Service of Alcoholic Beverages located on zoning lots adjoining the R-1, R-2 or R-3 zoning districts or equivalent planned unit development designation, or otherwise adjoining those districts but for an alley; and Variances of: 155.211 (b) to allow a restaurant with the service of alcoholic beverages on a zoning lot within 100 feet from the nearest church, park, school, community facility or commercial daycare center; and 155.187 (C) (3), to the extent if necessary, if it is determined that the property located at 615 S. 15th St., and immediately north of the alleyway adjoining Lots 15 and 16 is deemed to include an entrance or exit for a church or other house of worship, allowing for a restaurant with the service of alcohol where a vehicular entrance/ exit is less than 100'. Petitioners further request For a grant of any other form of relief which may be deemed appropriate or consistent with the relief requested within the petition. Improvements (or structures) on the subject property are: Lot 11 is a vacant lot; Lots 12-14 contain a free-standing building consisting of approximately 7,706 square feet and is the former location of a Family Dollar retail store; Lots 15-16 consist of a parking lot for the Subject Properties. The Subject Property is currently classified in the: Lot 11 is R-2, Single Family and Duplex Residence District, Section 155.017, and Lots 12-14 are S-2 , Community Shopping and Office District, Section 155.031; and Lots 15 & 16 are B-1, Highway Business Service District, Section 155.033.
Legally described as: Lot 11 in Block Nine (9) of Mather and Welles' Addition to the City of Springfield, situated in the County of Sangamon and State of Illinois. PIN: 14-34.0- 286-013 (Lot 11) 1409 E. Cook St., Springfield, IL 62703; Lots 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 in Block Nine (9) of Mather and Welles' Addition to the City of Springfield, situated in the County of Sangamon and State of Illinois. PIN: 14-34.0-286-014 (Lot 12) 1413 E. Cook St., Springfield, IL 62703, PIN: 14-34.0-286-

015 (Lot 13) 1417 E. Cook St., Springfield, IL 62703, PIN: 14-34.0-286-016 (Lot 14) 1423 E. Cook St., Springfield, IL 62703, PIN: 14-34.0-286-017 (Lot 15) 1425 E. Cook St., Springfield, IL 62703, PIN: 14-34.0-286-018 (Lot 16) 1429 E. Cook St., Springfield, IL 62703
The subject property is commonly known as 1409, 1413, 1417, 1423, 1425 & 1429 E. Cook Street, Springfield, Illinois.
The petitioners are Terrence Lawson, as owner of Lot 11, and TL Holdings Group, LLC, as owner of lots 12-16, by Attorneys Sheehan and Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., Patrick J. Sheehan III, of Counsel
Docket No. 2026-03
Ben Ferris
Assistant Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 5:30p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.
A petition for reclassification of property from S-2, Community Shopping and Office District, Section 155.031, to B-1, Highway Business Service District, Section 155.033, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner NCI Business Systems of Morton Inc. is the owner and Petitioner Levelup Gardening, LLC is the tenant of subject property. Petitioner Levelup operates a seed and gardening supply store and desires to add to its business operations a return and retrieval facility for U-Haul vehicles whereby U-Haul vehicles are parked on the Subject Property at the conclusion of their respective leases by U-Haul customers. U-Haul customers would also pick up their U-Haul vehicle from the subject property at the beginning of their leases. In accordance with U-Haul's policy, each vehicle will be parked on the Subject Property for 24 hours or less before the successive rental. To be in compliance with the zoning ordinance, petitioners respectfully request reclassification of property from S-2 to B-1 to incorporate U-Haul truck rentals into their business. Alternatively, should reclassification not be afforded, petitioners request consideration for a Use Variance to permit operation of a U-Haul return and retrieval facility on the Subject Property where by no more than 5 U-Haul vehicles will be present at any time on subject property. Improvements (or structures) on the subject property is a single-story brick building. The subject property is currently classified in the S-2 , Community Shopping and Office District, Section 155.031. Legally described as: The North sixty (60') feet of Lot One (1) in Block Five (5) of Elijah Iles' Subdivision of Lands Number One (1), Springfield, Illinois, County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, Parcel ID# 22-03.0-151-009
The subject property is commonly known as 1801 S 6th Street, Springfield, Illinois. The petitioners are NCI Business Systems of Morton, Inc., owner, and Levelup Gardening, LLC, lessee, by their attorneys, Frazier, Sabin, and Schlosser, LLP, Riley P. Hamilton, of Counsel.
Docket No. 2026-034
Ben Ferris
Assistant Zoning Administrator

NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION / CLOSURE
Notice is hereby given that 1st Currency Exchange No. 1, Inc., with its principal place of business located at 2300 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, Illinois 62704

is voluntarily dissolving and closing its business operations.
All persons or entities having claims against the company must present their claims in writing. Details required for a claim include:
• The claimant's name and contact information
• The specific amount and basis of the claim
• Supporting documentation or invoices
Claims must be mailed or delivered no later than October 30, 2026 to:
Attn: Lon H. Messervy, Owner
1624 South Grand Avenue East, Springfield, IL 62703
Citations for unpaid or unsubmitted claims will be barred in accordance with the applicable provisions of state law.
Date of First Publication: September 24, 2026
Date of Final Publication: October 8, 2026

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 5:30p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.
A petition for a Conditional Permitted Use pursuant to Section 155.341 (c), Height and Size regulations for off premises signs, and variances of Sections: 155.341 (a) and (c), Height and Size regulations for off premises signs, 155.001 – Definitions, Lot, 155.340 (c), (d), (h), (i), & (j) – General Provisions for Off Premises Advertising Signs; 155.321 (a) – Nonilluminated signs; 155.322 (b) & (c) – Illuminated signs; 155.320 (a), (b), & (c) – Permitted accessory on-premises signs; and 155.480 – Landscape, screening, and lighting regulations, of the City of Springfield Zoning Ordinance. A billboard is currently situated on subject real estate. The billboard contains two parallel back-to-back faces that each measure 10' 6" high x 36' wide. The existing billboard structure is approximately 52 feet in height. Both faces of the billboard are illuminated by traditional lamps located along the bottom of the sign faces. The billboard is a current legal, nonconforming use. The current use would continue if the relief sought herein is denied. Petitioner desires to allow the existing off-premises advertising sign (i.e. billboard) located on the Subject real estate to be modified and equipped with electronic digital display faces, including the replacement of the existing sign structure, poles, and other structural supports as necessary to support the new electronic digital display faces. If the relief is granted as requested, both the East facing and West facing sign faces of the existing billboard may be replaced with electronic digital display faces, and the existing sign structure, poles, and other structural supports may be replaced as necessary to support the new electronic digital display faces. Petitioner intends to replace the East facing sign face with an electronic digital display upon the grant of the requested relief, and potentially replace the West sign face at a time in the future at Petitioner's discretion. The electronic digital display faces that Petitioner intends to install on the Subject Real Estate will be no larger than the current traditional billboard faces (up to 10' 6" high x 36' wide, totaling up to 378 square feet of signage per sign face). Both the East facing and West facing sign faces may be electronic digital displays. The electronic digital display faces will display different messages on a set 8 to 10 second cycle. Messages displayed will

be static images that do not include moving, scrolling, blinking, flashing, or animated graphics. The electronic digital display faces will utilize technology that limits the brightness of the display at night. To be in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance, petitioner respectfully requests a Conditional Permitted Use pursuant to Section 155.341 (c), Height and Size regulations for off premises signs, and variances of 155.341 (a) and (c), to allow an off-premise sign to extend an additional seventeen (17) feet above the Ordinance's 35 feet height limitations of said Section, for a total height of no more than 52 feet, which is the approximate height of the existing sign structure, of which fifteen (15) feet is sought as a Conditional Permitted Use pursuant to Section 155.341 (c) and the remaining two (2) feet is sought as a variance of Section 155.341 (a), to permit the replacement of the existing sign structure and traditional faces with a new structure and electronic digital display faces on both the East facing and West facing sign faces, with the time of such replacement at Petitioner's discretion, each no larger than the existing sign faces (up to 10' 6" high x 36' wide, totaling up to 378 square feet of signage per sign face), including the replacement of the existing poles and structural supports as necessary to support new electronic digital display faces; and variances of: 155.001 (Definition of Lot), 155.340(h) (General Provisions for Off-Premises Advertising Signs), and all other applicable Zoning Ordinance Sections so as to permit more than one principal use on the Subject Real Estate consisting of the off-premises sign and the current uses of the property; 155.321 (a) (Nonilluminated Signs) and 155.322 (b) (Illuminated Signs) to permit the new electronic digital display faces to maintain the dimensions of the existing traditional faces measuring up to 10' 6" high x 36' wide, totaling up to 378 square feet of signage per sign face in addition to any ground signage allowed for the businesses located on the property; 155.340(c) (Off-Premises Signs) to permit the sign to be located within 15 feet of the property line as the existing sign may potentially be within 15 feet of the property lines; 155.340(d) (Off-Premises Signs) to permit the sign to be located within 500 feet of a lot zoned residential or on a lot used for residential purposes; 155.340(i) and (j) (Off-Premises Signs) to permit the issuance of a sign permit approving the replacement of the existing sign structure and traditional faces with a new structure and electronic digital display faces on both the East facing and West facing sign faces, with the time of such replacement at Petitioner's discretion, each no larger than the existing sign faces (up to 10' 6" high x 36' wide, totaling up to 378 square feet of signage for each sign face), including the replacement of the existing poles and structural supports as necessary to support new electronic digital display faces, to comply with the requirements of Section 155.340 (i)'s aesthetic requirements and other subsection provision; 155.340 (j) (Off-Premises Signs) so as to permit the replacement of the existing traditional sign faces with electronic digital display faces on both the East facing and West facing sign faces, with the time of such replacement at Petitioner's discretion, each no larger than the existing sign faces (up to 10' 6" high x 36' wide, totaling up to 378 square feet

of signage for each sign face) without the surrender of otherwise existing permits on a four for one basis as required by Section 155.340 (j); 155.341 (a) (Height and Size Regulations for Off-Premises Advertising Signs) to permit an off-premises advertising sign on the Subject Real Estate of a height not to exceed 52 feet above the ground in lieu of the Zoning Ordinance's 35 feet height limit and a maximum of up to 378 square feet of signage per sign face in lieu of the Zoning Ordinance's 175 square feet limit, for the East facing and West facing sign faces that may be electronic digital displays, with the time of such replacement at Petitioner's discretion; 155.320(a) and (b) (Permitted Accessory On-Premises Signs) to permit an off-premises advertising sign on the Subject Real Estate in the same location as the existing sign so as to be located within 100 feet from and in addition to all other ground signs located on the Subject Real Estate related to the business use of the Subject Real Estate; 155.320 (c) (Permitted Accessory On-Premises Signs) to permit an off-premises advertising sign on the Subject Real Estate in the same location as the existing sign so as to be located within 50 feet of a residential lot; 155.322(c) (Illuminated Signs) to permit an off-premises advertising sign on the Subject Real Estate in the same location as the existing sign so as to be located within 100 feet of a residential lot; 155.480 (Landscape, Screening, and Lighting Regulations) to permit an off-premises advertising sign on the Subject Real Estate in the same general location and configuration as the existing sign without complying with the Section 155.480 landscaping requirements; and a variance of any other provision of the Zoning Ordinance applicable to permit the replacement of the existing sign and traditional sign faces with electronic digital display faces on both the East facing and West facing sign faces, with the time of such replacement at Petitioner's discretion, each no larger than the existing sign faces (up to 10' 6" high x 36' wide, totaling up to 378 square feet of signage for each sign face), including the replacement of the existing structure, poles, and structural supports as necessary to support the new electronic digital display faces. Improvements (or structures) located on the Subject Property include a billboard which contains two parallel back-to-back faces that each measure 10' 6" high x 36' wide. The faces of the billboard are illuminated by traditional lamps located along the bottom of the sign face. The Subject Real Estate also contains a Uhaul truck rental. Subject Real Estate is currently classified in the I-2, Heavy Industrial District, Section 155.041. Legally described as: AN EASEMENT INTEREST IN A PORTION OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: The North 100 feet of the West 160 feet of the East 265 feet of the South 617 feet of the North 692 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, situated in the County of Sangamon, in the State of Illinois. Except part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian in Sangamon County, Illinois further described as follows: Commencing at a "PK" nail marking the Northeast corner

of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15; thence South 01 degree 10 minutes 30 seconds East 75.00 feet along the East line of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15 to a point on the South right-of-way line of Adlai Stevenson Drive; thence South 88 degrees 26 minutes 29 seconds West 104.58 feet parallel with the North line of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15 also being the South right-of-way line of Adlai Stevenson Drive to the point of beginning; thence South 01 degree 10 minutes 30 seconds East 27.27 feet parallel with the East line of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15; thence North 51 degrees 57 minutes 26 seconds West 29.61 feet; thence South 88 degrees 23 minutes 40 seconds West 137.06 feet to a point on the Southerly right-of-way line of Adlai Stevenson Drive; thence North 01 degree 10 minutes 30 seconds West 8.51 feet parallel with the East line of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15 also being the said Southerly right-of-way line; thence North 88 degrees 26 minutes 29 seconds East 160.00 feet parallel with the North line of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15 also being the said Southerly right-of-way line to the point of beginning containing 0.036 acres, more or less, or 1,568 square feet, more or less. Bearings and distances are based on the Illinois State Plane Coordinate System NAD83 (1997) – West Zone. Except the coal and other minerals underlying the surface of said land and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal and minerals. LESS AND EXCEPT Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian in Sangamon County, Illinois further described as follows: Commencing at a "PK" nail marking the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15; thence South 01 degree 10 minutes 30 seconds East 277.00 feet along the East line of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15 to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 01 degree 10 minutes 30 seconds East 415.01 feet along said East line; thence South 88 degrees 26 minutes 29 seconds West 7.57 feet parallel with the North line of the said Northwest Quarter to a point of curvature; thence on a non-tangent curve to the right with a radius of 5,560.00 feet through a central angle of 01 degree 37 minutes 08 seconds having a chord distance of 157.09 feet bearing North 07 degrees 19 minutes 22 seconds West, an arc distance of 157.09 feet; thence North 10 degrees 19 minutes 46 seconds West 229.73 feet; thence North 08 degrees 27 minutes 03 seconds West 191.87 feet; thence North 51 degrees 57 minutes 26 seconds West 24.96 feet; thence North 01 degree 10 minutes 30 seconds West 27.27 feet parallel with the East line of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15 to a point on the South right-of-way line of Adlai Stevenson Drive; thence North 88 degrees 26 minutes 29 seconds East 68.66 feet along said South right-of-way line and parallel with the North line of the said Northwest Quarter; thence South 05 degrees 11 minutes 52 seconds East 62.26 feet; thence South 13 degrees 54 minutes 27 seconds East 143.17 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.602 acres, more or less, or 26,226 square feet, more or less. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. PIN No.: 22-15.0-128-041 (part of).
The Property is located at 1026 Adlai Stevenson Drive (part of), Springfield, Illinois
The Petitioner is TLC Properties, LLC, as Easement Holder, by its Attorneys

Brown, Hay and Stephens, LLP, Daniel L. Hamilton of Counsel.
Docket No. 2026-033
Ben Ferris
Assistant Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 5:30p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.
A petition for reclassification of property from I-1, Light Industrial District, Section 155.040, to B-1, Highway Business Service District, Section 155.033, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner is contract purchaser of subject property, which contains a building which has historically been used as a restaurant with a drive thru located in the I-1, Light Industrial District. Petitioner desires to bring the property in compliance with the zoning ordinance, demolish the existing building and pavement and redevelop the subject property for use as a commercial drive-in service. To be in compliance with the zoning ordinance, petitioner respectfully requests reclassification of property from I-1 to B-1 to develop the land for a commercial drive-in service. Improvements (or structures) on the subject property are a frame building and pavement, to be demolished for redevelopment. Subject property is currently classified in the I-1, Light Industrial District, Section 155.040. Legally described as: Unit 7 of the Resubdivision of Lot 1 of Park South First Addition, Springfield, Illinois, according to the Plat of Subdivision recorded June 17, 1998, as Document Number 98-31414. Excepting Therefrom Following: Part of Lot 7 of the Final Plat of the Subdivision of Lot 1 of Park South First Addition in the Southwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian in Sangamon County, Illinois further described as: Commencing at an Iron Pipe at the Northwest corner of said Lot 7 with said point being on the existing Easterly Right of Way line of F.A.P. Route 666 (Bus I-55/South Sixth St); Thence South 16 Degrees 46 Minutes 58 Seconds East 66.85 feet along said Easterly Right Of Way line to the Point Of Beginning; Thence South 49 Degrees 49 Minutes 17 Seconds East 100.36 feet; Thence South 58 Degrees 49 Minutes 54 Seconds East 39.33 feet to the South-easterly line of said Lot 7; Thence South 41 Degrees 47 Minutes 20 Seconds West 16.53 feet along said Southeasterly line to the Southeast corner of said Lot 7 being on said existing Easterly Right of Way line of F.A.P. Route 666 (Bus I-55/ South Sixth St); Thence North 58 Degrees 51 Minutes 15 Seconds West 99.92 feet along said Easterly Right Of Way line; Thence North 16 Degrees 46 Minutes 58 Seconds West 47.78 feet to the Point of Beginning. Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Tax ID Number: 22-10.0-377-024
The subject property is commonly known as 3150 S. 6th Street, Springfield, Illinois. The petitioner is Brew Horizons, LLC, by Dennis Proto, as Contract Purchaser.
Docket No. 2026-032
Ben Ferris
Assistant Zoning Administrator

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING THE ANNUAL TAXES FOR NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:
SECTION 1. That Whereas there was passed by the Board of Trustees of NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT on September 14, 2026, approved September 14, 2026, and published in a newspaper of general circulation within said District, the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, which annual budget and appropriation ordinance is in words and figures as follows:

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT has prepared a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and through the Secretary of said Board has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on the 14th day of September, 2026, notice of such hearing was given at least thirty (30) days prior to such hearing and all other legal requirements having been complied with;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:
SECTION 1. That the following budget containing an estimate of revenue and expenditures be, and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of said NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

PART I. ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	
Cash on hand at beginning of year	\$ 0.00
General taxes for the year to be used for payment of expenses incurred during fiscal year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027	\$165,000.00
Total Estimated Receipts	\$165,000.00

PART II. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	
(Constituting the appropriation for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, as provided in Section 2 of this Ordinance)	
Attorneys' compensation	\$ 5,000.00
Salaries of Trustees at \$1,000.00 per year	\$ 3,000.00
Publication costs	\$ 300.00
Trustee's bond premiums	\$ 300.00
Miscellaneous administrative expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Auditing fees	\$ 4,000.00
City of Springfield-fire protection	\$151,400.00
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$165,000.00

SECTION 2. That there is hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, the sum of \$165,000.00, being divided among the several objects and purposes, specified and enumerated and in the particular amounts stated for each purpose in Part II of Section 1, and said statement in Section 1 hereof entitled "Part II. Estimated Expenditures (constituting the appropriations for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, as provided in Section 2 of this Ordinance)" is hereby incorporated by reference as part of this Section 2 with the same effect as if said statement was repeated in its entirety; and that this Section 2 shall be and is the annual appropriation ordinance of this NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.
PASSED: September 14, 2026
APPROVED: September 14, 2026

/s/ Cinda Sausaman
President, Board of Trustees of
NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ATTEST:
/s/ Thomas Everhart
Secretary, Board of Trustee of
NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

THEREFORE, THERE IS HEREBY LEVIED on all real and personal property within the corporation limits of NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, subject to taxation, as the same is assessed equalized, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the sum of \$165,000.00 for the following purposes:

Attorneys' compensation	\$ 5,000.00
Salaries of Trustees at \$1,000.00 per year	\$ 3,000.00
Publication costs	\$ 300.00
Trustee's bond premiums	\$ 300.00
Miscellaneous administrative expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Auditing fees	\$ 4,000.00
City of Springfield-fire protection	\$131,400.00
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$165,000.00

Making the amount to be raised by taxation and levied on all taxable property in said North Side Fire Protection District for the uses and purposes aforesaid, the sum of \$165,000.00

That the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, upon the passage and approval of this Ordinance, shall file a duly certified copy thereof with the County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois, in such case made and provided.

This Ordinance shall be in effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED: September 14, 2026
APPROVED: September 14, 2026

/s/ Cinda Sausaman
President, Board of Trustees of
NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ATTEST:
/s/ Thomas Everhart
Secretary, Board of Trustee of
NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING THE ANNUAL TAXES FOR EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:
SECTION 1. That Whereas there was passed by the Board of Trustees of EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT on September 14, 2026, approved September 14, 2026, and published in a newspaper of general circulation within said District, the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, which annual budget and appropriation ordinance is in words and figures as follows:

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR NORTH SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT has prepared a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and through the Secretary of said Board has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on the 14th day of September, 2026, notice of such hearing was given at least thirty (30) days prior to such hearing and all other legal requirements having been complied with;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:
SECTION 1. That the following budget containing an estimate of revenue and expenditures be, and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of said EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

PART I. ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	
Cash on hand at beginning of year	\$ 4,000.00
Real Estate Taxes to be received FY 2025-2026	\$170,000.00
Personal Property Replacement Tax	\$ 8,850.00
Foreign Fire Insurance Premiums Tax	\$ 2,500.00
Bank interest	\$ 50.00
Total Estimated Receipts	\$185,400.00

PART II. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	
(Constituting the appropriation for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, as provided in Section 2 of this Ordinance)	
Salaries of Trustees	\$ 3,000.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 400.00
Publication costs	\$ 500.00
Trustee's bond premiums	\$ 400.00
Bookkeeping Expenses	\$ 2,200.00
Attorney Fees	\$ 7,000.00
Auditing Fees	\$ 2,500.00
Maps and Contingencies	\$ 3,400.00
City of Springfield – Fire Protection and Foreign Fire Tax	\$162,000.00
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$181,400.00
Estimated Cash on Hand at End of Year	\$ 4,000.00

SECTION 2. That there is hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, the sum of \$171,400.00, being divided among the several objects and purposes, specified and enumerated and in the particular amounts stated for each purpose in Part II of Section 1, and said statement in Section 1 hereof entitled "Part II. Estimated Expenditures (constituting the appropriations for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, as provided in Section 2 of this Ordinance)" is hereby incorporated by reference as part of this Section 2 with the same effect as if said statement was repeated in its entirety; and that this Section 2 shall be and is the annual appropriation ordinance of this EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.
PASSED: September 14, 2026
APPROVED: September 14, 2026

/s/ Leland Rhodes
President, Board of Trustees of
EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ATTEST:
/s/ Alan Dickson
Secretary, Board of Trustee of
EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

THEREFORE, THERE IS HEREBY LEVIED on all real and personal property within the corporation limits of EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, subject to taxation, as the same is assessed equalized, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, the sum of \$170,000.00 for the following purposes:

Salaries of Trustees	\$ 3,000.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 400.00
Publication costs	\$ 500.00
Trustee's bond premiums	\$ 400.00
Bookkeeping Expenses	\$ 2,200.00
Attorney Fees	\$ 7,000.00
Auditing fees	\$ 2,500.00
Maps and Contingencies	\$ 3,400.00
City of Springfield-fire protection	\$150,600.00
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$170,000.00

Making the amount to be raised by taxation and levied on all taxable property in said North Side Fire Protection District for the uses and purposes aforesaid, the sum of \$170,000.00

That the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, upon the passage and approval of this Ordinance, shall file a duly certified copy thereof with the County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois, in such case made and provided.

This Ordinance shall be in effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED: September 14, 2026
APPROVED: September 14, 2026

/s/ Leland Rhodes
President, Board of Trustees of
EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ATTEST:
/s/ Alan Dickson
Secretary, Board of Trustee of
EAST SIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

In the Circuit Court
For the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois
Sangamon County, Springfield, Illinois
Bradley Raymond Graff, Petitioner
vs.
Misty Bradshaw, Defendant
Case 2026-CH-000015
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Misty Bradshaw, that a lawsuit has been commenced against you to obtain the legal title and ownership of a 1999 Ford motorhome and for relief. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this case in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois 62701 on or before Oct. 6, 2026, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.
Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Court

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Freda Duberstine, Petitioner
And
Steven Duberstine, Respondent
Case No. 2026-DN-000083
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Steven Duberstine, 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 24th day of October, 2026, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

LOWELL L. SHULL, Deceased
Heirs & Legatees of Lowell L. Shull
208 South Wells Street
Buffalo, IL 62515
Re: NOTICE TO DEMOLISH
Dangerous Building-208 South Wells Street, Buffalo, IL 62515
a/k/a 208 South Street
Tax ID: 16-10.0-438-006
Legal Description:
LOT FIVE (5) IN BLOCK TWENTY-FIVE (25) IN THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF BUFFALO, EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR

OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY.
SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.
Dear ESTATE OF LOWELL L. SHULL
HEIRS & LEGATEES OF LOWELL L. SHULL:
I represent the Village of Buffalo, Illinois. You are the owner of the premises known and described as 208 South Wells Street, Buffalo, Illinois a/k/a 208 South Street. You are hereby notified that pursuant to Section 65 ILS 5/11-31-1 of the Illinois Municipal Code; the Village of Buffalo that the property has been condemned as a nuisance and a dangerous building after inspection by the Village President and personnel. It is the intent of the municipality to demolish, repair, or enclose the building or remove any garbage, debris, or other hazardous, noxious, or unhealthy substances or materials if that action is not taken by the owner or owners. You have thirty (30) days from the date of service of this notice (which, in the case that this notice was mailed by certified or registered mail, is the date the notice was mailed) to remedy this condition or demolish the building immediately or the Village will proceed to take legal action to do so.
Alex Rabin
Attorney for the Village of Buffalo
1119 South 6th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
217-789-1200
alex@casevista.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF
LAHNE E. TISDALE,
Deceased.
No. 2026-PR-334
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of LAHNE E. TISDALE. Letters of Office were issued to LINDA F. TISDALE, as Independent Executor, whose address is c/o Sorling Northrup, James R. Enlow of Counsel, at the address below. 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 March 17, 2027, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice,

whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.
Dated September 11, 2026.
Attorneys for Independent Executor:
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Springfield, IL 62705
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E-Mail: jrenlow@sorlinglaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WHITESIDE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COMMUNITY BANK MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,
-vs-
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RALPH VENEGAS, Deceased, AMY VENEGAS, JOSHUA VENEGAS, NATHAN VENEGAS, THEODORE J. HARVATIN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR RALPH VENEGAS, Deceased, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No. 2026FC29
Property Address:
409 5th Avenue
Rock Falls, IL 61071
NOTICE
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RALPH VENEGAS:
Notice is given of the death of RALPH VENEGAS. The Court has appointed Theodore J. Harvatin as Special Representative for RALPH VENEGAS, deceased, in the above entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 409 5th Avenue, Rock Falls, IL 61071.
The address of the Special Representative is: Harvatin Law Offices, P.C., 1100 So. 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.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY-SANGAMON COUNTY,
An Illinois not for profit Corporation.
Plaintiff,
-vs-
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JACOB EDWARD MARTIN, Deceased, CATHERINE ANNE ZIELINSKI, ALLISON BRAASCH, VILLAGE OF GRANDVIEW, ILLINOIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, and THEODORE J. HARVATIN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR JACOB EDWARD MARTIN, DECEASED, Defendants.
Case No. 2026FC000092
Property Address:
2216 E. Enterprise Street
Springfield, IL 62702
NOTICE
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JACOB EDWARD MARTIN:
Notice is given of the death of Jacob Edward Martin. The Court has appointed Theodore J. Harvatin as Special Representative for Jacob Edward Martin, deceased, in the above entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 2216 E. Enterprise Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
v.
KENNETH G. ADAMS, SR, ALEXA ADAMS, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
IN CHANCERY
Case No. 2025-FC-119
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.
(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Suzanna Scherf
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD
3400 Wabash Avenue
Springfield, IL 62711
Telephone: (217) 529-5555
(B) The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate is:
1631 E. Melrose Street, Springfield, IL 62703
(C) The legal description of the real estate is as follows:
Lots 168 and 169 of Lincoln Heights a Subdivision of Lots 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 of Jacob Loose Heirs' Subdivision of Part of Sections 2, 3 and 10 in Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian.
Except all coal, mineral and mining rights heretofore conveyed or reserved of record.
Sited in Sangamon County, Illinois
PIN#: 22-03-477-062
(D) Description of the improvement on the real estate is as follows:
Residential real property
(E) The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale.
(F) The time and place of the sale is: 9:00 AM on October 27, 2026, at the Sangamon County Building, 200 S. 9th Street, Room 223, Springfield, IL 62701.
(G) The terms of the sale are cash or certified funds at time of sale.
(H) The subject property is sold subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, all general real estate taxes which have not yet become due and payable, with special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record, and existing leases, if any, applicable zoning laws; property is sold "AS IS, WHERE IS, and with no warranties", and without any representation as to quality or quantity of the title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff
By: /s/ Brian D. Jones
One of Its Attorneys
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
v.
MICHAEL R. SNEED, DISCOVER BANK, and UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, IN CHANCERY
Case No. 2026-FC-19
Defendants.
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Telephone: (217) 529-5555
(B) The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate is:
326 S. S. Douglas Ave., Springfield IL 62704
(C) The legal description of the real estate is as follows:
Lot Five (5) of Canfield's Subdivision of the South part of the West Half of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Thirty-three (33), Township Sixteen (16) North, Range Five (5) West of the Third Principal Meridian.
Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any.
Sited in Sangamon County, Illinois
PIN#: 14-33.0-107-008
(D) Description of the improvement on the real estate is as follows:
Residential real property
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS Plaintiff,
Vs.
2021 FORD EXPLORER
VIN # 1FM5K8HC5MGB19054
Damarion Long
No. 26-MX-615
26-AF-32
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Milhis-er, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on June 8, 2026. UNLESS YOU file a verified Claim with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS Plaintiff,
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MACOUPIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK KES-SLER
DECEASED
Case No. 2026PR62
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Frederick Lee Kessler of Gillespie, Illinois, and that Letters Testamentary were issued on September 17, 2026 to Macoupin County Public Administrator Michelle Coady, as Independent Administrator, whose at-torney is Coady Law, 40 Adloff Lane, Suite 1, Springfield, IL 62703.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Macoupin County Courthouse of 201 East Main Street, Carlinville, IL 62626, or with the offices of Coady Law, Attorneys for Macoupin County Public Administrator Michelle Coady, Independent Administra-tor or both, within six (6) months from the date of publication and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to their attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
Macoupin County Public Administrator Michelle Coady, Independent Administra-tor of the Estate of Frederick Lee Kessler, Deceased
Attorney's Address:
Michelle Coady
Registration No: 6279022
Coady Law
40 Adloff Lane
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Springfield, IL 62703
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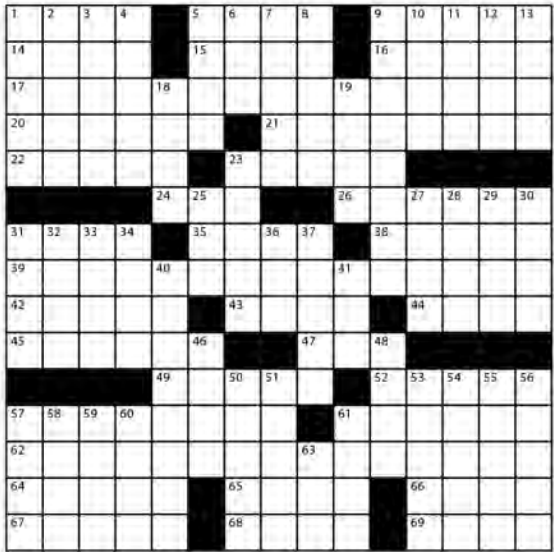
IN THE SANGAMON COUNTY COURT
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:
JULIA E. WITMER,
Deceased.
Case No.: 2026PR336
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of JULIA E. WITMER of Springfield, Illinois, and that Letters Testamentary were issued on Sep-tember 8, 2026, to RUSSELL V. WITMER, JR , as Executor, of Athens, Illinois, whose attorney is Duane D. Young of Young Law Partners, P.C., 1300 South 8th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62703.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Probate Division, 200 South 9th Street, Room 405, Springfield, IL 62701, and with the offices of Young Law Partners, P.C., Attorneys for Executor, or both, within six (6) months from the date of publication and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to their at-torneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
RUSSELL V. WITMER, JR, Executor of the Estate of JULIA E. WITMER, Deceased
Attorneys' Address:
Duane D. Young
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1300 South Eighth Street
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Across

1. Sit for a photo
5. Aid and ____
9. ____ four
14. Believers
15. First name in jeans
16. Make amends
17. United Fruit Company successor
20. Staying power?
21. Total
22. Fills up
23. Fizzle, with "out"
24. Gas: Prefix
26. A Dr. Seuss character
31. Baking sheet
35. Italia's capital
38. The brainy bunch
39. Above 59th Street
42. Beetle Bailey's boss
43. Math ratio
44. Walkman maker
45. Most timid
47. Morning hrs.
49. Lab work
52. Purchase by Mr. Fix-It
57. Basis for belief
61. Bar
62. Up to date rooms
64. With 54-down, the director of the end of the theme clues
65. Ramadan observance
66. Cartoon dog
67. Army vehicles
68. Tricksters



69. Part of CBS: Abbr.

Down

1. Early Brits
2. Actor Milo
3. Tour of duty
4. Suffix with Roman
5. "I cannot tell ____"
6. "Wanna ____?"
7. Dodge
8. Lhasa's land
9. Wide-angle shot
10. Bibliographical abbr.
11. Nobelism
12. Much may follow it
13. John ____ Radio Show

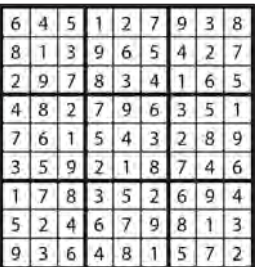
18. "Major" animal
19. Skunk River city
23. Destinations for some limos
25. Directional suffix
27. "Miracle" team of 1969
28. Captivated by
29. Dumb ____ ox
30. Countless
31. Bother
32. Brilliantly colored fish
33. Humble response to praise
34. Opera house box
36. ____ tai
37. Paquin and Kournikova, for two

40. Movie types
41. Haw's partner
46. Graceland's st.
48. ____-Pei (dog)
50. Video store section
51. Latish wake-up time
53. Mishmashes
54. See 64-across
55. Amos and Spelling, for two
56. Beginning
57. Basic guit. chord
58. Mouselike animal
59. Doing nothing
60. Bottomless
61. Hardens
63. Cooking meas.

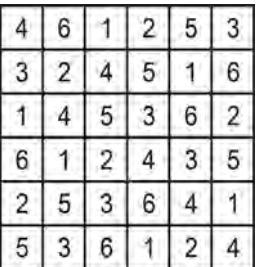
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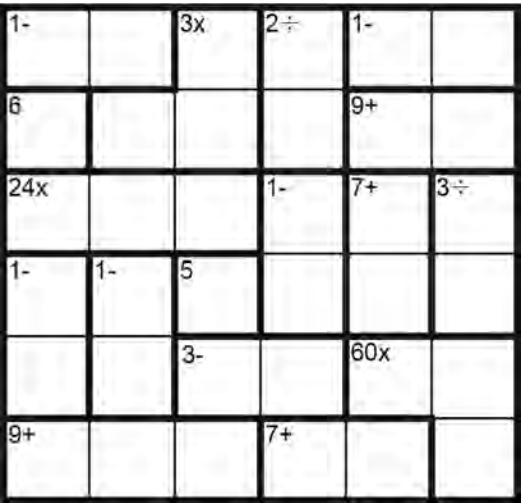
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JoshJosh answers from #963

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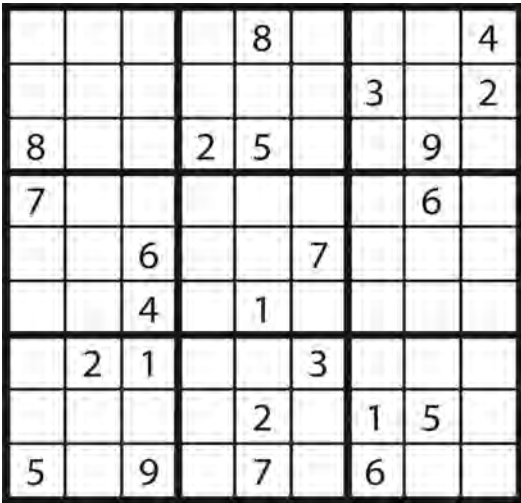
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



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Sudoku No. 964

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



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