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“We cannot build fast enough”

Nehemiah Expansion breaks ground for fifth phase of affordable housing on east side

HOUSING | Dean Olsen

Memories of his childhood in foster care homes on Springfield’s east side and his more recent behind-the-scenes struggles on the Springfield City Council to improve the substandard living conditions faced by many constituents brought Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory to tears.

“For me, this is a special time, man,” Gregory, his voice choked with emotion, said at an outdoor podium next to Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 2208 E. Kansas St.

The 42-year-old alderperson spoke at the Sept. 17 groundbreaking ceremony for the fifth phase of affordable home development in the Nehemiah Expansion project.

The \$20.7 million in housing construction will fund the creation of 45 new two-, three- and four-bedroom homes for low-income tenants by the end of 2027. The work includes the demolition of deteriorating homes on lots acquired by Nehemiah and the city.

When complete, the latest phase will bring the total number of new homes to 165 since Nehemiah’s first phase began in 1999 as an arm of Calvary Missionary Baptist and a vision of the church’s longtime pastor, the Rev. Silas Johnson. All of the Nehemiah phases are within six blocks of the church.

“We’re about to build these homes,” Gregory said, “but this stuff is hard. It’s hard to do for our community. ... I thank everybody who sat down and tried to make this thing work for the best of our community – not for anything selfish, but for the people who need a home, nice homes.

“I knew the work that we put in, the fights that we’ve had to bring people to the table for our communities,” Gregory said. “I just want to see us work more, ‘cause we need more, because that’s what we hear from our people – to do for us, to bring us new investment, to make us a part of this city. And this is another step.”

The original plan to construct 50 new homes in the fifth phase was downsized to 45 homes. The reduction was necessary, according to Mike Niehaus, owner of Springfield-based Windsor Homes, Nehemiah’s general contractor, because Windsor wasn’t able to qualify for \$1 million in federal block grant funds from city government and \$500,000 from the city’s Far East Tax Increment Financing District for the project.



Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory fights back tears as he speaks at the groundbreaking ceremony for the fifth phase of Nehemiah Expansion’s affordable housing development on the east side. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

Both funding sources were approved for the project by the City Council in 2025. But the block grant and TIF funding depended on a signed “project labor agreement,” or PLA, that guaranteed union participation.

For the block grant and TIF funding to flow, a PLA was required for this type of project based on a city ordinance passed by the council after Mayor Misty Buscher took office in 2023. Her campaign was heavily supported by building trades unions.

Niehaus said Windsor wasn’t able to reach agreement on the terms of a PLA with area unions. Aaron Gurnsey, president of the Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council, confirmed the failure to work out an agreement but declined to elaborate.

Johnson, 71, a retired union electrical worker, said lack of a PLA and related reduction in the number of homes to be built were “very disappointing because the need is so great.”

Regardless, union tradespeople will be used whenever possible, Johnson said, and prevailing wage will be paid because of the involvement of the Illinois Housing Development Authority in the project.

IHDA provided \$16.7 million in federal and state tax credits – amounting to 80% of Phase 5’s development costs.

Affordable housing can be expensive to develop. This phase will cost more than \$461,000 per unit. Total costs include consultant fees and tax credits, which are needed because housing with below-market rents typically doesn’t attract private investors without additional incentives.

More than 350 families have applied for one of the 45 spots to rent and later have the option to purchase the homes, Johnson said. Four homes from the first phase of the project have been bought by former renters, he said.

Johnson said he has hopes for sixth phase of Nehemiah, one that would include 50 more

affordable homes, as well as a senior-citizen housing development with at least 60 units.

“There is a massive need for affordable housing,” he said.

Nehemiah Expansion is a nonprofit, and the organization’s rental homes are tax-exempt, but Nehemiah forwards more than \$100,000 a year in payments in lieu of property taxes to School District 186, city and county government and other local taxing bodies, Johnson said.

The 45 new homes will be in wards 2 and 3.

Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams Jr., said, “Safe, clean, accountable housing is so important.”

He said he uses the term “accountable” because Nehemiah is a local landlord and has been responsive to its tenants’ concerns.

“I ain’t got to worry about out-of-state landlords,” Williams said. “I know where to find them. ... I thank God that the vision was given to the pastor, that the church understood the vision and supported him on the vision, because it is needed. We cannot build fast enough.”

State Sen. Doris Turner, D-Springfield, a former Ward 3 alderperson and former Sangamon County Board member, lives a few blocks from Calvary Baptist. She attended the groundbreaking ceremony and commended Johnson, saying it was a “remarkable day.”

“Rev. Johnson, look how far we done come,” she said. “Where there was blight, we have seen new houses come up. Where there were vacant lots, we have seen houses come up. And that’s not just a house. That’s a home for someone. That’s a place where people can feel safe. They can feel comfortable, and they can raise their children, and their children have a place to come home to.”

Amy Rasing, the city’s director of the Office of Planning and Economic Development, said the mayor, who was out of town, sent her greeting to participants of what Rasing called a “ground blessing” ceremony.

Rasing said the project is “putting people in more than a home. It’s also bringing people together – neighbors helping neighbors.” □

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NEWS

Candidates face off at forum

Nonpartisan group holds debates for Senate district and sheriff races

ELECTIONS | Maria Gardner Lara and Dilpreet Raju



Republican Frank Lesko, who currently serves as the Sangamon County Recorder, is challenging state Sen. Doris Turner, D-Springfield, for the 48th State Senate District. PHOTO BY DILPREET RAJU

Follow the money

Talk about campaign contributions caused the candidates to forcefully take sides, with Turner defending the labor unions' contributions to her campaign. She said the financial donations don't buy her support but rather it's instilled in her from growing up in a "proud union family."

According to campaign records, Turner has received \$1.4 million in contributions from labor unions so far.

Though he's not on the receiving end of the labor unions' money, Lesko brushed it off. "I have a 100% voting record with the unions," he said. "Unions support one candidate one time and not the candidate the next time, and that's kind of the way it goes."

The size of Turner's campaign fund gained more attention as TV ads began to air attacking Lesko, resurfacing a DUI charge he received more than 20 years ago. In a subsequent Facebook post, Lesko defended himself, arguing that he did not receive preferential treatment from the court and said he "accepted full responsibility" and gave up drinking after that.

Lesko said during the debate that Turner has used her significant campaign funds to attack him.

"To sit and say that money doesn't influence an election is ludicrous," he said. "You're able to get out, make \$250,000 in a week in a buy for television and just blow a person out of the water."

The TV ad was produced by the Illinois Senate Democrat Fund, the same political action committee that donated \$225,000 last week to Turner's campaign.

Lesko received more than \$100,000 from the Sangamon County Republican Central Committee. His other largest donors have been state Sen. Steve McClure, R-Springfield, donating \$44,000 and Friends of John Curran, associated with state Sen. John Curran, R-Downers Grove, donating \$25,000.

As of June 30, Lesko has a little over \$18,000 of available funds, and Turner has more than \$1.2 million. The numbers don't reflect donations the campaigns have received since the last quarterly report filed with the Illinois Board of Elections.

The Committee of Springfield Illinois, a nonpartisan group, held two debates on Sunday, Sept. 27, bringing together candidates for the 48th Senate district and Sangamon County sheriff races.

Bernard Schoenburg, a former political journalist at *The State Journal-Register*, moderated the debates held at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Springfield. Schoenburg now serves on the board of directors for Local Journalism Matters, the nonprofit which oversees *Illinois Times*.

48th State Senate District race
Democrat State Sen. Doris Turner and Republican Sangamon County Recorder Frank Lesko seek to represent the 48th Senate District, which includes most of Sangamon County and portions of Christian, Montgomery, Macoupin and Madison counties.

Turner was first appointed for the seat in 2021. She previously served on the Sangamon County Board and the Springfield City Council.

Lesko was elected Sangamon County recorder in 2024 and is a former Springfield city clerk and member of the Springfield Park Board.

Through the debate, he emphasized his goal to reduce taxes and downsize government and reminded the audience of his campaign pledge when running for his current seat.

"On Dec. 1 of this year, I will fire myself and hand over the office to the county clerk's office, and we'll save the taxpayers \$250,000," Lesko said.

Lesko was elected to a four-year term in November 2024 by only 31 votes over longtime incumbent Democrat Josh Langfelder. Langfelder opposed Lesko's plan to merge the recorder's office with the clerk's

office, led by Republican Don Gray.

Lesko campaigned with a “hire me to fire me” slogan, but the Republicans initially didn’t plan to sunset the office until 2028. In January 2025, the Democrats on the County Board had a rare win and led a successful effort to get a referendum on the next ballot asking voters to decide whether to eliminate the office of recorder of deeds and transfer its duties to the county clerk, effective Dec. 1, 2026. It was approved by 57% of the voters.

The incumbent said education and affordability issues matter to her and highlighted her advocacy for lowering healthcare costs.

“I think it’s critical that we address the rising prices that all my families are facing,” Turner said.

Regarding recent controversy around data centers, Turner said it’s a local issue. “It’s not one-size-fits-all and depends on the community,” she said.

The Sangamon County Board approved zoning in April to allow for construction of the area’s first hyperscale data center. Residents near the proposed site in Waverly have filed suit seeking to stop the project. It was strongly supported by local trade unions, which have also been significant contributors to Turner’s campaign.

Turner said she would support regulations to protect water and farmland, as well as restrictions on non-disclosure agreements.

Lesko said, “I’m not real hip to the data centers because of the environmental side of it.”

He would be open to listening to all arguments, “but it has to be good for the people.”

While data center development has become one of the few issues that doesn’t fall along party lines, the candidates’ positions on other topics aligned with their respective party’s stance.

Lesko referred to undocumented immigrants as “Illegals,” while Turner described them as neighbors and lamented the “us versus them” stance.

The candidates did agree on their support for downtown development in Springfield.

Turner introduced a bill in the Senate to create a Capital Area Tourism Authority that includes building a new hotel in the city center. Her bill did not pass before the end of the spring legislative session, but in light of the possible development, Sangamon County recently passed a 3% hotel tax to fund an expansion of the BOS Center.

“I don’t like any kind of tax increase for anybody, because I think it comes back to the people no matter what happens,” Lesko said, “but I do love Springfield and downtown.”

The crowd of around 100 people, which



Bernard Schoenburg, left, moderates a Sept. 27 debate between Sangamon County Sheriff Paula Crouch and challenger Marc Bell. PHOTO BY DILPREET RAJU

was diverse in age and racial background, provided their own commentary with loud gasps and murmurs throughout the debate.

When the candidates were asked who they would support in the Illinois governor’s race, Lesko declined to endorse the Republican frontrunner, Darren Bailey. It’s a significant position for Lesko to take as the Republican state party seeks to differentiate itself from President Donald Trump, while appearing unified for state and local races.

Turner said, “I am very proudly supporting Gov. JB Pritzker.”

Sangamon County sheriff race

Sheriff Paula Crouch, a Republican, debated Democratic challenger Marc Bell, who’s been endorsed by Crouch’s primary challenger and former employee David Timm. Bell spent his career with Illinois State Police before retiring more than a decade ago. He currently serves on Springfield’s Police Community Review Commission.

Bell told attendees the sheriff’s office needs to revise how it’s managed, but said he and Crouch have maintained a friendly demeanor.

“She is not my enemy, she is my opponent,” he said. “This race is about history – the history of how the sheriff’s department has not been run properly and been used to just satisfy the needs of the Republican Party... We need somebody that’s outside; I don’t owe them any favors. I am just here to be the head of that agency and to make it the best that it can be.”

Crouch, who was appointed by the County

Board in 2024 following former Sheriff Jack Campbell’s retirement after calls for his resignation, said she had no prior connection to the Republican-led County Board.

“As far as nepotism, I didn’t know anybody on the County Board, really, before being appointed – I had never even talked with Chairman (Andy) Van Meter,” she said. “I believe that my hiring practices have been based on the backgrounds and the applications that have come in.”

Crouch mentioned that the Sangamon County Jail is understaffed by 14 correctional officers, but also shared the challenges that go into hiring for such positions.

“The problem is that oftentimes with the increased background – I had four applicants for correctional officers this last go around; two of them failed the psychological exam; one of them failed the background – that left me with one out of four. The process takes a very long time, so we are struggling to get the appropriate staffing into the jail,” she said.

Some questions referenced recent reporting by *Illinois Answers Project*, which found the Sangamon County Jail has failed all nine Illinois Department of Corrections inspections from 2017 through 2025, and an *Injustice Watch* story republished by *Illinois Times* which reported the Sangamon County sheriff’s office released an individual to Immigrations and Customs Enforcement in April 2025 despite no criminal warrant.

“I’ve pulled the reports from the last two years to see what other instances that may have happened with, so we’re in the training

and auditing stages there to ensure that we are in compliance,” Crouch said. “That has been addressed, but we weren’t talking about going into anyone’s home. We were talking about people who were already in custody at the jail for state charges.”

Both candidates committed to working to install the sheriff-designated calls to action from the Massey Commission, but Bell’s opening statement included him reading an expanded ethics policy he said he’d implement if elected.

“It is essential that the employees of the Sangamon County Sheriff’s Office follow the code of ethics for the office of the sheriff,” Bell said, including a commitment to “not tolerate nor condone brutal or inhumane treatment of others by my employees, nor shall I commit or condone inhumane or brutal treatment of inmates in my care and custody,” amongst a host of other pledges.

The Committee of Springfield Illinois, which hosted the event, recorded the debates and said they would be posted on the group’s Facebook page.

The nonpartisan group is comprised of more than a dozen organizations including the Faith Coalition for the Common Good, Springfield Urban League and local chapters of the League of Women Voters, the NAACP and the National Organization for Women. The group is holding other events leading up to the November midterm elections for voters to learn about varying candidates. □






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Send in the clowns

News editor at WICS Channel 20 also travels with a circus

COMMUNITY | Adrian Dater

Eleven months of the year, Robert Quance lives a 9-to-5 life working behind the camera as a news assignment editor for WICS NewsChannel 20 in Springfield. Every October, though, Quance takes all his unused sick and personal time, dons grease paint, puts on a bulbous red nose and runs away to join the circus.

Quance, 32, a former theater kid who grew up mostly in Pawnee, isn't offended when you call him a clown. While he does wear some other hats, literally and figuratively, with Horror Circus, Inc., his usual role is as a character clown. Sometimes, he's a scary clown, but most of the time he's a funny, happy clown who loves nothing more than seeing a young kid laugh his or her head off from his antics.

"The world needs more whimsy," Quance says, "and so I'm gonna give you whimsy. I would like to be your whimsy catalyst."

Before anyone thinks of quitting their day job to do what he does, Quance has a warning:

"It's very hard," he said. "People might think clowning is easy, but, no, you need a lot of training to do it well, to learn how to handle a crowd, and then you've got to do all the grunt work that's part of being in a traveling circus. A lot of driving heavy equipment, putting up and tearing down the stage, a lot of 12-hour days. But I absolutely love it."

Getting such a gig isn't easy, either. Circus owners are pickier than you might think about who they hire, and Quance says he makes double his usual monthly wage with WICS for his services. Soon, Quance will hop a flight to Florida and join the Vampire Circus, owned by Horror Circus, Inc., and produced by Cirque Productions. He'll travel all over the country by bus, with the tour concluding Nov. 1 in St. Charles, Missouri, then be back at work Nov. 2 at WICS.

"Robbie is a wonderfully weird, interesting man," WICS news anchor Dawn Sterling says.

Quance's boss, WICS general manager Heather Nodine, said everyone at the station enjoys hearing stories from his latest road trip.

"We love to see people pursue their passions outside of work," Nodine said. "We do our best to accommodate schedules so people are free to do some of those things they love. We make it work, and he comes back



Robert Quance, a news assignment editor for WICS NewsChannel 20, also works as a professional clown. He is shown here during this summer's Circus Days festival in Petersburg. PHOTO COURTESY ROBERT QUANCE

refreshed and energized."

Quance has been telling station colleagues his stories since July of 2021, when he was hired as an assistant at WICS, about a year after he "took a leap of faith" and went to Wildwood, New Jersey, to work along the boardwalk carnival atmosphere that is Morey's Pier.

"I worked at a mall in 2020, but when everything closed for three months (from COVID-19), I got word that the people at Morey's Pier had a new program to get theater people to fill in for their normal people – exchange students from abroad – that couldn't travel to the U.S. That's how I got my foot in the door in the industry," Quance said. "Pretty

soon, I was doing other shows in places like SeaWorld San Diego and then all over Canada along with the U.S."

At times, Quance has had to drive a U-Haul himself as part of circus tours, including one perilous time through the steep, snowy hills of western Canada. He is likely to join a sleeper bus with a professional driver for the next tour, however, with food and other sundry expenses covered by Horror Circus, Inc.

Quance said he overcame his normal shyness, and some depression, in his early 20s by giving local stand-up comedy a try. When he got his first laugh, Quance said it was "like I found God's love."

He found he had the gift of gab, and all the shyness went away. Quance has performed locally as a magician, Santa Claus, a balloon-twister, carnival barker, bubble-blower and regular with the Capital City Improv troupe. He is the chairman of Zwei Dumm, an area clown group association.

Asked if he'd like to run away and join a circus full time, Quance admits that he does, but the bigger dream would be to own his own traveling circus company.

"It's something I think is right in my soul. I love working at WICS, don't get me wrong. It's cool working at a TV station," Quance said. "But, you know, circus life, entertaining people – that is my true passion."

Says Nodine, "While you might not think there is a lot of crossover between his entertainment background and what you do in news, it is actually a good fit. Part of his job as an entertainer is to win people over and keep them engaged. That translates well to speaking with the public, setting up interviews and answering viewer questions. His improv background has come in very handy as well. He's even held newsroom training sessions on how improv skills help when doing interviews."

As he finished a cup of Starbucks lemonade with a reporter recently, Quance already seemed to be daydreaming of his next adventure.

"It's probably not the life for everybody," he said. "But it's the life for me." □

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

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The entire city owes a big thank you to Jamie and his team for allowing Springfield to be in such a big spotlight. My social media has been flooded with folks from across the country asking about where to stay, eat, drink and hang out while they're in town for games. My neighbors – who are adamant non-sports fans – have found themselves now wildly cheering and attending multiple games.

Were there bumps in the road? Undoubtedly. Jamie didn't wait for things to be perfect. He dreamed big, made connections and went for it. I hope that every city leader has reached out to thank him. I hope that every person with a dream of making our town better in some way is inspired.

On behalf of everyone who attended, high-fived a stranger, caught a ball, rented a room out, drove an Uber, served a drink and more – thank you, Jamie.

*Lauren Baker, president
Enos Park Neighborhood Improvement
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NOT THE INTENT

In March, I voted in favor of the referendum to fund a Sangamon County Mental Health Board – with hesitancy over the sole appointment authority given to the Sangamon County Board chair over who would decide how the revenue would be spent. The Sept. 9 piece by Dilpreet Raju regarding this board has not reassured me in my decision (“Mental Health Board faces forks in the road”).

The referendum was not presented to

voters as a tax increase to provide additional funding to the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, but Chair Steve Nardulli nonchalantly stated he expects that office to apply.

The idea that Sheriff Paula Crouch thinks it appropriate to see this as a potential windfall to the office that employed Sonya Massey's murderer is at best tone deaf, and at worst a cynical cash grab. I hope there are some adults on the board that can read the room and spend this money the way it was intended.

Tom Coats
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I read with great interest Ben Szalinski's article "Pritzker establishes AI Cabinet amid calls for greater regulation" (Sept. 23). The governor's establishment of an AI cabinet made up of experts to formulate policy proposals to analyze the risks posed by AI to the safety of Illinois residents is important.

So far much of the public discussion about the impact of data centers has focused on light and noise pollution, the rising utility costs of electricity and water, and concerns about plummeting property values for homeowners near construction of large and unattractive data center sites. However, a recent article in *Fortune* magazine set forth permanent environmental damage and health risks – often not recognized or acknowledged – from exposure to PFAS (“Data centers are swapping water for forever chemicals to keep AI cool” by Joshua Hong, Sept. 18). This should be interjected into the current discussion of risks posed by AI.

The water-cooling procedures required by the enormous amount of heat generated from data center equipment results in the creation of PFAS expelled back into the community water supply. Forever chemicals are persistent because their carbon-fluorine bonds persist and do not naturally break down. Recent research has documented that PFAS in contaminated community drinking



The Los Angeles Queens won the inaugural Women's Pro Baseball League championship, defeating the San Francisco Firebells 2-0 in the fifth and tie-breaking championship game on Sept. 22. All four teams played the entire season at Robin Roberts Stadium. **PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS**

water has significant permanent health hazards to wildlife, humans and the environment. In 2023, the World Health Organization Cancer's Research Agency confirmed the link between PFAS and renal cell cancer and testicular cancer.

The public health consequences of exposure to PFAS are a crucial topic that should be included in the agenda and deliberations of the governor's AI cabinet.

Marcus Albrecht
Edwardsville

Super Cows

In the 1980s a Super Cow was bought for a million dollars. Her superness was the amount of milk she produced each year. Now there is word of a second Super Cow, which was bought for four million dollars. It looks like my family was in the right business at the wrong time or just didn't have the savvy to measure cows individually. My pet cow was super enough for me, it must have been her eyelashes.

Jacqueline Jackson

An advertisement for Springfield Junk Away. At the top, a black banner with white text reads "YESTERDAY YOU SAID TOMORROW". Below this, on the left, is a large red "\$5 OFF" with a QR code underneath. In the center is a white truck with a large sign that says "Low rates. On time. References. SPRINGFIELD JUNK AWAY". The driver's side window shows a man's face, and the name "Joe" is written on the door. Below the truck is the website "SPRINGFIELDJUNKAWAY.COM". To the right of the truck, text reads "Trusted by your neighbors for over 20 years!". Below this text is a green circular logo with a recycling symbol and the words "RECYCLE", "REDUCE", and "REUSE". At the bottom, a black banner with white text reads "NO BAGGING NO BOXING NO LOADING WE DO IT ALL".

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OPINION

Welch should apologize

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Last month, House Speaker Chris Welch told WGN political editor Tahman Bradley during an interview, “I’m going to apologize for making her feel uncomfortable.”

The woman he was referring to was former Rep. Harry Benton’s district office worker who quit after she said she was sexually harassed. The woman also told the Chicago Tribune that Welch had sent “heart-eye” emojis to her mobile phone in response to photos and said when she reached out to Welch about her future career plans, he suggested that they meet at a bar in his favorite suburban steak house. All of that, she said, made her feel quite uncomfortable.

“I’m going to own that. I regret it, and I want to apologize to her,” Welch told Bradley. “I sincerely want to apologize to her because it was never my intent to make her or anyone feel uncomfortable.”

So, I reached out to the young former staffer through an approved intermediary to ask if Welch had ever apologized to her.

“No, he’s never apologized to me,” she replied.

When I asked whether she thinks Welch “should” apologize, the former staffer said there was something else he should do along with an apology: “I think I’d like to hear how he plans to improve the culture along with the apology,” she said. “Empty apology for his actions alone would just be awkward,” she continued.

I showed the back and forth between myself and the intermediary to several House Democrats. Most said the culture change was more important.

Rep. Kelly Cassidy (D-Chicago), who has been a Welch critic, had this to say: “I agree with her perspective. A personal apology is empty unless backed with significant action. We need to fix the policies and procedures that failed her, but also the culture that led to the harm in the first place.”

Cassidy also didn’t expect that a Welch-style apology would be sufficient: “I have issues with apologies that focus on the feelings of the victim as opposed to his actions.”

“I’ve always been less interested in apologies and more concerned with fixing problems,” said Rep. Mary Beth Canty (D-Arlington Heights), who also chairs the House Women’s Caucus.

“I think her comment that she’d like substantive cultural changes and not just an apology makes sense and is wise,” said Rep. Anna Moeller (D-Elgin). “From what I’ve heard, the working group assembled by the speaker is taking the task seriously and I think the caucus will be looking for substantive proposals to help ensure that district staff are

protected. I think if the Speaker knew that she’d like a direct apology he would provide one.”

Well, he knows now.

Rep. Will Guzzardi (D-Chicago) is a member of Welch’s leadership team: “All of us, especially those of us in leadership, bear responsibility for the workplace culture in Springfield that’s too often toxic and harmful. We need a plan to make things better. I’ve been talking with my colleagues throughout the summer, and I’m hopeful that we can come together in veto session with some concrete steps to improve our processes and keep our people safe.”

Rep. Ann Stava (D-Naperville) noted that the working group got off to a very rocky start: “(Welch’s) response was to formally assign people to a working group to ‘study the issue.’ Multiple members who were assigned declined to join for reasons they specified publicly.”

Stava also said that she hadn’t decided whether to vote for Welch in January, and warned, “I do not look kindly on the fact that he has not personally apologized to the original victim or the subsequent victims to my knowledge.”

In my own opinion, the speaker should follow through on both of his public promises:

Genuinely apologize and improve the staff working environment.

Instead, the House Democrats have gone on offense against the Republican candidate running against Benton’s successor, Gabby Shanahan.

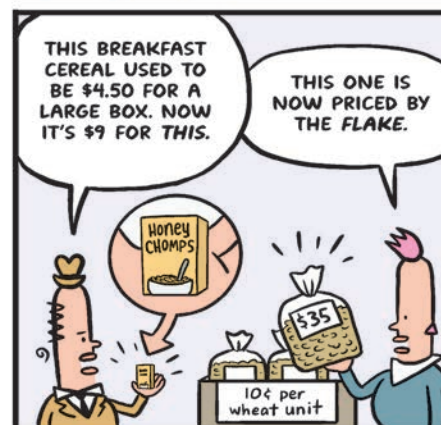
Benton was succeeded by one of his former district office employees who said she witnessed Benton’s sexual harassment but didn’t report it because the young staffer asked her not to. The Republicans have sharply and repeatedly criticized appointed Rep. Jessica Dixon Heitman (D-Plainfield) for turning a blind eye to what happened.

The Democrats are now trying to turn the Republican attacks back against GOP candidate Shanahan.

“Gabby Shanahan’s biggest backer is a top Trump ally,” the narrator says in the Democratic streaming ad as photos of President Donald Trump, House Speaker Mike Johnson and Vice President JD Vance appear beside Shanahan, according to my associate Isabel Miller.

“We don’t need another politician like Shanahan who will look the other way” the ad states.

Clever, considering that’s just what Welch did with Benton. □



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Down the gardened path

A new life for Third Street

KROHE | James Krohe Jr.

Imagine pedaling happily along a paved path where murals and stand-alone art works distract you from the shabbiness or outright ugliness of Springfield's backsides, passing frolicking children and couples strolling hand in hand thinking how lucky they are to be living in a city that... well, that part of the daydream is not quite clear yet.

It took more than 100 years and the expenditure of many millions of dollars, but Springfield next year will have rerouted freight trains from the Third Street tracks seven blocks to the east. Plans are afoot to turn the old rail corridor into a brand-new urban greenway/linear park/multipurpose path through the heart of old Springfield. Mayor Misty Buscher will remind you that whatever you call it, it's spelled O-P-P-O-R-T-U-N-I-T-Y!

The city hired the national planning firm RDG to design it, with Hanson Professional Services acting as the local engineering partner. Dubbed "The Linc," the nearly six-mile urban rail-to-trail project would have all the accoutrements common to such projects—your curvy jogging/cycling path, your public art works, your flower beds and the same play equipment that the kiddies won't touch at the park. In combination (we are promised) these features will not only transform Third Street but transform the city—in RDG's words, "enhance local and regional connectivity, bridge physical and cultural divisions, and bolster economic growth in the downtown core."

And on the seventh day they rested.

Sorry about that. I couldn't resist. Hyping your client's projects is part of the game, and it's harmless fun as long as no one takes it seriously. The infrastructure improvements detailed by Hanson are sound, especially the handsome observation deck that would replace the rickety and rusted bridge that carries the tracks across Capitol Avenue. While the programming and public involvement outlined by RDG are more wishful than useful, the preliminary planning and site design is good enough.

Ah, but planners don't make happy public spaces, people do. The first question we must ask is, do enough people live along The Linc to make it work? Consider a project of this sort that works very well—The 606 in Chicago, which runs atop an abandoned elevated rail line and connects the northwest



Artist rendering of the elevated view of the proposed Capitol Landing Bridge looking west. IMAGE COURTESY OF THE RDG DESIGN GROUP WEBSITE

neighborhoods of Humboldt Park, Logan Square, Bucktown and Wicker Park. The 606 draws an estimated 1 million users a year, in large part because some 80,000 people live within a 10-minute walk.

That's approximately 30,000 people per mile. And The Linc? A good guess puts the population within a 10-minute walk at 12,000 people or about 2,000 per mile. That's an overall average; most of the potential users are to be found in the downtown core sections, since along much of its length to the north and south The Linc is flanked mostly by empty lots, parking lots and industrial properties. This matters because among other things, what makes public spaces safe is the presence of other people. The size of the population adjacent to the new corridor also affects demand for The Linc as a strolling or jogging path.

However (partly to justify the use of government transportation funds), The Linc is mostly touted as a two-wheel commuting route. It will connect the fairgrounds on the north side of town to recreation bike trails on the south and along the way will pass big job centers such as the state's Harris and Bloom buildings on South Grand Ave., the Capitol complex and the Medical District.

Nonetheless, a new Lawrence Avenue this will not be. A few more cyclists will leave the cars at home if they have a new car-free (but not weather-free) path to work. But fewer than 200 workers in Springfield now commute primarily by bicycle, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That's roughly 0.1% to 0.3% of the city's overall commuting workforce. Even if The Linc swells that number by a factor of 10, the dent made in car use will be small.

The project is likely to take years to finish and much about it and the city is likely to change. In the meantime, we can reflect that it's not street furniture and plantings that determine whether a project of this sort will succeed. What matters is that the social and economic assumptions that are embedded in it reflect the actual city. It might happen that the "neighborhood gathering and community events and small-scale sporting activities" that Hanson suggests in its imagined version of the "Residential Infill" zone south of Ash will include group yoga but it seems just as likely that such spaces will be used for skateboarding or dice games or getting high.

To-may-to, to-mah-to. Even if no one uses that space for anything at all, well, it should make a swell jogging and cycling path. □

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“Housing is a human right”

Faith Coalition and other advocacy groups get landlord registry referendum on November ballot

HOUSING | Molly A. Wallace

Teshia Spencer’s 14-year-old daughter was experiencing shortness of breath. Spencer assumed allergies were the cause until a doctor diagnosed her daughter with asthma. The trigger, according to Spencer, was months of mold exposure in a house they rented in Springfield from January to July of this year.

Spencer is one of several tenants who told *Illinois Times* that they or their loved ones experienced adverse health conditions after living in buildings owned by Aplomb Properties LLC, managed by Springfield resident Shravan Gunda.

Organizers with the Faith Coalition for the Common Good said that stories like these are all too common in Springfield – but that a landlord registration, licensing and inspection program could go a long way toward helping renters avoid these situations.

“Housing is a human right. When housing is doing well, the economy flourishes, our health is better, the city is better,” said Tyshianna Bankhead, executive director of the Faith Coalition, a Springfield-based nonprofit. “We’re not trying to penalize any landlord. We want to make sure that the whole of Springfield is healthier.”

The Faith Coalition and several partner organizations recently delivered a petition to the Springfield City Clerk’s office calling for a referendum on the measure to be placed on the ballot this November. They needed 3,508 signatures, or 8% of the votes cast in the last gubernatorial election in Springfield, according to the Sangamon County Clerk’s office. The petition delivered Aug. 3 had more than 5,000 signatures.

Organizers started working on the petition last year after the Springfield City Council voted in November 2025 not to move forward with a landlord registry. It was the second time in less than three years that the council had rejected a landlord registry, although the details of the ordinances varied.

The council first shot down an ordinance in May 2023, sponsored by Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams, that would have established a registry for owners of single buildings with 50 or more units or multiple properties with 10 or more units.

The issue came up again in November 2025, when a 5-4 vote in favor of bringing the registry to a ballot referendum failed to move forward due to a rule that a majority of the 10-member council must vote yes for a measure to pass. Sponsors Williams and Ward 6 Ald. Jennifer Notariano voted yes, as did Ward 2 Ald. Shawn

Gregory, Ward 4 Ald. Larry Rockford and Ward 8 Ald. Erin Conley. Ward 1 Ald. Jeff Cox, Ward 7 Ald. Brad Carlson, Ward 9 Ald. Jim Donelan and Ward 10 Ald. Ralph Hanauer voted against putting the measure to a public vote. Ward 5 Ald. Lakeisha Purchase recused herself from the vote, citing a conflict of interest since she is a landlord, although she voted no on the 2023 attempt to advance a landlord registry.

The current measure is an advisory referendum, meaning it does not have binding power should the City Council choose not to act on it, but organizers are optimistic that it will send a strong message.

“Once we get it on the ballot, and they see a unanimous vote that says, ‘We want a landlord registry,’ then that’s ammunition to say, ‘Look, the people want this,’” said Williams when asked whether he thought the referendum would force city leadership to take action on the measure. “This isn’t a small group of people just yelling.”

The referendum will ask: “Shall the city of Springfield adopt a landlord registry, inspection, and licensing program similar to other Illinois cities?”

Among Illinois’ 10 largest cities, Springfield and Naperville are the only two with no mandatory registration for rental properties. Champaign was the latest holdout but mandated a rental property registry in April.

Anne Logue, a board member and housing ambassador for the Faith Coalition, said these registries are about streamlining the enforcement of housing codes.

“The main issue is that we need an address and an email that’s accessible to the city officials, not necessarily to the public,” she said. “But I think that we’d like to see the violations made public so that there would be a user-friendly website where tenants could look up landlords or properties to see the history of violations so that at least they know who they’re dealing with.”

Springfield’s current housing inspection program is reactive, meaning inspectors visit properties when complaints are made alleging a code violation. Usually, these inspections occur after tenants or neighbors make a complaint or as a result of a zone manager noticing a possible code violation on the outside of a property.

The inspection program that will be put forth on the November ballot would institute proactive inspections on a routine cycle – yet to be determined – that aims to catch violations early to minimize risks to tenants.



Teshia Spencer says she and her 14-year-old daughter both developed breathing problems, which she believes is due to mold exposure, after living in a rental property on Bel Aire Drive in Springfield. She was one of several tenants who told *Illinois Times* that they or their loved ones experienced adverse health conditions after living in buildings owned by Aplomb Properties LLC. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

The Bel Aire Drive house

Spencer said her daughter’s health problems were not the only consequence of living in a house owned by Aplomb Properties. Even after moving out of the house on Bel Aire Drive in July, she said she still suffers from cluster headaches and shortness of breath, which her doctor told her likely developed as a result of exposure to the mold.

Spencer’s list of concerns with the property was extensive: no air conditioning, a pool with standing water in the backyard, no backdoor egress and mold growing on the walls in the

basement and one of the bathrooms.

Then the first time it rained, she said the basement flooded.

When asked if she ever notified the owner, Spencer said she never learned the owner’s name. Instead, her primary contact was Diane Shaw, who said she worked as a property manager for Gunda for two years before they parted ways earlier this year.

Shaw herself was a tenant at the Bel Aire house beginning in June 2025 prior to subletting it to Spencer in January 2026. Most recently, she rented a property from MyHomes USA

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LLC, another Gunda-managed company, but was evicted in September for unpaid rent. Shaw said that she had a barter agreement with Gunda such that she did not owe rent, which Gunda denied ever having agreed to.

In a statement to *IT*, Gunda said, “We do not have, and have never had, any barter or exchange relationship with Ms. (Diane) Shaw. Our relationship with her was strictly based on the lease agreement for the property.”

The *IT* reviewed emails from MyHomes USA LLC to Shaw with instructions for posting rent and eviction notices, CashApp records of payments to Shaw from MyHomes USA LLC, instructions for meeting Section 8 inspectors at various properties and other evidence that Shaw worked as a property manager for Gunda beginning as far back as April 2025.

Both Gunda and Shaw claim that each other’s actions – the eviction filed against Shaw and Shaw’s statements to *IT* about Gunda – are retaliatory. Given the complicated nature of their disputes, the *IT* has worked to verify any statements made by either party whenever possible.

Gunda also said he didn’t learn of any problems in the Bel Aire property until he regained possession from Spencer in July.

In the meantime, Spencer said she realized she would need to escalate her complaints if she wanted to see any of the problems addressed.

She resorted to filing a housing complaint with the Office of Public Works for the repeated flooding that she thought was causing the mold. Records of the resultant July inspection alleged four housing code violations, including a “black substance from moisture being trapped” on the basement walls, “paint chipping and large cracks in basement walls” that were “allowing water to get in,” and “gutters visible from front of house drain directly over foundation adding to the water problem.”

Gunda said the property was in “like-new” condition prior to being rented out and provided photos of its condition prior to Shaw taking over the lease and subletting it to Spencer. The photos show what appears to be a freshly painted house with a clean, unfinished basement.

Spencer provided photos and videos from June, shortly before she and her family moved out, that show a flooded basement, what appears to be water damage to the walls in a bathroom and a dark substance on the walls in the basement.

At one point, a video taken by Spencer’s son zooms in on a basement wall where water is clearly flowing out of several cracks or holes.

“Look at this. There’s just water coming out of the wall,” he can be heard saying.

The North Hill Street house

Tracy Kampmann’s account of living in a house owned by Aplomb Properties in the 500 block of North Hill Street parallels Spencer’s. Kampmann moved into the property in March 2024 with



Dan Atteberry has lived on South Douglas Avenue for four decades. He says the four-unit apartment building across the street used to be a nice place to live, but the condition of the property and quality of the tenants has deteriorated under the last two owners. Now he takes it upon himself to clean up trash around the property every week. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

five other members of her family, including her newborn grandson.

Kampmann said she began to notice water damage and mold growth not long after moving in and alerted the property owner directly.

She said Gunda took some actions to address the mold and leaking in response to her complaints, including installing a sump pump for the basement flooding and spraying for mold.

“He had some guy come out and spray some stuff that made it look better but didn’t actually take care of it,” Kampmann said.

In the meantime, she said her family had developed various respiratory problems, which they assumed were due to allergies. She said they only gradually connected the dots, realizing the mold they were seeing might be causing their symptoms.

In March 2025, Shaw, the property manager, was brought in to document the house’s condition.

Screenshots of text messages sent from Shaw to Gunda from that visit show photos and videos of Kampmann pointing out problems in the house. They include videos of what appears to be water damage to the walls in a bathroom and water accumulating in the basement that Kampmann said was due to a leaky kitchen faucet. In one video, Kampmann alleged that “he” sprayed a white substance – visible in the video – on places where mold was growing.

In response to questions about the condition of the North Hill house, Gunda said, “At no time were we informed of any mold problems or other significant issues with the property during the tenancy.”

Gunda bought the North Hill Street property for \$53,000 in July 2023. Since September 2023, the property has been cited for five environmental and 13 housing violations. A July inspection found leaks in the plumbing, windows and doors that were not weather-tight, and cracks in the house’s foundation causing further leaking.

Inspection reports from the North Hill Street house never mentioned mold by name. According to Amanda Brown, the city of Springfield’s director of communications, housing inspectors are not authorized to test for mold and thus cannot say whether something is or is not mold when conducting inspections.

“Any interior surface that does not appear to be in sound or sanitary condition can be enforced through citing sections of the code. For example: IPMC 305.3,” she said.

The July report cites International Property Maintenance Code 305.3: “All interior surfaces, including windows and doors, shall be maintained in good, clean and sanitary condition.”

The inspector’s accompanying description calls for the drywall to be repaired and bathroom tile to be replaced.

When Kampmann and her family moved out at the end of June, Gunda alleged that they left the property in disrepair. He provided *IT* with photos of trash and possessions piled throughout the house.

Kampmann tells a different story: She said that when Gunda saw that mold had ruined many of her family’s belongings, he told her to leave them behind.

“Almost every single thing, when I took it out of the apartment, was infested with mold,” she said. “The mold made me have to trash a lot of it.”

The Douglas Street apartment

A third property owned by Aplomb Properties in the 100 block of South Douglas has become a source of frustration for the people who live nearby.

Dan Atteberry has lived on South Douglas Avenue, across the street from a four-unit apartment building now owned by Aplomb, for 40 years. He said it used to be a nice place to live. The couple who previously owned it often hired him to cut the grass or clean the carpets and repaint the walls between tenants.

Then various LLCs took ownership. Atteberry said the problems really started when it was owned by R. Douglas Enterprises LLC, which is registered under manager Rickey Douglas, Jr.

“The cops were over there every week. There were shootings, drugs, fights, trash, just everything,” Atteberry said.

Between February 2023 and October 2025, the apartment building received nine code violations from inspectors about tires abandoned on the property, overflowing dumpsters, and overgrown grass and weeds. On return visits, inspectors found that seven violations had not been abated.

Then in November 2025, Aplomb Properties bought the building for \$143,000, according to Sangamon County tax records.

Atteberry said he was reassured when a man claiming to be the owner came to his house to promise him he would take good care of the property.

But his optimism turned to disappointment when trash once again started to accumulate in the front yard and the grass became overgrown. Then when a tree fell down during a storm in mid-June – knocking over a section of a neighbor’s fence – no one came to remove it for two months, which delayed repairs to the fence.

IT visited the property in July and documented the fallen tree, broken fence, overgrown grass and weeds, an overflowing dumpster, several broken and missing windows, and what appeared to be mold on several door frames inside the apartment’s entryway.

Gunda told an *IT* reporter that he had the fallen branches removed and damage to the roof repaired “in a timely manner.” According to Atteberry, the tree was finally removed in late August.

Gunda also told *IT* that a tenant involved in eviction proceedings complained about mold in her unit.

“Because the matter was already involved in an eviction proceeding, I did not personally enter the property to investigate or verify the alleged mold condition. I made this decision out of concern for my personal safety and to avoid entering the property while the eviction matter was pending,” he said.

Weighing the solution

According to Maureen Lichtveld, professor of environmental and occupational health and dean of the School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh, addressing mold exposure is not always simple.

“Mold is specific because it stays there for a long time. And when you have mold behind a wall, it’s not enough to treat the wall,” said Lichtveld. “That’s why when you take action, you want to take holistic action, and not only remove the areas where mold or some other asthma trigger can be hiding.”

Lichtveld said a comprehensive infrastructure to prevent health impacts from mold exposure should involve environmental assessments in homes; skin testing for mold exposure in individuals, especially in kids, who are particularly vulnerable; reducing triggers, such as with HEPA filters; and connecting families to

community health workers who, for example, specialize in asthma counseling.

Bankhead, of the Faith Coalition, said that inspections of rental properties could be a first step in helping ensure that renters live in safe housing free of environmental hazards such as mold.

The details of how the registration, licensing and inspection program would function are up to the City Council with the input of groups such as the Faith Coalition and local landlords. Bankhead said she hopes these details include protections against the conditions that lead to mold growth.

“We’re looking forward to seeing what the ordinance will look like as the City Council comes together on this, but once the inspection is done, the city will approve the landlords to receive a license to conduct a business. I mean, this is a business for landlords,” Bankhead said. “At the same time, we want to reward the landlords who are doing what’s right, and that means less frequent inspections.”

Jill Steiner, the president of Independent Coalition for our Neighborhoods, which has also campaigned for the registry, said ICON has had informal conversations with City Council members about how to implement closer landlord monitoring, but no official meetings have taken place. She said she hopes putting the referendum on the ballot will force those conversations to happen.

“Everybody says, ‘Well, we can’t do that. We can’t afford it.’ And I’m like, ‘What are we saying no to?’” said Steiner. “Please, somebody quantify the downside to this. Then when we understand (that) ... we can look at solutions.”

Corey Conklin, a Springfield-area landlord who operates Marshall Properties, said he thinks the registration and inspections would burden landlords and tenants who are happy with their situations.

“Why should we obligate not only landlords, but tenants – who are currently very happy with their housing situation – into having some random person in their house at a frequency determined by a bureaucrat or an elected official who they don’t know and don’t care to know and don’t want a part of their life?” Conklin said.

Williams said the inspections are a way to protect landlords as well as tenants, especially if they implement what he calls an “inspect in, inspect out” program, where the condition of the property is documented before tenants move in and after they move out.

“I believe tenants can tear up your property and I believe you can have bad landlords, but anything would be better than how we do it now,” he said.

Conklin’s biggest concern, however, is the cost of administering the program, which he said will be passed onto landlords and, ultimately, tenants.

“The city can’t eat the cost, and money just doesn’t come out of nowhere,” he said.

Tony Nudo, the president of the Springfield

Area Landlord Association, echoed these sentiments when he spoke at the Sept. 1 City Council meeting.

“It even amuses me that some of the people pushing for it will not have to pay a special tax to rent a home,” he said.

Bankhead said the registration fees paid by landlords could be used to pay the costs of implementing the program, as has been the case in other cities with similar programs.

The Faith Coalition is suggesting fees of \$20 for registering a single property and an additional \$20 annual fee per unit. Any subsequent inspections would cost \$75, with other fees for reinstating permits or late payments. Other Illinois cities, such as Peoria, Joliet and Elgin, charge fees between \$75 for registration up to over \$200 for the licensing and inspection of a single unit.

Springfield currently has six housing inspectors, which Bankhead said is not enough to cover existing inspection needs, much less additional inspections that would need to occur as part of a landlord registry.

“The city needs to hire more inspectors now, so maybe this would give the city the opportunity to be more intentional in its staffing,” she said.

Elgin, which is similar in size to Springfield, and Joliet, which has around 40,000 more people, have 10 inspectors each. Both cities have mandatory landlord inspections. Peoria, which is slightly smaller with a complaint-based inspection program much like Springfield’s, has 12 inspectors.

Bankhead also said that the cost of demolishing residential properties that have been neglected costs the city, and taxpayers, far more, pointing to the appropriation of more than \$500,000 for the demolition of several buildings at the Olde Town apartments on Jefferson Street last year.

Cited properties

Despite the lack of a landlord registry, the city has taken some actions to attempt to address derelict properties.

In June 2024, Mayor Misty Buscher’s administration created a “cited property dashboard” for properties with three or more valid housing, zoning or environmental complaints over the previous 24 months.

At the time, *IT* reported that nearly half of the properties on the dashboard were located in Ward 2. According to the latest American Community Survey data, the two poorest census tracts in Sangamon County almost entirely overlap with Ward 2, and more than 50% of the population in those neighborhoods is Black.

The dashboard displays a list of the 30 property owners with the most violations. To find specific property owners outside of those 30, you must first search by address, before clicking on a link to the Sangamon County tax parcel viewer to find out who owns the property.

Cited property owners directory

- Search by address: If that property has three or more violations in the previous 24 months, a window will pop up with the number and type of complaint.
- Tax parcel viewer: That same window includes a link to the Sangamon County tax parcel viewer, where clicking on “Parcel Links” will take you to a page with more information about the property, such as its sale and ownership history.
- Business entity database: If the property owner is an LLC, however, you will need to go to the Illinois Secretary of State’s business entity database to find out the names of the managers of that LLC by looking at the company’s articles of organization. Importantly, depending on the structure of the LLC, members without management rights do not need to be disclosed. Furthermore, if the LLC is registered in another state, you will need to go to that state’s business entity database for more information, and different states require varying levels of disclosure.

The dashboard is not the city’s only attempt to penalize repeatedly cited properties. In August 2025, the City Council passed an ordinance to establish a registry for properties with three or more violations over a 12-month period. The registry entails a fine and an administrative court hearing for properties found to be in violation.

According to Ward 7 Ald. Brad Carlson, the cited property registry already performs the function of a landlord registry.

Referring to his past vote against establishing a landlord registry, Carlson said, “I did not feel the landlord registration was going to necessarily make any more difference than what we already have on the books.”

Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory disagreed.

“I don’t see it working. I don’t even know how many we’ve got on there,” he told *IT*. “I bet you if I asked, I won’t be impressed with the list.”

As of mid-August, only five properties had been through the city’s administrative court process and found to be “cited properties,” according to Brown.

A vicious cycle

When Amanda Bryant and her husband, three children and mother-in-law moved into a house in the 400 block of West Mason Street in June 2025, the backyard was overgrown and full of garbage, but she said the management company at the time was responsive in taking care of the issues.

Once a new property management company started overseeing the property early in 2026, problems began to stack up, she said.

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Faith Coalition for the Common Good held an event, "From Signatures to the Ballot: A Celebration of People Power," on Aug. 31 at Venue 1929 in Springfield. It was designed to celebrate those who played a role in getting the landlord registration referendum on the November ballot and kick off the Springfield Safe Home Campaign to encourage voters to pass the referendum. PHOTO BY MOLLY WALLACE

The floor had gradually become more sloped over time, with the slope worsening noticeably in the spring.

"If you were to set a round object on my floor, it rolls from one end of the house to the other," Bryant said.

She said the company eventually sent a general contractor, but after the contractor told her husband the problems were beyond his ability, she stopped hearing back from the management company. Bryant then contacted the city.

The housing complaint filed in July by a city inspector reported that the subfloor was soaked due to a severe leak and would need to be "replaced/supported." It also listed several other problems that Bryant said she had not realized were code violations: damage to the ceiling from a leak, missing siding, damage to the wood around the windows, missing flashing and clusters of wires outside of conduit or junction boxes, and a missing breaker box cover.

Bryant said the problems from the leak and missing siding were causing accumulating damage to the house.

"If they don't fix them, it's going to quickly become unsafe to live in," she said.

Similar issues had been reported before. An April 2025 complaint shows that a city inspector visited the property after receiving reports of "leaks, floor issues and other things" but never completed the inspection because the tenant was not home. Bryant's family moved in just two months later.

At the time of that 2025 visit, tax records show that Wilmarth Renewals LLC, registered under Neil W. Wilmarth, owned the property. Wilmarth told *IT* he was aware of the floor issue and completed repairs to the roof and interior

to address it. However, problems with the Mason house's floors reemerged after Landing Pad Ventures LLC, registered under Krayton Reincke, bought it and another single-family residence from Wilmarth in August 2025 for \$180,000.

Bryant said she never learned who owned the property and did not know it had changed hands. She also said no repairs have taken place as of late September, despite orders for the repairs to be completed by Aug. 10.

Both Wilmarth Renewals and Landing Pad Ventures are named on the cited property dashboard among the top 30 offenders. Wilmarth is at the top of the list, with 145 valid complaints spread among 37 properties.

"I probably have 300 doors now," Wilmarth said. "I'll buy 20 houses at a time. And of course, there's going to be issues with those houses because I do buy them as is. I don't do inspections on them, so I inherit a lot of issues. I know I am cited a lot, but that comes with the territory of purchasing such a large volume in a short amount of time with the deferred maintenance on a lot of these units."

R. Douglas Enterprises, former owner of the Douglas apartment building, also previously owned Bryant's house in the 400 block of West Mason. R. Douglas Enterprises is on the cited property dashboard's top 30. The company also owns one of the five properties that have gone through the administrative court process for the cited property registry.

Neither Aplomb Properties LLC nor any of the other LLCs Gunda manages appear on either list.

In a statement to *IT*, Gunda wrote, "In our capacity as property owners and investors, one of our company's goals is to acquire distressed

or neglected properties, renovate them and restore them to a safe, clean and well-maintained condition. We believe that improving individual properties can contribute to improving the surrounding neighborhood as a whole."

Spencer said that her life has become a lot less stressful since moving out of the Bel Aire house. She recently went to the doctor for sustained shortness of breath and chest tightness, however, and is waiting on the results of chest imaging to tell her whether she, like her daughter, has asthma.

Kampmann's family's health has improved besides her grandson's continued breathing problems, which still occasionally require an inhaler and breathing machine. When asked if landlord registration, licensing and inspection would have helped her avoid the situation, Kampmann said yes.

"We wouldn't have ever moved into our house with a landlord who wasn't going to do what he needed to do," she said. "We didn't have money to move, so we just stayed. When you don't have money, you're kind of stuck in a situation you don't want to be in." □

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Sweet starch science

How to cook the ultimate sweet potato

FOOD | Peter Glatz

In 2022, I worked in the research and development lab at Audrey Restaurant in Nashville. Our owner-chef, Sean Brock, and his culinary team were deeply committed to supporting local farmers. When one of our farmers asked if we could find a use for 900 pounds of sweet potatoes he couldn't sell, he cut us a deal, and we agreed to take them off his hands. That ended up being about 2,700 sweet potatoes! Many of those tubers made it into the prep kitchen for dinner service, but the remainder wound up in our lab to be experimented with and preserved in various forms, including misos, garums, amazakes and even sweet potato "chewies" made in the style of Japanese umeboshi. Needless to say, I learned a lot about sweet potatoes that fall.

First off, sweet potatoes are not potatoes. Potatoes are in the nightshade family, and sweet potatoes are in the morning glory family. Sweet potatoes are sometimes called "yams," but they are totally unrelated. Sweet potatoes are starchy tubers and aren't very sweet when tasted raw. Their sweetness comes from sweet potatoes' ability to transform starch into sugars as they cook. This transformation is possible because sweet potatoes contain an enzyme called amylase, which converts flavorless starch molecules into maltose, a simple sugar with about one-third the sweetness of pure table sugar.

Starch is a polysaccharide, meaning it's a big chain made of many smaller sugar molecules. Unless the starch is broken down into smaller sugar molecules, it won't taste sweet. Our tongue simply doesn't recognize it. When cooking sweet potatoes, the goal is to create conditions that allow the amylase enzyme to break down as many starch molecules as possible into sweet-tasting maltose.

In his book *On Food and Cooking*, Harold McGee wrote: "Moist sweet potato varieties sweeten during cooking thanks to the action of an enzyme that attacks starch and breaks it down. The enzyme starts to make maltose when the tightly packed starch granules absorb moisture and expand, beginning around 135 F, and it stops when the rising heat denatures it, at around 170 F." So the longer a sweet potato spends in that zone between 135 and 170 degrees, the sweeter it becomes.

The lowest baking temperature for most home ovens is about 170 degrees, so a sweet



Miso-sesame glazed sweet potato rounds. PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

potato started at room temperature in a cold oven spends only a short time in the enzyme-activation zone before it reaches 170 and the amylase denatures. This limited enzymatic activity might explain why sweetening roasted sweet potatoes with marshmallows became a popular practice. However, spending one hour between 135 and 170 degrees before roasting provides optimal time for maximum starch-to-sugar conversion. This is easy to do with a sous-vide immersion circulator, but it's not a common appliance in most American households. The more commonly owned Instant Pot works just as well. If neither appliance is available, you can submerge sweet potatoes in a saucepan of water, heat to 160 degrees, remove from heat, cover, and steep for about 1 hour to maintain the ideal 135-170 range needed to convert starch into maltose.

Using controlled heat to maximize a sweet potato's inherent sweetness addresses only one aspect of flavor. By glazing the partially cooked sweet potato in a mixture of miso and fat, you create a savory coating that enhances caramelization while introducing rich umami and salinity to balance out the natural sugars.

Miso provides glutamates – the amino acids driving the savory "fifth taste" known as umami. Combined with sweet potato sugars, these glutamates create a single, cohesive flavor rather than distinct tastes. Fat serves as the essential missing link. Although miso is water-soluble, its flavor blooms in fat – whether using melted unsalted butter, heavy cream, tahini, or extra-virgin olive oil. Fat coats the tongue, slowing the release of sugar and salt and turning a potentially jarring contrast into a long, satisfying finish.

Miso-sesame glazed sweet potato rounds

A one-hour warm bath maximizes enzymatic starch conversion into sugar without breaking down pectin too fast. The result is a silky interior that holds its shape for high-heat roasting.

Serves 4.

Ingredients:

2 pounds sweet potatoes, sliced into uniform 1/2-inch rounds
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
2 tablespoons white miso paste (shiro miso)
2 tablespoons pure maple syrup
1 tablespoon unseasoned rice vinegar
1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil
1 tablespoon toasted white or black sesame seeds
Flaky sea salt, such as Maldon

Preparation:

Place the sliced sweet potato rounds into the Instant Pot's inner pot, adding sufficient water to submerge them completely. Lock the lid, select the sous vide setting, and cook at 150 degrees for one hour. Alternatively, submerge the sweet potato pieces in a saucepan filled with water and bring it to 160 degrees. Remove from the heat, cover the pot, and let it steep for about one hour. This keeps the temperature within the optimal 135-170 F window needed to convert starch into maltose.

While the potatoes are in the water bath, combine melted butter, white miso paste, rice vinegar, and toasted sesame oil in a medium bowl. Whisk until smooth.

Preheat the oven to 425 and line a large-rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Gently remove the sweet potato rounds and pat them thoroughly dry with paper towels. Add the rounds to the glaze and gently toss to coat all sides evenly.

Arrange the rounds on the baking sheet, leaving space between each piece. Pour any leftover glaze from the bowl over the tops. Roast for 20 minutes, flip and continue roasting until the glaze bubbles, darkens and forms a sticky, caramelized crust around the edges.

Transfer the hot sweet potato rounds to a warm platter. Sprinkle with toasted sesame seeds and a pinch of flaky salt. □



North-end memories

HISTORY | Mike Shepherd

Stevie's Latin Village is pictured in the early 1950s. The popular Italian supper club operated at 620 N. Ninth St. from 1949 until 1972. It later housed several Asian restaurants before the property was purchased by Springfield Electric and demolished in 2009. PHOTOS COURTESY SANGAMON VALLEY COLLECTION

The neighborhood on Springfield's northeast side, just north of the one where African Americans lived before it was destroyed in the infamous Race Riot of 1908, was at its peak during the 1950s and early 1960s.

It consisted mostly of Italian-Americans who owned businesses there, such as Coco Randazzo's tavern, Coco's Inn. When he wasn't tending bar with his son, Frank, or putting a new roof on someone's house – his other business – he could be seen driving around in his trusty old pickup truck with his trusty old dog sitting on the passenger side.

When it came time to get my monthly haircut, I went to Pug Randazzo's barbershop and got a sporty-looking flat top. It was all the rage for boys my age if we wanted to look athletic in the eyes of the girls who were attracted to the jocks who could be seen playing sandlot football in an open field on the Concordia Lutheran Seminary's campus at 12th Street and Enos Avenue.

After the game we hastened to the nearby Reinhardt-Millard Drug Store and soda fountain to quench our thirst. If I had been old enough, I would have gotten a beer, like the ones being sold by Jerry Stasukinas at his father's business, the nearby Alby's Tavern. Even though I wasn't of age, I had acquired a taste for it when I tasted an ample sample of my Dad's Falstaff – on the sly – and got a bit of a buzz.

While walking back home through the neighborhood, I noticed a number of the iconic blue and white statues of the Virgin Mary in backyard grottos. I passed a house where a rotund man sat on the porch in a rocking chair. I could see his smiling face in the shade of the sweat-

stained straw hat he wore. Suddenly he leaned forward and hollered in broken English, "Hey bambino, wanna tomato to take home to mama to cook some sauce for spaghetti tonight?"

He picked out two or three that were ripening in the sun on a table, put them in a paper sack and handed them to me. Little did he know that the night before while coming home from the late show at the Pantheon Theater on North Grand Avenue, I plucked a plump one from a vine under the cover of darkness, a sneaky act of thievery that I excused because I rationalized that it was overly ripe anyway and was in need of picking before it fell to the ground and rotted there.

When he handed me the sack of tomatoes, a fleeting feeling of guilt came over me, which dissipated when I got home and gave them to Mom to cook some sauce for spaghetti that night. But she informed that she had other plans. She and Dad were taking the family out to eat at Stevie's Latin Village for my sister's birthday.

A big, brightly lit sign, consisting of a larger-than-life mustached caricature of Stevie Crifasi's stereotypical Sicilian nose hung above the entrance on Ninth Street. The interior resembled one of the old country's plazas with its ornate, wrought iron balcony surrounding a sunken floor that was covered with a colorful mosaic of tiles. A gently bubbling fountain was located there, too.

A recording of "Three Coins in a Fountain" by Frank Sinatra could be heard in the background, adding to the romantic ambiance. In the middle of the restaurant there was a piano bar where people sat listening to mostly Sinatra songs sung live by a man who had an uncanny resemblance to the legendary crooner.

Hungry for some of Stevie's signature spaghetti and meatballs, we sat at a table and my parents got a bottle of wine to drink with dinner. I got a Coke and my little sister, whose eighth birthday we were celebrating, asked the waitress for a kiddie cocktail. Stevie took it upon himself to bring it to the table and told her that when she got older, he'd serve her the real thing, like mom was drinking along with her wine. Good thing Dad stopped drinking after he ate, because he stayed sober enough to drive us home safely. I had gotten my fill of spaghetti and Sinatra and was anxious to get home in time to see Elvis on the "Ed Sullivan Show."

While going to Stevie's Latin Village was a special treat, so was going to Wally Kerchowski's neighborhood tavern at 11th and Enos, even though my family lived above it. On Friday nights, the smell of frying fish drifted upstairs into our apartment, and we couldn't resist going downstairs to sample the delicious fare along with the Catholics who came from all over town in order to abide by their no-meat-on-Fridays religious tradition.

And on any given day, the delectable smell of chilli simmering in the vats of two separate factories, Chilli Man's and Ray's, gave credence to Springfield's self-proclaimed designation as the Chilli Capital of the World (spelled with two ls). After all, Springfield's very own Joe DeFrates won the World Chili Cook Off Championship a few times. Residents were privy to the delightful potpourri of aromas wafting through the neighborhood, stimulating the taste buds of those who chose to make their own chilli at home, using the ingredients that could be found at Sgro's

neighborhood grocery store, across the street from Wally's Tavern.

Business was brisk in our little enclave of mixed cultures, but then, when its residents became fed up with increasing crime in the area, they moved their businesses and homes elsewhere, and the once-thriving little neighborhood gradually became abandoned. Parts of it were torn down, including St. Vincent de Paul's Lithuanian Catholic church, where I used to attend occasionally. Sgro's grocery store no longer exists, nor does Wally's Tavern. Stevie's Latin Village is a surface parking lot now. The International Shoe Company factory at 10th Street and Enos Avenue stopped making shoes long ago and has since burned down. And the aforementioned chilli factories have moved away.

Granted, enclaves such as this one can still be found in larger cities like Chicago, but sadly, not so much in Springfield anymore, due in part to the lackadaisical attitude that some of our citizenry has when it comes to preserving older neighborhoods. However, a few have enthusiastically undertaken the revitalization of the Enos Park neighborhood, for example, by refurbishing many of the old houses and turning them into beautiful, virtually new homes that the owners are choosing to live in themselves. □

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■ Special Music Events

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Sun., Oct. 4, 4-5pm. Organist John W.W. Sherer will perform. Free. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 S. Walnut St., 217-522-4415.

Giovannie & The Hired Guns, Austin Meade

Sun., Oct. 4, 8:30pm. Giovannie & the Hired Guns is an American country rock band from Stephenville, Texas. \$20 in advance. Boondocks, 2909 N. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-679-0145.

The Lesters and Big Mo

Tue., Oct. 6, 6:30pm. Sixth annual Leo "Foozy" Fouts Memorial Sing event. No ticket required. The public is invited. Free, donations accepted. Grace Southern Baptist Church, Virden, 302 W. Wright St., 217-965-5692.

■ Books & Authors

Return of the Job Macabre: Obituary Writer

Sat., Oct. 3, 10:30am-12pm. Longtime New York Times obituary writer and author Sam Roberts will speak from New York (via Zoom) to talk about his new book, *Are They Dead Yet?: The Art of the Obit.* In the Multipurpose Room. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

■ Theater & Comedy

Jersey Boys

Fri., Oct. 2, 7:30pm. The original Broadway sensation returns to the road. Celebrating 20 years – Jersey style! uispac.com. \$49.50 - \$139.95. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Emo Philips with Tim Cavanagh

Fri., Oct. 2, 8-9:30pm. Emo Philips has been described by Jay Leno as the best joke writer in America and by "Weird Al" Yankovic as one of the funniest people on the planet. Philips has performed over 7000 times. \$32.50. Mason City Limits Comedy Club, Mason City, 114 E. Chestnut St., 217-482-5233.

The Turnaway Play

Oct. 9-11, 7-9 p.m. This play by Lesley Lisa Greene is a staged-reading event inspired by "The Turnaway Study: Ten Years, a Thousand Women, and the Consequences of Having-or Being Denied-an Abortion." \$5. In conjunction with the Springfield Area Arts Council. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-753-3519.

■ Dance

Learn to Line Dance

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■ Art & Architecture

"Living Waters"

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-5pm. Through Nov. 11. Exhibit explores the beauty and mystery of aquatic life through vitreous glass paintings by Rosalinda Post-Lucas and watercolor paintings by Debbie Megginson. springfieldart.org. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

"Wicked"

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-5pm. Through Nov. 11. "Wicked" presents a hauntingly unique collection of 2D and 3D artwork from the artist community in central Illinois. at the Underground Gallery. springfieldart.org. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

Art Night: Watercolor for Relaxation

Thu., Oct. 1, 5:30-7pm. Instructor Carolyn Owen Sommer will lead the class. Reservations required. ArtNightsDTH.eventbrite.com. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

Artisan and Antique Market

Sat., Oct. 3, 9am-4pm. This artisan and antique market will feature food, handmade arts and crafts, boutiques, live music and cottage bakers. The Brinkerhoff Mansion, 1500 N. 5th St., 217-361-5555.

Bandana Tote Bag Sewing Class

Sat., Oct. 3, 12-3pm. Have your own sewing machine? Want to learn how to make a viral bandana tote bag or sew in general? Sign up at sewextrafabricco.com. Cost of the class includes kit. \$80. Greenview AmVets Hall, Greenview, 111 State Route 29, 217-210-1159.

DIY Sticker-Making

Sun., Oct. 4, 2-4pm. Learn to make stickers with simple materials. Draw your own designs or use sticker designs previously shared at Food Not Bombs events. Materials provided. Free. Three Ducks Bookstore, 414 E. Monroe St., +12179718754.

Dual Art Opening Reception

Fri., Oct. 2, 5:30-7:30pm. Celebrate the opening of two featured shows. "Living Waters" showcases watercolor paintings by Debbie Megginson and glassworks by Linda Post-Luca while "Wicked" features bizarre and haunting artwork from local community artists. springfieldart.org. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

Of Glass and Wood

Sat., Oct. 3, 1-3pm. Join an experienced volunteer guide for an in-depth look at the Dana-Thomas House and discussion about Frank Lloyd Wright's career. Reservations required. eventbrite.com. Free. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

Sangamon Watercolor Society Annual Art Exhibit

Mondays-Fridays, 9am-5pm. Through Oct. 30. See artwork created by the members of the local watercolor society. springfieldart.org. Free. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Springfield Watch & Clock Show & Swap Meet

Sat., Oct. 3, 11am-2pm. This a great opportunity to buy, sell or simply look and learn about mechanical clocks and watches. Free. Knights of Columbus Casey's Pub, Springfield, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-241-7101.

Unboxed: A Study in Black and Primary

Mondays-Fridays, 8am-4pm. This exhibit, which runs from Sept. 28 through Oct. 23, features works by Illinois native Austin Wells who uses cardboard, primary colors, mixed media and layered imagery — transforming cardboard

into a metaphor for rebuilding, remembering and redefining. "Unboxed" explores Black identity, memory, movement and culture. The Trutter Museum & Murray Gallery is located on the upper level of Menard Hall. Free. Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

■ Film & Television

Good Witch/Bad Witch: A Wicked & Wonderful Celebration

Fri., Oct. 2, 7pm, Sat., Oct. 3, 7pm and Sun., Oct. 4, 2pm. A magical coven of song sirens returns to conjure up your favorite songs from the musical *Wicked* and other enchanting songs from the witches of stage and screen. \$30-\$35. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 217-528-9760.

■ History

Attention to Detail

Sat., Oct. 3, 10am-12pm. An extended-length specialty tour. Join an experienced volunteer guide for an in-depth look at the Dana-Thomas House and discussion about Frank Lloyd Wright's career. eventbrite.com. Free, tickets required. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

Book Chat: Somewhere Toward Freedom

Wed., Oct. 7, 6:30-7:30pm. In conjunction with the ALPLM's new exhibit, The Second American Revolution, the ALPLM invites the public to join Bennett Parten for a discussion of his book, *Somewhere Toward Freedom*, which offers a new, breakthrough account that reframes Sherman's March as the largest liberation event in American history. Parten's compelling narrative is the first to focus on the myriad stories of the enslaved individuals who self-emancipated. It's a journey told through the lens of resilience, hope and the beginning sparks of Reconstruction. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Candlelight Walks

Oct. 2-4, 5-7:30pm. A wonderful opportunity to experience village life at night. Period-clothed interpreters will be inside many of the log homes and shops to talk about life in 19th century Illinois. lincolnsnewsalem.com. Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-632-4000.

Conference on Illinois History

Thu., Oct. 1 and Fri., Oct. 2. This 28th annual event will highlight research into all aspects of Illinois history, culture, politics, geography and archaeology. Sessions will take place at library. Hosted by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and presented in partnership with

the Illinois State Historical Society,. \$20-\$99. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Echoes of Yesteryear

Sun., Oct. 4, 12-3:30pm. A walk through Oak Ridge Cemetery. Actors in period costumes will tell personal stories of individuals buried at Oak Ridge Cemetery who made contributions to the community. Allow two hours. Refreshments available for purchase. Hosted by the Sangamon County Historical Society. Free. Oak Ridge Cemetery, 1441 Monument Ave., 217-525-1961.

An Inconvenient Widow: Mary Todd Lincoln

Thu., Oct. 1, 6:30-7:30pm. Hear award-winning journalist and author Lois Romano and NPR Illinois' Randy Eccles talk about Romano's latest book, *An Inconvenient Widow: The Torment, Trial, and Triumph of Mary Todd Lincoln*. Romano and Eccles will focus on Romano's conclusions about Mary Lincoln's life, the many tragedies she lived through and the toll that took on her mental health. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

■ Holiday Happenings

Boo Crew Haunted House

Fridays, Saturdays, 6:30pm. Through Oct. 30. One of the Top 10 haunted houses in Illinois. Owned and operated by the Rochester Lions Club. All proceeds go to local charities. Closed on Halloween, Oct. 31. Haunted Matinee (\$15) is 3-5pm Oct. 17. Children's Matinee (\$7) is 3-5pm Oct. 24. \$30-\$55. Boo Crew Haunted House, Mechanicsburg, 11083 Buckhart Road, 217-551-6969.

Fall Festival & Thrift Market

Sat., Oct. 3, 11am-2pm. Features a thrift market, children's activities, food, prizes and more. Third Presbyterian Church, 1030 N. Seventh St., 217-525-6800.

Terror on the Square

Fridays, Saturdays, 7-11pm. Through Oct. 31. Begins Oct. 2 and runs every Friday and Saturday night in October. Terror on the Square is a unique, professional haunted house with Disney-style illusions set in an actual 1930s funeral home. \$28. Petersburg Square, Petersburg, N. Seventh St. at W. Douglas Ave.

■ Fairs & Festivals

Blessing of the Animals

Sat., Oct. 3, 4pm. Bring your pet to the Cathedral and they will receive a blessing from the Rev. Andrew Hook. Free. Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 815 S. Second St., 217-544-5135.

Food Justice Harvest Fair
Sat., Oct. 3, 11am-3pm. Event includes barbecue, facility tours, livestock demonstration, produce giveaway, program information and more. See Facebook site for more info. Free. Motherland Gardens Community Project, 815 S. 15th St., 217-900-0876.

Fourth Annual Grand Market
Sun., Oct. 4, 11am-4pm. Explore unique local businesses, shop seasonal finds, discover one-of-a-kind gifts and enjoy a fall outing with family and friends. Includes raffles and free giveaways. bjgrandsalon.com. Free. BJ Grand Salon and Spa, 3300 Robbins Road, 217-787-7770.

Hispanic Heritage Festival
Sat., Oct. 3, 10am-3pm. Celebrate with Hispanic Women of Springfield and the Illinois State Museum at this free festival celebrating Latin culture. Will feature a day of music, food, culture and community. Free. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-5955.

■ Fundraisers & Galas

ALS Ride
Sat., Oct. 3, 11am. In memory of Barbie Jo Williams and Steve Rockford. Sign up at Koo Koos 2 at 11am. Ride starts at noon and goes to Shepps, New Berlin; The Shed, Pawnee; Gusto's, Dawson; and Jackson's Handlebar in Springfield before returning to Koo Koo's. Event includes food and music. Proceeds benefit ALS research and support. \$15. Koo Koo's 2, 1724 Sangamon Ave., 217-679-1704.

CORAL Barn Dance
Fri., Oct. 2, 8-11pm. This annual event features a DJ, cash bar, firepit and snacks. \$30. Pole Barn Chic, 4491 Old Chatham Road, 217-685-7389.

Donuts and Dogs 5K Fun Run
Sat., Oct. 3, 9am-12pm. Vendors, activities for kids and dogs and Mel-O-Cream donuts. Registration closes at midnight Oct. 1. Canine racing pals must be well behaved, have current vaccinations, proof of rabies vaccine and be at least four months old. Don't forget to dress

your best for the costume contest. Registration \$30. Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-544-7387.

Drink for the Pink
Wed., Oct. 7, 4-8pm. Help raise money to provide direct financial relief to local cancer patients facing expenses during treatment through Springfield Memorial Foundation's Cancer Patient Assistance Fund. Event includes raffle baskets and mystery gift card grab. Charcuterie boards, pizzas and desserts also will be sold. \$25 in advance, \$30 at door. Bar Bella, 2805 West White Oaks Dr., 217-899-2044.

Harvest UTV Ride
Sat., Oct. 3, 9am. Registration at 9am at Locals with ride at 10am. Stops are Buckhart Tavern, Rochester; Edmo's, Edinburg; and Bart's Place, Tovey; before heading back to Locals Bar. Proceeds go to Angel Tree of Pawnee. Includes giveaways, food and live music by Brandy Kristin Band. \$20. Locals Bar, Pawnee, 609 Douglas St., 217-646-8013.

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Hike For Babies
Sat., Oct. 3, 10am. A one-mile hike for babies in support of Beerlahai Roi Women's Ministries. Call or email for registration materials or more info. beelahairoi.com. Lincoln Park Pavilion, 1601 N. 5th St., 217-836-7978.

Refuge Ranch Mane Event Open House
Sat., Oct. 3, 12-5pm. Celebrate 18 seasons of ministry while helping the ranch gear up to support seasons to come. Includes live music by The Juniors, cake walk, silent auction, raffle, food trucks, horse rides, camel rides,

kids fishing contest and more children's activities. Free entrance, free activities for kids, some paid events. Refuge Ranch, Rochester, 9350 Cascade Road, 217-498-7679.

Taking Steps For Dyslexia
Sun., Oct. 4, 1-3pm. Event features walk through the park, children's activities, giveaways and more. Staff will be on hand to answer questions about dyslexia and local services. Registration appreciated but not required. See Facebook site for more info. Free. Washington Park Picnic Shelter, 1501 S. Grand Ave. W., 217-793-7735.

■ Local Government
Springfield City Council
Tue., Oct. 6, 5:30-9pm. Regular meeting in City Council chamber. Municipal Center West, 300 S. Seventh St., 217-789-2151.

■ Children's Corner
Preschool Story Time
Thu., Oct. 1, 10:30-11am. Children ages 3-5 and their grownups will explore stories and activities designed to develop a lifelong love of reading and learning. lincolnlbrary.info. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Suessical Jr.
Fri., Oct. 2, 7pm, Sat., Oct. 3, 7pm and Sun., Oct. 4, 2pm. "Oh, the thinks you can think" when Dr. Seuss' best-loved characters collide and cavort in an unforgettable musical caper." springfieldtheatrecentre.com. \$19. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Girls Glory Free Hair Braiding for Kids
Sat., Oct. 3, 10am-3pm. Hair braiding is free. No weave will be added. Arrive with child's hair freshly washed and detangled with a blow dryer. Free. 1908 Innovation & Coworking Center, 1100 South Grand Ave E, 217-741-7312.

Night at the Farm
Sat., Oct. 3, 6pm. Event features a glow maze, play areas, food trucks

and a showing of *Nightmare before Christmas* on the lawn. Bring flashlights, blankets and chairs. Bomke's Patch, 605 Country Lake Road, 217-341-4905.

■ Nature, Science & Environment
Fall Star Parties
Fri., Oct. 2, 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.

Sangamon Valley Iris Society meeting
Fri., Oct. 2, 7pm. Meeting and presentation. Margaret Kelly will give a presentation called "Amazing Irises," covering the types of irises and their culture. Call or email miller42@aol.com if you plan to attend. Rochester Community Room, Rochester, 1 Community Dr., 217-710-6263.

■ Lectures & Meetings
Caregivers Support Group
First Thursday of every month, 11:30am-12:30pm. Through Dec. 3. Love someone with dementia or Alzheimers? Join this group for an opportunity to connect with others who are also caregiving. Find support, a listening ear and share resources. In Room 1. In Room 1. Group will meet monthly on the first Thursday of every month. Free. Hope Church, 3000 Lenhart Road, 217-787-1446.

"Political Violence and Tolerance in Modern American Politics"
Wed., Oct. 7, 6pm. Alexandra Filindra and John Transue will explore the causes and consequences of modern political violence in American politics. Part of the Engaged Citizenship Common Experience Series. uis.edu/speaker-series. Open to public. Free. UIS Brookens Auditorium, One University Plaza, 217-206-6600.

■ Bulletin Board
Blessing of the Pets
Sun., Oct. 4, 12-2pm. Blessing takes place at 1pm. Event includes

animal adoptions, vendors, food, and crafts and a drawing. Free. St. Agnes Blessing of the Pets, 245-215 N. Amos Ave., 217-793-1330.

Blessing of the Animals
Sun., Oct. 4, 3pm. This longtime APL tradition marks the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. All animals are welcome and must be on a leash or in a size-appropriate carrier throughout the entire event for the safety of the animals and people attending. For more information visit www.apl-shelter.org or call. Animal Protective League, 1001 Taintor Road, 217-544-7387.

Boots & Bow Ties Annual Fundraiser
Sat., Oct. 3, 6-10pm. Benefits Senior Services of Central Illinois. Live music by Lick Creek beginning at 7pm. Ages 21+. A limited dinner menu will be offered during the event. Tickets available online, in person at Senior Services of Central Illinois or at the door. ssoci.org. \$15. Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 600 Toronto Road, 217-528-4035.

Lincoln Land Depression Era Glass Club
Mon., Oct. 5, 2-4pm. Learn more about Depression-era glass. Meeting includes show and tell time and interesting lectures. This month's feature is bedroom and bathroom glassware. Free. Hope Presbyterian Church, 2211 Wabash Ave., 217-529-3055.

LOESS Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show
Sat., Oct. 3, 10am-6pm and Sun., Oct. 4, 10am-5pm. This show features dealers, demonstrators, exhibits, children's activities, silent auction, flint knapping, geode cracking, concessions and more. The theme for this year's show is "Minerals Across America." Adults \$3, seniors \$2, children 12 and younger free. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-414-0033.

Magic Moon Witches Market
Sat., Oct. 3, 6-10pm. A magical evening filled with local artisans, mystical makers, handcrafted

treasures, crystals, jewelry, artwork, readings, magical goods, delicious food, entertainment and more. Magic Moon Crystals, %00 North St., 217-891-6683.

Sports Cards and Collectibles Show
Sat., Oct. 3, 9am-2pm. Vintage, modern, sports and non-sports items. Tables are \$20 each. AMVETS Post 100, Jacksonville, 210 E. Court St., 217-243-9990.

Blanket and Coat Fair
Sat., Oct. 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Providing warm blankets and coats to families and individuals in need. Must show proof of need. Donations of items still being taken. Volunteers needed. Volunteers must call before event and attend meeting 4-5:30pm Oct. 10. Freedom in Holiness Mission, 1430 Loveland Ave., 217-522-2527.

■ Health & Fitness
ALATEEN
Mondays, 6pm. In-person meeting for those ages 11-19. Enter through southwest door. Free. Pasfield Southern Baptist Church, 411 W. Lenox Ave., 217-891-2981.

■ Sports
Fairbanks Ice Dogs vs. Springfield Jr Blues
Fri., Oct. 2, 7:05pm and Sat., Oct. 3, 6:05pm. North American Hockey League action. \$8-\$12. Nelson Center, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-525-2589.

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Thursday Oct 1

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

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

Radioactivity, Hospital Job, Discern, Hard Looks
Dumb Records, 7pm

Devin Clemons
East Side Inc., Virginia, 7-10pm

Karaoke
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm.

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

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

CeCe Frey with Emberline
Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur, 7pm

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

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

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

Karaoke
The Topsy Toad, 8pm-12am

Karaoke
VFW Lafore Lock Post 755, 7-11pm.

Friday Oct 2

John Riggins with Chris Welch
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

Rod Grant
Bar Bella, 5-8pm

SoulField experience
Boone's, 5:30-8:30pm

Joel Honey
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

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

First Friday
Butternut Hut, 4pm.

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

Downstate
Curveside Bar & Grill, Athens, 7-10pm

John Drake
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 7-9pm

Blue Sky Revival, The Meerkats, The South Side Johnny Band
Decatur Central Park, Decatur, 6-10:30pm

The Pleiades
DH Brown's, 8-10pm

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

TyJon Charlie
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 7-10pm

Triple Threat
The Grainery, Pleasant Plains, 7pm

The Jonnie Concaroo Band
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

2nd Street Harmony
Jamie's Route 66, Southern View, 6-9pm

Unbroken
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7-10pm

Karaoke
The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

Karaoke
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm.

FlashBang
Manners Park, Taylorville, 6-8pm

Jason McKenzie
Oogie and JJ's Bar, Glenarm, 7-10pm

DreamCatchers
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 6-8pm

Wreckless Whiskey
Rocco's, Decatur, 7-10pm

Hippies of the Heartland
The Hall at Five-Twenty, Decatur 6-9pm

Karaoke
The Hangout, Palmer, 8pm

Molly Seaton
The Shed, Pawnee, 7-10pm

Storm Front
The Topsy Toad, 7-10pm

Mad Hoss Jackson
Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 7-10pm

Saturday Oct 3

Karaoke
AJ's Corner, Chatham, 8pm

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

Hat Trick
AMVETS Post 100, Jacksonville, 8pm-12am

Brady Patton
The Backyard, Taylorville, 6-9pm

99 Proof
Barb's Place, Decatur, 1pm

Travis Ried Band
The Bird Tavern, 8-11pm

The Red Ribbon Revue
Boone's, 5-8pm

Rick Mari Band
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7-10pm

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

Hippies of the Heartland
Crazy Dog Saloon, Cantrall, 3-6pm

Not Petty
Curveside Bar & Grill, Athens, 7-10pm

Raelynn Alyse
The Filling Station, Rochester, 7-10pm

Joel Honey
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Frank Trompeter Trio
It's All About Wine, 5-8pm

Pizzazz
Jenn's Beer Den, Decatur, 3-6pm

Hipbone Sam Band
Koo Koo's 2, 4pm

FlashBang
Kuhl Tyme Korner, Jacksonville, 8pm-12am

Brandy Kristin Band
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 6pm

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



2ND STREET HARMONY WILL PLAY FROM 6 TO 9 P.M. FRIDAY AT JAMIE'S ROUTE 66.

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

Grant Barnett Band
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 3-5pm

The Juniors
Refuge Ranch, Rochester, 12-2, 3-5pm

Amy Benton
Refuge Ranch, Rochester, 2-3pm

Allan Harris
Rocco's, Decatur, 11am-2pm

Afterthought
Rocco's, Decatur, 7-10pm

Lick Creek
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 8pm

Hipbone and The Joints
Sherman Village Park, Sherman, 8am-12pm

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

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

2nd Street Harmony
The Brinkerhoff Mansion, 11:30am-1:30pm

Sunbeam of Moonlight
The Railyard, 6-9pm

William Marsala Band
The Topsy Toad, 7-10pm

Deja Voodoo
Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 7pm

Broken Stone
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30pm

Sunday Oct 4

Curt Smith
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

Partners in Rhyme
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Not Petty
Gail's Pumpkin Patch, Beason, 1-3:30pm

Devin Clemons
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

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

Mandy Rose
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 12-2pm

Candy Foster
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Deep Lunar Blue
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

Colt Ball
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 1-4pm

Monday Oct 5

NGK Band
The Alamo, 7pm

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

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

Tuesday Oct 6

Country Music Karaoke
Fluid Lounge, 7-11pm

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

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

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

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

Wednesday Oct 7

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

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

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

Al Kitchen
Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6pm

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

JCB Entertainment Karaoke
Puerto Vallarta, 12pm

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

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October music arrives

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Definitely in the class of defining weather months, October can lean any way the wind blows, but by the time it's over we're on our way to winter no matter what you want to think, wish, believe or deny. Let's get going to see what's in the forecast for our music meanderings.

Thursdays always take a hit during the cooler times, but we're still hanging in there with a few goodies. Mother Road Diner presents Jerry Harlow this week and Dumb Records promotes an all-ages concert with Radioactivity, Hospital Job, Discern and Hard Looks (while celebrating the post-water main break reopening of Monroe Street in front of the store), as Devin Clemons continues his every other Thursday night residency at the East Side out west on the square in Virginia. If you've developed a hankering for karaoke, Thursdays are the bomb with six K-nights listed, plus we have three open mics happening as well, all set to entertain yourself while entertaining others.

Friday continues to not disappoint with a boatload of bar-busting bands and combos of various shapes and sizes all around town. Storm Front rolls into The Tippy Toad ready to rock while Jonnie Concaroo Band brings it all to

the table at Harvest Market, and interestingly enough, both groups are made up of excellent local music-makers who happen to be longtime friends and cohort-ing collaborators. Then, we have Rod Grant grooving it at Bar Bella, The Pleiades highlighting original rock at DH Browns, 2nd Street Harmony settling in at Jamie's Route 66 and DJs doing the monthly House Music take over for First Fridays at Butternut Hut.

In Friday's "check this out" category, over in downtown Decatur starting at 6 p.m., go check out a great night of rocking blues with Blue Sky Revival, The Meerkats and The South Side Johnny Band performing for a Decatur and Mid-Illinois United Way fundraiser. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating, look for the arts and craft vendors too, and be prepared for a good time, 'cause Neill Dresen (your host, known to Springfield folks as the cool owner of Donnie's Homespun, the popular, now defunct music venue in the Vinegar Hill Mall) knows how to throw a party.

Our generously music-filled proposal for a Saturday adventure starts off at Stella Coffee & Tea with Kevin Aldrich playing guitar and



Colt Ball gets things going at Whiskey Ridge Saloon in Breckenridge this Sunday afternoon.

singing songs at 10 a.m., winds into the debut of the Grant Barnett Band country-fy-ing at Pease's at 3 p.m., lands at Boone's for the righteously random Red Ribbon Revue or cruises into It's All About Wine for the jazzed up Frank Trompeter Trio – both starting at 5 p.m. – and closes up with Broken Stone rocking hard at Weebles (6:30 p.m.) or maybe some funky blues with Travis Ried Band at the Bird (8 p.m.).

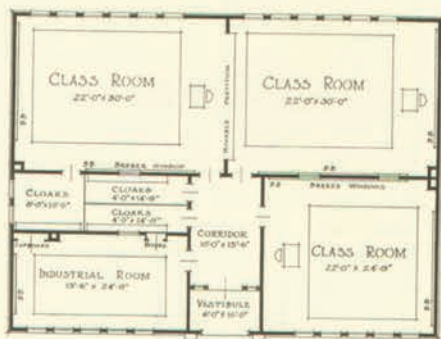
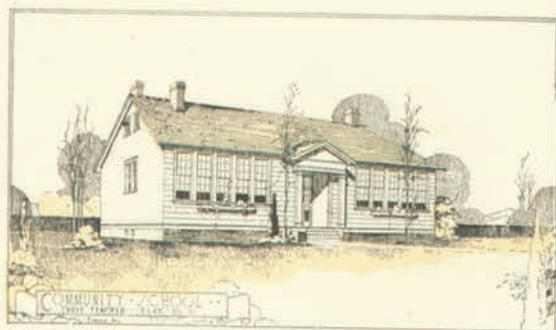
For a good time for a good cause go hear The Juniors jamming and Amy Benton playing in between their sets at the Refuge Ranch Mane Event fundraiser on Cascade Road near

Rochester. Expect a full day of family fun activities all in support of the good work done in our community for 18 years now at the Double R. Look for more info on the event's Facebook page.

Sunday Funday goes wild with Colt Ball doing his folky, funky fun stuff at Whiskey Ridge Saloon in Breckenridge, Partners in Rhyme putting it on the page at Buckhart Tavern and Deep Lunar Blue tackling Trails End Saloon in Curran, to name only a few of the many.

There's plenty more where that came from so be sure to look at our listings. I'll see you later. □

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The Rosenwald Schools

Learn about the revolutionary Rosenwald Schools with a historical presentation, brief documentary screening, and visit to his childhood home.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS OWNER TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF BREAN ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2024-RM9 Plaintiff,

-v.- LARRY BRIGGITY et al Defendant 2026FC000051 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 20, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on October 29, 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 316 EAST SCARRITT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 Property Index No. 14-34.0-352-003 The real estate is improved with a residence.

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

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tion and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-26-00828 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002

Case Number: 2026FC000051

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

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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:

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.

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 identifica-

tion 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: 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 intercountyjudicialsales.com I3293925

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: 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 & Mihar, 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 (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.

Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihar, 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 Mihar (#6274089), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihar, LLC Faiq Mihar (#6274089) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law 601 East William Street Decatur, IL 62523 Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 8051-968003

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. 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, Karen C. Mitch (#6291822), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC Karen C. Mitch (#6291822) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law 601 East William Street Decatur, IL 62523 Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 8051-968000

PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of: Eric D. Rees, Deceased Case No. 2026PR000358 Claim Notice Notice is given of the death of Eric D. Rees. Letters of Office were issued on Sept. 24, 2026 to Barbara M. Rees as Administrator, 2601 Montvale Drive, Apt. 229, Springfield, IL 62704. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Administrator, 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 FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF NORMAN C. KOEFOED, Deceased. Case No. 2026 PR 000347 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Norman C. Koefoed. Letters of Office were issued to Ivy L. Koefoed, as Independent Executor, whose address is 8111 Donna Lane, Cantrall, IL 62625. 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 April 1, 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 efile, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/> service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Dated: September 23, 2026 Attorneys for Independent Executor: Sorling Northrup John R. Simpson, Attorney (2616947) 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200 P.O. Box 5131 Springfield, IL 62705 Telephone: 217-544-1144 Fax: 217-522-3173 E-Mail: jrsimpson@sorlinglaw.com

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 September 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 attorneys 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 Registration No.: 3091457 YOUNG LAW PARTNERS, P.C. 1300 South Eighth Street Springfield, Illinois 62703 Telephone: (217) 544-8500 Facsimile: (217) 544-6200 8051-969743

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CYNTHIA L. MANN, Deceased. Case No. 2026-PR-344 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of CYNTHIA L. MANN, of Rochester, Sangamon County, Illinois, died on August 6, 2026. Letters of Office were issued on the 16th day of September, A.D., 2026, to JACOB CISCO, of 5176 West Washington, Springfield, Illinois, 62711, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois, 62701. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed. DATED this 18th day of September, A.D., 2026. Estate of CYNTHIA L. MANN, Deceased, BY: /s/ Pamela E. Hart Pamela E. Hart, one of its Attorneys. PREPARED BY: Pamela E. Hart (6299974) SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C. Attorneys at Law 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200 Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-8200 Email: peh@scottscottlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

MACOUPIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN RE THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK KESSLER 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 attorney 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 Administrator 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 Administrator of the Estate of Frederick Lee Kessler, Deceased Attorney's Address: Michelle Coady Registration No: 6279022 Coady Law 40 Adloff Lane Suite 1 Springfield, IL 62703 Telephone: (217) 713-2344 Email: michelle@coady-law.com

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 372143

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 Sep-

tember 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, Ill - 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 205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705-2459 (217) 544-8491 bclark@bhsllaw.com

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
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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 TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS OWNER
TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF BREAN ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2024-RM9 Plaintiff,
-v-
LARRY BRIGGITY et al
Defendant
2026FC000051
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 20, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on October 29, 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:
LOTS ONE (1) AND TWO (2) IN BLOCK FOURTEEN (14) IN W. H. ALLEN'S ADDITION, EXCEPTING THE WEST 76 FEET OF SAID LOTS AND EXCEPTING THE SOUTH 15 FEET OF SAID LOT TWO (2). EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Commonly known as 316 EAST SCARRITT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703
Property Index No. 14-34.0-352-003
The real estate is improved with a residence.
Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.
For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100
BURR RIDGE IL, 60527
630-794-5300
E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com
Attorney File No. 14-26-00828
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Case Number: 2026FC000051
TJSC#: 46-1301
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 # 2026FC000051
I3294763

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 assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certifi-

cate 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
intercountyjudicialsales.com
I3293925

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 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
Decatur, IL 62523
Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com
Telephone: (217) 422-1719
Facsimile: (217) 422-1754
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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,
Karen C. Mitch (#6291822), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC
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Notice by Publication
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS Plaintiff,
vs.
2015 LINCOLN MKZ
VIN # 3LN6L2GK3FR609253)
Donmanick Alexander
No. 26-MX-617
26-AF-34
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Milhiser, 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,
vs.
2004 CHEVROLET SILVERADO
VIN # 1GCEC19T14E396044
Austin Dyer
No. 26-MX-594
26-AF-30
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
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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.
2013 CHEVROLET SILVERADO
VIN # 1GCRKSE03DZ276115
Connie Sullivan
No. 26-MX-738
26-AF-40
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Milhiser, State’s Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on July 9, 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,
vs.
2013 CHEVROLET SILVERADO
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The Land Subdivision Committee of the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the following subdivision at 1:30 PM in the Carnegie Room North of the Lincoln Library, Thursday, October 8, 2026: Redivision of Lot 3A of Klemm’s Piper Glen – Seventh Addition - Location and Sketch Map - Pt. of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Sec. 6, T14N, R5W – Located on Kingsmill Court south of Mansion Road.

LEGAL NOTICE
The Land Subdivision Committee of the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the following subdivision at 1:30 PM in the Carnegie Room North of the Lincoln Library, Thursday, October 8, 2026: Memorial Health Plat 1 - Location and Sketch Map and Variance Sec. 153.157(L) - Pt. of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ and Pt. of the N ½ of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Sec. 11, T15N, R6W – Located near the intersection of Milby Lane and Alex Boulevard.

LEGAL NOTICE
The Land Subdivision Committee of the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the following subdivision at 1:30 PM in the Carnegie Room North of the Lincoln Library, Thursday, October 8, 2026: Concordia Campus Subdivision - Location and Sketch Map - Pt. of P.P. Enos’ Heirs Subdivision of Land, and Pt. of the subdivision of the North Pt. of Lot 12 of the Assessor’s Subdivision of Pt. of the South ½ of Sec. 27, T16N, R5W – Located south of Matheny Avenue, north of Carpenter Street, west of 15th Street, and east of 12th Street.

To enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent a private auction will be held on Saturday October 17, 2026, at 9:00a.m.

Northend Storage is located at 1907 North Grand East, Springfield, IL. 62702

This is a private auction. In order to attend

you must call 217-544-4521 a week prior to the auction date.

Please leave your name, telephone number and an email address.

Cash is the only form of payment accepted for the auction.

Any individual wanting to retain their unit will need to pay their entire balance on or before Friday October 9, 2026.

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

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION

Danny Crawford	Unit #10-5
Shermita Dixon	Unit #10-9
Sherry Reynolds	Unit #1-33
Thaddeus Brewer	Unit #11-3
Semaj Johnson	Unit #2-18
Precious Tate	Unit #2-19
Bette Staley	Unit #3-20
Kyle Harris	Unit #3-26
Vernice Bailey	Unit #5-22
Donald Carpenter	Unit #6-30
Keylynnndra Moore	Unit #7-15
Shalik Rhynes	Unit #9-34
Eunice Green	Unit #10-16
Dewey Morris	Unit #10-31
Shermita Dixon	Unit #11-11
Thomas Yarrington	Unit #11-17
Robert Parker	Unit #11-29
Shayla Shanklin	Unit #B-7
Tamika Kirkwood	Unit #H-17
Susan Grant	Unit #10-12

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.

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 property 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 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. 2026-035 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

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: Sorling Northrup

James R. Enlow, Attorney (6199891) 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200 P.O. Box 5131 Springfield, IL 62705 Telephone: 217-544-1144; Fax: 217-522-3173 E-Mail: 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. 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 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 www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. /S/ THEODORE J. HARVATIN Special Representative for Ralph Venegas, Deceased. THEODORE J. HARVATIN Attorney Reg. #06180268 Harvatin Law Offices, P.C. 1100 So. Fifth Street Springfield, IL 62703 Tel. 217-525-0520 Fax. 217-525-0901 ted@harvatinlaw.com 8051-969271

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. 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. 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 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 www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. /S/ THEODORE J. HARVATIN Special Representative for Jacob Edward Martin, Deceased. THEODORE J. HARVATIN Attorney Reg. #06180268 Harvatin Law Offices, P.C. 1100 So. Fifth Street Springfield, IL 62703 Tel. 217-525-0520 Fax. 217-525-0901 ted@harvatinlaw.com 8051-969270

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. Situated 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
SORLING NORTHRUP
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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.
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:
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), Town-

ship Sixteen (16) North, Range Five (5) West of the Third Principal Meridian.
Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any.
Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois PIN#: 14-33.0-107-008
(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
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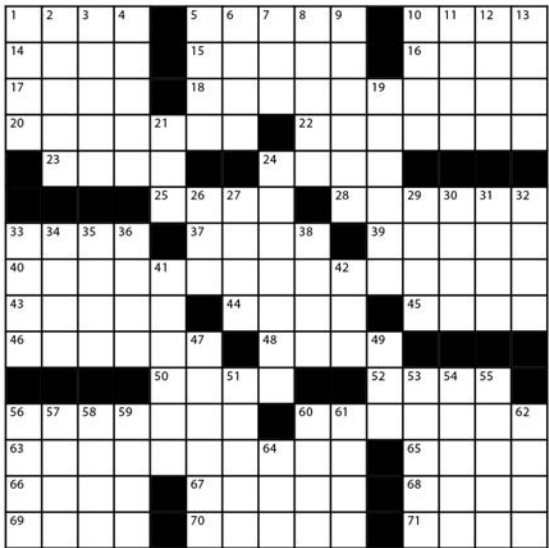
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF:
JULIO COPELLO,
Deceased
No. 2026PR356
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Julio Copello, Deceased.
Letters of Administration were issued on September 22, 2026 to Valeria Copello, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Katherine E. Perry, Edwards Group LLC, 3223 S. Meadowbrook Road, Suite A, Springfield, IL 62711. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before March 30, 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 9/25/26.
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Future women

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Across

1. Metallica drummer Ulrich
5. North Dakota's largest city
10. "___ does it!"
14. Iridescent gem
15. ___ the hole
16. Bum kin
17. Quick, in trade names
18. Shy person
20. Maze feature
22. Frank, e.g.
23. LBJ or RMN, e.g.
24. Math class, for short
25. Novelist Caleb
28. Makes aquatints
33. Andes capital
37. Creator of Oz
39. "As ___ and breathe"
40. Some cars and patio furniture have one
43. Football's ___ Bowl
44. "Baseball Tonight" channel
45. Kind of pool
46. Late bloomers
48. She, in Italy
50. "Ah, me!"
52. Bueno's opposite
56. Spun
60. Following
63. Mama Rose declaration in "Gypsy"
65. "The ___ Love"
66. Copter's forerunner
67. Bloated
68. Lab gel



69. Absorbs, with "up"
70. Endor inhabitants
71. "Mama" speaker
Down
1. Lady's man
2. Even one word
3. Kind of screen
4. Trombone part
5. Babe in the woods
6. Mil. school
7. Bill of Rights subj.
8. Radner of "SNL"
9. In a card catalog
10. God with a hammer
11. "___ Met Your Mother"
12. Copper heads?

13. Civil wrong
19. Milk-related
21. Computer key
24. Expensive trips
26. "20/20" network
27. Miles per hour, e.g.
29. Flow stopper
30. Queen's residence
31. 20-20, e.g.
32. Bone-dry
33. Kraft Nabisco Championship org.
34. Nest eggs, briefly
35. Street in New York's Chinatown
36. Stub ___

38. Game honorees, briefly
41. Slips
42. "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.
47. Heavy hammer
49. "___ dreaming?"
51. Play to ___
53. Take ___ off
54. Vernacular
55. Actress Tatum
56. Fixes
57. Buckeye State
58. Canvas cover
59. Hubbubs
60. Something to do
61. Lowell and Tan
62. Word that could follow the end of the themed clues
64. "___ Beso" (Paul Anka hit)

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week

POSE	ABET	PETIT			
ISTS	LEVIT	ATONE			
CHIQUITABANANAS					
TENURE	DEMOLISH				
SATES	PETER				
	AER	SAMIAM			
FOIL	ROMA	MENSA			
UPTOWN	MANHATTAN				
SARGE	SINE	SONY			
SHYEST	AMS				
	TESTS	HOWTO			
EVIDENCE	SALOON				
MODERN	INTERIORS				
ALLEN	FAST	ODIE			
JEEPS	TMP	SYST			

Crossword answers from #964

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

Sudoku answers from #964

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

JoshJosh answers from #964

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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.

6	1-		3÷		10x
2÷		2-		1-	
3-		2			
8+	14+	1-		2-	
		7+		4-	2-
		5+			

Difficulty hard

Sudoku No. 965

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

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

Difficulty hard

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