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Phoenix Center investigation concludes

Sangamon County state's attorney decides not to file any criminal charges related to grant fraud

NONPROFITS | Dean Olsen

The decision by Sangamon County prosecutors not to charge anyone connected with the Phoenix Center for fraudulently billing and cheating the state out of thousands of dollars for HIV testing was disappointing but could lead to progress in restarting the nonprofit's state funding, the center's leader says.

"We've flipped our organization on its head in the past two years," Phoenix Center Chief Executive Officer Teresa Silva told *Illinois Times* on Oct. 16.

She and members of the board of the Springfield-based nonprofit, which serves the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community and provides harm-reduction and housing services, said in a [social-media post Oct. 15](#) that the grant fraud described by state officials cast a "dark shadow" over Phoenix Center for several years.

An investigation by the Illinois Department of Public Health and Illinois State Police into the alleged grant fraud over a nine-year period resulted in the previous executive director, Jonna Cooley, retiring in November 2024, and the suspension of state grants to the organization that previously totaled \$500,000 to \$1 million annually.

The IDPH put the 25-year-old charitable organization on the state's temporary "stop-payment" list effective Feb. 15, 2025, and there's been little communication from state officials since then despite many safeguards that Phoenix Center put in place at the state's request, Silva said.

The center operates out of a building at 109 E. Lawrence Ave. and at its Out on Second site at 120 E. Scarritt St., though many programs have been downsized because of the loss of state funding. The center now is entirely donor-supported and is down to two full-time employees from a high of 18 to 20.

Silva and others associated with Phoenix Center previously said Cooley was primarily responsible for the conduct that led to the investigation and cutoff of state funds.

When contacted Oct. 16, however, Silva declined to comment about Cooley, 65, a Springfield resident who led Phoenix Center for 18 years. Cooley was hired as the center's funding development director in 2006 while she was under investigation for allegedly misusing funds at the Sangamon County Child Advocacy Center while she was executive director.

Cooley was able to keep her job at Phoenix Center even when she was charged in 2008



Teresa Silva, executive director of Phoenix Center in Springfield, says center officials and supporters of the nonprofit organization are disappointed no criminal charges will be filed in connection with alleged state grant fraud involving the center, but they hope the conclusion of a the criminal investigation will lead to a restart in state funding for the center. CREDIT: PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

with nine felony counts of theft and official misconduct and three felony counts of forgery in connection with the controversy involving the Child Advocacy Center. The advocacy center is a department of Sangamon County government that coordinates investigations into child sexual abuse.

Cooley also kept her Phoenix Center job when, as part of a plea deal to settle the criminal case, she pleaded guilty in 2009 to one felony count of forgery. She was sentenced to 30 months of probation, fined \$1,500 and was ordered to pay \$8,000 in restitution to the advocacy center.

Sangamon County State's Attorney John Milhiser wouldn't speak about Cooley when contacted Oct. 16, and Cooley hasn't responded to requests for comment.

Milhiser told *Illinois Times* that he reviewed results of the state police investigation into grant funds received by Phoenix Center.

"There is no evidence that money was diverted from the Phoenix Center," he said. "The determination was made that there is insufficient evidence to support the filing of

criminal charges in the case."

Milhiser wouldn't comment when asked why the lack of evidence that anyone benefited personally from defrauded funds prevented him from filing criminal charges.

Silva said anyone complicit or otherwise involved with any grant fraud is no longer associated with Phoenix Center.

In addition to installing a new executive director, the center has put seven new board members in place, enacted new operating, fiscal and governing policies and hired an accounting firm to oversee its finances, she said.

Silva joined Phoenix Center as a part-time worker in 2022. She was hired full time in 2023, then named interim executive director in December 2024. Her appointment was made permanent in February.

The only board members remaining since 2024 are Board President Josh Wright and Secretary Candice Trees, and Silva said those two weren't involved in any discussions with the state in 2024.

Phoenix Center so far has repaid IDPH \$101,000, including a \$5,000 payment in

August, according to information *Illinois Times* obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request.

Phoenix Center officials believe they have repaid the entire amount that the organization was overpaid, Silva said.

However, IDPH Assistant General Counsel Patricia Montalvo said in an Oct. 13 email to *Illinois Times* that the overpayment "is expected to be some number in excess of \$600,000."

IDPH officials wouldn't say what hurdles remain before state funding to Phoenix Center can resume.

Silva said the center hasn't ruled out paying more to the state.

"We're open to negotiations to get this resolved ... to resolve the stop-payment status," she said.

An IDPH letter dated Feb. 5, 2025, to Phoenix Center that the newspaper obtained through FOIA said the department initially stopped payments to the center because of "double billing" for fiscal years 2016 through 2024.

The stop-payment status was lifted on Nov. 7, 2024, after the center put in place a corrective action plan, according to the letter.

The stop-payment status resumed in February 2025, the letter said, after the Phoenix Center's board disclosed on Nov. 20, 2024, that documents related to grant administration were destroyed in February 2024 at Cooley's direction.

In addition, the letter said an unnamed board officer "admitted withholding material information about destruction of records from Oct. 18, 2024, to Nov. 20, 2024, and duplicate billing from February to November 2024, despite previous assurances of full disclosure."

Silva told *Illinois Times* that the board officer mentioned in the letter no longer is associated with Phoenix Center.

In a story that the newspaper published in April detailing many of the allegations of misconduct, Silva said the center's existence would be threatened if the financial problems weren't resolved within 12 months.

That threat remains, Silva said on Oct. 16. She also said she and other center officials are investigating options for future survival that give them hope. She wouldn't elaborate.

"We're optimistic that with these new potential avenues, that we will be OK," Silva said. "We're not out of options. We're not done. We're the queer community. We're built on fighting for our right to exist." □

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NEWS

16 seek city council seats

CITY | Maria Gardner Lara

Monday marked the first day to file candidate petitions for the municipal elections this spring, and hopeful candidates lined up outside the Springfield City Clerk's office waiting for the doors to open. Ward 7 Ald. Brad Carlson, who usually presents a closely shaven face during city council meetings, looked as though he may have skipped this part of his morning routine to be the first in line.

Carlson said he arrived at the city building at 4:30 a.m.

"People were eager to sign my petition, so I just wanted to show them that, 'Hey, thanks for signing, thanks for the trust you've given me to run again,' and so I kind of want to return the favor and be the first in line," he said.

So far, he's the only incumbent alderperson seeking reelection who is running unopposed. Even so, his campaign reports more than \$67,000 in funds available as of the Sept. 30 quarterly report provided to the Illinois Board of Elections, making him one of the council members with the largest war chest.

Potential candidates have until Monday, Oct. 26, to file their candidate petitions. Alderpersons serve four-year terms and can only run for a total of three consecutive terms. It's considered a part-time job with council members being paid an annual salary of about \$17,000.

Here is the list of candidates who have expressed their intention to run for a city council seat, although it's still possible others may join the race by the filing deadline.

Ward 1

Jeff Cox is running for alderman for the first time after being appointed to the role left vacant when then-Ald. Chuck Redpath forfeited the seat to be selected for the city clerk position in 2025.

The 45-year-old is a defense attorney and a consultant for the cannabis industry.

"I'm looking forward to expanding Ward 1 as far as business goes, cleaning up some areas that are starting to get a little downtrodden, and continuing to help improve overall public safety – Springfield Police Department, Springfield Fire Department," he said.

Maintaining high water quality is also top of mind for him, since Ward 1 covers Lake Springfield, the main water source for the city and surrounding areas.

He wants "to make sure that it remains healthy and good, clean water can come out of that to provide for all the residents in the area."

His challenger is Juan Huerta, 61, the



Candidates for Springfield City Council stand in line the morning of Oct. 19 waiting to submit their signature petitions at the city clerk's office. CREDIT: MARIA GARDNER LARA

deputy director for public engagement for the Illinois secretary of state.

"One of the reasons I'm running is because of my experience in community relations. I was in the city for eight years," Huerta said, referring to his time as the director of the Office of Community Relations during former Mayor Jim Langfelder's two terms.

"I care about the community," he said. He said residents have approached him with concerns about electric bikes and speeding.

Huerta added, "I want to work closely with the fire and police to make sure that we keep our citizens safe across the whole city of Springfield."

He said the management of Lake Springfield is another priority, including "making sure that we comply with EPA and different agencies to make sure the city maintains everything correctly."

Supporting individuals who face homelessness is another issue he cares about and he said he would seek opportunities for job training with trade unions.

Ward 2

Shawn Gregory, 42, is a state employee seeking his last term on the city council.

"People encourage me to keep up the representation for our community," he said. "We've made progress, but for my particular ward, it's definitely a tall task to reverse decades

of disinvestment. So, even with the great push that we've been able to do, there's more work to be done and I remain up to the task."

Gregory reflects fondly on the veteran alderpersons who helped him when he first joined the city council at 35 years old.

"I had to lean on experienced politicians like now-Sen. (Doris) Turner and Chuck Redpath that I sat between and, that has really helped me become what I think is a very, very good alderman," he said.

He said he plans on returning the favor by supporting new alderpersons in the next term.

If reelected, he'll continue to prioritize bringing more economic development, safe housing and beautification to the east side.

Mary H. Shanklin is challenging him for the seat. *Illinois Times* sought an interview with Shanklin but received no response. In a post on the LiUNA local 477 Facebook page, the organization describes Shanklin as a member.

Ward 3

Roy Williams, 67, a military veteran, is seeking his second term.

"I want to finish some projects and some things that I've started over on the east side," he said.

He referenced pushing for demolition of vacant buildings and the future redevelopment of the former Pillsbury plant, where



Ward 1 Ald. Jeff Cox



Ward 1 candidate Juan Huerta



Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory



Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams Jr.



Ward 3 candidate Bill Eddington



Ward 4 candidate Brian Baskett

demolition is still underway.

If reelected, redevelopment and economic investment will continue to be his top priority.

“That’s really what’s driving me to stay around again to keep building up the east side and making things better for the citizens in my ward,” he said.

Williams said he’d like to attract various businesses to the area, but is opposed to more gambling businesses and marijuana dispensaries in his ward.

Williams is being challenged by Bill Eddington. The 62-year-old, self-employed mason said, “I see a lot of potential on the east to northeast side of Springfield that could be brought to the attention of the city council.”

As alderman, he would support city services such as the police department and fire department and seek to address housing issues on the east side, including illegal dumping.

“Just a lot of basic issues have been overlooked, I think, for some time,” Eddington said.

“It’s going to be a tough race, and I’m going to give it my best shot,” he said.

Ward 4

Larry Rockford plans on leaving the city council after serving just one term.

Brian Baskett, 51, a member of Ironworkers Local 46 for over 30 years, is seeking to occupy the seat.

“I’m running for office because I truly care

about the north end of Springfield,” he stated in an email to *Illinois Times*. “Hard-working families need someone in their corner.”

As he’s knocking on doors collecting signatures, neighbors bring up concerns about traffic safety, home burglaries, fly dumping and homelessness in our community, he said.

“Hopefully, if I’m on the council, I can work well with all council members to try and remedy these situations,” he said.

Another challenger is Sontae Massey, 55, who works for the city of Springfield. He said the death of his cousin, Sonya Massey, propelled him to get into politics. Massey said bringing awareness to mental health and advocating for resources would be one of his priorities if elected. He also seeks to be very accessible to constituents.

“In order to change things, you have to get yourself into it and you have to change it from the inside, and that’s what I intend to do,” Massey said.

In response to an inquiry from *Illinois Times*, corporation counsel Greg Moredock said there is no prohibition to prevent a city employee from running for an elected position in city government, as long as city resources aren’t used on the campaign. However, Moredock noted that according to the city’s consent decree, “...no alderman or the mayor, city clerk or city treasurer shall be eligible to any other office or employment except that of Mayor Pro Tem...”

Ward 5

Ald. Lakeisha Purchase joined the city council when she was appointed by former Mayor Jim Langfelder to fill the vacancy left by Andrew Proctor’s resignation in 2021 and defeated former Ward 5 Ald. Sam Cahnman to win her first election in 2023.

The 37-year-old is a registered lobbyist, real estate investor and owner of 5th Street GEM, a downtown event space. “I am seeking reelection because the work we’ve started in Ward 5 is not finished,” Purchase told *IT* via email.

“Over the past four years, I’ve remained committed to being accessible, responsive and accountable to the residents I serve. We’ve made meaningful progress, and I want to continue building on that foundation, strengthening our neighborhoods and ensuring every resident has a voice in shaping Springfield’s future.

“My priorities remain focused on neighborhood revitalization, public safety, affordable and supportive housing, infrastructure improvements and economic development. I am especially committed to addressing vacant properties, improving neighborhood conditions, supporting small businesses and ensuring city resources reach the communities that need them most,” she said.

Purchase faces an opponent in her second bid for alderperson in 49-year-old Colin Phillips, a state employee with Department of Human Services, and a U.S. Army veteran.

Like Purchase, he also lives in the Enos Park neighborhood.

“Honor, integrity, and compassion are the standards I live by, and they will shape every action I take in office,” he told *IT* via email. “I’m asking for the chance to serve Ward 5 with the same focus and accountability I’ve brought to every other role.”

He said his priorities if elected alderman would be open and accountable government, protecting the vulnerable and strengthening neighborhoods, and creating a community that looks out for its own.

“I’ll approach these issues the same way I’ve approached every previous responsibility: put others first, measure success by whether people are better protected and served and actively seek out the input of the neighbors I’m asking to represent,” Phillips said.

Ward 6

Incumbent Jennifer Notariano, 43, a state employee with the Illinois Capital Development board, was first elected in 2023.

Notariano said she is seeking another term “because I feel like there’s still a lot more to be done on the council in terms of making streets safer, streets more walkable and bikeable and slowing traffic down.”

“Another big priority for me is to get the city to utilize the land bank so we can do something with our vacant and abandoned properties and our vacant lots,” she said.



Ward 4 candidate Sontae Massey



Ward 5 Ald. Lakeisha Purchase



Ward 5 candidate Colin Phillips



Ward 6 Ald. Jennifer Notariano



Ward 6 candidate Mark Mahoney



Ward 6 candidate Kevin Slot

"I'd like to spur new construction in older areas of town like Ward 6, where we have vacant property."

A housing program in South Bend, Indiana, that provides pre-approved house plans for single family and multifamily homes serves as a model for what can be implemented in Springfield, she said.

"So you can go to the city and select these plans and have your permits and things put on the fast track, so it's easier for you to build," Notoriano said.

Mark Mahoney, 58, enters the race already having completed two terms as Ward 6 alderman from 2003-2011. He then served as the director of the city's Office of Public Works under Langfelder's administration and has held varying roles in state government. Currently, he is the chief of staff at the Abraham Presidential Library and Museum.

"I just see a lot of things I'm frustrated about in our neighborhoods where I think we could have a stronger voice on the city council pushing for progress," he said.

He said he'd advocate for an upgrade to the utility infrastructure and improving the appearance of the neighborhood.

"You see a lot of properties that are unkept or they're bringing neighborhoods down, and people have complained about them, and they're just not getting much response," he said.

Mahoney previously served as president of Independent Coalition for Our Neighborhoods (ICON), a nonprofit that advocates for preserving the city's historic urban core and addressing aging infrastructure and problem properties.

"To me, public service is a privilege, but it's also a responsibility," he said. "So, I decided instead of just complaining about some of those things, I would get involved again and run for the city council."

The ward's third candidate is Kevin Slot, 63, the owner of OREO Maintenance who has served as a minister at Father's House International, a Christian church. He's also been involved with the Ministerial Alliance of Springfield.

He told *Illinois Times* via email, "I have a strong sense of being called to run at this time."

Slot said if elected alderman, he'd focus on business development.

"In talking with developers and businesspeople, I hear over and over that Springfield has one of the worst reputations in the nation for being business unfriendly to companies who want to invest here or even for individuals trying to start a small business here," he said.

He said he's less interested in the city budget and would rather focus on business development.

"So, what if we focus less on who gets what piece of that \$200 million pie (city budget) and get busy working together to increase that \$15 billion (the city's gross domestic product) pie

by 20%?"

Other issues that matter to him are improving safety and customer service from the Ward 6 alderperson, along with neighborhood beautification.

Ward 8

Two candidates have lined up to replace Ald. Erin Conley, who announced in early October that she won't be seeking a third-term, citing the challenges of juggling personal matters and her full-time job.

Kate Smith, 36, a legislative liaison at the



Ward 8 candidate Teresa Tran



Ward 9 candidate Andrew Spiro

Statehouse, said with Conley choosing not to seek reelection and only one other person running, she decided to seek the position.

"Ward 8 deserves to have a choice. I'm a firm believer that if I'm going to have an opinion and I'm going to complain, I need to try to jump in and that was a good opportunity," she said. "I wouldn't have tried to push Erin out because I was very appreciative of the work that she was doing."

When asked what her priorities would be if elected alderperson, she said, "I really want to hear from the residents of the ward about what their primary concerns are," Smith said. "I know that I have concerns for the vacant and unsafe buildings across Springfield and within Ward 8. I'm also very interested in picking up on projects, like the Koke Mill project."

Teresa Tran, 32, an account manager at Impact Life Blood Services, declared her candidacy for Ward 8 over the summer.

"I'm running for alderperson just to give the city council a fresh voice and perspective on some of the things that the community is asking for," she said. "I see that a lot of people are disconnected from local government and I would like to bridge the gap."

Tran said she would seek to increase community engagement, and she hopes to spur more voter participation.

"I'm trying to reach not only the people



Ward 9 candidate C.J. Metcalf



Ward 10 candidate Mark Ziegler

who have been engaged, but the people who did not vote in the last cycle to really get them to understand what's going on at the city level and how their voices can be heard," Tran said.

Other priorities include developing a youth workforce program, encouraging small businesses to occupy vacant buildings and the revitalization of MacArthur Boulevard.

Ward 9

Voters will have to choose between two new candidates in Ward 9 since Ald. Jim Donelan is term-limited.

C.J. Metcalf, 50, is the assistant deputy director at the Illinois Department of Insurance. He sits on several boards including as the clerk for the Sangamon County Water Reclamation District and on the Springfield

Convention and Visitors Advisory Board.

Previously, he served on the Springfield Park District Board and was head coach of the Springfield Kings youth hockey team.

"I think that in today's world, commonsense leadership in government is sorely needed," he said.

"I think with my record in state government, municipal and other local governmental bodies, I have the experience and the temperament to help folks make a difference."

Public safety, infrastructure and economic development are areas he would focus on if elected.

"I think we need to be more enticing to bring businesses that want to stay here, grow here and invest here that can keep our folks and our families and our kids here and entice others to Springfield as a place that they want to be."

Andrew Spiro, 67, is retired from the Illinois secretary of state and currently serves as an organizer with SEIU Local 1 helping Uber and Lyft drivers in Illinois form a union.

He ran as a Democrat for the Sangamon County Board in 2016 and lost to incumbent Tom Fraase.

Spiro previously served as a member of the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals, and on the board for the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority (SMEAA).

With his experience with labor and government, he said, "I could bring together people with different wants, needs and points of view, who don't agree, but we can still get together and accomplish goals that improve not only Ward 9, but the city as a whole."

He said addressing vacant buildings such as Old Towne Apartments, located on the corner of Jefferson Street and Bruns Lane, would be a top priority.

Ward 10

Ward 10 Ald. Ralph Hanauer is term-limited and can't seek re-election, but so far only one candidate has filed to run for his seat.

"(Hanauer) was a pretty good alderman, so I'm going to try to follow in his steps," said Mark Ziegler.

The 72-year-old is a husband and father of four who works as a real estate appraiser and owner of Ziegler Appraisal Group.

"I just figured I'd help Ward 10 and try to help the city," he said. "It's an exciting opportunity. I look forward to learning a lot of stuff."

He said he doesn't have a specific agenda with his campaign, since "I've got to win first," Ziegler quipped.

"I'm just going into it with an open mind," he said.

As of now, it doesn't appear a primary will be held Feb. 23, which would only take place if any race has five or more candidates. The municipal election is April 6. □

LETTERS

We welcome letters. Please include your full name, address and telephone number. We edit all letters. Send them to editor@illinoistimes.com.

SUPPORT SECOND AMENDMENT

She didn't ask for Joe (Biden) to be killed, she is defending her Second Amendment rights ("Beni Harmony heads to the White House," Oct. 8). When I was in high school, kids had unloaded guns in their gun racks in their trucks.

Lisa Nev
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

WRONG MESSAGE

I guess that's one way to celebrate

the birth of Christ.

Amy Lakin
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

NO RIGHT TO SUBSIDIES

The first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution outline basic rights that all humans should have, and the government doesn't have to provide them at any cost ("Housing is a human right," Oct. 1). One exception is the defendant's right to counsel, but that applies only when the state is prosecuting the person. It is OK to consider housing a right, as long as taxpayers' coerced payments to the state do not have to provide the funds.

Another article mentions the

Nehemiah Project expansion, which is funded by federal and state government tax credits; that is, taxpayers pick up the tab ("We cannot build fast enough," Oct. 1). It costs an average of \$450,000 each for the homes that are built. A privately purchased home at that cost would pay about \$11,000 per year in real estate taxes. Will the owners or renters of the Nehemiah houses pay that amount to provide services everyone else pays the government for, primarily schools?

It also appears the government is subsidizing the proposed data center here in Sangamon County, but two wrongs don't make a right. An essentially free house is

an injustice to those paying for it.

Dan Punzak
Springfield

NO SURPRISE

The Taylorville City Council is "very shocked" that business owners don't want to be in a construction zone for two years ("Downtown dilemma in Taylorville," Sept. 23)? I was just talking to a Decatur resident today and they said their downtown project severely impacted business and some closed.

Amelia Shoemaker
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

THANKS FOR EFFORTS

Thank you to Claudia Zabala and

members of Amigos Unidos for helping the Beardstown Mexican and Latino community maintain and integrate their culture in their new home ("Changing demographics in Beardstown," Oct. 8). Your early work with members of Beardstown United made great progress to improve relationships in Beardstown.

Victor Juarez
Via illinoistimes.com

MADE PROGRESS

I love seeing the dancers in the Beardstown Fall Fun Festival parade. I'm so proud of how far we have come as a community!

Donna Givens
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

Another Grandpa letter

My Dear Boy Ronald,
I realize you are laboring to solve one of the problems of life. I trust your strength of character and manhood to guard against the temptations of the social life, you are entering. I will leave it to you when you see immorality and immoral influences coming through the dance to cut it out. Or when you see the dance is taking your time and strength from useful work and clear thinking, restrict it or cut it out entirely. I feel you could be a happier and stronger lad if you did not allow this temptation to draw you. I shall expect you to be careful in the amount of money you spend in this and the time it takes from school and other work. There are two courses open to us in this matter, either absolutely forbid you to go and enforce the order or to allow you to go and assist you to guard against the evil influences and help you to come to a strong responsible life. The latter is the course Mama and I have decided to follow. You are a noble good boy. We love you and are anxious for you to be a good and strong man.
Your loving Father.

2026 Jacqueline Jackson



Beni Rae Harmony and Jarome Bell, a Republican who mounted a failed campaign for Congress in 2022, were photographed in 2021 posing with firearms in matching anti-Biden T-shirts. CREDIT: PHOTO FROM INSTAGRAM

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Observations of an immigrant court observer

GUESTWORK | Sheila Stocks-Smith

I consider Chicago my hometown. My entire family was raised on Chicago's south side and I grew up in a southeast suburb called Dolton, a working-class town traversed by railroad tracks and surrounded by industry. Fun Fact: Pope Leo grew up in Dolton about a mile from my house.

So when ICE began its cruel attacks on immigrants in Chicago and communities fought back, I wanted to help. I joined the American Bar Association's immigration court observation program and after an ABA online training, I began observing in October 2025. I have observed morning or afternoon dockets in-person around 10 times, sometimes moving between various courtrooms per visit.

Chicago's main immigration court, on the 15th floor of a downtown office building, conducts immigration proceedings for people in Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana. Immigration courts are administrative courts within the U.S. Department of Justice and judges are civil servants. They, along with the Department of Homeland Security, decide whether an immigrant stays in the country or should be removed.

Customarily, the process begins when an applicant receives a notice to appear, which outlines the reasons for being summoned to immigration court and sets an initial hearing date. From there, applicants (called respondents) typically attend what is known as a master calendar hearing. It reviews the government's allegations and other due process matters and sets the date for an Individual hearing, which is immigration court's version of a trial. It is a complex system for anyone to navigate, let alone people who don't speak English or understand the nuances of governmental procedures.



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ABA's observer training stresses neutrality so I silently watch, take copious notes and complete online reporting forms when I return home. Since I began observing, court procedures have changed dramatically, a direct result of President Donald Trump's goal of deporting 1 million immigrants a year. The process now deliberately stokes chaos, accelerates dockets, ignores legal precedent, bullies and removes judges, changes hearing dates without adequate notice, conducts "group advisals," places people in mandatory detention, detains and deports unaccompanied children, and flies people to dangerous countries, to name just a fraction of the injustices being repeated every day across the country.

Holding "mega master" hearings are the latest tactic to dramatically accelerate removals. Mega master hearings bunch a 100 or more respondents into a single time slot with little or no notice. The results are exactly as intended,

with upward of 80% of people not appearing, which is automatic grounds for "removal in absentia" – they are headed for deportation.

In 2025, the court dockets I observed generally included around 20 cases per morning or afternoon. When I observed in August 2026, the mega master was in full force with docket totals per judge as follows: 52, 35, 105, 54, 138, 107, 95, 91 and 105. The Clark Street court showed two judges, one with 198 cases and one with 82.

But make no mistake, mega masters are not meant to simply streamline a lawful system of due process. They are, instead, the implementation of cruel and inhumane policies that deny due process, create chaos and obstruct justice. Mega masters corral people in a courtroom under the guise of justice, denying them dignity and stripping them of constitutionally guaranteed protections.

What all this information about process

obscures is the impact on the individuals and families appearing in court. They patiently stand for hours in stark, narrow hallways with small children and elderly family members – no effort is made to provide accommodations or crayons and books as you might expect to help keep the little ones busy. They wait silently. The children wait – they seem scared.

Once in the courtroom, through provided interpreters, the adults listen attentively and politely respond. They rarely ask questions, but when they do, it's apparent they do not fully understand what is happening to them. They are well-dressed, seem eager to please and, if asked, proudly mention jobs, schools and extended families. These people are not dangerous criminals.

But it is the young children that linger in my memory. I've never seen small children be so well-behaved for so long. In my mind, I see one little girl about 5 years old sitting erect on the hard, wooden bench in a fancy dress and Mary Jane shoes with her beautiful black hair smoothed back with a large white bow. I think of my 4-year-old granddaughter and my heart aches.

Whatever your overall position on immigration, can we agree that this is not what anyone signed up for? According to Vatican News, "Pope Leo XIV decries recent measures against migrants in the United States, and he calls for treating people with humanity and dignity." While the pope's moral outrage slithers off Trump, I can only hope that we step up and vote to end this disgusting scourge. It's not too late. □

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State ethics laws and good advice

POLITICS | Rich Miller

The Legislative Ethics Commission Chair said last week that the LEC will meet soon and discuss whether to recommend changes to state ethics laws during the upcoming veto session, which begins in about a month.

But the chair of the bipartisan commission, Rep. Jeff Keicher (R-Sycamore), told us he was against taking any action before a new General Assembly is sworn in this coming January.

"I think it'd be a mistake to make changes during veto without a full vetting of proposals by members of the GA during a regular session cycle," Keicher said, adding, "I think it's especially unseemly to have the current GA, where these problems originated, to make the rules for future GA members. Doubly so if it was quick-paced through during veto session or lame duck (session in early January)."

"We learned multiple times over the recent circumstances the pitfalls of not publicly vetting ethics guidelines and rules," Keicher said.

Keicher also said that, when legislative recommendations are submitted, they will be "process-based suggestions" designed specifically to address what has happened over the years to the legislative inspector general's much-maligned investigatory processes.

As you know, the previous legislative inspector general was criticized for his alleged insensitivity to sexual harassment victims. The process itself has been criticized for being too much like a "star chamber," which intimidated victims and potential witnesses. The LIG was also criticized for revealing information that should've been kept secret.

Changes outside of the ethics commission's role will be avoided, Keicher predicted of the commission's eventual recommendations. "I'd like to maintain a separation of what duties the GA charges LEC with versus LEC as a body trying to define ethical standards changes. It's the GA as a whole's prerogative on scope, not the LEC."

House Speaker Chris Welch has appointed a "working group" of Democrats which is supposed to be coming up with its own plan. But the group is operating in secret (other than statements from appointees who either declined to participate or stepped down), and current members are not responding to any of our calls, emails and text messages.

We're not alone. When asked if any members of the working group had reached out to him or the LEC, Keicher said, "Not a single one."

But some changes are already being made by the new interim inspector general, who appears to be a no-nonsense type.

"Don't expect me to be a chatty inspector general," acting Legislative Inspector General David Risley says in a video outlining his plans for the office, according to my colleague Isabel Miller.

Risley's predecessor, Michael McCuskey, agreed to resign by the end of September. McCuskey publicly discussed a complaint during a radio interview involving indicted Rep. Carol Ammons and dismissed a lobbyist's concerns about errors in his Harry Benton report as "small things."

Risley, a former federal prosecutor, said he'll accept reporters' questions in writing, but won't discuss investigations beyond the public record, adding, "I'll be happy to meet with reporters for off the record background briefings to talk about the role and statutory framework in which the LIG operates, but I won't answer questions about investigations beyond what is public record."

Risley's top priority, he said, is making the office "a safe place for victims of sexual harassment, including keeping confidential information confidential."

He's also promising changes to how the

office handles complaints.

For starters, Isabel reported, the office has just one investigator. Risley wants more, both in Chicago and downstate, including at least one with expertise in investigating sexual harassment complaints.

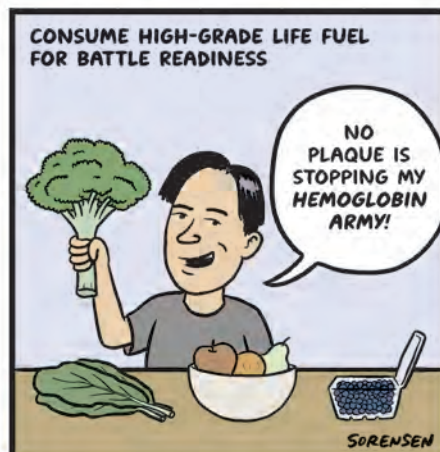
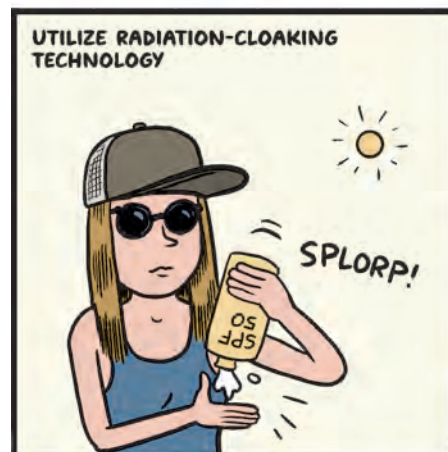
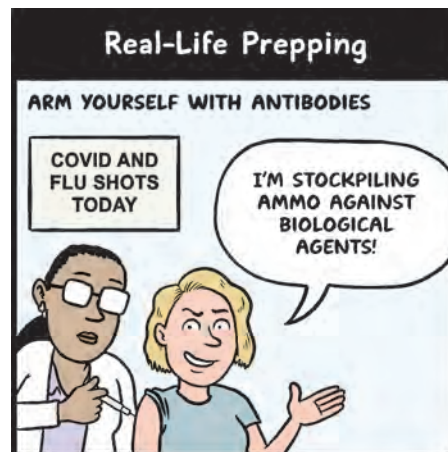
Complainants can bring "an attorney, a friend, or other support person," Risley said. He wants two investigators conducting each interview, with recordings and transcripts made with consent. Those reporting sexual harassment will also be informed of their statutory rights.

Risley will serve until the General Assembly appoints a new inspector general. He intends "to move quickly to do as much as I can while I can."

And he had a dire warning for those who are misbehaving: "Given our investigative backgrounds in the LIG office, we've successfully investigated a lot bigger fish than you," Risley said about "those inclined to engage in sexual harassment."

"So, think about that, and act like a decent human being."

Sounds like good advice to me. □



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An overview of contested County Board races

ELECTIONS | Dilpreet Raju

Despite a total of 17 seats up for reelection on the Sangamon County Board and increased eyes on county politics, only four of those races are contested.

With 29 board members, Sangamon is one of only three counties (the other two being LaSalle and St. Clair) to have the maximum number of county board seats allowed under Illinois law – for reference, Cook County has a dozen fewer county districts.

Republicans have long held control of the Sangamon County Board, with 21 current Republican board members. They will continue to control county government as the party is only at risk of losing one seat.

Learn more about the candidates in those contested elections here:

District 7, southwest Sangamon County

Tara Bergschneider, 37, bedside nurse; Democrat; born and raised in Sangamon County; married with four children

Bergschneider's campaign has been largely focused on opposition to the county's April data center approval, which is slated to be built in District 7. She's also behind an online petition from earlier this year asking the Sangamon County Board to remove Andy Van Meter as board chair and Tony DelGiorno as the Democratic Caucus leader due to their support for the project.

Priorities for district and county?

- "Protecting our meaningful engagement and making sure that government is reaching the people that it was elected to serve."
- "To restore the partnership between elected officials and the constituents and, because of the direction economic development has taken in our region, developing that shared decision-making process between the public and the private sectors, capitalizing on our essential resources for daily life and operations."

Richard King, 66, retired IDOT operations employee; Republican; born and raised in Sangamon County; married with two children
King, who chairs the West Sangamon Republican Club political action committee, said he's "not too hip on" data centers, arguing they should be slated for "industrial or commercial zones, not on agricultural farm ground." He also said solar projects shouldn't be "too close to villages that could choke off their growth in years to come."

Priorities for district and county?

- "We need to make sure we have balanced budgets; we also need to try to increase the sheriff's office (funding) for more deputies in rural areas."
- "If I was on the board, I'd probably vote no (during April vote on data center approval)," despite his endorsement from the Central Illinois Building & Construction Trades Council.

District 21, southern Springfield (special election, two-year term)

Reginald "Reggie" Guyton, 35, actor with Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum Democrat (incumbent); lived in Sangamon County since 2014

Guyton was appointed in February 2025 to fill the seat vacated by the late Clyde Bunch. Guyton told *Illinois Times* that he's not supported by the local Democratic party and has "frustration with how (young Black voters) have been disregarded as well as looked down upon."

Priorities for district and county?

- "I'm looking for opportunities to improve infrastructure not only through Springfield, but the surrounding villages and cities... I really am for responsible innovation that benefits everyone, not just businesses, but also families and communities."
- "Transparency within the sheriff's office is a major (priority); I would like to prioritize the Mental Health Board's work being implemented."
- "I'm hoping to bring a more nuanced discussion and perspective in office."

Connie Sebok, 70, previously worked for Social Security Administration and District 186; Republican; born and raised in Sangamon County

Sebok's Sept. 18 campaign announcement on Facebook describes how she's "served on the BOS Center board and now the county's Jury Commission. I'm running because I want to keep putting that same work ethic and commitment to this community to use on the county board."

Priorities for district and county?

- *Illinois Times* was unable to interview Sebok prior to publication despite numerous attempts to contact her. Information was gathered through online reports and Sebok's Facebook page.

District 12, southwest Springfield (special election, two-year term)

Sheila Feipel, 61, business development for Heart Technologies; Democrat (incumbent); lived in Sangamon County since 2000; married

Feipel was recently appointed to fill the seat vacated by Marc Ayers, who resigned in April. She expressed a goal of filling the district's vacant storefronts and using "our taxpayer dollars wisely and not on avoidable lawsuits."

Priorities for district and county?

- "Business development is one (priority) that my constituents are really talking about, they don't like the empty buildings downtown or on MacArthur Boulevard."
- "I really want to hold the county accountable to implement tangible reforms that are spelled out perfectly – the policy that needs to change is in that Massey Commission report and we need to hold them accountable to do that so that we don't have another tragedy."
- "I want our new Mental Health Board to live up to its promise: to better help all people who have mental health issues in our community."

Joel Oswald, 54, director for Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund Republican; born and raised in Sangamon County; married with two children

Oswald said he hopes his nearly 30 years of banking experience can provide a "fresh voice" to entice new businesses and employers to set up shop in Sangamon County.

Priorities for district and county?

- "People want to be safe. We need a well-paid, well-managed sheriff's department. We need a good functioning court system and a jail with capacity to keep dangerous criminals off the street."
- "We pay a lot of property taxes and it's important that the County Board keeps an eye on spending and looks for the most efficient ways that we can serve the community."
- "Anything that Sangamon County can do to reduce additional burdens on businesses, I think, is a positive thing and so I'd like to do what I can to encourage that."

District 23, Springfield

Tony DelGiorno, 48, practicing attorney; Democrat (incumbent); born and raised in Sangamon County; married with one child
DelGiorno leads the board's Democratic Caucus, a group of eight, and has been on the board for nearly 15 years. He's been secretary/treasurer for Moving Pillsbury Forward, a nonprofit group that acquired the former flour mill in 2022 and raised money to demolish the blighted factory.

Priorities for district and county?

- "The biggest priority for both is trying to revitalize our city and bring economic opportunities to both the city and the county for the area of our district."
- "We have seen a continued slide of development going toward the west and it is very important for our district that the core of our city is revitalized."
- "Attract the needed business to keep jobs, develop jobs and give our kids a reason to want to return to Springfield after either going away to school or studying in the trades; give them a reason to want to stay here in central Illinois."

Patricia Hayes, 67, "semi-retired" attorney; Write-in candidate; lived in Sangamon County since 1988; one child

Hayes told *Illinois Times* the county's data center code has a "lack of regulations (that) is astounding to me" and "the reason I got into this race." Hayes is a Democrat precinct committee person, but didn't challenge DelGiorno in the March primary, saying she didn't expect him to be such a strong supporter of the project. Hayes was previously elected to the Board for District 28 in 2020 – a seat that was eventually filled by Kevin McGuire, another Democrat, in 2024.

Priorities for district and county?

- "I'm very concerned about how the data center was approved and the lack of regulations associated with the data center... I also believe that there needs to be reform at the Sangamon County Jail, those are two of my main issues."
- "My main focus is trying to rein in this behemoth project and try to place some restrictions on it... I don't believe it's in the community's best interest."
- "There should have been detailed studies examining water demand, energy use, noise, vibration, environmental impacts, and infrastructure needs – none of that was done. They did have a data center impact analysis that was prepared by CyrusOne... those are easily bought."

Sheriff candidates both promise change

ELECTIONS | Dean Olsen

Sangamon County voters haven't elected a Democrat as sheriff since 1974, but Marc Bell says the public's longing for change at the local level, combined with dissatisfaction with Republicans nationally, may help him push the political pendulum in a new direction Nov. 3.

"Everybody's got to vote," said Bell, a 62-year-old Democrat, Springfield resident and retired Illinois State Police master sergeant. He is challenging incumbent Sheriff Paula Crouch, a Republican, in Crouch's bid for her first elected four-year term in a job that pays \$182,654 a year.

The appointment of Crouch, 53, to the county's top law enforcement job by Republican County Board Chair Andy Van Meter was ratified in September 2024 by the GOP-controlled County Board. Crouch replaced former sheriff Jack Campbell, also a Republican.

Campbell retired unexpectedly amid calls for his resignation because of his decision in 2023 to hire former deputy Sean Grayson, 32, a white man with a record of questionable conduct at other downstate police departments and the fiancé of a retired deputy's daughter.

Grayson's fatal shooting of an unarmed Black woman, Sonya Massey, 36, inside her Woodside Township home in July 2024 brought nationwide media attention to the Springfield metropolitan community, which has dealt with racial tensions for decades.

Massey's death renewed scrutiny on the 210-person sheriff's department, which has a history that includes controversial deaths of members of the public both inside and outside the county jail in Springfield.

"If you want change and are tired of the status quo and the things that have been going on, you know, the negative things at the county jail ... then they should vote for me," Bell told *Illinois Times*.

He said he would follow the laws and the county's policies "to the letter" and reverse what he called the sheriff's office's history of "nepotism and unethical practices" to "rebuild the trust between law enforcement and the community."

Crouch, on the other hand, said she already has used her "outsider" perspective and experience as a retired Springfield Police Department lieutenant to bring change.

"The public should vote for me because

I've proven that my leadership skills are taking the sheriff's office into the direction that they've been asking for, and I've already shown success," she said.

She said she has taken steps to make background checks of employees more thorough, reduced employee turnover and increased training on de-escalation skills and the use of tasers.

Crouch said she also has improved operations at the jail, reduced potential suicide risks in cells and added nurses to provide better healthcare to inmates. She added that she has supported increases in pay for deputies, correctional officers and courthouse security officers, and worked hard on community outreach.

Crouch, whose candidacy has been endorsed by Campbell, former sheriff Neil Williamson and other prominent local Republicans, didn't appear to agree with Bell's description of the sheriff's office history.

"I don't necessarily think that you can lump it all in one category," Crouch told *Illinois Times*.

"I mean, I think that sometimes people look at nepotism and they think they're referring to the referrals and references," she said. "Everybody fills out a job application and you put a reference on it, and if I'm friends with Dean Olsen and he's listed as a reference, I'm going to call Dean Olsen and say, 'What do you think about this guy?' So I guess some of it's interpretation. I can't tell you it's never happened. What I can tell you is during the two years I've been sheriff, it hasn't happened."

Bell, who is Black, said he decided to run for sheriff after being approached by local residents after Massey's death. Bell previously ran for state representative against Republican Mike Murphy.

Bell announced in February that he was withdrawing as the Democratic candidate because of a lack of financial support from the Democratic Party, then later changed his mind.

"We had some administrative issues," Bell said of his relationship with Democratic leaders. "We mended our fences, and the family's back together."

If elected as the county's first Black sheriff, he said his race could help to smooth relations with Black residents and the sheriff's department. But he said his candidacy is "really not about me. This is about making the

Sangamon County Sheriff's Office the best it can be for the citizens and for the employees."

Bell was born and raised in Chicago. He moved to Springfield for his job almost 30 years ago. He is separated from his wife and has three daughters and four grandsons. He holds a bachelor's degree from Chicago State University.

Crouch was born in Springfield and raised in Sangamon County. She is married to retired Riverton police chief Robert Crouch and has two sons. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Benedictine University and a master's in law enforcement and justice administration from Western Illinois University.

Crouch's campaign is on pace to spend about one-fourth of the amount in the general election than for the primary election campaign. Crouch scored an 8.4-percentage-point victory in March against fellow Republican David Timm. Her campaign spent more than \$139,000 to Timm's \$86,000.

The primary campaign included criticism of Timm's background, disciplinary history and temperament by Crouch and the Sangamon County Republican Committee, which endorsed Crouch over Timm. Timm, 51, retired as a sheriff's deputy in 2025, said he was the target of lies and distortions.

Timm has thrown his support to Bell in the general election, and Timm said he recently used leftover campaign funds to send a mass mailing to Republican-leaning voters that touted the "common ground" between the two men.

In the mailer, Timm tells Republicans that Bell brings "decades of proven law enforcement experience" and deserves support even if it "may mean marking a box you have never marked before."

Voter dissatisfaction at the national level involving everything from gasoline prices to inflation could give a Democrat running for sheriff the best possible chance for beating a Republican in Sangamon County, Timm and Bell said.

When asked about the rumor that Bell would hire Timm back to the sheriff's office to become one of his top deputies if elected, Bell said, "I'm exploring all my options." Timm said he "would 100% be open" to returning.

Crouch said she wants to finish the job she started and stands a "99.9% chance of being elected." □

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Nikki Budzinski, Mary Miller both face challengers

ELECTIONS | Maria Gardner Lara

Parts of Sangamon County are included in two congressional districts – the 13th and the 15th. The nationwide outcome of the mid-term election will determine whether the Republicans will keep control of Congress. Some political pundits predict Democrats are likely to gain a majority of the House and Senate, as President Donald Trump's approval rating continues to drop.

13th Congressional District

The 13th Congressional District crosses portions of Champaign, Decatur and Springfield. It also covers most of Macoupin County and parts of Madison County and East St. Louis.

U.S. Rep. Nikki Budzinski of Springfield is seeking her third term and faces Republican challenger Jeff Wilson.

The congresswoman describes herself as “with the folks that are in the middle – the common-sense, practical Democrats.”

Her ardent support for military aid to Israel and her vote for the Laken Riley Act, which requires the Department of Homeland Security to detain non-citizens accused or charged with specific offenses, reflects her centrist position compared to others in her party.

Critics of the Laken Riley Act say it curtails constitutional rights including due process for undocumented immigrants. Budzinski said that while she voted for it, she's opposed to the way it has been implemented.

“The intention of it was to go after criminals who are in our country who shouldn't be here, and that is not, in fact, what the Trump administration has in any way done,” she said.

In contrast, her Republican opponent supports Trump's immigration policy. Wilson's campaign slogan is “Common sense, not nonsense.” A military veteran and a retired nuclear engineer, Wilson has served on the Champaign County Board and lives in Mahomet, which is in Congresswoman Mary Miller's district.

In addition to immigration, Wilson also supports Trump's approach to cutting Medicaid and food assistance programs, citing concerns around fraud and a need for work requirements tied to benefits.

U.S.-Iran War

“I believe the mission is clear, and when that's resolved, then the war is over with,” Wilson said.

The mission is to eliminate Iran's capability of obtaining nuclear weapons, he said.

Budzinski said she voted six separate times



Nikki Budzinski

against the war.

“Over a year ago, President Trump said that he had ‘obliterated their nuclear capacity,’ but yet we found ourselves still in this war that no one is supporting,” she said.

Affordability

“Affordability and economic security are my main focus – expanding American energy production, manufacturing, good-paying jobs, lowering costs and protecting tax relief for families,” Wilson said.

He rebuked Budzinski for voting against the One Big Beautiful Bill Act because it included a temporary tax break for people earning tips.

Budzinski said she opposes permanent tax cuts for the wealthy and would rather see permanent tax cuts on tips, rather than the temporary relief that the Republicans passed.

Budzinski ties the responsibility for high grocery costs to Trump's tariffs.

“I think reining (Trump) in on tariffs and trade and exercising Congress' authority to hold him accountable to that is something we're going to make a top priority next year,” she said.

She said the Affordable Care Act tax credits and the huge cuts in Medicaid that the Republican-led Congress pushed through need to be rolled back.

Wilson said tariffs benefit the district by helping increase local steel production.

“That means more jobs – 600-plus people or more are working because of that tariff,” he said.

However, he said he does recognize “there are increased costs in certain sectors.”



Mary Miller

Data centers

Opposition to the energy-intensive facilities has been growing across the country, including in central Illinois.

Wilson said he would defer decision-making to local municipalities.

“I am in favor of the decision made by the local community, whether they're going to have one or not,” Wilson said. “I support federal regulation, not in a detailed approach, but in a general approach.”

Budzinski voted in support of the Ratepayer Protection Act, which would require large-load data centers to cover the full costs of grid and power upgrades rather than shifting costs to consumers. The measure has not yet passed the Senate, where it has met with objections.

“I think that local input is critical to building any data center in our community,” Budzinski added.

Agriculture

The farm bill entails a package of laws that impact the agricultural industry over a five-year period. A renewal bill passed in the House and is up for consideration in the Senate.

Budzinski said she voted against the bill because she doesn't believe it was a good deal for farmers and working families.

“It did not address the most significant cut to the SNAP program in our country's history,” she said. “We, Democrats, wanted to negotiate for a two-year delay in the implementation of the cuts and the cost shift to states and Republicans refused to add that.”

The bill also made \$1 billion in cuts to

conservation programs and cut funding for agricultural research.

Wilson said he would have voted for the farm bill.

“I would vote to keep and continue to fight for our farmers, to maintain their independence, to open markets, to decrease input costs like with gas and diesel, and remove regulation that hurts our farmers, like the right to repair,” he said.

15th Congressional District

The 15th Congressional District stretches from the Illinois-Iowa line to the Illinois-Indiana line. It's the largest congressional district in Illinois, covering a little more than 17,000 square miles, and is dominated by the farming industry.

Incumbent Mary Miller ran unopposed in 2024 but is now facing a challenger. She is a member of the far-right Freedom Caucus.

The congresswoman has been criticized for not holding town halls and for being hard to reach by her constituents. She notoriously avoids speaking with media outlets, communicating primarily through press releases. *Illinois Times* received no response to an interview request.

Her Democratic challenger, Jennifer Todd of Madison County, said the most pressing issue she's hearing from voters when she's out campaigning is affordability, whether that's fuel and food prices, education or rising healthcare costs.

Todd is a nurse and said she's concerned about the Medicaid cuts expected to go into effect in January.

“It's going to be devastating, absolutely devastating to this rural community,” she said, noting that rural hospitals have already begun to make cuts to services.

Agriculture

Todd opposes the farm bill that passed the House. “We actually need a farm bill that works for our farmers,” she said.

Todd said the bill ought to include a provision on crop insurance and restore cuts in SNAP benefits.

She said the farmers she's spoken to have told her that increased costs for diesel fuel and fertilizer is a dire situation.

The major driver in the rise in prices for these commodities is the ongoing U.S.-Iran War, since the conflict has disrupted the flow of goods through the Strait of Hormuz, a major thoroughway for oil and fertilizer.

The midterm elections are Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Signs of opposition

Landlord group pushes back on landlord registry referendum

ELECTION | Molly Wallace

Signs popping up across Springfield make a blunt pitch to voters: “Landlord registration raises your taxes! Say no.”

The Springfield Area Landlord Association, which is behind the signs, said they’re meant to warn voters about what the group sees as the inevitable costs of a landlord registration program. On Nov. 3, Springfield voters will weigh in on an advisory referendum asking: “Shall the city of Springfield adopt a landlord registry, inspection, and licensing program similar to other Illinois cities?”

The referendum itself would not raise taxes. If the majority of Springfielders vote yes on the referendum and if the Springfield City Council chooses to adopt an ordinance based on it — not at all a certainty since the advisory referendum has no binding power — fees will almost certainly be imposed on landlords to register their properties. Supporters of the program say it will help pay for the costs of implementation while opponents say it will burden landlords with additional costs, which would then be passed on to the tenants.

The Illinois REALTORS are also campaigning against the referendum, sending out mailers with the headline: “The city of Springfield shouldn’t get a blank check” and warning that a landlord registry would be “a costly new bureaucracy and just more red tape,” although it makes no reference to taxes.

“Any fee charged by a municipality is a tax,” said Tony Nudo, president of the Springfield Area Landlord Association, the organization behind the signs.

Illinois, like most states, generally treats a fee tied to the cost of a service differently from a tax, which raises revenue for general government services. Still, Nudo said the signs



Yard signs have appeared around town claiming that a landlord registry would raise taxes, although there has been no push for a tax increase. The Springfield Area Landlord Association, which is posting the signs, considers any fee charged by a municipality as a tax.

are about raising awareness about all costs to residents.

Tyshianna Bankhead, executive director of the Faith Coalition for the Common Good, said she disagrees with Nudo’s characterization.

“There is no tax,” she said. “This is a proactive approach of using our current tax dollars.”

She also said taxpayers are already paying for neglected rentals through the legal costs of pursuing landlords who don’t keep their properties up to code and through the demolition of derelict properties. A proactive inspection program, she said, would ultimately

Proposed fees

The Faith Coalition for the Common Good, the organization behind the recent push to put the question to voters, has proposed a fee schedule:

- \$20 per rental property, with an additional \$20 fee per rental unit
- \$75 reinspection fee
- \$300 to reinstate a suspended permit, with an additional 10% interest per month for late suspended permits

cost the city less.

Nudo disagreed. He said the city would need to hire far more inspectors — it would need around 27 in his calculation — to cover the city’s rental housing if mandatory inspections were enacted, and he said taxes would need to go up to pay for the new hires. The city currently has six housing inspectors; Elgin and Joliet, which both require inspections, have 10, and Peoria, which has a complaint-based inspection program like Springfield’s, has 12.

The Faith Coalition’s proposed fees and Nudo’s predictions about the number of inspectors that would need to be hired are

preliminary at this point. The specifics of a landlord registration, licensing and inspection program would ultimately be up to the City Council to decide with the input of groups such as the Faith Coalition and the Springfield Area Landlord Association.

The disagreement between the Springfield Area Landlord Association and the Faith Coalition about the costs of the program — and whether to call these costs “taxes” — stems from a more fundamental ideological divide. Bankhead told *Illinois Times* that “housing is a human right” earlier this month, but Nudo rejected that premise.

“Housing is not a basic human right. It’s a basic human necessity to have some kind of shelter. But nowhere in the constitution of the United States or the constitution of Illinois, nor any other state in the union is housing a basic human right,” he said.

Nudo also argued that mandatory inspections would violate the Fourth Amendment, which guards against unreasonable search and seizure by the government, and warned that a landlord registration is a “socialist” or “communist step towards control of private property.”

Bankhead disagreed.

“When it comes to housing, it doesn’t matter if you are Republican or Democrat or Democratic Socialist,” she said. “No matter what party they’re in, people want to live in a house that is safe for their children and safe for them.”

The vote on Nov. 3 won’t settle these disagreements. The final call belongs to the City Council, which has twice declined to move forward with a landlord registry. But the referendum is a chance for voters to tell council members what they want done. □

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Frank Lesko challenges Doris Turner

Two experienced politicians compete for 48th Senate District

POLITICS | Scott Reeder

Frank Lesko wants voters to send him to the Illinois Senate to cut the cost of government. Doris Turner wants them to keep her there to bring state dollars home.

The Republican Sangamon County recorder and the incumbent Democratic state senator have both spent years in local government. But in their contest for the 48th Senate District, they offer different measures of success: Lesko points to the pending elimination of his own office, while Turner cites nearly \$67 million she says she has helped bring to the district over three years.

Turner, 73, and Lesko, 66, both live in Springfield. They are competing to represent a central Illinois district that stretches from Springfield east to Decatur, encompassing portions of Sangamon, Christian and Macon counties and combining urban neighborhoods, smaller communities and farmland. Voters will choose between them Nov. 3.

For Lesko, the campaign begins with the household budget.

"People are hurting out there," he said, describing retirees struggling with insurance bills and property taxes, and families paying more for groceries and other necessities.

His first legislative priority would be a bill to reduce property taxes. Asked how he would replace revenue used by local governments, Lesko said consolidation and eliminating waste could produce savings without reducing services.

"Not necessarily cut programs, but the possibilities of merging some of the taxing bodies, that maybe we don't have to have as many as we have in the state of Illinois," he said.

He did not identify a particular taxing district he would eliminate or offer a dollar estimate for the savings.

Turner argues that state spending has produced tangible benefits for the people she represents.

She points to funding for Chatham's new municipal complex, a Decatur Park District senior center, school gymnasium improvements in Christian County and recreation projects in Springfield and Chatham. She also cites work on education, agriculture and access to affordable healthcare.

"I haven't been just sitting there taking up space," she said. "I've been accomplishing things."

Lesko's case for fiscal restraint rests heavily on the merger of the Sangamon County recorder's office into the county clerk's office, scheduled for Dec. 1.

He ran for recorder in 2024 under the



Frank Lesko and state Sen. Doris Turner took part in a Sept. 27 Meet the Candidates event in Springfield.

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slogan "hire me to fire me." He said employees have been cross-trained, forms updated and preparations coordinated with County Clerk Don Gray's office.

"Dec. 1, we will have completed the project, and I will fire myself," Lesko said.

He estimates the consolidation will save \$250,000 annually, money the County Board could direct elsewhere.

The merger's timetable, however, reflects more than Lesko's campaign pledge. As *Illinois Times* previously reported, Republicans initially planned to eliminate the office in 2028. County Board Democrats pushed successfully for an earlier date, and voters approved the December 2026 consolidation with 57% support.

Lesko calls the merger the biggest accomplishment of his public career. He says his experience as a small-business owner also informs his approach to government.

"Living within your budget, living within your means," he said, when asked what business had taught him.

Turner's argument for another term rests as much on relationships as legislation.

A former Sangamon County Board member and Springfield alderwoman, she was appointed to the Senate in February 2021. She traces her interest in public service to community advocacy, including work with teenage mothers living in Springfield public housing and their children.

Friends encouraged her to seek office, she said, arguing that a seat at the decision-making table would allow her to make lasting changes.

Some of Turner's relationships across the political aisle are visible over breakfast.

She is a regular dining companion at Boyd's Next Generation restaurant on the east side of Springfield with prominent local Republicans,

including businessman Frank Vala and Claudio Pecori, president of the Sangamon County Evening Republican Club.

Turner said Pecori and her husband have been friends for about 50 years. Such friendships, she said, reflect relationships that extend beyond campaigns and party labels.

Turner describes herself as "a fierce partisan Democrat," but says that identity does not prevent her from working with Republicans.

"There's a difference between the partisan politics and governing, and I have always approached governing from a very bipartisan perspective," she said.

She cited her working relationship with Republican state Rep. Mike Coffey. When she served on the County Board, Turner said, Democrats held just five of its 29 seats. Working with Republicans was essential to accomplishing anything.

"If I disagree with them, I will explain why," she said, "and we'll just agree to disagree without being disagreeable."

Both candidates bring extensive experience campaigning and holding office. Lesko has served as a Springfield alderman, city clerk and Park District board member. He also owns Abe's Trading Post, a Springfield resale business, and works as an auctioneer, conducting both paid auctions and benefits for community organizations.

But their campaign spending differs substantially.

According to Illinois State Board of Elections records, Turner's campaign spent \$1.85 million between July 1 and Sept. 30. During the same period, Lesko's campaign spent \$143,000.

Lesko acknowledged Turner's fundraising advantage but said his campaign depends on

personal contact.

"I believe in grassroots politics," he said. "I believe in talking to the people."

Asked about financial support he received in previous campaigns from Vala, Lesko said he believes the businessman is sitting out this contest because he knows both candidates.

Bernard Schoenburg, a retired political journalist and longtime observer of the local political scene, said the resources available to Senate Republicans also may help explain Lesko's fundraising disadvantage.

"I don't think the Senate Republicans have that many resources to give," he said.

The campaign also has turned personal, with Turner's advertising highlighting Lesko's drunken-driving arrest, which occurred 23 years ago.

Lesko said he was disappointed that the episode had become a campaign issue and described it as "one of the most embarrassing nights of my life."

"I'm not a perfect person and, you know, I've made mistakes in my life, but I learned from that," he said. "I've not had a drop of alcohol since that night."

Lesko said the experience changed him.

"I'm a better father, a better friend, and a better person now than I was then," he said.

For both candidates, their reasons for running are tied to Springfield and the families they have raised here.

Lesko, married for 39 years, said his three adult children have all bought homes in Springfield. He wants younger residents to have opportunities to build their futures locally.

"I want them to have opportunities in Illinois and Springfield and surrounding cities here, so that our young folks can stay," he said.

Turner, married for 49 years and the mother of three and grandmother of 10, said accessibility remains central to her work. People sometimes arrive at the home where she has lived since 1981 seeking help. She invites them inside or sits with them on the porch.

Her connection to the Capitol began much earlier.

As a girl, she would ride the bus downtown to the YMCA and walk past the ornate building, knowing little about what happened inside but imagining that she might someday work there.

Now, she said, walking into the Capitol brings back memories of that child – and a responsibility to make the possibility visible to others.

"I never dreamed that I could be a state senator because I never saw anybody who looked like me do that," Turner said. □

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Great Halloween recipes with minimal fuss

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

Halloween cookery can range from playfully autumnal to murderously macabre. From festive pumpkin crostini to bloodied witches' fingers and ghoulish eyeballs, the best recipes strike an appropriate balance between shock value and delicious taste. I like to achieve this by focusing on deep, vivid colors, contrasting textures and a reliance on gorgeous fall produce like butternut squash, pomegranate and fresh sage. Some recipes, such as these cheerful and cheap popcorn balls, are old family favorites from back in my grandmother's day while others such as black sesame hummus with flash roasted broccoli and carrot chips are decidedly more modern, and a nice foil to the inevitable onslaught of candy and sweets.

Above all, great Halloween recipes can be made ahead with minimal fuss. To be fair, the mummies with white cheddar pastry are decidedly a bit fussy, but it's a good project to do with children and can be assembled and frozen well in advance, leaving plenty of time for whatever kind of Halloween mischief you're looking to get into.

Butternut squash crostini

An ideal fall bite, this recipe is one of my entertaining staples from Halloween all the way through to New Year's Eve. It's a preparation that manages to be simultaneously classy and cost effective while offering a hearty vegetarian option.

Ingredients:

1 butternut squash
2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
Salt and pepper
1 teaspoon fresh thyme or rosemary
½ cup grated parmesan
⅛ teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg
1 baguette, sliced into thin rounds
20-30 fresh sage leaves (parsley is a nice substitute if you don't have access to abundant fresh sage), stem removed, washed and patted dry
Canola oil for frying the sage leaves

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Cut off the top and bottom of the butternut squash and peel it with a vegetable peeler. Halve the peeled squash lengthwise and use a spoon to scoop out the seeds and flesh. Use a sharp knife to cut the squash into half-inch dice. Toss the squash cubes with one tablespoon of olive oil and a generous pinch of salt and pepper before transferring to a parchment lined baking sheet. Bake the squash in the preheated oven for 15 to 18 minutes until lightly browned, then set aside to cool to room temperature.



Butternut squash crostini is an entertaining staple for Halloween. PHOTO BY ASHLEY MEYER.

While the squash is baking, toss the sliced baguette with the remaining tablespoon of olive oil and a sprinkle of salt and pepper. Arrange the sliced baguette in a single layer on a parchment lined tray. After removing the squash, transfer the tray with the baguette to the oven and bake for approximately 6-8 minutes until the breads are lightly golden and crispy.

Toss the cooled butternut squash cubes with the grated parmesan, nutmeg and thyme or rosemary. The step can be completed two days in advance and refrigerated until ready to use.

To fry the sage leaves, heat a small skillet with a quarter-inch of oil to medium-high heat. Fry a few sage leaves at a time, working in small batches. Fry for 15-20 seconds, then remove them from the oil with a slotted spoon and transfer to a paper towel lined plate. Sprinkle with coarse salt.

To assemble the crostini, mound a spoonful of the squash mixture onto each crostini then top with a fried sage leaf.

Mummies wrapped in white cheddar pastry

Ingredients:

2 cups flour
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
½ cup cold butter, cut into small cubes
¼ cup dry white wine or water, cold
2 12-ounce package fully cooked cocktail sausages

Combine the flour, salt, grated cheese and cubed butter in the bowl of a food processor. Have the cold water or wine ready, then turn on the food processor and immediately add the liquid. Process the dough for 20-30 seconds until the dough comes together and forms a shaggy ball. Shape the dough into two discs, wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Roll out the first disc of dough into a 12-inch circle. Use

a sharp knife or pizza cutter to cut the dough into ¼-inch strips. Wrap the sausages in strips of pastry to form mummies, then arrange them on a parchment lined baking sheet. Repeat with the remaining dough and sausages. The mummies can be frozen at this stage for several weeks.

Bake the mummies for 10-15 minutes (frozen mummies will take slightly longer), until the pastry is golden. Serve with ketchup and mustard.

Black sesame hummus with flash roasted broccoli and carrots

1 can cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
½ cup black sesame paste (available at Asian Market on Wabash Ave)
1-2 cloves garlic
One lemon, juiced
⅓ cup olive oil, plus more for vegetables
Salt and pepper, to taste
1 small head broccoli, cut into florets
1 pound carrots, peeled and cut into chips
Pomegranate seeds, optional, for garnish

Preheat the oven for 425 degrees. Combine the rinsed beans, sesame paste, garlic, olive oil and lemon juice in the bowl of a food processor and puree until smooth. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Transfer to a bowl and refrigerate until ready to serve. Lasts up to three days.

Toss the veggies with olive oil and a pinch of salt, then transfer to a baking sheet and roast in the hot oven for 10-12 minutes until crisp tender. Cool to room temperature then serve with black hummus, garnished with pomegranate seeds if desired.

Popcorn balls

1 stick butter
One 10-ounce bag mini marshmallows
½ cup light brown sugar
3 quarts popped popcorn (check it thoroughly to ensure there are no unpopped kernels)
Halloween sprinkles, optional

Melt the butter in a large pot on the stove until it browns, then add the marshmallows and brown sugar. Stir until the marshmallows are melted, then remove the pot from the heat and add the popcorn. Gently toss to combine, then shape into two-inch round balls with buttered hands. Roll the popcorn balls in sprinkles if desired before serving. □

Ashley Meyer is a chef and freelance writer based in Springfield.

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Falling into October music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

As we fly on through October like autumn leaves in a fall breeze, the festivals are finished, but the fun of it all keeps on moving and grooving as we have gigs galore with plenty of upcoming excitement ahead. Let's get to it.

First off we offer some very exciting and welcome news as the Curve Inn announced a music lineup starting the first weekend in November happening in what they now call their indoor Music Den with JackAsh on that Friday and Devin C. Williams on Saturday. Local live music continues on through the month and beyond as the very popular venue, restaurant and bar is back better than ever after the devastating fire last spring. Congratulations to owners Ami and Ray Merchant and to all the folks who helped to get it going again. See you there!

We're headed straight for Friday night now with some 25 listed shows happening all over the area including several in the small towns around our bustling metropolis. We go from down south in Benld where Boots & Harmony kick it at Dud's Bar and Grill over to Girard when Hippies of the Heartland get groovy at Oak Hills Country Club & Winery, then on up to Athens as Jameson Freeway drive on at Curveside Bar & Grill and Partners in Rhyme go iambic at The Filling Station in Rochester.

In the capital city proper, the enticing excitement endures when Daniel Cavanagh plays his Martin guitar sweetly at Pease's at BUNN Gourmet and the Salty Bros. (that's Brandon Santini and Joel Gragg together again, FYI) bring the brine to the blues at Harvest Market's Farmhouse Brews, while the rock gets rocking when Satellite orbits The Blue Grouch, Rock Mafia hits at the Library Pizza and Sports Bar and Black Betty: Armed and Dangerous takes on the Tippy Toad.

In our only twofer this weekend gigging both nights at the same joint, the inimitable

Chris Camp plays the perfect plenipotentiary backed by his various, vital and invariably venerable Blues Ambassadors at Lime Street Cafe with special diplomatic music envoys Robert Sampson and Bill McKenzie on Friday and Hank Helton on Saturday.

Here comes a jewel of a Saturday night with over 30 shows in our calendar giving you several chances to catch live music in all its gloriously shining facets. Again, the small towns around surround us with opportunities to be enthralled and engaged as Downstate brings harmony and song to the Buckhart Tavern, while a few miles away as the crow flies, Rod Grant sings his way to Breckenridge's Whiskey Ridge, then heading west of town Kortney Leatherwood parlays to play at the Patriot Pub in Waverly while Jason McKenzie waltzes straight into The Coyote Den over in Salisbury.

Now that we're traveling west (near New Berlin to be approximate), there's a big-deal, for-real concert happening when Danenberger Family Vineyard presents the Real Pretenders tribute band. Described as "four Chicago music scene veterans with a passion for... the music of the Pretenders," we're lucky to know one of the four quite well as Andon (some still call him Ted) Davis plays guitar in the rockin' group. With rave reviews for the show all over Chicagoland and wherever they play, this ticketed event is one you'll really want to catch.

Sunday comes a-knockin' with plenty (almost 20) various ways to enlighten your life and occupy your time, including the 2nd annual Central Illinois Music Fair at the Marian Banquet Hall in Riverton with plenty of music merch plus a live performance by our old pal Joe Frew.

Next week there's no *Now Playing* with the *Best of Springfield* issue out, so I'll see you in November with a Happy Halloween in between. □

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

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

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

Karaoke
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm.

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

Molly Seaton with Shawn Harris and Jimmy Bonafeste
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 Tippy Toad, 8pm-12am

Alex Williams
Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 7pm

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

Friday Oct 23

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

SOLD OUT Hollerhead with Mike Davis
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

Karaoke by FML Karaoke
BB's BFE, Latham, 9pm-12am

Frank Powell
Boone's, 5:30-8:30pm

Stumpy Joe
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

Karaoke Night
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 8-11:30pm

Jameson Freeway
Curveside Bar & Grill, Athens, 7pm

Partners in Rhyme
The Filling Station, Rochester, 9:30pm-1am

Salty Bros.
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

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

Rock Mafia
The Library Pizza and Sports Bar, 7pm

Chris Camp and His Blues Ambassadors
Lime Street Cafe, -24, 7-10:30pm

The Linda Ronstadt Experience
Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur, 7pm

Karaoke
The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

Karaoke
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm.

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

Daniel Cavanagh
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 6-8pm

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

Miley Cypress Hill, Monarch, Short Notice, Scarlet's Darling
Pizza Records, Jacksonville, 7pm

Cherry Bomb
Rocco's, Decatur, 7-10pm

Satellite
The Blue Grouch, 7-10pm

Blackout Betty: Armed & Dangerous
The Tippy Toad, 7-10pm

Not Petty
The Winery, Decatur, 9pm-12am

Saturday Oct 24

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

Mike Zito
The Alamo, 7pm.

Spiker
Alley - Bi Saloon, Lincoln, 9pm-12am

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

Broken Stone
AMVETS Post 100, Jacksonville, 8pm

Tony Logue & The 184
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

Dan Cavanagh
Boone's, 6-9pm

Silas Tockey
Brentford Distillers, Decatur, 7-10pm

Downstate
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

AraizA
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7-10pm

Around the Bend
Butternut Hut, 8-11pm

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

Jason McKenzie
Coyote Den, Salisbury, 5-8pm

Chris Camp and John Drake
Curveside Bar & Grill, Athens, 2-5pm

Stefan Huffman Band
Curveside Bar & Grill, Athens, 7-10pm

Real Pretenders
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Exorna
Don's Place, Jacksonville, 6-9pm

Not Petty
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Chris Camp and His Blues Ambassadors
Lime Street Cafe

Grand Theft Audio with Branded
Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur, 7pm

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

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

Kortney Leatherwood
Patriots Pub, Waverly, 8pm

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

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

Pimpin' Henry
The Blue Grouch, 7-10pm

Dyllan Martin
The Shed, Pawnee, 8-11pm

Karaoke
The Thirsty Rooster, Middletown, 8pm

Jamaica & The Wildside
The Tippy Toad, 6pm

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

Sunday Oct 25

Dallas Whittaker
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

After School Special
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Avery Kern
Curveside Bar & Grill, Athens, 2-5pm

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

Gary Becker and Aubrey Reed
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

Matt Combs
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Joe Frew
Marian Banquet Hall, Riverton, 12-2pm

White Lightnin'
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 5-8pm

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

Michael Charles
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

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

Casey Cantrall and friends
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3pm

2nd Street Harmony
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 3-6pm

Monday Oct 26

Michael Charles
The Alamo, 7-10pm

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

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

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

Tuesday Oct 27

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

Karaoke
Fluid Lounge, 7-11pm

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

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

Open Mic Night with Billy Malone
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 6-9pm.

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

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

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

Wednesday Oct 28

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

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

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

Scaraoke Contest with Debbie Cakes
The Filling Station, Rochester, 8pm-12am

Robert Sampson
Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6pm

Open jam with Kristi White
Goodfellas Pub, 7pm

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

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

JCB Entertainment Karaoke
Puerto Vallarta, 12pm

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THE CALENDAR

STORY HARVEST

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OCTOBER 24, 2026 | 12:30-4:45 | PUBLIC AFFAIRS CENTER @ UIS



University of Illinois Springfield
PERFORMING
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Story Harvest
Sat., Oct. 24, 12:30-4:45 p.m.
Public Affairs Center,
first floor, Performing
Arts Center
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Springfield
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HISTORY | Learn how to gather histories, memories

it Local history enthusiasts, this one is for you. This Saturday afternoon, don't miss two free oral history workshops presented by the UIS Performing Arts Center and the Sangamon Experience. The workshops are "Story Harvest: Collecting Oral Histories (12:45-2:30 p.m.)" and "Story Harvest: From Memory to Meaning (2:45-4:45 p.m.)." In the first session, participants will learn how to gather oral history and memories and how professional historians conduct interviews. The second session "brings together filmmakers, public historians, writers and storytellers explore the power of oral history as a tool for connection, discovery and understanding." Registration is strongly encouraged. Register at web.cvent.com/event/feb316c3-5222-448e-835d-9d5d4e500876/register. The event is part of the Our Stage / Our Voices initiative.

Special Music Events

2nd Annual Central Illinois Music Fair

Sun., Oct. 25, 8:30am-3pm. Browse thousands of vinyl records, CDs, music memorabilia and more from Midwest dealers. Includes live music by Joe Frew (noon-2pm) and food trucks. Early admission 8:30-10am (\$5); general admission 10am-1pm (\$3) and free admission, 1-3pm. Marian Banquet Hall, Riverton, 335 South 4th St.

Organ Concert: A Semester In Review

Fri., Oct. 23, 7-8pm. From thunderous power to the softest whisper, hear the organ fill the sanctuary with breathtaking sound. stjohns-springfield.org. Free. St. John's Lutheran Church, 2477 W. Washington St., 217-793-3933.

Books & Authors

Mary Shelley: The Woman Behind Frankenstein

Thu., Oct. 22, 6-7pm. Author and scholar Ted Morrissey will give a talk on Mary Shelley, *Frankenstein* and Shelley's literary legacy. The informal talk will be based on his book, *Aspiring Child: A Biography of Mary W. Shelley in Sonnets*.

Copies of the book will be given away as door prizes. Register at www.williamsvillelibrary.org or call to be entered to win a copy. Free. Williamsville Public Library and Museum, Williamsville, 217 N. Elm St., 217-566-3520.

Theater & Comedy

Come From Away

Fri., Oct. 23, 7:30pm, Sat., Oct. 24, 7:30pm, Sun., Oct. 25, 2pm, Mon., Oct. 26, 7:30pm and Tue., Oct. 27, 7:30pm. Based on true events surrounding 9-11, it tells the story of the small town of Gander, Newfoundland, whose residents unexpectedly welcomed the world on Sept. 11, 2001. hcfta.org. \$21-\$23. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Ali Siddiq: The Custom Fit Tour

Fri., Oct. 23, 7pm. Ali Siddiq, one of the world's most respected and talked about comedians, finally makes it to Springfield. This is a phone-free show. No recording permitted. uispac.com. \$45-\$175. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Comedy on the Mezz

Mon., Oct. 26, 7-8:30pm. Clean comedy with some of the best local and regional standup

comedians. goharvestmarket.com. Free. Harvest Market - Springfield II, 3001 S. Veterans Pkwy., 217-793-3601.

Downtown Pop-up Comedy Show

Fri., Oct. 23, 7:30pm. Enjoy another pop-up comedy show on the Rolling Laughs mobile stage featuring comedians Cassandra Simpson, Sean Winfield, Edgar Sandoval and Kathy Brennan. Adult material. Free. Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 2177855030.

Hadestown

Sat., Oct. 24, 7:30pm. *Hadestown* is a haunting and hopeful theatrical experience that grabs audience members and never lets go. \$49.50-\$138.95. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Main Gate Comedy Open Mic

Sat., Oct. 24, 7:30pm. Want to try standup? Sign up at 7:30pm. Show starts at 8pm. Presented by Rolling Laughs. Free. Main Gate Bar & Grill, 2143 N. 11th St., 217-528-8940.

Cirque Italia

Fri., Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m., Sat., Oct. 24, 1:30, 4:30 & 7:30 p.m., Sun., Oct. 25, 1:30 & 4:30 p.m. and Mon., Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m. A

captivating story about a farm boy swept away by a tornado who lands in the heart of the big city's chaos. Watch Cirque Italia's performers swing from ropes, flip over trapezes and more. \$15-\$65. cirqueitalia.com. White Oaks Mall, 2501 Wabash Ave., 941-704-8572.

Art & Architecture

Art History Happy Hour: Louis Sullivan

Thu., Oct. 22, 6pm. Local art expert James Bockmier will discuss Louis Sullivan, an important architect of the late 19th and early 20th century and early mentor to Frank Lloyd Wright. springfieldart.org. Free. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Film & Television

Army of Darkness

Sat., Oct. 24, 9pm. Get ready for a night of Deadites, chainsaws and medieval mayhem with Sam Raimi's cult classic on the big screen. Sponsored by Street Trash. illinoistheater.com. \$2. Illinois Theater, Jacksonville, 200 E. Court St., 217-200-0896.

History

Open house

Sun., Oct. 25, 2-4pm. Learn about Gov. Richard Oglesby during a tour of his home. \$5. Governor Oglesby Mansion, Decatur, Decatur, 421 W. William, 217-791-1385.

Three-Part Brown Bag Lunch Series - Exploring Pillsbury Mills

Tue., Oct. 27, 12-1pm. Explore the history, transformation and future of Springfield's iconic Pillsbury Mills. This series begins Oct. 27 with Curtis Mann discussing the mill's history. On Dec. 2, Chris Richmond will highlight redevelopment efforts and plans for a museum. In January Robert Mazrim will explore the abandoned factory through photographs and artwork. preservation-inc.com. Free. The Abbey at Historic Ursuline Campus, 1400 North Fifth St., 217-741-2489.

Holiday Happenings

5th Annual Trae Covington State Farm Trunk or Treat

Sat., Oct. 24, 1-3pm. A fun-filled afternoon of Halloween festivities. Enjoy decorated trunks, plenty of candy, costumes and a chance to connect with local businesses and community organizations. Free. Trae Covington State Farm, 3121 Hedley Road, 217-522-7090.

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. Children's Matinee (\$7) is 3-5pm Oct. 24. \$30-\$55. Boo Crew Haunted House, Mechanicsburg, 11083 Buckhart Road, 217-551-6969.

Camp Illinek Ghostwalk

Sat., Oct. 24, 7-8:30pm. Get ready for some spooky trails and Halloween scenes. Guests will be guided through the spooky hallows of Camp Illinek followed by fellowship with drinks and treats. Limited scare hikes available for those weary of the woods. \$3. Camp Illinek, 6610 Iron Bridge Road, 217-529-2727.

CFYFS Trunk or Treat

Fri., Oct. 23, 4:30-6:30pm. Join The Center the Youth & Family Solutions and Camping World for a Halloween celebration of candy, fun, games and community. Camping World, 2371 Chuckwagon Dr., 309-323-6600.

CPC Trick-or-Treat Trail

Sun., Oct. 25, 3-5pm. Wear those costumes and enjoy candy stations, bounce house, games, crafts and the Cosmic Cafe dinner. Donations accepted for Ball Chatham Food Pantry and Titan Fuel. Free. Chatham Presbyterian Church, Chatham, 1835 E. Walnut St., 217-483-4204.

Envision Unlimited Trunk or Treat

Sun., Oct. 25, 2-4pm. Local agencies, community partners, families and friends are invited to celebrate Envision Unlimited Community Mental Health Center's first anniversary of providing mental health services and support to the community with this Trunk or Treat. Envision Unlimited Springfield Community Mental Health Center, 1306 S. 6th St., 217-970-4026.

Halloween Candy Giveaway

Sat., Oct. 24, 1-3pm. The governor and first lady will be in costume to greet visitors and give children candy. Plus, children can explore a Springfield Fire Department engine, pose with Smokey Bear and "trunk-or-treat" with Central Baptist Church. Hot beverages will be available for purchase. All guests pass through magnetometers upon entry. No large backpacks. No animals allowed except service animals. Free. Illinois Governor's Mansion, 410 E. Jackson St., 217-782-6450.

Halloween Parade

Sat., Oct. 24, 6:30pm. This

9th annual event is presented by HSHS St. John's Children's Hospital. All proceeds benefit The Parent Place. Downtown Springfield, Downtown, 217-753-8730.

Hallowpalooza

Sat., Oct. 24, 9am-6pm. Whether your little one loves creepy crawlies, creative costumes, or a little Halloween magic, there's something for everyone. Kidzeum of Health and Science, 412 E. Adams St., 217-679-2123.

The Haunted Heartland — Weird Frequencies Live

Sat., Oct. 24, 7-9pm. Springfield paranormal podcast Weird Frequencies hosts its first live audience event: a two-hour panel broadcast with investigators Ash Hamilton, Jonathan Rees ("Ope, A Ghost"), Dan Swinson, psychic medium John Marks and filmmaker Ben Harl. Panel free; haunted house admission separate. Boo Crew Haunted House, Mechanicsburg, 11083 Buckhart Road, 217-551-6969.

Haunted Heritage Tours

Sat., Oct. 24, 7-9pm. Take a tour steeped in Springfield's haunted history. Explore the inn, Obed & Isaac's and Springfield's most storied paranormal sites. Tour includes free drink at Obed & Isaac's. \$22. The Inn at 835 Boutique Hotel, 835 S. Second St., 217-523-4466.

Lincoln Home Trick or Treating Event

Fri., Oct. 23, 5-7:30pm. See Abraham and Mary Lincoln, do some trick or treating and participate in a food drive. Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 413 S. Eighth St., 217-391-3221.

Mount Pulaski Trunk or Treat

Sat., Oct. 24, 4-6pm. Attend in costume and collect treats. Register for prizes. Vote for the favorite trunk. Downtown Mt. Pulaski, Mount Pulaski.

Parkway Christian Church Trunk or Treat

Sat., Oct. 24, 3-5pm. Dress up in that favorite costume for this event which includes plenty of candy. All children welcome. Free. Parkway Christian Church, 2700 Lindbergh Blvd., 217-787-3445.

Pumpkin carving contest

Fri., Oct. 23, 6-8pm. Get ready to carve and compete in Fluid Lounge's Pumpkin Carving Contest. Pumpkins will be provided. Bring carving tools and creativity. Free. Fluid Lounge, 319 E. Jefferson, 217-481-1133.

Pumpkin Festival

Sat., Oct. 24, 10am-2pm. This

annual event features a wide variety of children's activities and contests. Children's fee includes all activities and contests. Food trucks and vendors will be on northeast side of Central Park Plaza. \$10 per child. Downtown Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Central Park, 217-243-5678.

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.

Trick or Treat

Sat., Oct. 24, 10am-1pm. Don't miss this Kids Club trick or treat event. Hy-Vee, 2115 S. MacArthur Blvd., 217-726-1001.

Trick-or-Treat

Sat., Oct. 24, 4-6pm. Stop by the Old State Capitol before the Halloween parade for some special treats from the Old State Capitol Foundation and other community partners. Costumes are encouraged. Reservations not needed. Free. Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217 785 9363.

Trunk or Treat

Sat., Oct. 24, 11am-1pm. Halloween starts at the Cathedral. Event will move inside in case of bad weather. Free. Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 815 S. Second St., 217-544-5315.

Trunk or Treat

Sat., Oct. 24, 3-5pm. Dress up in that costume for this annual parking lot event that features decorations and treats. All children welcome. Event will move inside in case of rain. Parkway Christian Church, 2700 Lindbergh Blvd., 217-787-3445.

Trunk or Treat

Sat., Oct. 24, 4-6pm. This family event will feature a hay ride, hot dogs, water and candy. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2750 E. Sangamon Ave., 217-528-5232.

Trunk or Treat

Sun., Oct. 25, 3-4:30pm. Candy, fun and fellowship at this Trunk or Treat event. Trinity Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 515 S. MacArthur Blvd., 217-787-2323.

Trunk or Treat

Wed., Oct. 28, 5-6:30pm. Get those costumes ready for a fun night of trunk or treat. Includes hotdogs and chips for dinner, cotton candy, firetruck, candy

and fellowship. Parking available at the church plus there will be a shuttle to take participants from overflow parking at CMT (2750 W. Washington St.). Free. St. John's Lutheran Church, 2477 W. Washington St., 217-793-3933.

Trunk or Treat Knights Action Park

Thu., Oct. 22, 4-7pm. Stop by for an evening of Halloween fun. Visit the Scouting-themed trunks, collect treats and learn more about the adventures Scouting has to offer. Presented by Abraham Lincoln Council. Free. Knight's Action Park, 1700 Knights Recreation Dr., 217-529-2727.

Zoolie Ghoulie

Fri., Oct. 23, 1pm and Sat., Oct. 24, 11am. Grab your little ghouls and goblins and have a wild time wandering through the zoo's spectacularly spooky Halloween scenes for some safe trick or treating. Costume contest each night. \$5. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-585-1821.

Fairs & Festivals

Annual Fall Festival

Sat., Oct. 24-4pm. An afternoon of fellowship, fun and community celebration. Includes hayrides, games, prizes and competitions, food and family-friendly activities. Free. Fresh Visions Community Church, 1551 J. David Jones Pkwy., 217-726-5988.

Fall Festival

Sat., Oct. 24, 10am-5pm. Period clothed interpreters will demonstrate daily tasks. Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-632-4000.

Fundraisers and Galas

APL Chili Supper and Paw Paw Patch Bazaar

Sun., Oct. 25, 11am-3pm. For a fee, enjoy a hearty bowl of chili, a side, plus dessert and a drink. Tickets will be available at the door, and meals may be dine-in or carry-out. The Paw Paw Patch Bazaar features homemade baked goods, arts and crafts and holiday decor. Adoptable dogs and cats on site. \$12 per person. Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-544-7387.

Community Organizing

"Get Out the Vote" rally with

special guest Calesta "Callie" Day

Sun., Oct. 25, 4-6:30pm. The event aims to energize, educate and mobilize local citizens ahead of the upcoming election. Special guest will be Calesta "Callie" Day from Season 14 of "America's Got Talent." Free. Union Baptist Church, 1405 E. Monroe St., 217-544-8115.

Children's Corner

Abe's Haunted Hollow

Sat., Oct. 24, 4:30-6:30pm. It's about to get spooky at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. Ghosts and goblins will prowl the halls when the museum transforms into Abe's Haunted Hollow. Guests can attend in their favorite costumes and play games and win prizes, take eerie photos with our special selfie station, walk through a giant pumpkin, dance to the music of DJ Dino-mite, and even join a séance with Mrs. Lincoln. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Halloween Crafts and Games

Sat., Oct. 24, 10am-12pm. Families are invited to the courtyard for a morning of Halloween-themed crafts, games and other activities. Costumes welcome. Reservations not needed. Free. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

Little Lincoln's Fireside Tales: Día de los Muertos

Tue., Oct. 27, 8:30-11am. Early-learning program for visitors up to age 5 and their caregivers. Step into a colorful celebration of life, memory and tradition. Advance registration required. presidentialincoln.illinois.gov. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

LLCC Haunted Lab

Fri., Oct. 23, 5:30-8pm. Attendees will enjoy spooky science demonstrations and hands-on activities and learn about simple experiments they can try at home. Open to children of all ages, accompanied by a parent or guardian. In the upper level of Sangamon Hall. Costumes are welcome. Free. Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

Indoor Trick or Treat/Fall Festival

Sun., Oct. 25, 4-7 p.m. Fun for the entire family. Laurel United Methodist Church, 631 S. Grand Ave. W., 217-525-1688.



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SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY,
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GAGE,
Plaintiff,
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HARRISON ANDREW FORD AKA HARRISON
FORD, BAILEE KI FORD AKA BAILEE FORD
AND MICROF LLC,
Defendants.
CASE NO. 26-FC-49
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
406 W. ELM ST.
BUFFALO, IL 62515
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that
pursuant to a Judgment of the above
Court entered in the above entitled cause
on September 30, 2026, the following
described real estate, to-wit:
Permanent Index Number: 16-10.0-
403-028
Commonly known as: 406 W. Elm St.,
Buffalo, IL 62515
will be offered for sale and sold at public
vendue on November 24, 2026, at 9:00
AM, in the Sangamon County Complex,
County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Spring-

field, Illinois.
The Judgment amount is \$125,601.35.
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 Coun-
ty. No third party checks will be accepted.
The balance, including the Judicial sale
fee for Abandoned Residential Property
Municipality Relief Fund, which is calcu-
lated 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
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or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor,
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real estate whose rights in and to the
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general real estate taxes, special assess-
ments or special taxes levied against
said real estate, and is offered for sale
without any representation as to quality
or quantity of title and without recourse to
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 inspec-
tion. 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
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condominium unit pursuant to a court
order or a purchaser who acquires title
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any action to enforce the collection of
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If this property is a condominium unit
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shall pay the assessments required by the
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605/18.5 (g-1).
If the sale is not confirmed for any reason,
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PROPERTY ADDRESS:
1620 THORNHILL DR

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Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
Permanent Index Number: 21-02.0-
404-017
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Springfield, IL 62711
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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 com-
munity, the purchaser of the unit at the
foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee
shall pay the assessments required by the
Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS
605/18.5 (g-1).
If the sale is not confirmed for any reason,
the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled
only to a return of the purchase price
paid. The Purchaser shall have no further
recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mort-

gagee or the Mortgagee’s attorney.
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-
OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO
REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS
AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSES-
SION, 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 MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF PNC
BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
Dated By
Sarah M. Stack (#6291347), Its Attorney
Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC
Sarah M. Stack (#6291347)
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC
Attorneys at Law
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Decatur, IL 62523
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Telephone: (217) 422-1719
Facsimile: (217) 422-1754
8051-970293

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Heartland Bank and Trust Company
Plaintiff,
-v.-
Dana A. Smith; et. al.
Defendants.
2026FC000055
5409 Biltmore Drive, Springfield, IL 62711
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HERE-
BY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above
cause on 8/5/2026, an agent of Auction.
com, LLC will conduct the Online Only
auction at www.auction.com, with the bid-
ding window opening on 11/16/2026 at
10:00 AM CDT and closing on November
18, 2026 at 10:00 AM subject to exten-
sion, and will sell at public sale to the
highest bidder, as set forth below, the
following described real estate.
Commonly known as 5409 Biltmore Drive,
Springfield, IL 62711
Property Index No. 21-03.0-472-040
The real estate is improved with a Single
Family Residence. The judgment amount
was \$123,418.84 Sale Terms: Full Sale
Terms are available on the property page
at www.auction.com by entering 5409
Biltmore Drive into the search bar. If sold
to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the win-
ning bidder must pay the full bid amount
within twenty-four (24) hours of the
auction’s end. All payments must be certi-
fied funds. No third-party checks will be
accepted. All bidders will need to register
at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid.
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 confirma-
tion 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 assess-
ments and the legal fees required by the
Condominium property Act, 765 ILCS

605/9 (g)(l) and (g)(4). If this property is a
condominium unit which is part of a com-
mon 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 POSSES-
SION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN
ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE
ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
LAW. For information, contact Plaintiffs
attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC (630)
794-5300 please refer to file number
14-25-08252. Auction.com, LLC 100
N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL
60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit
www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 14-
25-08252 Case Number: 2026FC000055
NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT
COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE
ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF’S ATTORNEY
IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR AT-
TEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY
INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED
FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Death Claim

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUAN PAUL WALKER JR., Deceased NO. 2026-PR-382 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of JUAN PAUL WALKER JR., Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on October 15, 2026, to Cynthia Walker, 3246 E. Carpenter Street, Springfield, IL 62702 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 25th 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 October 2026. Alex B. Rabin Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP 1119 S. Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: RICHARD J. HARTMAN, Deceased. NO. 2026-PR-384 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Richard J. Hartman of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 15, 2026, to Michael Hartman, 4039 Snowy Egret Dr., Melbourne, Florida 32904, 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 April 22, 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 15th day of October, 2026. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com 372995

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of: Shirley A. Moreno, Deceased Case No. 2026PR000367 Claim Notice Notice is given of the death of Shirley A. Moreno. Letters of Administration were issued on Sept. 29, 2026 to Co-Administrators Maria A. Moreno, 1306 D. St., Woodbridge, VA 22191, and Mario A. Moreno, 1026 Briley

St., St. Peters, MO 63376. 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 Co-Administrators, on or before April 22, 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 Co-Administrators within 10 days after it has been filed. Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION In the Matter of the Estate of CHARLES LAUGHLIN, Deceased No. 2026-PR-242 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES Notice is given of the death of CHARLES LAUGHLIN, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 8, 2026 to LOUIS LAUGHLIN of 1047 R. 1700 N. Road, Tay-lorville, IL 62568 whose attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; P.O. Box 52, Springfield, IL 62705. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701or with the representa-tive, or both, within 6 months from the22nd day of October 2026, being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htmto 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. You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) and pursu-ant to Section 6-11 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-11) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate. Dated this 13th day of October 2026 LOUIS LAUGHLIN, Administrator of the Estate of CHARLES LAUGHLIN, Deceased By: DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney Co-Counsel for Estate: Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney IARDC No. 6277358 DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC P.O. Box 52 Springfield, IL 62705 Tel. 217-773-5337 Fax. 855-461-3250 Email: tony@delgiornolawoffice.com Service: service@delgiornolawoffice.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of CHRISTOPHER E. JACKSON Deceased. IN PROBATE Case No. 2026-PR-172 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Christopher E. Jackson, a resident of Springfield in the County of Sangamon and State of Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on September 23, 2026, to Earl Jackson whose address is 514 Broadway Street, Unit 1332, Pekin, IL 61555, as Administrator, and whose attorney is RILEY P. HAMILTON of FRAZIER, SABIN & SCHLOSSER, LLP, 1231 South Eighth

Street, Springfield, IL, 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. DATED October 9, 2026 Riley P. Hamilton (#6348477) FRAZIER, SABIN & SCHLOSSER, LLP Attorneys at Law 1231 South Eighth Street Springfield, IL 62703 Telephone: (217) 522.9010

Facsimile: (217) 522.9020 Email: hamilton@springfieldlawfirm.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of: Donn C. Miller, Deceased Case No. 2026PR000345 Claim Notice Notice is given of the death of Donn C. Miller. Letters of Office were issued on Sept. 16, 2026 to Kay A. Bedolli as Executor, 757 Stan-ton Airport Road, Riverton IL 62561. 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 April 15, 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 Executor within 10 days after it has been filed. Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of: David H. Lowery, Deceased Case No. 2026PR000311 Claim Notice Notice is given of the death of David H. Lowery. Letters of Office were issued on Oct. 6, 2026 to Karen Martin as Executor, 2357 E.

Reservoir St., Springfield, IL 62702. 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 April 15, 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 Executor within 10 days after it has been filed. Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

VILLAGE OF SOUTHERN VIEW SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS ANNUAL REPORT 6/1/25 – 5/31/26								
REVENUE SUMMARY: STATE INCOME TAX \$292,070.45; RETAILERS OCCUPATION TAX \$443,862.54; STATE USE TAX \$14,753.07; PROPERTY/REPLACEMENT TAX \$68,241.95; ROAD AND BRIDGE TAX \$16,854.74; CANNABIS SALES TAX \$64,621.96; TELECOM TAX: \$4,094.25; FOOD TRUCK PERMITS: \$1,100.00; POLICE GRANTS: \$37,350.00; POLICE FINES: \$18,501.92; ORDINANCE FEES: \$500.00; FRANCHISE FEES: \$111,567.36; ROOM RENTALS \$9,250.00; PARK RENTALS: \$3,025.00; POLICE REPORTS \$95.00; IDOT HIREBACK GRANT \$6,107.50; US TREASURY REIMBURSEMENT: \$8,169.25; BUILDING PERMITS \$1,920.00; COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMITS \$1,546.00; LIQUOR LICENSES \$15,745.00; VIDEO GAMING FEES \$16,275.00; TOW FEES \$4,510.00; TOW FEE REIMBURSEMENTS \$875.00; STORAGE COSTS \$270.00; MISC. REVENUE \$58,761.49; INTEREST INCOME \$34,009.15; VIDEO GAMING TAX \$314,414.29; CANNABIS TAX \$2,459.36; RESIDENT TRUCK RENTALS \$125.00; DUMP FEE REIMBURSEMENT \$864.44; SPECIAL EVENT DONATIONS \$1,663.00; POLICE TRAINING REIMBURSEMENTS \$2,200.00; BANK OF SPRINGFIELD INTEREST \$1,668.19; TOTAL REVENUES \$1,557,470.91								
COMPENSATION SUMMARY: COMPENSATION & PERSONAL SERVICES WERE PAID IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORY OF \$0.00 – \$25,000 – Damian D Smith, Darren Southard, Elizabeth Richbark, Greg Bourland, Janie Stanley, Jason S Banister, Jason T Beelow, Jeanette L McDermith, Joshua R Pope, Mark E Bridges, Nathan Briggs, Nora Petrosky, Phillip M Peddycoart, Rebecca LaRussa, Rick Wiese, Richard Wiese III, Robert Eskew Jr., Robert Michael Patsche, Thomas M Tavernor. PAID IN THE CATEGORY OF \$25,001 - \$49,999 – Cory Stewart, Dominick J Rice, Lisa Cave. PAID IN THE CATEGORY OF \$50,000 - \$74,999 – Cody L Karrick, Connor A Novy, Shiva J Capoeman. PAID IN THE CATEGORY OF \$75,000 - \$99,999 – Devon A DeLay, Roy L Maki. TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$599,160.87.								
EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: GENERAL: A & A BUILD LLC \$8,775.00; AMEREN ILLINOIS \$3,786.12; AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING \$2,719.94; AXON ENTERPRISE INC \$22,542.00; BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD \$52,192.32; CITY WATER LIGHT AND POWER \$37,634.31; CRAVEN & CRAVEN \$34,667.81; DEERE CREDIT INC. \$8,763.99; ECK SHAFER & PUNKE LLP \$10,815.00; FLOCK GROUP INC \$15,750.00; GAME TIME \$167,499.60; GATEWAY DEALER NETWORK \$5,518.35; GCS CONTRACTOR SERVICES INC \$7,400.00; IL MUNICIPAL LEAGUE \$39,242.14; IL MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND: \$20,028.54; INTUIT PAYROLL \$2,594.38; KUHN & TRELLO \$46,834.65; LAKE AREA DISPOSAL \$2,770.35; LETAC MTU # 10 \$3,135.00; MARTIN EQUIPMENT \$2,676.73; MATRIX SYSTEMS \$4,619.77; MEADO PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT \$4,533.00; MOTOROLA STARCOM 21 \$7,630.00; MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS \$12,206.22; PAYROLL \$599,160.87; PAYROLL TAXES \$47,077.85; POMPS TIRE \$3,957.14; PRINCIPAL LIFE GROUP \$6,710.10; RUSH TRUCK CENTERS \$45,400.00; SANGAMON CO ETSD \$5,175.00; SANGAMON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH \$3,406.60; SOLUTION PRINTING \$4,513.00; THIRDWAVE DATA COMM; \$4,927.44; THOMAS GARAGE \$10,817.11; TRUCK CENTERS \$5,586.67; VISA \$19,347.35; WEX BANK \$26,133.51; VARIOUS VENDORS PAID LESS THAN \$2,500.00 - \$44,424.09 TOTAL CORPORATE VENDORS: \$1,350,971.95								
POLICE VEHICLE FUND REVENUE SUMMARY: POLICE VEHICLE FUND REVENUES \$100.00; INTEREST \$1.77; TOTAL REVENUES \$101.77 POLICE VEHICLE FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: TOTAL POLICE VEHICLE FUND EXPENSES- \$0.00								
MOTOR FUEL TAX REVENUE SUMMARY: MFT REVENUE \$73,207.46; INTEREST \$1,565.26; TOTAL REVENUES \$74,772.72 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY MFT: PH BROUGHTON \$8,390.00; KUHN & TRELLO \$8,222.00; VILLAGE OF SOUTHERN VIEW \$20,607.72; VARIOUS VENDORS PAID LESS THAN \$2,500 - \$5,318.06 TOTAL MFT VENDORS: \$42,537.78								
POLICE DUI FUNDS REVENUE SUMMARY: DUI FUNDS \$2,156.15; INTEREST \$52.31; TOTAL REVENUES \$2,208.46. EXPENDITURE SUMMARY OF POLICE DUI FUND: VARIOUS VENDORS PAID LESS THAN \$2,500 –\$0.00; TOTAL DUI FUND EXPENDITURES: \$0.00								
TOURISM ACCOUNT REVENUE SUMMARY: TOURISM TAX \$28,297.09; INTEREST \$614.21; TOTAL REVENUES \$28,911.30 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY OF TOURISM ACCOUNT: ROUTE 66 HOTEL \$20,000.00; VARIOUS VENDORS PAID LESS THAN \$2,500.00 – 0.00 TOTAL TOURISM EXPENDITURES: \$20,000.00								
FOREFITURE FUND REVENUE SUMMARY: FOREFITURE REVENUE \$0.00; INTEREST \$31.46 TOTAL REVENUES \$31.46 EXPENDITURE FOREFITURE FUNDS \$ MEADO PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT \$5,128.75 VARIOUS VENDORS PAID LESS THAN \$2,500.00 - \$0.00 TOTAL FOREFITURE FUND EXPENSES: \$5,128.75								
FRIENDS OF SOUTHERN VIEW PARK REVENUE SUMMARY: DONATIONS: \$0.00; INTEREST \$46.94; TOTAL REVENUES \$46.94; EXPENDITURES OF FRIENDS OF SOUTHERN VIEW PARK FUNDS: \$0.00								
FRIENDS OF SOUTHERN VIEW POLICE REVENUE SUMMARY: DONATIONS \$0.00; EXPENDITURES OF FRIENDS OF SOUTHERN VIEW POLICE FUNDS: \$0.00								
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION								
	General Funds	Police Vehicle Funds	Motor Fuel Funds	Police DUI Funds	Tourism Funds	Forfeiture Funds	Friends of SV Park	Friends of SV Police
Beg Fund Bal.	\$1,744,973.71	\$448.88	\$425,107.38	\$14,062.4	\$121,246.42	\$12,537.91	\$ 5,840.39	\$1,000.00
Revenues	\$1,557,470.91	\$101.77	\$74,772.72	\$2,208.46	\$28,911.30	\$31.46	\$46.94	\$ 0.00
Expenditures	\$(1,350,971.95)	\$(0.00)	\$(42,537.78)	\$(0.00)	\$(20,000.00)	\$(5,128.75)	\$(0.00)	\$(0.00)
Ending Fund Balance	\$1,951,472.67	\$550.65	\$457,342.32	\$ 16,270.93	\$130,157.72	\$7,440.62	\$5,887.33	\$1,000.00
Retained Earnings								
I, Lisa Cave, Treasurer of the Village of Southern View, Sangamon County, Illinois do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2026.								
Subscribed and sworn to me on this 16th day of September 2026				Lisa K. Cave Lisa Cave, Village Treasurer				

OF
PATRICIA SUE GIBSON, DECEASED.
NO. 2026-PR-368
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES
Notice is given of the death of PATRICIA SUE GIBSON, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 10 2026 to CONNIE S. COX of 782 South Spring Creek Rd., Pleasant Plains, IL 62677 whose attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; P.O. Box 52, Springfield, IL 62705.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th, Springfield, Illinois or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from October 15, 2026 being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.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.
You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) and pursuant to Section 6-11 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-11) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate. Dated this 5th day of October 2026
CONNIE S. COX, Administrator of the Estate of PATRICIA SUE GIBSON, Deceased
BY: DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney
Attorneys for Estate:
Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney
IARDC No. 6277358
DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
P.O. Box 52
Springfield, IL 62705
Tel. 217-773-5337
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Email: tony@delgiornolawoffice.com
Service: service@delgiornolawoffice.com

COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF MELVIN THOMAS,
DECEASED
No. 2026 PR 374
CLAIMS NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Melvin Thomas on January 12, 2026. Letters Testamentary were issued on October 5, 2026 to Linda S. Risley, 12819 Sherman Road, Buffalo, Illinois 62515, as Executor of the Estate of Melvin Thomas, Deceased.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Executor, or both, within 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 Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 5th day of October, 2026.
Kevin N. McDermott, Attorney
109 South Seventh Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 753-4070
Ill. Reg. No. 6196497
www.KevinNMcDermott.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of:
Barbara A. Braner,

Deceased.
No. 2026-PR-363
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE
Notice is given of the death of Barbara A. Braner, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on September 28, 2026, to Derek L. Guernsey, 20 S. Farmingdale Road, Pleasant Plains, Illinois, 62677, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, PO Box 1948, Springfield, Illinois, 62705.
Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Barbara A. Braner of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Derek L. Guernsey and James R. Braner as the only heirs of Barbara A. Braner.
The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act, 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/serviceproviders.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.
Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Sarah Delano Pavlik - 6269250
DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC
Attorneys for Executor
One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Telephone: 217-544-2703
Fax: 217-544-4664
sdpavlik@delanolaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of:
Cleaotha L. Bailey,
Deceased.
No. 2026-PR-364
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE
Notice is given of the death of Cleaotha L. Bailey, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on September 28, 2026, to Doris J. Bailey, 1506 East Miller Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62702, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, PO Box 1948, Springfield, Illinois, 62705.
Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Cleaotha L. Bailey, of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Doris J. Bailey and Devon Bailey as the only heirs of Cleaotha L. Bailey. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act, 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney

within 10 days after it has been filed.
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/serviceproviders.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.
Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Andrew J. Ricci — 6297506
DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC
Attorneys for Administrator
One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Telephone: 217-544-2703
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aricci@delanolaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JAMES SAMUEL CRAIN, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-361
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of JAMES SAMUEL CRAIN. Letters of Office have been issued to ROBERT S. JACOBS, 412 W. Vine Street, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Administrator, or both, on or before April 12, 2027, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 28th day of September, 2026.
Patrick J. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
RAYMOND G. LONG, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-360
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of RAYMOND G. LONG. Letters of Office have been issued to CHERYL E. LONG, 11055 W. Colburn St., Loami, IL 62661, and DARRYL R. LONG, 7752 Basse Rd., Loami, IL 62661, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Co-Executors, or both, on or before April 12, 2027, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Co-Executors and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 28th day of September, 2026.
Patrick J. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF:
LISA ANN TRUAX,
Deceased
No. 2026PR350
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of LISA ANN TRUAX, Deceased.
Letters of Administration were issued on September 22, 2026 to KAREN CUNDIFF, 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 9/28/26.
EDWARDS GROUP LLC
David O. Edwards — 6229192
Katherine E. Perry - 6309676
3223 S. Meadowbrook Road, Suite A
Springfield, Illinois 62711
(217) 726-9200
david@edwardsgroupllc.com
katie@edwardsgroupllc.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE ESTATE OF:
CATHERINE L. KRAUS,
Deceased.
Case No.: 2026 PR 359
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF WILL AND CLAIMS
Notice is hereby given of the death of Catherine L. Kraus. Letters of Office were issued. The name and address of the Legal Representative is Mark Plesh, 1182 St. Clair Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota, 55105. James Ackerman is counsel for the Legal Representative. His address is Ackerman Law Office, P.C., 2601 South Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 24, 2027. Any claim not filed on or before April 24, 2027, is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated this 24th day of September 24, 2026.
By: /s/ James W. Ackerman
James W. Ackerman,
Attorney for Legal Representative
PREPARED BY:
James W. Ackerman (06192795)
ACKERMAN LAW OFFICE
2601 South Fifth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 789-1977
jim@ackermanlawoffices.com

Divorce
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Arabella Bellucci, Petitioner
And
Khalil Al Hamdani, Respondent
Case No. 2026-DN-000049
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Khalil Al Hamdani, 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 8th day of November, 2026, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Timothy L. Scranton, Petitioner
And
Ashley R. Martin, Respondent
Case No. 2026-DN-000163
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Ashley R. Martin, 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 8th day of November, 2026, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

Name Change
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Kylar Nicole McCoy-Clouse
For change of name to
Kylar Nicole Bosie
Case No. 2026-MR-000352
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Dec. 1, 2026 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Kylar Nicole McCoy-Clouse to Kylar Nicole Bosie pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Oct. 15, 2026

Foreclosure
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR SANGAMON COUNTY,
ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SCOTT ROBERTS; KAREN ROBERTS; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; HABITAT FOR HUMANITY- SANGAMON COUNTY; CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Property Address:
1803 N 8TH ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
Case No.: 2026FC000204
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING,
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:
LOT 2 IN BLOCK 2 IN SAMUEL CARPENTER'S SUBDIVISION. ESCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as: 1803 N 8TH ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
Names of the titleholders of record: SCOTT ROBERTS and KAREN ROBERTS.

Date of the Mortgage: July 24, 2008.
Name or names of the mortgagors: SCOTT ROBERTS and KAREN ROBERTS.
Name of the mortgagee: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A..
Date and place of recording: August 1, 2008; Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois.
Identification of recording: Document No. 2008R29618.
NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before November 14, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.
E-filing is now mandatory with limited exceptions. 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://illinoiscourts.gov/self-help> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoislegalaid.org. For information about defending yourself in a court case (including filing an appearance or fee waiver), or to apply for free legal help, go to www.illinoislegalaid.org. You can also ask your local circuit clerk's office for a fee waiver application.
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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_s/ Meaghan J. Diaz de Villegas, Esq.,____
Meaghan J. Diaz de Villegas, Esq.
Counsel of Record for Plaintiff
ARDC # 38990

NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SS SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE, Plaintiff,
vs.
HARRISON ANDREW FORD AKA HARRISON FORD, BAILEE KI FORD AKA BAILEE FORD AND MICROF LLC, Defendants.
CASE NO. 26-FC-49
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
406 W. ELM ST.
BUFFALO, IL 62515
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on September 30, 2026, the following described real estate, to-wit:
Lots 4 & 5 in Block 3 in Dr. J.C. O'Conner's Addition to 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 Sangamon County, Illinois.
Permanent Index Number: 16-10.0-403-028
Commonly known as: 406 W. Elm St., Buffalo, IL 62515
will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on November 24, 2026, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.
The Judgment amount is \$125,601.35.

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 (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 & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE, Plaintiff,
Dated By
Sarah M. Stack (#6291347), Its Attorney
Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC
Sarah M. Stack (#6291347)
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NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SS SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PNC MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF PNC BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
KELSEY REES AND KELSEY REES, AS INDE-
PENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF
TYRE W REES, DECEASED,
Defendants.

CASE NO. 25-FC-78
PROPERTY ADDRESS:

1620 THORNHILL DR
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62711

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on September 30, 2026, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Part of Lot Fifteen (15) of Thornhill Subdivision
Plat No. 1, described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot Fifteen (15) North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, on the North line of said Lot Fifteen (15), 150.00 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot Fifteen (15); thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, on the East line of said Lot Fifteen (15), 48.04 feet; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 08 seconds West, 150.00 feet to a point on the West line of said Lot Fifteen (15); thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, on said West line 47.67 feet to the point of beginning.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
Permanent Index Number: 21-02.0-404-017
Commonly known as: 1620 Thornhill Dr, Springfield, IL 62711
will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on November 24, 2026, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$161,177.80.
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 (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 & 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 MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
Dated By
Sarah M. Stack (#6291347), Its Attorney
Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC
Sarah M. Stack (#6291347)
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
vs.

ROSETTA E DAY,
Defendant.

CASE NO. 26-FC-77
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
1801 SCARBROUGH RD
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Rosetta E Day, Defendant, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 1801 Scarbrough Rd, Springfield, IL 62702, more particularly described as:

All of Lot 1131 in Northgate Addition, 16th Plat, Springfield, Illinois, Except the North 30.20 feet thereof according to the Plat thereof recorded June 18, 1993 as Document Number 93-24746. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Permanent Index Number: 14-24.0-180-006
Commonly known as: 1801 Scarbrough Rd, Springfield, IL 62702

UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Room 405, Springfield, IL 62701-1299 on or before November 16, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT

FOR FORECLOSURE.

CLERK OF THE COURT
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Julie Beyers (#6217185)
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC
Attorneys at Law
601 East William Street
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Heartland Bank and Trust Company
Plaintiff,

-v.-
Dana A. Smith; et. al.

Defendants.
2026FC000055
5409 Biltmore Drive, Springfield, IL 62711
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 8/5/2026, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 11/16/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on November 18, 2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.
LOT 380 DEERFIELD SIXTEENTH ADDITION, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, EXCEPT THAT PART OF SAID LOT 380 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 380; THENCE NORTH 77 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 380, A DISTANCE OF 127.86 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 380; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 380, A DISTANCE OF 127.90 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 43 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST, 99.63 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 51 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST ON THE CENTERLINE OF THE COMMON WALL OF THE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE, 56.21 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST, 34.24 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN, BEING A POINT ON THE RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BILTMORE DRIVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 55.00 FEET, WHOSE CENTER BEARS SOUTH 53 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST FROM SAID POINT; THENCE SOUTHERLY ON SAID CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A CHORD OF 23.00 FEET AND CHORD BEARING SOUTH 24 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 5409 Biltmore Drive, Springfield, IL 62711
Property Index No. 21-03.0-472-040
The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. The judgment amount was \$123,418.84
Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 5409 Biltmore Drive into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. 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)(l) 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. For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC (630) 794-5300 please refer to file number 14-25-08252. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 14-25-08252
Case Number: 2026FC000055
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.
I3295348

Notice by Publication

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, November 19th, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in the County Board Chambers, Room 222, 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, Illinois, to hear the testimony for the petition of Joshua and Kaylyn Nickelson, contract purchasers of property commonly known as 1126 N. Bradfordton Rd., Springfield, IL 62711, and:

PIN: 13-23.0-400-058
Petitioners request for Proposed Parcel 1 and 2: pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from "A" Agricultural District to "R-1" Single-Family Residence District; pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the "R-1" Single-Family Residence District; and, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the lot width. Also in attendance to hear the testimony will be the members of the Zoning & Land Use Committee of the Sangamon County Board.
Dated this 15th day of October, 2026
Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals
CHARLES W. CHIMENTO, CHAIRMAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
Plaintiff,
vs.

2005 FORD ESCAPE
VIN # 1FMYU04175KA74081
Charles Lair
No. 26-MX-126
26-AF-7
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Mihiser,

State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on February 20, 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 of Illinois
Sangamon County, Springfield, Illinois
Tanyiah Jackson, Petitioner
vs.
Michael Titley, Defendant
Case 2026-FA-000092
Notice is given you, Michael Titley for Petition to Establish Parentage of Kyrein Titley and for other 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 Nov. 14, 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

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of September, 2026 a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that:
Midwest Enterprises, LLC
intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit:
Deja Vu Showgirls
and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principal place of said business is located at: 3220 Lake Plaza Dr, Springfield, IL 62703

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois
banking corporation,
Plaintiff,

v.
R. DOUGLAS ENTERPRISES, LLC an Illinois
Limited Liability Company; RICKEY R. DOUGLAS, JR.; UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No. 2025-FC-127
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of 735 ILCS 5/15 1218 and 15 1502 and Sec. 2 206 that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendants is November 15, 2026.

The Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on July 2, 2025:

(i) The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are as follows: Bank of Springfield, an Illinois banking corporation Case No. 2025-FC-127.

(ii) The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois.

(iii) The name of the title holder of record: R.

Douglas Enterprises, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company.

(iv) Legal description and common address of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty are as follows:

Parcel 1

Lot 2 in Block 10 of Payne and Jones' Addition to the City of Springfield.

Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and in all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other materials, if any.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois; Commonly known as 1103 W. Elliott Ave., Springfield, IL 62702; Parcel No.: 14-28.0-102-035

Parcel 2

Lot 2 of Millers Subdivision of parts of Lots Number 4 and 5 in Herndon & Edwards' Addition of Outlots to the City of Springfield.

Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and in all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other materials, if any.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois; Commonly known as 505 Hay St., Springfield, IL 62702; Parcel No.: 14-28.0-251-039

Parcel 3

The South 16-1/2 feet of Lot One (1) and the North 16-1/2 feet of Lot Two

(2) in Block Three (3) of John F. Wolgamot's Addition to the City of Springfield.

Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and in all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other materials, if any.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois; Commonly known as 1232 N. 14th St., Springfield, IL 62702; Parcel No.: 14-27.0-232-002

Parcel 4

Lot 30 of John S. Schnepf's 2nd Addition to the City of Springfield.

Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and in all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other materials, if any.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois; Commonly known as 1415 E. Reservoir St., Springfield, IL 62702; Parcel No.: 14-27.0-228-012

(v) Identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

Name of mortgagor: R. Douglas Enterprises, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company

Name of mortgagee: Bank of Springfield, an Illinois banking corporation

Date of mortgage: December 14, 2022

Date of recording: December 15, 2022

County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois

Recording document identification: Document No. 2022R26247

Joseph B. Roesch

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.

A petition for a Conditional Permitted Use for a Restaurant with Service of Alcohol pursuant to Sections: 155.033(c)(6), Conditional Permitted Uses in the Highway Business Services District: 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, Restaurant with Service of Alcoholic Beverages, of the City of Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner is the lessee of the tenant space known as 1708 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, IL which is located on parcels with Tax ID Numbers of 14-23.0-104-033, 14-23.0-104-035, AND 14-23.0-104-036. The Petition is Limited to the leased space only (1708 Sangamon Avenue – as opposed to the entire parcel) and is approximately 747 square feet. Petitioner has previously requested the same relief of a restaurant with the service of alcohol for the adjoining space, commonly known as 1712 Sangamon Avenue, which was granted by Ordinance dated September 21, 2026 with reference to Docket Number 2026-026. It is now the intent of Petitioner to expand the restaurant with service of alcohol into the 1708 space to better accommodate video gaming. To be in compliance with the zoning ordinance, Petitioner seeks a Conditional Permitted Use for a restaurant with service of alcoholic beverages with hours of operation no later than 1:00AM pursuant to 155.033(c)(6) and 155.211.

Improvements (or structures) located on said property are a strip center consisting of a single story masonry and brick structure. The subject real estate is currently classified in the B-1 Highway Business Services District, Section 155.033.

Legally described as: All of Lot 2 and Lot 3, except the South 90 feet of Lot 3, in Block 1 of Saunders' Subdivision, a part of Section 23, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian. And further excepting that part of Lot 2 and Lot 3 in Block 1 of Saunders' Subdivision of part of Section 23, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Sangamon County, Illinois, described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Lot 2, thence South 01 degree 12 minutes 16 seconds East, 12.52 feet along the East line of said Lot 2; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 07 seconds West, 214.04 feet to the West line of said Lot 3; thence North 01 degree 03 minutes 24 seconds West, 8.00 feet along the West line of said Lot 3 to the Northwest corner of said Lot 3; thence North 89 degrees 01 minute 22 seconds East, 213.95 feet along the North line of said Lot 3 and said Lot 2 to the point of beginning. Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the Land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. 1708-1724 Sangamon Ave., Springfield, IL 62702 Tax Identification No.: 14-23.0-104-033; 14-23.0-104-035; 14-23.0-104-036.

The petitioner is Hibachi & Wok Cuisine, Inc. by its attorneys Delano Law Offices, Thomas C Pavlik, of Counsel.

The property is commonly known as 1708 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, Illinois.

Docket No. 2026-038

Ben Ferris

Assistant Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.

A petition for reclassification of property from R-1, Single Family Residence District, Section 155.016, to B-2, General Business Service District, Section 155.034, and Variances of Sections 155.112, Surfacing; 155.063(a) and (b) Required Yards for Lots Adjoining Residential Districts; 155.480(i) Landscape, Screening, and Lighting Regulations; Transitional Buffer Yard Requirement

and Landscaping; and 155.320(c) Permitted Accessory On-Premises Signs, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner is the owner of the subject property, which is currently vacant. Petitioner desires to utilize the Property as a storage facility, creating opportunities for those living nearby to have additional storage locations for personal property. Petitioner intends to construct fully enclosed storage facilities in phases, and to utilize the unoccupied space for outdoor storage of boats, campers, and similar equipment. To be in compliance with the zoning ordinance, Petitioner respectfully requests a reclassification of the property from R-1 to B-2. Additionally, Petitioner requests: a variance of the Surfacing Ordinance (155.112), such that the property be constructed with millings, instead of a solid, all weather dust-less material required per code; a variance of section 155.063(b) to allow for outside storage of boats, campers, trailers, vehicles, etc., in the required side and rear yards in the area west of the first proposed building, in the time period in which the second proposed building is not constructed, and in the side and rear yard drive lanes, which would include accessory off street loading of items from vehicles into their respective storage units, and 155.063(a) to reduce the side yard setback to 5 feet, instead of the 20 feet required per code, and the rear yard setback to 10 feet instead of the 25 feet required per code to allow for construction of the second building on the west property line; a variance of Section 155.480(i) to reduce the Transitional Buffer Yards for the side yards to 5 feet instead of the approximately 19 feet required per code; a variance of section 155.320(c) to allow for non-illuminated signage to be placed on the buildings within 50 feet of a residential zoning district. Alternatively, if reclassification is not afforded, petitioner requests consideration for a Use Variance and such other relief as necessary to accomplish the uses of the property as stated in the Petition.

There are currently no improvements or structures located on the subject property. The subject property is currently classified in the R-1, Single Family Residence District, Section 155.016.

Legally described as: 3561 Ridgely Road, Springfield, IL 62702 PT SW SW NW LYING S&W INT 55 19-16-4. TAX ID: 15-19.0-100-008

The subject property is commonly known as 3561 Ridgely Road Springfield, Illinois.

The petitioner is Wayne D Decker, owner, by his attorneys, Craven and Craven, PC, Joseph A. Craven, of Counsel.

Docket No. 2026-037

Ben Ferris

Assistant Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.

A petition for a Conditional Permitted Use pursuant to Sections: 155.031 (c)(4), Conditional Permitted Uses in the S-2, Community Shopping and Office District, Residences Located on the First Floor; and 155.182, Multifamily Residences in Certain Commercial Districts; along with Variances of Sections: 155.056, Minimum Required Lot Area per Dwelling Unit; 155.091(b), Accessory Off Street Parking Spaces: Residences, Multifamily; and 155.121, Required Off Street Loading Spaces: Multiple Family Dwellings, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner is the owner of the subject property, which contains 109 extended/long term hotel units. Petitioner desires to convert the property to an apartment development containing 109 multifamily dwelling units. All rooms are equipped with kitchenettes for long-term guests. Studio family dwelling units are approximately 450 square feet, and each Regular family dwelling unit is approximately 900 square feet. To be in compliance with the

zoning code, petitioner respectfully requests a CPU of Sections 155.031 (c)(4) and 155.182, to allow multifamily residence dwelling units on the first floor located in a S-2 Zoning District. Additionally, variances of 155.056 to allow 109 dwelling units on a lot containing approximately 65,209 square feet of lot area instead of the 109,000 square feet required per code, and 155.091(b) to allow 76 off street parking spaces instead of the 163 per code (Petitioner additionally has access to 52 parking spaces by virtue of a parking agreement with adjacent property owner to the south of the subject property). And 155.121 to allow zero off street loading spaces instead of the 1 required per code.

NOTE: The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission decision will be a FINAL determination of the requests related to the Conditional Permitted Uses. The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission recommendations on the requested variances will be forwarded on to the Springfield City Council for final determination.

Improvements (or structures) located on said property are a steel and block structure with concrete built in 1985 and previously a hotel containing 109 extended/long term hotel rooming units. The subject real estate is currently classified in the S-2, Community Shopping and Office District, Section 155.031. Legally described as: L2 Capital City Sub, Located in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois. Commonly known as: 3185 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois 62703. Tax Identification No.: 22-12.0-301-012.

The petitioner is Hazur Hospitality, LLC, By Kevin Arora.

The property is commonly known as 3185 S Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois.

Docket No. 2026-036

Ben Ferris

Assistant Zoning Administrator

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

ALVIN N. HYSLER, JR.

Plaintiff,

v.

BRYAN COPP A/K/A BRIAN COPP, JOHN DOE 1, JOHN DOE 2, JOHN DOE 3, JOHN DOE 4, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No. 2026FC000119

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite Affidavits for Service by Publication having been filed in the above-captioned cause NOTICE is hereby given to JOHN DOE 1, JOHN DOE 2, JOHN DOE 3, JOHN DOE 4, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above-captioned cause, that the above-captioned foreclosure action is now pending in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County, against you and other defendants praying for the foreclosure of the mortgage (Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate) hereinafter described conveying the real estate legally described as follows:

Lot 120 in Wanless' Springfield Heights Addition to the City of Springfield [Grandview]. Except the West 80 feet thereof. Situated in Sangamon Co., Illinois. Permanent Index #14-23.0-453-032 together with the improvements thereon including the following personal property: Shades, rods, blinds, Venetian blinds, permanently attached floor covering, storm sash, screens, TV antenna, heating unit, domestic hot water heater, light fixtures, and other fixtures and equipment attached to and property belonging to said premises.

Commonly known as 2136 E. Converse, Springfield [Grandview], IL 62702.

The name of the title holder of record and an identification of the mortgage to be foreclosed is as follows:

(A) Name or names of present owner or owners of the premises: Brian Copp (buyer named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate); Alvin N. Hysler, Jr. (seller named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);

(B) Date of Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate: September 24, 2018;

(C) Names of Mortgagor: Brian Copp (buyer named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);

(D) Name of Mortgagee: Alvin N. Hysler, Jr. (seller named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);

named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate); Alvin N. Hysler, Jr. (seller named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);

(B) Date of Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate: September 23, 2020;

(C) Names of Mortgagor: Brian Copp (buyer named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);

(D) Name of Mortgagee: Alvin N. Hysler, Jr. (seller named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);

(E) Date and place of recording: May 7, 2024, Sangamon County, Illinois, Office of Recorder of Deeds;

(F) Identification of recording: Document No. 2024R07084.

And you are further notified that unless on or before November 19, 2026, you shall answer and defend in said suit, default judgment may be entered against you on said date or thereafter.

Dated: October 7, 2026

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Joseph B. Roesch

Clerk of the Circuit Court Sangamon County

10-15-2026, 10-22-2026, 10-29-2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

ALVIN N. HYSLER, JR.

Plaintiff,

v.

BRYAN COPP A/K/A BRIAN COPP, JOHN DOE 1, JOHN DOE 2, JOHN DOE 3, JOHN DOE 4, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No. 2026FC000119

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite Affidavits for Service by Publication having been filed in the above-captioned cause NOTICE is hereby given to JOHN DOE 1, JOHN DOE 2, JOHN DOE 3, JOHN DOE 4, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above-captioned cause, that the above-captioned foreclosure action is now pending in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County, against you and other defendants praying for the foreclosure of the mortgage (Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate) hereinafter described conveying the real estate legally described as follows:

Lot 20 in Block 1 of E.S. Hodgson's Subdivision of the Northwest Quarter of the of Section 28, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Situated in Sangamon Co., Illinois. Permanent Index #14-28-102-029 together with the improvements thereon including the following personal property: Shades, rods, blinds, Venetian blinds, permanently attached floor covering, storm sash, screens, TV antenna, heating unit, domestic hot water heater, light fixtures, and other fixtures and equipment attached to and property belonging to said premises.

Commonly known as 1101 Kingshighway, Springfield, Illinois 62702.

The name of the title holder of record and an identification of the mortgage to be foreclosed is as follows:

(A) Name or names of present owner or owners of the premises: Brian Copp (buyer named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate); Alvin N. Hysler, Jr. (seller named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);

(B) Date of Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate: September 24, 2018;

(C) Names of Mortgagor: Brian Copp (buyer named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);

(D) Name of Mortgagee: Alvin N. Hysler, Jr. (seller named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);

of Real Estate);

(E) Date and place of recording: May 7, 2024, Sangamon County, Illinois, Office of Recorder of Deeds;

(F) Identification of recording: Document No. 2024R07082.

And you are further notified that unless on or before November 19, 2026, you shall answer and defend in said suit, default judgment may be entered against you on said date or thereafter.

Dated: October 7, 2026.

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Clerk of the Circuit Court Sangamon County

10-15-2026, 10-22-2026, 10-29-2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

ALVIN N. HYSLER, JR.

Plaintiff,

v.

BRYAN COPP A/K/A BRIAN COPP, JOHN DOE 1, JOHN DOE 2, JOHN DOE 3, JOHN DOE 4, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No. 2026FC000119

PUBLICATION NOTICE

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Lot Fourteen (14) in Block Two (2) of E.S. Dodson's Subdivision of the North West Quarter of section 28, Township 16 North, Range 5 of the Third Principal Meridian, in the City of Springfield. Except the coal and other minerals underlying the surface of said land and all rights and casements in favor of the estate of said coal and minerals. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Permanent Index #14-28-101-041 together with the improvements thereon including the following personal property: Shades, rods, blinds, Venetian blinds, permanently attached floor covering, storm sash, screens, TV antenna, heating unit, domestic hot water heater, light fixtures, and other fixtures and equipment attached to and property belonging to said premises.

Commonly known as 1122 N. Lincoln, Springfield, IL 62702.

The name of the title holder of record and an identification of the mortgage to be foreclosed is as follows:

(A) Name or names of present owner or owners of the premises: Brian Copp (buyer named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate); Alvin N. Hysler, Jr. (seller named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);

(B) Date of Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate: March 25, 2025;

(C) Names of Mortgagor: Brian Copp (buyer named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);

(D) Name of Mortgagee: Alvin N. Hysler, Jr. (seller named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);

(E) Date and place of recording: NONE, Sangamon County, Illinois, Office of Recorder of Deeds;

(F) Identification of recording: Document No. NONE.

And you are further notified that unless on or before November 19, 2026, you shall answer and defend in said suit, default judgment may be entered against you on said date or thereafter.

Dated: October 7, 2026.
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Clerk of the Circuit Court Sangamon County
10-15-2026, 10-22-2026, 10-29-2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRING-FIELD, ILLINOIS
ALVIN N. HYSLER, JR.
Plaintiff,
v.
BRYAN COPP A/K/A BRIAN COPP,
JOHN DOE 1, JOHN DOE 2,
JOHN DOE 3, JOHN DOE 4,
UNKNOWN OWNERS, and
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No. 2026FC000119
PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite Affidavits for Service by Publication having been filed in the above-captioned cause NOTICE is hereby given to JOHN DOE 1, JOHN DOE 2, JOHN DOE 3, JOHN DOE 4, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above-captioned cause, that the above-captioned foreclosure action is now pending in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County, against you and other defendants praying for the foreclosure of the mortgage (Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate) hereinafter described conveying the real estate legally described as follows: West 87 feet and 11 in. of lot 23 of Harvard Park subdivision in Southwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Permanent Index #22-03.0-334-001 together with the improvements thereon including the following personal property: Shades, rods, blinds, Venetian blinds, permanently attached floor covering, storm sash, screens, TV antenna, heating unit, domestic hot water heater, light fixtures, and other fixtures and equipment attached to and property belonging to said premises. Commonly known as 2200 S. 11th, Springfield, IL 62703.
The name of the title holder of record and an identification of the mortgage to be foreclosed is as follows:

(A) Name or names of present owner or owners of the premises: Brian Copp (buyer named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate), Alvin N. Hysler, Jr. (seller named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);
(B) Date of Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate: September 25, 2018;
(C) Names of Mortgagor: Brian Copp (buyer named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);
(D) Name of Mortgagee: Alvin N. Hysler, Jr. (seller named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);
(E) Date and place of recording: May 7, 2024, Sangamon County, Illinois, Office of Recorder of Deeds;
(F) Identification of recording: Document No. 2024R07083.

And you are further notified that unless on or before November 19, 2026, you shall answer and defend in said suit, default judgment may be entered against you on said date or thereafter.

Dated: October 7, 2026.
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Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court Sangamon County
10-15-2026, 10-22-2026, 10-29-2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF
WILLIE CHARLES JOHNSON,
Deceased.
No. 2026PR339
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Willie Charles Johnson, a resident of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, who died in Springfield, Illinois, on July 9, 2026. Danny Johnson, whose post office address is 49 Olive Street, Lexington, Mississippi 39095, was appointed independent administrator of the estate of Willie Charles Johnson on September 29, 2026. The attorneys for the independent administrator are Hart, Southworth & Witsman, One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the independent administrator, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, of this notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the independent administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this September 29, 2026.
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Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535)
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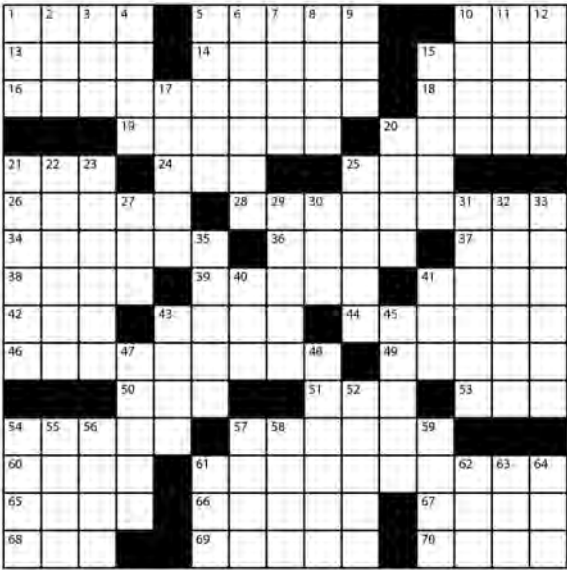
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
ESTATE OF
ROGER EDWARD RYAN,
Deceased
Case No. 2026 PR 381
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of ROGER EDWARD RYAN. Letters of office were issued on October 13, 2026 to KAY LOUISE RYAN, whose post office address is 2716 Wordsworth Drive, Springfield, IL 62711, as INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR of the will of ROGER EDWARD RYAN, deceased, and whose attorney is David Patrick Hall, Attorney at Law, 611 E. Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative of the estate, or both, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 13th day of October, 2026.
David Patrick Hall
Attorney for the Estate of Roger Edward Ryan, deceased
611 E. Monroe Street, Suite 200
Springfield, Illinois 62701
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davehall@motion.net
Registration No. 6225105

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Across
1. Shipping hazard
5. Pitcher, of a sort
10. Knight's title
13. Seed cover
14. Author Zora _____ Hurston
15. The "C" in U.P.C.
16. *** 1980 film
18. Follower of "ooh" or "tra"
19. Retro car
20. Propelled a boat
21. Relative of -esque
24. Phone greeting in Central America
25. Flipper
26. Hightail it
28. *** Symbol of Japan
34. Sports show-off
36. Istanbul native
37. Mineral suffix
38. Just barely
39. Relieves
41. Attention-getters
42. 52, in old Rome
43. Sandwich shop
44. Citation
46. *** CNN personality
49. Firewood measure
50. Loser to D.D.E.
51. Absorbed, as a cost
53. Tripper's drug
54. Church singers
57. Tel Aviv's land
60. 1970s-'80s sitcom setting
61. *** Bad spelling?
65. Shield border



66. TV's "Kate & _____"
67. Layer
68. Group that includes the end of each of the starred clues
69. "...wish upon _____"
70. "No sweat"
Down
1. Setting of many jokes
2. Big time
3. 18-wheeler
4. Smooth-talking
5. Little devil's opposite
6. One with obligations
7. Handle roughly
8. Everyone, in Essen
9. First word of Dante's "Inferno"
10. Skyrocket
11. Just lying around
12. Study
15. Bell sound
17. "Groovy!"
20. Sty sound
21. Start of a declaration
22. Nova _____
23. Empty words
25. Leading the pack
27. Eccentric
29. "_____ the bag!"
30. Seek damages
31. Ebert's former partner
32. Expresses
33. Fit together
35. Social misfits
40. HBO's "Da _____ G Show"
41. Loan figure: Abbr.
43. Textile worker
45. "_____ to recall?"
47. Poker ploy
48. Deadhead icon
52. Selfish sort
54. "Hurry up!"
55. Parsley or sage
56. Earthenware pot
57. Misfortunes
58. Pepper's partner
59. Missing a deadline
61. Call to Bo-peep
62. Actress _____ Scala
63. Suffix with pant or aunt
64. Weep

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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.

4-	2÷	2-	40x		
			6x		2÷
120x			3		
2-		2÷		2-	
2÷		1-		14+	
2÷		30x			

Difficulty hard

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week

C	A	T	S		S	W	A	M	I		H	I	S	S
A	M	O	I		T	I	N	E	D		I	S	L	E
S	I	N	G	L	E	F	I	L	E		N	E	U	R
A	N	I	M	A	T	E		L	A	U	D	E	R	
S	O	S	A	D		H	O	S	P	S				
					S	T	R	A	W		S	T	E	V
O	L	G	A		R	O	Y		D	E	G	R	E	E
D	O	U	B	L	E	O	R		N	O	T	H	I	N
I	G	L	O	O	S		J	E	S		T	E	N	S
C	E	L	L	I		A	D	D	E	D				
					I	R	E	N	E		D	S	H	E
R	I	S	E	T	O		S	E	T	T	E	R	S	
P	I	T	H		T	R	I	P	L	E	P	L	A	Y
E	A	S	E		E	A	S	E	L		A	L	T	E
G	L	A	D		S	K	E	W	S		T	O	O	T

Crossword answers from #967

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

Sudoku answers from #967

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

JoshJosh answers from #967

Sudoku No. 968

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

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

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**Sunday, Oct. 25, 2026
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Columbian Grand Hall
2200 South Meadowbrook Rd., Springfield
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Just \$12 dine-in, carry out!

Tickets available at the door. One bowl isn't enough?
Order a full quart of chili for takeout for \$15 by placing your
order in advance at www.apl-shelter.org. Order by Oct. 24th.

- Eat** Delicious 12 oz bowl of chili (with meat or vegetarian); choice of one side (hot dog or cornbread); choice of dessert & drink.
- Shop** Our Paw Paw Patch Bazaar where you will find unique gifts for the whole family. Be sure to pick up a new APL sweatshirt!
- Buy** 50/50 raffle tickets at the door for chances to win one of several \$500 prizes! Just \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5.
- Donate** Craft items or baked goods to ensure a wide selection for diners and shoppers.
- Drop-Off** Donations of crafts and baked goods at the Chili Supper location on Saturday, October 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or Sunday, October 25, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

For more information call 217-544-PETS (7387).

October 25—Chili Supper and Bazaar, 11am-3pm

Join us at the Columbian Grand Hall at 2200 South Meadowbrook for dine-in or carry-out chili! Chili or veggie chili, a dessert, drink and side for \$12! Plus, shop at our Paw Paw Patch Bazaar! Pre-order a quart of chili by Oct. 24 at www.apl-shelter.org to enjoy at home!

November 6—Dr. Seuss Trivia Night, 7pm

Get your group together for a whimsical night of trivia! Bring dog or cat food to donate and receive up to 20 free raffle tickets. Get more information and buy tickets online at www.apl-shelter.org.

November 14—Paws with Claus Photos

Get you and your pet's holiday photo taken with Santa! Reserve your 15 minutes session for \$20 today at www.apl-shelter.org.

Now through November 10—Holiday Wreath Sales

Order fresh, hand-made Christmas wreaths and various greenery, now through November 10 at www.apl-shelter.org/greenery.

October Adoption Events

Every Saturday, 11 am - 4 pm & Sunday, 12 - 4 pm at PetSmart
Oct. 25, APL Chili Supper, Columbian Grand Hall, 11 am - 3 pm

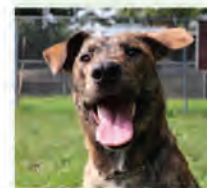


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Bella is a smart, eager-to-please girl who already knows how to sit! She is happiest when she's exploring the world by your side and loves going on adventures!