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## *Daytripping* **Hull House**

*Charles Herbst*

Affiliated with the University of Illinois at Chicago, the Hull House Museum operates in the original Hull House Building. The building is one of the oldest in Chicago, being just upwind of where the Chicago Fire began. The museum also includes the original Hull House dining hall just south of the main building. The exhibits and tours give a fascinating insight into the mission and diverse programs that Hull House had to offer.

Hull House, founded by Jane Addams and Ellen Gates Starr in September 1889, was the preeminent settlement house in America throughout the late 19th and 20th Centuries. It was a very influential force in the founding of sociology as a field of study in the United States. The organization was closely associated with its founder, Jane Addams. Many others, particularly women, were “residents” at Hull House and the organization afforded them, as well as for other young social workers, an opportunity to acquire training.

Jane Addams was born in 1860 in Cedarville, Illinois, in comfortable circumstances. She attended Rockford Female Seminary (now Rockford University) and graduated as valedictorian in 1881. Although she was initially interested in a medical career, her personal health did not permit her to pursue one. Addams was influenced by the writings of Charles Dickens and was interested in providing service to the poor. Losing her father and receiving an inheritance, she toured Europe and visited the world’s first settlement house, Toynbee Hall in London. Returning to America, she contacted her school friend Ellen Gates Starr, and together they established Hull House.

Hull House was built by Charles Hull as his personal residence in 1856. Initially in a very fashionable neighborhood, the area became one of the worst slums in the city by the time Hull’s cousin, Helen Culver, granted a 25-year rent-free lease of the property to Jane Addams in 1889.

By 1911, Hull House had expanded to 13 buildings. In 1912, the Hull House complex was completed with the addition of a summer camp, the Bowen Country Club. In the 1960s, Hull House was displaced by the establishment of the current campus of the University of Illinois at Chicago. Hull House, however, contin-



*The original Hull House*

ued to provide service at other locations until 2012.

Hull House had a complex mission that constantly evolved, and the museum reflects that. Beyond addressing the physiological needs of its neighborhood, it was a center for social reform. The tradition was secular rather than Christian. Addams and her colleagues were Progressive reformers, concerned with diverse issues from neighborhood sanitation to organized labor to women’s suffrage.

Hull House provided an escape from the squalor and misery of the tenements. It prioritized the creativity and humanity of workers. There were English lessons, bookbinding, metalwork, ceramics, textiles, and many other arts, both dramatic and visual. The night school became an early model for college continuing education classes. It responded to the needs of the community. There were apartments, a gym, large meeting spaces, and a branch of the Chicago Public Library that also lent artwork.

The Labor Museum was one of Hull House’s early success stories. Beyond coping with the day-to-day, it featured demonstrations of craft making, cooking lessons, and particularly textile making. Many of the teachers were immigrant women teaching their skills to a younger generation. The word “museum” was used to dignify the skills of artisan craftwork.

Another famous program at Hull House was the kiln, ceramics classes, and art school. Several of the participants became famous and launched pottery careers. One such person was Jesus Torres. Torres was an industrial laborer who came to Hull House for English class. He found the kilns and became a well-known, self-taught potter. His work sold at Hull House’s Michigan Avenue shop faster than he was able to produce it. Although not all participants became famous artists, their lives were impacted by the skills they learned at Hull House. A set of anonymously made dishes on display closely resembles what later became Homer Laughlin’s Fiestaware.

With the opening of the “Home Court” at the Obama Center later this year, one wonders if the dream of Jane Addams and Hull House might be about to live on in Chicago’s South Side at Jackson Park.

Hull House is located at 800 South Halsted Street. Open Tuesday through Friday 10-4:50, Saturday 10-3. A one-hour tour is offered on Tuesdays and Fridays at 2PM. Admission is free. From Ogilvie Metra Station, take CTA Bus 157—Streeterville Taylor west to Halsted Street. Alternatively, take the CTA Blue Line to UIC-Halsted Station. For those driving, parking is available across the street.

Website: [hullhousemuseum.org](http://hullhousemuseum.org).

# Penny Shortage Causes Headaches for Retailers in the Land Of Lincoln

For many Illinoisans, it's a sentimental ending to see "Honest Abe's" coin disappear

Erika Tulfo Medill Illinois News Bureau

At the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, visitors can shop for sweatshirts, pillows, jewelry and chocolates using coins bearing the face of perhaps the most-famous Illinoisian, Abraham Lincoln.

But even here, pennies are growing scarce at the cash register.

The museum gift shop, like the rest of the country, is grappling with a penny shortage after the United States Mint halted production of the coin in November, citing the rising cost of producing them.

The lack of fixed guidance from the state and federal governments about how to cope with the shortage of new pennies has left some business owners scrambling to come up with ways to address it.

Many retailers are just rounding up or down

to the nearest 0- or 5-cent mark in their prices to make change. They will accept the one-cent coins, but can't always pay them out.

"The retailer faces frustration on behalf of the consumer," said Rob Karr, president of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association. "Most retailers are rounding in the consumer's favor, which doesn't make the consumer mad, but it also takes profits out of the retailer and puts them at the narrowest end of the net profit margin. So every penny matters there. I think the absence of clear guidance at the moment is difficult."

Some businesses, like the Lincoln Museum gift shop, display a guide on how its rounding system works. The museum, for example, rounds amounts ending in 1 or 2 cents down to 0. It rounds amounts ending in 3 or 4 cents up to 5 cents, and amounts ending in 6 or 7 cents down to 5 cents. However, other business owners say this kind of multi-tiered rounding system can be inconvenient and confusing for customers.

For many Illinoisans, there is a sad, end-of-an-era feeling watching the slow disappearance of the one-cent coin, which was one of the first coins made by the U.S. Mint after its establishment in 1792. President Lincoln's profile has been on the "heads" side since 1909, and that change made him the first president featured on U.S. coins in honor of his 100th birthday.

Mary Disseler has been working as a volunteer at the Lincoln Museum for over 20 years since its founding in 2005. As a die-hard fan of Lincoln, she sees the decision to stop penny production as a sad but sensible decision.

"It kind of breaks my heart. I think it's a nice tribute to Mr. Lincoln, but I understand that it's costing four cents to make a penny, so there's a part of us that has to be practical, too," she said.

Keith Wetherell, executive director of the Illinois Beverage Association, which represents a handful of small, cash-reliant or cash-exclusive businesses, has practical concerns, too. He worries that the inconvenience posed by complicated rules around rounding could affect customers' sentiments.

"The one thing that we would really lobby against was any type of bouncing around from city to city where you have all these different rules and stuff; we want to just minimize the confusion," he said. "We just like to make everything as good and as easy as possible for the customer. Small businesses are struggling as it is. We don't want any operational challenges. When (customers) have challenges, they take it out on us by not buying them as much."

Julie Johnson, who owns Daisy Jane's, a boutique in downtown Springfield, said she rounded up cash change to the benefit of the customer when necessary, but would

rather use pennies to give them exact amounts.

"My jar is pretty low on coins. I'm gonna have to figure out what (the state) wants us to do with pennies," she said. "There has to be a plan for that. When you calculate tax on something, it's almost always going to have pennies as part of the equation."

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## OP-ED

### If it ain't broke, don't fix it

Bob Evans Rockford University

No, President Trump, we should most definitely not "nationalize" our electoral system. First, and dispositively, the Constitution clearly forbids doing so. Article I, Section 4 explicitly reserves "the times, places, and manner" of our elections to the states. That should be sufficient to settle the matter.

If additional reasons are needed, then diversity provides one. A diverse nation such as ours not only can tolerate diversity; it in fact requires diverse electoral procedures in order to preserve that precious diversity. A "one size fits all" approach to elections makes less than no sense.

Decentralization constitutes another virtue of our current electoral system. It is far more difficult to control and corrupt any exercise that is decentralized than one that is controlled by a single force or source.

Despite decades of centralization of almost every political function in Washington we must remember that our Constitution in fact establishes a federal republic. The Tenth Amendment to the Constitution reminds us forcefully of that fundamental fact. Diverse rules and participants in 50 different states pose a powerful obstacle to corruption.

Finally, and essentially, our elections as currently constituted promote engagement, involvement, participation. Our elections are conducted in a way that both befits and buttresses democracy.


To conclude, we must remember that all reliable studies of our elections conclude that there is precious little corruption currently. This assessment is endorsed in studies conducted by both liberal and conservative groups. As has been said, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it".



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**Letters to the Editor**

**Editor,**

This letter is directly in response to State Senator Syverson's comments after the Belvidere "ICE OUT" demonstration on the State Street Bridge Sunday, February 15. Two media outlets covered this peaceful demonstration.

Dave Syverson was interviewed to get his perspective. The gist was that he acknowledged the right of the people to demonstrate, but claimed "they aren't offering up any solutions." This is 100% false, and makes me question the integrity of Mr. Syverson.

President Ronald Reagan legalized 3 million immigrants in 1986. President George W. Bush tried to pass the comprehensive immigration reform act in 2007 but was shot down by the Republican Party.

The opposition today, has a plan. Follow the law and protect people's human rights. This includes the 4th Amendment (look it up), prohibiting unreasonable searches and seizures, or detaining someone without a warrant or probable cause. ICE officers are not to mask, and must identify themselves when making stops. No executing civilians unless your life is directly threatened.

Renee Good, unarmed, shot 5 times. Alex Pretti, shot 5 times in 10 seconds, after he was detained. Since January 2025, there have been 31 shooting incidents and 8 deaths attributed to ICE. Hopefully, Senator Syverson, you are not in favor of allowing federal officers to violate our Constitution and Bill of Rights, and murder innocent civilians?

And that immigration enforcement thing? Look up E-Verify. Created by the Federal Government. It cross references prospective employees with the Social Security Administration, and Department of Homeland Security. It's free to employers. You would think an administration that wanted to end this problem would look at ways to do it humanely. But ending it isn't in their best interests.

**Glenn Harrington  
Belvidere**

**Editor,**

I am writing to share my reflections on a recent community experience that deeply moved me. It began with a post on a local Facebook page regarding a peaceful protest to address concerns about unlawful ICE tactics. As a community member of over 30 years, I was disappointed to see hundreds of hostile comments in response, which raised serious concerns for the safety of our participants.

As a precaution, I coordinated with the Belvidere Police Department to ensure a secure environment. Despite my initial apprehension, the outcome on Sunday, February 15, was transformative.

When I arrived at the State Street bridge, I was met by dozens of familiar faces. My optimism grew as the crowd eventually exceeded 200 participants.

This gathering served as a powerful reminder that Belvidere and Boone County are composed of people who genuinely care about their neighbors and the well-being of our community.

I want to thank everyone who joined us, supported us, and honked in solidarity. It was an inspiring moment during a tumultuous time. We must continue to stand up for those without privilege, and I am grateful to everyone who contributed to such a peaceful and promising demonstration.

**Sincerely,  
Tracy Rangel Boone County Democrats**

**Congressman Eric Sorensen (IL-17) Statement on Tariffs**

"Donald Trump's tariffs have bankrupted farmers, caused small businesses to close, and made it harder for my neighbors to pay their bills. Going around Congress, he recklessly and unlawfully taxed every American and today the Supreme Court righted this wrong," said Congressman Sorensen. "It's time for House Republicans to join Democrats to provide real cost relief for working families, repair our economy, and prevent any President from abusing their power ever again."

Congressman Sorensen is a co-sponsor of the Prevent Tariff Abuse Act and the Small Business Liberation Act, two pieces of legislation that aim to rein in the President's tariff scheme, lower costs for families, and ensure small businesses can keep their doors open.

**Foster Statement on the Supreme Court's Tariff Decision**

Congressman Bill Foster (D-IL) Congressman for Belvidere issued the following statement after the Supreme Court resoundingly rejected Trump's tariffs:

"Before coming to Congress, I was a manufacturer who kept hundreds of good-paying jobs in the Midwest, so I know the damage done by Trump's tariffs. I'm relieved to see that, after months of delay, the Supreme Court has finally determined that his tariffs are unconstitutional and illegal.

"Since Trump announced 'Liberation Day' last April, tariffs have raised costs on American consumers and manufacturing employment has steadily dropped. At the same time, Trump's unnecessary trade wars with our allies have turned

them towards other markets, like China and Argentina.

"While the Supreme Court has decided Trump never had the authority to declare an emergency and bypass Congress to implement tariffs, American consumers are still paying the price. Earlier this month, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office found that 95% of the costs from tariffs have been paid by American consumers.

"At this point, it looks likely that Trump is going to have to find a way to pay U.S. companies back for the illegal tariffs he has collected. As a start, I would suggest rescinding the \$75 billion being wasted on ICE."

**Foster Announces State of the Union Guest**

Congressman Bill Foster (D-IL) representing Belvidere announced that Suzanne Hoban, Founder and Executive Director of the Family Health Partnership Clinic, will be his guest for this year's State of the Union address. The Family Health Partnership Clinic provides health care to uninsured adults in McHenry County, Illinois.

"I am proud to welcome Suzanne Hoban as my guest to this year's State of the Union address," said Rep. Foster. "Last year, Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress enacted the largest cuts to health care in American history, sending costs skyrocketing and increasing the number of uninsured people in Illinois by an estimated 528,000 by 2034. In the face of these cuts, the Family Health Partnership Clinic's work is more important than ever. We must lift up leaders like Suzanne who ensure our communities have access to the affordable, high-quality health care they deserve when Washington falls short."

"I'm honored to join Congressman Foster at *continued on page 4*

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## Penny

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### How will lawmakers respond?

Illinois lawmakers say the penny shortage is not an issue at the top of the agenda because of factors like the popularity of cashless payment methods and the fact that there are still billions of pennies in circulation.

Sen. Dave Syverson, R-Cherry Valley, wrote a note on his website in November applauding the U.S. Treasury's decision to halt production, saying it was "more of an inconvenience than a useful part of the economy." He said no steps were currently being taken to address the shortage at the state level and that he would await guidance from the federal level.

"It'll be something that they'll obviously start working on addressing more and more as the pennies become less in circulation," he told Capitol News Illinois. "It doesn't look like people have to worry about it at all for 2026. I'm guessing that the soonest there'd be any guidance would be '27, when they would maybe set some rules about requiring businesses to accept whatever rounding decision that gets made."

But Karr, head of the retail merchants association, said he wasn't satisfied with Springfield playing the waiting game and leaving the decision up to the U.S. Treasury.

"While the federal government makes currency decisions, the states make sales tax decisions. So it's a shared responsibility," he said. "While there's clarity that the federal government needs to provide, there's also clarity that the state needs to provide. That clarity, it helps in terms of lawsuits as well, because there are lawyers out there who can sue if they don't think you've done something correctly. And without that guidance, it leaves the retailers certainly exposed."

Gordon Davis, founder of the Springfield tea store Whimsy Tea, said he hasn't had issues with the penny shortage yet, but that it was "looming." He said that while 72% of his customers opted to pay with cards, more than one-quarter still chose to pay with cash.

Instead of rounding prices, Davis made prices tax-inclusive in his store's point of sale system, which he says saves him the trouble of facing legal complications with rounding.

"Rounding, as I understand, can run you afoul of federal law because you have to treat all currencies, all payment methods the same. If you're rounding for cash but not rounding for card, you're breaking the law," he said.

Still, experts say that beyond minor adjustment costs on the retailers' end, the penny shortage won't pose a major issue in terms of price increases simply because its value is low.

"Inflation-wise, it's not creating a problem," said Shihan Xie, an assistant professor of monetary economics at the University of Illinois Urbana-Cham-

paign. "The value of the penny has diminished. It's at a point where the value is so small that it's not going to affect daily life much, or that it becomes crazy."

But for some citizens of the Land of Lincoln, the penny shortage is an issue that has more to do with sentiment. Lincoln Museum volunteer Disseler she understands the economics no longer support the beloved one-cent piece.

"We'll still have the \$5 bill," she said. "Even though they're phasing (the penny) out, we'll keep his memory alive forever."

## Foster

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this year's State of the Union address," said Suzanne Hoban. "At the Family Health Partnership Clinic, our mission is rooted in the belief that we have a responsibility to care for one another. Recent cuts to health care have already had a devastating impact on our community, and we will continue working every day to provide our uninsured neighbors with the health services they need. Congressman Foster has been a strong advocate for expanding affordable care, and I look forward to joining him to highlight the urgent need for lower costs and better access to care for families nationwide."

## Taxpayers Could be On the Hook for Millions in Cleanup Costs from Oil and Gas Wells

*Study finds thousands of unplugged wells in Illinois pose health and financial risks*

Peter Hancock *Capitol News Illinois*

Anyone who has driven the back roads of southern and central Illinois is familiar with the sight of the oil pumpjacks that dot the landscape.

Decades ago, it was common to see those machines bobbing up and down like those drinking-bird toys that seem to operate on perpetual motion, pulling up oil from hundreds of feet below the surface to fuel the region's burgeoning transportation industry.

Today, however, most of those pumpjacks sit idle, either because the oil below has all been pumped out or the cost of pumping what remains

underground exceeds what the market would pay.

Now, a new report suggests those pumpjacks — and the inactive oil and gas wells that lie below them — are more than just relics of a bygone industry. They also could be

environmental time bombs lurking underground, threatening to expose Illinois taxpayers to more than \$1 billion in future clean-up costs.

"The majority of Illinois's 30,000+ wells are likely producing little to no oil, yet are still not properly plugged, emitting toxic and climate pollutants and threatening air and drinking water relied on by nearby communities," the report states.

The report is based on research from the Bluhm Legal Clinic at Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law and the environmental advocacy group ClientEarth USA.

It says the potential liability facing the state may be much larger than officials have acknowledged so far. But it also says the lack of reliable data about the working status of oil and gas wells in the state, coupled with the state's weak regulatory framework, makes it hard to know the exact size and scope of the threat Illinois faces. Thus, it's nearly impossible to hold drilling companies accountable for paying the costs themselves.

"The fundamental point is, whatever amount of a problem we've got, it's the industry's responsibility to deal with it, and that's what the system is not achieving," Robert Weinstock, director of Northwestern's Environmental Advocacy Center and lead author of the report, said in a recent interview.

### Oil and gas in Illinois

According to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the history of oil and gas production in Illinois dates back to the 1850s when the first gas wells were drilled near Champaign. But it didn't become a major factor in the state's economy until the first half of the 20th century when oil became critical to the modern transportation industry.

Since the 1850s, approximately 155,000 wells have been drilled in Illinois, mainly in the southern half of the state in a geological area known as the Illinois Basin, which stretches across portions of Illinois, Indiana and western Kentucky.

According to data from the Illinois Petroleum Resources Board, a private member-based industry association, production peaked in the early 1940s when it averaged more than 100 million barrels per year. It dropped significantly after the end of World War II.

Production rebounded somewhat in the 1950s and 1960s with the development of new technologies like water flooding and hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," which enabled drillers to squeeze more oil out of expiring wells. But it has been on a steady decline since then, with production dwindling to just over 7 million barrels in 2024.

Still, according to IDNR, there are more than *continued on page 5*



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## On the Hook

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23,400 oil and gas production wells operating in Illinois, although the agency identifies most of those as “stripper” wells that produce less than 1.5 barrels per day. The agency also lists 6,535 injection wells that store salt water and other fluids associated with oil and gas production, plus another 1,078 gas storage wells.

According to the Northwestern and ClientEarth report, precise data about production and well activity in Illinois is hard to verify because the state itself does not collect such data. And without accurate data, the report says, it is hard to know how many inactive wells there are in the state and whether they’ve been properly capped or plugged to prevent them from leaking contaminants into the air or nearby water supplies.

“When we tried to look up production data for wells in Illinois, we found there was none, that it wasn’t maintained by IDNR,” Weinstock said. “And the folks at ClientEarth said, ‘Well, you can get production data from the state agency in almost every other state in the country. What’s going on here?’”

He said that realization inspired the research project.

“It was really bringing that national perspective to Illinois and then realizing just how behind Illinois was when it comes to regulating wells at the end of their productive lives,” he said.

### Cleanup responsibility

Under Illinois law, the responsibility for plugging oil and gas wells and cleaning up the sites at the end of their productive life rests with well owners and operators. IDNR is the agency assigned to enforce that requirement through regulations.

But the report points out there are numerous ways well operators can avoid that responsibility, and it suggests IDNR has frequently been unable or unwilling to take strong enforcement action.

For example, state law requires wells to be plugged and capped once they become “inactive,” which is defined as not producing any oil or gas for 24 consecutive months. But since the state does not collect production data, it is difficult for state officials to determine whether a well is active or inactive.

In addition, the report notes, permit holders can delay having to plug and cap a well in five-year increments by applying to have it classified as “temporarily abandoned.” That requires the well to meet certain conditions and for a surety bond to be in place, but it also only costs \$100 per year instead of the \$100,000 that it can cost to permanently seal a single well.

In many cases, the state also requires well permit holders to post a surety bond to cover future remediation costs. In years past, the report notes, IDNR only had authority to require bonds from permit holders who had previously been sanctioned for regulatory violations. But the law was updated in 2025 with passage of Senate Bill 2463, which broadened the requirement to include any new permittees as well as any permittees who have failed to make payments at any time in the

preceding five years.

Even with that change, however, the report argues the bonding requirements are still too weak to ensure that future remediation costs will be covered. While the bill increased the bonding amount for a single well to \$10,000 instead of \$5,000, it says that is still not enough to cover the actual cost of plugging a single well. And the law still allows permit holders to cover multiple wells with a single “blanket bond” at rates that can average as little as \$1,000 per well.

Additionally, the report notes, IDNR has authority to order well owners and operators to plug inactive wells and clean up those sites. But it says IDNR has often failed or refused to exercise that authority and has effectively allowed well operators to ignore such orders.

The report states that most people who receive notices of violations “do not willingly comply, that no further steps are taken in most cases, and that few wells are plugged due to notices of violation or follow-on enforcement actions.”

Ultimately, when all other mechanisms to hold well owners and operators responsible for plugging and cleaning up their sites, the responsibility falls back to the state.

According to information on the IDNR website, there are 3,991 wells enrolled in the agency’s Plugging and Restoration Fund, a program that was established in 1991 to plug leaking and abandoned wells. The current fiscal year’s budget provides just over \$64.8 million, most of which comes from federal grants.

But the report argues that the actual size of Illinois’ future liability is likely many times that amount because the wells currently enrolled in the program represent only a fraction of the more than 30,000 wells IDNR actively monitors.

### IDNR response

In an email statement, officials at IDNR said the issue of orphan and abandoned wells is a national problem, which is why the agency is now focusing on using federal resources to increase the number of wells being capped and plugged.

“The federal dollars come to Illinois through (the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) are critical because they’ve allowed the state to

increase the pace at which we plug wells and have allowed us to utilize our state funds in ways we could not before,” IDNR said.

“This is an endeavor that is going to take time, and IDNR is working as fast as it can, prioritizing the most urgent and potentially dangerous wells first,” the agency said.

### Recommendations

The report offers several policy recommendations aimed at ensuring the oil and gas producing industry is held responsible for those costs rather than the public.

Those include requiring producers to report more data to IDNR so it can more easily identify inactive or abandoned wells, and calling on IDNR to be more aggressive in enforcing laws that are already on the books.

It also suggests actions that could require legislative changes such as increasing surety bond requirements, repealing laws that allow companies to declare wells “temporarily abandoned” indefinitely, and restricting the ability of companies to transfer permits to other entities that then file for bankruptcy protection to avoid paying cleanup costs.

“If it’s hard to tell precisely what corporate entity should be held responsible, then the question is, who’s going to have to bear those costs?” Weinstock said. “Should it be everyone in the state and the state’s coffers, or should it be the industry that still operates those wells?”

Officials at the Illinois Petroleum Resources Board declined to comment on the report.

## Dred Scott Case Inflamed Slavery Debate

*Past Residence in Illinois Was Part of Court Filing*  
Tom Emery

The controversial Dred Scott case of 1857 is considered a hallmark in the question of slavery in the United States. Few realize that Scott once lived in Illinois.

The Supreme Court decision on Scott determined that blacks could not be U.S. citizens, and therefore had no right to sue in federal court. The majority opinion, written by Chief Justice Roger B. Taney, became a flashpoint in the slavery debate.

The impetus for the case was set in the early 1830s. Scott, a St. Louis slave, was sold to Dr. John Emerson, a civilian doctor who gained a U.S. Army appointment as assistant surgeon in 1833. Late that year, Emerson was assigned to Fort Armstrong at Rock Island, Ill., where he served until May 1836.

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For more information about Early Voting please contact the Boone County Clerk's Office at 815-544-3103.

Amy E. Ohlsen

County Clerk & Recorder

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## STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE

Daggett, Dale, Plaintiff,

vs. Case No.: 2025-FC-89

Louis Tenore Jr.; Louis Tenore Jr as Trustee under the provisions of a certain trust agreement dated the 22nd day of July, 2008, and known as Trust Number SBL-2894; EPI, LLC, a dissolved Illinois Limited Liability Company; Park National Bank, as Trustee under a Trust ) Agreement dated December 19, 2003 and known as Trust Number 31796; John Grafft, a deceased individual; Village of Poplar Grove; State of Illinois, Department of Revenue; Unknown Owners; Unknown Occupants; and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants.

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION TO UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Illinois, by the Plaintiff, Dale Daggett, against you and other Defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the property described as follows, to wit:

LOT THREE (3) IN EDENFRUIT BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MARCH 14, 2001 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2001R02233, IN BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PIN: 04-19-176-024

Commonly Known As: East Street, Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065

The Mortgage was made on May 5, 2009 by Louis Tenore Jr. as mortgagor to Dale Daggett, as mortgagee and recorded on May 5, 2009 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in Boone County, Illinois as Document No. 2009R04463.

Summons was duly issued out of the Circuit Court of Boone County against you as provided by law, and that suit is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the above Defendants, file your answer to the complaint in this case or otherwise file your appearance in the office of the Circuit Court Clerk, on or before August 10, 2026, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint.

YOU ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE TIME IN WHICH THE SUBJECT REAL ESTATE MAY BE REDEEMED FROM FORECLOSURE, PURSUANT TO LAW, COMMENCES TO RUN WITH THE FIRST DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

Dated: 2/2/26 at Boone County, Illinois

Circuit Court of Boone County, Illinois

Jason Rock

BARRICK, SWITZER, LONG, BALSLEY & VAN EVERA, LLP

6833 Stalter Dr.

Rockford, IL. 61108

(815) 962-6611

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDER OF MORGAN STANLEY HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2007-2 MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Plaintiff,**

-v.- 25 FC 29

**CARWIN RAYPHOLE, JR, Defendant**

### NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 16, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on March 24, 2026, at the Advocus National Title Insurance, 530 S. State, Suite 201, (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT FIVE (5) IN BLOCK SEVEN (7) AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT OF FRY'S RE-SURVEY, THE PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN BOOK 2 OF PLATS ON PAGE 9 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 1121 KISHWAUKEE STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008 Property Index No. 05-26-129-009

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$134,342.96.

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

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a

Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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

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

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

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

For information, contact The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2801 LAKESIDE DRIVE, SUITE 207, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm. Please refer to file number 25-103148.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at [www.tjsc.com](http://www.tjsc.com) for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

LOGS Legal Group LLP  
2801 LAKESIDE DRIVE, SUITE 207  
Bannockburn IL, 60015  
847-291-1717

E-Mail: [ILNotices@logs.com](mailto:ILNotices@logs.com)

Attorney File No. 25-103148

Case Number: 25 FC 29

TJSC#: 45-3265

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

Case # 25 FC 29 6088-962099

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, 601 NORTH MAIN STREET, BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF Dolores Hodge, DECEASED.

25 PR 77

Notice is given to creditors of the death of the above named decedent. Letters of office were issued to Cheryl Schmitt, 2128 Davis Drive, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is Terrence E. Davey, Malman Law, 205 West Randolph Street, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act III. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, par. 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 with the clerk or with the representative, or both, on or before August 17, 2026, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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

Terrence E. Davey  
Malman Law  
205 West Randolph Street, Suite 1700  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
(312)629-0099  
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## STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE

**In the Matter of the Estate of JOAN M. BUCHANAN a/k/a JOAN BUCHANAN, deceased**

**No. 2026-PR-6**

### CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of JOAN M. BUCHANAN a/k/a JOAN BUCHANAN, of Belvidere, Illinois on September 5 2025. Letters of office were issued on January 28, 2026 to AMANDA L. BUCHANAN, 2219 E. Portland St. #1, Phoenix, AZ 85006, as independent Executor, whose attorney is TOBIN, RAMON & BARBER, 530 South State Street, Suite 200, Belvidere, IL 61008-3711.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (755ILCS/28-4), an 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 Boone County Circuit Clerk--Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, at 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 17, 2026, which date is not less than six(6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of any 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:

AMANDA L. BUCHANAN

Independent Executor

Lois Cannell Ramon ARDC# 2280434

Tobin, Ramon & Barber

530 S. State St., Suite 200

Belvidere, IL 61008

(815) 544-0316

[patti@tobinramon.com](mailto:patti@tobinramon.com)

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## Notice of Lien Sale of Stored Vehicle

Notice is hereby given by Boxed Up Self Storage, or affiliates, intends to hold a public sale to satisfy a lien, pursuant to 770 ILCS 95/1 et seq., by selling a vehicle belonging to those individuals listed below on March 4, 2026, at approximately 11:00 a.m. (CST) at [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com).

BOXED UP SELF STORAGE

4431 IL Route 173, Caledonia IL, 61011-9754

Parking Space: V114

Owner(s): Regina Czajkowski and Cade A. Wilson

Lienholder: Santander Consumer USA Inc.

Make: Ford

Model: 2018 Focus

VIN: 1FADP3H21HL264428

Amount due and owing: \$749.89

Parking Space: VO4

Owner(s): Jo Sprawl

Lienholder: One Main Financial Group LLC

Make: Saturn

Model: 2007 Ion

VIN: 1G8AJ55F37Z152186

Amount due and owing: \$2,910.00

Unit Number: 450

Owner(s): Timothy Wasinger

Lienholder: N/A

Make: Geo

Model: 1991 Metro

VIN: JG1MR336MK608722

Amount due and owing: \$6,032.27

For more information, please contact Boxed Up Self Storage by phone at (815) 399-9226 or by email at [info@boxedupselfstorage.com](mailto:info@boxedupselfstorage.com).

The auction will be listed and advertised on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com). See website and conditions. Purchases must be made with cash only and must be paid at the Boxed Up Operations Center located at 1511 E. Riverside Boulevard, Loves Park, Illinois 61111, in order to complete the transaction. Boxed Up Self Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase until winning bidder takes possession of the property. All sales are final. Following sale, buyer must cooperate with completion of all documentation required by the Illinois Secretary of State to transfer ownership of the vehicle and take possession.

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## NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

**In the Interest of: MALIKHAI ARMANI JUSTIC RICHARDSON, A Minor. CASE NO: 26 GR 5**

**TO JUSTIN BROWN AND ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

Take notice that on the 9th day of February, 2026, a Petition to Appoint Guardian of the Person of the Minor was filed in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Illinois, 17th Judicial Circuit, and that in courtroom 3 of the Boone County Courthouse, on the 17th day of March, 2026 at the hour of 9:15 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the Petition to Appoint Guardian of the Person of the Minor. All parties are required to appear by Zoom. The meeting ID is 963 9791 8024.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the Petition, the Petition may be taken for confessed as against you and an Order, Judgment, or Decree entered.

Dated at Belvidere, Illinois this 9th day of February, 2026.

Pamela Coduto

Clerk of the Circuit Court

ERIN L. NASH #6304953

Nash Law Office, P.C.

4615 East State Street, Suite 101

Rockford, IL 61108

(815) 397-7500

[erin@nashlawofficepc.com](mailto:erin@nashlawofficepc.com)

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SELF STORAGE AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that Boxed Up Self Storage, or its affiliates, on behalf of the Owner of the facilities indicated below, intends to hold a public sale to satisfy a lien by selling personal property belonging to those individuals listed below for cash on March 11, 2026, at approximately 7pm CST.

### Boxed Up Self Storage - Poplar Grove

4431 IL Route 173 Poplar Grove, IL 61011-9754

Unit #-Tenant

#309- Vessels, Jess F

#723- Gijon, Dayanira

#830- White, Nathan

### Boxed Up Self Storage - Belvidere

1930 W. Chrysler Dr. Belvidere, IL 61008

Unit#-Tenant

#401- Gwaltney, Stephanie

#429- Scott Jr, James

#300- Evensen, William

#433- Schmoldt, Paula

#503- Remillard-Schneck, Amanda

The auction will be listed and advertised on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com). See website for terms and conditions. Units will be available for viewing prior to the sale on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com). A buyers premium, up to 15%, and a cleaning deposit will be charged per unit. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at Boxed Up Operations Center located at 1511 E. Riverside Blvd. Loves Park, IL 61111 in order to complete the transaction. Boxed Up Self Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property. All sales are final.

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

In the Interest of: ZENDEYA ALIAH RICHARDSON, A Minor.  
CASE NO: 26 GR 6

TO ALEM MERIED AND ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on the 9th day of February, 2026, a Petition to Appoint Guardian of the Person of the Minor was filed in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Illinois, 17th Judicial Circuit, and that in courtroom 3 of the Boone County Courthouse, on the 17th day of March, 2026 at the hour of 9:15 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the Petition to Appoint Guardian of the Person of the Minor. All parties are required to appear by Zoom. The meeting ID is 963 9791 8024.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the Petition, the Petition may be taken for confessed as against you and an Order, Judgment, or Decree entered.

Dated at Belvidere, Illinois this 9th day of February, 2026.

Pamela Coduto  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
ERIN L. NASH #6304953  
Nash Law Office, P.C.  
4615 East State Street, Suite 101  
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(815) 397-7500  
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Publication Summons and Notice (Small Claims)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, KENOSHA COUNTY  
Case No. 2026SC000251

Plaintiff(s): ShortTermFinancial, L.L.C dba Americash Loans  
2400 E. Devon Ave, Suite 300  
Des Plaines IL 60018

VS.  
Defendant(s): ROCHELLE JACOBSON  
621 RUTH CIR

BELVIDERE IL 61008-5547

TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):

You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above.

The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court:

KENOSHA County Courthouse  
Telephone Number of clerk of court: 262-653-2664 x1 x1  
Courtroom/Room Number:  
Address: 912 56th Street,  
Address: Room 300  
City: Kenosha, WI 53140-3747

on the following date and time:  
Date: 03/26/2026 Time: 10:00 AM

If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.

Electronically Signed by GEOFF P. ESTES  
State Bar # 1102496  
2/19/2026  
DLF Law Group, LLC (formerly Dobberstein Law Firm, LLC)  
225 S. Executive Dr. Suite 201  
Brookfield, WI. 53005  
262-641-3715  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Cody Skaggs, et al, Plaintiffs,  
v. Case No. 2025-SC-657

Joshua Johnson, et al, Defendants.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION - SMALL CLAIMS

TO: Joshua Johnson d/b/a Willow Contracting Services

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU that on September 18, 2025, a Small Claims Complaint was filed in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Illinois, against you and other defendants, seeking judgment in the amount of \$10,000.00.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR before the Honorable C. Robin Tobin III, or any judge sitting in his stead, at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, on:

DATE: April 30, 2026

TIME: 9:00 AM

COURTROOM: 1

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING ID: #910 1450 6143

If you fail to appear at the time and place stated above, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

Dated at Belvidere, Illinois this 20th day of February 2026.

Pamela Coduto Boone County Circuit Clerk  
D. KEVIN SOMMER #6186105  
Attorney at Law  
One Court Place, Suite 300  
Rockford, IL 61101  
(815) 965-4412  
sommer.d.kevin@gmail.com

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: James Kieser,  
Deceased. CASE NO: 2026-PR-1

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of James Kieser on March 1st, 2025. Letters of Office were issued on January 28th, 2026, to: Betty Kieser who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney is Christian Solares, 4855 E State St Ste 24, Rockford, IL 61108.

Claims against the estate may be filed within six (6) months from the date of first publication. Any claim not filed within six (6) months from the date of first publication or claims not filed within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to Creditors, if mailing is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975, as amended whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk-Probate Div. at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N Main St, Belvidere, IL 61008, or with the representative or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office-Probate Div., must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within ten days (10) after it has been filed.

DATED: 02/18/2026  
Betty Kieser, Executor  
CHRISTIAN SOLARES #6325075  
Attorney for Estate  
4855 E State St Ste 24  
Rockford, IL 61108  
815/312-1703

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ASSUMED NAMES

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY  
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

No. DBA 4263 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a BANQUET HALL business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of COUNTRY SIDE EVENTS that its location is or will be 13535 IL 76 in POPLAR GROVE, in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-378-6080  
RICHARD EUGENE HARRIS  
13537 RT 76 POPLAR GROVE, ILLINOIS 61065

I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk and Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: February 12, 2026  
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk and Recorder of Boone County  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY  
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

No. DBA4264 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a COSMETOLOGY business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of LUPITA'S BEAUTY that its location is or will be 502 HIGHLAND ST in BELVIDERE, IL in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 815-540-9983  
MARIA GUADALUPE MEDINA  
502 HIGHLAND ST BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008

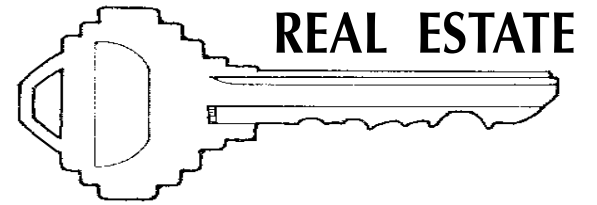
I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: February 12, 2026  
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY  
ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION

No. DBA4265 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of RPF ELECTRIC that its location is or will be 10492 BELOIT ROAD in BELVIDERE, IL in the County of BOONE COUNTY, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

ROBERT FREEDMAN 10492 BELOIT ROAD  
BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008  
ROBERTA FREEDMAN 10492 BELOIT ROAD  
BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS 61008

I, Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: February 19, 2026  
Amy E. Ohlsen, Clerk & Recorder of Boone County  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

MORTGAGE CENTER L.L.C., Plaintiff,  
2024 FC 21

-v- EDWIN H. RANDALL JR, KRISTINE L. RANDALL, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 11, 2024, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on February 27, 2026, at the Advocus National Title Insurance, 530 S. State, Suite 201, (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 18143 CAPRON ROAD, CAPRON, IL 61012  
Property Index No. 02-35-300-002  
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.  
The judgment amount was \$262,156.98.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For information, contact WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., LPA Plaintiff's Attorneys, 180 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 2400, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (312) 782-9676. Please refer to file number WWR 23-001179.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION  
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., LPA  
180 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 2400  
CHICAGO IL, 60601  
312-782-9676  
Fax #: 312-782-4201  
E-Mail: ChicagoREDG@weltman.com  
Attorney File No. WWR 23-001179  
Case Number: 2024 FC 21  
TJSC#: 46-99

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDER OF MORGAN STANLEY HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2007-2 MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Plaintiff,

-v- 25 FC 29  
CARWIN RAYPHOLE, JR, Defendant  
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 16, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on March 24, 2026, at the Advocus National Title Insurance, 530 S. State, Suite 201, (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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The real estate is improved with a single family residence.  
The judgment amount was \$134,342.96.

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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.

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for their freedom, based on their past residences in free territory. The Scotts each signed their petitions with an "X" and were supported by the descendants of the Blow family, which had sold Dred to Emerson.

Despite precedents in their favor, various courts ruled for and against the Scotts for over a decade, and the case eventually advanced to the U.S. Supreme Court. On March 6, 1857, the court ruled that blacks were not American citizens and had no right to sue. Scott's claim of freedom since he had resided in a free state was also disallowed. The decision, in effect, ruled the Missouri Compromise unconstitutional, arguing that Congress was unable to block slavery from territories.

Many of the justices were Southern-leaning, including Taney, a committed Southern sympathizer and former slaveowner. The decision incensed abolitionists and drew the ire of Abraham Lincoln, who declared Taney had "assumed historical facts which are not really true." Lincoln later clashed

with Taney as President.

Ownership of Scott eventually passed to a Massachusetts Congressman, Calvin Chaffee, who had married Emerson's widow. Soon after the decision, Chaffee, in turn, gave ownership to Taylor Blow, whose family had owned Scott and had helped in his quest for freedom. Blow freed Scott on May 26, 1857.

Dred Scott died on Sept. 17, 1858. His remains were eventually interred in Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis, where his grave was unmarked for a nearly a century. In 1957, on the centennial of the infamous Supreme Court decision, a simple marker was placed on the site. Mayberry wants more Americans understand the significance of Dred Scott. "Not enough people of any race appreciate history as they should," remarked Mayberry. "This happened right here, where we live. Unfortunately, I think 95 percent of people in the Quad Cities, or anywhere else for that matter, don't even know who Dred Scott was."

## Dred Scott

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"Dred Scott came with Emerson as his valet," said Virgil Mayberry of Rock Island, an authority on black history. "That's what they were called at times, rather than slaves. He was illiterate, but he was not dumb. He assisted Emerson with surgery, among other things."

Two factors should have entitled Scott to his freedom. Not only did the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 prohibit slavery between the Great Lakes and Mississippi and Ohio rivers, slavery was also barred under the Illinois constitution. However, Scott did not sue for his freedom, for reasons that remain unclear.

While most sources report Scott as an Illinois resident, Mayberry disputes that claim based on his own research. "Dred Scott actually built a log cabin and homesteaded a piece of property near the I-74 bridge, in what is today Bettendorf, Iowa," said Mayberry. "Emerson owned the land, and Scott was farming it for him. I don't know that Dred really ever lived in Illinois."

Bettendorf is one of the communities that make up the Quad Cities region, which is divided by the Mississippi River and includes Rock Island, Moline, Ill., and Davenport, Iowa.

Emerson then was assigned to Fort Snelling in the Wisconsin Territory (now St. Paul, Minn.) until October 1837, a territory governed by the Missouri Compromise of 1820, which prohibited slavery north of 36° 30". Again, Scott did not pursue his freedom. While there, he met and married Harriet, another slave.

Emerson requested and received an assignment back to St. Louis, subsequently serving in Louisiana and Florida. He was also briefly sent back to Fort Snelling, accompanied by the Scotts, though they did not travel with Emerson on each assignment. Emerson was discharged in August 1842, settled in Davenport, and died the next year.

In 1846, Dred and Harriet Scott filed separate petitions in St. Louis Circuit Court against Emerson's widow Irene, whom he married in 1838,

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